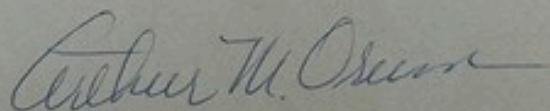


IT WAS MY HAPPY LOT TO HAVE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE THE IDEA OF
A MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOR THIS AREA ON
NOVEMBER 13, 1945. THE CITIZENS OF
HANCOCK COUNTY ARE TO BE COMMENDED FOR
MAKING THIS DREAM BECOME A REALITY IN
THE FIVE ENSUING YEARS WITH THE OPENING
OF THE HOSPITAL AND THE ADMISSION OF THE
FIRST PATIENTS ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1950.
THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF
OUR FIRST PRESIDENT MRS. MARY HARTZELL,
AND OTHERS LIKE HER WHOSE DOGGED FAITH
AND PERSEVERANCE PROVIDED LEADERSHIP FOR
ALL TO FOLLOW IN ACCOMPLISHING A SUCCESSFUL
COMPLETION OF THIS MOST WORTHWHILE LIVING
MEMORIAL.



ARTHUR M. ORUM, DVM

November 11, 1978

This scrap book is an endeavor to tell the story of Memorial Hospital "in the beginning" from 1945 thru 1950 when the hospital opened its doors.

In March of 1945 when the first meeting of representatives of various Carthage civic organizations met to consider a fitting memorial for war veterans, a hospital was not even mentioned. It was after that meeting and before the fall meeting in November, 1945, that the members of the Jr. Chamber of Commerce decided we needed a hospital in Carthage. Hundreds of our young men and women had been called to service in World War II and our doctors were no exception. The Jaycee wives were of child bearing age and many had experienced the trips to Keokuk or other nearby communities on icy or snow drifted roads in order to have their babies delivered in a hospital. Sometimes the bridge was open at Keokuk or Fort Madison and this waiting would cause concern.

It was during that summer that the Jaycees did some investigative work to see what could be done to bring young doctors to our community once World War II was over. A trip was made to a Chicago Medical school to see what the possibilities were. The answer was made clear. No longer were doctors willing to practise out of their little black bags. They were trained to use X-ray, laboratory and other aids to make their diagnosis and treatment, and they were not interested in practising anywhere if there was no hospital facility available.

During the summer of 1945, we also talked about taking over a house like Mainwood or Evergreen and develop it into a hospital but of course that really would not have been satisfactory. At the time, Dr. Or R. Zunkel, MD, who lived in the large house east of the Post Office (now called the Evergreen apartments) had the first floor for his office. He had two hospital beds in one

large room which he used to hospitalize patients not requiring acute care.

So with that meager background but with lots of enthusiasm the Jaycees instructed our committee to go to the Tuesday nite November 13, 1945, meeting in the court house and sell the idea of a hospital as a fitting memorial to the men and women from this community in World War II. Carl Fecht, Leo Smith and myself represented the Jaycees at this meeting. Amos Huls, who was president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce attended the meeting and was active in the discussions.

A permanent memorial organization was formed at the beginning of the Nov. 13th meeting. Officers elected were Joe Fay, president, L. E. McHugh, vice President, Mrs. Mary Hartzell, secretary, and Carl Fecht, treasurer. This Organization served the purpose of getting representatives of most of the civic organizations together to hear the report of the hospital feasibility sub-committee on December 11, 1945. The sub-committee on a community center or recreation hall did not make a report at that meeting or any meeting thereafter. Later on the hospital sub-committee became the memorial committee without any action of the parent committee, the latter which ceased to act. Mr. Joe Fay was Hancock County highway superintendent and was very active in the War Dad's group here and nationally. At the Nov. 13th meeting he asked me to be chairman of the Hospital Feasibility Sub-committee. It is interesting to note the volunteers that nite for this sub-committee all later became incorporators of the Memorial Hospital Assoc. in 1947. Mrs. Mary Hartzell represented the American Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. Fern Markey represented the Navy Mothers and was very active in the county veterans hospital group that sent volunteers workers to Camp Ellis and Galesburg during 1943-1945. The fourth

volunteer was Amos Huls, president of the Jaycees. Dr. J. D. Trotter joined our group in inspecting the Pittsfield Hospital. Shortly thereafter Homer Williams, representing the American Legion, became a member of our committee. Later on we were joined by other committee members who were also incorporators. They were Mrs. R. F. Sheets, Carl Fecht, Leo Smith, and Miss Lois Huey. At our first organizational meeting on August 12, 1947, in the home of Mrs. Mary Hartzell, Mrs. Hartzell was elected president, Arthur M. Orum vice-president, Miss Lois Huey secretary, and Carl Fecht treasurer. Of the ten incorporators of Memorial Hospital Association four were Jaycees.

