

\* \* \*

\* \* \*

# New \$7½ Million Hospital Dominates Springs Skyline

Dominating the Colorado Springs skyline, the new \$7,500,000 Penrose Hospital is nearing the eve of receiving the first patients in its 311-beds. The occasion is a far cry and many years of hard struggle from the date in 1889 when asprawling wooden residence was opened to provide care for 25 tuberculosis patients.

The mammoth new structure, reaching 12 stories above street level in the 2200 block of North Cascade Avenue, was dedicated last Tuesday at rites conducted by the most Rev. Archbishop Urban J. Vehr of Denver and attended by hundreds of religious dignitaries and laymen.

Thousands have made tours of the great edifice prior to transfer of patients from the "old" Glockner-Penrose Hospital. The new institution will be placed in full use just as soon as every functional feature of the hospital has been installed, according to Sister Cyril, administrator of the hospital which was constructed by the

Sisters of Charity and assisted by thousands of religious, professional and lay friends.

"Old" Glockner-Penrose Hospital, flanking the new institution on the east, will be razed just as soon as all patients are transferred into the new structure. Outmoded, almost worn out after decades of hard service, the old structure occasioned many notes of nostalgia among Sisters, nurses, employes and former patients as they watched the dedication of the new hospital. In its final years, "old" Glockner-Penrose Hospital provided 185 beds, its replacement will handle 311

(Turn to page 2-C)