

The Woodhull Town Hall houses the clinic.

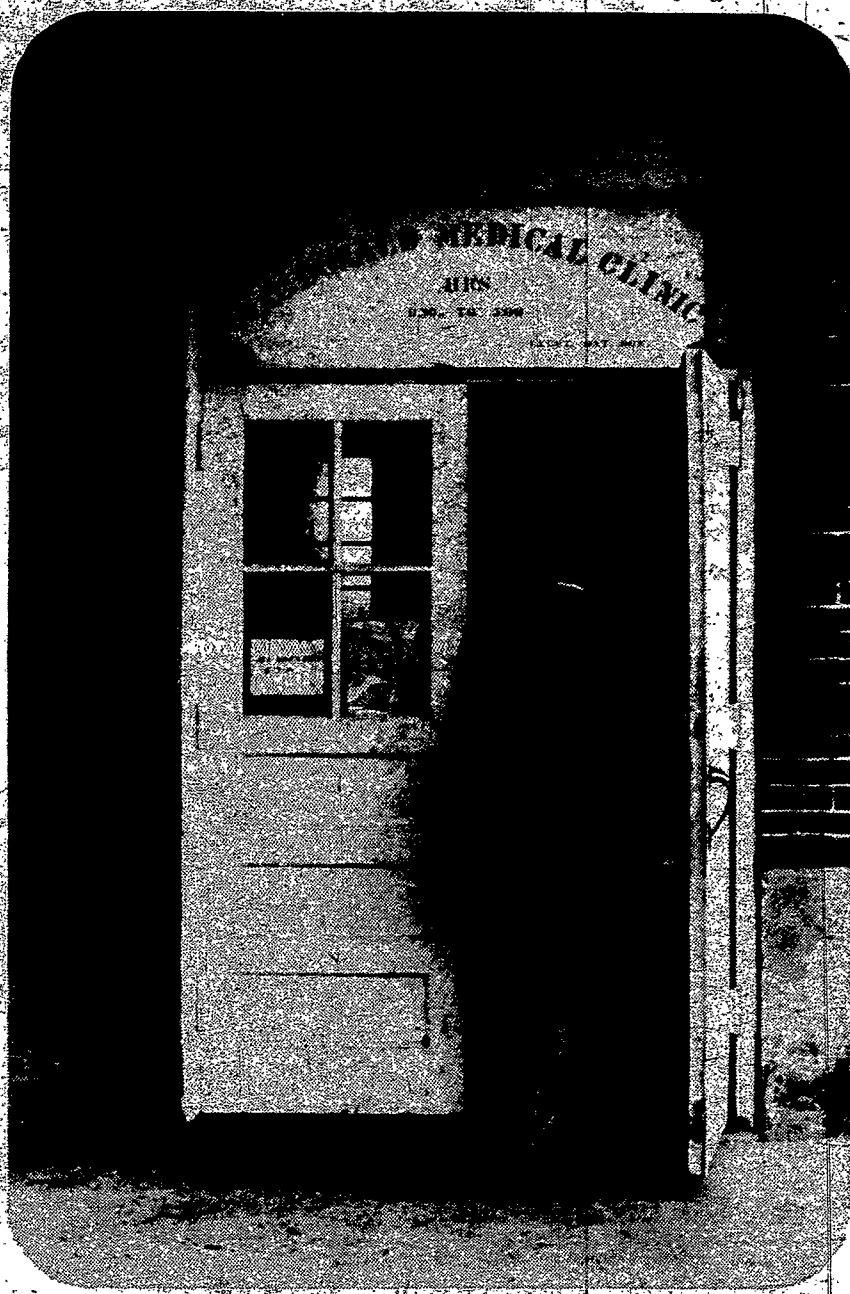
# Establishing A Pattern

to do physical examinations and provide primary treatment, as well as assist the doctors when they are at the center. Dr. Chaudry noted that Sister Scholastica is "absolutely indispensable" in the center's operations. "She does an excellent job of screening patients to see which need immediate treatment, which can wait for an appointment with a doctor, and which she can treat herself," Dr. Chaudry said. "Because of the screening on a full-time basis, and an excellent local ambulance service," Dr. Chaudry said that he feels the medical care availability in Woodhull "could actually be better now than that found in some more populous areas."

Dr. Chaudry noted that he enjoyed the change provided by his days in Woodhull, and also explained why he didn't begin a full-time practice there. He pointed out that it would be difficult for a

doctor to locate in Woodhull, "because doctors depend so much on hospitals both for patient care and testing facilities." The current arrangement, with the four doctors located in Hornell, and Sister Scholastica available all week in Woodhull, means that patients have both local health care and easy access to a hospital where they will be treated by their regular doctors.

"The rural medical center, incorporating a shared practice, could become a pattern for provision of rural health care," Dr. Chaudry said. The system, incorporating more than one doctor, good contact with a hospital, and the use of other health professionals, such as nurse practitioners, provides a sound basis for continuing health care in rural areas. Dr. Chaudry noted that a similar practice is being formed in Greenwood, south of Hornell.



The entrance to the clinic.



Dr. Chaudry reads a report.



The MacDonald Medical Clinic is open weekdays, from 9:30 to 5.