

THE CARSON CITY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

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The Carson City Community Hospital began as a three bed hospital in 1936 in a private home.

It was founded by Dr. Emmet Binkert, physician and surgeon. Following his internship at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital he came to Carson City in 1933 and began private practice in his home. In 1940 the hospital was enlarged to 15 beds; in 1951 to 25; in 1957 to 50 beds and in 1962 to the present 65 beds. During this growth it was organized as a non-profit corporation with Dr. Binkert remaining Chairman of the board and Chief of Staff.

Today the Carson City Community Hospital offers complete medical, surgical and obstetrical facilities and diagnostic care. There is a Grey Lady service, the personnel being trained at the hospital.

In 1964 the hospital was approved by the American Osteopathic Ass. for intern and resident training.

On May 24, 1966, 250 townspeople and long time friends honored Dr. Binkert with a testimonial dinner, at which time along with many good wishes a "Blank Check" was presented Dr. Binkert which later proved to be worth the sum of \$500.

At the present time a 44 bed Extended Care Facility connected to the south side of the hospital is being erected. This addition among other things will contain physical therapy and rehabilitation facilities and a non-denominational chapel. Dr. Binkert has designated his \$500 check toward the necessary accouterments for it.

Separate from this on the east side will be erected a new pediatric unit, designed for and will admit only children 14 and under.

With these new additions Carson City will have the finest possible facilities for institutions and health care.