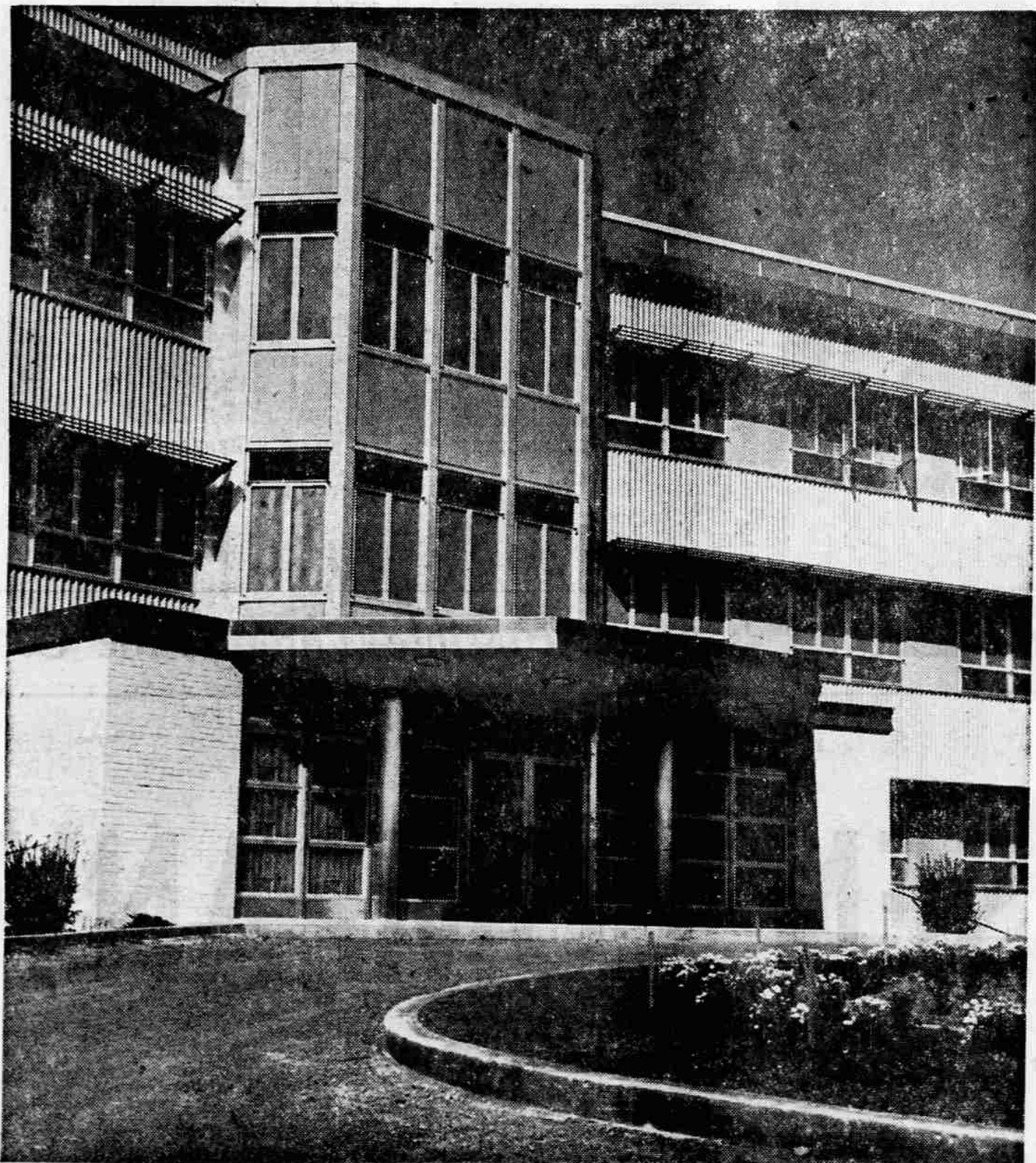
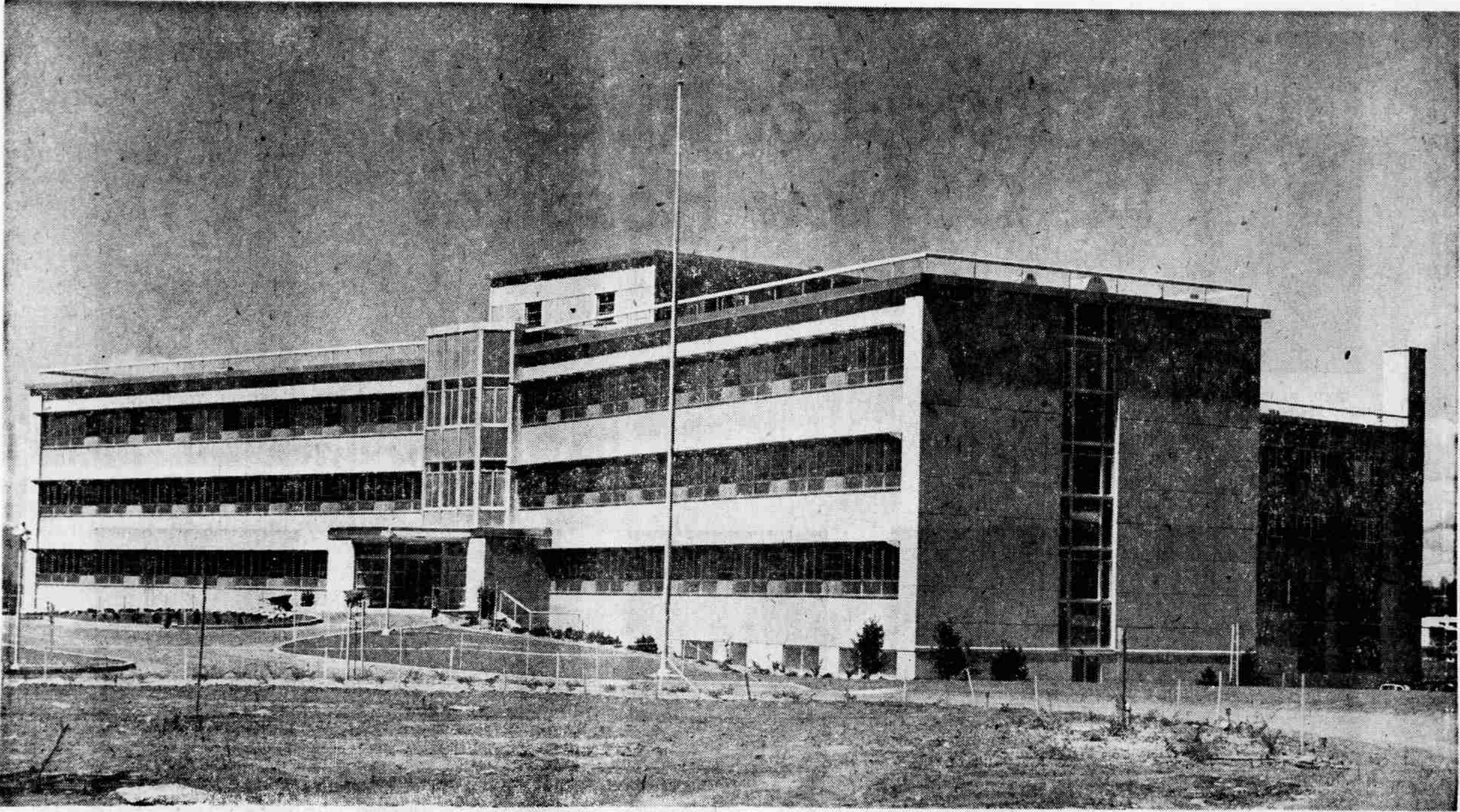


