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## Health-Care Plan for the Community

By Edwin B. Bolz  
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WORKING toward the proposed merger of Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Hospital with Putnam Hospital Center and Vassar Brothers Hospital has been one of the more challenging and interesting aspects of my career. Especially challenging has been the process of evaluating the health-care needs of the communities served is a top priority of the Board of Directors of the proposed Hudson Valley Health Care Corporation.

It is safe to say that the regional hospital corporation would have the capacity to improve the health care of everyone in the areas now served by the three hospitals. How can this be accomplished?

First, by identifying the areas of need.

Second, by drawing on the resource of each hospital to meet those needs.

Third, by reducing unnecessary duplications of services.

Fourth, by sharing philosophies, technologies, expertise and manpower.

All those goals can be reached through fiscal prudence and by setting a single standard of excellence for all three hospitals.

Many areas of need have been identified even as we await a decision from the New York State Health Department on our application for permission to merge into the Hudson Valley Health Care Corporation, a decision we hope will be forthcoming before the end of the year.

The growing population of the elderly constitutes the most significant group

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## Pete Seeger's Songs To Open Fair on 19th

COME TO THE FAIR!

Butterfield Hospital's sixth annual fair will be held on the hospital grounds from 6 P.M. to midnight on Friday, Aug. 19, and from noon to midnight the following day.

The planners promise that there will be something for everyone at this old-fashioned country fair — from hot dogs to international delicacies, from rides on a town fire truck to a moon bounce on the midway.

Pete Seeger, (photo at left), who needs no introduction to his neighbors in Philipstown, will be on hand to serenade the crowd at the gala opening of the fair on Friday night. Red Brigham and his

country-western music will be the main attraction at 1:30 P.M. Saturday.

Carol Lahey and John Hannon, co-chairman of the fair, guarantee everyone a fine time. They have recruited members of the hospital's medical staff and their wives and other members of the hospital family to operate an international food booth on Saturday that will feature home-cooked delicacies.

Friday has been designed Italian night, with Frank Basso of Cold Spring as chairman of the pasta and parmesan committee.

A craft booth will sell items made by hospital employees and others and the fair committee is asking friends of the hospital to ransack cellars, attics and garages for usable items for the White Elephant Tent.

It goes without saying that there will also be the usual popular fair fare — hot dogs, hamburgers, sausages and peppers, beer, wine, soft drinks and coffee.

For entertainment there will be games of chance and rides on a miniature train, and on Saturday members of fire companies in Putnam County will compete in a test of brawn in the annual invitational tug-of-war.

In addition to the chairmen, the fair committee includes Tom Dee, chief operating officer of the hospital; Judy Meyer, a member of the hospital board; Marian Andersen, president of the hospital auxiliary; Anthony Benecasa, Bill Constantino, Michael Rapalje, Lynn Lyons, Jane Hannon and Sadie Early.

## For a Viable Hospital

By Donald L. Trost  
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THE STAFF and Board of Trustees of Butterfield Hospital continue to strive to provide the citizens of northern Putnam and southern Dutchess Counties with the highest level of health care available, despite a constantly decreasing allocation of state health-care monies for the operation of hospitals.

In 1981 over 80 percent of the hospitals in the state operated in the red, with Butterfield suffering the same fate. Increasing governmental regulations, decreasing hospital reimbursement, escalating health-care costs and ever-increasing public expectations regarding technological developments place all hospitals in a pressurized environment.

In 1980, the board of Butterfield

Hospital, aware of the dubious future facing all hospitals in New York State, and especially smaller facilities, undertook the planning process with other area facilities, to address the problems prevailing in the provision of health care.

Those initial discussions three years ago led to the submission in 1983 of a three-hospital merger plan to the State Health Department. The board of Butterfield Hospital hopes that through the process of merger with Vassar Brothers Hospital and Putnam Hospital Center our community members will be assured of a viable health-care facility meeting the needs of the area's families for years to come.

The future of the health-care system in the state dictates necessity for hospitals to work together in a cooperative manner to guarantee quality care to all people in need of it.

## A Medical Phoenix Out of the Ashes

THE MEDICAL ARTS BUILDING at Butterfield is coming back.

Like the legendary Phoenix that arose from its ashes, the building destroyed by fire last February will be restored, with the opening planned for next January.

