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Murray Webb

CANDIDATE FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

As the date for the Primary selection of choice for Washington County Commissioner approaches I would like to reemphasize my feelings about this important office.

I believe that a County Commissioner should be concerned with the interests of all the residents of his county, that development and progress for the county should be weighed and determined on a complete overall basis of the entire county.

Perhaps most importantly, I feel that an applicant for the County Commissioners position should be as well informed as it is possible for him to be in all areas of county matters and I think that the commissioner should be completely impartial in his determinations and actions that will affect the residents of the county.

I think the commissioner should be forward looking, progressive in planning and very much down to earth when it comes to spending taxpayer's money, basing his decisions on careful evaluation of all factors and courage to stand up for his convictions, providing those convictions are the result of careful study and investigation.

I think a commissioner should be a man who has proven in his own work and activity that his applications for honesty, perserverance and hard work will be reflected in his work for the people of Washington County.

I refuse to discredit anyone in order to make my image a better one, and I further refuse to criticize anyone for things that have been done or have not been done. I am honest in my assertion that there are areas in county administration and programming that should be improved, in fact, must be improved if we are to keep up with the tremendous progress that is in store for Washington County.

Approximately two years, the crowded modern facilities pointed the need for a in Washington County.

An extensive research survey conducted for the county by Arthur Young and Co. bore out the fact that the present hospital is inadequate and a new facility is needed as soon as possible.

After much work and planning over the past year, ground work has been laid and local fund drives have begun.

The passage of a $1,850,000— bond issue now seems to be the only obstacle that could block the new facility.

The new facility will be immediately north and east of the present Dixie Hospital. Test crew surveys have shown the land at the sight to be of such a nature as to support a six story complex. Willard Nelson has been selected as the Architect and preliminary drawings have begun.

The facility has been approved by the State Board of Health to have a 120 bed core and will be called the Dixie Medical Center.

Commissioner Murray Webb stated over KDXU Radio: To me this bond issue is the key to our hospital and if the people should happen to not vote in favor of it at this time we will loose our National Grants and without our National Grants and the bond issue its definite we cannot build a hospital at this time, and so I feel this is the most important issue with exception of building of the temple and tabernacle, our people have had placed before them since our pioneer forefathers moved into this valley.

Voting for the special bond election will take place on Tuesday the 2nd day of May. Polling places are listed in the legal notice section of this paper together with the entire bond proposition.

All Voters are urged to respond to this important milestone in Washington Countie's history.

County Hospitals Plans Discussed At C-C Luncheon

The most important problem facing Washington County, according to Murray Webb, County Commissioner, is a new hospital adequate to the needs of the fast-growing population. This message was brought before the St. George Chamber of Commerce by Commissioner Webb at its luncheon meeting Wednesday, March 15, in the Trafalga restaurant, with a large group in attendance.

The present Dixie Pioneer Memorial Hospital was built in 1952 to serve thirty-two patients, but has been subsequently altered to accommodate forty-one adult beds and eighteen infant bassinets. While the building appears structurally sound and well maintained, the Medical Facilities Section of the Utah Department of Health no longer considers it to be conforming to their standards. Moreover, Hospital officials are experiencing acute space pressures and do not believe that a material number of patients can be served in the existing building. Therefore, since the present structure cannot be added to, a new facility is a pressing and absolute necessity, says Mr. Webb.

In 1971, the Patient load amounted to 8,961 adults and 1,380 new-born for a total of 10,341. In addition, there were 1,908 admissions for minor problems. One specialist alone spent 986 patient days from June 1970 to February 1971. During the past two years, St. George and Washington County have experienced an unprecedented "population explosion." New homes, new industry, new residents are in evidence on every hand.

In response to this recent population influx, as well as the natural growth of the county, additional physicians have come to St. George during 1970 and 1971. Among them have been several eminent specialists, believing in the future of Southern Utah, who have brought their families and talents into this area. A new specialist is expected to relocate in St. George in the early spring. Among these are heart specialists qualified to do open heart surgery, bone specialists, and the like. Several other physicians have indicated their interest in relocating within the Dixie Hospital service area, says a Long-Range Development Study which Washington County has had made by Arthur Young & Company. These new physicians, serving an expanding population, are expected to create more demand for hospital services than the existing hospital can supply.

The state Hill-Burton Agency, which is the granting agency for funds, hedged for minor reasons, such as the hospital records showing quite a number of out-of-state patients or lack of using every bed in the OB ward or Intensive care units every hour of every day, and demanded an expensive exhaustive report.

Hill-Burton also suggested that the existing hospital be replaced by a new fifty or sixty-bed medical facility providing extended care as well as acute hospital care. This, according to the County Commissioners and citizens interviewed, would in no way meet the needs of the County. According to the Arthur Young & Company report, the Intermountain Regional Medical Program, which serves the St. George area, utilized an average of 1,156 patient days of hospital service per admitting physician in 1970. Average utilization in 1970, if continued through 1980, would produce a 1980 demand for hospital services more than 300 per cent higher than provided in 1970. Bed-space utilization, according to the report, is expected to exceed capacity by late 1972, and a 123-bed hospital is judged to be required in 1980 to handle the projected increase requirements for the kind of services being offered by DPMH in 1971. So, reports Commissioner Webb, the need is present, and it is extremely urgent.

Two courses of action appear realistic: One, develop a new acute-care hospital; and two, develop a regional comprehensive health center, including a new hospital.

If the Board elects the first alternative, it will need to build a new eighty-bed hospital on present property, and then remodel the existing hospital for general service and administrative purposes. The total project could be expected to cost $2.75 million if completed in 1973.

If the Board elects the second alternative, it will need to build a new eighty-bed hospital with larger space allocation, estimated to cost $3.2 million if completed in 1973; but it will also need to consider the establishment, initiation, and coordination of many other programs, all of which should be located at the present hospital site.

The service area population is expected to grow to 27,700 by 1980 and 39,000 by 1990. Will Washington County grow hospital-wise to meet these demands? Or will it be short-sighted in 1972, thus making it necessary, as Hill-Burton suggests at one point, to send its excess patients to Kanab or Ceiness on Monday, March 27. Washington County of its present and future staff of excellent medical personnel? There must be a choice, according to those who are studying the needs.

Mr. Webb appealed to every individual present at the meeting to give the situation serious thought and to be prepared to assist in projects, if necessary to raise funds. He stated that if ninety per cent of the adult residents of Washington County would donate in the amount of ten dollars each, the project can be accomplished.

During the meeting, a telephone call was received by Elwood Harrison, superintendent of the Dixie Pioneer Memorial Hospital, from Hill-Burton Agency approving a 120-bed hos maximum.

Visitors at the Chambe Commerce included Gale Maybelle Day of Bush & C ell, Engineers; Reverend A (Mel) White of the Sou Baptist Church; and Bp. C. ford Larsen. The meeting conducted by President field Jennings, who was a panied by Mrs. Jennings.

Medical Staff Urges Election Support . . .

TO THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY:

The recently decision by the County Commission of Washington County to seek a mandate from the citizens to bond for a new hospital is a big step forward in providing adequately for your health care needs in the years to come. As a medical staff, we heartily endorse this decision. It has been apparent for some time that the present hospital is inadequate in many areas, and these primarily have to do with the physical limitations of the plant itself. A changing concept in building safety become part of the building code, then we must modify our building to conform or we cannot be licensed to operate. In the past the county administration has been able to remodel to meet these standards, but eventually it becomes economically unsound to do so. This fact combined with the striking advances in medical technology in recent years have placed a burden on everyone and every organization that is involved in the delivery of health care. The citizens of this county have been fortunate to have had doctors, nurses, and hospital personnel that have worked cooperatively and strenuosly to meet the growing needs, but our population is increasing, new physicians have come into our area, and we are pressed to the limit to maintain a high quality of care that we know you want and should expect.

We, as a medical staff of the Dixie Hospital, urge you to support the coming bond election, as we have pledged to spend our time and energy in seeing this project to completion.

Signed,

Garth Last
Chief of Staff
Dixie Hospital

Facts About Hospital . .



County Commissioners Murray Webb, Truman Bowler and E. J. Graff met on Monday, May 22 in St. George with Governmental Representatives and the Architect of the proposed Dixie Medical Center.

It is estimated that construction of the facility will begin with the next year and will take approximately one year to complete after construction begins.

Washington County's favorable vote on Bonding has paved the way to begin the next important steps in fund raising.

Maximum support from National Grants could bring our total money available to two and one-half million dollars leaving an approximate goal of $500,000 to be raised locally and through private donations.

Committees are now being formed to begin a massive Fund Raising Campaign. It is expected that each family in Washington County will be contacted and asked to pledge their support for the new Dixie Medical Center.

New Hospital

On Thursday March 16, members of the Dixie Hospital staff met with Willard Nelson, Architect, to discuss plans for the new Dixie Medical Center. Mr. Nelson indicated that it was his desire to work very closely with the doctors in fulfilling the individual needs of each doctor and specialty. Others present pointed out that many hospitals become obsolete before their doors open. Still other hospitals lack the necessary installations for easy expansion. Mr. Nelson stated that everything possible would be done to see that!

1. The New Dixie Medical Center was up to date in all areas and,

2. Expansions were practical when needed, and possible without disturbing patients in the core facility.

Elwood Harrison stated that he has received a telephone call from the Utah State Department of Health, indicating that a 120 bed core facility has been approved. This good news was confirmed by a letter to commissioner Murray Webb. This means that while the facility may start out as a 65 or 80 bed complex; the operating rooms, labs, X-rays, ICU, and all other supportive equipment will compose a core large enough to handle 120 beds — the remaining beds to be added as needed.

Those present at the meeting were Willard Nelson, Architect, Elwood Harrison, Administrator of the Dixie Hospital, and Doctor Stout, Smith, Fawson, Stahel[illegible]

NEW HOSPITAL FOR DIXIE

One of Dixie's most pressing needs is a new hospital. This area is growing rapidly. Many senior citizens are moving to Dixie and are looking to this community for retirement because of its salubrious climate, clear skies and beautiful scenes.

As people move in the need for hospital beds increases and our present facility is woefully inadequate. As a matter of record, the present Dixie Hospital has been declared substandard by the officials from the Utah State Health Department. Only because it is the sole hospital in this area is it permitted to continue operation — but only with the provision that a new hospital be constructed soon.

On May 2 the citizens of Washington County will vote in the bond election to decide whether they should have a new hospital. If this 1.8 million dollar bond passes, the first giant step will have been taken toward the construction of the DIXIE MEDICAL CENTER. Additional monies will be needed from other sources and will be available from the Hill-Burton Funds, The Federal Hospital Fund, the Four-Corners Commission and philanthropic sources.

Through the untiring efforts of Commissioner Murray Webb, Washington County has been approved by the Utah State Health Department for a basic 120-bed hospital. Initially 70-beds will be constructed with support facilities and services (laboratory, X-ray, operating rooms, etc) for 120-beds. When additional beds become necessary, reflecting the needs of the community, they will be constructed and the services to support these beds will be met.

Initially Washington County was approved for only a 41-bed hospital (no larger than the present one). It was the plan of the State Health Officials that when the 41-bed hospital became full, overflow patients from Dixie should be sent to Cedar City, Kanab or Beaver for hospitalization and medical care. Commissioner Webb vigorously objected to this proposal and through his efforts the 120-bed base was approved.

The medical needs of the Dixie Hospital service area are increasing daily. The citizens concerned are therefore urged to campaign vigorously in favor of passage of the hospital bond. Only with passage of these bonds, can we be assured of prompt construction of a splendid new **DIXIE MEDICAL CENTER!!**

Medical Staff
of the Dixie Hospital

New Hospital For Dixie Area

A new hospital is as necessary for Dixie as food is for a growing child. This community is burgeoning. The demand for medical service is growing a pace and there is a crying need for a new modern and well equiped hospital. The citizens of Washington County by a 10-1 margin, voted for the hospital bond issue on May 2, 1972. This was a giant step toward the new hospital to be called THE DIXIE MEDICAL CENTER. The bond issue, however, will not cover the complete cost of the new needed. Beginning July 1, a HOSPITAL FUND RAISING COMMITTEE of local citizens will launch a $500,000.00 drive to be completed by August 1. It is hoped and anticipated that every family in the hospital service area will contribute to this fund. When this fund drive has been completed other contributions from government agencies and very likely, from the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, will make up the total $3,000,000.00 necessary for construction of the new DIXIE MEDICAL CENTER.

Initially a 65 bed hospital will be built. However, through the tireless efforts of commissioner Murray Webb, Dixie has been approved by the Utah State Health Department for 120 beds. The additional beds will be constructed as soon after completion of the initial hospital, as the need arises. It is important that we have the 120 bed basis, for with this authorization, supporting facilities such as x-ray, laboratory, acute care areas, laundry, etc., can be planned for 120 beds rather than 65 beds.

Not only will the new DIXIE MEDICAL CENTER provide physicians here with a better place to care for their patients, it will enable them to provide better care for their patients. Almost surely the new hospital will attract other physicians to this area. These physicians will be extended hospital privileges provided their ethical and medical standards meet the approval of the present hospital staff.

The present Dixie Hospital is woefully inadequate for the present needs of the hospital service area. The hospital does not have enough beds, it provides no room for expansion, and the supporting facilities are ridiculously small. We have a board certified radiologist, Dr. Carliale Smith, who has one small x-ray room, one small reading room, and no office for his work. A man of his training and competence with the number of x-ray studies needed, required much more space and more powerful and more sophisticated equipment.

We recently have required a pathologist in Doctor William Lattimer. Dr. Lattimer, who now lives in St. George, must have his laboratory in Cedar City because of the piteously small space in Dixie Hospital. With the new DIXIE MEDICAL CENTER, almost certainly he will move his headquarters locally.

The Coronary Care Unit at Dixie Hospital, so generously supported by many residents of this area, contains only two monitored beds. While these beds are not always full, often times there is need for four or five or six monitored beds. It is shameful to care for a patient with an acute myocardial infarction (heart attack) except in a well equipped, well nursed Coronary Care Unit. The present unit offers a great deal to the Coronary patient, but better units are certainly available and should be incorporated in the new DIXIE MEDICAL CENTER. In my opinion, every available facility to provide optimal care for the coronary patient should be incorporated in the new Coronary Care Unit. In addition, an Intensive Care Unit, containing 4-6 beds will be part of the new hospital.

Physicians, almost without exception, yearn for the opportunity of providing excellent care for their patients. The physician may have to make do with a coat for a stretcher, a handkerchief for a bandage, a bullet to bite for anesthesia, or mouth to mouth resuscitation. He may have only an office, or a battalion aid station to work in, but all this time his heart aches for the opportunity to do his work in a modern, well equipped hospital. And now the citizens of this area have a wonderful opportunity for providing such a facility for their physicians, and at the same time insure better medical care for themselves and for their loved ones. What an opportunity!

As a concerned citizen of St. George and Washington County I would like to voice my feelings toward the plans now developed for a new hospital facility for Washington County.

I feel very strongly that the need is real and that the time is now. The growth of St. George and Washington County in the past few years is probably more evident in the area of the hospital than in any other of our needs.

Our hospital is severely overcrowded and does not meet even minimum standards. The plans for a new and well equipped hospital large enough for us to grow into sound really good and exciting to me.

I am sure however that we do have a choice. We can build the kind of a hospital we need with the modern facilities that we can use and in so doing we can attract the personnel to staff it that will make it one of the better assets of our community and our country, and asset that we can be proud of. Or we can sit idly by, do nothing, and let the one we have be closed by the State and we can proceed to go to Salt Lake or to Las Vegas or to Cedar City for our hospital care.

For me, I prefer to accept the challenge and build a new hospital that we can promote and be proud of and we can attract people, both staff members and patients that will make it an asset worth much more than the cost.

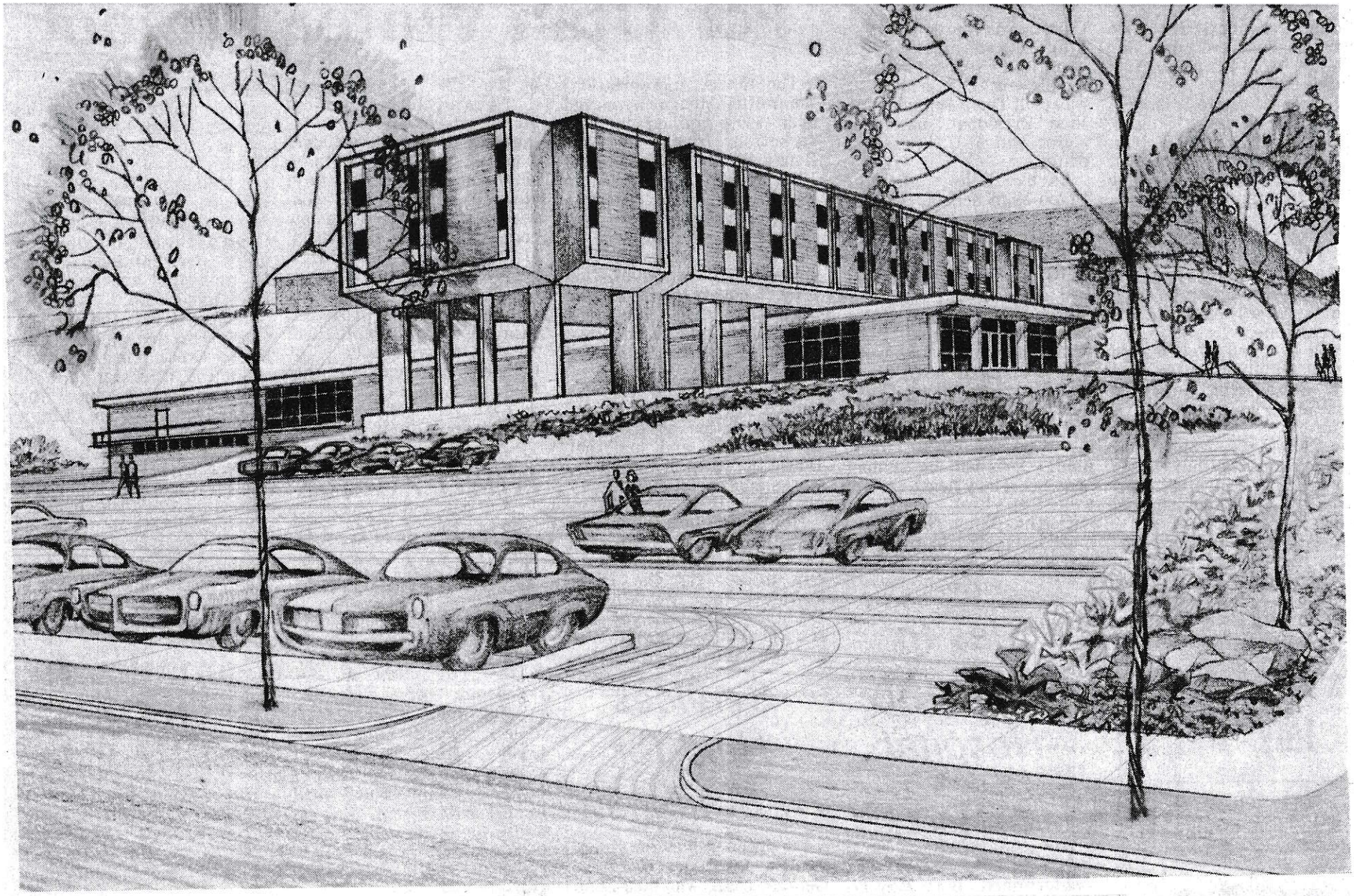
Hospital service is something that we do not really value until it comes our turn to need it and to use it and then it is a mighty good feeling to know that there is a place wh ere we can get the care and the attention that we need and want.

The hospital we now have has filled a real need and has been worth many times its cost to us but we are now ready for the next step and we must go forward and not backward.

I pledge my whole hearted support to the County Commissioners in this much-needed and long-overdue project and would ask that all of us realize the need and get behind the County officials and push this prooject to an early completion.

Signed,

J. C. SNOW



Artists Drawing of New Hospital For Dixie Area

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Fund Raising To Begin

A Fund-raising drive for Dixie Medical Center is scheduled to begin in Washington County and outlying areas on July 1.

Committees are now being formed and it is expected that every family and individual will be contacted within the next month and ask to pledge their support for this project.

An approximate goal of $500,000 to be raised locally through private donations has been set as the amount needed before construction of the new Dixie Medical Center in St. George can begin.

Over $1,500 has already been voluntarily donated by the following groups:

A. K. Hafen Memorial Fund, Rick and Cathy Miles, Bloomington Ladies Association, Ladies Red Hills Golf Association, Ed and Ramona Prisbrey Memorial Fund and Mrs. Nora Lyman.

Why is a Fund-raising drive necessary when we have already voted yes on the bond issue?

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Could we possibly add to the present hospital facilities?

No. The present hospital is classified by the Public Health Department as below Public Health Standards — Non-conforming.

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How soon can we expect Dixie Medical Center to built?

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Committee Named by County To Start Raising Funds For Facility

ST. GEORGE—A committee to begin raising funds for the new Dixie Medical Center has been named, according to a release from Dr. Richard White head, public relations member o the committee.

Selected as chairman of the fund raising committee is D Konrad McGregor; Dr. Carly F. Stout is co-chairman; Elwoo Harrison, treasurer; Joan McGr gor, secretary, and Dr. Whitehe public relations.

Murray Webb, Washington C unty Commissioner, will hand the overall planning and buildi for the county facility.

Hafen Family Contributes

The first meeting to name fund raising committee was h February 16, at which time C missioner Webb pointed out the family of Arthur K. Hafe St. George, has turned over $ to the county commissione get the fund project under The Hafen family had req ed, at the passing of Arthu Hafen, that in lieu of flo friends donate money to the posed future hospital.

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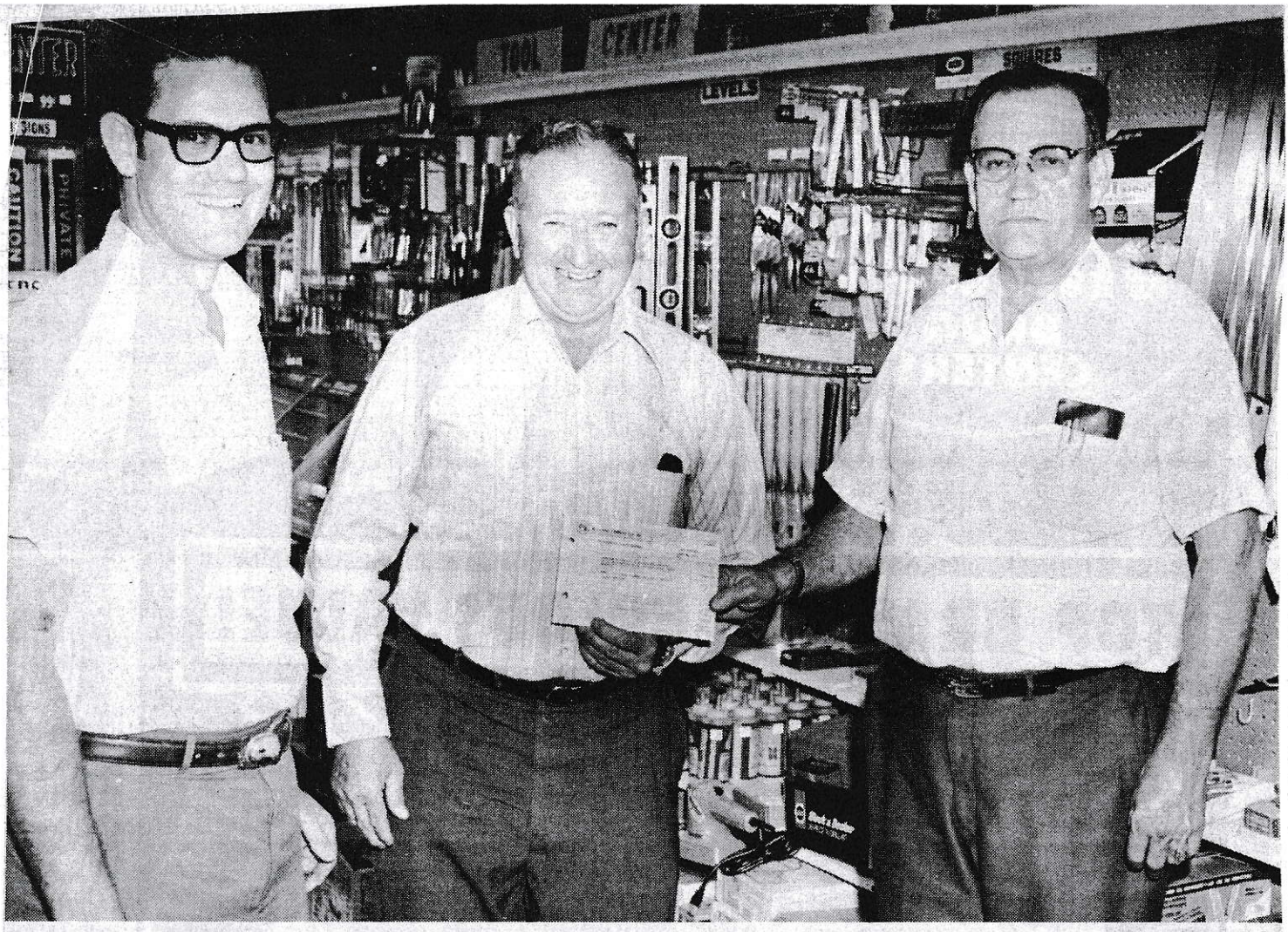
It was at the recent meeting that it was decided that since the new hospital's services will be greatly expanded over those of the present facility, the new complex will be called the Dixie Medical Center.

Community Drives

Local fund drives will begin soon, said Dr. Whitehead, in each community, within the county.

Commissioner Webb said that there will also be one or more fund raising committee members named representing each of the communities in Washington County to initiate local fund drives.

Future issues of the Free Press will cover Dixie Medical Center news and progress.



