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Bay View a Public Hospital

During the past week your paper has carried considerable news on the recent Sheppard murder case. In almost every instance where reference has been made to Bay View Hospital and the Sheppard family you have by direct statement or implication created the impression that Bay View is a private hospital owned and operated by them.

The hospital is not owned or operated by the Sheppard family but is a general public hospital. It is incorporated under the laws of Ohio as a non-profit institution and serves the community as such. The four Sheppard doctors are on the general staff of over 30 doctors. Further, a part of the \$400,000 spent for a recent addition to provide 60 additional beds came from Hill-Burton funds set up by the Government.

The hospital is operated by a 14-man board of trustees. The president of the board is A. H. Laning, vice president and cashier Federal Reserve Bank and I am vice president.

It is hoped that future coverage of this case by you will take the above into consideration.

H. B. OSBORN JR., technical director, Ohio Crankshaft Co., 3800 Harvard Ave.