I have used the Hancock County Journal primarily to tell the story of the birth of Memorial Hospital during the years of 1945-1950. In a few instances, especially the September 6, 1950, special issue, I have used the files of the Carthage Republican. Stories about the Jaycee blood typing program and the Graham Hospital fund drive are included because they were important at the time in creating interest in Memorial Hospital's development. Not included but important interest builders were the iron lung project and the program for volunteer workers in the veteran hospitals at Camp Ellis (located southeast of Macomb) and Galesburg during 1943-45.

~~When~~ ^{Before} the hospital opened Dr. Trotter resigned from the hospital board as he felt there was a possibility of conflict of interest and the recommended procedure by the accreditation committee. Now board membership by physicians is not frowned on and is a common occurrence. Lloyd Erickson took Dr. Trotter's place on the board. Similarly Mrs. Fern Markey resigned from the board when she became an employee at the hospital.

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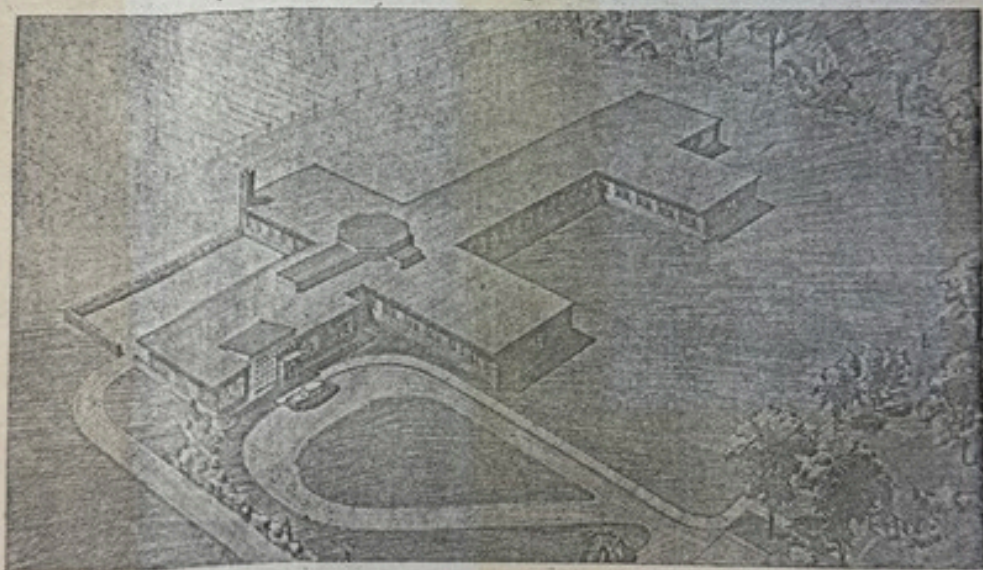
May 27, 1948

Your Dollar is worth **THREE**

when you give to the

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

The goal is \$250,000



Let's reach the goal quickly

An additional \$400,000 will come from state and federal sources when we raise \$250,000.

Memorial Hospital



Above is an architect's drawing of the proposed Memorial hospital to be built with local, state and federal funds. A committee spent Tuesday viewing prospective sites for the location of the 50-bed institution.

APRIL 8, 1948

General Solicitation Of Funds For Memorial Hospital To Begin At "Kickoff" Dinner Monday

State And Federal Funds Granted To Match Third Each Of Building Cost Of Institution

With all townships in Hancock county organized, general solicitation to raise \$250,000 for the proposed Memorial Hospital will begin April 12 with a "kickoff" dinner meeting at 7 p. m. in the Masonic temple, Carthage.