Donate To New Hospital

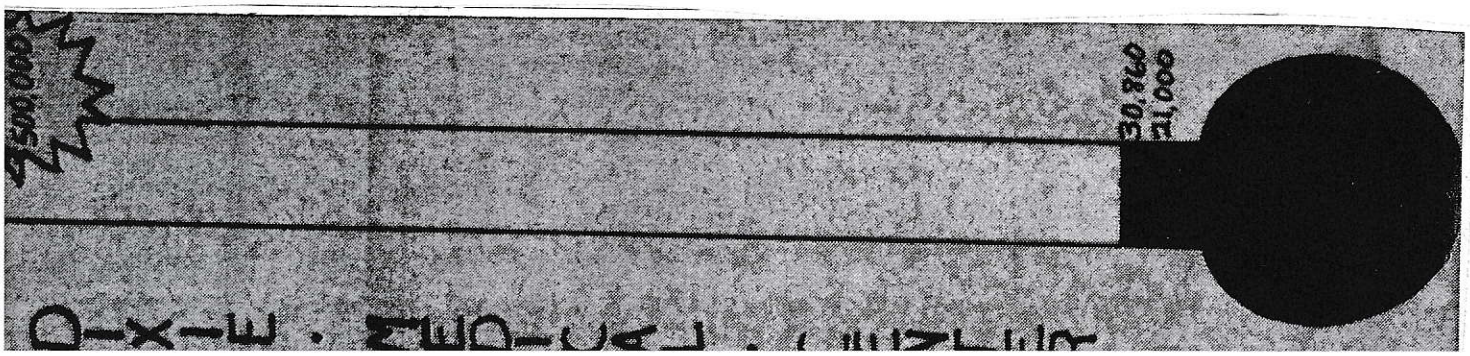
J and J Mill and Lumber of St. George have announced their pledge to Washington County's new Dixie Medical Center. Their donation of $1800 in cement to be used when construction begins was given in the name of J and J Mill and Lumber and the 60 individuals whom they employ. Commissioner Murry Webb receives $1,800 gift order from J and J Mill and Lumber Co. from Leon and Mansfield Jennings, left.

Students Donate Time To Build Big Thermometer

In getting ready for the drive for donation for the Dixie Medical Center Fund, these Dixie College students are donating their time and talents to help build a giant thermometer.

This thermometer will be placed in a conspicuous spot downtown where all the Washington County citizens may see the steady growth toward raising a million dollars.

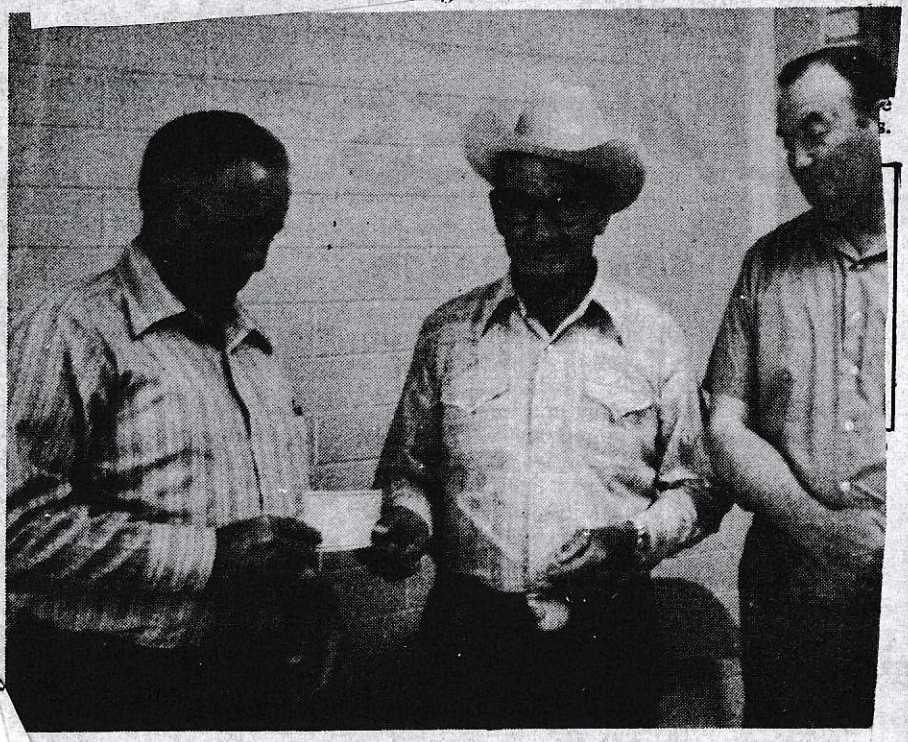
Sue Esplin, Ilene Wardle and Lynn Lanier will be doing the art work under the direction of Art Instructor Jerry Olsen. Jim Lemmon will be helping with the photography. Mrs. Kenneth R. Metcalf is in charge of this particular project.



Gunlock Gives To Dixie Medical Center

Dixie Medical Center fund-raising drive received another boost this week when members of the Gunlock Rodeo Committee voted to donate the proceeds of their annual July 4th rodeo this year to the construction of the new hospital.

It is noted by members of the Hospital Board that the town of Gunlock goes on record as continuing to be outstanding supporters of the Dixie Medical Center. In the recent Bond Election, Gunlock was the only town in Washington County to vote 100 percent in favor of the Issue.



Presenting the check for $300 to Commissioner Murray We right, is Mr. Leo (Dick) Bowler, center, and Commissio Truman Bowler, left. Absent was Mr. Ivan Hunt, Sec.



EAST DONATES— Murray Webb is presented a check by Richard Grimshaw and Dar L. Smith for a donation to the Dixie Medical Center. Funds were raised by students and faculty members at East Elementary.

East Elem. Donates Funds To Dixie Medical Center

Students at the East Elementary were encouraged to work fo rthe money they donated to the Dixie Medical Center. Jobs like baby-sitting to gathering and reselling pop bottles were among the work activities performed by the students.

For one week several students from Mr. Grimshaw's 3rd grade collected the donations for the Medical Center. They kept the faculty and student-body advised of the amount by posting the cumulative total on a sign in the IMC. Throughout the week much interest was shown toward this very wor while service project.

County Commissioner M ray Webb was invited to sch where he received $308.71 the Dixie Medical Center. I Webb told us that he was h py to accept the donation behalf of the Medical Cen Committee who is still acce ing contributions to this fu According to Commissior Webb progress on the Medi Center was moving right alo hopefully with final drawin and approvals not far in t near future.



Washington County Commissioner, E. J. Graff, Hospital Administrator Elwood Harrison, Architect Willard C. Nelson and Commissioner Murray Webb go over plan for new Dixie Medical Center.

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rge Rotary Club members contributed $1,000 to
v Dixie Medical Center fund drive.

Wenzel Employees Contibute 8,650.10

The Wenzel employees of all three Wenzel plants in St. George, joined in pledging part of their future wages to the new Dixie Medical Center. The total of $8,650.10 was a result of individual employee gifts that were matched equally by the Wenzel Company West.

Wenzel Company West is a wholly owned subsidiary of Kellwood Company. Wenzel Company operates the Hawthorn Plant, Job Shop Plant, and Mummy Bag Plant in St. George. The new Red Bluffs Plant for Wenzel Company West is presently being built near the Hawthorn Plant.

Contributions such as this will speed the completion of the much-needed center and are greatly appreciated by everyone supporting the Hospital Drive. (A gold medal for Wenzel West and her employees.)



Give To Hospital

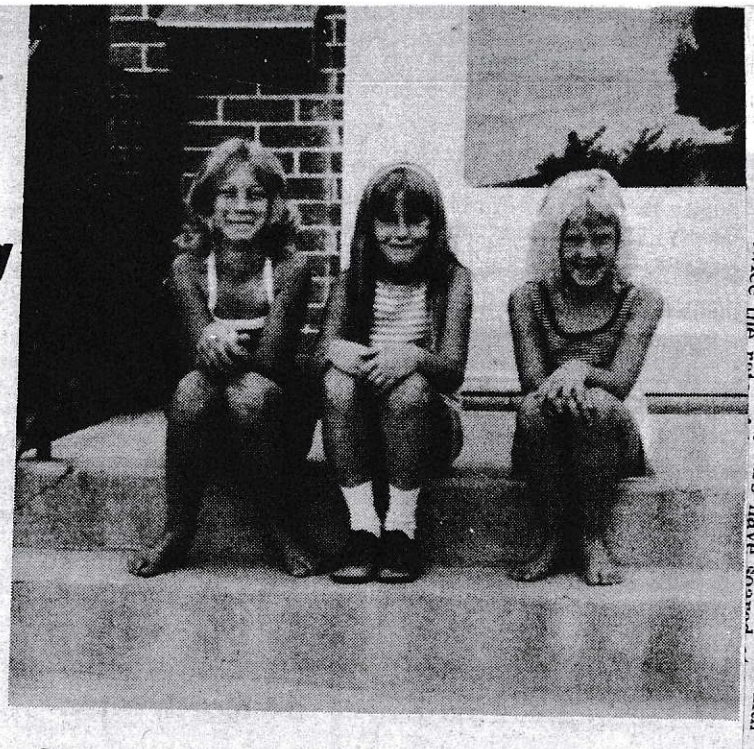
Marie Booth representing Employees of Wenzel West gives pledges of $8,650.10 to Mr. Bill Hickman, member of Dixie Memorial Hospital committee. Collections and pledges now near $100,000 which is one-fifth of necessary amount.

Children Join In Fund Raising

Neighborhood children of Commissioner Murray Webb joined the fund-raising drive this week when they arrived at his doorstep with a sum total of $3.47 which they donated toward the new Dixie Medical Center.

Their donation came from collecting and selling pop bottles and their own weekly allowances.

"The fund-raising committee gratefully accept all contributions," stated Commissioner Webb. "These little girls used their spare time to good advantage." They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Murphy, Mrs. Lenore Slack, and Mr. and Mrs. Beebe Syphus.



Sitting on the steps at the home of Commissioner Murray Webb, are left to right, Lisa Slack, Kari Murphy and Debbie Murphy. Absent when picture was taken was Marilyn Syphus.

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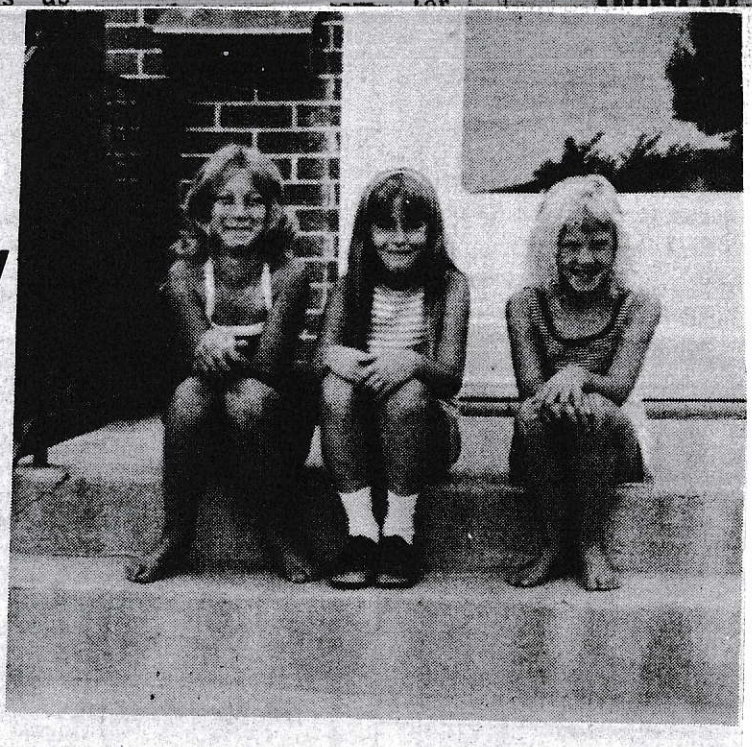
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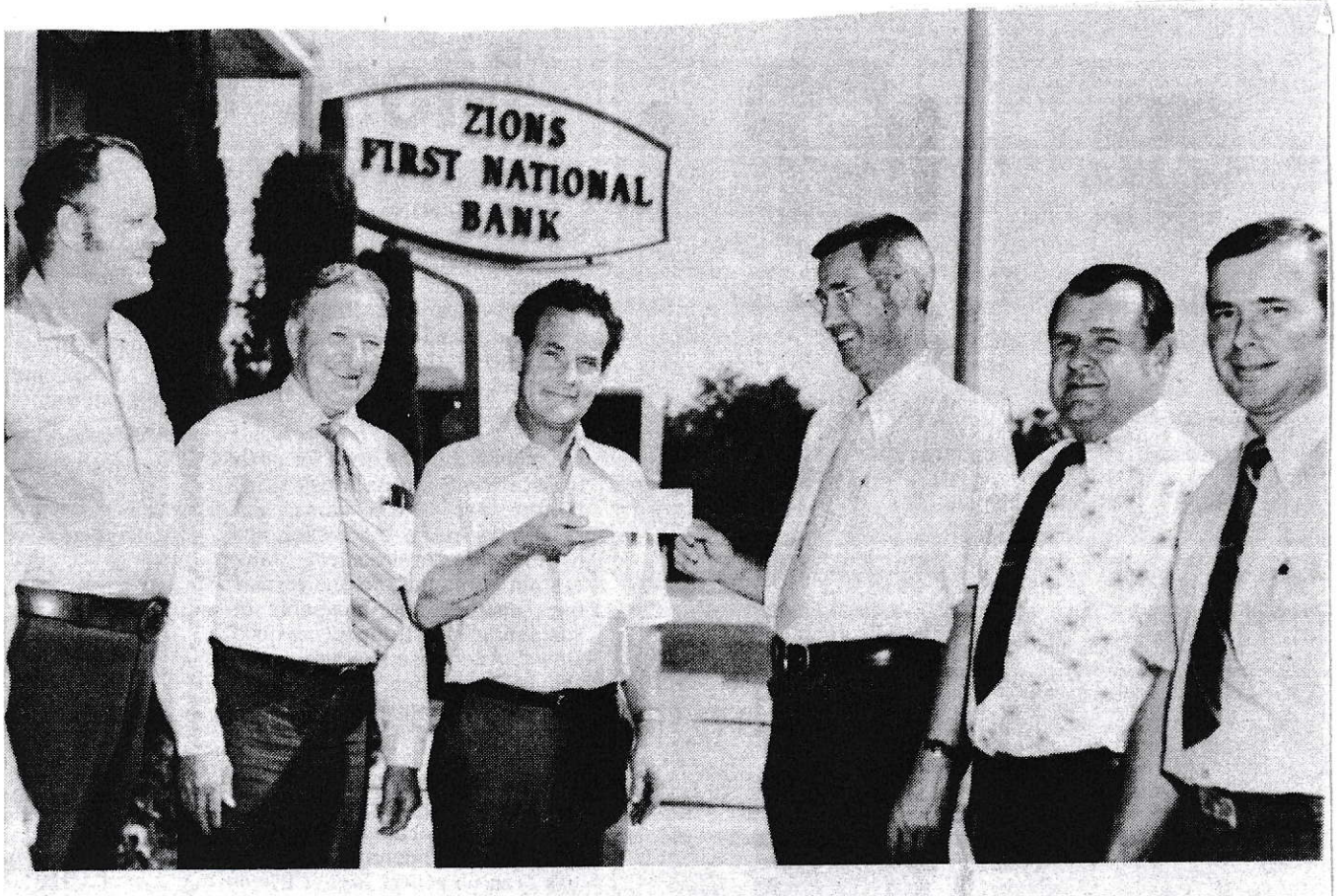
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Backers see little hope for hospital cost bill

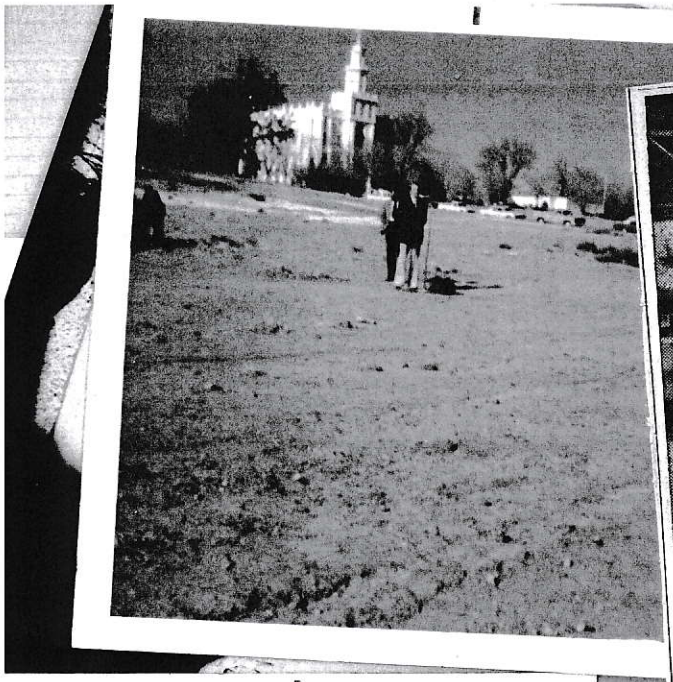
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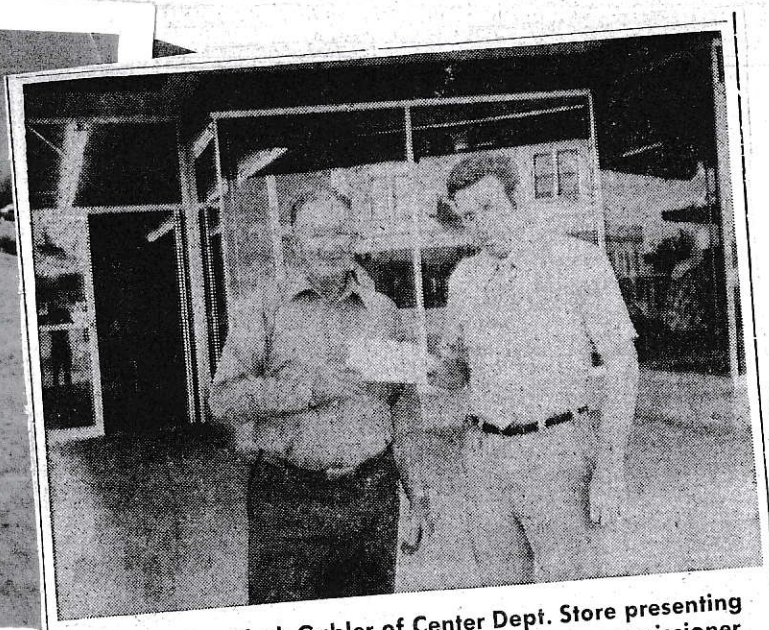


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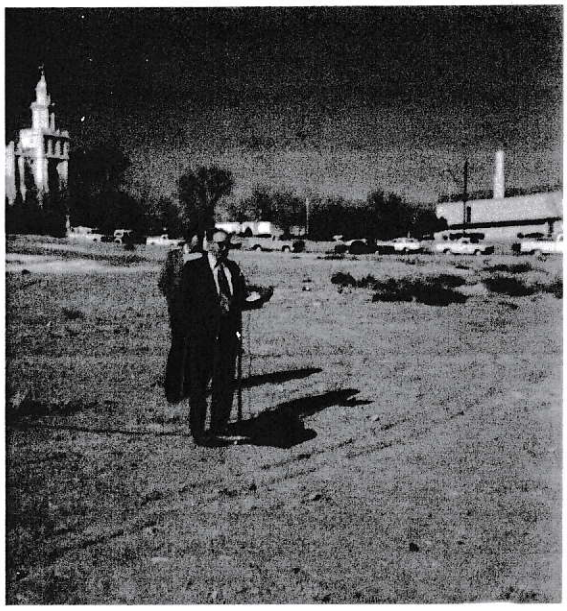
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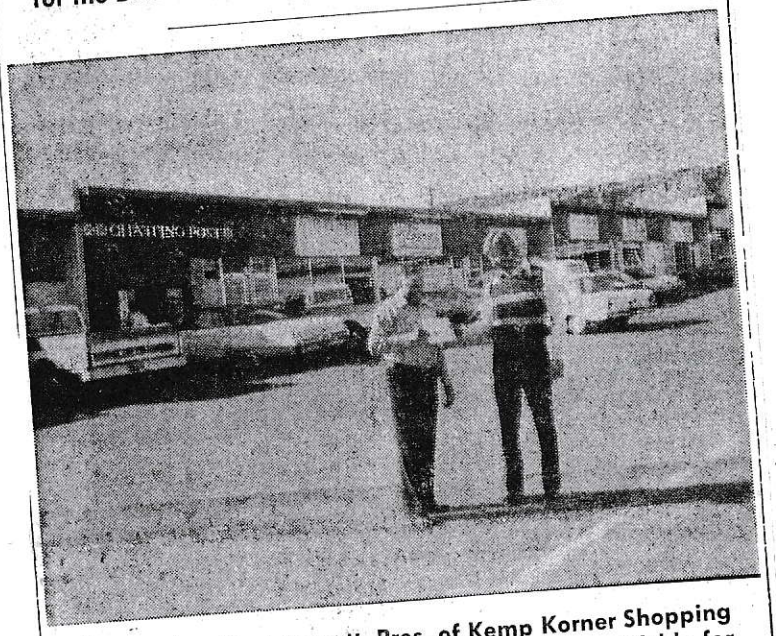
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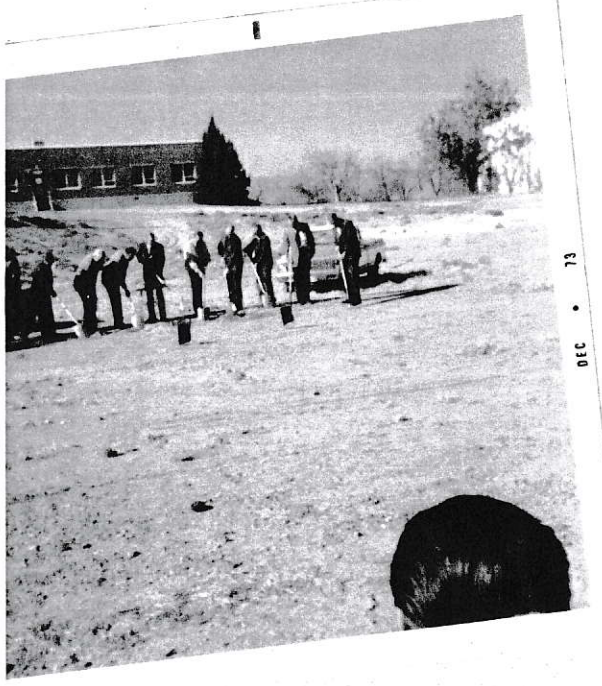


Pictured are Clark Gubler of Center Dept. Store presenting a $1,000 check to Murray Webb, county commissioner for the Dixie Medical Center Fund.





Pictured are Kent Garrett, Pres. of Kemp Korner Shopping Center presenting a $3000 check to Murray Webb for the Dixie Medical Center Fund.

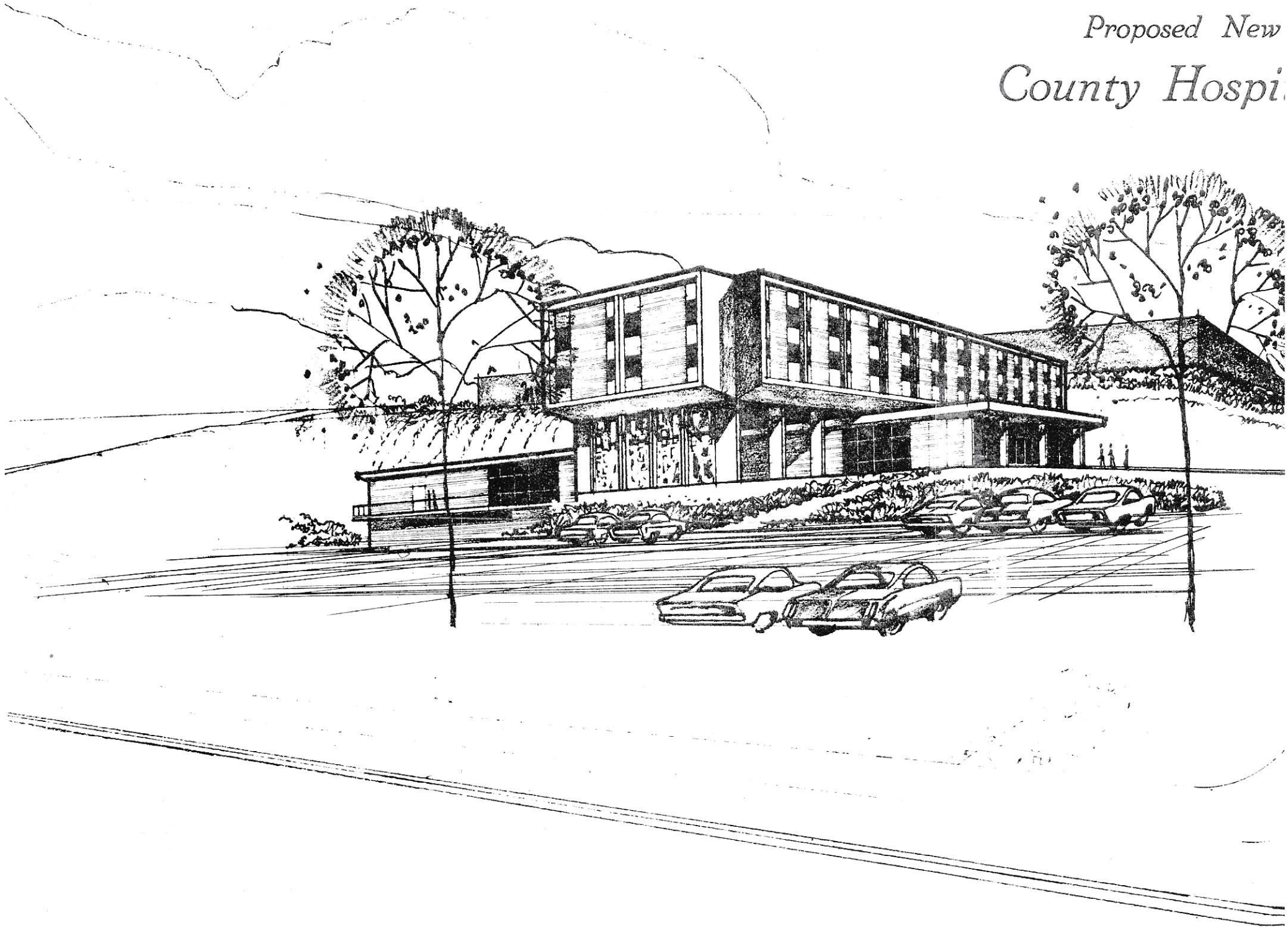




George and Tammy Turner of Overton, Nev. are shown presenting a check to Murray Webb, Washington County Commissioner, in the amount of $384.60 in behalf of the new Dixie Medical Center. This sum represents the amount raised through the efforts of the Elementary School, parents, and teachers [illegible]

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WHAT WILL THESE PROJECTS COST?

The estimated completed cost of the hospital is $2,850,000. The jail facility will cost about $150,000.

In addition to the sale of the county's bonds, if authorized, it is anticipated additional funds will be made available from governmental agencies and from local contributions.

Not all of the bonds would be sold at this time. The estimated bonding limit of the county at the time the bonds would be sold would be about $1,200,000. Bonds above this amount will be only issued as the assessed valuation increases and outstanding bonds are repaid.

The hospital project will be phased for construction according to the availability of funds.

HOW WILL THE BONDS BE REPAID?

If bonds are issued they will be repaid over a period of 20 years or less, from the proceeds of a 5 mill property tax increase in the county. This levy should produce sufficient funds to retire the bonds as they become due. Over the years this tax levy could be decreased if additional growth continues within the county.

