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A LEGACY OF CARING

Placerville and El Dorado residents are currently served by the 26-bed Placerville Sanitarium owned by a group of local doctors.

August 14, 1957

Lumber Firm Will Buy Site for Hospital

The Michigan-California Lumber Company of Camino, El Dorado County, will underwrite the purchase of a six and one-half acre site for the community’s new Marshall Hospital.

Fund Drive

The total cost of building and equipping the new hospital, named in memory of James W. Marshall, discoverer of gold in California, will be in excess of $1,000,000. Fund Chairman Chalmers Price said the directors have planned a 53-bed modern hospital in a one-story building capable of enlargement to 100 beds.

Non Profit Unit

Plans call for a 12-baby maternity ward, a fully equipped emergency unit and two operating rooms for surgery. The hospital is designed to serve the 14,000 people in its service area. It will be a non-profit institution operated by a board of directors elected by members of the Marshall Hospital Association, made up of donors to the building project.

Site Purchase

Fund Chairman Chalmers Price stated the Michigan-California Lumber Company will purchase the site, 6.5 acres of the Fowler Ranch, and give it to the hospital. As a further part of its initial contribution to the Marshall Hospital, the company will underwrite the cost of the fund raising campaign and the payment of preliminary architectural and consultant fees.

September 26, 1957

Sanitarium Doctors Declare Stand on Marshall Hospital

To allay all fears, rumors and misconceptions to the effect that owners and operators of the Placerville Sanitarium have any intention of operating their institution in competition to the proposed new Marshall Hospital, and to eliminate any ideas that the Marshall Hospital is being constructed as a subsidy to them, Drs. L. E. Shortes, A. A. McKimmon and C. V. Soracco this week released the following statement:

“These apparently there is doubt in the minds of some people in our community as to the attitude of the owners of the Sanitarium regarding the Marshall Hospital. To clarify our attitude once and for all, we will state that we are extremely happy to have the Marshall Hospital become a reality. We have known for a long time that a new hospital in the community was needed. This does not mean that we feel the Sanitarium has not rendered the best medical care available anywhere. Both our equipment and our personnel have been equal or superior to that found in most communities of our size. Our building, however, is quite old and certainly cannot be expanded to meet future needs of the community.

“Our hospital facilities have been used by every medical doctor in this community for several years without any discrimination and so doctor has ever been charged one cent for use of those facilities.

“The operation of a hospital, contrary to what many may think, is not a profit-making endeavor, and the responsibilities are great. For this reason, we are only too happy to relinquish our responsibilities to the Marshall Hospital, and to share our responsibilities equally with other doctors in the Marshall Hospital and with interested citizens of the community.”

The Sanitarium will, accordingly, cease operation as soon as the Marshall Hospital is open to the public.

“The Marshall Hospital will not be operated or managed in any way by doctors or a group of doctors, as responsibility for management and operation lies with a board of directors which will be elected by members of the Marshall Hospital association.

“Only by having the whole-hearted support of every segment of the community can this worthwhile project succeed. We are supporting the Marshall Hospital to the fullest extent of our ability, both morally and financially.”

November 11, 1957

Final Push Under Way in Hospital Campaign

With only a month remaining to qualify for $673,384 in state and federal aid, the Marshall Hospital building fund campaign was this week being concentrated on area firms.

The community must raise $411,692 by December 8 to qualify for the Hill-Burton funds. A remaining total of $75,482 is needed to achieve that goal.

Thus far, seven employee groups have enlisted 100 per cent: The Times, Patterson Motors, Placer Gas, Mountain Democrat, Mother Lode Bank, Bank of America and Placerville Sanitarium.

At Michigan-California Lumber’s big Camino plant, 72 of the 190 employees solicited by members of the lumber and sawmill workers have pledged contributions averaging $52. Solicitors are confident that 100 per cent will be enrolled.

December 5, 1957

Hospital Fund is OK’d; Campaign $51,514 Over

A total of $14,543.38 in additional pledges has been received by the Marshall Hospital’s building fund committees since last week’s announcement that the drive was “over the top,” directors reported yesterday. These additional funds have swollen the total pledged locally to a grand total of $463,206.38, or $51,514.38 more than the goal of $411,692 required in order to qualify for allocation of state and federal matching funds.

Funds Approved

Contributions of the past week boosted the total number of donors to 2,020, and hiked the amount raised to 112.5 per cent of the goal. On the basis of 14,000 residents to be served by the new hospital, and taking four members as an average family, 57.7 per cent of all families in the hospital service area have pledged to the campaign.

In Placerville, more than 70 per cent of the businesses listed all members of their organizations as contributors. The figure is similarly high in the outlying areas.

Individuals, families, organizations and firms have designated all but 13 of the hospital rooms as contributors. The figure run as follows:

Marshall Hospital

Among those who have taken memorials are:

Mother Lode Lions, Church of Latter Day Saints, Beta Sigma Phi, Shakespeare club, El Dorado chapter of Easter Star, Soroptimists, Native Sons, 20-30 club, Elks, Hangtown Grange, Camino Adventists 40 et. 8, high school student body, Georgetown Divide, Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union.

More Memorials

Placerville Lumber, Rubley Bros., Placerville sawmill employees, Michigan-Cal, Patterson motors, county hospital employees, Mountain Democrat, high patrol division, Fire Exchange, Hazel Valley and Beach Box employees.

Advance gifts were solicited by six teams of five members each.

Here are the results by captains:

George Maud $72,185, William Henderson $49,848, Rolland Patterson $47,956, Bill Hardie $37,082, Clyde Jean $33,399 and Paul Driver $26,910.

OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION

To the 2,020 residents of El Dorado County whose generous pledges and cash gifts to the Marshall Hospital Building Fund will make a dream come true...the building of a completely integrated 23-bed general hospital, to serve the health needs of thousands living today and generations yet unborn.

The over-subscription of our goal means protection against rising construction costs and loss due to donors moving away or inability to pay. The extra funds will enable us to do an even better job in site preparation, landscaping, and other phases of the building program not covered by Federal and State Matching grants-in-aid, now available to us.

The votes of approximately three thousand qualified members of the Marshall Hospital Corporation will be your assurance that the Hospital will be operated in the best tradition of our free enterprise system, as a completely nonprofit, community sponsored institution.

Gratefully,

The Board of Directors, Marshall Hospital