Louisiana's First Cancer Control Clinic Dedicated

Third in South Honors Dr. John A. Lanford

The first cancer prevention clinic in Louisiana and the third in the South was dedicated Friday morning and opened to the public.

The clinic, situated in the Hutchinson Memorial building, 1430 Tulane avenue, was dedicated to the late Dr. John A. Lanford, pathologist and pioneer in cancer education. Dr. Lanford was a guiding spirit in the work carried on by the Louisiana division of the American Cancer Society.
Set up in accordance with standards of the American Medical Association, the clinic is approved by the Orleans Parish Medical Society and will operate as a public service in preventive medicine. Staffed by the Tulane school of medicine, it will be operated under auspices of the Louisiana division of the cancer society.

Dr. Maxwell E. Lapham, dean of the Tulane medical school, who presided at the dedication ceremonies, said the cancer prevention clinic is representative of others to be opened in the state and nation.

Terming the clinic "a good foundation with every prospect of accomplishing its aim," Dr. Rudolph Matas, noted New Orleans surgeon, said prevention is the greatest factor in eliminating cancer.

Dr. Rufus C. Harris, president of Tulane university, said the clinic "may well mark one of the important advances in preventive medicine in our time." The clinic will lead the way for other important work, Dr. Rawley Penick said.

Among others attending the ceremonies were Mrs. Harry A. Thompson, state commander of the Louisiana division; Dr. William Sodeman and Dr. Ralph Herren who, with Dr. Lapham, will be responsible for the clinic's work, and Mrs. John F. Tims, Jr., state information chairman.

The clinic will be open from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. every Wednesday and Friday. Appointments may be made by telephoning Magnolia 2741. Examinations will be free to those not able to pay for them and there will be a fee of $5 for those able to pay. Results of the examinations will be given to the patients' physicians and not the patients themselves. Treatments will not be given at the clinic.

Robert Elliott was recently appointed state chairman of the forthcoming fund raising campaign of the cancer society.