

\$50,000 Given For Hospital By 1947

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 opportunity to become charter members of the hospital auxiliary.
 In the latter part of March, the hospital plans were approved and the bids for construction of the hospital were opened at 2 p. m. July 2, 1948. The board of directors met with the architects and the two lowest bidders, Leslie Stoker and Carl M. Halvorsen, Inc. of Portland. The directors had planned \$210,000 for the construction of the building, and the remainder of the \$262,000 for equipment and other expenses. They hoped to reduce the cost of construction considerably by making several changes in the original plans.
 As the federal government was allotting \$500,000 for five years for hospital aid in the state, President Frank Morgan, Glea Billings and Arvel Child went to Portland in August to confer with the state board of health and federal representatives. Application was made for \$100,000. Within the next two weeks, information was received that the government had rejected the application for federal aid for the Malheur Memorial hospital. The state board of health recommended

that the association re-apply for a chronic disease center.
Federal Aid Rejected
 Later representatives of the U. S. public health service and the state board of health told the board of directors that the hospital was eligible for federal aid for a chronic disease unit. The board considered this proposal at a meeting in late October, 1949, but rejected it since the conversion of the hospital into a chronic disease facility would involve many changes, and in using the required 31 beds for chronic diseases would leave only 11 for general use.
 Finally with a revision of plans for construction to fit the associations budget, it was expected that construction could soon begin. The contract for construction had been awarded to Leslie W. Stoker of Nyssa for \$248,258.88 at a meeting of the board of directors September 14, 1948.
 A great loss to the hospital movement as well as to the entire community was felt when the community was saddened by the death of the president of the board of directors, Frank T. Morgan. As president, and as head of the advanced gift committee, Morgan had worked long and hard on the hospital plans and drive. He was one of the first and one of the most ardent and active of the promoters of the hospital pro-

ject. To fill the vacancy caused by his death, Arvil Child was appointed president, and Jake Fischer succeeded as first vice-president.
 On October 5, the founders service organization met to formulate plans for the laying of the cornerstone of the hospital. November 11, 1948 was a memorable Armistice day for the people of this community. On that day, the cornerstone was laid, and the people saw the foundation work of the hospital for which they had long dreamed and worked.
 President Arvil Child told the large group gathered for the occasion that those who had given to the hospital "had given because of their children, grandchildren and friends and neighbors. This is the principle that has made America great and such principles will continue to maintain it as such". He praised the work of the men who had worked on the campaign, Dr. J. J. Sarazin, and the late Frank T. Morgan for their untiring efforts in behalf of the organization and the community. He concluded his address by saying "Those who served in the war and those who have pioneered in the valley, will be happy in the thought that we are doing this for others. I am satisfied that if we could see them and hear them they would arise as one and call us blessed."
 Other speakers were Dr. J. J. Sarazin, George Schiffer of the state board of health and Judge Don Graham. Judge Graham presented a posthumous award of merit to Frank T. Morgan, Jr. in honor of his father. In accepting the award, Morgan stated "I accept this award with the full realization of where it was intended to go."
 The cornerstone was laid by Frank T. Morgan, Jr. after Glea Billings, who had served as master of ceremonies, had announced "In view of the admiration we all have for the late Frank Morgan, it is appropriate that his son lay the cornerstone".
 The ceremonies for the day had begun on Main street with a parade of the Nyssa band and the Veterans association who had marched to the hospital grounds to participate in the ceremonies there.
 The final chapter in the long, but gratifying story of the securing of funds for the Malheur Memorial hospital began in the late fall of 1949. The founders service organization sponsored inspection of the hospital Sunday afternoon, November 6, 1949. Here 1192 persons saw the progress that had been made and the structure and arrangement of the building of which all in this area had reason to be proud, but which necessitated additional funds for its completion. For this last phase of the financial campaign, the slogan "Open the Doors of Our Hospital" was chosen. Fred Bracken was chosen as general chairman of this drive with Jacob Fischer as chairman of the advance gifts committee, and Clyde Snider as chairman for the general drive. Fischer was assisted in his work on the advance gifts committee by Warren Farmer, Eldon Ulmer and Bernard Frost.

