

LAKE SIDE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL SERVED PINE CITY
OVER 21 YEARS

The old Buselmeier home, built in 1900 and located on the west shore^s of Cross Lake was purchased by Dr. E. G. Nethercott in 1937 to be converted into a private hospital.

The fourteen room house had been one of the showplaces of the area. When the remodeling was completed the building could accomodate 15 patients in both private rooms and wards. It was complete with medical, surgical and obstetrical equipment.

Named by Dr. Nethercott's wife Florence, and dedicated on October 3, 1937, the Lakeside Memorial Hospital became the first and only general hospital Pine City ever had. Dr. E. G. Nethercott was the Chief of Staff and Eleanora M. Jaspersen was the Superintendent.

The dedication program was prepared by Mrs. Wm. Challeen and it was a big day for Pine City.

Equipment was the best obtainable and included a Sæclon^{ca}-Balfour table with every conceivable attachment permitting any and all types of surgery. A sterilizing unit allowed hot and cold sterile water to be available at all times.

An Operay multibeam twelve beam plus fixture was also installed, a gift of Albert Nelson and his family, owners of the Pine City Bottling works.

In May, 1938, Lakeside Hospital was awarded the coveted national recognition for the character and value of its Hospital

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Day observance. The honor came from the National Hospital Assn. in a national competition which recognizes hospitals from coast to coast and placed Lakeside Memorial first in the list after the two leaders in California and New York.

All of the other hospitals receiving mention were located in much larger cities than Pine City where they had many income advantages not available here.

In 1955 Lakeside Hospital received a Ford Foundation grant. Dr. E. G. Nethercott as practicing ~~A~~ physician and surgeon, was awarded a grant sum of \$18,300. for the hospital which was among the upper midwest private voluntary non-profit hospitals.

He used the money for much needed new equipment such as an incubator for new-born premature babies, basal metabolism and electrocardiogram equipment.

The Ford Foundation advisory board recommended grants to hospitals on the basis of the facts that due to the population increases and the advances of medical knowledge have placed heavy burdens upon the facilities of the nation's voluntary non-profit hospitals.

Florence Nethercott, widow of the founder of Lakeside Memorial Hospital said, "By the time Dr. sold the hospital to Dr. Eric Blaufuss in 1958, private hospitals were becoming passe and that was why it was not continued as a hospital but rather as a nursing home.

The E. G. Nethercott Medical Education Foundation was established in 1966 to provide scholarships for medical, dental, pharmacy

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and registered nursing careers in the five county area.

"Dr. Nethercott had patients from Pine, Kanabec, Isanti, Chicago, and Burnett counties. Therefore, he wanted to set up the foundation to aid deserving students from all of these places," Florence Nethercott said. "The amount of \$7500. is awarded each year and it is divided among the students according to need. It is administered by a board of four and an attorney.

The landmark building was demolished and a new nursing home complex built on the site.

Lakeside Nursing Home owned by Max Blaufuss, serves the needs of long term care ~~to people~~ and is an outstanding facility. Personal care for individual patients is provided by a dedicated staff of employees. Occupational as well as physical therapy is provided and for those who are able to participate there is never a dull moment in the pleasant surroundings provided for patients at Lakeside Nursing Home.

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