It is also anticipated that some net revenue may be available from the operation of the hospital which would be used to pay principal and interest on the bonds and reduce the property tax rate.

WHY NOW?

These important facilities are needed now. Building costs will likely never be lower. Interest rates have declined from their recent high levels and Washington County is in a sound financial condition.

WHO CAN VOTE?

All registered voters of Washington County can cast their ballot at the election to be held on May 2nd, 1972. The polls will be open from 7:00 A. M. to 8:00 P. M.

WHERE TO REGISTER?

If you are not already registered and you are at least 18 years of age and a resident of Washington County, you can register to vote at the Washington County Courthouse in St. George. The Clerk's office is open from 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. Monday through Friday. The last day for registering is April 21st, 1972.

WHERE TO VOTE?

Voting Districts	Polling Place
Springdale No. 1, Rockville No. 2, Virgin No. 4.	Home of Annie Ballard, Rockville
Hilldale No. 3	Home of Fred Jessop Hilldale.
New Harmony No. 5	Church House, New Harmony.
Toquerville No. 6, LaVerkin No. 7	Church Basement, LaVerkin
Hurricane No. 8, Hurricane No. 9	Library Basement, Hurricane
Leeds No. 10	Cultural Hall, Leeds
Washington No. 11	Gymnasium, Washington
St. George No. 12, 13, 14	Alice Barton Home 197 N. 400 W., St. George
St. George No. 15, 16	Clara Burgess Home, 13 N. 400 W., St. George
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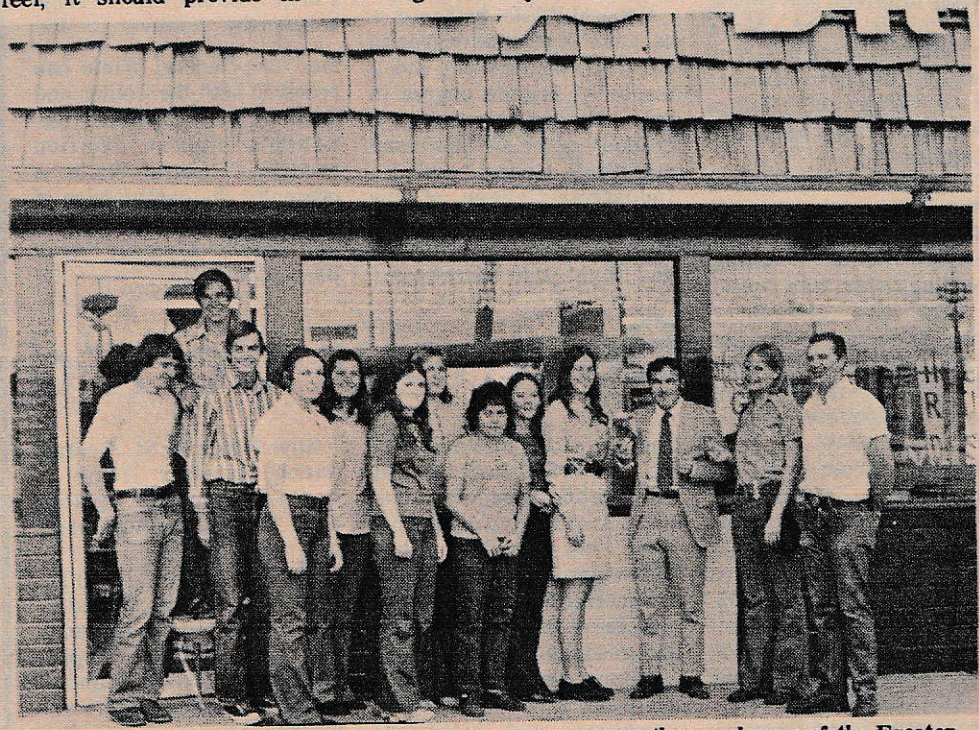
The County Commission is unanimous in their sup port of these projects and urge your vote at the election.

Frostop Donates To Hospital

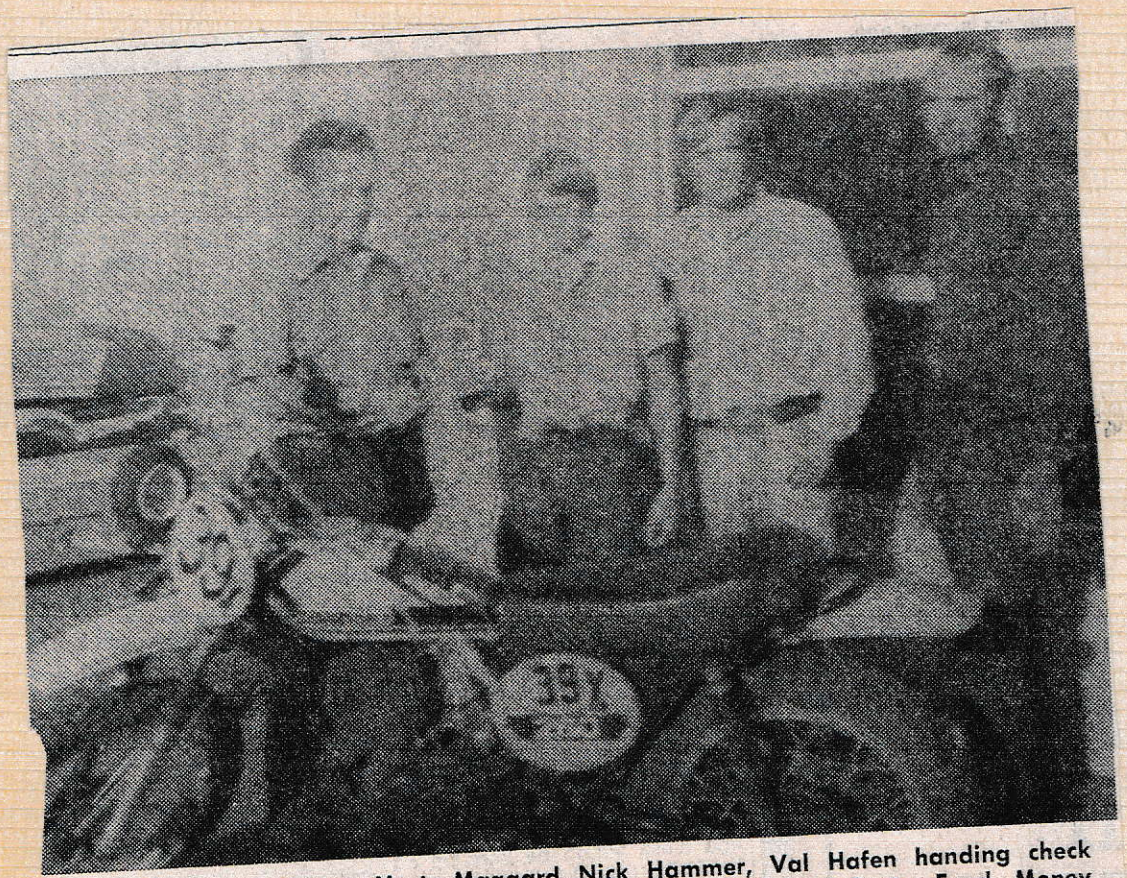
Employees of Larson's rostop have agreed to lonate equivelent of one days vages to the New Hospital 'und. The contribution from :he employees will be matched by Frostop owner, Gale Larson.

Those who have agreed to donate their wages to the hospital are (also pictured) LuAnn Jones, Willettle McQuillan, Chris Nuttal, Shirly Cannon, Ann Shirtliff and Kari McAurther. Also participating in the project are Marie Jones, Sharlene Brinkerhoff, Scott Mortensen, Kent McArther and Lee Esplin. Jo Ann Hoyt, Marie Spendlove and John Hall (not pictured) will also give their earnings to the fund.

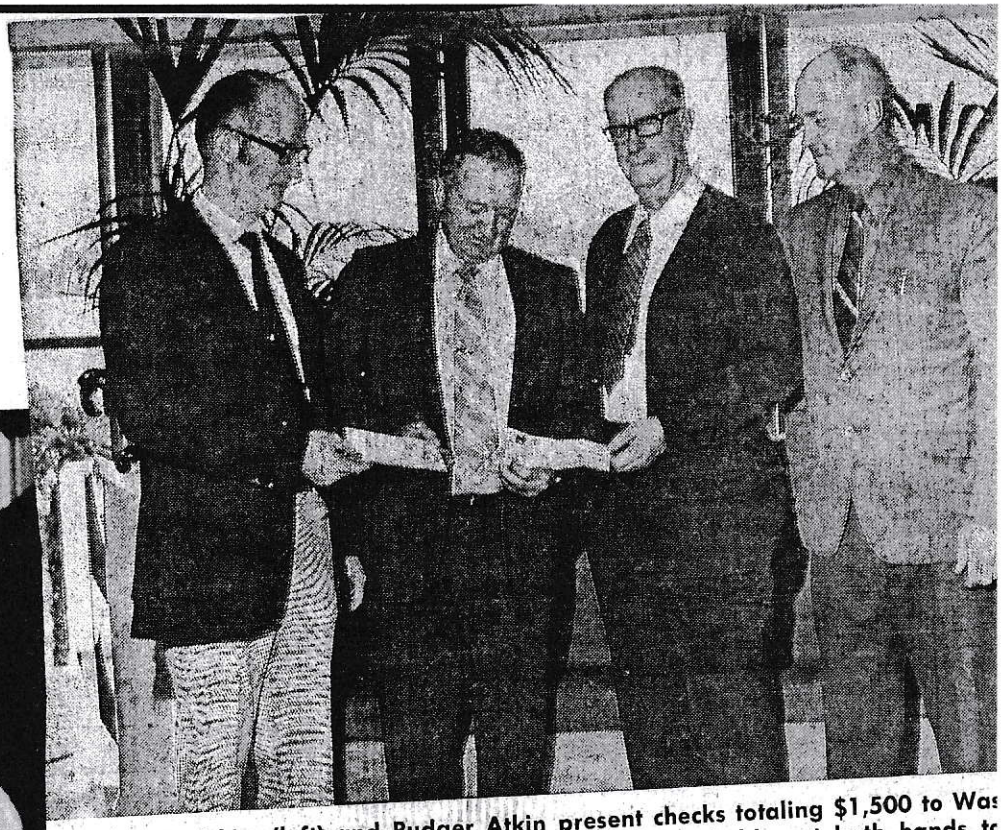
The hospital committee are pleased to have these employees and their "boss" donate to the hospital. They feel, it should provide incentitive for other Washington County residents to support the fund raising drive.



Helping the hospital fund grow by donating a days pay are the employees of the Frostop Drive-In and Gale Larson, Frostop owner.



Dixie Dirt Riders Officers Marty Maggard, Nick Hammer, Val Hafen handing check for $100.00 to Elwood Harrison, donated to the Dixie Medical Center Fund. Money was earned at one of D.D.R. recent races. The club has a membership of nearly 40 and any interested persons are invited to join. Entry forms can be picked up at any of the local cycle shops.



Sidney J. Atkin, (left) and Rudger Atkin present checks totaling $1,500 to Was
County Commissioner, Murray Webb, who willingly holds out both hands to
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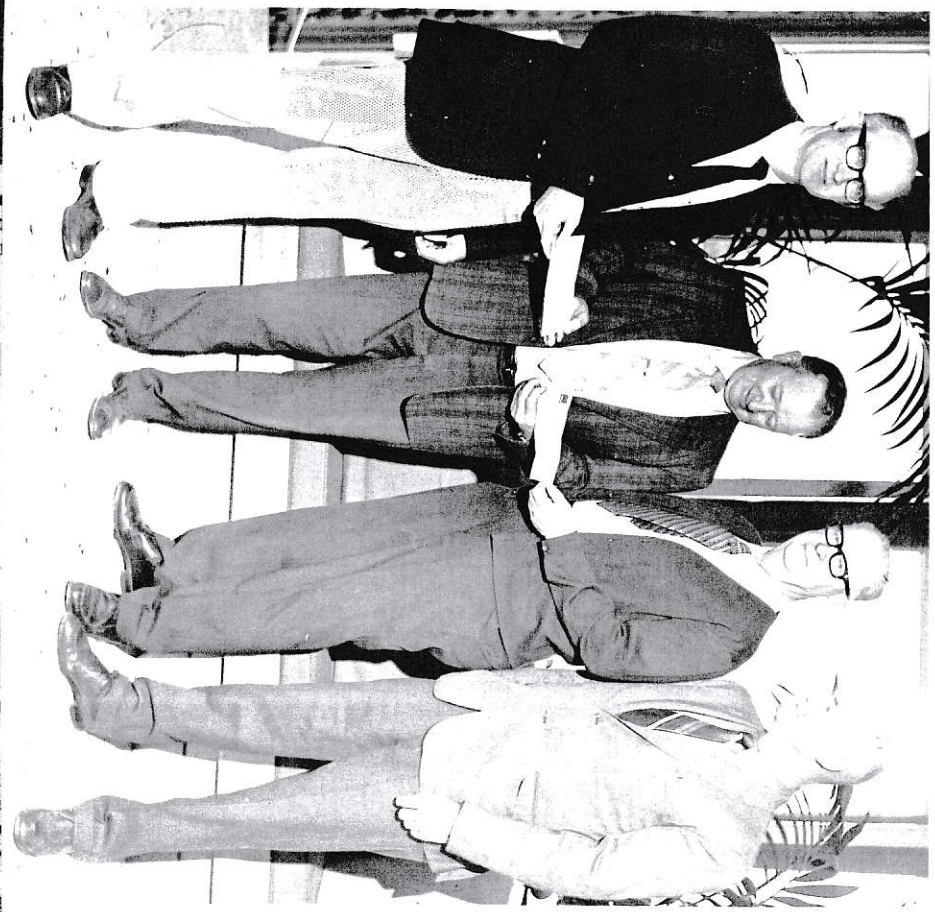
PRESENTS CHECK— Tony Cowley, Facilities Manag
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Washington County Commissioner, from Kellwood Co
pany.

Kellwood Co. Gives Check to Match Employees Pledge

Everyone knows the need of a Medical Center in Washington County. When the drive to raise funds for the new Medical Center was started, the Kellwood Facilities Manager issued a challenge to his employees: The Kellwood Company would match any amount donated by them. The employees accepted this challenge and each pledged the amount he wanted to give.

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To Murray Webb

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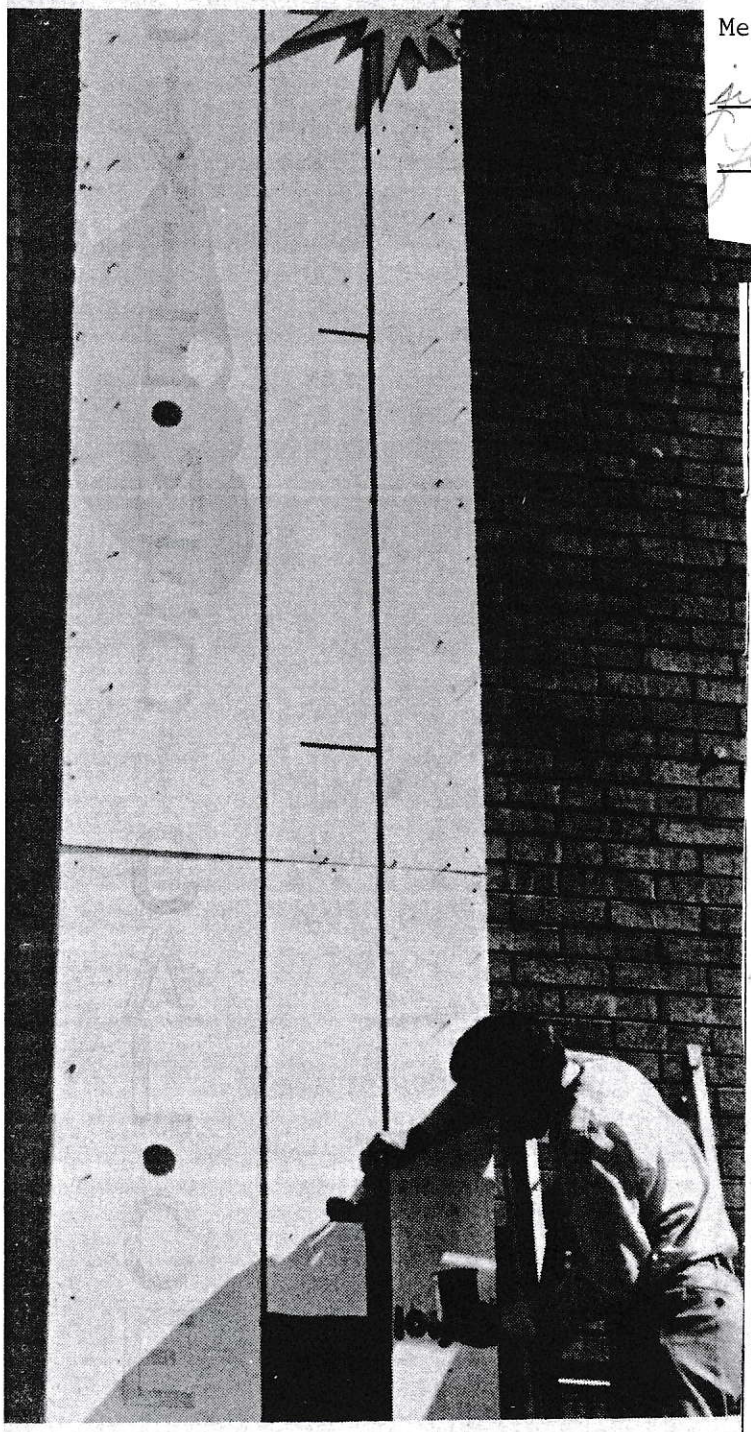
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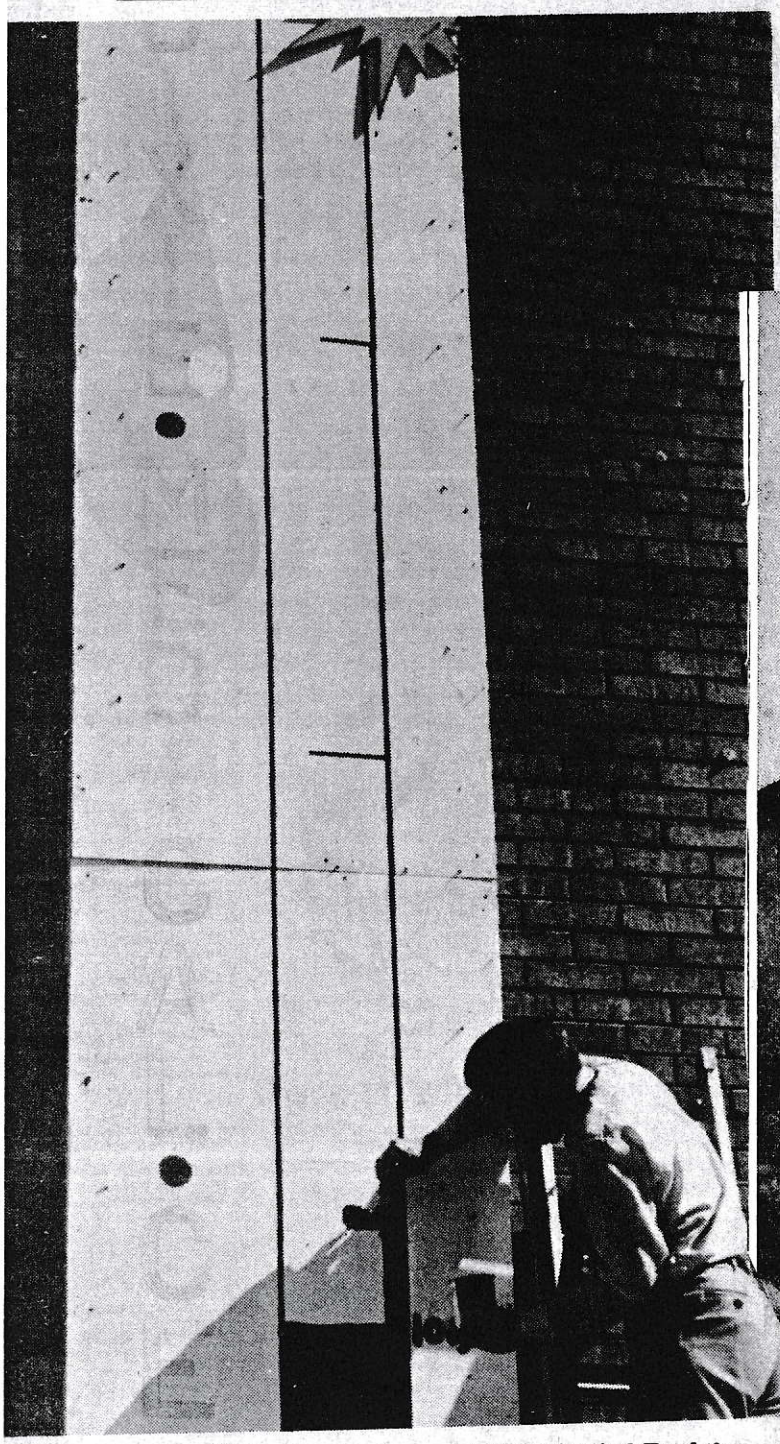
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Hospital Grant

WASHINGTON -- The Economic Development Administration has approved a $400,000 grant to assist in construction of a new hospital in St. George, Senator Wallace F. Bennett, R-Utah, announced today.

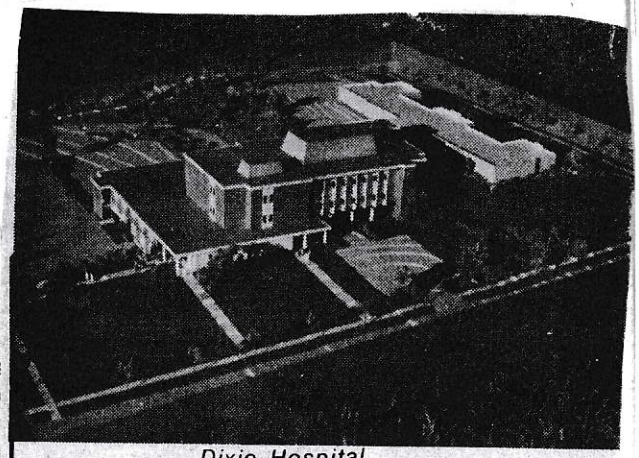
Senator Bennett said the EDA grant completes the financing of the $3 million facility to replace the old Dixie Memorial Hospital which is overcrowded and inadequate.

"The local officials in Washington County have worked long and hard to finance this badly needed hospital, and I am very pleased that this grant has been approved," the Senator said.

He noted that there ha been great competition fo EDA grant funds througho the country because of t decision to terminate t agency next year and repl it with a program of guaranteed loans.

The new Dixie Medical Center will have 65 beds initially with an increase of up to 150 beds planned for the future.

The local community has raised $2,290,000 for the project through a bond issue. Other funds include $300,000 from the Four Corners Regional Commission, and $10,000 from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.



Dixie Hospital

Hospital To Become Reality

Bonds for the new Dixie Memorial Hospital were sold last week and according to Washington County Commissioner Murray Webb "We're going to build a hospital."

Webb stated , "I would like to thank everyone that has helped raise funds for construction of the new hospital. The support has been overwhelming and I am very grateful to everyone that has worked and given time and money to build the new facility."

Webb indicated that funds are available to star construction of the facility, but additional money will be needed to further equip the facility.

With the bid openig last month indicating over a $1 million in costs over the engineers estimate, even witl deletions, the county ended up $131,843 short of funds needed for construction.

With local cooperation with the City of St. George and Washington County Citizens, Webb indicated the hospital would be built.

The badly needed facility is indicated by the 61

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Certificate of Appreciation

Presented to

COMM. MURRY Webb

in recognition of your address before the

St. George KIWANIS

Your contribution to our Club is deeply appreciated. We hope this certificate will serve as a lasting memento of this pleasant occasion.

Monte Burton
PRESIDENT

Jay R Blake
PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

5/15/73
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Hospital or First Aid Station

U.S.A.

Whether Washington County will have the proposed new Dixie Medical Center or a first aid station is the preplexing question facing citizens this morning. They must make the answer. Inflation is about to tear down the new center before it is even started according to the Washington County Commission who have wrestled with the problem these last weeks. It boils down to whether we will have a hospital at all, in fact.

According to Commissioner Murray Webb there is a chance of losing what we have. "We have been advised that our present hospital may be closed down at any time", he said, "If we do not make the effort to complete the new project we may end up with just a first aid station here. Then our doctors would have to take their patients elsewhere for hospitalization. This would be a blow to our economy as well as our safety."

When the initial plan for the new medical center were presented the cost, with normal allowances for adjustments, was $3,000,000. When the bids were opeed the cobined total for construction, mechanical, and electrical installations ammounted to $4,084,845. After all allowable alternative deletions in the ammount of $592,688 were made the cost was still $3,492,157. Federal requirments made the addition of $190,000 for secondary equipment, and a $30,000 contingency fund necessary. This brought the cost to $3,612,157. This must be available before any contrtacts can be signed. $131,843 above the money now available will be required.

The Hospital Bonds are scheduled to be sold at 7:00 p.m. Nov. 14th, but there will be no need of selling them unless tne difference can be made up. Rebonding later will only add to costs and allowed time to add more inflationary cost. There is a possibility $50,000 might be available from Four Corners Development Funds, but this is not certain. Monday evening the St. George City Council voted unanimously to underwrite the cost of Electrical hook up, water hook-up and outdoor lighting. This will lower the amount to be raised by $33,000. The Washington County Commission is making a renewed effort toward increased funding, and local doctors have increased their pledges substantially. At least $30,000 more must be raised.

The combination of inflation and delay has dealt a severe blow to the hope for the new medical center, further delay can only make the situation worse and the cost higher. There is only one real alternative. If all the county citizens who have not donated or pledged would do so immediatly the problem would be solved. This is necessary to insure any hospital service here. It will also insure superior medical service and economic gains for our county in the future.

Time is short. Contributions and pledges should be made immediatly by writting to Commissioner Murray Webb or Hospital Manager Elwood Harrison. It wouldn't take much from each person who has not contributed previously to make it a Medical Center to be proud of rather than a chance to to take a trip somewhere else.

Look at the facts

The new Dixie Medical Center will be a welcome addition to Washington County if it is ever finally completed. The new facility will give area residents a spacious, modern hospital with room for growth and expansion.

However, the hospital project has not been without its problems. Despite contributions, sacrifices and hard work by hundreds of people, financing the hospital has been a major obstacle. Construction costs have skyrocketed due to inflation. Contractors have failed to meet deadlines time after time. County officials say there will be barely enough money to move into the hospital, now scheduled for completion around Sept. 5.

To pay for the hospital bond issue, County commissioners were forced to raise the county mill levy which in turn raises property taxes. Patients in the new hospital will be required to pay almost double what it costs in the old hospital for some services. Room rates in the old hospital are right around $50 per day but in the new facility rates will be $70 a day or higher.

