Health Center

Construction on Caltech's new Archibald B. Young Health Center gets under way this month, and the $200,000 unit should be ready for use by next fall. Located at 1239 Arden Road, the center will be adjacent to Tournament Park, and just south of Arden House, the residence of the Master of Student Houses.

Plans by Pereira & Luckman, Institute architects, call for a T-shaped building, with four two-bed wards and two isolation wards across the top of the T; and a kitchen, X-ray, physiotherapy and waiting rooms, two doctors' offices, three treatment rooms and a psychiatrist's office in the remainder of the building. There will also be a large lounge and convalescent room.

The building will be residential in character, to blend in with the surrounding architecture. It is named for the late Pasadena attorney and philanthropist who was first vice president of the Institute Associates at the time of his death in 1955.

Ben R. Meyer

Ben R. Meyer, chairman of the board of the Union Bank and Trust Company, and a member of the Caltech board of trustees, died on March 6 in San Francisco. Mr. Meyer, who was 77 years old, suffered a stroke while in San Francisco, the city of his birth, to attend a meeting of the directorate of the Pacific Lighting Corporation.

A resident of Los Angeles for more than 60 years, Mr. Meyer was originally in the wool trading business with K. Cohn & Company. His clients permitted their excess funds to accumulate with his company as a depository, to the extent that finally, in 1914, he and Kaspere Cohn founded the Kaspare Cohn Commercial and Savings Bank. He was vice president and director of the small bank, which eventually grew to become the Union Bank and Trust Company, 77th largest bank in the nation.

Known as "Uncle Ben" to his business associates, Mr. Meyer maintained a steady interest in civic, community and philanthropic affairs. At the time of his death, he was trustee of the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital and former president of the board there. For many years he was treasurer of the Community Chest of Los Angeles, and he was an honorary life trustee and treasurer of the Southern California Symphony Association. His association with Caltech began when he became a trustee in 1929, and his was one of the longest periods of service on the board.

Mr. Meyer is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ray Meyer, daughter of the late Kaspere Cohn.

Honors and Awards

Robert L. Daugherty, emeritus professor of mechanical engineering, has been appointed to serve an additional three-year term on the Los Angeles County Air Pollution Hearing Board.

Alexander Goetz, associate professor of physics, has been appointed scientific consultant to the Los Angeles Air Pollution Control District. His investigations of airborne particulate matter represent a new line of inquiry for the District.

Linus Pauling, chairman of the chemistry division, has been made an honorary member of the American Association of Clinical Chemists.

Alfred Stern, associate professor of languages and philosophy, has been invited by the University of Paris to teach a course in philosophy ("The Philosophy of History and the Problem of Values") at the Sorbonne during the coming spring term.