Cost of the non-profit, non-sectarian hospital to be built in Carthage is estimated at \$600,000. The United States public health service and the Illinois department of public health will each contribute \$200,000 toward building and equipping the hospital. These

grants-in-aid were made under provisions of the federal hospital survey and construction act and the Illinois hospital construction act. Mrs. Mary P. Hartzell, president of Memorial Hospital Association, was notified in February that the association's applications for federal and state funds had been approved.

Bluford W. Jackson, general chairman of the building fund drive, will preside at the meeting. Speakers will include Homer Williams, attorney and representative of the board of directors of Memorial Hospital Association; L. G. Easton of Augusta township and Judge A. Clay Williams, president of the board of directors, Illinois Community hospital, Pittsfield.

Donald T. Forsythe, chairman of the special gifts committee, will report on the total amount of special gifts contributed and pledged since his committee began its pre-campaign solicitations March 10.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the St. Albans township quartet.

Final selection of the site for the proposed hospital has not yet been announced. Representatives of the Illinois hospital construction and services department, United States public health service and a member of the architect firm of Fugard, Burt and Wil-

son, Chicago, were in Carthage Tuesday to inspect five or six proposed sites.

Although final plans have not been completed, the new hospital will be designed to conform to the standards established by the surgeon general of the United States public health service as required by the hospital survey and construction act. These standards apply to all projects for which a grant-in-aid is requested under provisions of the act. Compliance with the standards assures county residents that Memorial Hospital will be properly planned and well constructed.

In establishing the construction and equipment standards, no attempt was made by the public health service to comply with all of the various state and local codes and regulations. However, the public health service requires that all hospital projects comply strictly with all applicable state and local codes and regulations.

Memorial Hospital Association has been accepted as an associate institutional member of the American Hospital Association and the Illinois Hospital Association.

"The American Hospital Association is a personal and friendly organization whose sincere purpose is to assist its members in every way possible," said President Graham L. Davis in his letter welcoming Memorial Hospital Association into membership in the national organization. "This is your association. I hope that you will take full advantage of all the opportunities it presents. Whenever we can be of assistance to you, please call upon us." Institutional members of the American Hospital Association total 3,992 hospitals in the United States and Canada.

HOSPITAL SHOW ON WCAZ FRIDAY

Citizens interested in the Memorial hospital building fund will take to the airwaves at 8 p. m. Friday over radio station WCAZ in the first of a series of 15 minute broadcasts designed to answer questions about the hospital drive.

Taking part in the first question and answer program Friday will be Bluford Jackson, fund drive chairman, Vern Orum and Frank D. Thomas.

The group participating at 8 a. m. April 16 will be announced later.

Carthage Kiwanis Club Contributes \$2000 To Memorial Hospital

Sends Four Boys To Ag Meeting, Creates Student Loan

A contribution of \$2000 to the Memorial hospital fund, a student loan fund, and outstanding trips for four agriculture students were only a part of the results of action taken by the board of directors of the Carthage Kiwanis club at the recommendation of the Youth Service committee at the last special meeting of the board.

The Kiwanis board, spending money in the Youth service fund at the suggestion of the Youth Service committee, directed the secretary to write a check for \$1250 to the Memorial hospital fund, and pledged an additional \$750 by year's end. The money will be used for children's equipment in the hospital.

They voted to send one boy from Colusa community consolidated high school and one from Carthage community high school to the American Royal Livestock show at Kansas City, Mo., this year, and also one boy from each school to the 1948 national convention of the Future Farmers of America at Kansas City.

The boys will be chosen by their classmates from a list prepared by their respective vocational agriculture instructors based on merit. Ben Schroder of Carthage and Art Johnson of Colusa are the vocational ag instructors.

The board allocated \$500 to a student loan fund, which will be administered by a committee of five to be appointed by the president. The committee members will be appointed for one, two, three, four and five years respectively in order that at all times

there will be members who are familiar with outstanding loans.

The committee is empowered to spend any or all of the \$500 as it sees fit.

Loans are to be repaid following graduation, or when (if) the student drops out of school, over a period of time determined not to work a hardship on the borrower. A small interest rate, not to exceed two per cent, will be charged.

The fund is open to all deserving students, regardless of the location of the college of their choice, and whether or not it is a four-year accredited college or university, trade school, nursing school, or any other college qualified to prepare a youth for following a vocation.

The board also allocated \$150 to be used for a 1948 Christmas party for children of grade school age or under.

