

Madonna Hospital

Success in Abilene prompted the Congregation to accept the request from the city hospital in Dennison, TX for the Sisters to come there. Failure to obtain funds from a bond issue and a request from the Federal Works Agency, the city council offered the Sisters the hospital and \$10,000 to assist in its renovation. Built in 1913, the Congregation actually spent \$175,000 to ready it for occupancy as the 45 bed Madonna Hospital in 1945. Its first year 3054 patients received compassionate and understanding care. Thirty infants and 23 adults were baptized. In 1951 the first of several new wings were added to the original building. A school for Licensed Vocational Nurse Training was opened in 1958. In 1968, this school was incorporated into the Grayson County Community College. Unable to continue staffing it Madonna Hospital was sold in 1973.