

Dr. Graeber Lauds Area On Hospital

"I should like to take this opportunity to congratulate the people of Nyssa and the surrounding community on the completion of their new hospital and on the far-reaching spirit it represents", said Dr. F. O. Graeber, former Malheur county

health officer, who is now living in Idaho. "As the health officer of Malheur county, I always enjoyed working in Nyssa and especially in the Nyssa school system. In my mind there is no question that in 1949-1950 you had the best school health program in the county in Nyssa. This was due in large part to the understanding and vision of Mr. Henry Hartley and his staff. The completion of the new hospital will give your community 24 hour health protection seven days a week. It is a further indication of the commendable spirit so exemplified by your school system.

"In the old days, hospitals were places to go to die. Now they are becoming centers for better community health. In several of the newer Idaho hospitals, notably Wetsifer, Salmon, Twin Falls and Blackfoot, county or district public health departments have been provided for in the hospitals. With the health unit in a hospital, curative medicine, preventive medicine and sanitation are combined under one roof as they should be for better protection of the health of the community; thus the accent in these days is more rightly being placed on keeping well rather than only on the curing of disease. Your new hospital not only offers more needed protection in case of emergencies, but should also serve as a center for preventive medicine in your community. It should afford good x-ray and laboratory facilities which are important measures in any preventive health effort.

"It is to your credit that your hospital is dedicated to the accep-

tion of patients with all types of communicable diseases. In the past, unfortunately, many general hospitals would not admit this type of patient even though there was dire need for good hospital and medical care. Modern techniques permit the admission of these cases without endangering other patients. Another advantage of your new hospital will be that your mothers may now be delivered with all the advantages only a well organized hospital can give.

"I think it is too bad Malheur county no longer has a health unit. With your new hospital, with the Eagles-sponsored well child conferences and with the good school and public health program in Nyssa, I believe that Nyssa would have had a health program that it could have been proud of and one that would rank with the best. I know that some of the crippled children, not only in Nyssa but in the whole county, will suffer because of the lack of the health unit. Because there is some federal money involved, the state department of public health logical to give some care to children in eastern Oregon. Without the help of a local health unit in Malheur county, it will become difficult for us to offer this service in the future to these children.

"I again should like to congratulate you on the successful completion of your hospital. I know that this has entailed a great deal of sacrifice by many civic minded individuals in Nyssa and that the problems they have faced and overcome have been enormous.



John J. O'Toole Is Experienced In Hospital Work

John O'Toole, superintendent of the Malheur Memorial hospital since last April, has spent 30 years in hospital work. He has literally grown up with the work, for his father was a hospital administrator in New York before he retired and came west. It was in New York state that Mr. O'Toole began his work in the hospital field as an employee for the Central Islep State hospital and King's Park State hospital, two of the outstanding mental institutions in the United States.

Mr. O'Toole moved to Arizona in 1926 to become personnel manager and purchasing agent for the Kenecott Copper corporation. In 1944 he resigned to become superintendent of the Pinal General hospital in Arizona.

In 1947, Mr. O'Toole went to California, where he organized and equipped the Exeter and Biggs-Gridley hospitals. At the time he came to Nyssa last April, Mr. O'Toole was manager of the Mount Shasta hospital.

Mr. O'Toole has a wife and one daughter. His wife, Mary O'Toole is a trained surgical nurse.

According to Mr. O'Toole, he began to have some qualms about the prospects of western Oregon as he came up from California via Lakeview. His optimism began to lower as, leaving Burns behind, he found his gas supply running low, with not many signs of coming to a town of any size. However, after a day or so in Nyssa and the Snake river valley, meeting with the hospital board of directors and some of the people here, his interest in becoming superintendent of the Malheur Memorial hospital was restored.

John and Mary O'Toole like the out-of-doors, and one of their major interests is baseball. They were found many nights during the summer at the local baseball field.

As superintendent of the new Malheur Memorial hospital, Mr. O'Toole, feels his responsibility in service to the public.

"It is the aim of the hospital" said Mr. O'Toole, "to make the patient as he enters the new world that is found within the hospital walls, to feel as much at home as possible and to allay any fears and doubts that he may have. It is our place to carry out the orders of the medical staff who serve this hospital."

Fischer Says This Is Your Hospital

"The completion and opening of the Malheur Memorial hospital is the realization of a dream of several years and the reward for lots of hard work and generous gifts of money made by the people of this area and surrounding communities", said Jake Fischer, president of the hospital as-

sociation. "This is one big step forward for this community in making it a better place in which to live. "As president of the Malheur Memorial Hospital association, I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the people who shared in any way to help make this community hospital a realization. "Don't forget in the future that this is your hospital".

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

OPENING OF THE Malheur Memorial Hospital

marks another chapter in the long history of the project, but it does not represent the final chapter.

The last Chapter will be marked by long years of service to the community
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THE HOSPITAL EFFORT HAS INDEED BEEN COMMUNITY-WIDE

Residents of every section near Nyssa have contributed and actively worked for the establishment of the institution.

We can all be justly proud that we had a part in the project.

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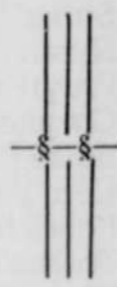
To THE **Malheur Memorial Hospital** and its **Board of Directors**

This hospital is certainly a wonderful addition to the community. Everyone has worked hard and given freely to make this project a success, but not in vain--we now have a hospital that is second to none, and especially for this size community

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Congratulations....

To The Residents of The Nyssa Area for completing and equipping the **Malheur Memorial Hospital**



May this Institution enjoy Success for many years in the future!

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Local Residents HAVE GIVEN TO This community something of Inestimable Value

something that can't be bought with dollars and cents, in the form of a community hospital

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