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THE GOVERNOR LOOKS PLEASED as former Penna. Secretary of Agriculture, Miles Horst of Lebanon, trowels mortar on the cornerstone during ceremonies Wednesday at the new Agriculture Department building in Harrisburg. Governor Scranton troweled on the first mortar and then passed the trowel to several others including all four living former Secretaries of Agriculture.

L. F. Photo.

Cornerstone Will Hold Pictures Of Ceremony

HARRISBURG — An old practice was modernized at the new Department of Agriculture building Wednesday

Cameras began clicking with push button speed when Governor William W. Scranton laid the cornerstone. Pictures were developed and printed in seconds, dropped into a copper box and sealed within the stone before other state officials finished troweling mortar in place.

After nearly 70 years the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture soon will have its own home, Governor William W. Scranton and Secretary Leland H. Bull said at the laying of the cornerstone for the new building opposite the State Farm Show Arena.

When moved next summer from cramped and scattered areas in downtown Harrisburg the department and the

State Farm Show will be able to function within a compact area for the first time since the department was established in 1895, Secretary Bull said.

"We anticipate a feeling of 'togetherness'" he added. "This means that faster and more efficient service can be rendered by all bureaus and divisions of the department, reaching out to the millions of citizens who look to us for assistance and cooperation."

Governor Scranton was the first to apply mortar for the laying of the 1963-dated cornerstone. He said the new building will become the "nerve center for the State's program of pure food and agricultural law administration."

"From within the walls of this imposing structure will

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Fifteen Future Farmers Win Keystone Degrees

Fifteen county Future Farmers of America will receive the gold charm of Keystone Farmer at the state FFA convention held in conjunction with the Pennsylvania State Farm Show in Harrisburg next month.

The degrees, highest that a state association of FFA can award, will be conferred on

January 15, 1964 in the forum of the state Education building in downtown Harrisburg.

Four of the county degree winners are students at Garden Spot High School, New Holland, and are members of the Grassland Chapter FFA, Penn Manor Chapter and Pequea Valley Chapter each had three winners, while Cloisters, Witness Oak, Elizabethtown, Manheim, and Garden Spot Chapters each had one.

Degree winners are Harold J. Brubaker, Mount Joy R1, Witness Oak Chapter, John C. Campbell, Leonard D. Weaver and Clyde B. Wissler all of New Holland R1, and Kenneth M. Martin, Denver R1, all of Grassland Chapter; Glenn Esbenshade and Donald L. Ranck, both of Paradise R1, and Frank J. Yost, Narvon R2., all of Pequea Valley Chapter, Jay L. Mjlm and R. Carson Kauffman, both of Willow Street R1, and Elmer Z. Stoltzfus Holtwood R2, all of Penn Manor Chapter, Thomas

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FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures for the next five days are expected to average two to ten degrees below the normal range of 41 in the afternoon to 26 at night. Cold throughout the period will show only slight moderation about Sunday. Only scattered snow flurries Saturday and Monday are predicted with no appreciable accumulation expected.



HAROLD J. BRUBAKER

The 17 year old senior at Donegal High School was one

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Tobacco Hearings Show Need For Farmers' Voice

This whole tobacco situation just points up the need for farmers to have an organization to represent them in the market place, Mark S. Hess, Director of Marketing for the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Cooperative, told Lancaster Farming this week.

Hess, in testimony before the U.S. Tariff Commission last Friday at a hearing in Washington, alleged that existing inequities in the tobacco tariff law should be corrected immediately.

Hess said that tariff loopholes exist which permit the importation of foreign scrap tobacco under preferential treatment. He said unstemmed cigar filler, containing stems

and ribbing, is being brought into U.S. warehouse under a tariff levy of 16.1 cents a pound. Scrap tobacco — small bits of cigar leaf from which stems and ribbing have been

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ASCS Holds Open House

Open house and formal opening ceremonies at new quarters will be held on Monday, December 16, the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service announced this week.

The new office at 1466 Man-

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Producers Cooperative Exchange Reports Second Gain In Earnings

Producers Cooperative Exchange Tuesday reported the second consecutive year of increased net savings and working capital.

After three years of deficit operation, the directors recommended in 1961 that the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Cooperative take over all assets and liabilities of the egg cooperative in a stock exchange.

However, members at the annual meeting turned down the proposal and instructed the board to try to refinance the business and close the poultry dressing plant and part of the retail store.

This action came after the cooperative lost \$21,356 in 1959, \$89,626 in 1960, and another \$55,284 in 1961.

Treasurer Melvin Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, reported net earnings of \$31,619.35 for the fiscal year ending September 28. Net earnings for 1962 totaled

\$6,487.25

Stoltzfus said the entire net earnings would be assigned to the statutory reserve. The cooperative's working capital increased from \$62,522.70 to \$107,710.62. This compares to a working capital of \$44,157.92 in 1962 and a deficit of \$61,640.03 in 1961.

In his Manager's report, H. K. Souders told the 300 members meeting in the Plain and Fancy Restaurant, Bird-in-Hand, "Egg handling hit 9.7 million dozen, 10 per cent above a year earlier. Average price to farmers was 32.7 cents a dozen."

He said 71 per cent of the egg volume was handled by the cartoning department resulting from increased sales.

Dollar sales, Souders reported, amounted to \$4 million, 9 per cent more than last year.

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Farm Calendar

Dec 16 — 1:30 p.m. — Open House at the new office of the County Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service, on the Manheim Pike.

7 p.m. — 4-H Soil and Water project explanation at the home of Elmer Sensenig, Ephrata R1.

8 p.m. — 4-H County council meets at the home of

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