They voted \$50 to the Kiwanis Foundation for the Hard of Hearing, a project of Kiwanis International that originated in the Illinois-Eastern Iowa district at the suggestion of Don Forsythe of Carthage.

Final action at the meeting was a unanimous vote to pay half of the expenses as an inducement for E. C. Oberlies, Carthage community high school instructor and Carthage Kiwanian, to attend the state conference on juvenile delinquency in Chicago.

The money making the club's activities possible has been raised under the direction of Vern Orum, present chairman of the Youth Service committee, and Arden Collier, chairman of the committee during last year.

HOSPITAL FUND \$68,000 FIRST WEEK

Anonymous Gift Of \$6000 Received For A Solarium

Contributions to the Memorial Hospital building fund mounted to \$68,168.11 in the first week of the drive to raise \$250,000, according to Bluford W. Jackson, campaign general chairman.

Three hundred volunteer solicitors made their first reports at a meeting in Carthage, April 22. A second report meeting will be held at 8 p. m. at the Farm Bureau auditorium, Tuesday, May 4.

As the second week of the drive got underway, Jackson emphasized that gifts to the hospital building fund are tax-free and payable over a two-year period. Pledges will be used for the section of the hospital specified by the donor.

Among the contributions received so far was an anonymous gift of \$6,000 to be used for the solarium. "Sun rooms are considered desirable wherever possible in a modern hospital," Jackson said. "Even with the short period of hospitalization which is so characteristic of the modern hospital, many patients are up in wheel chairs for a few days before they are discharged. Patients welcome the change and the opportunity to talk to other patients provided by the sun room. For the patient who requires a longer period of convalescence, the solarium naturally has a greater social value and also a therapeutic effect."

Hospital and medical authorities and architects agree that windows in the solarium should be fitted with glass which does not shut out beneficial rays of the sun, Jackson pointed out. The windows also should be hung so that they can be opened easily in warm weather.

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State Sets Oct. 15 Deadline For County To Raise Its Share Of Funds For Memorial Hospital

Going, Going, Gone—

Thirty Days.

That's all the time YOU have left to decide whether you want a Memorial hospital in Hancock county.

We are still \$90,000 short of our goal, and the Illinois state department of public health has warned that unless we raise our share of the funds by October 15, then we in Hancock county should withdraw our application for a hospital and let some other community make the effort.

As the representative from the state health department so bluntly stated, that department has no intention of letting federal funds, already allotted for use to the state of Illinois, lapse. If we aren't serious enough in our intention to build a fitting memorial to our war dead and living, then that money will be sent to other communities.

That Hancock county is urgently in need of a hospital was recognized by the state itself in giving the county such a high priority rating. The hospital, to be placed in Carthage because of its central location, was eighth on a hospital construction list for the entire state.

It should be clear to everyone that we will not be able to keep our doctors within the county if we are not going to provide them with the best facilities with which to work. They will, they are, going elsewhere.

The hospital would serve the entire county, not Carthage alone. It should be placed in Carthage, the state says, because there it will be in the best central location in the county; in Carthage, it can be easily, quickly reached from all parts of the county.

An all-out campaign to raise the \$90,000 still needed will begin Monday, September 20. It is up to every citizen of Hancock county to contribute to the success of this drive. No single group, no single community can succeed alone in raising this amount. There has to be county-wide effort and support.

Let's pitch in and get that money. Give all that you can. Let's build a Memorial hospital for Hancock county!

It's up to YOU.

New County-Wide Drive For \$90,000 Begins Sept. 20

In next week's issue, the Journal will begin publishing a complete list of donors with their contributions to the new Memorial hospital. The hospital committee has asked that the list be published.

Residents of Hancock county have 30 days to complete the Memorial hospital fund campaign, or watch \$400,000 of federal and state aid for the admittedly needed hospital fly out the window.

Members of the fund raising committee received this information from a representative of the state health department at a meeting Wednesday night, Sept. 8.

"That means," Bluford Jackson, chairman of the fund raising campaign, said, "that if the people of this county are to heed the dictates of the state survey pointing out that another hospital is needed to serve the county, and to take advantage of the large contributions from state and federal governments, they must raise an additional \$90,000 by October 15."

The deadline was set by the division of hospital construction and service of the state department of public health, and the news was broken to the local group by George Weber, representative of the division, who attended the local meeting.

