

Land Tract Donated by P. D. Perkins

A donation in the form of a 15-acre tract of land valued at \$300,000 was given to the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Radiation Treatment Center here yesterday by Paul D. Perkins, G. T. Owen Jr. of the Cancer, Radiation and Research Foundation said.

Perkins made the donation in the memory of his daughter, Mary Bird Perkins.

Perkins had previously made a gift of another tract of land to the center. The original donation has been valued at \$200,000. Both of the donated tracts are north of Bon Marche. The Cancer treatment center on the Airline Highway next to the Woman's Hospital is scheduled for completion in early June, architect Bob Coleman said today. However, the center is not expected to go into operation (Continued on Page 6-A, Col. 5)

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until mid-July, because the specialty equipment must be installed after the construction is complete.

In addition to subscriptions and cash memorials totaling more than \$400,000, the Cancer, Radiation and Research Foundation which was formed to organize the construction of the center, has received donations from other organizations totaling about \$120,000. These funds do not include the value of the land or some of the stocks received by the non-profit organization.

Donors to the Mary Bird Perkins Center include the Cancer Society of Greater Baton Rouge, the Protestant Orphanage, local industry and commercial companies, the Woman's Hospital Foundation, banks, individuals, and civic organizations.

The site for the center has been granted to the foundation in a 99-year lease from the Woman's Hospital.

Cancer Club Presents Check To Local Radiation Center

The Cancer Club, an organization representing several area schools, presented a check for \$380 last week to Dr. M. J. Rathbone, director of the Cancer Radiation Center here.