Interest in buying leasing or jointly operating the new hospital has been expressed recently by Intermountain Health Care, Inc., the hospital chain which took over hospitals owned by the LDS Church. Some of the problems associated with the hospital may be alleviated if the county works out some type of arrangement with the corporation.

The Spectrum has stated earlier that the citizens should have the final say in determining the final fate of the hospital tand we reiterate that now.

Upon careful examiniation of the issue, we feel certain points in favor of selling or leasing the hospital should be brought out for the people to consider.

First of all, some of the financial problems incurred by the hospital would possibly be solved by selling or leasing it. The taxpayers might be saved some money by such an arrangement.

Second, the transaction would turn a business which has been run by government over to private enterprise. Although the county, and especially Commissioner Murray Webb, has done a commendable job of overseeing the hospital, the private hospital corporation has much more expertise and professional ability in running hospitals.

Continuing education and other programs would be provided the hospital personnel so they could continually upgrade their skills.

The tax base for the county would be substantially increased and county officials would have a big weight lifted off their shoulders by not having to be responsible for the hospital.

There has been speculation that rates would go up even more at the hospital if Intermountain Health Care takes over. But the Spectrum has found that not to be the case at other hospitals the corporation has taken over. Health care rates are certainly going up at an alarming rate, but much of the increase is due to higher malpractice insurance costs. A large Utah health and accident insurance firm told the Spectrum rates have not increased at hospitals the corporation has taken over.

All this does not meant Intermountain Health Care will take over the hospital. Hospital personnel and county officials are generally in favor of some sort of arrangement with the corporation, but a formal proposal has not been made by the corporation.

Mr. Kenneth Knapp, an official of Intermountain Health Care told the Spectrum that deliberatons are continuing and many things have to be done before anything is firmed up.

The next move will be up to Intermountain Health Care and while the county is waiting, citizens should make known their wishes to county officials.



LADIES, ~~and~~ GENTLEMEN and DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:

In 1877 our forbearers and pioneer ancestors completed our beautiful Temple in our valley, so we could have a spiritual guide ~~toward which we could strive.~~ that we would but follow. And for those who were able to so live that they could enter, it would help to open the way to eternal life and exaltation.

The Tabernacle, uptown, was also built about this same time ~~and~~ to aid in the spiritual teaching of those who would enter.

Then the Woodward School and old college buildings were constructed, to help increase our intelligence so we could learn ~~to~~ grow in knowledge and understanding.

To ~~me~~ these have been the most important steps toward progress in our area. - For we are told the Glory of God is intelligence and whatever degree of intelligence we attain to in this life we will have in our eternal existence.

It all took a lot of sacrifice, labor and money, sometimes all that the people had to bring about these great needs.

To me, next in line of importance after Spiritual and intellectual, should come - Life itself, and its preservation.

If any of you have lost a loved one, you too, know that life cannot be restored once it is lost and gone. Our leaders in the past saw this need and the old McGregor Hospital was built and Drs. McGregor and Dr. Woodbury took care of the health of the people.

As our area grew the need for upgraded health care and larger facilities was evident and so the Dixie Memorial Hospital was built. at a cost of $490,000 with Hill Burton giving $220,880

We have been told that progress cannot be stopped, and as our area is experiencing its greatest growth ever, once again, we must build a larger medical facility to take care of health needs

Elder George J. Webb of the St. George East ward, recently returned from the Eastern States mission, where he spent about two years in the Southwest Virginia conference; he travelled without purse and scrip and was treated in a hospitable manner by the people. He spoke of the restoration of the gospel and bore a strong testimony of the divinity of the work of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Choir sang the Doxology, and a benediction was pronounced by Elder M. M. Harmon.

Motto: "Service Above Self"

DIXIE ROTO-VUE

St. George Rotary Club
District No. 542 Club No. 3409
Meets Each Monday
at 12:15 P. M.
Suzer Loaf Cafe

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. Murray Webb

G. Murray Webb, a son of George and Annie Isom Webb, was born and reared in St. George, Washington County. His father died when he was twelve, leaving his mother with nine children. At a very early age he learned the value of work and planning ahead.

Murray is a graduate of Dixie High School and Dixie College. He is married to the former Doris Tobler of Washington, Utah. They have three sons and one daughter: G.Merrill, Kent T.(deceased), Mary Ann, and Loren. Merrill served eight years in the armed forces, filled an LDS mission to England; has his B.S.degree in Biological Sciences from BYU and is teaching at Provo HIgh. Mary Ann graduated an honor student from Dixie High and is now attending Utah State University. Loren is now attending Dixie High, an Eagle Scout, and an outstanding softball player.

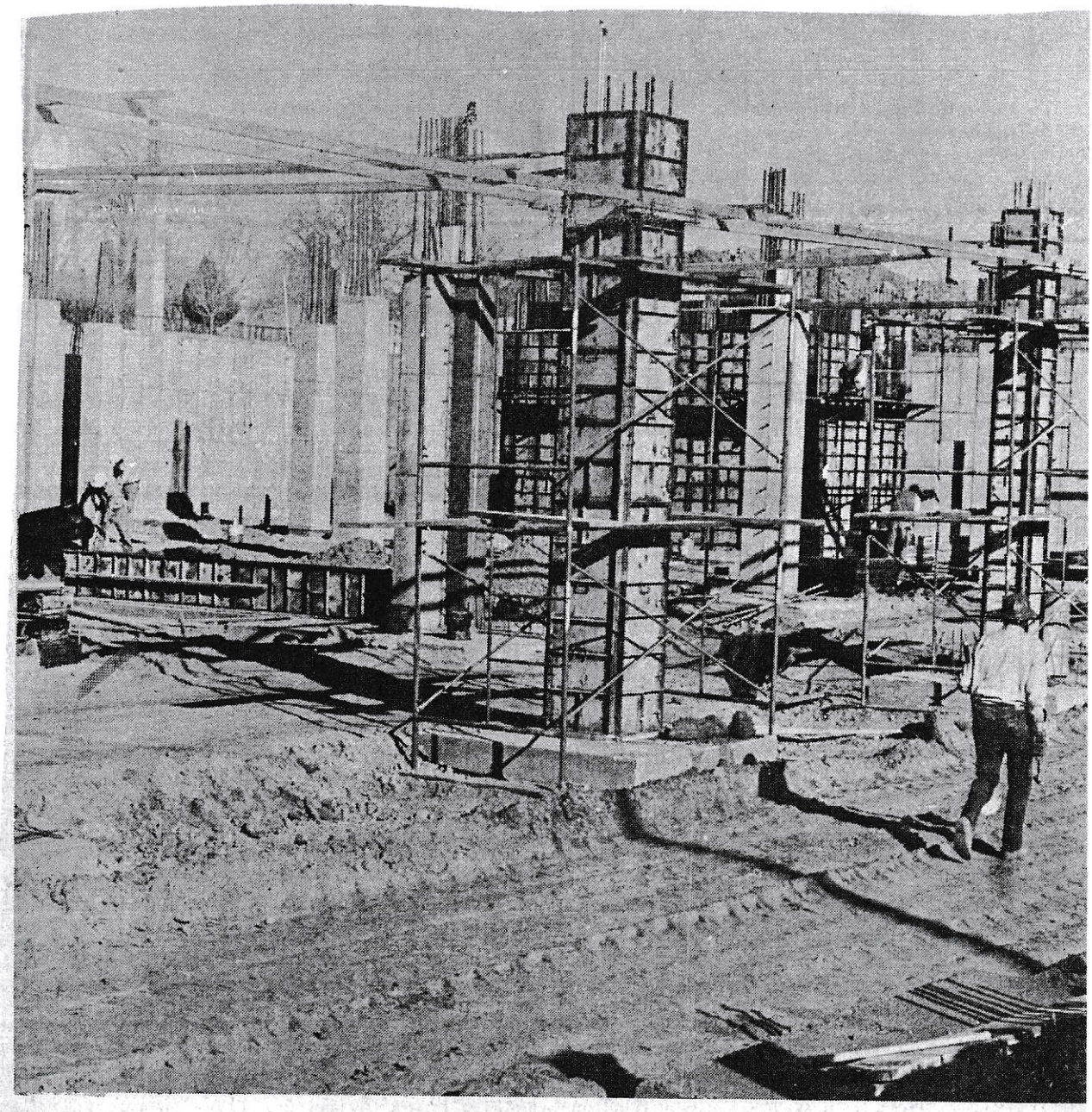
Murray has many hobbies: registered quarter horses, good Holstein heifers, and athletics. Additionally, he is a Washington County Commissioner who is working very hard to get a new hospital for our county.

n active civic leader: He has been president of Washington County Dairy ciation for twelve years and is serving in that capacity today. He has ed many years as member of the Dixie Hospital board of directors. He was on F.H.A. Loan Committee for four years and is currently serving on Dixie R.E.A. d and has held this position for six years. Murray served twelve years on St. George Valley Irrigation Company and is still serving in this position.

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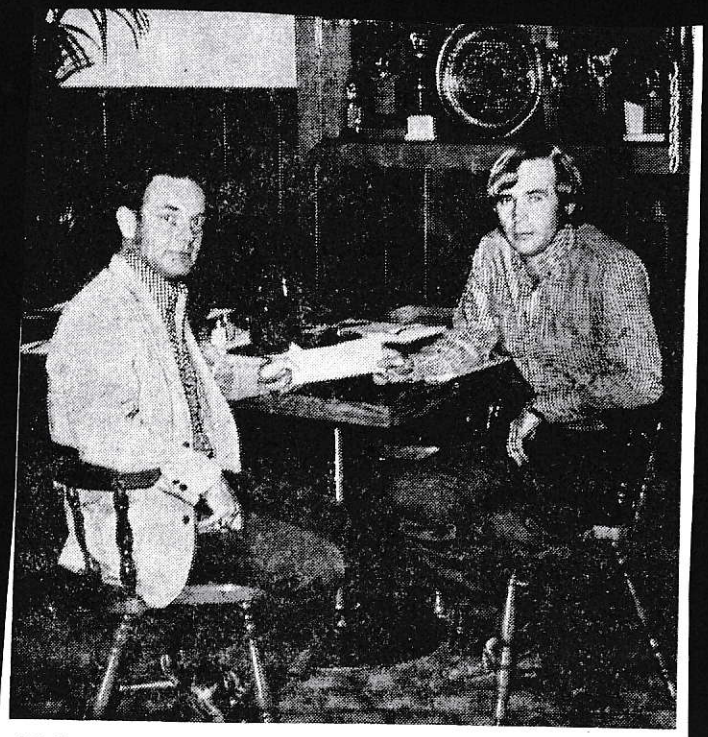
n active leader of youth: Murray has coached Little League baseball for ten s. He has coached LDS baseball and basketball for twenty-three years, and n twelve teams to all-church tournaments in Salt Lake City, Utah.

ay Webb---a great Rotarian--giving service above self



15% PER CENT COMPLETE

Progress on the new Dixie Medical Center is ahead schedule according to Washington County co missioner Murray Webb. According to Webb 2,(yards of concret has been poured and 170 ton of st placed, and the project has been termed 15 perc complete. Webb also reported that a possible additio excavation was averted and over $100,000 has be saved by making larger footings rather than an over excavation as orginally called for by a soil analyst



Nick Hammer, representing Dick's Cafe and the E. N. Hammer family, presenting Elwood Harrison with a check for $1000.00 for the Dixie Medical Center Fund Drive.

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ST. GEORGE, UTAH 84770

December 18, 1974

N. Eldon Tanner
First Counselor First Presidency
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Church Office Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear President Tanner:

In answer to your letter of December 5, 1974, advising us that we must reach certain percent completion on our Dixie Medical Center before we can receive any monies from the church.

Enclosed please find a letter addressed to me from our architect showing that we have expended $2,447,838.80 which is 70% of completion of the medical center. Also, an additional $144,500.00 paid to our architect - making a total of $2,592,338.80. This makes the total paid from our account 73.6% -- tape also enclosed.

Before this request can be fulfilled in full, the other 2% will be far past (in place) with materials and labor.

President Tanner - in our conversations regarding funds from you the percent of completion was never mentioned until your letter of December 5. You always stated that when we needed the money, it would be forthcoming.

I wouldn't ask for money if we could get along without it, but very frankly, we are just about out of funds - unless the church can give us the monies they pledged as we have requested.

However, if we are to be held to your specifications, the first $200,000.00 would still be receivable and maybe before that is gone the Federal funds will be available.

The Federal monies haven't come through since 50% of completion because they are waiting for us to get our movable equipment list with prices completed. We have this list almost complete now.

This explanation may help to clarify any question you may have regarding our finances.

You told me to be specific once and I have tried to be just that. May we hear from you soon?

I sure hope this letter finds you well and happy in your high and Holy calling, and may Our Father In Heaven bless you and your good wife, especially at this special time of the Season.

Yours sincerely,

G. Murray Webb

G. Murray Webb
Washington County Commissioner

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Enclosure

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September 5, 1972

N. Eldon Tanner
First Councelor First Presidency
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Church Office Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear President Tanner:

I want to express my appreciation for the opportunity of meeting with you on August 24th to discuss the new hospital which must be built to serve this area. As you requested, I am providing herewith information regarding our conversation, which I hope will be supportive of our request for $300,000. funding assistance by the church.

For some time the Washington County Commission has recognized the requirement for a new hospital to meet the needs of the people, not only in our county, but those living in adjacent areas which comprise the medical trade area of the Dixie Memorial Hospital as well.

Two principle reasons have combined to create this critical need: 1) a population growth in Washington County during the last decade of approximately 33 per cent, with the greater portion of the growth taking place during the last three years, and 2) the fact that the Dixie Memorial Hospital has been judged as non-conforming to state and federal standards necessary for continued licensing and participation of the Medicare program. Although the present building is structurably sound, it was built to conform to state and federal standards in existence in 1950. These standards have been changed several times since, without any accompanying modifications of the hospital. The limited patient capacity, coupled with the numerous facility deficiencies occurring through the years has led the Hill-Burton officials to conclude that replacement of the hospital, rather than modernization must be a condition for their funding participation. Likewise State Division of Health representatives have stated that modernization of the facility would be extremely costly and impractical.

As a result of these problems and recognizing that the population would probably increase, a comprehensive study of the health care needs to include new facilities was undertaken at our request by the Arthur Young Consulting Company. The requirement for a new hospital can best be understood in terms of the characteristics of the people it must serve. According to this study, the income of over 30 per cent of the families in Washington County is below the poverty level ($3,600. per year for non-farm families; $3,000. per year for farm families) as established by the United States Office of Economic Opportunity. Yet only 4.6 per cent of the county's population is receiving welfare income. This is attributable to the fact that over 90 per cent of the population of Washington County and surrounding service areas of our present hospital are Latter Day Saints.

It was also determined by the study that during the past census period there has been an overall increase of 89 per cent of those persons 15 to 24 years of age, and a 20 per cent increase of those 25 to 44 years of age. As these groups comprise the normal child bearing ages, a significant need for child and maternal health services is evident. An average increase of 50 per cent for persons over 65 years of age has also occurred, and of this number, 64 per cent are women. It is important to note that females require sixteen times more health care than males. Although specific information on characteristics of persons living outside of Washington County, but within the Dixie Memorial Hospital trade area is not available, the consultants concluded that characteristics would be similar, also according to the study the area served by the hospital consists approximately 20,125 persons with 15,000 in Washington County, 1,000 from northwestern Arizona and 4,500 from southeastern Nevada.

In attempting to deal with this problem we have taken local initiatives which will provide a greater portion of the $3,000,000. required for construction of a new hospital. We presently have $110,000. on hand from private donations, with another $90,000. in pledges. The Hill-Burton program has indicated support in the amount of $300,000; the Four Corner Regional Commission $300,000; the Economic Development Agency $400,000. A local bond election which passed by a 10 - 1 vote will provide a 5 mil increase in taxes thus providing another $1,500,000 from local sources. The balance of $300,000. is requested of the church.

I will be pleased to provide a copy of the study to which I have referred and of course respond to any questions you may have. Again my most sincere appreciation for the opportunity of discussing this most important and urgent request with you.

Respectfully your brother,

G. Murray Webb

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County Commission

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January 14, 1975

N. Eldon Tanner
First Counselor First Presidency
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Church Office Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear President Tanner:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 10, 1975 and also receipt of your check for $200,000.00.

My I, in behalf of the people of Washington County, take this opportunity to thank you for your assistance and support of our Dixie Medical Center.

Also, would you express our appreciation and thanks to the Brethern.

We do truly support you in your great and holy calling and pray the Lord's choisest blessings be yours.

Sincerely,

G. Murray Webb
Washington County Commissioner

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November 14, 1974

N. Eldon Tanner
First Counselor First Presidency
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Church Office Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear President Tanner:

During our last visit in regards to the Three (3) Hundred Thousand dollar donation towards our Dixie Medical Center, you stated whenever needed to let you know and the money would be available.

Our facility is now well past 50% of completion. If possible could you send us One (1) Hundred Thousand dollars each month of December, 1974, January and February, 1975?

According to the contractors our building will be completed and ready for occupancy the latter part of May, 1975.

During our last visit you indicated you may be able to dedicate the building for us. We will be looking forward to hearing from you regarding these matters.

Hope this letter finds you in good health and may our Father in Heaven bless you always in your ever so important calling.

Yours sincerely,

G Murray Webb

G. Murray Webb
Washington County Commissioner

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June 20, 1975

President N. Eldon Tanner
First Counselor
Office of the First Presidency
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Church Office Building
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Dear President Tanner:

In regards to your letter of December 5, 1974 (a copy enclosed) you stated that when we were 90 percent completed in our building of the new Dixie Medical Center that the third $100,000 payment would be available.

Enclosed please find a statement from our architect showing that we are now past the 90 percent completion mark in the construction of our facility; therefore, could we look forward to receiving the third $100,000.

Enclosed, also, please find two pictures of our Dixie Medical Center, which will show to you our lovely new structure.

I hope, sincerely, that this letter finds you well in your high and holy calling. I will look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

G Murray Webb

G. Murray Webb
Washington County Commissioner

Enclosures: 4

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
OFFICE OF THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84111

December 5, 1974

Mr. G. Murray Webb
Washington County Commissioner
Washington County Courthouse
St. George, Utah 84770

Dear Commissioner Webb:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 14, 1974, in which you state: "Our facility is now well past 50% of completion. If possible could you send us One (1) Hundred Thousand dollars each month of December, 1974, January and February, 1975?"

This letter is to advise you that on receipt of satisfactory information that you have completed 60 percent of the building, $100,000 will be available; another $100,000 when 75 percent of the building has been completed; and the third $100,000 when 90 percent of the building has been completed and inspection substantiates these reports.

I do hope that all is going well and that the project will be completed, as you suggest, in the latter part of May.

Yours sincerely,

N. Eldon Tanner

WILLARD C. NELSON ASSOCIATES / ARCHITECTS
55 EAST CENTER STREET / P.O. BOX 114
PROVO, UTAH 84601
TELEPHONE (801) 373-5990

June 18, 1975

Commissioner G. Murray Webb
Washington County Commission
County Building
St. George, Utah 84770

Re: Dixie Medical Center
St. George, Utah

Dear Sir:

According to our records, we have approved the work of each of the three prime contractors in the approximate amounts shown below, including payments made direct to suppliers by the Owner on purchase orders:

General Construction Work		$2,000,600.00
Mechanical Work		816,868.00
Electrical Work		390,695.00
	Total	$3,208,163.00

This total amount is between 90% and 91% of the original contract. In addition to this, the Owner has paid approximately $170,000.00 in fees, supervision, and other miscellaneous payments.

Sincerely yours,

WILLARD C. NELSON ASSOCIATES, INC.

Willard C. Nelson

Willard C. Nelson, A.I.A.
Architect

WCN/gj

cc: Bert Ericksen

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
OFFICE OF THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84111

December 7, 1973

Mr. G. Murray Webb
Washington County Commissioner
c/o Dixie Hospital
551 South 300 East
St. George, Utah 84770

Dear Brother Webb:

This will acknowledge your letter of December 4, 1973, in which you report on the progress of the Dixie Medical Center.

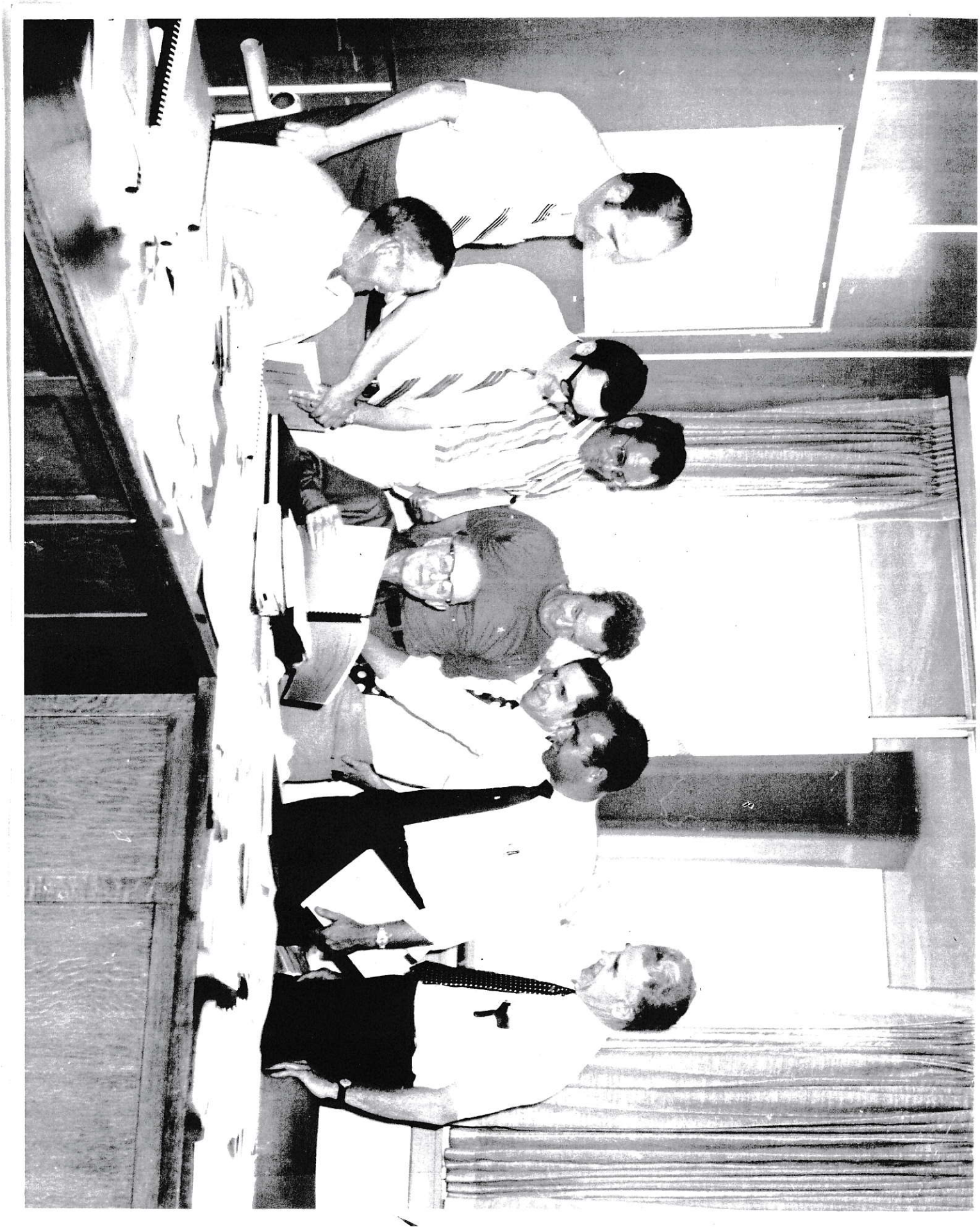
I congratulate you on your accomplishments thus far and wish you continued success. Regarding your request for me to give the prayer when the center is dedicated, I hope, though I am not sure, that I can be with you. You can let me know later when you anticipate the completion of this project.

With every good wish, and Season's Greetings, I am

Yours sincerely,

N. Eldon Tanner

Book 2- on Dixie Medical Center.





MURRAY WEBB

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SUPPORT MURRAY WEBB



STATEMENT:

Because I have every confidence in Murray Webb as County Commissioner, I am anxious to see that he is re-elected this November. I have known Mr. Webb for a good many years. He is progressive, but never impulsive; he exhibits sound judgment based on careful study in making important decisions. His particular work the past 3½ years with the new hospital has shown his dedication and concern for the best growth of Washington County. He richly deserves the chance to be re-elected so that he can finish that which he has started in this vital addition to our area.

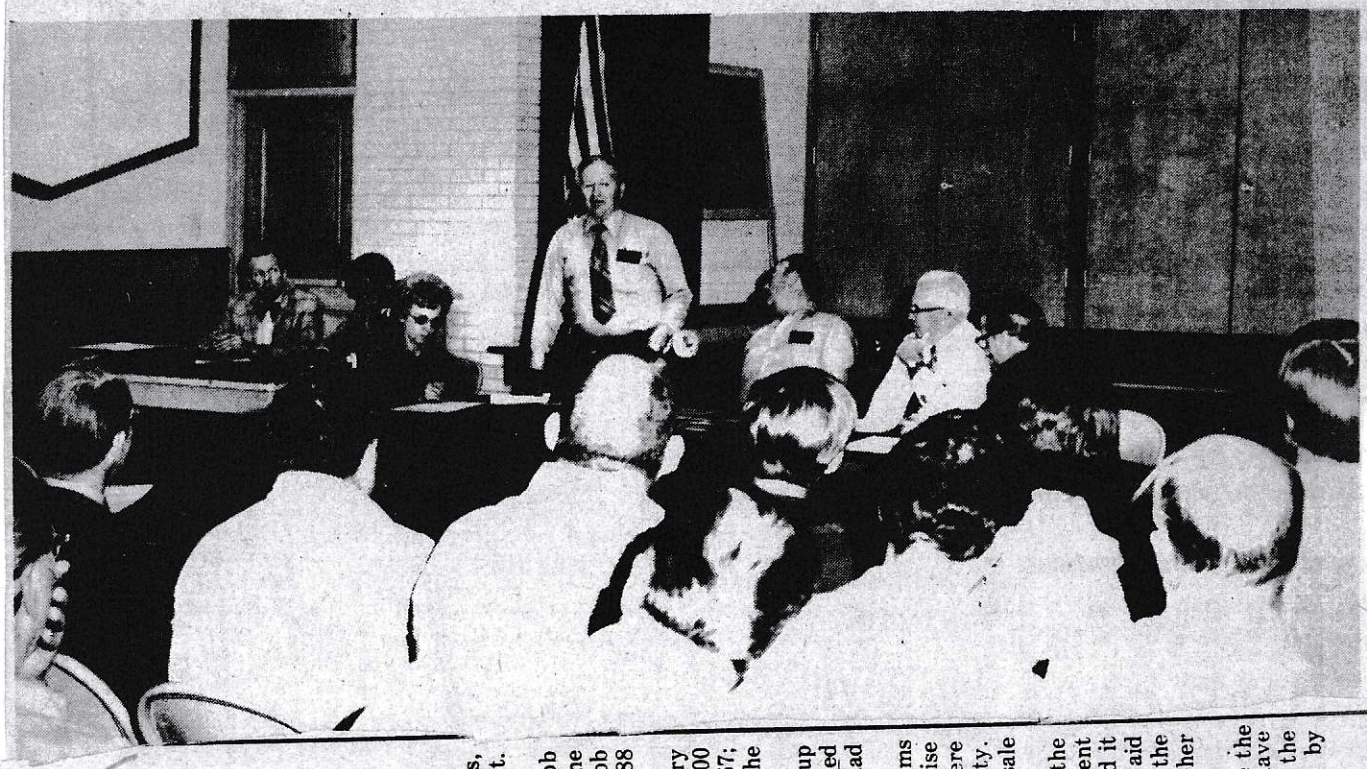
– MRS. ORVAL HAFEN

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Hospital Bid $4,126,300 New Cost Study Planned

Washington County Commissioners will be required to give furthur consideration to a proposal to build a New Dixie Medical Center here. When plans were drawn the proposed cost was around $3,000,000. Bids for General Construction, mechanical installations, and electrical work wereopened here at the Court House at 1:30 P.M. Sept. 27, and the apparent low combined bid was $4,126,300. Murry Webb, Washington County Commissioner in charge of the project stated after the meeting, "This certainly doesn't mean we will not have a new medical center. The bid arrangements allow 60 days for us to study the situation and to decide which is the best direction to go. We have a number of options at the present."