Jackson said that the members of the committee were confident that the people of the county are aware of the necessity of a hospital to serve their needs and will not let the opportunity to get one slip through their hands.

However, he warned that it will take the maximum amount of effort on the part of everyone interested in a Memorial hospital, plus the generous financial support of each resident of the nearly county-wide area the hospital is to serve.

Plans to triple previous efforts to secure the remaining \$90,000 necessary to get the hospital for Hancock county have been made and workers are being called to a meeting in the Farm Bureau auditorium at 7:30 Friday evening, Sept. 17, to prepare for an all-out campaign to start Monday, Sept. 20.

The idea for another hospital to augment the 15-bed Mary Davier hospital at LaHarpe in serving the residents of Hancock county is not new, and it gained active support during World War II when civic-minded citizens of the county were casting about for a fitting memorial to the men of this county who have served this nation in two World Wars.

When both federal and state governments took cognizance of the fact that hospital facilities throughout the nation and state were alarmingly inadequate, that

group of civic-minded citizens from this county made their bid for help to build both a needed medical service institution and a memorial to their soldier dead and living.

When the federal and state plans for more hospitals went into operation, the state division of hospital construction and services conducted a survey of Illinois, and Hancock county was designated as a community where the need for another hospital is so great that it was listed as one of the first counties to receive aid. The survey went further and recommended a 102-bed hospital.

The group from the county that had been engaged in getting the hospital called a public meeting, and after long discussion, reported to the state authorities that the consensus was that a 50-bed hospital would be more within the means of the county to finance, and would be adequate to serve the county with the aid of the institution at LaHarpe.

The state agreed and, after estimating the cost of a 50-bed hospital at approximately \$600,000, informed the county group that the federal and state governments would each furnish \$200,000 if the county would raise a matching \$200,000 and an additional \$50,000 to buy a plot for the location of the hospital, meet incidental expenses, and assure operating capital for one year.

The county group again sought the opinion of their neighbors. An election for a hospital tax, as was levied in Mercer and other counties taking advantage of the federal-state money, was considered, but was abandoned for several reasons.

The first was that the group of county people actively working for the hospital did not feel that it would be fair for a tax to be levied in support of one county hospital and not another. The second was that everyone seemed to feel there should be a memorial to the service men, and a hospital tax would deprive each resident of the opportunity to give the large amounts they would desire to give toward a memorial.

The press of rushing business for merchants and of raising one of the largest crops in the history of the county for farmers has taken the attention away from the memorial fund raising drive, and since the opening of the campaign in March only \$160,000 of the necessary \$250,000 has been raised.

The committee feels that, although 30 days is short notice to raise \$90,000 on the end of a campaign, it is good that the deadline was set, thus making it clear to every county resident that opportunity is slipping, and unless they act quickly, the memorial to their war dead, and the opportunity to get \$400,000 in taxes they have paid to the federal and state governments to build that hospital will be gone.

October 14, 1948

HOSPITAL DRIVE NOW

WITHIN \$25,000 OF GOAL

*Several Large Pledges
Reported; Push Final
Efforts To Reach Quota*

**Persons Urged To Make
Contributions Soon
As Possible**

Workers in the Hancock County Memorial Hospital fund drive are striving desperately to reach the \$250,000 goal in time to meet state and federal qualifications governing an additional \$400,000 already allotted for a hospital to serve Hancock county.

According to latest available reports last night, the fund was within \$25,000 of its goal.

Every possible source of additional pledges and contributions is being contacted.

Everyone who has not yet contributed is urged to send in his pledge whether or not he has been contacted by one of the workers.

The Christian church at Denver pledged \$3,600 Sunday to establish a hospital room in memory of Eugene Myer, only gold star service man in the immediate Denver vicinity. The church pledge was also in honor of the 37 other Denver boys who were in the service.

The Y. W. C. A. of Carthage college is sponsoring a drive to help raise funds for the hospital. Signs and bottles have been placed in various campus buildings to collect the money. No report has been received on the amounts collected from the students.

The Farm Bureau directors voted last week to raise \$3,600 to equip a hospital room. Each Farm Bureau member was asked to give the cash equivalent of 6 to 8 bushels of corn.

The Carthage Kiwanis club has voted to pledge an additional \$2,000 to the hospital fund campaign. This is the second such donation by the club.

