

June 1959

ON THE JOB



OFFICIALS AT THE CORNERSTONE LAYING

From left to right: Dr. Raymond Pease, Trustee; George Winfield Blount, Trustee; Earle Baum, Trustee; Lincoln A. Service, M.D., Medical Advisor; Eleanor Farrell, Staff Member of Modern Maturity; Alice Reiterman, Trustee; William Wade, Architect; James C. Reinhard, Trustee; E. J. Wenig, Trustee; Ethel Percy Andrus, Trustee; Sophia Davis, Guest; Leonard Davis, Business Consultant; Robert Lagomarsino, Mayor of City of Ojai; J. Julian Baget, City Manager, Ojai.

The Opening of Our First Health Center

Presentation of the Health Center to the NRTA Membership

Earle Baum, Trustee

Your Trustees of the Bureau of Homes formally present to you, our NRTA membership, this building, to be erected for a shelter and a haven for our ailing friends. It is right and proper that this building in process be formally dedicated to you, committing to the loving care of our beloved Father the building and all those who will dwell in it, so that their days may be filled with cheer, with comfort and with courage.

Prayer of Dedication of Site

(In unison led by Alice Reiterman, Trustee)

Gracious Father, we dedicate this site and this building in process, to Thy loving care. Grant that within its walls, healing may ever unite with tenderness to bring contentment, security and peace to all who will call this home. Grant that they who will serve here, may not only provide care, but ever shine as lamps of hope in the dark hours of distress and fear. Grant, O Father, that when the twilight may fade, all of us may find light in Thy presence.

BUREAU OF HOMES
NATIONAL RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Laying of the Corner-Stone
THE ACACIAS, NRTA HEALTH CENTER

On
Wednesday, April 1, 1959

Presiding: Ethel Percy Andrus, President and Trustee
Trumpet Solo: Assembly Call
Larry Lyons

A Word of Greeting: The Health Center
A Dream and a Reality
E. J. Weng, Trustee

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Generous Father, we dedicate this site and this building in process, to Thy loving care. Grant that within its walls, healing and mercy ever unite with tenderness to bring contentment, security and peace to all who will call this home. Grant that they who will serve here, may not only provide care, but ever alone as lamps of hope in the dark hours of distress and fear. Grant, O Father, that when the twilight may fade, all of us may find light in Thy presence.

Ceremony of Corner Stone Laying:

G. W. Blount, Trustee in Charge

Honorable Robert J. Lagomastino	Mayor, City of Ojai
William B. Wade	Architect of Building
D. E. Coleman	General Contractor
Leonard Davis	Business Consultant, NRTA
Lincoln Service, M.D.	Medical Advisor
Nina C. Mooney	President, Resident's Council, Grey Gables
James C. Reinhard	Trustee

The NRTA Accepts the Center and the Challenge
Leonard Davis, Business Consultant, NRTA

This is a historic moment for the National Retired Teachers Association. Our Association pauses reverently to appraise the past which has equipped us for this moment and face, in humility, the future.

Hopefully we envision on this site our building, lovely in line and strong in structure, accessible in location, fitted uniquely for its function, stimulating to the imagination, and dedicated to the cause of healing and of care.

Prayerfully we of the NRTA again dedicate ourselves to the furtherance of the good work of service and of welfare to our fellows. This is our mission, our obligation and our opportunity.

Trumpet Call — Larry Lyons

Corner Stone Laying

at the

Site of the Acacias Health Center

of the

Bureau of Homes
NRTA

201 East Grand Avenue
Ojai, California

Wednesday, April 1, 1959
at 10:30 o'clock

The Acacia (a-kay-sha) is a popular garden tree, having fern-like, silvery blue-green foliage, and abundant golden-yellow flower clusters that appear early in the spring.

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ANNOUNCING THE OPENING OF THE ACACIAS