Archect Willard Neilson, whose firm has designed the proposal was present and opened the bids. More than 50 interested persons were in attendance with the Washington County commissioners, clerk, and attorney. At the conclusion Archect Mr. Nielson stated, "Rising costs are something we have to deal with at the present time and the proposals have been designed with options which must be studied to show us the best direction to go. Growth here makes it impossible for us to sacrifice any of the planned utility, but this project is not dead by any means."



Dixie Hospital In Dilema

The perplexing dilema facing Washington County citizens, a new hospital or a first aid station, came before the St. George City Council last Monday night.

Washington County Commissioner Murray Webb indicated, that because of inflationary costs, bids on the planned $3 million structure came to $4,084,845. Webb further indicated that with alternative deletions of $592,688 the total remained at $3,492,157.

Webb stated that Federal requirements made necessary the addition of $190,000 in secondary equipment and $30,000 in contingency funds, bringing the total cost to $3,612,157; $131,843 above money available for construction of the facility.

Webb made a plea to the city to furnish electrical hookup and outside lighting at a cost of over $30,000, and indicated that he had contacted the Four Corners Commission and had been told possible funding would be available there.

After the vote to grant the hookup and lighting systems by the council, Webb indicated that an all out effort, to raise the additional money was being made and all citizens were being asked to contribute to help construction of the facility.

Webb indicated the money must be raised before the sale of the bonds on November 14th.

Questioned by council members as to the alternative if the new facility is not constructed, Webb stated that the present hospital has 61 deficiencies and higher officials indicated it would be closed and St. George would only have a first aid station available. Webb further stated that if this was the case the doctors would have to schedule patients into other hospitals if hospitalization was required.

Presently underway in St. George is a drive to raise the additional funds. Webb indicated both those who have contributed and those who have not yet contributed to the fund will be asked to help save the proposed facility by giving whatever they can.

Hospital Ground-Breaking In Sight

Ground-breaking for the new Dixie Memorial Hospital is now in sight, according to Washington County Commissioner Murray Webb. Last August 3, Commissioner's Webb and Bowler, traveled to Denver with the hospital architect, electrical engineer and mechanical engineer. The five member party presented plans for the new hospital to Hill-Burton Regional Officials for final approval.

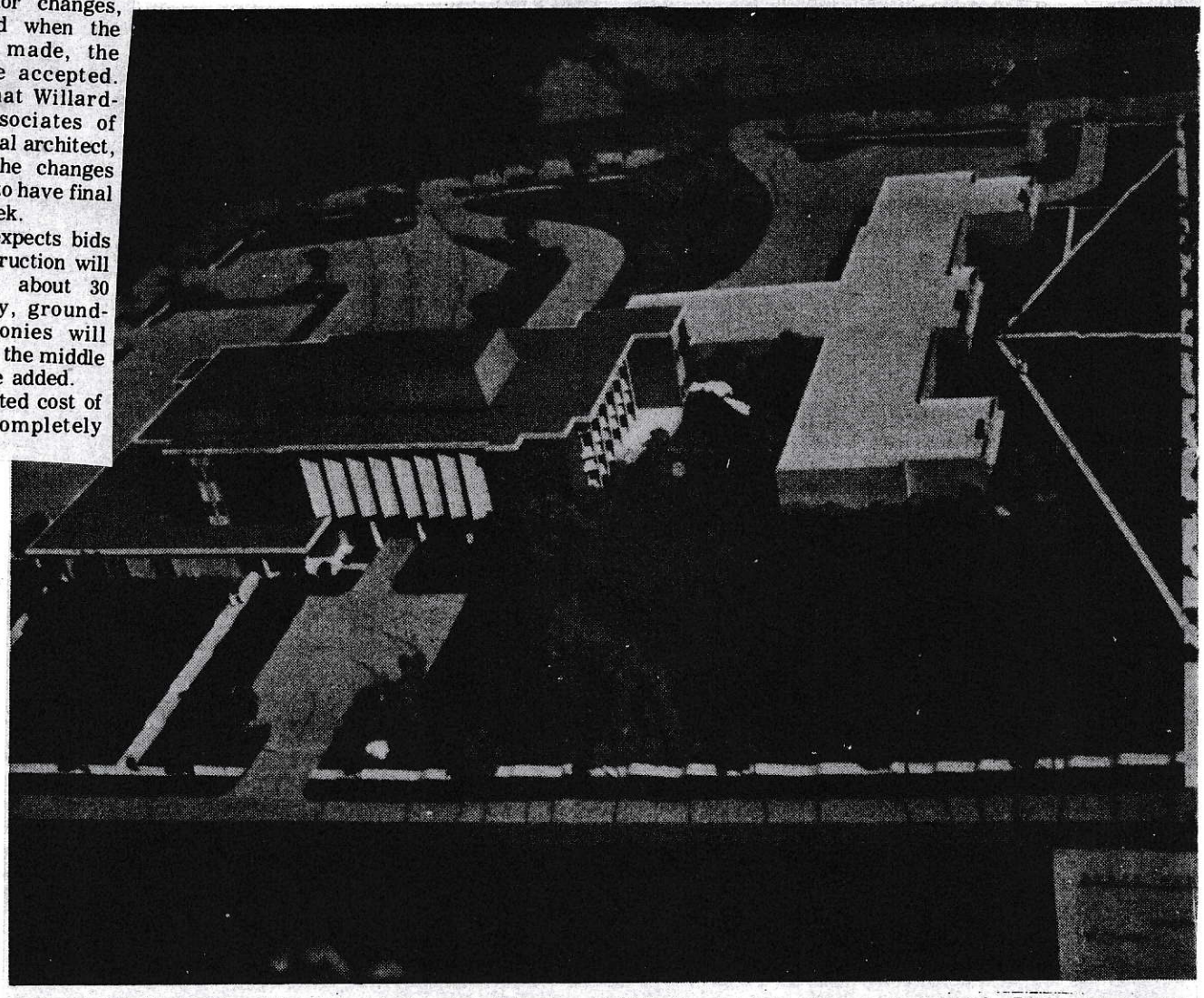
The federal officials asked for a few minor changes, Webb said, and when the changes were made, the plans would be accepted. Webb added, that Willard-Nelson and Associates of Provo, the hospital architect, is working on the changes now and expects to have final approval this week.

Webb said he expects bids for hospital construction will be submitted in about 30 days. "Hopefully, ground-greaking ceremonies will take place around the middle of September," he added.

The total projected cost of the hospital, completely equipped, is $3 million. This sum is partially comprised of three governmental grants; $400,000 from the Economic Development Administration, $300,000 from Four Corners and $300,000 from the Hill-Burton Offices, a subsidiary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Citizen donations, $280,000 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints donation, $300,000 and Washington County Funds, $1½ million, comprise the balance of the $3 million.

It is expected that the hospital will open with a 65 bed capacity but will eventually be able to accommodate 150 beds. The hospital will be constructed just northeast of the Dixie Pioneer Memorial Hospital on the same block. The old hospital will be connected to the new one and will provide further hospital related services.

"It's taken a lot of hard work and we're very thrilled about the approval," Webb said. He added that the new three-story hospital will be equipped with the latest and most modern equipment and he expects it to be one of the finest hospitals in the western States.



GROUNDBREAKING NEAR *Architects model shows proposed Dixie Memorial Hospital.*

Groundbreaking Planned Today

Official groundbreaking ceremonies for the Dixie Memorial Hospital are scheduled today at 11:30 a.m. at the sight for the new facility next to the present hospital in St. George.

Washington County Commissioner Murray Webb indicated that the contractor, architect, and local officials will be present for the short ceremony, and the public is invited to attend the official start of construction on the new facility.

The $3,812,896 hospital is scheduled to be complete in 530 days from December 1st of this year, according to Webb.

Hospital, Planning & Zoning C. of

Guest speakers at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon February 27 were Mr. Truman Bowler, Chairman, and Mr. Murray Webb, Member, of the Washington County Commission. Mr. Vernon Church, third member asked to be excused. They were introduced by Richard Mathis in the absence of the President and Vice President who were out of the City.

Mr. Bowler gave a rundown on the problems and plans of Washington County. He stated that the assessed valuation of this county is now $34,200,000. Since the reevaluation of the entire state tax sturcture, there have been upsets in some respects, as well as advantages, and the Commissioners had difficulty in keeping under the 6 percent requirement. With higher taxes and thus more income, the County pays more of the schools' expenditures, and this is the big tax take, he said.

One of the big problems of Washington County, according to Mr. Bowler, is Planning and Zoning, although it is one of the leading counties in the State. He gave much credit and high praise to the County Commissioners of the late 1950's who began this program and carreid it forward. He feels that the County now has a comprehensive program administered by seven members which include the three Commissioners and four other business men.

The Land Use Bill Committee consists of Dean Gardner, Leon Jennings, Byron G. McLeese, and Flint Wright, and Mr. Bowler considers it a good and workable bill. In this regard, he stated, Washington County has had some good publicity from the national level which concerned Bloomington primarily. The problem of sub-dividing brings many headaches, but he feels that is necessary if the county is to develop systematically.

The subject of County Television was discussesd, and Mr. Bowler threw out the idea of adding two mills and taking care of the expense. He stated that the cost to the county is now approximately $50,000 and there is some difficulty in collecting license fees. Two mills would take care of the ordinary expense. But transformers and other equipment do wear out!

County Commissioner Murray Webb, who is chairman of the Hospital Baord, brought the members up to date on the progress of the new building. He stated that he had spent so much time there that he was often mistaken for an engineer.

Much time, thought, and examination went into the selection of room equipment, but the final decision was made when the committee, consisting of Commissioner Murray Webb, Dr. Garth B. Last and his son, Hospital Superintendent Elwood Harrison, and Chief Engineer, Willard Nelson, tested the Hill-Ram equipment by being put to bed, asked to read as loudly as they could, with a television volume as high as it would go. All of this was monitored to the nurses' station where all sound was eliminated and the heart beats of the "patients" could be heard.

Seventeen new collapsible beds which automatically adjust so that the patient is always in properposition have been purchased. Others will be added. Many other ultra-modern innovations are being installed as a part of the Hall-Ram equipment. Recently, when Mr. Webb was in Denver accepting the final papers, Mr. Evan Lucas of the Denver office said to him, "If all of the planners of new hospitals paid as much attention to details and equipment as yours have, our standards would be much higher. You are going to have the most outstanding hospital in the Western States. "This is, indeed, a well-earned payoff for time, effort beyond the call of duty to work exceptionally well done.

In speaking of the structure itself, Mr. Webb spoke first of the problems they had with the soil. After the initial pouring of the forms had begun and they found two kinds of soil, a soil specialist was called in. His diagnosis made, he ordered them to "Take'er down ten feet!" This would have cost an extra $100,000 which was unthinkable. After many consultations and testing, it was

However, at the southwest corner, the hole was dug ten feet deep.

Water was found in one section, so they dug down and worked in eight feet of rocks and two feet of back fill. This foundation will adequately support six stories, altought only three storeis are geing built at this time. Excess water is being removed by pumps and / or gravitation so that this will be no problem.

To date, over 2,000 yards of concrete have been poured and 1700 tons of steel have been used. All conduits and wiring are on hand. will be poure all goes well.

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THANKS

The Washington County Commission wishes to acknowledge that we have received notice that the funding for the new Dixie Medical Center has been completed. At this time we wish to express appreciation for the parties involved in bringing this project, as far as funding, to a completion. We would like to express special appreciation Senator Wallace F. Bennett, Senator Frank E. Moss, and Congressman Wayne Owens and their staff. Also we would like to give special thanks to Governor Calvin L. Rampton and his staff for the help they gave relevant to the Four Corners Application; Dr. Bruce Walters, Utah State Health Dept.; Mr. Bert Erickson from the Hill-Burton Agency; Mr. Dave Allred from the Office of Economic Development. Also we would like to express, at this time, special appreciation to the Dixie Medical Center Fund Raising Committee, and particularly to the citizens of Washington County who by an overwhelming vote of 10-1 authorized a bond issue for the construction of the Dixie Medical Center. We would also like to express appreciation to other agencies involved in the long range study that brought the Medical Center into being, particularly the Intermountain Regional Medical Program for their support in conjunction with the Arthur Young Co. which provided an indepth study for the long range needs for Washington County.

Sincerely,
G. Murray Webb
Wash. Co. Comm.
Chairman Dixie Hospital
Advisory Board
Elwood M. Harrison,
Administrator
Dixie Hospital

STATEMENT: Plea

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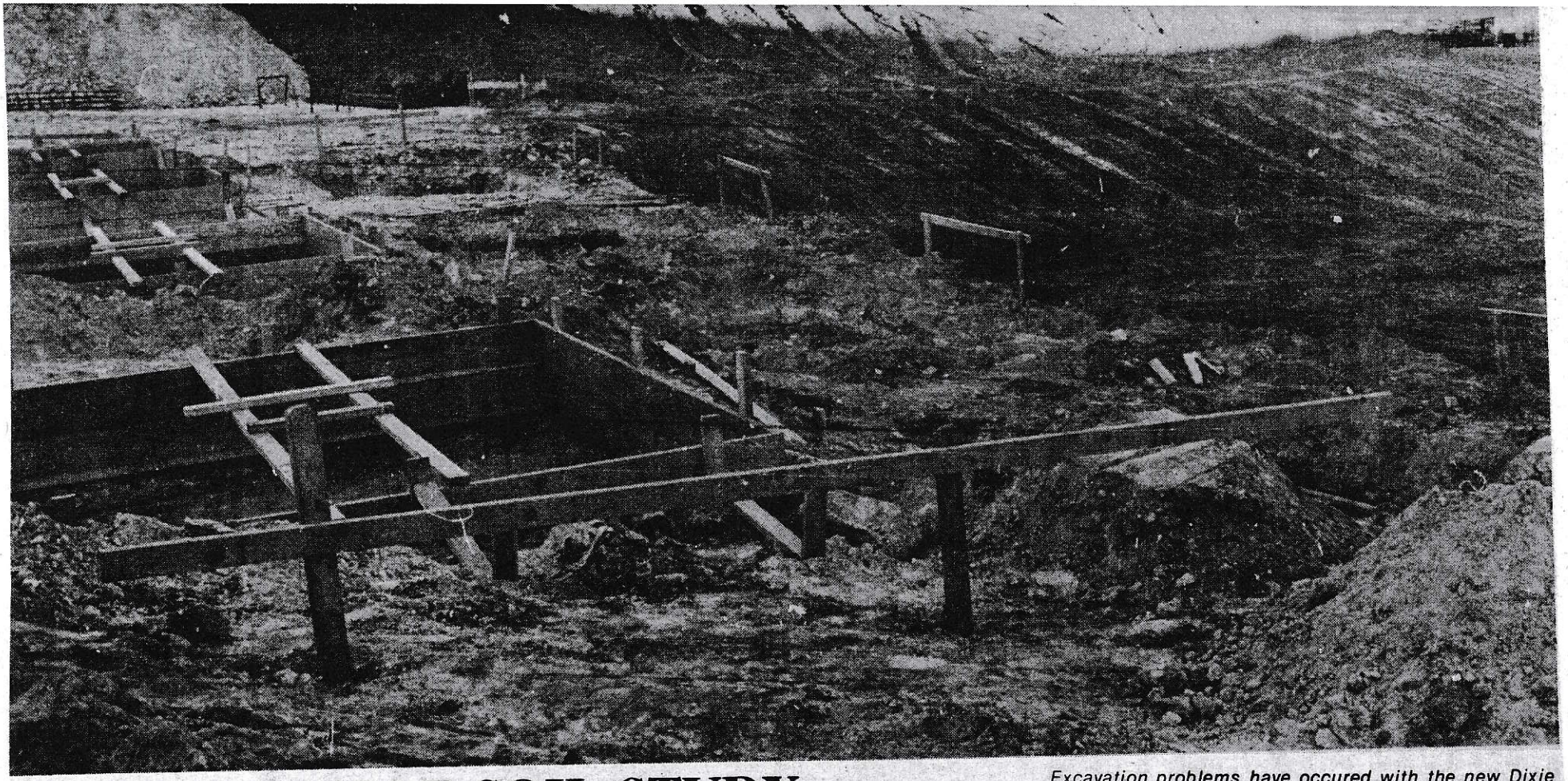
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SUPPORT MURRAY WEBB
Signed
J.C. Snow

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POSSIBLE SOIL STUDY

Excavation problems have occured with the new Dixie Memorial Hospital construction as the Red Rock Shale is lower than anticipated which may cause additional costs in construction.

Hospital Faces Excavation Problems

A possible small setback in construction may cause additional costs to be incurred in the construction of the new Dixie Memorial Hospital.

According to local officials, a requirement of the contract, making necessary the excavation of dirt to the Red Rock Shale before laying of the foundation, has caused the concern.

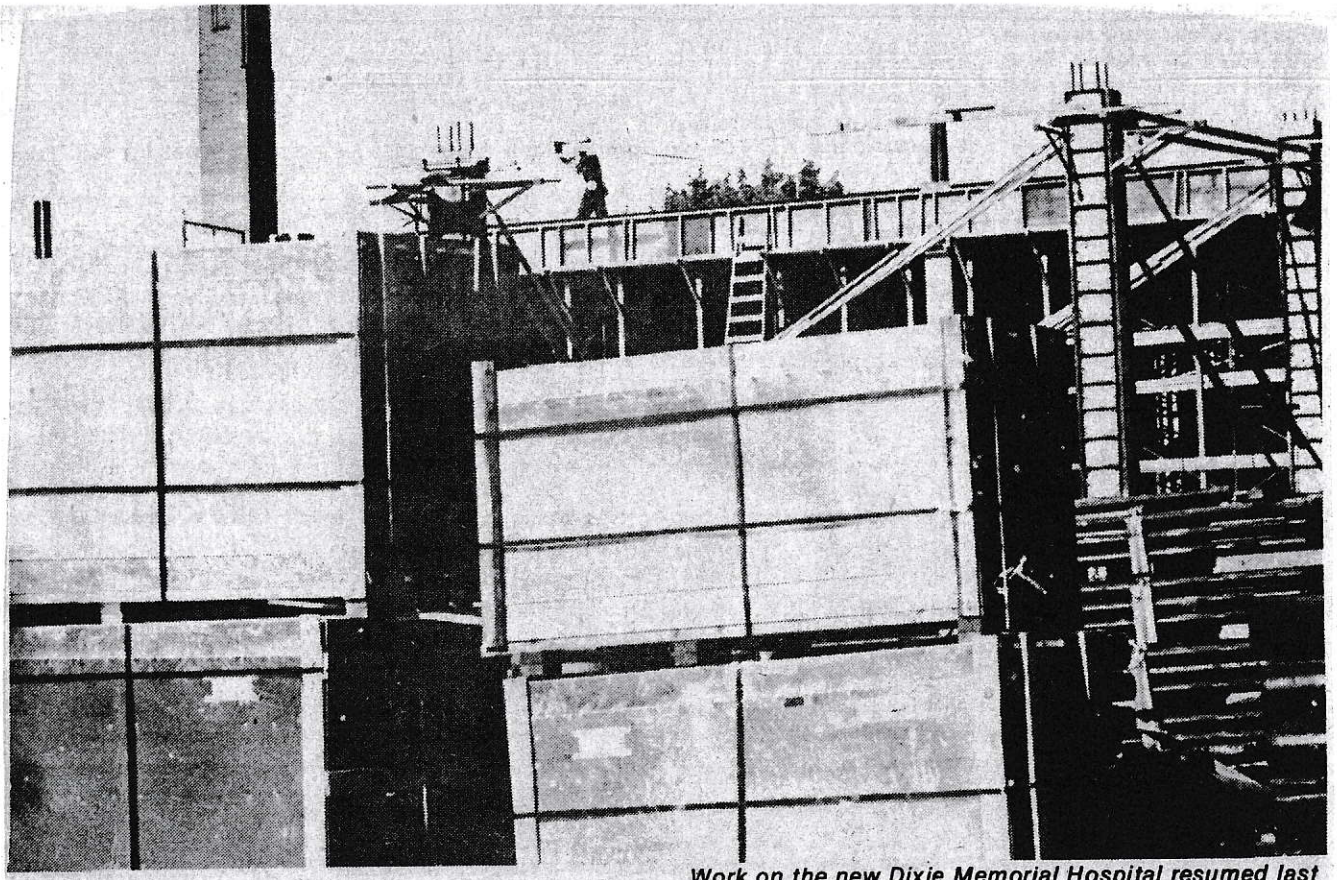
Murray Webb, Washington County Commissioner, stated "as yet we have only hit Rock shale in the far northeast corner of the project. The soil man said we may have to take it down and refill and tamp the dirt to reach the foundation."

According to Webb, meetings are being conducted relative to determining if this is going to be required. "To date we are still waiting for the results of the meetings." Webb stated.

"As yet it hasn't been determined whether the clay will support the building and some soil tests may have to be taken before a decision can be made" Webb continued.

According to Webb, there has been some rumor and concern that in excavating they have hit a swamp area. "These rumors are not true," Webb stated, "we have only hit dry dirt to date and the current problem is not reaching the rock shale."

Webb indicated they hope to have the results of the meeting this week to determine the action that has to be taken.



WORK RESUMES

Work on the new Dixie Memorial Hospital resumed last Tuesday after a brief shut down due to workers honoring picket lines by the Building Trades Council

Hospital Work Resumed

Work resumed on the Dixie Memorial Hospital last Tuesday after a brief interruption due to the fact of the workers honoring picket lines set up Wednesday, April 24 by the Building Trades Council.

Operations were partially interrupted Wednesday, due to some workers honoring the picket lines, and the Friday operations were shut down when many workers refused to cross picket lines.

Those picketing were apparently picketing Wilkinson Electric Company, electrical contractor on the Dixie Memorial Hospital, in an effort to get Wilkinson Electrical workers to join a union.

No second St. George hospital

A proposal to establish a 60-bed medical specialty hospital in St. George has been denied a notification of confOrmity by the Utah State Office of Comprehensive Health Planning.

The office indicated that a major reason for its denial of the application for the proposed Southwestern Medical Center was the fact that another hospital is currently under construction in St. George by Washington County.

The decision was made in accordance with recommendations from representatives of the Five County Association of Governments, in addition to the Utah State Division of Health-Bureau of Medical Care Services and the council's areawide and review committees, the agency said.

The denial does not prevent construction of the $3 million specialty hospital. However, the facility would not be eligible for full reimbursement under federal progra . of Medicare, Medicaid, and maternal and child health. They would not receive that portion of the payments that is figured as cost of interest, depreciation and return on equity.

A public hearing was held last Wednesday in St. George on the proposal, which was made by Dr. Everard Cox, Hampstead, Md.

In its announcement of the denial, the Office of Comprehensive Health Planning said the county facility now being built, the Dixie Medical Center, would have 65 beds and cost $3.9 million. It could be expanded in 60 bed increments to a total of 245 beds, at a lower cost than a new hospital could be built.

"A single hospital can also offer significant cost savings in operation. It is anticipated that the new Dixie Medical Center will be able to attract specialty services for continued improvement of health care delivery in the area," the announcement said. "There are relatively few specialty services required by the area that could not eventually be accomodated by the Dixie Medical Center."

The planning an agency said existing health facility plans for the state do not justify the additional beds which Cox's proposal would create, even taking into account the rapidly expanding populatfon.

The state agency added that the small size of the proposed hospital would "severely limit" its potential to become a sophisticated medical center drawing patients from throughout the country, but that such interstate referral would be necessary for the facility to be successful

Hearing Held on Proposed Southwestern Med. Center

A new hospital for St. orge?

The possibilities for a new edical center to serve the uthwestern Utah area were plored in a public hearing last ek as an application was bmitted for approval of deral medical insurance nefit programs.

The proposed facility, if proved, will be constructed st north of the south I-15 inrchange, and will serve ainly as a specialty hospital aking available specialized rvices of the resident ysicians at the hospital, cording to Dr. Everard F. ox, President of the Southestern Medical Center.

The proposed facility, acrding to Cox, will have the cilities for regular patient re; along with a large outtient treatment center. He dicated that the facility would ave necessary equipment long with the trained ecialists and should serve any outside the immediate ea.

The three hour hearing rnished explanatory inrmation to citizens attending ie meeting with the greatest ortion of the time alloted for iring citizens opinions both pro nd con for the new development.

