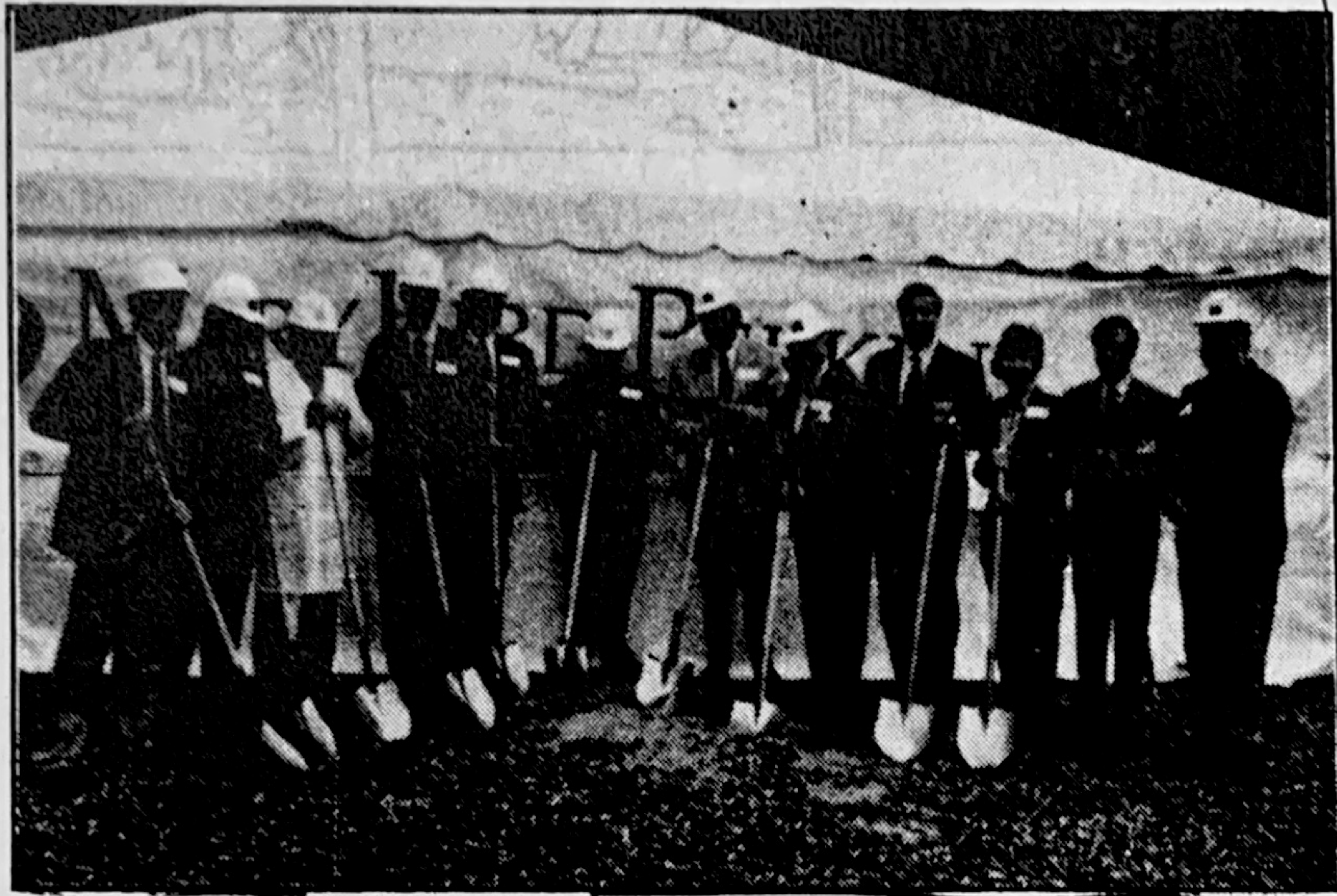


Ground broken for cancer center

The groundbreaking ceremony for Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center's new Covington center was held recently.

The 6,600 square foot facility will be constructed on the property located at the corner of 12th and Harrison streets, adjacent to St. Tammany Parish Hospital. The center will house the most advanced radiation therapy technology. Construction is planned to begin within the month, with a goal of opening the center next summer to treat patients.



Pictured from left are, Gary Gilbert, Jerry Lee Coner, Adrian Cairns, Gregory Henkelmann, Bill Firesheets, Bob Stuart, Jack Rathbone, Paul Cordez, Mike Martin, Renee Levine, Tom Stone and Keith Villere.