The Hamilton Kiwanis club voted to raise the amount of their pledge from \$250 to \$1,000.

All fund drive workers are urged to attend the meeting to be held at the Farm Bureau auditorium tonight. Final plans for the successful completion of the drive will be formulated.

October 21, 1948

HANCOCK COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IS ASSURED!

A Doctor's Story: Seen along the streets of Keokuk a few days ago was a certain Carthage doctor. Not unusual? Well, this doctor was walking down the street carrying a large stork with him. We were wondering if the Doc was merely lending a helping hand to the tired-old-stork in delivering new babies into the world or if he was trying a new way of advertising (doctors aren't supposed to) that he was a doctor. How about it, Dr. Trotter?

Closing Note: We don't like the thought of singling out any special group or groups and giving them a commendation for their efforts in the hospital drive (we think everyone did his part), but we believe that the churches of this county should receive some special note of praise. Most of 'em made very substantial pledges, pledges which did much to assure success to the hospital drive.

Will Continue Drive To New Goal of \$275,000 To Meet Increased Costs

Funds Reach First Goal At Friday Night Meeting

The original goal of \$250,000 for the county's share of funds for the Hancock County Memorial hospital was reached Friday night, just three hours under the state-set deadline.

The Hospital Board has announced a new goal of \$275,000 and the drive will continue until that amount has been raised.

The additional money will be available to meet probable increased construction costs. Also, the state and federal governments will continue to match, dollar for dollar, all funds raised locally. Every dollar contributed will be worth three dollars.

The committee urges all persons who have not yet contributed to immediately contact a drive worker or hospital committee member to make such contribution.

Hufoed Jackson stated that any group working toward a certain memorial pledge could still have further donations counted toward that pledge.

The drive passed the original mark at a Friday night rally of drive workers. Judge John W. Williams contributed a pledge for \$2,500 to put the drive over the top.

Other large donations reported Friday were Ward Cutler of Waterville, Iowa, \$4,000; R. W. and Frances Ferris of Carthage, \$2,400; and Fred and Mary Barr of Prairie township, \$2,000.

One of the most vigorous efforts to push the fund-campaign to a successful conclusion was that made by the various churches throughout the county. Jackson said, "Their support has been a marvelous thing. Our drive would have been much more difficult if we were without the money raised by the churches."

The successful drive assures Hancock county residents of a modern 50-bed hospital and comes as the result of a drive for funds launched last spring.

To The People Of Hancock County...

The Hancock County Memorial Hospital fund drive went over the top last Friday night. Its success was due to the generosity of your contributions and pledges. It would not have succeeded had it not had the support of all.

Due to possible increased construction costs, the Hospital Board has decided to continue the drive to a new goal of \$275,000. We believe that this is a necessary caution and will alleviate any unforeseen circumstances that might arise.

The Board wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the many fund-raising campaign workers who gave so much of their time to make a thorough canvass of the county. They deserve the thanks from all of us.

The Hospital Board will continue to receive pledges and donations even after the current drive is ended. Please feel free to give any further amount that you can. It will be used to good purposes.

We shall now move forward as quickly as we can in getting all details worked out, so that we may have our Memorial Hospital as soon as it is humanly possible. The process, of course, will take time.

But we of Hancock county are assured of a new, modern, complete hospital. It will be ready to serve every resident of Hancock county. It will be a worthy memorial, a living memorial honoring those who fought so gallantly for our country and home.

MARY HARTZELL, President,
Hancock County Memorial Hospital Ass'n

Thursday, August 4, 1949

Hancock County Memorial Hospital Construction Is Underway; Basement Dug

1-4-49

Thursday, July 21, 1949

Hope To Start Hospital Construction By August 1; Short-Term Loan Assured

7-21-49

Construction Firm Will Move In Equipment Next Week

Actual construction on the Hancock County Memorial Hospital may begin as early as August 1, a member of the hospital board of directors reported yesterday. However, he added, construction cannot begin until after final state and federal government approval is received for the Part 4 preliminary papers to be completed by the board at a meeting this evening with George Hendrix, chief of the hospital construction division of the Illinois department of public health. Hendrix estimated this would take from a week to 10 days.

The L. and R. Construction company of St. Louis will begin moving in their equipment to the hospital site next week. They are the general contractors.