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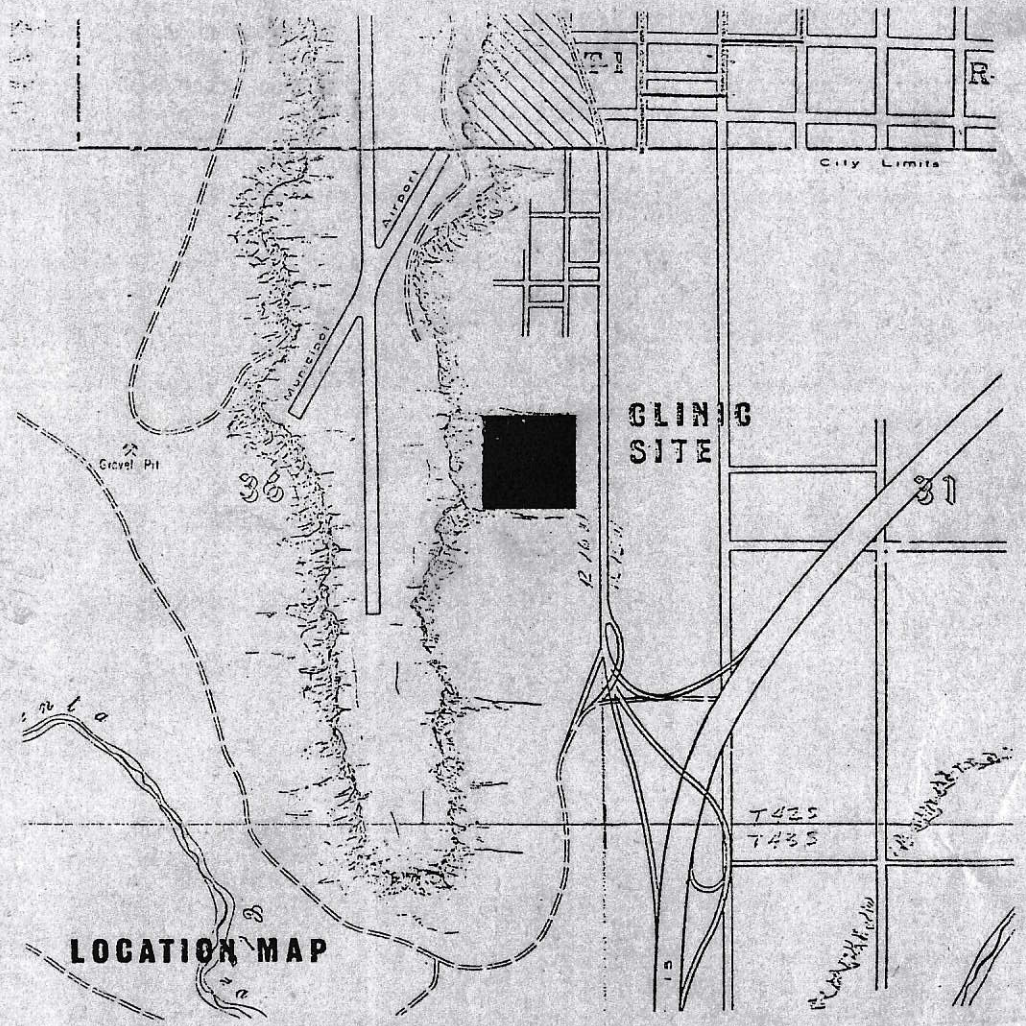
According to the report submitted, the proposed facility will have 60 beds for patient care, along with complete laboratory, radiology, and surgical suite units. A large outpatient treatment area is also included in the hospital plans.

Cox indicated that the main reason for the proposed facility is to provide the specialists in his group, top specialists in their field, he indicated, with a facility that will provide top medical care and a proper working environment for the staff.

Cox indicated that presently their is a one to 1400 ratio of trained physicans to population ratio in Washington County and that the national average is one to 650.

Cox indicated that with the projected increase in population, a new facility will be needed, or an expanision of the present facility will be needed.

Merrill, representative on the comprehesive Health Council for the State of Ut., indicated in a statistical presentation that the proposed facility would not be needed in the area for many years, and that present figures indicate that hospital patient loads would not exceed greatly, the present Dixie Medical Center faciltites.



MEDICAL CENTER — Application of conformity for the proposed Southwestern Medical Center was denied last week by the Utah Comprehensive Health Planning Council.

Bulletin

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
OFFICE OF THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84111

January 10, 1975

Mr. G. Murray Webb
Washington County Commissioner
Washington County Courthouse
St. George, Utah 84770

Dear Mr. Webb:

As per our agreement to the effect that the Church would contribute $300,000 to the building of the Dixie Medical Center, we are enclosing a check for $200,000, with the understanding and assurance by you and the architects that 75% of the building has been completed. The other $100,000 will be available when we have received satisfactory assurance that 95% of the building has been completed.

Yours sincerely,

N. Eldon Tanner

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
OFFICE OF THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84111

December 5, 1974

Mr. G. Murray Webb
Washington County Commissioner
Washington County Courthouse
St. George, Utah 84770

Dear Commissioner Webb:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 14, 1974, in which you state: "Our facility is now well past 50% of completion. If possible could you send us One (1) Hundred Thousand dollars each month of December, 1974, January and February, 1975?"

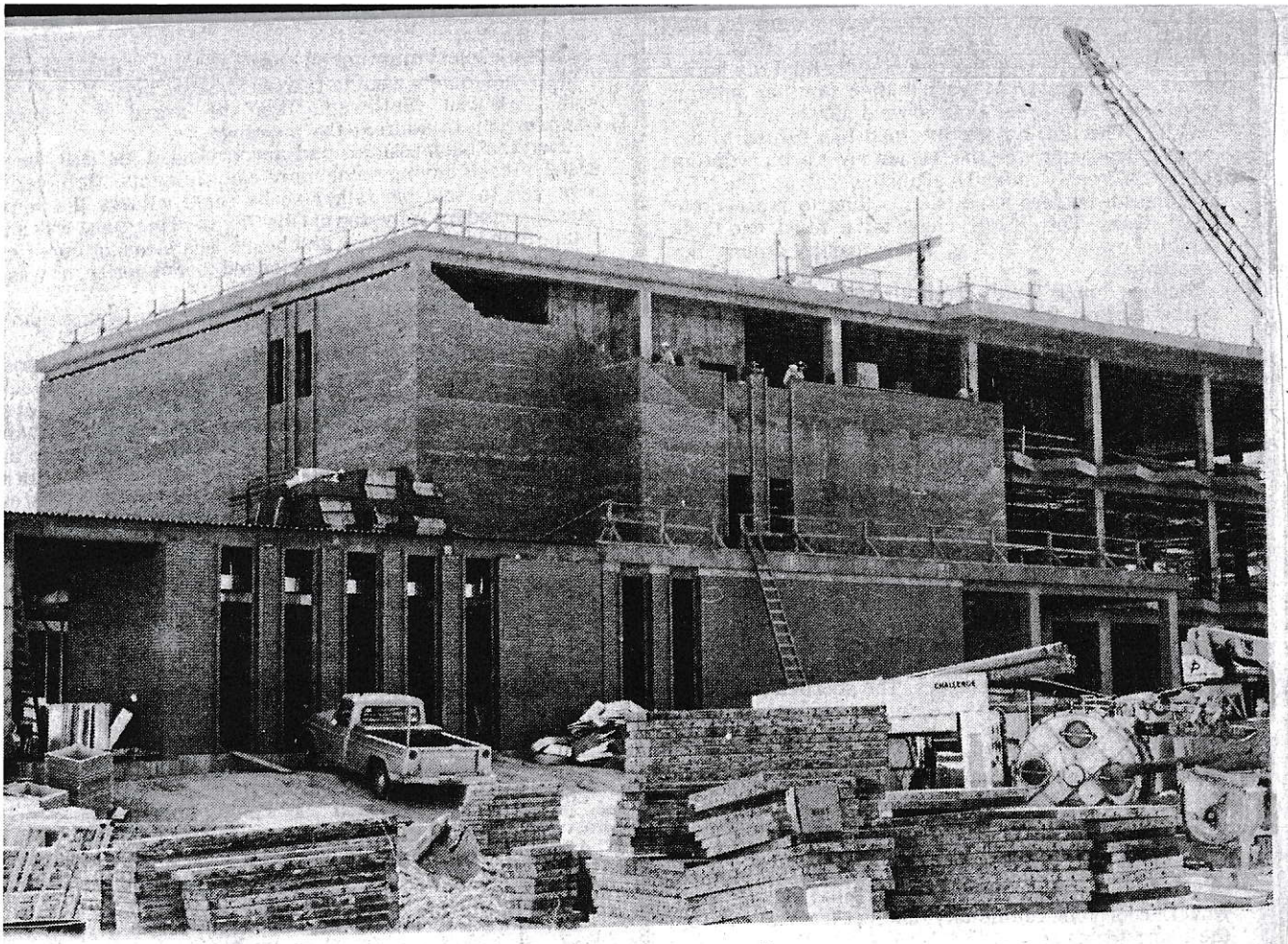
This letter is to advise you that on receipt of satisfactory information that you have completed 60 percent of the building, $100,000 will be available; another $100,000 when 75 percent of the building has been completed; and the third $100,000 when 90 percent of the building has been completed and inspection substantiates these reports.

I do hope that all is going well and that the project will be completed, as you suggest, in the latter part of May.

Yours sincerely,

N. Eldon Tanner

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Progress continues on new Dixie Memorial Medical Center as proposal for additional hospital facilities was rejected by State Board last week.

Progress on New Hospital Passes Halfway Point

By Bill Heaton

The new Dixie Memorial Medical Center has reached nd passed the half-way onstruction mark this week, ccording to Murry Webb, Vashington County Comissioner in charge of the roject. "We were at the 48.4 ercent completion mark his morning," He announced Monday. "Total Expenditures to date have een $1,948,648.33. We have ecieved federal support ayments of $177,000 and 164,000 and will recieve 156,500 more now we have eached the half way mark."

Commissioner Webb has spent a great deal of time and effort on the memorial center project. He has had direct personal contact with all phases of the construction, and is well known

More important is who is making the decisions for us and how they are made. Those who attended the hearing regarding Dr. Cox's application and observed the operation and results should realize just how much we are controlled by and dependent on government agencies such as Utah's Committee on Comprehensive Health Planning. Many persons who attended left the hearing with the feeling that the cards were stacked against the proposal from the start. Many also felt that the results would be the same no matter what the recommendations of the local committees and citizens were after the staff members of the state group had made their presentations which followed the material presented by the

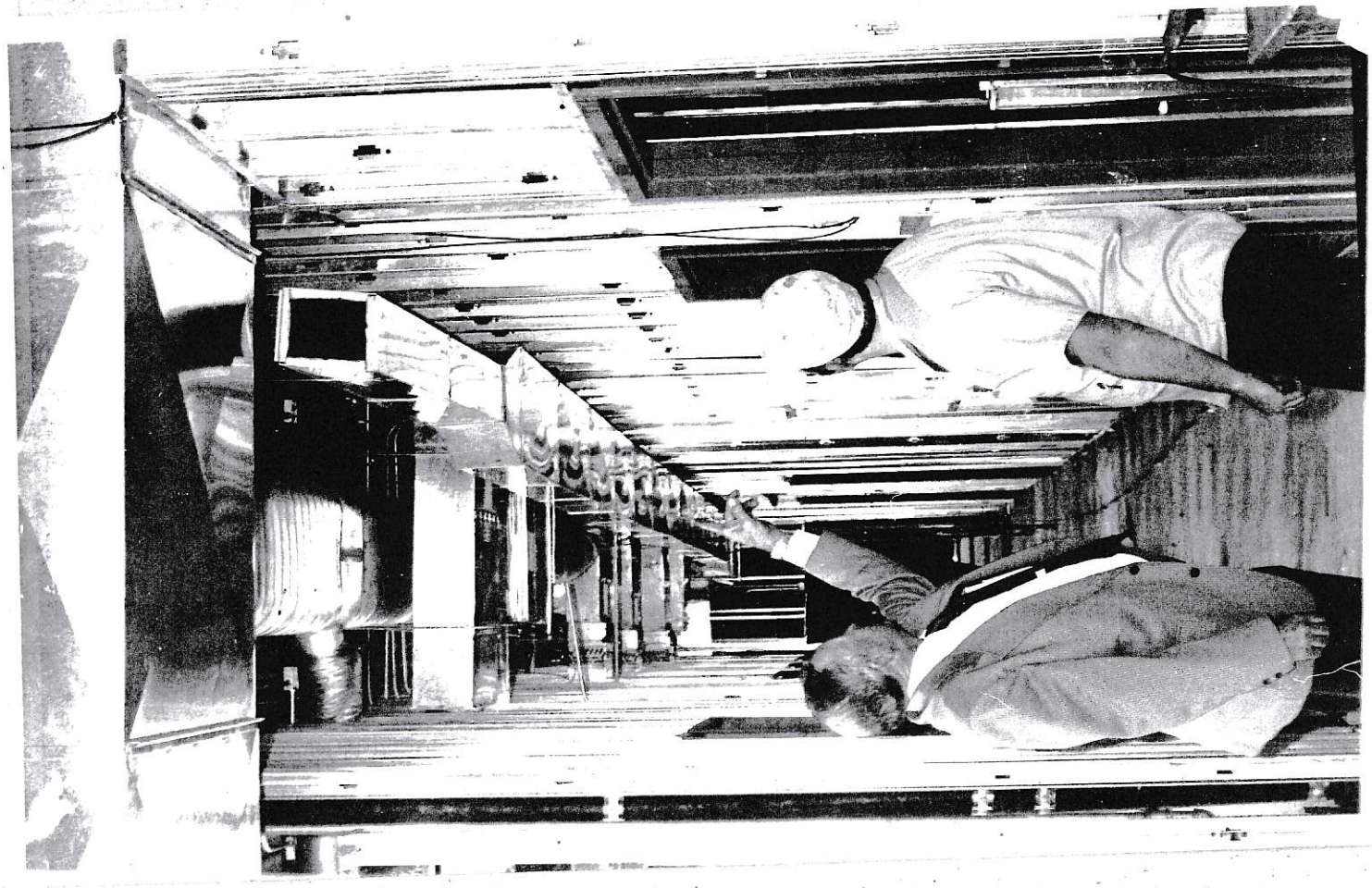
proper question and should be explored and answered. A good answer might contain the key to good medical service and the future need for special services here. The present lack of space and crowded working conditions have contributed to many medical problems according to Dr. Wyler. He continued, "It is hard to administer any hospital without enough space. To run our hospital at all with the space conditions we have is almost a miracle. As soon as we are able to move into the new one many problems will be solved."

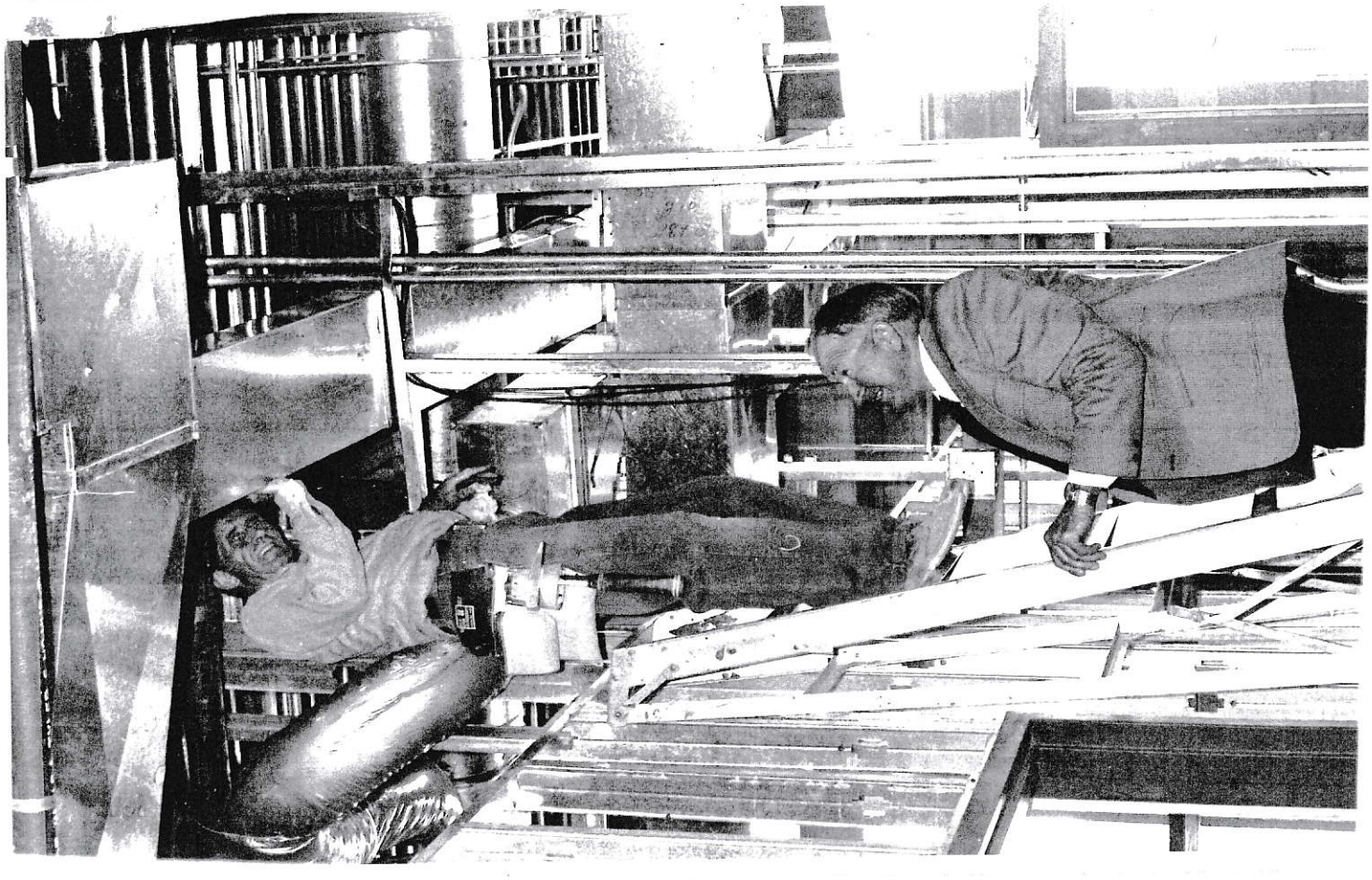
Dr. Wyler has gone through the experience of building and administrating a hospital in a growing area in California before he came here and is well acquainted with most of

bring a few', He stated. "Doubling the capacity will lower the occupancy rate for some time. This means the hospital may require more tax support than appears at the present time."

"The most successfully run hospitals I am acquainted with are run by well qualified and balanced boards of directors. If the proper balance of service-patient balance can be achieved on such a board the hospital runs smooth." He concluded. "Such an organization could well serve to ease differences in opinions here and produce a good comprehensive plan for future medical service development here. This process could also develop a good balance between General Practicioners and Specialists."

To a number of persons





Hospital Dedication Announced

President Nathon Eldon Tanner, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints, will officially dedicate the new Dixie Memorial Hospital, October 8 at 10:00 a.m., according to a recent announcement by Washington County Commissioner Murray Webb.

Tours through the new $4,112,869 facility will be conducted both prior to the dedication and following the rites according to Webb.

The new 65 bed hsopital will be completed after nearly two years of construction, and according to Webb, expansion to 250 beds at the current site is possible.

Expansion Soon

"I look for expansion soon," commented Webb, indicating that he felt the new facility would be filled within the next two years.

The foundation of the current structure is built to enable expansion to six stories, and Webb also indicated that horizontal expansion will enable another 120 beds to be added as further demands are placed on the facitity.

The new facility will be the most modern in the State of Utah according to Webb, and Webb indicated that the new hospital will have several items that no other hospitals in the State of Utah has.

Carpet in

Several items including carpeting had to be removed from the new structure when the bid exceeded the available funds two years ago, however, Webb indicated that the carpeting has been put back in the facility.

Personal guided tours throughout the new facility will begin at 8:30 a.m and continue to the time of the dedication, according to Webb, and the tours will then resume after the dedication rites and continue as long as needed.

Webb indicated that a few small problems exist which may delay move in to the new facility until later, such as power problems resulted from existing power coming into the city. Webb indicated that installation of X-Ray equipment had to be delayed until the power problem can be solved.

Pres. N. Eldon Tanner to dedicate hospital

GEORGE - The new Medical center will be ated Oct. 8 at 10 a.m. by Nathan Eldon Tanner, Counselor in the First ncy of the Church of Christ of Latter-day

missioner G. Murray made the an- ement Sept. 3 at a Chamber of Com- meeting.

s a long overdue for our area," Webb referring to the al. "We feel we have $2 million by building n we did."

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comprehensive medical center will be long-term patient care because recently an agreement was made with the 5-County organization to take care of mental health and outpatients in the old Dixie Hospital building adjoining the new facility. "Long-term care may be possible in the future," said Webb.

Some of the frills had to be taken out of the hospital to reduce costs, he added.

Negotiations are continuing with Intermountain Health CAre, Inc., to possibly work out an arrangement for the corporation to buy, lease, or jointly manage the new hospital. A meeting with

week.

Webb promised that health care costs won't rise if the corporation takes over the hospital. "They may be able to operate it more cheaply than we can," he said.

The corporation would also retire the bonds sold to finance the hospital and thus would save county taxpayers some money.

Mayor Neal Lundberg told the Chamber of Commerce the city is setting up special districts to put sidewalks in all over town. He said the St. George - Santa Clara sewer line is 30 percent complete and that in the future the city may receive federal money

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Dedication Rites Set for Dixie Medical Center

By Dorthy Lee

Dedicatory rites for the new Dixie Medical Center will be held next Wednesday, October 8th, as N. Eldon Tanner, First Counselor in the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints offering the dedicatory prayer.

The dedicatory program will begin at 10:00 a.m at the new facility with speakers to include President Tanner, Art Anderson, previous administrative director of the Intermountain Regional Medical Program, Ber Erickson, Chief Medical Facilities Section, Utah State Department of Health and G. Murray Webb, Washington County Comissioner, and Chairman of the Dixie Hospital Advisory Board.

The program will also include three musical numbers along with remarks from Elwood Harrison, adminstrator of the hospital, with M. Truman Bowler acting as master of ceremonies.

The dedicatory services will be held approximately two months prior to the admission of the first patient, according to Harrison, with several details and items within the structure to be completed, and to allow move in to the new facility to completed.

The new four story complex will offer many expanded services, including expanded departments of the laboratory, X-ray, emergency room, surgery, obstetrics, intensive care, respiratory therapy, with expanded out-patient facilities.

The basement, first floor of the new facility houses the engineering department, central supply, equipment and supply warehouse, along with kitchen and cafeteria facilities.

The second or main floor of the facility, includes the admission and adminstratrative area, the X-ray department, laboratory, emergency room, surgery, pharmacy, along with bookkeeping and records areas.

The third floor of the new center includes a four bed intensive care unit, respiratory therapy, patient beds and two security rooms.

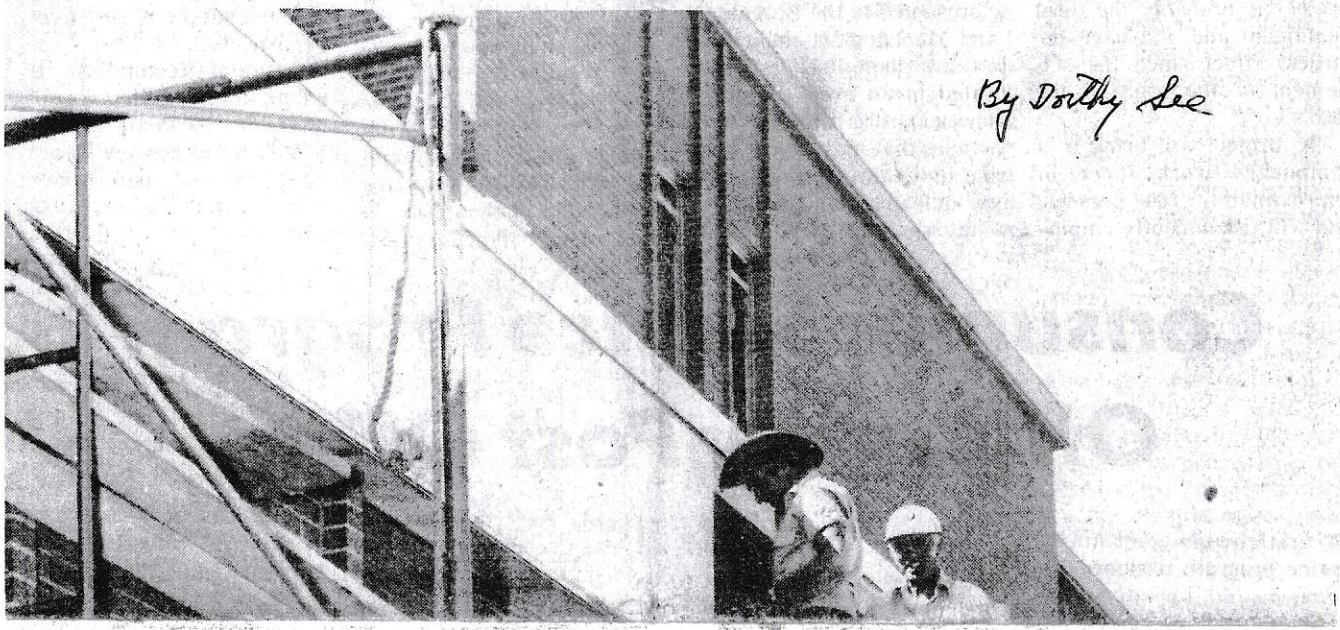
The fourth floor contains two delivery rooms, two labor rooms, the newborn nursery, along with more patient care rooms.

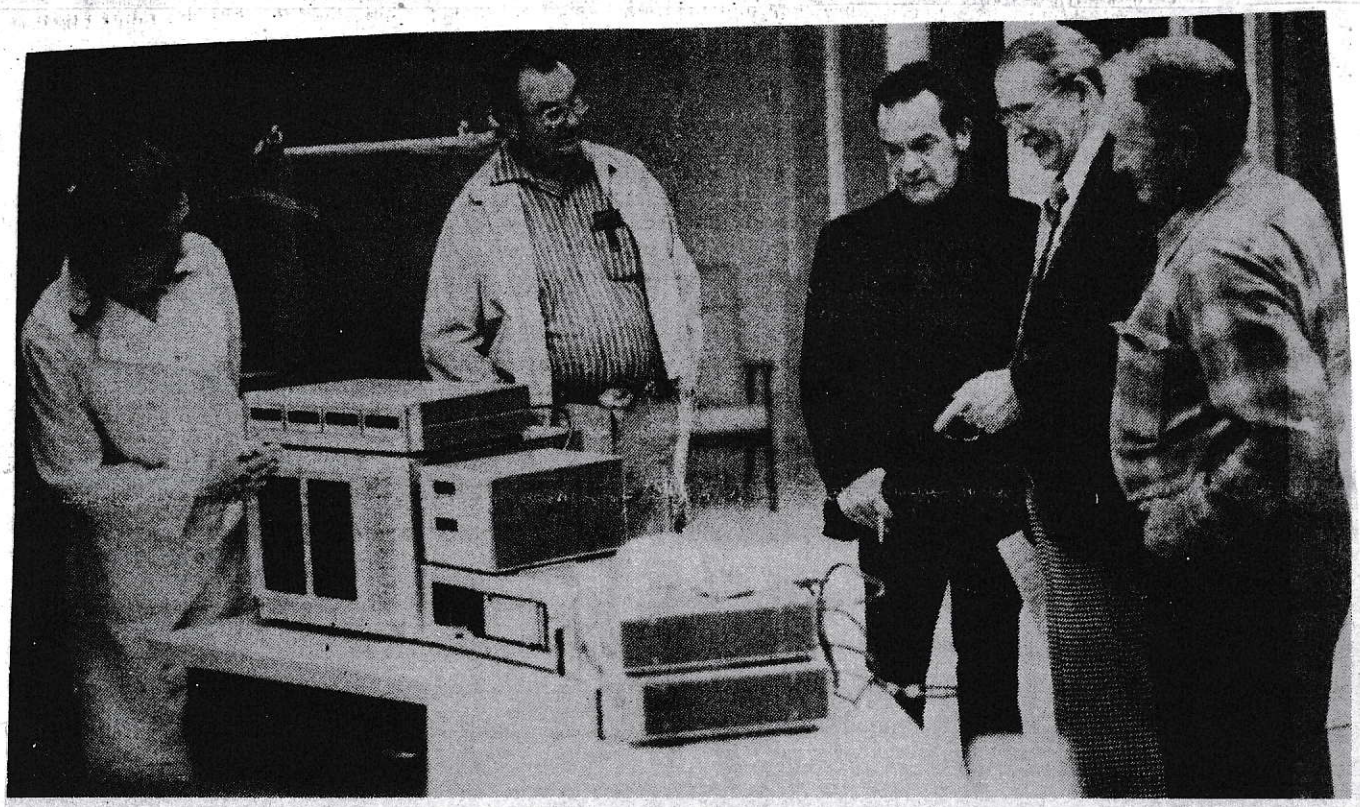
An added feature of the new facility is the installation of the Hill-Rom equipment includes a wall-mounted module that has at the patients be facilities for oxgyen or air administration, nurse call and communications facilities, along with lights for examination and reading purposes. According to Haerrison, one of the main advantages of the equipment is the installation outside the wall allowing for better maintenance.

