

## 40-Bed Jewish Home Dedicated

New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home, Inc., just an idea 10 years ago, stands today among the growing medical assets of the community following its formal dedication yesterday.

The dedication ceremonies began with symbolic ribbon cutting under bright sunny skies. However, freezing temperatures forced concluding exercises into the building. Ceremonies were concluded with a banquet at Lincoln Park.

The cold weather also caused the postponement of the presentation of a new flag pole by Post 154, Jewish War Veterans, because frozen ground prevented its installation.

### Gold Scissors

Dr. Harold Burger, first president of the convalescent home, cut the white ribbon with a pair of gold scissors. He was assisted by Dr. Abraham Portnoy, current home president.

As the ends of the ribbon touched the ground more than 100 persons gathered at the main entrance cheered.

The front door to the \$600,000 home was opened with a gold key by Dr. Portnoy.

The traditional blessing of Mezzuzah, contained in a metal case and attached to the door post, was jointly conducted by Rabbis Bernard H. Ziskind of Tifereth Israel Synagogue, Norbert Weinberg of Ahavath Achim Synagogue and Lewis C. Littman of Temple Sinai.

The officers of the home, guests and members of the home then followed the religious leaders into the one-story, brick structure.

Leon E. Cooperstein, dedication committee chairman, formally welcomed the visitors to the home and conducted the remaining indoor ceremonies in the recreation room of the home. He introduced Commander Samuel Habib of Post 154.

Mr. Habib presented an American Flag to Dr. Portnoy and explained that once the flag pole is in place representatives from the post would return to raise the Flag.

He also noted that Flag presented by the post and the auxiliary was flown over the Capitol in Washington.



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**CUTTING RIBBON**—Dr. Harold Burger, first president of New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home, uses gold scissors to cut symbolic white ribbon during ceremonies at West End Home. He is assisted by Dr. Abraham Portnoy, current president of the convalescent home.