

**Editorials Praise**

**Hospital Spirit**

A laudatory editorial about the Malheur Memorial hospital, "Nyssa Sets the Pace", appeared in the Salem Capitol Journal several months ago.

The editorial follows:

"Of interest to Salem and its contemplated drive for adequate hospital facilities is the result of a sim-

**The Malheur Memorial Hospital is certainly a living memorial to the avidity of the people in contributing money and work for the institution. Such eagerness to help the hospital gives assurance of its successful maintenance Nyssa Implement Company**



The founders service organization, opening the hospital. Those in the picture (left to right) are Fred Bracken, president; Kay Peterson, secretary; Robert Thompson, a member of the executive committee, and Wilton Jackson, vice president.

ilar drive in the little eastern Oregon City of Nyssa, Malheur county, "Gateway to southeastern Oregon, the fastest growing community of the famed Snake River valley, with all streets paved and curbed", as its chamber of commerce proudly proclaims.

"Nyssa claims a population of 2900 and raised in the campaign for a new hospital \$262,309 with pledges for \$5,000 more. Greater Salem's

population is estimated in the 1948 Polk directory as 46,000. But for purposes of comparison, will take the more conservative figure of 43,500, or 15 times the population of Nyssa. If Salem citizens contributed to a hospital drive in proportion to those of Nyssa, the amount raised would be \$3,934,635. There is no reason why they shouldn't for our industries, resources and wealth are far greater proportionately than

those of Nyssa.

"Donors to the hospital fund in Nyssa numbered 1650. If Salemites contributed proportionately to those of Nyssa there would be 24,750 contributors. Donations per capita in Nyssa are \$39.55; the average per donor \$158. There was one \$12,500 donation, three \$5,000, four of \$2,000, seven of \$1,500, 27 of \$1,000, 116 of \$500, 682 of \$100, 295 of \$50, 225 of \$25, 98 of \$10 and 58 of \$5. Other contributors made up the total.

Nyssa has reason to be proud of the enterprise and the vision of its citizens, but there is no reason why Salem should not make a comparative showing in a hospital campaign for the most needed institution in the valley—unless it is because of traditional inertia and parsimony. We can't expect too much of a future unless we adequately prepare for it—and adequate care of the sick and injured is an inescapable obligation of the entire population. We can attain any goal we desire if we exercise our latent initiative and driving force in a carefully planned and co-operative effort."

An editorial along the same vein appeared in the Idaho Statesman—"Such an accomplishment indicates a combination of highly desirable factors are indigenous to Nyssa. It must be a town where business is booming, where people are generous and civic spirited and where the sky is the only limit its inhabitants recognize when they set out to do right by their community. Nyssa's self-confident motto is that it is a place "where self-reliant farmers and townspeople join hands and do things, a place for those "who care". Judging from its record, we'd say Nyssa practices what it preaches—and to a commendable farethwell."

**Maple Features Room Furniture**

A point of personal interest in every hospital is the general appearance of the rooms for patients. Both the private and two and four-bed rooms of the new hospital are furnished with maple furniture. This special type of furniture is manufactured by the Hill-Ron company. This company specializes in hospital furniture, and some of the details found in the hospital furnishings will add a great deal to the convenience and comfort of patients.

The private rooms are equipped, as are the other rooms, with hardwood maple furniture. The bed has

an attached step that will support up to 400 pounds. A bedside stand, that may be used at either bed or chair level, has a compartment with a mirror on the reverse side of the lid, that will please many of the feminine patients. The maple bedside cabinets have formica tops, and acid, heat-proof covering, and the drawer utility may be opened from either side of the cabinet.

A straight chair, Duron plastic upholstered arm chair, and an adjustable floor lamp complete the room furnishings.

The two-bed rooms are similar in furnishings to the private rooms, but with no arm chair, and no separate bedside stand, the cabinets having attached bedside trays. Each bed

has a footstool, but is constructed so that the attached step might later be included.

The same sturdy maple furniture used in the patients' rooms is used in the nurses' dining room.

**Attend The Malheur Memorial Hospital Opening Sunday, Sept. 24 1:30 to 7 P. M.**

**Congratulations**

to the citizens of Malheur county on the completion of the

**MALHEUR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

Through the combined efforts of those who contributed their money and those who contributed their time so unselfishly the Malheur Memorial Hospital is no longer a dream, but a reality.

Again we say CONGRATULATIONS.

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**TO A DESERVING COMMUNITY!**

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**The Nyssa Area Can Be Proud of Itself....**

When a community can put forth a co-operative effort, such as the residents of Nyssa and vicinity, and build themselves a hospital as modern and up-to-date as the Malheur Memorial hospital, they, indeed, can be proud of themselves.

Many hours of work has been devoted and a lot of money has been donated by the people of this community, but the goal has been reached, the building completed and well equipped.

All these folks, we sincerely congratulate—and we might add, we also are proud to be one of you.

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