The physicians and dentist who occupied the burned-out building and who lost their equipment and much of their medical records are being accommodated in space in the hospital provided by staff and employees who have moved to temporary quarters elsewhere in the building.

Eleven doctors and a dentist had suites in the lost Medical Arts Building, and there will be space for the same number in the new structure, which is being financed by Philipstown Health Care Inc.

Dr. Paul Kaye, a pediatrician on staff

and one of the doctors involved in the reconstruction project, said the new quarters would be one story and about the same size as the old ones.

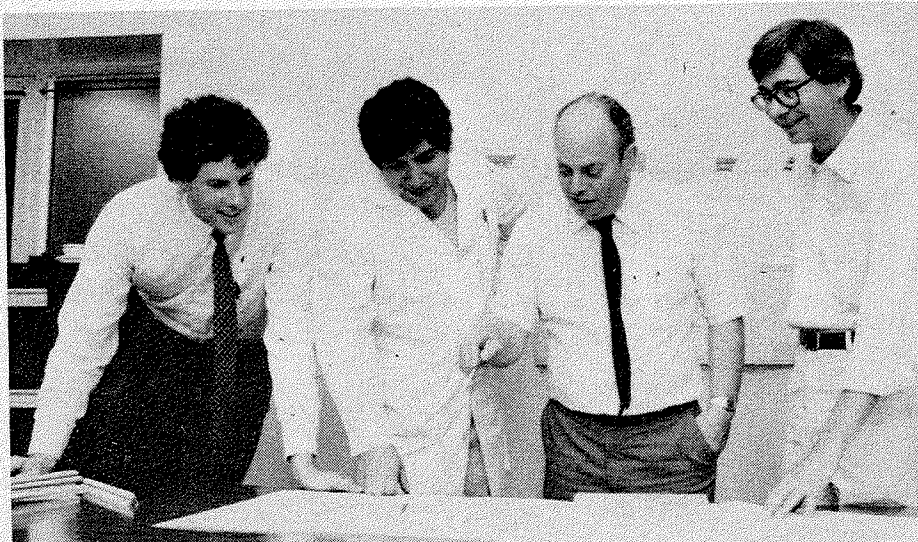
In addition to Kaye, those who will occupy the building, work on which is scheduled to begin before the end of August, are: Dr. Robert L. Briggs, dentist; Dr. Louis Nunez, orthopedic surgeon and chief of the medical staff; Dr. Mohan Kilaru, general surgeon; Dr. Morton Spiegelman, internist, and his wife, Dr. Joyce Miller, general practitioner; Dr. M. Lawrence Giampe, Dr. Patrick O'Daly and Dr. Steven Weber, obstetricians/gynecologists; Dr. Shashikant Desai, pediatrician; Dr. Subhash Kulkarni, internist, and Dr. Cipriano Vamenta, internist-cardiologist.

While the members of Philipstown Health Care Inc. have been busy with the planning and financing of their Medical Arts Building, members of the community have conducted a fund-raising drive to help the hospital recoup its losses in the fire. So far \$20,000 has been contributed through a flea market, individual gifts and other community-supported activities.

Helen Constantino is chairman of the Recovery Fund. Members of the committee include Terry McCourt, Frank Gain, Robert McCaffrey, Lynn Lyons, Judy Meyer and Kaye.



ALWAYS READY — The Phillipstown Volunteer Ambulance Corps, with 45 members, 25 active, has its headquarters in the Butterfield Hospital basement. A crew is always on call. Corinne Rose, corps president, is at the command post, which includes bunks for night duty. The corps, organized in 1965, receives its budget of \$12,000 to \$15,000 a year in contributions. Its three ambulances respond to 30 to 40 calls a month.



BUILDING PLANNERS — Going over designs for the new Medical Arts Building are, from left, Tom Dee, Butterfield's chief operating officer; Dr. Louis D. Nunez, chief of the medical staff; Frank Hoffman, construction manager, and Ivar R. Hansen, architect. Additional pictures appear on page 6.

## United Way Grant

SEVERAL priority items on the hospital's shopping list will be purchased with a grant of \$7,500 from United Way of Putnam.

The money, raised in the United Way campaign last fall, will go for a telemetry unit for monitoring cardiac patients in the special-care unit, for an apnea monitor for newborns in the nursery and for a Reeves stretcher for emergency evacuation of patients.