



*SS NO. 6, Scarborough's 100-year-old public school bowed out to progress last month after watching the \$1½ million Woburn collegiate grow up beside it. A modern public school will be constructed on the collegiate's east side in 1964.*

## New school is near old site

Woburn public school, a \$413,000 building, will open next September close to the site of Scarborough's oldest red brick schoolhouse.

SS No. 6 on Ellesmere near Markham road served residents of Woburn's farming community for nearly 100 years before crumpling this summer under an attack by demolition experts.

More than 500 high school pupils are now attending the \$1-1/2 million Woburn collegiate which stands to the right of the old public school.

Pupils living north of Ellesmere to Highway 401, and east of Markham road to Highland Creek will study in the new elementary school's 10 classrooms, a library, general purpose room and kindergarten.

C. A. Smith Contracting company was lowest bidder for the job but wanted \$40,000 more than school board is allowed to pay.

Officials changed part of their specifications, substituted materials, and announced last week the job can be done for the amount allowed.

When its red brick, barn-shaped predecessor was built in 1863, residents could hardly afford to pay the school teacher.

The land was originally owned by the Secor family which gave Scarborough its first reeve.

The first teachers lived at the home of their

pupils and were paid 25 cents a month for each student. Parents provided firewood to keep the long narrow building warm in winter.

Alexander Muir, composer of "The Maple Leaf Forever" was one of the early teachers at SS No. 6 which served the community until 1956.

Officials hoped to turn the old building into a museum but it was too badly deteriorated to be moved.