Another feature of the facility is the design of the nursing care stations, with satelite stations on the four corners of each floor to allow the nurses to have closer contact with the patients.

The facility will also have a unit dose medication delivery system with all medicattion for each patient being prepared in the pharmacy and then delivered via a cart, thus allowing nurses more time for patient care duties, and less time in dispensing medication.

Out-Patient facilities in the laboratory, x-ray and respiratory therapy area will be expanded, with less time required and more area supplied than in the present facility.





HOSPITAL INSPECTION—Kay Purcell, left, Director of Nursing; Truman Bowler, Chairman of the Washington County Commission; Elwood Harrison, Hospital Administrator; Willard Nelson, Architect; and Murray Webb inspect intensive Care unit equipment in new Dixie Medical Center. The hospital passed final inspection and move-in to the new facility started this week.

Final Inspection Held for New Dixie Medical Center

Final inspection on the new Dixie Medical Center was completed Tuesday, as Washington County Commissioners toured the new facility to give the final okay to move in.

According to Elwood Harrison, Hospital Administrator, the move from the old facility to the new one will be made this week. He indicated that plans are to be in the new facility and operational by December 15.

A complete check on the facility revealed minor items that had to be completed, however, the architect indicated that the okay for move in would be given last Tuesday.

The completion of the $4.5 million structure came two years after the official groundbreaking ceremony, and almost six months after the projected completion date.

The question as to who will operate the facility is still unresolved, and a public hearing on the lease proposal by Intermountain Health Care Inc., will be held at the Washington County Courthouse on December 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Intermountain Health Care approached the Washington County Commission with the possibility of leasing or purchasing the hospital last summer, and negotiations have been continuing.

The latest proposal included a lease plan with an option to renew.

The new four story structure includes many expanded facilities over the current hospital, and constructed so it can be expanded to four times it's present size at the same location.

Pres. Tanner

It was our privilege to have Pres Tanner at home for dinner today My good Wife Doris + I were with Pres Tanner most of the day. He Praised Doris for the best beef Roast he had ever tasted.

As we took him back to the airport He said he was going to run for re Commissioner again - because said Pres Tanner - The Lord wants good men in office - If you Men He still has work for you to do in the Ch - If you loose - your job is complete -

Hospital moves, hearing set

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ST. GEORGE - It's moving time at the new Dixie Medical Center. This weekend patients and equipment will be transferred from the old Dixie Memorial Hospital into the new facility.

This is also the weekend of the public hearing scheduled to discuss the possible sale of the hospital to Intermountain Health Care, a large hospital corporation. The hearing will be held tomorrow (Friday) at 7:30 p.m. in the county courthouse. County officials are urging citizens to attend and make known their wishes regarding the hospital.

Officials from Intermountain Health Care will be on hand to respond to questions about their proposal to purchase the facility.

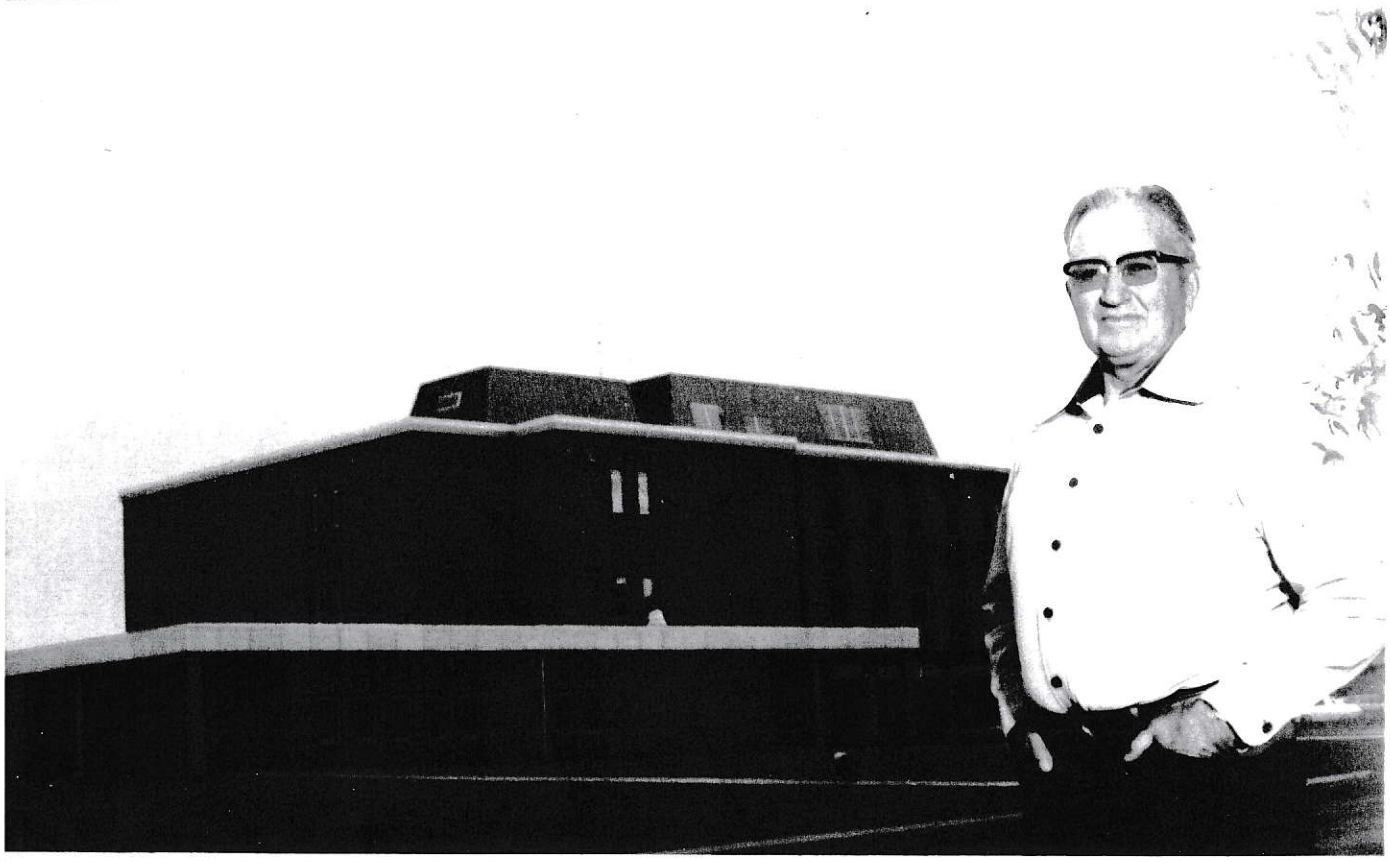
In last week's Spectrum a front-page article about the proposal to purchase, said "an advisory board of local citizens would be set up to oversee hospital policy if it is sold. Intermountain Health Care has since told the Spectrum that "advisory board" is not quite correct.

The board will be a "governing board," which gives it more teeth than an advisory board. The board will consist of one doctor, one county commissioner, and members from throughout the county. The board will determine policy and administration and govern the hospital, and will give more local autonomy to the hospital.

Concern hs been expressed that selling the hospital will result in loss of local controls over the facility.

If IHC purchases the hospital, it will take over all indebtedness on bond payments, both the principal and interst, which would take the county 18 years to pay off. In addition, the corporation would repay the county all it has put into the facility plus the costs of the property.

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Public Hearing Se
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Friday evening in the Washington County Courthouse, Washington County Citizens will have the opportunity to voice their opinions concerning the future of the New Dixie Medical Center.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Courthouse Auditorium, for the purpose of reviewing a proposal from Intermountain Health Care Inc., for the purchase of the newly constructed facility.

The proposal came after months of negotiations with the firm that was created for the takeover of the L.D.S. Church hospital operation. Original proposals considered the possibility of either leasing or purchasing the facility.

"After discussing the proposal both the commissioners and Intermountain Health Care felt that the best way to go would be to purchase the hospital," stated Commissioner Murray Webb in an interview with the Washington County News.

Webb indicated that the main advantage in a purchase agreement would be when expansion is needed, as Intermountain Health Care would be better able to handle expansion financing of the hospital.

In Intermountain Health Care's proposal, the County would receive a payment for the facility, and Intermountain would remit the balance over a period of time, along with also assuming the bond indebtedness of the County for the new facility.

The takeover of the bonds will not relieve the obligation of the County for the bonds, Webb stated, as the bonds are general obligation bonds and the County will be responsible for the bonds until they are retired. Webb indicated that payment from Intermountain Health Care would be received 90 days prior to the due date of each payment for the bonds. The term of the bonds in 18 y

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Webb indicated, however, that the purchase by IHC would relieve the current three mill levy that is in effect for the payment of the bonds.

Webb indicated that the agreement was for approximately $2,500,000 plus the $1,850,000 bond indebtedness for a total of approximately $4,350,000.

In addition to the purchase agreement, a local governing board would be created to govern the operation of the hospital. The board would consist of a representative from the Washington County Commission, a doctor, and the Administrator of the hospital along with several community members appointed at large.

Webb indicated that there would be no immediate changes in the staff or general operation of the hospital if Intermountain Health Care purchased the facility, and he indicated that in his opinion it would make no difference in rates.

Webb indicated that several members of the Intermountain Health Care Board will be present at the hearing to present the proposal and discuss specifics. After the public hearing the County Commission will weigh public comment and make a decision on the matter, according to Webb.



AL MOVE IN- Alice Iverson, left, Madeline Ty Whipple, operating room nurses move in new surgery supply room in the Dixie Medical Center. Move in will continue this week as future of the medical center will be discussed in a public hearing Friday evening.

May buy, lease or manage

Corporation shows interest in new Dixie Medical Center

ST. GEORGE - The Spectrum has learned that a corporation which owns a chain of hospitals is interested in buying, leasing or working out a joint management arrangement to operate the new $4½ million Dixie Medical Center.

Intermountain Health Care, Inc., which recently took over operation of the LDS Church hospital system, has been in contact with hospital officials and Washington Co. officials for a few weeks to determine if there is any interest in working out an arrangement with the corporation.

However, no action will be taken by the county commission until more discussion has been carried out and until public hearings on the matter have been held. Authority to sell, lease or work out some other arrangement with the corporation rests ultimately with the county commission.

July 10, Kenneth Knapp, a vice-president of Intermountain Health Care, met with doctors and nurses at the hospital to see if there is interest among them to pursue the matter further. The next morning Knapp met with Commissioners Murray Webb and Truman Bowler for the same reason.

Webb told the Spectrum that both the doctors and hospital administrator Elwood Harrison are "favorable" toward some sort of arrangement with the have been made. Webb said he is concerned about the desires of the citizens and that public hearings will be held on the matter before anything definite is arranged.

"The people have been so good about helping with the hospital that we want their imput on this," he said.

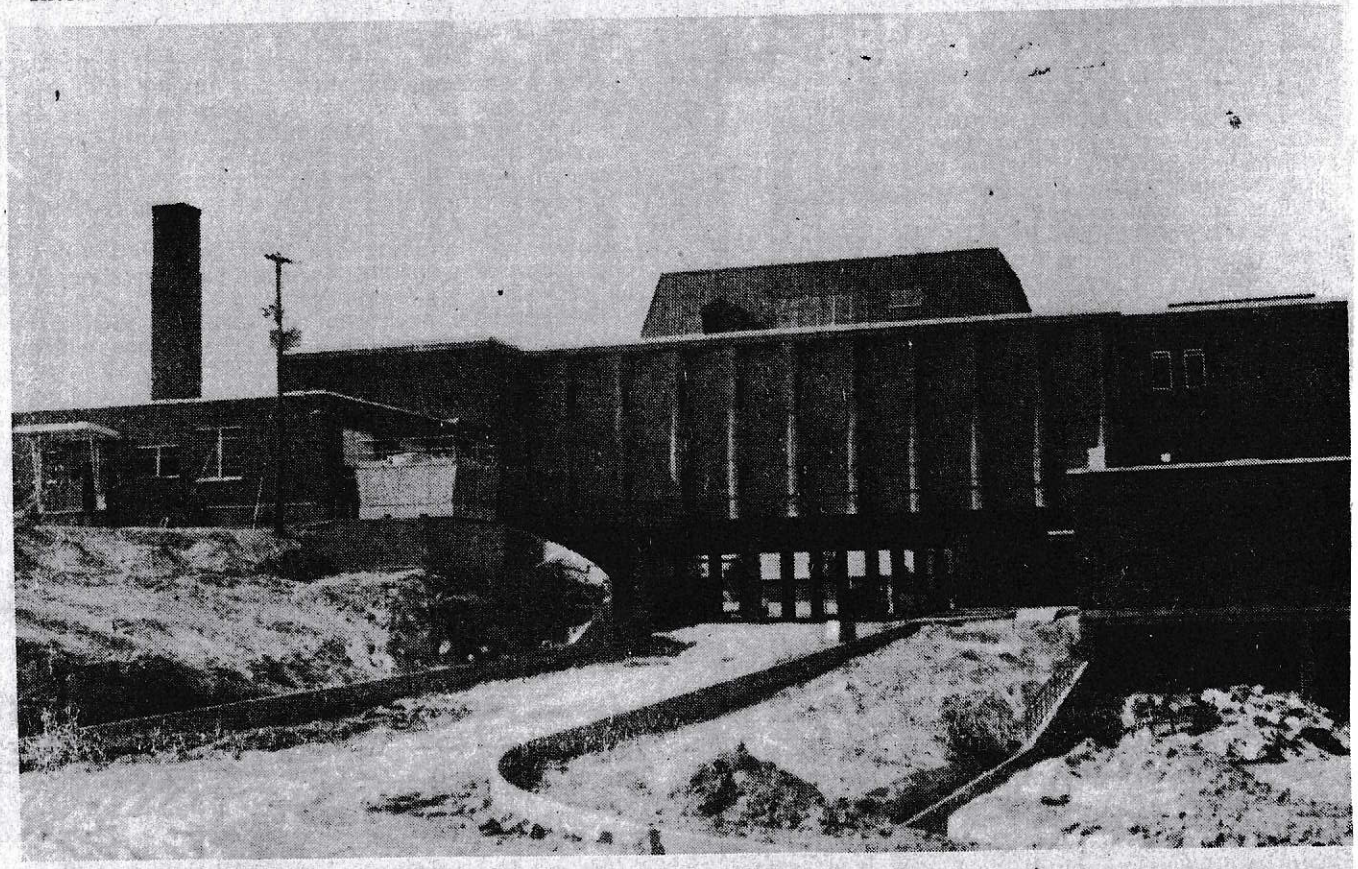
Intermountain Health Care Inc. owns several hospitals in Utah and other neighboring states.

Officials have said there would be several advantages in making some sort of arrangement with the corporation for the management of the hospital. Benefits for hospital personnel would be greater; if the hospital were purchased outright, the tax base in the county would be substantially increased.

A large hospital chain can provide benefits that a small, independent hospital can't provide. Intermountain Health Care saves 10 percent on purchases because it spends $10 million a year.

However, no motions have been passed or proposed by anyone and many questions remain to be answered, according to officials. More details and information will be furnished by the corporation to officials in the future.

Construction on the new hospital is scheduled to be completed the last of August after which moving to the new facility will begin.



The new Dixie Medical Center should be finished the pressed interest in buying, leasing or jointly managing



SENATOR CANNON PRESENTS FLAG — Nevada Congressman Howard Cannon was in St. George last Thursday to present the Dixie Medical Center with a United States Flag which had been flown over the Nation's Capitol. On hand to witness the presentation were members of the Pink Ladies, Commissioner Murray Webb, Hospital Administrator Elwood Harrison and hospital staff members. The flag was raised by members of the armed forces and is presently flying above the Medical Center. Senator Howard Cannon is a St. George Native and is Nevada's senior senator.

Commissioner Webb pleased with NACO Convention

Washington County Commissioner G. Murray Webb, back in St. George, after attending the National Association of Counties, National Convention, Atlanta, Georgia, July 7-12, said he was happy with the results of the meetings.

"A four year fight to do away with the National Compulsory Comprehensive Health Insurance Program came to a head in Atlanta when 4000 elected officials voted unanimously to delete the words "compulsory" and "comprehensive" in favor of "catastrophic" for the health insurance study. Up to this time, the National Steering Committee has been in favor of the National Compulsory Comprehensive Health Insurance. A meeting last March in Denver changed this attitude in favor of Health Insurance studies without use of the words compulsory or comprehensive. Commissioner Webb said.

Catastrophic Insurance has been recommended for patients who have been hospitalized for more than sixty days because of the depeletion of finances and undue hardships caused long hospital stays.

Comprehensive Heal Care will be availat through state and cour agencies based on need, t Commissioner said.

Commissioner Webb, a member of the NACO National Steering Committee on Health, education and welfare, pointed out that four years ago he was the lone voice against the National Health Insurance Plan.

The Commissioner, whose term of office on the Steering Committee had expired has been reappointed

Utahn to visit Carter

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Catastrophic Insurance has been recommended for patients who have been hospitalized for more than sixty days because of the depeletion of finances and undue hardships caused by long hospital stays.

Comprehensive Health Care will be available through state and county agencies based on need, the Commissioner said.

Commissioner Webb, a member of the NACO National Steering Committee on Health, education and welfare, pointed out that four years ago he was the lone voice against the National Health Insurance Plan.

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Webb receives White House call on Health Bill

1978

After receiving a telephone call from the White House Sept. 23, G. Murray Webb flew to Washington to be present at a meeting regarding National Health Care, 2:30 p.m. Sept. 26 at the National Executive Mansion.

Webb, Chairman of Rural Heealth of the National Steering Committee for the National Association of Counties was requested to attend the meeting because of NACO's stand on hospital Cost Containment Legislation.

"I don't think we can live under the Hospital Cost Containment Bill unless it covers a complete Health service delivery system." he said.

CommissionerWebb reports on White House meeting

After a surprise request to be present at a White House meeting with President Jimmy Carter, G. Murray Webb returned to St. George, September 27. Webb, Rural Health Chairman of the National Steering Committee of the National Association of Counties, was asked to be present at the meeting along with other representatives of NACO and Welfare and Senior Citizen groups.

Those present were addressed by Vice President Walter Mondale, who favored the bill as a fight against inflation, Hail Champion and Charles Schulta, White House economists.

Webb said Presidenat Carter gave a good presentation saying he was not for controls and preferred to see everything on a private enterprise basis. "But, in the case of hospitals, they are not competing on the open market. I feel a reasonable and modest control must be put on hospitals to put them in line with other businesses. Hospitals, as a whole, have not done their part to keep cost increases in line with other businesses."

The president asked for the support of all present in getting the hospital containment cost bill passed through the Senate.

Figures given to show the inflationary rise in hospital care was; An average stay in a hospital in 1946 cost $85.00. By 1968, the cost had risen to $400.00 and by 1977 it had leapt to $1500.00.

Commenting on his trip to Washington, Webb said "If this bill supported a complete hospital health care delivery system I could support it but to have them fragment the system and make hospitals alone responsible for the rise in costs is discriminatory in not including the entire health delivery system. I would prefer to have free enterprise back in the economy to where prices are set by supply and demand.

I am going to vote against this bill and will so advse my legislative representatives that unless the Bill covers the complete hospital health care delivery system, I cannot support it."

Carter fails to sway S. Utah official on hospital policy

By Dorothy E. See
Deseret News correspondent

ST. GEORGE — Washington County's commission chairman, who met this week with President Jimmy Carter, has returned to St. George disagreeing with the president's views.

G. Murray Webb, who was invited to the White House with several other representatives of the National Association of Coumties, said the meeting did not sway his opinion on pending legislation over hospital cost containment.

Webb said the meeting at the White House began with a session in which a spokewoman from Capitol Hill explained the cost containment legislation in detail. She said the bill would not bring hospitals under government control but the institutions must abide by the bill's standards.

The meeting was also attended by Vice President Walter Mondale and two high-ranking economists from the White House, Webb said.

Both the vice presidnt and the economists endorsed the legislation outlining the need to limit rapidly rising hospital costs.

One of the economists said the hospital costs are one of the most inflationary items in the economy.

Carter attended later portions of the meeting.

"I'm not for controls. I prefer to see everything on a private enterprise basis," said President Carter, according to Webb. "But hospitals are not competing on the open market and I feel that reasonable and modest controls must be put on hospitals to put them in line with other bus!nesses."

Webb said, "If this legislation supported the complete hospital care delivery system, I could support it. But to fragment the system and make hospitals alone responsible for rising costs is discriminatory.

"I prefer to put free enterprise back into the economy where prices are set by supply and demand, but since Congress has introduced this legislation, I am going to advise my legislative representative that unless the bill covers the complete health care system, I can't support it."

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October 17, 1978

G. Murray Webb, Commissioner
Washington County
253 S. 600 East
St. George, Utah 84770

Dear Commissioner Webb:

It is a privilege to confirm your continuing appointment as chairman for Rural Health of the National Association of Counties Health and Education Policy Steering Committee.

I have invested a great deal of my time in these appointments because of the major importance of your steering committee work to America's counties.

NACo's steering committees study issues, recommend new policy positions and interpret the American County Platform, the official policy statement of NACo. Platform amendments and resolutions from member counties are submitted to the appropriate steering committee for review and recommendation.

Your appointment will be for one year. Committees usually meet four times a year, always at the annual and legislative conferences. I hope you will be able to attend all meetings each year. All travel expenses are your responsibility.

If there are any errors in your name, title, address or phone number on the attached sheet, or if for some reason you are not able to accept the appointment, please call Jim Koppel at NACo by close of business Wednesday, October 25, 1978.

A sample press release on your appointment is enclosed. I urge you to personalize it and send it to your local news media so that others know about your important role in county policy.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Williams

Charlotte Williams
President

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SAMPLE NEWS RELEASE

(YOUR NAME) APPOINTED (TITLE)
OF NACo STEERING COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- G. Murray Webb chairman Wash. co. Commission (Your name), (county title), Wash. (county), Utah (state), has been named (your steering committee title, i.e. chairman, vice chairman, member) of the National Association of Counties' Rural (~~NACo~~) Health and Education Steering Committee. The appointment was made by NACo President Charlotte Williams of Genesee County, Mich.

NACo's 12 steering committees form the policy-making arm of county government. Each committee is composed of approximately 35 county officials who meet during the year to examine issues critical to local government. Their recommendations on county legislative goals are presented to county officials from across the nation at NACo's annual conference. If approved, the recommendations become part of the American County Platform, NACo's official policy document.

The Health and Education Steering Committee reviews issues relating to health care and health insurance systems, health planning, local health services, mental health, drug abuse, alcoholism, Medicaid and Medicare, elementary and secondary education, community colleges, and vocational and technical education.

This year, the committee will focus on the development of a national health insurance program consistent with county policies.

Since the National Association of Counties (NACo) was founded in 1935, its goals remain unchanged. NACo acts as a national spokesman for county government and serves as the liaison between counties and other levels of government. It also seeks to improve county government and achieve a public understanding of the role of counties in the federal system.

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February 28, 1978

G. Murray Webb
Commissioner, Washington County
253 South 600 E
St. George, Utah 84770

Dear Mr. Webb:

It is with great pleasure that I am appointing you to serve as the representative of the Health & Education Steering Committee on the NACo Rural Affairs Committee. This committee has just been established and will serve as the focus for action on rural county concerns.

I have chosen Calvin Black of San Juan County, Utah, to chair the committee. Ray Nelson of Republic County, Kansas, will be vice chairman.

The first formal meeting of the Rural Affairs Committee will be held this March in Washington during NACo's Legislative Conference. The committee will be meeting on Tuesday, March 14 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Wilmington Room of the Sheraton Park Hotel. Please plan to attend.

Elliott Alman of NACo will staff the Rural Affairs Committee. His phone number is (202) 785-9577. Please contact Elliott if you need more information.

Thank you, and I hope to see you in March. With best regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

William O. Beach

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President

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BEULAH McALLISTER
COUNTY CLERK & AUDITOR

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Washington County

COURTHOUSE
ST. GEORGE, UTAH 84770

September 5, 1972

N. Eldon Tanner
First Councelor First Presidency
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Church Office Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear President Tanner:

I want to express my appreciation for the opportunity of meeting with you on August 24th to discuss the new hospital which must be built to serve this area. As you requested, I am providing herewith information regarding our conversation, which I hope will be supportive of our request for $300,000. funding assistance by the church.

For some time the Washington County Commission has recognized the requirement for a new hospital to meet the needs of the people, not only in our county, but those living in adjacent areas which comprise the medical trade area of the Dixie Memorial Hospital as well.

Two principle reasons have combined to create this critical need: 1) a population growth in Washington County during the last decade of approximately 33 per cent, with the greater portion of the growth taking place during the last three years, and 2) the fact that the Dixie Memorial Hospital has been judged as non-conforming to state and federal standards necessary for continued licensing and participation of the Medicare program. Although the present building is structurably sound, it was built to conform to state and federal standards in existence in 1950. These standards have been changed several times since, without any accompanying modifications of the hospital. The limited patient capacity, coupled with the numerous facility deficiencies occurring through the years has led the Hill-Burton officials to conclude that replacement of the hospital, rather than modernization must be a condition for their funding participation. Likewise State Division of Health representatives have stated that modernization of the facility would be extremely costly and impractical.

