



SANTA ANA VALLEY HOSPITAL—NEW UNIT



Bottom row, left to right—Rose Lieberman, Elizabeth Spehr, Katherine Rutherford, Anne Lieberman, Martha Smith, Helena Meager, Alice (Wood) Oelson
 Second row—Carrie Morse, Ruby (Mathews) Lopez, Florence (McAferly) Greenman, Winifred (Michelsen) Barrett, Irene (Miller) Clary, Martha (Schildmeyer) Goodall,
 Grace Johnson, Margaret Walkinshaw
 Third row—Velma (Taylor) Collier, Cora (Huntington) Ross, Lou (Holmes) Gledhill, Hazel (Swall) Williams, Edna (Foote) Lash and son, Neva Sturdevant, Winifred
 (Reed) Thompson and son, Delbert Thompson

THE SANTA ANA VALLEY HOSPITAL

During the summer of 1901 under the able leadership of Dr. John L. Dryer, the physicians of Santa Ana incorporated the Santa Ana Hospital Association. Amount of capital, ten thousand dollars.

The site selected was on East Washington Avenue near the Southern Pacific Railway crossing. It included about an acre and a half of land upon which a twelve-room building was immediately erected. The total cost of land, building and furnishing was six thousand dollars.

The building was opened for patients March 5, 1902. The first patient was a surgical case.

The original stockholders and incorporators were:

C. D. Ball, M. D.	J. G. Berneike, M. D.
J. P. Boyd, M. D.	John L. Dryer, M. D.
R. A. Cushman, M. D.	J. M. Lacy, M. D.
E. M. Freeman, M. D.	W. B. Wood, M. D.
J. R. Medlock, M. D.	John Wehrly, M. D.
F. M. Bruner, M. D.	

These also constituted the first directorate which was organized as follows:

President, J. M. Lacy, M. D.	Vice-President, W. B. Wood, M. D.
Secretary, C. D. Ball, M. D.	Treasurer, J. P. Boyd, M. D.

Board of Managers

John L. Dryer, M. D.	F. M. Bruner, M. D.
C. D. Ball, M. D.	

Superintendent of Nurses

Miss Annie Hill

(Who was replaced in a few months by Miss Mary McNeill)

It was a small beginning in a small community, but the courage of the promoters was soon rewarded with success. In 1904, less than two years from the starting of the venture, the original accommodations were found inadequate and the capital stock was increased to twenty thousand dollars. An appeal was immediately made to the laity and in four hours the full amount of the stock was sold. The list of stockholders now included seventeen physicians and forty-nine laymen.

At the annual meeting Oct. 24, 1905, the following organization was effected:

Board of Directors

C. D. Ball, M. D.	W. H. Waffle, M. D.
F. M. Bruner, M. D.	D. H. Thomas
John L. Dryer, M. D.	A. J. Visel
H. S. Gordon, M. D.	W. F. Lutz
J. R. Medlock, M. D.	Horatio Forgy
John Wehrly, M. D.	

Officers

President, John L. Dryer, M. D.	Vice-President, F. M. Bruner, M. D.
Secretary, C. D. Ball, M. D.	Treasurer, H. S. Gordon, M. D.

Board of Managers

John L. Dryer, M. D.	H. S. Gordon, M. D.
F. M. Bruner, M. D.	D. H. Thomas
C. D. Ball, M. D.	

Superintendent of Nurses

Mrs. D. G. Harlan

The capacity of the Hospital was now twenty-five beds including two small wards of five beds each, four maternity rooms and a nursery. There was a well equipped kitchen department, a dining room and a nurses' dormitory.

As the years passed, the capital stock had again to be increased and new

additions were made to the buildings. Forty beds were now ready for occupancy, for the popularity of the Surgical and Maternity Departments had increased the demand. This progress was steadily maintained until the war. Then came the set-back. Several of the local surgeons were in the army. The Superintendent of Nurses and others prominent on the staff also enlisted. The hospital barely escaped closing and the end of the war found it anything but prosperous.

There was a growing feeling in the community that a hospital should be run in the interest of the patients and not of the stockholders. The time was ripe for a change and the Community Hospital was chartered in April, 1920, by the following:

Judge Z. B. West, President
Rev. A. T. O'Rear, Vice-President and Treasurer
Mr. E. B. Collier
Willella Howe Waffle, M. D.
Mrs. Julia E. Saunby, Secretary

From time to time the original membership was increased until the Directorate numbered eleven. Numerous directors were appointed or elected and many resigned.

The Officers and Directors Aug. 29, 1921, were:

J. E. Metzgar, President	Mrs. D. Eyman Huff
E. B. Collier, Vice-President	Judge Z. B. West
Mrs. Susie Rutherford	C. F. Smith
Mrs. E. D. Burge	F. C. Blauer
Mrs. E. T. Mateer	S. J. Cornell, Secretary
Mrs. C. A. Riggs	

Superintendent of Nurses
Miss Margaret Wallace

During the fall of 1921 a very extensive but not successful campaign for financing a new hospital was planned. After its failure, the fortunes of the institution did not improve and the physicians again came to the front.

The Santa Ana Valley Hospital, a stock corporation, was chartered Sept. 12, 1922, by the following physicians:

C. D. Ball, President	J. I. Clark
J. M. Burlew, Vice-President	Rowland P. Yeagle
Arthur H. Domann	John Wehrly, Secretary
Howard N. Brothers	

They immediately assumed control of the institution. An intensive drive for the sale of stock to the laity was immediately entered upon, with fair success. The Board of Directors was increased from seven to eleven and four lay members were added. In 1924 the Community Hospital was disincorporated, all of its assets and liabilities having been transferred to the Santa Ana Valley Hospital. The indebtedness of the former institution amounting to several thousand dollars was paid by the latter.

It was hoped that a sufficient fund could be raised to build a new fire-proof hospital on property owned by the corporation on Washington and Grand Avenues. After eighteen months had been consumed in futile efforts to finance the project, it was abandoned. At a meeting of the stockholders in November, 1925, it was resolved that the Directors be requested to erect a forty-bed fire-proof unit on Wellington Avenue.

In 1925 the Directorate was reduced from eleven to five with the following personnel:

J. M. Burlew, President
Jos. Irvine, Jr., Vice-President
A. J. McFadden
O. L. Halsell
C. D. Ball, Secretary

Mary Arbuckle was appointed Superintendent of Nurses, and Julietta Hagthorp, Assistant Secretary.

Plans are now being drawn for a new fireproof unit to cover 42 additional beds for obstetrics and surgery. The building to be completed by Jan. 1, 1927.