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TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL MADE POSSIBLE BY GIFTS.

With thirty-seven buildings either completed or under construction the Insular Tuberculosis Hospital near Rio Piedras this week received most of the patients who have been cared for in the Insular Quarantine Station in the Marina since the old Tuberculosis Sanatorium in Seboruco was moved prior to the building of Camp Las Casas.

Dr. A. Ruiz Soler, the commissioner of health, on Monday invited about 75 men, including the members of the Superior Board of Health and many physicians, to visit the new hospital grounds and make an inspection.

The new hospital buildings are being built on the plot of ground given to the Insular Government by Don Pedro Arzuaga, of Sobrinos de Ezquiaga, to be used as a site for the hospital. The plot contains approximately 120 acres, well elevated and commands a view of San Juan, a portion of the harbour, Puerta de Tierra and Rio Piedras.

The plans for caring for the tuberculosis patients are considerably more pretentious than can be imagined without a visit to the site. The buildings, many of them detached concrete cottages each with two rooms for patients, are being erected along the crest of a hill that run through the center of the property. A street approximately one thousand meters long is being developed and the cottages are being erected along this street.

So far practically all of the work that is being done has been made possible by donatives and gifts to the Insular Government for the new hospital and it is believed that within another year at

least fifty buildings will have been completed.

The buildings are all of reinforced concrete and modern and sanitary in every way. With the exception of an administration building and the dining hall which are being erected and a hospital building which is designed to care for sixty children, most of the buildings are of a standard two-room-cottage type costing approximately \$2,300 each. Approximately \$40,000 has been donated for the building of these cottages. The Porto Rico Regiment has given funds to build one cottage, the tobacco workers have given one, Eduardo Giorgetti has given another, the Fajardo Sugar Co. has provided another, and so on. In addition to these buildings for patients a library is being erected and another building is for a moving picture show.

Most of the cottages are built in groups close together so that from four to six cottages can be joined together by balconies. While the cottages are completely detached from each other, nevertheless, the balconies make the cottages in each group easily accessible for all of the patients confined in a given group.

Practically all of the work so far has been done by administration under the direction of the Department of Sanitation and a great deal has been accomplished with the comparatively small amount of money available. Dr. Soler hopes that gifts for this work will be continued until at least fifty buildings can be erected. This will provide ample quarters for at least 400 patients, it is believed, besides the necessary administration and recreation buildings. The Insular Government some time ago appropriated \$20,000 to improve the road which will connect Rio Piedras with Bayamon. This road passes the entrance way to the sanatorium and then it will be easily accessible. At the present time it is very difficult to get to the hospital site and several kilometers of private road have to be used. The entrance now is by way of the road turning off the Carretera and passing by the packing house of the Fruit Exchange at Hato Rey.—*Porto Rico Progress.*

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CATHRINE LUDVIG

NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on and after July 1, 1920, all persons who wish to become teachers or become eligible for teachers' positions in the Public Schools, will be divided into four classes, viz:

- (a) Assistant Graded Teachers
- (b) Graded Teachers
- (c) Principal Teachers
- (d) Special Teachers.

In order to effect this classification, written examinations will be held on Monday, March 29, Tuesday, March 30, and Wednesday March 31, 1920.

Any citizen of the United States, or of the Virgin Islands, over sixteen years of age, who is known to be a person of good moral character, and of sound physical health, is eligible to sit at these examinations, provided permission is obtained from the School Director not later than March 20, 1920.

Applicants may receive full information regarding the nature of the examinations by applying at the office of the School Director, where textbooks and other literature will be furnished free of charge, for the purpose of assisting applicants in preparing themselves for examinations.

HENRY C. BLAIR,
School Director.

"For the Governor."

Publication

IT is hereby made known that the Horse, Carriage and Boat Tax for the first half year 1920 will be received by the Policemasters in Christiansted and Frederiksted from the 20th January to the 10th February 1920, both days included, after which the list of arrears will be transmitted to the same authorities for further measures.

Each debtor of tax will be subject to a fine Frcs. 1.00 if the tax be under Frcs. 25.00 and Frcs 2.00 if the tax be Frcs. 25.00 or above, beside the ordinary levy expenses.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States of America, St. Croix, December 30, 1919.

For the Governor,

R. O'HAGAN,
Government Secretary.