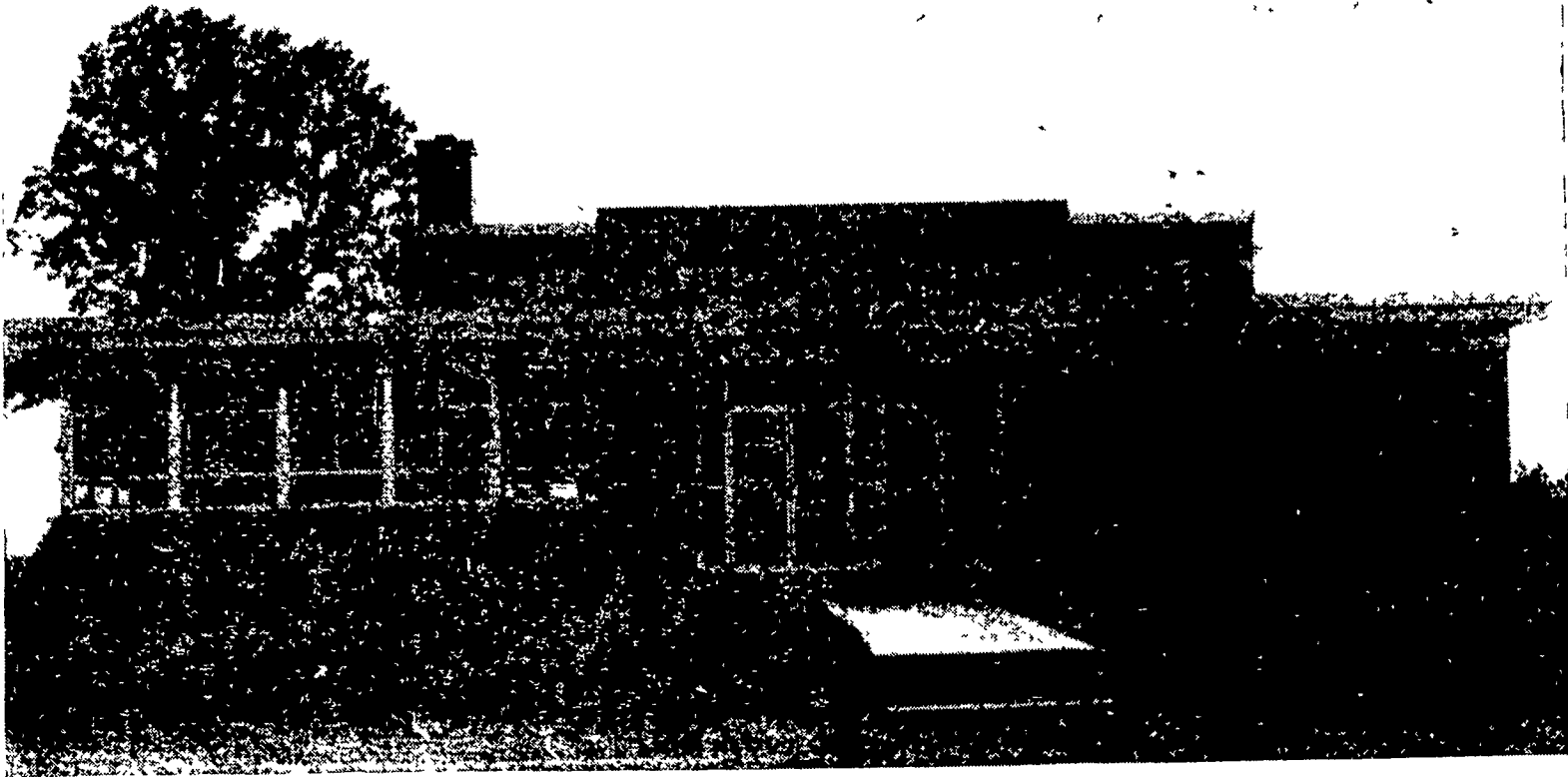


Poultry Center Open Saturday

6—Lancaster Farming Friday, June 14, 1957



At left is the new Poultry Center as it will appear to visitors tomorrow. At the right are scenes during the construction of the building. The crane is lifting steel work into place. (LF Photo)

New Building Open to Public For Inspection

LANCASTER — The new Lancaster Poultry Center, 340 West Roseville Rd., will hold open house tomorrow. The new building, now used by the Poultry Exchange for their weekly auctions, has been completed for several months.

Ground for the new building was broken May 25 after some conflict with the city of Lancaster about whether or not the new building would conflict with the now seemingly defunct Community Center.

The Lancaster County Poultry Assn., owners and builders of the building, assured the City of Lancaster that the building would augment and supplement the functions of the center.

Originally planned to cost about \$30,000, construction costs proved to be higher than planned, and certain additions and improvements were made to the brick and block structure that raised the final cost to about \$60,000.

There was \$14,000 in the association treasury when the ground was broken. Since that time, \$15,000 has been added from a \$100 a plate dinner, \$3,500 from a \$25 a plate dinner, and many dollars have been contributed.

Although the building is not completely paid for now, the mortgage is low enough that a long term payment plan has been established that will allow retirement of the debt in a few years.

Excavating was completed June 26; the steelwork was started Sept 14 and the building was occupied early this year.

The building is completely fire proof with concrete floors and metal fixtures. Of two story construction now (full basement and ground floor) the architects plans call for extensions both up and out as the need arises.

The ground floor consists of a large room with a platform on the east end that is now used as the auction and meeting room, a small anteroom on the west side, and offices and restrooms at the front or south side.

In the basement there are two rooms that can be used for meetings or storage. Plans are for cooking facilities to be installed in one room, thus allowing small dinner meetings to be held.

The Center is available now for meetings by farm groups. A nominal fee is made for the use of the building for all but youth groups.

This spring the grounds were completely landscaped. Lying on the north side of Highway 230 (the Harrisburg Pike) the lawns are spacious and gently sloping. Young shade trees have been planted completely around the

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