Officials reported the architects have secured a decrease of \$48,519 in costs after reviewing the original bids. This decrease, agreed to by the companies to be awarded construction contracts, will call for no eliminations and in many instances will result in improvements at decreased costs.

The L. and R. company's general construction bid of \$414,975 will be reduced approximately \$28,202. The mechanical construction bid, made by Thomas J. Douglas company of Chicago, will be reduced \$24,608 from the original bid of \$159,600. The Ruple Electric company of Keokuk has agreed on a \$1,068 reduction of their bid of \$36,800 for the electrical work.

As to the problem of financing the remaining \$107,000 needed immediately in cash, the hospital board has received approval of a commitment by a nationally known life insurance company of Chicago to provide the funds. Another method of securing the funds is reported under discussion.

The local amount to be raised was placed at the \$300,000 figure by state hospital officials recently, after the bids were found to raise the cost of the hospital from its original estimate of \$600,000 to over \$700,000. The federal government will pay as its share of the cost, approximately \$252,600; the state government, \$200,000. The board of directors has reported that Treasurer Lloyd Erickson has collected about \$300,000 in cash and that pledges outstanding total nearly \$70,000. This would leave nearly \$40,000 to be collected in the county at a later date.

Contracts cannot be actually awarded until the county has secured its \$107,000 share in cash. It is hoped that top state officials, including Gov. A. E. Stevenson, will be present at the ground-breaking ceremonies.

July 28, 1949

Hospital Ground-breaking Friday Night

7-28-49

Brief Ceremony To Mark Start Of Construction Activities

A brief, formal ground-breaking ceremony will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 at the site for the Hancock County Memorial Hospital. Buford Jackson, a member of the hospital board of directors, announced yesterday. The public is cordially invited to attend the ceremony. An appropriate program, including music, is planned.

Preliminary construction activity is already underway by the L. and R. Construction company of St. Louis. First heavy equipment was moved to the hospital site by this firm Monday morning. The area has already been staked and some digging operation begun. The contract requires that the hospital be completed within nine months.

The hospital board of directors met Thursday night with George Hendrix, state hospital representative, and completed filling out Part 4 application papers. These final papers have been forwarded for state and federal approval, a routine matter.

Plans for a loan of \$107,000 were also completed by the board at the Thursday meeting.

Total Cost Of Hospital Set At \$737,068 Figure

Full speed ahead!

Construction work on the Hancock County Memorial Hospital is proceeding and those who have worked hard and long to secure this modern hospital, as well as those who have contributed to the hospital fund, find the sound of the big bulldozer being used to excavate the basement "sweet music to their ears."

Progress is also being made in the papers necessary for completion before the final awarding of contracts and signing of the papers by state and federal authorities and by the contractors. While this final approval has not yet been made, it will follow as routine procedure since all requirements have been met.

The L. and R. Construction company of St. Louis began digging and staking operations last week immediately after moving in equipment for the work. The construction is to be completed in nine months. During the remainder of the summer and on into the autumn months, usually good working weather, outside construction will be pushed in order to allow inside work to proceed during the extreme weather of the winter months.

The state department of public health did not approve all the changes made by the architects and the local building committee. As now set up on Part 4 of the Project Construction application, the total cost will be \$737,068. Of this amount the federal government will pay \$244,139, the state \$200,000, leaving the local amount at \$292,929.

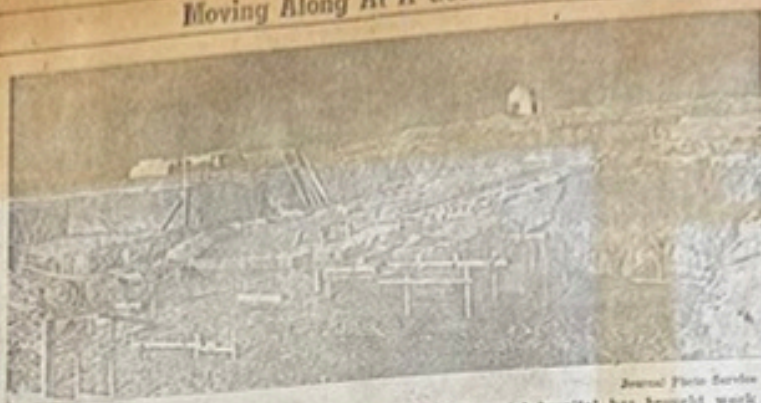
The ground-breaking ceremonies scheduled for Friday night were cancelled earlier that day by the Hospital committee and no such ceremony is to be held.

