

# FOCUS ON CONSTRUCTION



At left, construction machines refashion some of the terrain where the Mountainview Road bridge once spanned the Canadian National Railway tracks. The contractor is about ready to pour centre pier footings and as soon as they're in attention will centre around the progress of the bridge itself. Work started in early July with completion scheduled for mid-December. In the mean time traffic is re-routed onto Maple Avenue East and River Drive. Below, is a project that will become Esquesing Township's first senior school when work is done this fall. Rooms are being added to Stewarttown Public School at the intersection of 7th Line Esquesing and No. 15 Sideroad so that it can accommodate all the township's Grade 7 and 8 pupils. Despite cramped quarters the senior school program got underway last week in existing rooms in the school.



## HOSPITAL NEWS



by Lee Clark

A meeting was held recently between representatives of the Medical staff, board representatives and a representative of the Ontario Hospital Services Commission to review and discuss the bed survey which has now been updated by the OHSC, and to discuss further expansion of the hospital.

The survey had been based on an estimated district population of 21,400 by 1972, a figure considered quite low by a number attending. Dr. Baldwin said it was proposed by the Commission that the bed total be increased to approximately 100.

Some discussion centred around the matter of chronic beds, and that none of our present beds come in that category. It is recommended that the hospital have 16 of these in any expansion.

Dr. Baldwin said that the bed increase proposed for a 20 bed nursing unit including 18 children's beds. Members of the local medical staff felt that the figure was low, as applied to expected future needs.

Intensive care rooms, were discussed, but it seemed to be the opinion of OHSC, that in a hospital of our size, this was not feasible. Rather, he felt a Recovery Area of a different type might be useful.

The proposed School of Nursing was discussed, and the need for classroom space for the students was discussed. Dr. Baldwin said that he would investigate this question further.

In the area of cost, the OHSC representative said that cost of construction was now running at \$30,000 to \$35,000 per bed, for ordinary construction, although there was now a prefabricated modular type of con-

struction costing \$12,000 per bed. Preliminary drawings for an addition. The bed need in the hospital is such that unless more beds are made available in the next couple of years the bed shortage would become critical. It is hoped that plans will be laid by the Finance committee and planning committee in the near future, to lay concrete proposals before the board.

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Friday by colleagues on the local Force.

Cpl. Martin has resigned from the force to take a position with the Investors' Syndicate of Canada organization.

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