

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Preserving LIFE and HEALTH Should be the FIRST CONCERN of a Progressive Community

The Malheur Memorial Hospital was opened in October, 1950. Great credit should be given the 2,300 donors and volunteer workers in a community-wide money raising campaign. Almost one-half million dollars was raised without federal aid. This is one of the MOST OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN COMMUNITY EFFORT IN ALL AMERICA.

SERVICE

During the first five years of operation, 4,681 patients used the hospital. Hundreds of lives were saved and untold suffering was prevented. 1,112 babies were born. The hospital through excellent management has given the people the best of personalized service and care. Throughout the history of the hospital, there has been unselfish sacrificial service by the Members of the Board of Directors, devoted employees, and splendid cooperation and specialized service by the nurses and the medical staff. Assisting the Board of Directors, there has been unselfish cooperation and aid of many committees and individuals and also the loyal support of the Members of the Malheur Memorial Hospital Association and their associates. All of these working together have made possible the splendid humanitarian service of the hospital.

The inspiring volunteer service of over two hundred members of the Women's Hospital Auxiliary has been most valuable.

HOSPITAL HANDICAPPED

The original hospital plan called for thirty-two beds. We were urged by authorities to build forty-two beds so that there would be a polio treatment center in preparation for an epidemic. This greatly increased the cost of the building. The federal government could not contribute the usual one-third of the cost of building and equipment which has been done in virtually all hospitals in Oregon. IT WAS NECESSARY to secure a mortgage loan for \$60,000.

NO OPERATING CAPITAL WAS RAISED in the campaign. The requirement to provide interest and payment on principal of the mortgage, each month together with the NECESSITY OF CARRYING LONG-TERM ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE HAS PRESENTED A PROBLEM. REPAIRS HAVE BEEN NEGLECTED.

OPERATING CAPITAL: A REVOLVING OPERATING CAPITAL FUND. MAINTAINED FROM YEAR TO YEAR. DEFRAYS HOSPITAL OPERATING EXPENSE WHENEVER ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE ARE ESPECIALLY LARGE BECAUSE PATIENTS HAVE TO WAIT "UNTIL THE CROPS COME IN" AND OTHER UNAVOIDABLE CIRCUMSTANCES. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AVERAGE \$30,000.

This fund should be increased from year to year to ASSURE THE OPERATION OF THE HOSPITAL DURING PERIODS OF "POOR CROPS," DEPRESSION, EPIDEMICS AND DISASTERS.

The present campaign is to PLACE THE HOSPITAL ON A SOUND FINANCIAL BASIS IN ORDER THAT IT MAY BE SELF-SUSTAINING.

COMMERCIAL CREDIT EXCELLENT

THE HOSPITAL IS OPERATED IN A MOST BUSINESSLIKE MANNER. All current bills are paid every thirty days and wages every two weeks.

Former members of the Board of Directors: Glea Billings, Ralph Castator, Arvel Child, Helen Frost, Amasa Hammond, L. G. Hawley, J. L. Herriman, R. G. Larson, Bert Lienkaemper, Richard Maw, Frank T. Morgan, W. B. Russell, George Schiemer, Carl Seburn, M. Seuell, and Eldon Ulmer.

Members of the present Board of Directors: Fred Bracken, Mrs. Wesley H. Browne, D. H. Christensen, Bernard Eastman, Warren Farmer, Jacob Fischer, Richard A. Forbess, Robert A. Johnson, Jed T. Lewis, Grant H. Rinehart, and Luit Stam.

The Malheur Memorial Hospital is a non-profit corporation. There are no stockholders. No person or corporation receives any dividends. All income is used for operating expense, efficient nursing, and maintenance of the building and equipment.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The control and management of the hospital is in your Board of Directors—Eleven laymen elected by Members for three year terms. They serve without pay.

MEMBERSHIP

Any person, organization, or corporation contributing \$100 or more has ONE VOTE in the election of directors and in corporation business. No person, or organization, can obtain control by buying memberships or obtaining proxies to accumulate votes.

Associate Members are those who subscribe less than \$100. They may attend all meetings and have all the rights of members except voting. They may, at any future date, add to their subscription a sufficient amount to become a voting member.

MEMBERS WILL NEVER BE LIABLE FOR DEBTS OR ASSESSMENTS. THERE ARE NO ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES. THERE IS NO STOCK AS IN A PROFIT CORPORATION.

THE TIME HAS NOW COME FOR A UNITED EFFORT TO PLACE THE HOSPITAL ON A SELF-SUSTAINING BASIS.

IT CAN BE DONE IF EACH PERSON SUBSCRIBES TO THE BEST OF HIS ABILITY. WE KNOW THAT THE MONEY YOU GIVE WILL SAVE LIVES AND RELIEVE HUMAN SUFFERING.

Malheur Memorial Hospital
Jed T. Lewis, President

POLIO EPIDEMIC

MERCY KNEW NO BOUNDARY LINES — Early in 1952, at the request of health authorities, the Board of Directors of this community hospital assumed the risk and burden of becoming the ONLY polio treatment center for victims from Malheur, Payette, Canyon, Umatilla, Baker, Harney, Grant and Union Counties. From June 30 to July 21, 1953, 11 polio cases were admitted NOT ONE FROM NYSSA, 7 were from Ontario, 2 from Pay-

ette, 2 from Parma. From July 21 to December 21, 1952, 81 severe polio cases were admitted. OF THIS NUMBER ONLY 10 WERE FROM NYSSA. This great humanitarian sacrificial service on the part of the only hospital in eight counties that treated severe polio cases, attracted national attention. THIS HOSPITAL DEMONSTRATED THEN AND EVER SINCE, THAT THERE ARE NO BOUNDARY LINES, city, county or state in its service to humanity.

FIRST 5 YEARS

SERVICE COMMUNITY-WIDE — This 40-bed hospital in its first five years of operation, cared for 4,681 patients: 60 more than the total population of the city of Ontario. 1,690 patients were from Nyssa, 1,077 from rural Nyssa, 719 from Parma area, 306 from Ontario, 206 from Vale, and 160 from Adrian. The balance of 1,468 (31%) patients from Payette and Canyon counties, Idaho and a few from unclassified areas. 1,112 babies were born. A REMARKABLE RECORD for the first 5 years of a new hospital. Hundreds of lives were saved. SURELY NO ONE WOULD BELITTLE THIS RECORD.

NEXT 10 YEARS

ESTIMATE FOR NEXT TEN YEARS — At least 10,800 of your friends and neighbors will be treated here. This is 389 more than all the men, women and children now residing in Nyssa, Ontario, Parma and Vale. At least 2,020 babies will be born. Many more hundred lives will be saved. There may be disasters. You or some loved one may need this hospital some day.

Please keep in mind the remarkable record of your community hospital and the service it will give to the sick and injured the next ten years, twenty, thirty, forty, fifty years. THE LIFE OF THIS HOSPITAL IS PERPETUAL.

These Are the Facts . . . The Rest Is Up to You!