

Hotel complex waits for traffic survey

The Etobicoke Planning Board has decided not to let construction begin on a proposed hotel-shopping-convention complex at Dixon rd. and Hwy. 27 until the Ontario Department of Highways gives assurance it will rebuild the overburdened intersection.

The \$40,000,000 development was to be built on the site of the present Northwest Drive-In Theatre. The plan was approved by the Etobicoke Board of Control in March.

Alex Hacker, president of the Constellation Hotel, told the planning board July 2 the project would only serve to aggravate the traffic problems in the area. "We welcome the whole project," he said, "but we want it properly planned for efficient traffic flow." He said the hotel part would

draw more customers into the area.

Mr. Hacker said someone should study not only the impact of the project on the present situation, but also on the future development of the district. "Someone should sit down and figure out how the whole thing will fit together," he said.

He warned the intersection is often jammed during the evening rush hour and the shopping centre and convention centre and convention facilities for 3,000 might make heavy traffic unmanageable.

The complex, proposed by Wilson Century Theatres, will have parking space for 4,500 vehicles. The only entrance would be off Dixon rd.

Mr. Hacker said Etobicoke, and possibly Mississauga, which is a few hundred yards away,

might face costs that are "extremely high, proba-

bly running into seven digits" to solve the result-

ing traffic problem. He termed the planning

board verdict "a wise decision."

Brown will operate

BRAMALEA — Despite threats of legal action by the township of Chingwacousy, at least five more children will be placed in Brown Camps homes in Bramalea this year. And, furthermore, the children will be welcomed, at least by the township public school board.

Board chairman Fred Kee said three of the children were registered in Bramalea schools last term and the board has been advised five, and possibly six, more would be entering local schools when the fall term opens.

Mr. Kee added, however, the board could not guarantee the children would be assigned to the schools closest to their homes. He said Dorset

and Eastborne schools would be crowded in September and, as the children were classed as "non-residents" they would have to attend schools in which there were vacancies.

School board officials said the rules concerning such non-resident pupils were laid down by the provincial department of education. The board receives a grant of \$220 a pupil for each school year.

Mr. Kee said teachers at Dorset school, which the children attended, had reported "no problems" and added they were generally considered as "good students."

Stolen copper

BRAMPTON — A Lorne Park man, Roderick Smith, has been committed for trial at the next sitting of judge and jury in Toronto on a charge of possession of stolen copper.

The copper had been stolen earlier in the year from Carrier Air Conditioning Ltd. in Bramalea.

Smith was charged by Metropolitan Toronto police and will be represented by Toronto lawyer, Malcolm Robb.

Suspected killers still in hospital

Two men alleged to have murdered Mississauga residents in separate incidents are still in the Ontario Hospital at Penetanguishene undergoing psychiatric examinations.

Richard McDonald, 47, of Vermillion, Ont., has been charged in connection with the shooting death of his wife Freda January 8. The couple had been separated for some time.

Reginald Aubrey Barker, 21, of Etobicoke, is accused of murdering Mrs. Lucynda Phillips, of Clarkson, February 20.

The two men were ordered to take the mental examination after appearing in Mississauga court.



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