

# Additions to The Bronx Skyline By Public Works Department

Several new buildings constructed by the City Public Works Department have been added to the Bronx scene in the past year as the city attempts to keep its service facilities up to the demands of the citizens. The most noteworthy of these public buildings is the new East Bronx Municipal Hospital Center which provides a comprehensive medical facility for a previously poorly serviced area.

Increased building and development of the Northeast Bronx, a concentration of highways and a vast waterfront all contribute to the need for the new hospital. In addition, a large tuberculosis wing and the adjacent Albert Einstein College of Medicine provides the borough with a medical center comparable to any in the city.

Located at Pelham Parkway and Eastchester Road, the new center is a landmark for motorists entering the city on the Hutchinson River Parkway. Its 10-story high white brick finish commands attention, but more important, its

ambulances range throughout an area that puts heavy demand on a medical facility.

The general hospital, constructed at a cost of \$16,142,000 opened last year. The Nathan B. Van Etten Hospital for tuberculosis patients was opened in 1953.

Another addition to the borough's medical facilities is now nearing completion at Lincoln Hospital, 141st Street and Southern Boulevard. There, a new outpatient department will provide better services to the highly congested South Bronx area.

The Morrisania Health Center, on Fulton Avenue and 169th Street opened its doors in the past year to make available additional clinics, tuberculosis treatment, eye and dental services, child health and nutrition education and district nursing in the central Bronx. The six story structure cost \$1,218,000.

In March of this year, ceremonies were held dedicating another health center at Glebe Avenue and Overing Street. This \$1,000,000 installation of brick granite and limestone construction, is known as the Westchester Health Center, and becomes one of twenty-two being operated throughout the city by the Department of Health.

As part of the building, a new library, The Westchester Square Branch, was constructed, doing away with makeshift quarters that had been used for the past eighteen years by children and adults of that area. Its features include larger quarters, longer hours, a magazine center, Civil Service center and meeting room for community groups.

Other library work in the Bronx during the past year included the Fordham Regional Branch and Children's Library at 2556 Bainbridge Avenue and the University Heights Branch at 181st Street

and University Avenue. Both are nearing completion.

Bridge constructions and rehabilitation plans made up a large portion of the Public Works Department's activity in The Bronx this year. Rehabilitation of the Third Avenue Bridge over the Harlem River is still under way, and plans have been prepared for work on the Madison Avenue Bridge at 138th Street, the 145th Street Bridge and the Broadway Bridge over the Harlem River.

Work started in September 1954 on the Third Avenue span after its condition deteriorated to such an extent that a major overhaul was necessary. As originally proposed, most of the work was to have been done on the Manhattan side to provide an underpass for the new Harlem River Drive.

However the growing demands on the structure made it necessary to provide new ramp construction on both sides, as well as the rehabilitation of the swing portion of the bridge itself. The project is expected to be completed this year at a cost of \$2,692,548.

When the Third Avenue Bridge is opened to traffic, work will start on the 145th Street Bridge to provide ramps to the new Harlem River Drive. Much the same is planned for the Madison Avenue Bridge at 138th Street.

An entirely new bridge is being planned for the Harlem River crossing at Broadway near 225th Street. This new vertical lift bridge will have a span of 304 feet with an underclearance of 24 feet, 4 inches above mean high water in the closed position and 135 feet in an opened position.

Tracks for the Broadway line of the New York City Transit Authority will be carried on an upper level. Its cost is estimated at \$11,903,000 and construction will begin after funds are authorized by the city.

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