As a result of these problems and recognizing that the population would probably increase, a comprehensive study of the health care needs to include new facilities was undertaken at our request by the Arthur Young Consulting Company. The requirement for a new hospital can best be understood in terms of the characteristics of the people it must serve. According to this study, the income of over 30 per cent of the families in Washington County is below the poverty level ($3,600. per year for non-farm families; $3,000. per year for farm families) as established by the United States Office of Economic Opportunity. Yet only 4.6 per cent of the county's population is receiving welfare income. This is attributable to the fact that over 90 per cent of the population of Washington County and surrounding service areas of our present hospital are Latter Day Saints.

It was also determined by the study that during the past census period there has been an overall increase of 89 per cent of those persons 15 to 24 years of age, and a 20 per cent increase of those 25 to 44 years of age. As these groups comprise the normal child bearing ages, a significant need for child and maternal health services is evident. An average increase of 50 per cent for persons over 65 years of age has also occurred, and of this number, 64 per cent are women. It is important to note that females require sixteen times more health care than males. Although specific information on characteristics of persons living outside of Washington County, but within the Dixie Memorial Hospital trade area is not available, the consultants concluded that characteristics would be similar, also according to the study the area served by the hospital consists approximately 20,125 persons with 15,000 in Washington County, 1,000 from northwestern Arizona and 4,500 from southeastern Nevada.

In attempting to deal with this problem we have taken local initiatives which will provide a greater portion of the $3,000,000. required for construction of a new hospital. We presently have $110,000. on hand from private donations, with another $90,000. in pledges. The Hill-Burton program has indicated support in the amount of $300,000; the Four Corner Regional Commission $300,000; the Economic Development Agency $400,000. A local bond election which passed by a 10 - 1 vote will provide a 5 mil increase in taxes thus providing another $1,500,000 from local sources. The balance of $300,000. is requested of the church.

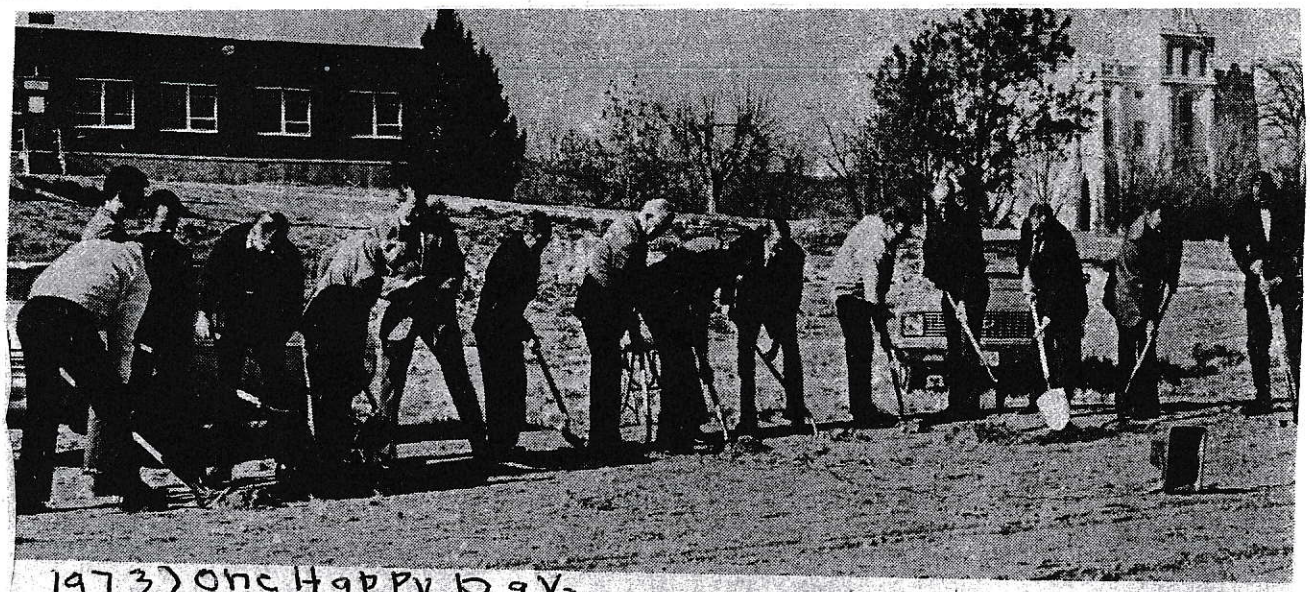
I will be pleased to provide a copy of the study to which I have referred and of course respond to any questions you may have. Again my most sincere appreciation for the opportunity of discussing this most important and urgent request with you.

Respectfully your brother,

G Murray Webb

G. Murray Webb
County Commission

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1973 One Happy Day-

HOLD CEREMONY

Officials break ground for the new Dixie Medical Center in St. George

Officials Hold Groundbreaking

1973

Last Thursday, December 6, 1973 leaders of the past saw this need for a Washington County Officials met with health facility and built the Old McGregor contractors, architect, and local officials, Hospital. As the twon grew the present along with interested citizens to hold the Dixie Memorial Hospital was built. Webb official ground breaking ceremonies for indicated that the town of St. George at the Dixie Memorial Hospital. the time had a population of 3000 and the

The brief ceremony, with Washington county had a population of 10,000.

County Commission Chairman Truman "Our area is experiencing our greatest Bowler officiating, included responses growth ever and once again we must build from contractors, the architect, Chief of another facility to take care of the health Staff and Washington County needs and demands." Webb stated.

Commissioner Murray Webb, who spear- The new facility is scheduled for headed the campaign for the new facility. completion in approximately 500



DIXIE HOSPITAL

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The new Dixie Medical Center which is due for completion in early fall of 1975 replaces the existing Dixie Hospital which will be closed on the opening of the new Dixie Medical Center.

The Dixie Medical Center will be a 65-bed hospital with a core facility to support 120 beds with approximately 72,000 square feet, at a cost of four and one-half million dollars. This medical Center has been under construction since December of 1973.

The new Dixie Medical Center will provide a complete range of services including all major diagnostic procedures in the areas of clinical lab, respiratory therapy, pulmonary function, physical therapy, outpatient and emergency room. At the present time the Dixie Medical Center Staff consists of fourteen active staff with specialties in Cardiology, Radiology, Orthopedics, Pathology, General Surgery, Anesthesiology, plus seven Family Practitioners and one dentist. The courtesy staff Plastic Surgery, Anesthesiology, Radiology and Public Health.

The new Dixie Medical Center will have a staff of approximately 150 to 160 employees. It has been the past policy and will be the continuing policy of the New Dixie Medical Center to be responsive and aggressive care and the needs of the area which it serves. Services have been and will always be provided regardless of race, creed, color or ability to pay.

After he received the letter I received word we would receive the $300,000.00 from the L.D.S. Church which we did.

So after 2 or 3 trips to Denver with Elwood Harrison, Willard Nelson and myself and after a study on the hospital by Robinette and Co. granting us 65 beds with a core for 120 beds we finally were ready for the bids on the hospital. They came in nearly $1,000,000.00 higher than we figured and so some of the features of the hospital were cut by our Architect, Mr. Willard Nelson. Among one of the things cut was the Hill Rom Health Care System, when I heard this I called Hill Rom and told them to bill the county direct that we would pay them direct and keep the Hill Rom System.

When I told Commissioner Church (he took E.J. Graff's place) and Commissioner Bowler what I had done, Mr. Church said: "you may have to pay for that yourself. We can get along with a cheaper care system." Mr. Bowler said, "what is the difference Murray?" I said: "I'll have Dr. Last here next Monday morning, he'll tell you, I can, but I'll let him do it."

Next Monday morning arrived and Dr. Last came into Commission Meeting and said quote - "There is as much difference in Hill Rom and the Gerns System as there is between a Cadalic and a Model T Ford." Commissioner Bowler then said: "Go ahead Commissioner Webb, we'll meet the payment somehow."

The cost of the Hill Rom System was $84,084.00. This decision proved to be a good one for later when I.H.C. wanted to buy our hospital we had our say all the way because of the Hill Rom equipment and also the interest on our money from our bond sale brought us $90,000, more than enough to pay for the system.

Be it known also that from that point on, no one could have given me better support than did Truman Bowler and Elwood Harrison.

So on December 6, 1973 we had our ground breaking ceremonies and began construction of our hospital.

May I state here that because of my work on our hospital I was nominated by Ivan Matheson of Iron County to serve as the Utah Representative on the National Health Steering Committee for the National Association of Counties, known as N.A.C.O. This board was to help set policies for Health and Education for all the counties in the United States.

Because of this appointment Doris and I flew to Hawaii for our first meeting, landing in Honolulu on June 21, 1975 and as will be stated later I voted all alone against National Health Insurance in my first meeting. During the next 6 years I served on this board by special appointment and was appointed Chairman of National Rural Health.

While we were in Hawaii (even though I had only been out of the hospital a short time) I saved a mans life on the beach at Maui. It was my first swim in the Pacific Ocean and Doris and I and Karl Lyman from Provo, along

March 30, 1982 - In all of my trying to write my personal history I have failed to mention that I got mixed up in politics.

We were in the dairy business and our dairy was just south of St. George on the South end of 700 East street and at that time outside of the city limits and it was the county road crew that did what little road work we had. The weather had been wet and the milk truck always had a little trouble with my lane because it was not oiled and graveled and everytime it rained the truck got very muddy. So I asked Floyd Ence, who was County Commissioner over the roads, to see if he couldn't get me some gravel on the road. No help came so I started calling him on the phone every morning at 4:45 a.m. just as I started to milk the cows. One morning he said to me: "Your just a damn old farmer, why don't you mind your own business," and he hung up.

Needless to say my dander was up and so I called the Republican Chairman, Sid Atkin, and told him what had happened. "Well, Sid said, Murray, I've never heard you talk about anyone before, why don't you do something about it? Go file for his commission spot."

Later that same day Merrill Stucki came and said: "Floyd wasn't staying within his budget, why don't you file for his commission spot?" Twice in the same day.

The next day I was out helping on the Stake Farm and Horace McArthur, the County Treasurer, drove out and said: "Murray, I've come to see if I can't get you to run for the County Commission against Floyd Ence, tomorrow is the last day."

Well, I guess the good Lord above wanted me there because I said to Horace stop by the house and tell Doris to write you a check and you enter me in the race. I ran and eliminated Floyd in convention and then beat Landon Frei in the General Election. Winning by a large margin, but I had promised the people that I would try to up grade health care in our county, by doing my best to build a new hospital.

When I walked into the Commission Office on January 3, 1970, neither Truman Bowler nor Mr. E.J. Graff wanted me there. They both had campaigned against me. So when I sat down Mr. Graff said: "Mr Webb which departments do you want to be over?" "Well, I said, I'd like to be over the road and Television, I believe I can handle those 2." "No," he said, "there is too much detail in Class A and Class B Roads for a new comer to handle and I have the T.V. so you cannot have either one."

"Well then," I said "if you want trouble in this Commission for the next 4 years then just let the roads go as they have been and I'll personally publish what is going on and I don't think the public will tolerate it very long. You see I received the next highest vote of any candidate and I feel they will support me at least in a change in road policy."

"Well," Mr. Graff said: "What roads do you want fixed?" I told him and he said they will be fixed next week and they were.

They both said I was over the Health Department of the County and over the County Hospital, not only as the Chairman of the Hospital Board, but over policy and the entire running of it.

I had promised the people in my campaign to work for a new hospital so I started putting everything I knew and had heard about to meet with National Representatives to see if we could raise the necessary money to build a new hospital. I soon found out that to build a hospital you must first have approval from the State Health Department.

So as the first State County Convention was to be held in Salt Lake City the 2nd week in January I called Mr. Bert Erickson of Hill Burton Office and arranged for a meeting to be held while I was in Sale Lake to the Convention. Well I walked into that meeting with every confidence that I could build that hospital. When I arrived at Mr. Dave Alred's office, which was on the corner across from the County Building in Salt Lake City about 3rd South and State, there was Bert Erickson from Hill Burton, Dave Alred representing Economic Development and a man named Bruce representing Governor Rampton and money from the Four Corners (a Government Granting Agency).

Well we sat down and started to talk and each time I said we wanted to build a bigger hospital each time Mr. Erickson said we'll build you another 32 bed hospital. I guess my temper got the best of me, after the third try and I said, "Mr. Erickson, are you trying to tell me we can only have a hospital the same size as the one we now have?" He said: "Yes." I said: "And you mean to tell me that you are only going to put up 5% of the money and yet you are going to be in control of the whole building?" And he said: "Yes." "Well, I said Mr. Erickson you take your program and go to Hell, we'll build this hospital without your help!" And I got up and started for the door.

Dave Alred said: "Wait a minute, Murray. How much money do you want from us?" I answered"$1,000,000.00, Dave said:"my department will give $400,000.00, Bruce of the 4 Corners said we have $300,000.00. Dave then said Bert that leave $300,000.00, will you come up with your part?" After a little stuttering and squirming he committed to his $300,000.00 providing we have a study made justifying the size of the hospital.

I had been trying for 80 beds with facilities to grow to 120 beds and had every confidence I would get another $300,000.00 from the L.D.S. Church. I had an appointment with President Tanner to talk about it and I guess it was this confidence in the church that let me not only bluff my way through the meeting with the Government Officials, but get their support for $1,000,000.00.

Meetings like the one just mentioned helped me to know beyond any shadow of doubt that I had won the Commissioners position because the Lord wanted me there and was guiding me in doing for the County what needed to be done for the good of the people here in our area regarding health care.

And each time before the election that I met with any public hearing I prayed that if I was to win the Lord would help me say what should be said and if I wasn't to be the new Commissioner that I could take defeat. So I once again say I believe I was called to be County Commissioner of the Lord just as much as I believe I was called of the Lord to be in the Stake Presidency - only in a different way.

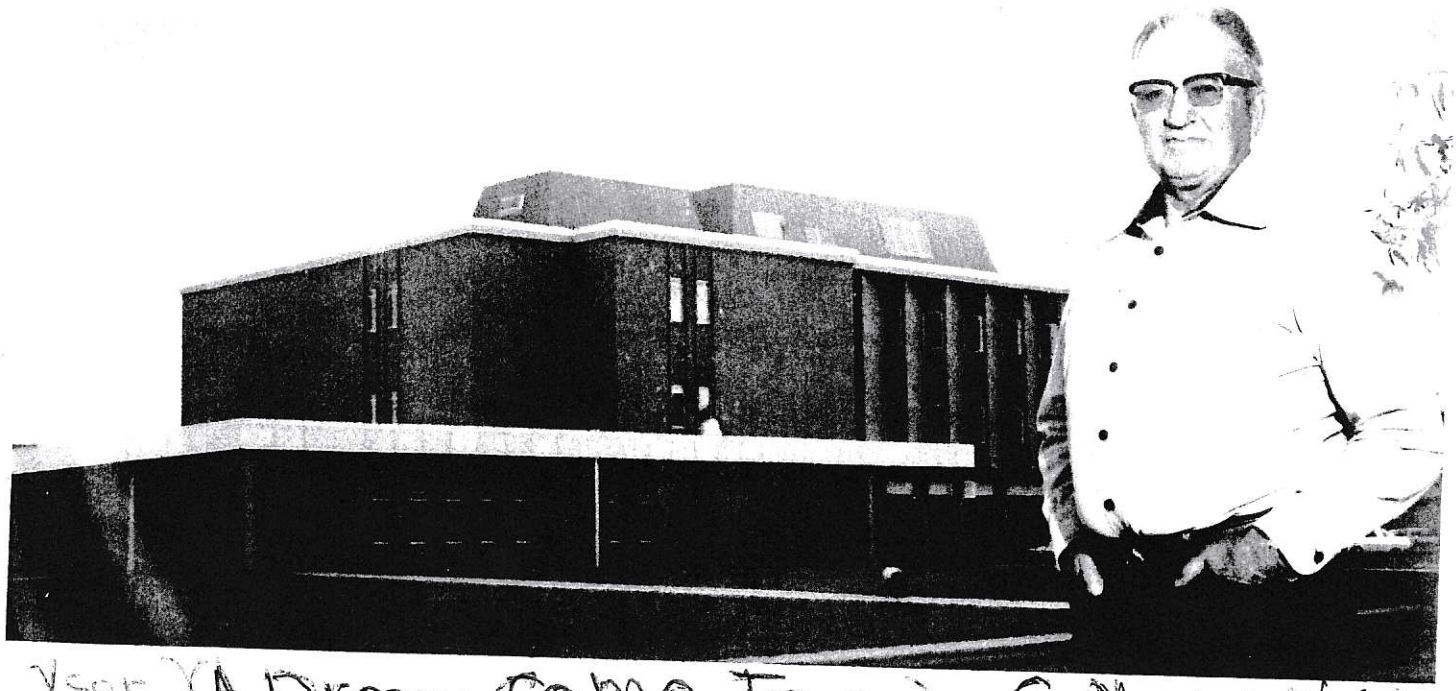
Well there was alot yet to be done but I left that meeting and went back to the Convention with high hopes and determination to see the hospital to a finish.

After the Convention I came home and filled my regular committments, but also made an appointment with President Tanner of which I must relate.

When I met President Tanner I didn't have a very good presentation, just that the Government Agencies had committed themselves and now would the church help us? President Tanner said: "Brother Webb, you go back to your people and work on this project a little more and when you come back be more specific." I thanked him and came home.

After much study and still coaching a Jr. M Men Softball Team the 6th Ward won our area and I took the kids to Salt Lake City for the All Church Play Offs. Making an appointment with President Tanner after our game I met with President Tanner. He had agreed that I could visit with him 15 minutes. When I arrived he wanted a detailed report of the game which I gave telling him that one of our boys had broken an ankel sliding home. He said:"we'll put his name in the prayer circle tonight as we meet in the Temple." Then he said: "What can I do for you?" I said: "You told me to be more specific so I'll say our County is 92% members of the church and we feel the church should give us $300,000.00, is that specific enough?" He said: "Yes, but I'm sorry I said that, but you go back and write me a letter with all your reasons why you feel we should give the $300,000.00 and I'll present it to the Brethern.

Following is the letter I wrote to President Tanner on September 5, 1972:



year) (A Dream Come True) G. Murray Webb

Webb Receives National Appointment

Washington Co. Commissioner G. Murray Webb has received a letter, informing him of his appointment to the Health and Education Policy Steering Committee, from Daniel C. Lynch, President of the National Association of Counties, dated August 20.

In his letter, President Lynch stated that the steering committees were limited to thirty-six members each with the term of appointment for two years only. During the 1st year of transition, each committee will draw ballots to determine who will serve for one or two year terms.

"It's a real honor," Commissioner Webb stated, "It will help to get some real input."

The Commissioner attributes his appointment to the part he has had in the completion of the Dixie Medical Center. "Health is the most important thing for the County to be concerned with. That's why I went for the hospital committee," the Commissioner said, "having served on a hospital board for the past 9 years has given me experience that will be invaluable with the committees."

Several days ago, Mr. Webb received a phone call from Jack Tanner, Executive Director of the Utah Association of Counties, appraising him of his appointment to the Board of Utah Counties.

Mr. Webb commented that it was unusual and coincidental to have been appointed on both State and National levels within a few days time but he added that one appointment would complement the other. He is the only member on the National level from Utah.

The National Board hold quarterly meetings plus meetings in between but the Commissioner does not anticipate the appointment interfering with County Commission affairs as any absences would be only of three or four day durations, Mr. Webb said.

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G. Murray Webb Named Chairman of Health and Ed. Steering Committee

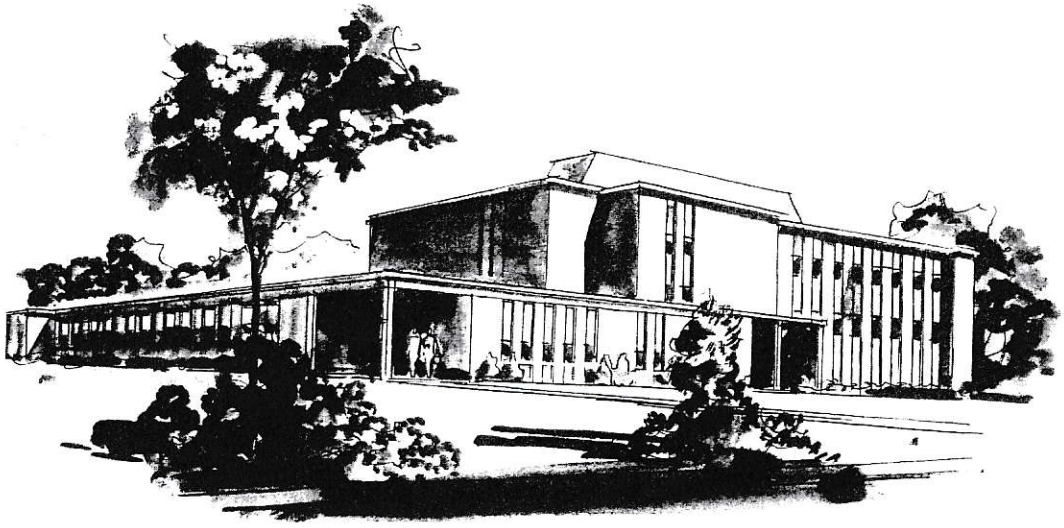
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NACO is the national spokesman for county government in the United States.



Dedication

of the

Dixie Medical Center

Wednesday, October 8, 1975

10:00 A.M.

Dedication Program

MASTER OF CEREMONIES ..... Melvin Truman Bowler,
Chairman, Washington County Commission

MUSICAL NUMBER ..... Dixie High School Band,
Under Direction of Karl Staheli

INVOCATION ..... Vernon Church,
Washington County Commissioner

MUSICAL NUMBER ..... Dixie High School Band
Under Direction of Karl Staheli

OPENING REMARKS ..... Elwood M. Harrison,
Administrator Dixie Hospital

MUSICAL NUMBER ..... "Valley of the Mountain"
By the Melody Moms
Accompanied and Directed By Doris Webb and Eva Miles
Words and Music By Eva Miles

SPEAKER ..... Art Anderson,
Previous Administrative Director,
Intermountain Regional Medical Program

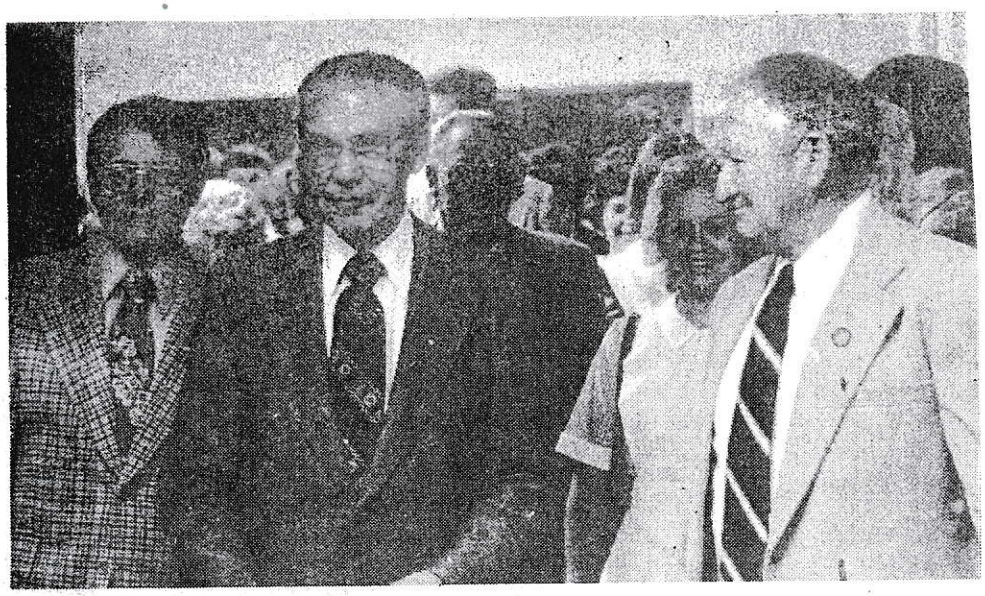
SPEAKER ..... Bert Erickson,
Chief Medical Facilities Section,
Utah State Department of Health

SPEAKER ..... G. Murray Webb,
Washington County Commissioner,
Chairman Dixie Hospital Advisory Board

MUSICAL NUMBER ..... "Dream Come True"
By the Melody Moms
Accompanied and Directed By Doris Webb
Words and Music By Eva Miles and Doris Webb

SPEAKER and DEDICATORY PRAYER ..... N. Eldon Tanner,
First Counselor First Presidency,
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

GUIDED TOURS FROM 9 TO 10 A.M.
AND AFTER THE DEDICATION



Pres. N. Eldon Tanner, center, and commissioner Murray Webb, left, inspect the new Dixie Medical Center.

A Very special day, One to remember

Dixie Medical Center dedicated by Pres. Tanner

ST. GEORGE - While stressing the importance of the new Dixie Medical Center to the citizens and visitors to the St. George area and surrounding communities, at the dedicatory services last week, Pres. N. Eldon Tanner, 1st Counselor in the First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, also pointed out that if people would "accept the word of the Lord and prepare ourselves for longevity," far fewer people in the community than the national average of 1 out of 7 would require the use of the new facility each year.

President Tanner told an audience of over 300 that with the completion of the new medical center there would be little reason that the community could not meet most of its medical needs without further medical resources. He commended the residents of Washington County for their support in constructing the much-needed center, particularly the total dedication of county Commissioner G. Murray Webb in providing the leadership necessary to erect such a facility.

Although Pres. Tanner recognized the part the facility will play in community life, he stated a belief in "the importance of living so as to not require going to the hospital."

"Many people," he added, "go to doctors and hospitals because they will not listen to the Word of Wisdom." He found it incongruous that colleges and other institutions will "fight for clean air out of one side of the mouth while puffing tobacco smoke out the other side."

In his dedicatory prayer, Pres. Tanner invoked the blessings of the Lord that the new facility would prove beneficial and help in building up the citizens of this community.

G. Murray Webb, member of the Washington County Commission, and chairman of the Dixie Hospital Advisory Board, also addressed the audience. He expressed his appreciation for the total support of residents of Washington County and pledged his own continued support in seeing that the mission of the Medical Center was carried out in the future. Webb announced that the new facilities should be in almost full operation within a period of another month or so. He also indicated that the County Commission was meeting with Intermountain Health, Inc., concerning the administration of the hospital, but that no firm decisions had been made at the present time.

Other speakers at the occasion were County Commission Chairman Truman Bowler; Dixie memorial Hospital Administrator Elwood M. Harrison; Arthur Anderson, St. George Area Chamber of Commerce Executive director and former deputy director of Intermountain Regional Medical Program; and Bert Erickson, Chief, Medical Facilities Section, Utah Department of Health. Music was provided by the Dixie High School Band and the "Melody Moms," who sang two original selections written by Eva Miles and Doris Webb. The invocation was offered by County Commissioner Vernon Church.