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**Subject(s): St. Francis****WICHITA EAGLE AND BEACON****Sunday, May 26, 1968****page**1L, 8L. Special Section advertising **St. Francis** Hospital. Details of history. Aerial photo.**Thursday, July 4, 1968****page**5A. **St. Francis** Hospital has asked city to permanently close 9th Street from **St. Francis** to Emporia to allow for hospital expansion plans. Details.**Friday, September 20, 1968****page**1. Announcement yesterday by **St. Francis** Hospital of a large three phase expansion program over the next five years.

Phase 1 -- relocation and modernization of the department of radiology and nuclear medicine and relocation of the emergency room entrance. Cost \$750,000.

Phase 2 -- construction of a two story service center over two levels of parking on a lot east of the hospital, connected to the hospital by an overpass. Cost \$10 million.

Phase 3 -- construction of a nursing tower and renovation of the Emporia wing of the hospital.

Details. Drawing.

**Sunday, September 29, 1968****page**3C. Work started last week on Phase 1 of **St. Francis** Hospital expansion program. To be completed by October 1969. Details. Photo.**Wednesday, February 5, 1969****page**5A. Canopy is being constructed over new emergency entrance at **St. Francis** Hospital on the west side of the hospital on Emporia Street. New entrance scheduled for use next week. Former emergency room entrance was on 9th Street between Emporia and **St. Francis**. Photo.

**Sunday, February 16, 1969****page**

- 3G. Building permit issued to *St. Francis* Hospital for a 10,000 square foot addition to the Department of Radiology on the first and second floors. An inner court, formerly used as an emergency entrance, will be used to provide the space. Completion scheduled for October 1.

**Saturday, September 6, 1969****page**

1. The second phase of *St. Francis* Hospital's three phase expansion program was started yesterday. The \$1.5 million second phase includes construction of a 20 bed medical intensive care area, a new nurses station with 35 beds, and a 4000 square foot special diagnostic and treatment area. All eighth floor facilities will be connected with addition of one floor to the north and central buildings, and addition of three stories to east end of north part of Emporia Avenue wing. Details.

**Sunday, August 23, 1970****page**

- 1F. Building permit issued last week for completion of a 17 bed intensive and coronary care unit on the eighth floor of *St. Francis* Hospital. Eighth floor west was completed several weeks ago, adding 35 beds to the hospital's capacity.

**Sunday, December 6, 1970****page**

- 1D. Building permits issued last week to *St. Francis* Hospital for razing of three dwellings, at 1027, 1031, and 1035 North Emporia, to provide additional employe parking space.

**Sunday, December 20, 1970****page**

- 1F. Building permits issued last week to *St. Francis* Hospital for wrecking of old houses it owns near the hospital. These are located at 1016, 1022, 1030-32, 1042-44, and 1046 North Topeka and will be cleared for more parking space.

**Sunday, January 3, 1971****page**

- 1B, 4B. Calendar of major events in Wichita in 1970:  
August 13: Plans announced for a 174 bed "Medicenter" recuperative care building across the street west from *St. Francis* Hospital.
- 5B. New Medicenter, one block west of *St. Francis* Hospital, under construction and due to be opened in August.

**Sunday, February 18, 1973****page**

- 4D. Photo of new \$10 million, seven story, East Tower of Wesley Medical Center, which was occupied in late 1972. Article with details of this and also new projects at St. Joseph and *St. Francis* Hospitals. Work is under way on the \$2.5 million *St. Francis* Medical Park, in 1000 block of North Emporia. Details.

**Sunday, February 17, 1974****page**

- 2D. Feature article about plans of *St. Francis* Hospital to build a new 22 million dollar tower building at south end of present hospital building. Drawing. ¶ The hospital is currently engaged in a \$70,000 project to remodel the emergency room entrance on Emporia.

**Wednesday, October 23, 1974****page**

- 20A. Health Planning Council of South Central Kansas yesterday agreed to 31 million dollars in development projects for *St. Francis* Hospital including a 26.6 million dollar eight story tower building, 3.7 million dollar energy center, etc. Details.

**Sunday, February 23, 1975****page**

1. Groundbreaking will be held tomorrow for the new 4.7 million dollar data and energy center buildings at *St. Francis* Hospital, to be located north of 9<sup>th</sup> Street between Santa Fe and *St. Francis* Avenues. They are part of a 32 million dollar development program for the hospital, which includes a new eight story tower building at south end of the present building. Construction of the tower building is expected to start late this year. Details.

**Saturday, April 10, 1976****page**

- 13A. Dr. Edward S. Brinton has been appointed associate administrator for medical affairs at *St. Francis* Hospital effective May 1. He received MD degree at University of Illinois in 1941 and has practiced medicine in Wichita since 1946.