

## State's Emergency Board, Still Critical, Approves Plan For 670 Bed Hospital

SALEM, Ore. — Construction of a 670-bed addition to the Oregon State Hospital in Salem was assured Tuesday when the State Emergency Board voted to let the contracts.

The Emergency Board, approving a recommendation by the Board of Control, decided to build a five-story building costing \$1,530,000, and then ask the 1935 Legislature to appropriate \$263,000 additional to complete it.

The Emergency Board, a legislative committee, was still critical of the Board of Control for not

planning a building which could have been built entirely within the \$1,500,000 legislative appropriation. The Emergency Board, which met jointly with the Board of Control Tuesday, said it doesn't like the idea of having to ask the next Legislature for additional funds.

However, Board of Control members said it was their understanding that the \$1,500,000 appropriation didn't have to include the equipment, and that they planned a building to take care of the State Hospital's minimum needs.

"The Board of Control needs

better planning and presentation of more accurate estimates to the Legislature," Sen. Eugene E. Marsh, McMinnville, chairman of the Emergency Board, said.

Gov. Paul L. Patterson, chairman of the Board of Control, replied that "it's not good planning for the Legislature to wait until just before adjournment to draft the state building program."

The \$263,000 to be asked of the next Legislature will include equipment for the new building, plus construction of an outpatient clinic and installation of rubber tile.

However, it won't include the \$20,000 worth of brick that is needed to make it conform with other new State Hospital buildings. Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry was sharply critical of the fact that the building will have a concrete face.

Rep. Henry Semon, Klamath Falls, said the Legislature intended that the new building should have only 445 beds, or just enough to replace beds in an old building that the fire marshal has condemned as a fire trap.

Dr. C. E. Bates, hospital superintendent, answered that the new building would take care of those patients plus the normal growth that can be expected in the next two years.

When board members protested that the 3,400-patient capacity of the hospital on completion of the new building is too large for proper administration, Dr. Bates said the ideal size hospital has 2,000 patients.

Marsh, who is president of the Senate, criticized the Board of Control for including the \$100,000 outpatient clinic in its plans. He said the Legislature didn't authorize it.

Board of Control members pointed out that the 1933 Legislature voted to establish an outpatient clinic at the hospital, and that he Board of Control planned it for the new building in order to carry out the Legislature's order.

While the \$1,530,000 plan approved Tuesday is \$30,000 more than the Legislature's appropriation, the extra \$30,000 is being taken from the hospital's capital outlay and betterment funds.

This drew fire from Sen. Angus Gibson, Junction City, who accused the Board of Control of using funds which had been designated by the Legislature for other projects, and of using money designed for the betterment of the patients.

For that reason, Gibson cast the only negative vote.

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