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**Sedalia (Pettis), Missouri**

## **G & G Veterinary Hospital**

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**711 West Main Street, Sedalia, Missouri**

When this small one-story 2260 sq ft Art Moderne style masonry building was constructed in 1937 specifically for use as a veterinary clinic, it was considered to be state of the art for a small animal hospital. Dr. Mord Gouge and his son Dr. Robert Gouge conducted the G & G Veterinary Hospital from

this 711 West Main Street location in Sedalia in Central Missouri until taken over by Dr. Robert N. Gouge.

It was built of cement blocks covered by stucco with a flat roof and a raised basement. The main floor consists of: a waiting room, five offices, reception and retail room, treatment room, bathroom, and the animal ward with a total of 28 indoor cages (8 large, 16 medium, and 4 small) poured concrete cages w/ individual clean out drains connected to the sewer for ease of cleaning. Off of the animal ward and outside are 10 covered 4'x12' concrete runs.

The entrance is accessed by a narrow set of stairs and small stoop. Above the entrance, the name of the hospital is spelled out in large wrought iron letters. The recessed wings have corner windows indicative of the Art Moderne style. Behind the building is an original kennel and dog run which is considered a contributing structure on the property.

The G and G Veterinary Hospital reflects the importance of agriculture and animal husbandry to the Sedalia area, as well as the growing importance of veterinary medicine to an area whose economy was largely dependent on agriculture. The first owner, Dr. Mord E. Gouge, manufactured serums that controlled hog cholera. The practice is also significant in that three generations of the family have practiced the same building since its construction in 1937. It is one of a few remaining Art Moderne styled buildings in Sedalia.

The practice was continued by third generation Dr. Robert N. Gouge until his retirement.

*The Sedalia Democrat* (Sedalia, Missouri). 31 Dec 1937, p 4. Newspapers.com

#### MORE INFORMATION:

Formal opening of new Central Missouri institution. *The Sedalia Democrat* (Sedalia, Missouri). 31 Dec 1937, p 4. Newspapers.com

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