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CORNER STONE LAYING CEREMONIES

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Master of Ceremonies.

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PROGRAM

CORNER STONE LAYING OF SAN JACINTO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Hospital Building, May 30, 1947, 4 P.M.

4:00 - Robert E. Lee high school band plays Stars and Stripes while placing flags on platform by Color Guard of American Legion and V.F.W.

CHESS FISHER: Will the audience stand and join in singing our National Anthem. (Audience will please stand and remain until after the invocation)

4:10 - National Anthem: Singing led by Chess Fisher, program director, with KRCT radio station.

4:11 - CHESS FISHER: And now, Mr. John M. Kilgore, president of the San Jacinto Hospital's Board of Trustees, will take charge of the program as master of ceremonies. Mr. Kilgore——

4:12 - MR. KILGORE: The Rev. Lee Pierce of First Christian Church of this city will now give the invocation.
(After invocation, audience will resume seats)

4:13 - MR. KILGORE: Ladies and Gentlemen: — It is indeed fitting that we are gathered here on this Memorial Day to lay the corner stone of San Jacinto Memorial Hospital building which has been appropriately dedicated to the honor and memory of those from our community who had any part, however large or small in World War II.

It is particularly appropriate that the citizens of the Tri-Cities area have decided to erect this modern hospital building for the relief of pain and suffering, and dedicate it to the honor of those who sacrificed that we might continue the American way of life.

Such a monument could have been a marble shaft, towering into the sky, undoubtedly it would have been beautiful to behold, but it would have never

cooled a fevered brow, relieved the suffering of a little child, or saved a life.

It is therefore with a deep sense of appreciation and reverent gratitude that we pay tribute to those in whose honor this hospital building is erected. It is our fervent hope that as the years come and go, this magnificent memorial gift to our community will continue its mission of mercy.

This imposing edifice would not have been made possible without the generosity of Humble Oil & Refining Company and its gift of a million and a quarter dollars, and the hundreds of other fine donations of citizens in our community totaling in excess of fifty thousand dollars.

In behalf of the people in the Tri-Cities area and surrounding communities, we express our heartfelt appreciation and sincere thanks to The Humble Company and to everyone who has in any way contributed to the success and realization of this modern hospital building.

These funds have made it possible to provide this building and equip it thusfar, to fulfill an urgent need for its service to this community. More funds will be needed to carry the hospital program to its full completion.

I am confident the citizens of this area will respond when called upon, with the same generous spirit which made the initial building of this modern hospital possible. I thank you.

(Short pause)

4:15 - We are honored with distinguished guests and visitors in our midst today whom I am pleased to introduce to the assembled audience.

On this Memorial Day we are glad to have with us as a representative of American Legion Post No. 323 of the Tri-Cities, its commander, Mr. John T. Mgebreff.

We are also pleased to have as a representative of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Commander of Robert R. Tuck Post No. 912 of the Tri-Cities, Mr. A. H. Lambert.

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I would also like to introduce the members of the Board of Trustees of San Jacinto Memorial Hospital. These men have served with me in a tireless manner, giving much of their time and energy to help bring about the realization of this modern hospital to serve the people of this community. I present the Vice President of the Hospital Board, Mr. Thomas W. Moore, formerly head of industrial relations at Baytown refinery, who has recently been transferred into the Humble Company's Houston office as head of its Training Program.

Secretary of the Board, Mr. Robert Matherne, Publisher of The Daily Sun. And our Treasurer, Mr. Hugh Echols, Jr., President of Citizens National Bank and Trust Company.

And Chairman of the Building Committee, Mr. Gordon L. Farned, Plants Manager of Humble Oil & Refining Company, Baytown.

Mr. C. I. Fortinberry ---Member of the Building Committee, and retired lumberman.

...And the other member of the Building Committee, Mr. Joe Reid, senior member of the law firm of Reid and Strickland.

Your Board of Trustees has been given invaluable aid by a capable staff of architects --- and I am pleased to present: ---

Mr. Maurice A. Grisez (Gree -zay), representing the Senior Architect, Mr. Kenneth Franzheim ---

---and the Associate Architect, Mr. Lowell Lammers of the Tri-Cities---

---And Mr. W. S. Bellows, a Nationally known builder of Houston whose name appears on corner stones of many prominent buildings throughout the nation.

We are honored also with the presence of Mr. Harry C. Wiess, president of Humble Oil & Refining Company.