The L. and R. Construction company's general construction work contract figure will be \$294,772. The electrical contract, held by the Ruple Electric company of Keokuk, amounts to \$34,732, and the mechanical contract totals \$174,392 and has been previously awarded to the Douglas company of Chicago. Hospital equipment not included in the above figures will cost \$74,000. Architect fees total \$42,272. The Hospital board paid \$3,800 for the site in Carthage where the hospital is being erected.

Treasurer Lloyd Erickson reported this week that total pledges amount to \$269,628. Unpaid pledges total nearly \$41,000. He said that at a future date more money will have to be secured from local sources. A contract has been agreed upon with the Guarantees Mutual Life company for a loan of \$107,000. This sum, with the money already collected and pledges collectible, will assure the building's construction and operation for the first year.

Erickson pointed out that all pledges marked "payable when construction starts" are now due. All persons and organizations should plan to take care of pledges remaining unpaid as soon as possible as all local money will be used first including that raised by the loan, after which state and federal funds will be available for the final completion of the project.

Sept. 1, 1949
Moving Along At A Good Pace!



Journal Photo Service

One month of construction on Hancock county's 50-bed Memorial hospital has brought work to the concrete pouring stage and company officials in charge of the work expressed satisfaction with the pace being set. Work started the last week in August following the securing of a \$101,000 loan from an insurance firm which with the \$200,000 already collected locally was the amount of local money needed in cash before the long-awaited project could be started.

Sept. 15, 1949

Pour Concrete For
Hospital Foundation

Plans for the corner stone ceremony for the Hancock County Memorial hospital will be made in the near future, Lloyd Ericson, treasurer of the hospital association announced this week. At the present, construction work is proceeding at a good pace, with cement now being poured in the forms of the foundation.

Ericson reported that demands are being made on local funds in his hands. These funds must be used first before state and federal money will become available for use. He reported that there are still about 700 unpaid pledges totaling \$53,000 and statements will be sent again shortly to remind those who can do so to pay as soon as possible.

Applications are being received and filed for various positions in the new hospital. An administrator for the hospital will be named soon and following his ap-

pointment, all applications will be carefully reviewed. The purchase of \$75,000 worth of movable equipment and supplies is a major task yet to be completed by the board as well as hiring of help and formulating by-laws for the actual operation of the hospital.

New and additional pledges were also announced by Ericson. The Hancock County Coon Hunters club gave the proceeds of a recent dog meet totaling \$41.00. The Junior department of the Carthage Methodist church gave an additional \$13 and the Bear Creek Cozy 4-21 club gave the proceeds of an activity, \$5.89.

The treasurer stated that many of the pledges remaining unpaid were promised for after harvest and will be paid at that time, but he said that money unpaid pledges are due according to the plan of payment on these pledges.

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Memorial Hospital Cornerstone Laid



Above is a view of the ceremony held Sunday at the laying of the cornerstone of the Hancock County Memorial building in Carthage. More than 250 attended the ceremony. J. R. Fay, Carthage, (right overcoat cap), representing the American War Dogs, is shown spreading the cement as the cornerstone is being lowered into place. Behind Mr. Fay is Maurice Moorer of Plymouth (wearing dark Legion cap), who

also took part in the ceremonies. With them are two workers at the hospital site: Lloyd Bonjour (in plaid jacket) and Lloyd Mitchell (back to camera as he holds edge of cornerstone), bricklayers. Seated in the first row, from left, are Mr. Ryan, L. and R. Construction company; Gustav Orth, who has done much of the actual architects work here; Paul Hart, Chicago, architect; L. E. Wilkison, Chicago, architect;

George Hendrix, head of hospital construction and service of the Illinois department of health; Mrs. Mary Hartman, president of the Hospital association; and Jerome Fay, representative of Dr. Roland Cross, who spoke briefly at the ceremony. Standing at the speaker's platform is Judge J. W. Williams. Kneeling is Fred Wulter, clerk of the work, and standing behind him, William Dunn, construction foreman.

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