A statement was issued by the board of directors explaining why the \$262,309 raised in the first campaign was not sufficient. The additional funds were necessary, first because of the increased cost of both labor and materials, because the number of beds had been increased from the original 32 to 42, because a polio and contagion ward had been added, because the kitchen had been moved from the basement in the original plans to the main floor to facilitate economy of operation, and finally because the construction had been changed from a brick veneer over a wood frame to solid outer walls.
 With the work of the special gifts continuing, the general drive began Friday, December 2, under the leadership of Clyde Snider, with Wilton Jackson, Everett Heldt, Dr. C. L. Hermann, E. L. Jamison, James Savage and Finley Shuster as team managers.
 The 100 volunteer solicitors worked diligently through the rush days of December, contacting possible donors once more for contributions that would assure the completion of the hospital.
 At last on December 22, 1949, at the conclusion of the reports, the board of directors announced that the financial campaign had been successful and that the contractors would be authorized to complete the construction of the building at the earliest possible date.
 Louis D. Barr, twice retained as financial advisor for the hospital campaign, praised the people for their support, and stated this area with about 10,000 population had set a national record for the amount of money raised, by gifts and contributions. Such a record showed the self reliance of a truly progressive community.
 The luncheons served during the campaign were under the direction of Mrs. Bernard Frost, Mrs. J. L. Church and Mrs. Wesley Brown.
 During the first week in January, 1950, work was resumed on the hospital under the direction of the contractor, Leslie W. Stoker.
 Thus through a period of years contributions have ranged from large memorials from individuals of over \$3000 contributed by the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce to the a great many individuals, and local civic, grange and religious groups, to the \$5.97 obtained when three local children staged a carnival, and gave the proceeds to the hospital. These all have represented the spirit of cooperation and giving that has truly made the Malheur hospital an institution "of the people, by the people and for the people" of this area.

they were dinner guests in the Raph Hunt home. Ralph Jr., who will enter the army next month was guest of honor at the dinner.
 Mrs. Martha Klingback and Fred and Mrs. Kenneth McDonald and children shopped in Payette and Ontario Saturday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ditty attended a birthday party given Saturday evening for John Reeves at his home in Nyssa.
 Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McDonald were guests in the Anthony Ciofalo home in Adrian Friday evening.
 Mrs. George Schweizer and Mrs. Bud Wilson attended the flower show in Boise Saturday and did some shopping while there.
 Mrs. Jessie Skinner left Saturday morning for Los Angeles to visit her daughter, Mrs. Betty White.
Return from Vacation
 Dr. and Mrs. John Kopp returned Tuesday evening from Lincoln Beach, where they spent 10 days. They were accompanied to the coast by Mrs. Kopp's mother, Mrs. Dorothy McGarvey, and Mr. and Mrs. Sterling McGarvey of Ontario.
Sisters Visit
 Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Robertson last week were Mrs. Robertson's two sisters, Mrs. Robert Gillette and Mrs. Dean Lloyd and baby of Eugene. Mrs. Gillette and Mrs. Robertson are twin sisters.
Here From Washington
 Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Garren of Pasco, Washington visited Wednesday at the home of Mrs. C. M. Tyler.
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 Owyhee, Sept. 21—Kenneth McDonald and George Gregg made a trip to the hills for poles Thursday and Friday of last week.
 The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Rider was burned Friday noon. Men working in the fields managed to help the family save all of their belongings except some of the smaller things.
 Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Kygar and Maxine made a trip to Pondosa last week to cut poles and visit Merle Kygar, who has been there all summer.
 Mr. and Mrs. Dick Brown and children and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ray of Boise visited in the Lynn Kygar home Sunday.
 Rev. Robert Kriner will hold services Sunday, September 24, both morning and evening. On Sunday morning promotion Sunday will be observed.
 Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Marshall of Nyssa called in the Lee Householder home Friday afternoon.
 Mrs. Martha Klingback entertained at dinner Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. George Gregg and children, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McDonald and children and Fred Klingback. The dinner honored Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Gregg and Annette Gregg, who have birthdays this month.
 Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fisher and Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Thompson were Sunday evening dinner guests in the Chet Mills home.
 Dean and Gary Douglas had their tonsils removed Saturday and are recuperating at their home.
 Mr. and Mrs. "Mac" MacMillan and daughters, Kathy and Gayle Marie, of Boise, were Sunday evening supper guests in the Kenneth McDonald home.
 Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Slippy and sons were Sunday dinner guests in Parma at the home of Mrs. Slippy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Franklin.
 Mr. and Mrs. George Schweizer attended the wedding of Maurice Judd and Sally Kinney in Ontario last week.
 Mr. and Mrs. George Schweizer were dinner guests in the Bud Vanscoy home in Fruitland Sunday.
 Mrs. Keith Kygar and children went to Meridan Sunday where

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