



**A, C, D, & J. SOLANDT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
150 Jackson Avenue, Hayden**

Dr. John Vernon Solandt, born in Ontario, Canada in 1869, came to Routt County in 1898 and ministered to patients in the Hayden Valley for eighteen years until his death in an automobile accident in 1916. In tribute to the dedicated physician townspeople assembled in 1919 to organize the funding of the Solandt Memorial Hospital, a prominent landmark located on Walker Hill overlooking the Town of Hayden. The Hospital was built by the community: Shareholders were solicited and a non-profit corporation was formed in 1922. The site was donated by J. W. Hugus and Company. Schoolchildren raised funds to purchase the imported façade bricks at five cents per brick; many fundraisers and benefit concerts provided by local musicians were held to finance construction, which took three and one-half years to complete and furnish the first modern, accredited hospital in Northwest Colorado. The architect for the Hospital was W. A. Hitchcock, a well-known architect from Laramie, Wyoming. The three-story, symmetrical, rectilinear, flat-roofed structure, characteristic of Twentieth Century Commercial style, was built using buff brick trimmed in red brick and contains seven vertical bays. The facility originally provided for sixteen beds, an operating room, a sterilizing room, an obstetrical room, a nursery, two wards, two sun parlors, living quarters for the cook, a kitchen, and a reception room. The Hospital Ball was an annual

event held to provide operating expenses. The Hospital operated for thirty-eight years before seeking taxpayer assistance. Upgrades to the facility and new equipment were provided in 1963; the roof was renovated in 1980, and improvements to the heating system and wiring were accomplished in 1981. In 1970, the Hospital Board began leasing office space to various medical professionals and continues to the present to provide numerous medically associated services to area residents.