

population, which was getting nothing. That was more or less what was going on there.

Then I came to Reno and the rest of my story is in Nevada. I came here basically because of Ernie Mack, Fred Anderson and George Smith, they were the ones.....

EB: You came to Reno from

TS: Directly from Newark. I responded to an ad.

EB: They knew you?

TS: I had been in Las Vegas.

EB: So, you had some contacts here?

TS: Carroll Ogren, George Smith and others knew people in Vegas and when I applied for the job they checked with them down there. I applied from an advertisement for the director of medical education at Washoe Medical Center. That is when I came.

EB: Because you were interested in teaching at that time?

TS: Also at that time, the medical school was just about to be approved and ultimately was approved by the legislature later that spring. So, once it was clear that there was going to be a medical school, Dr. Ernie Mack and Carroll Ogren hired me to come and take this job. The idea was, among others, that I would help develop the medical school's programs at Washoe Medical Center. I probably would not have come if there were no prospect of a medical school. I wanted to be involved with the medical school. Probably if the medical school would have been put in Las Vegas, I would have gone back there to practice. I wasn't interested in just being the director of medical education at a hospital and I wasn't interested in going back into private pediatric practice. Although when I got here several physicians wanted me to go into practice with them. I said, "No, I have made a decision with my wife's support to stay in medical education. I want to get involved in the medical school".

EB: So, it was the promise of the medical school, which looked very hopeful at that time?

TS: Yes. It turned out to be

EB: We were only one of the few states, which had no medical school?

TS: One of five or six. Alaska, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho.....

EB: Was the money all ready promised?

TS: By Howard Hughes and Ed Manville.

EB: We did talk about that?

TS: Yes, as a matter of fact there had been a million dollar gift given by Ed Manville one year before that. It was Ed Manville's first million dollars which encouraged the study and getting going and then it was during the legislature of 1969 that Howard Hughes made his pledge and then of course it was off and running.

EB: Okay, I think we will stop now and start from the medical school and take it forward at our next talk.