Among other distinguished guests with us this afternoon representing all of organized labor, Mr. Bill Burchett, Recording Secretary of the Tri-Cities Central Labor & Trades Council.

And we are also glad to have with us Mr. R. O. Daughety, Superintendent of Herman Hospital who has served splendidly as our hospital consultant. His knowledge and experience, which he has so generously shared with us, has been a valuable asset and a real contribution to our building program. And now it is my pleasure to present to you, the man who will serve as the business administrator of your hospital. We feel that we are extremely fortunate in obtaining the services of a man whose twenty years of rich experience and training as business administrator of the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine and Hospitals eminently qualify him for the responsibilities he has now assumed. He comes to our midst with the hearty assurance of our cooperation which we hope will enable him to continue his successful administrative duties in his chosen field of endeavor. I present to you Mr. Howard R. Dickey.

4:20 - MR. DICKEY: Thank you, kindly, Mr. Kilgore, -- Distinguished Guests --
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I feel that I have been quite honored, and I am deeply grateful, to have been selected to supervise the management of San Jacinto Memorial Hospital, for your board of Trustees and the people of this progressive Tri-Cities area.

Although my family and I have lived here but a few months, we have long ago become enthused and elated with the contagious, aggressive spirit of the Tri-Cities and its enterprising citizens.

The people of this industrious community will have, when completed, one of the most modern, efficiently equipped hospital plants in the nation. When that proud moment arrives, the hospital's physical equipment and the well-designed four-story building, will have few if any equal to it anywhere in the country.

Centrally located here on an eleven-acre tract between Baytown and Goose Creek, just off the New Decker Drive highway to Houston, this

building of contemporary architectural design, will house a 100-bed hospital.

Air-conditioned throughout; fire-proof throughout; with no room more than fifty-four feet from an exit; with elevators and staircases completely enclosed in a fire-proof well; with laundry chutes eliminated; --- this hospital building will include a clinic with doctors' offices and eleven treating rooms, as well as a laundry, heating, and mechanical equipment to serve the building.

The main kitchen and dining room for the entire hospital staff will be situated in the basement, and will serve diet kitchens on each floor.

Among other modern innovations is a completely equipped work shop to serve building maintenance needs; a depressed truck and ambulance ramp; and an ultra-modern feature---a garbage freezing and disposal unit.

This modern plant will contain four surgical and operating rooms, two emergency operating rooms; a pharmacy with the services of a full-time pharmacist. The nursery, and an adult isolation ward will be served by their own diet kitchen, treating, and waiting rooms.

These and many more features, including a solarium on the roof, will combine to make this modern hospital plant one of the finest institutions of its kind in America; one that has been designed throughout to render service to its people; and one of which every citizen can be justly proud.

The seven members of this hospital's board of Trustees, whose efforts justly deserve recognition at this time, have devoted many hours of their time and effort, above and beyond their regular business and professional duties, in directing and building program. This, they have done without thought or desire of compensation other than the untold benefits to be derived by the people from the services of this hospital.

They were confronted with rising building costs while the construction program was at its height. They are now seriously concerned with the increased equipment and maintenance costs. However they are confident that the

people for whose benefit this modern institution is being erected, will continue their unwavering and generous support in whatever problem or emergency may arise. When serious illness develops, requiring hospital care, as it does to one out of every ten people during the year; or when disaster strikes, like the Woodward Tornado—or the regrettable Texas City Disaster, the costs are quickly overshadowed by the services rendered. Adequate hospital facilities are a vital and necessary asset to any community, and the people of the Tri-Cities area have every reason to be proud of this fine, modern hospital.

It is a monument to those who fought, worked, —and to those who died that we might enjoy a fuller life. Its completion will serve as an example of what can be accomplished when citizens and business institutions, such as Humble Oil & Refining Company, that are endowed with human understanding, work generously and wholeheartedly together in a worthy cause to serve humanity.

(Slight Pause)

And now, Friends, the historic moment has arrived. It is time now for the actual laying of the corner stone of San Jacinto Memorial Hospital. Mr. Tommy Moore will describe this momentous occasion to our radio audience.

4:28 - Mr. Moore gives ad lib description over radio mike while audience mike is dead. (Soft background music by band)

4:38 - Robert E. Lee band swells from soft background music, on signal from Mr. Moore, into full volume on one stanza of AMERICA. (Audience will rise on signal)

4:45 - MR. KILGORE: The Reverend Don Peevy of Mount Belview Methodist church will pronounce the benediction.

(—Sign-off and flip to studio)