

# Sod Turning For \$4.5 Million Comprehensive School

The River East School Board is planning a special sod turning ceremony on Wednesday, May 27th at 10 a.m. at the school site, corner of Kimberly and London.

The ceremonies will involve more than the usual number of dignitaries because of the project being a joint effort of six school divisions and the Provincial and Federal Governments.

The development of this major school complex comes as the result of almost five years of planning on the part of the six metro school divisions--Fort Garry, Norwood, River East, St. Boniface, St. Vital, and Transcona-Springfield.

The capital costs are being covered by the province and special grants made by the Federal Government.

## Volunteers Needed

Volunteer help is wanted to assist in a program for a brain-injured two-year old girl.

Teams of two people needed for each morning of the week for about two hours. Call Judy Drewe at 339-7516, 3489 Rothesay Street.

In this age of advanced technology, there is an ever-increasing demand for a 'comprehensive' type of education. This school, expected to open in September, 1971, will accommodate 1,200 vocational and academic students at the high school level.

## Salisbury Principal To Assume New Position at Thompson

Walter Melnyk, principal of Salisbury School, has submitted his resignation to the River East Division Board in order to accept the position of Assistant Superintendent of Education in the Mystery Lake School District at Thompson, Man.

He will assume his new duties August 1st.

A native of East Kildonan, Mr. Melnyk grew up in Morse Place and received his education in East Kildonan schools. He is a graduate of Miles Macdonell Collegiate.

Mr. Melnyk's educational abilities were recognized early by the River East Board and his promotions during the 12 years he served were rapid.

His resignation comes at a time when he is serving the school as principal in which he started his education.

Six bulldozers, operated by the chairmen of the six divisions, will turn the sod to signify the beginning of construction. The actual construction job was awarded to Peter Leitch Construction Company and is expected to begin this week.

He is a graduate from the University of Manitoba with



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a B.A. and B. Ed. degrees, and is presently working towards his Masters degree in Education Administration.

At the present time Mr. Melnyk is treasurer of the Manitoba Association of Principals and in the past has held various offices at the local level of the Manitoba Teachers' Society.