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# GET WELL SOON

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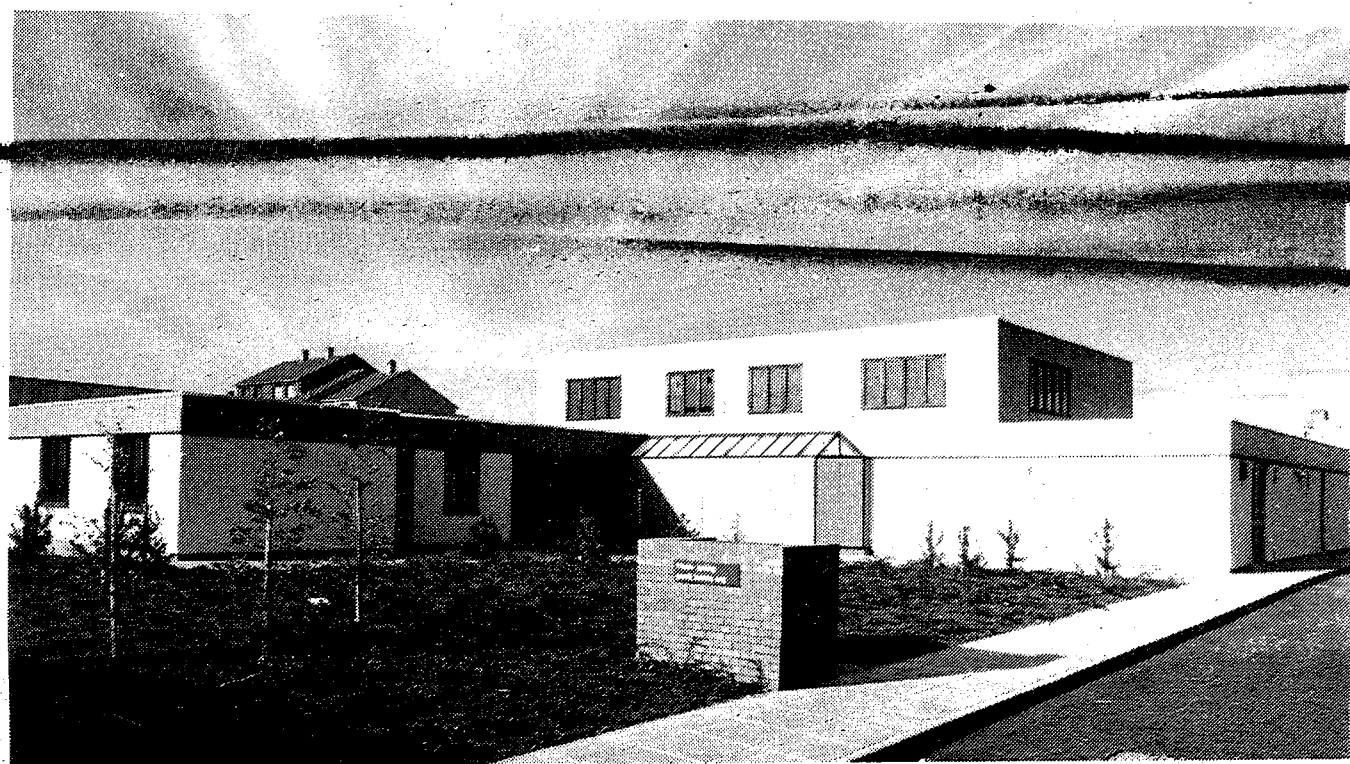
**EXCLUSIVE**

**The new Health Centre at Murrayburn Gate opens its doors to the people of Wester Hailes at 9.00 a.m. on Monday, 5th September, and there WILL be G.P. surgeries.**

After months, or is it years, of speculating whether or not any G.P.'s could be persuaded to set up surgeries in the new centre all problems seem now to be resolved. From **September 4th** three of Sighthill's six practices — **eleven doctors in all** — will be holding surgeries in Wester Hailes. The three practices involved cannot be disclosed until the centre opens due to the advertising restrictions imposed on doctors. **All will be revealed on the fourth.** Fact sheets explaining the new service will be available at the new centre, but the **general intention is as follows:**

Surgeries will be held between 8.30 and 5, Monday to Friday, with all appointments being made at the reception desk or by phoning the Sighthill Centre, the Wester Hailes Centre will not have a G.P. receptionist. As doctors will be working at both centres appointments can still be made at Sighthill if its more convenient and all nightcalls will be taken at Sighthill as usual.

At one stage there seemed to be doubts that the space allocation for G.P.s would be sufficient, but Dr Doull, Chairman of the Committee of Management for the new centre and Mr Wright the administrator are both satisfied that the facilities will be quite adequate. It is obviously early to be talking of expansion, but if at any time this is seen to be necessary it appears



Back to good health! The new health centre, situated next to the social work department opens on 4th September. Pic: Pat Bartie.

that the money will be available.

The other services offered at the new centre — which is next to the Social Work Department — will be the same as those at

present available in the temporary clinic on Hailesland Road, although not all will be transferred by day one. There will be Health Board and G.P. baby

clinics, family planning, speech therapy, welfare foods etc. from the 4th, but the dental and the new chiropody services won't start till the beginning of October. Phone

numbers for these services will remain the same:

Community Services, 442 1097; Dental Clinic, 442 3768, and G.P.'s 443 2291.



No more taxis! A welcome sight for nightriders. Pic: Pat Bartie.

## LATE NIGHT EXTRA

**EXCLUSIVE**

**Lothian Regional Council are to extend their night service buses to include Wester Hailes!!!**

At a meeting of Lothian Region's Transport sub committee yesterday a recommendation calling for an hourly service which would come from town to Calder Road, Murrayburn Road, Wester Hailes Shopping

Centre, Wester Hailes Road, Calder Road, Riccarton, Lanark Road, Wester Hailes Road, Murrayburn Road, Calder Road and back into town has been accepted.

A new method of organising late night bus services for Edinburgh will come into operation and all late night buses will congregate at Waverley Bridge. No extra money will be needed to run the new scheme which

should come into operation by the **Autumn.**

Local Lothian Regional Councillor **John Mulvey** commenting on the new proposals said: "We have been fighting for about five years to have night service buses for Wester Hailes and I am delighted that the new scheme has got off the ground."

"Wester Hailes is an area which desperately needs a service of this kind. People need

them for their work and by providing a connection to the town centre they give more options for people's social life," he went on.

The newly published report **"Ten Years On"** by the Wester Hailes Representative Council mentions the transport system contributing to much of the feeling of isolation in the area. The report is reviewed on pages 3, 4 and 5 inside.