Rogue Valley Memorial Hospital



Five years of planning and two years of actual construction will be realized this week end by the board of directors and administrators of Rogue Valley Memorial hospital, and valley residents who contributed time and financial aid.

A new hospital, costing about \$2,800,000, will be dedicated in ceremonies at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the three-story building at the corner of Barnett and Murphy rds. Following ceremonies, tours will be conducted by medical staff members, the hospital auxiliary, and founders' group during an open house. Guided tours and an open house also are scheduled Sunday.

The hospital originated almost 40 years ago as a small, private institution with only a few beds. The new structure has a present capacity of 80 beds, but the central corp of the facilities will provide for a hospital of 150 beds.

Public subscriptions totaling about \$900,000 came from 3,300 individuals throughout the valley. Private donors contributed \$1,309,700 to its construction, with \$564,000 from federal Hill Burton funds, and \$26,300 from the Ford Foundation.

Virtually all the equipment in the hospital is new. The third floor, which includes the nursery, three major operating rooms, and obstetrical suite along with other doctors' and nurses quarters, is automatically air-conditioned throughout the year.

Various wards and other rooms are on the second floor, while laboratories, emergency wards, ambulance entrance, and administrative offices are on the first floor. The basement includes housekeeping and sewing rooms, the laundry, the kitchen, cafeteria, general store rooms, autopsy room, engine room and the stand-by generator.

The information desk and switchboard are just inside the main entrance, and on the wall back of the reception lobby will be the names of individual donors. The plaque, officials said, will be temporary at first, but a permanent plaque is planned in the future.

Patients from the present hospital will be moved to the new building May 1.