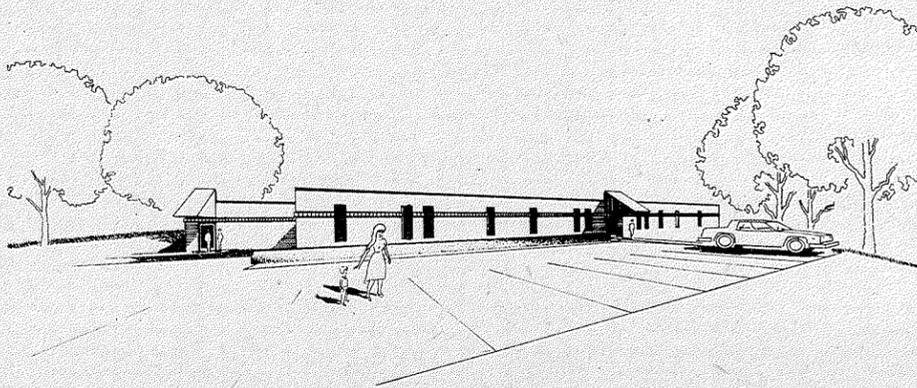




YESTERDAY AND TOMORROW —
 The fire that swept the Medical Arts Building at Butterfield Hospital last February left it damaged beyond repair. A view of the wreckage from a second-floor room shows the devastation of the offices that had been occupied by physicians, surgeons and a dentist. There was little that was salvageable when the occupants and their staffs sifted through the wreckage, searching principally for patient records. The hospital's staff members with offices in the building immediately started planning to rebuild, and, as can be seen in the sketch below the photograph of the burned-out structure, a replacement is on the drawing board. Demolition of the gutted building will take place soon, and construction of the new Medical Arts Building is expected to be completed by January 1984. Ivar R. Hansen, the architect, has planned a one-story structure adjoining the hospital, with access from its own parking lot as well as from the main building.

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requiring our attention as health providers. Each of the three hospitals has been trying to address the needs of seniors, but special concerted action is needed to deal effectively and humanely with this fastest-growing group in our country. Indeed, the increase in older residents is occurring in Putnam County at a rate well out of proportion to similar increases in other areas. These people have special requirements that we must try to meet.

For that reason we have included a Skilled Nursing Facility in our merger blueprint. Butterfield Hospital's location was considered ideal for a 120-bed long-term-care unit to serve not just the Philipstown area but the entire service region of the proposed health-care partnership. Such a unit could care for seniors at a level none of the individual hospitals could hope to achieve alone.

The proposed facility would be only a part of the Butterfield complex, however. Our plans call for the most modern approach to medical care for Butterfield, including education, prevention, new technologies in emergency and ambulatory

care, and one-day surgery.

As you will read elsewhere in this publication, reconstruction of the burned-out Medical Arts Building is becoming a reality with the cooperation and participation of the fine medical staff that was housed in the old structure until disaster struck last February. The doctors, now accommodated in temporary quarters in the hospital, will continue to serve the Philipstown area when they move into their new suites.

Not only will this first-rate medical group be available, but our plans also call for a new Emergency Department and Ambulatory Care Center at Butterfield, a reflection of one of the major trends in health care, which is placing increasing emphasis on reducing the need for hospitalization and whenever possible, shortening the stays of those who must be hospitalized.

Pending approval by the State Health Department, we also plan a same-day surgery unit, also conceived to preclude unnecessary hospitalization. This and the other facilities will have the latest equipment and the best staffs that can be

provided, with the aim of delivering high-quality care at the least cost and inconvenience to patients.

The plans call in addition for a home-care program designed to enable more people to avoid being hospitalized or admitted to nursing homes. We also foresee a day-care program for the elderly and recreational and educational programs for the entire community.

The proposed Hudson Valley Health

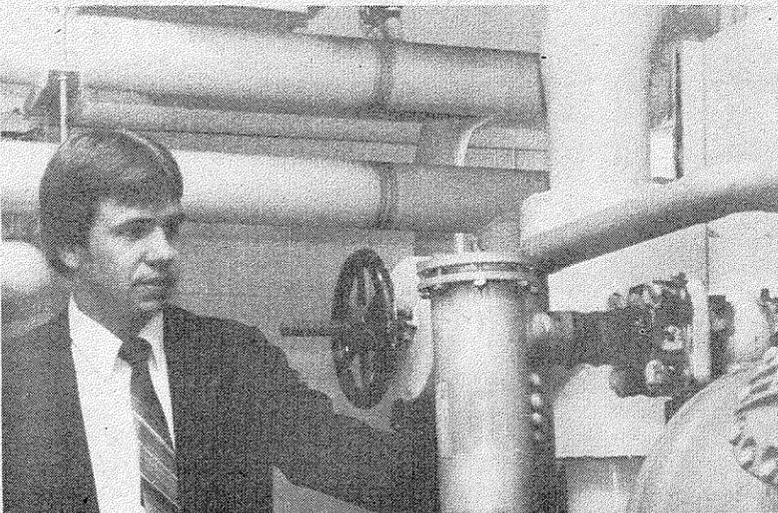
Care Corporation will be in a good position to recruit additional physicians and other skilled professionals for our communities. Many sections of the region have been underserved medically for many years. To help improve health-care delivery to them, a transportation system linking the institutions in the corporation is planned. We also foresee establishment of several ambulatory-care centers in communities in the region. Our aim is to provide accessible low-cost care to everyone in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

Of special significance to Philipstown are the economic benefits that would result from the diversification and growth of the Butterfield complex, with more jobs becoming available.

All of us who are working to establish a new cooperative system of health-care delivery recognize and accept the challenges we face in seeking to form the Hudson Valley Health Care Corporation. We feel we must move ahead to pave the way for the medical and technological changes that are coming in the closing years of the 20th Century. We would be remiss if we failed to seize this great opportunity.



Edwin B. Bolz



David R. Aylward, above, Butterfield's director of environmental services, is checking on air-conditioning equipment to make sure that everyone is comfortable in the summer's heat. Aylward has been keeping things humming at Butterfield since 1979, and now also serves as director of environmental services at Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel. His wife, Carol, is housekeeping supervisor at Butterfield. They live in Dover Plains. In the photo at right, Virginia Webster, registered nurse, left, and Gertrude Lewis, an aide, are helping to prepare Lee Lynch, a staff registered nurse, for surgery.

