## Hospital Is Named For Late Charles Cannon, Jr.

Banner Elk—The new 100-bed hospital to be opened in this mountain community next fall will be named the Charles A. Cannon Jr. Memorial Hospital.

This was announced by Dr. Mar-shall Scott Woodson, president of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, which operates Lees-McRae College and Grandfather Home for Children, as well as the hospi tal. The decision was made at a meeting of the board of trustees last week.

Young Cannon, for whom the new hospital will be named, lost his life while a member of the U. S. Air Force during World War II. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Cannon of Con

cord and Kannapolis.

Cannon volunteered as an Army Aviation Cadet in 1942, He was with the rank of lieutenant and assigned to the Second Weather Reconnaissance Group, stationed

He was reported mising in action March 10, 1945 during a flight in a B-25 plane for Myitkyina, Burma, to Chengtu, China. A year later the War Department officially declared him killed in

Cannon was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously. He also re-ceived the Air Medal with oak leaf cluster.

The new hospital which will bear the name of Charles A. Cannon, Jr., is nearing completion. It is expected to be opened in November. It will include a 100-bed general hospital, a diagnostic and treatment facility and a dental

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Two other hospitals had been used here before the present one came into existence. The first was a 10-room residence opened by the late Dr. W. C. Tate. This was followed by a 20-bed hospital. Dr. Tate operated the smaller institutions for more than 50 years. His son, Dr. Lawson Tate, is chief of staff and medical director of the present hospital.

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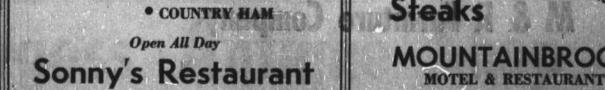
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