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**R1293 Phelps County Memorial Hospital (Rolla, Mo.)
Scrapbook, 1949-1950
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PROVENANCE

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DESCRIPTION

In November 1946 Phelps County voters approved a bond issue to build a county hospital at Rolla, which had been without a general hospital since the Nellie McFarland Hospital, a proprietary institution, closed several years earlier. Hospital planners took advantage of federal grants, donations including cost of the nine-acre site, and private memorial contributions to fund the fifty-bed facility. Ernest T. Friton of St. Louis was the architect and the Robert Paulus Construction Company of St. Louis was the contractor. Clair V. Mann of Rolla, former professor of engineering drawing department at the Missouri School of Mines, was resident superintendent for the architect. Construction began in July 1949 and was completed in 1951. The facility is now known as the Phelps County Regional Medical Center.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection consists of a scrapbook of newspaper clippings and black and white photographs documenting construction of the Phelps County Memorial Hospital in Rolla, Missouri, 1949-1950. Newspaper accounts include coverage of the ground breaking ceremony on 1 July 1949 and completion of the building's exterior in October 1950. The bulk of the scrapbook consists of over a hundred "Kodak" views (nearly all 3 ¾ by 5 ¾ inch prints) showing sequential progression of showing site preparation and completion of the hospital's exterior. Clair V. Mann made the photographs for architect Friton; Mann's typed index and a description of the photographs are tipped in at the beginning of the scrapbook.

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