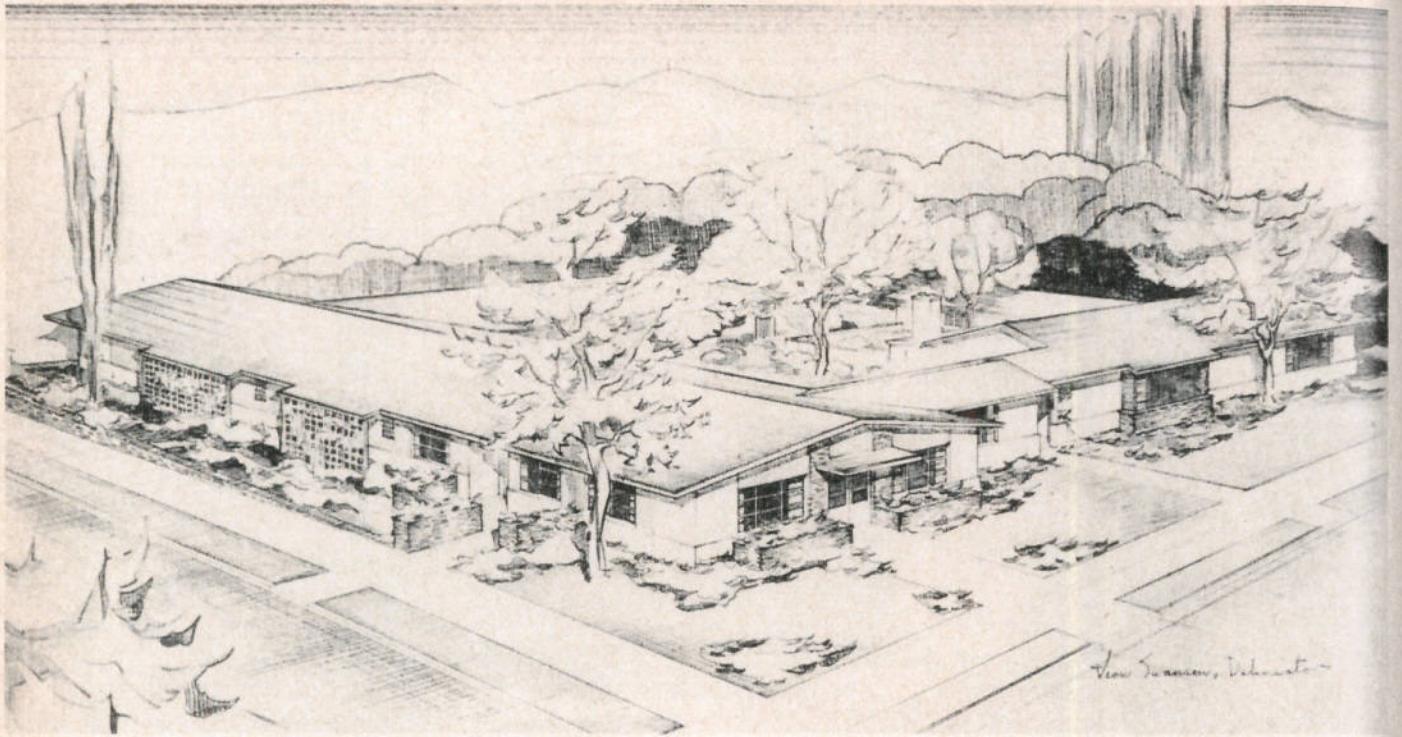
Grey Gables, our National Residence, has over the years offered to its members a place of rare beauty, dignity, security and charm. Now its trustees are planning to provide a similar haven of beauty and distinction, under medical supervision, to improve the care, comfort and well-being of those of our NRTA members not physically qualified for the entrance into Grey Gables. They proudly announce the opening of THE ACACIAS, a health center for those in need of more professional care and solicitude.

LOCATION:

In close proximity to Grey Gables in the charming, restful little city of Ojai, THE ACACIAS enjoys the same invigorating climate that has made the valley famous as an ideal home for private schools of national fame.

THE BUILDING:

Type of architecture of THE ACACIAS is similar to that of the buildings of its across-the-road neighbor, Grey Gables. THE ACACIAS is one-story, air-conditioned, and thoughtfully equipped for its purposes of convalescent and remedial care. Here there can be found, in addition to the patients' rooms, the physician's consultation room, the nurses' station, the general rooms for treatment, physical and occupational therapy, bathing, recreation, kitchen, linen, storage, etc.



THE ROOMS:

The patients rooms are all spacious enough to provide for the care of two patients, but can be arranged for the care of only one. Every room has a toilet, hand basin and adequate closet space. A third of the rooms have fully equipped bath facilities.

Each room will be decorated individually in pastel colors. Many have a six-foot wall window with screened ventilating sash and a pleasant view to the patio and a door leading out to a porch adjoining, on which to roll the bed. Each room will be equipped with a telephone outlet and with a TV installed at an angle high on a wall for comfortable viewing from the bed. Provision is planned for easy transition from bed care with supervised bathing to full self-care, as the patient progresses in his convalescence.

VISITORS:

Arrangements will be made for the convenience of patients' out-of-town visitors. While there are no facilities for the lodging of such visitors at THE ACACIAS, motels and hotels in the near neighborhood are available for reservations.

DIET:

Special diets are prepared and served on the physician's orders. Otherwise food of high quality, rich in vitamins, proteins and minerals is tastefully served as part of our medical therapy.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ACACIAS:
 is subject to license by the California State Department of Public Health,
 is owned and operated by BUREAU OF HOMES, NRTA, a non-profit corporation,
 is scheduled for opening September 1, 1959,
 is definitely planned for the most modern and approved techniques and services of geriatric medicine.

The monthly charge for nursing care, doctor's services, meals, laundry, entertainment, etc. is reasonable, for this is a non-profit organization.

For full details of the services offered and the fees, call or write for a personal interview with the Administrator.

