

# Center Dedication Slated Sunday In

places the one on Michigan 43, which MARCHA officials say they outgrew.

The opening ceremony begins at 4 p.m. and will be followed by tours and entertainment, which will continue to 7 p.m.

Billy Sandlin, director of the Office of Migrant Health, Department of Health and Human Services from Washington D.C., is scheduled to speak on the "Federal Par-

ticipation in the Delivery of Health Care in Rural Areas."

MARCHA officials expect to draw 500 people to the ceremony and open house. Center health officials will demonstrate how they check for oral cancer and dental problems and check a patient's blood pressure.

The new 8,400-square-foot building cost \$590,000, according to a

MARCHA news release, and houses eight examination rooms, three dental health rooms, four nutritional counseling and screening rooms for the Women, Infants and Children program (WIC), and a multi-purpose educational center that will be available as a community meeting room.

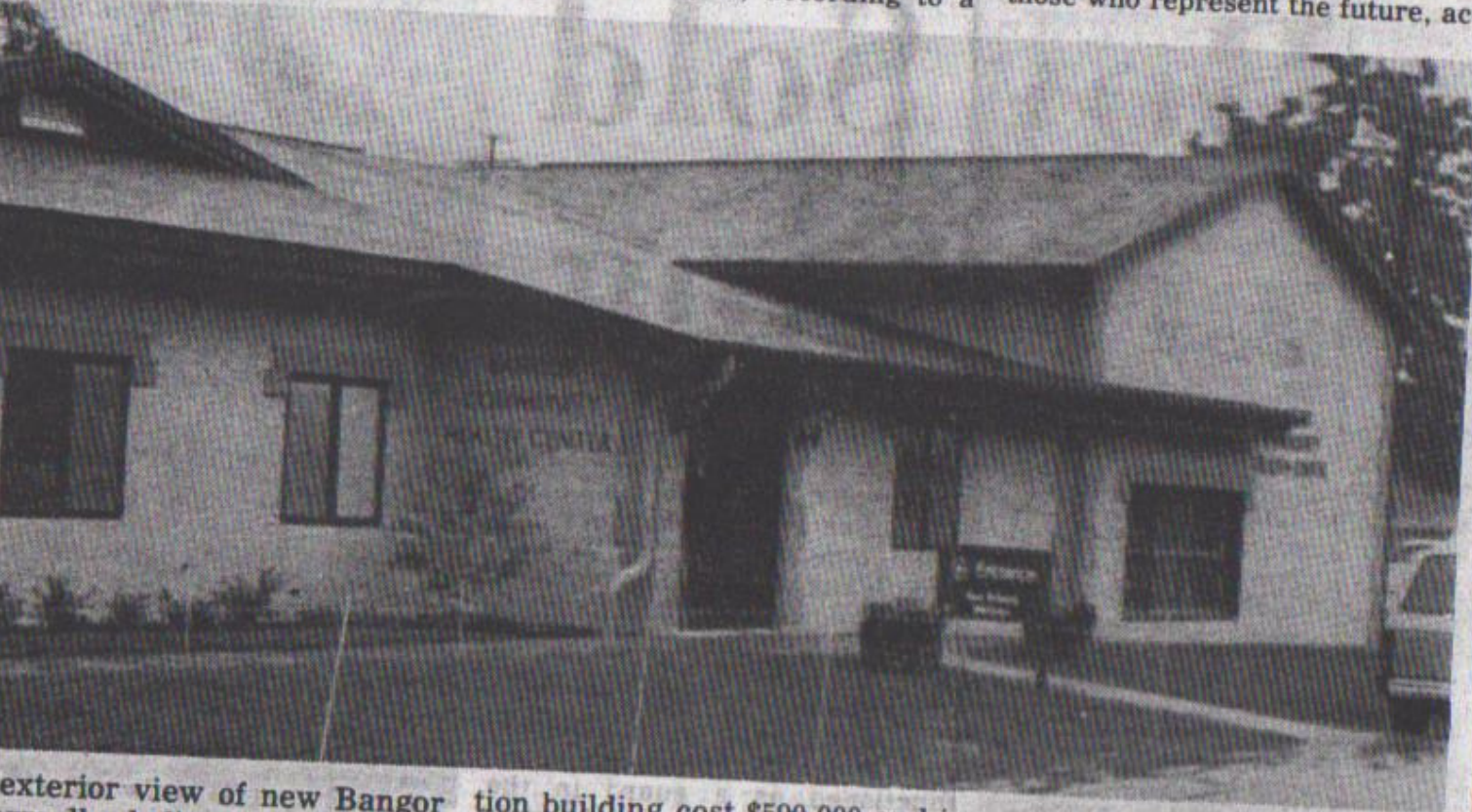
The Bangor Community Center will be dedicated to "the children", those who represent the future, ac-

ording to E. Roberta Ryder, executive director of MARCHA.

Officials said the Bangor Center serves 6,000 patients young and old from four counties — all of Van Buren County and parts of Ottawa, Berrien and Kalamazoo counties.

According to Beverly Hampton, consultant for special projects, the center emphasizes primary and preventative care and a holistic approach to medicine.

MARCHA was formed in 1971 primarily to provide health ser-



Exterior view of new Bangor Community Health Association building

tion building cost \$590,000 and is part of federal program to provide health care to migrant and rural farmworkers. It is located at 608 Charles St. in Bangor. (Kristin Hay photos)