

THE NEW BUILDING TAKES SHAPE. Nearing completion is the new headquarters of the Pennsylvania State Department of Agriculture. The building, housing offices, laboratories and greenhouses, is located across the street from the large arena of the Pennsylvania State Farm Show building, Cameron and McClay Streets, Harrisburg. L. F. Photo.



FOUR FORMER PENNSYLVANIA SECRETARIES of Agriculture were on hand Wednesday for the cornerstone laying ceremony at the new Agriculture Department building in Harrisburg. Left to right are J. Hansell French, Miles Horst, W. S. Hagar, and William L. Henning. Each of the former secretaries tried his hand at the trowel later. L. F. Photo.

Cornerstone

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 come practical ideas, services and accomplishments that will guide us toward a better climate for the state's overall economy," he added.
 Representatives of more than 100 statewide and allied agricultural industries were represented at the ceremony held at noon. Approximately

60 delegates to the annual meeting of the State Council of Farm Organizations, in session at the Farm Show Building, attended in a body. Serving as co-chairman with Secretary Bull was A. J. Caruso, Executive Director, General State Authority, who introduced members of the Authority, GSA staff members, the building designers and contractors. Bull introduced

various cabinet members, legislators and agricultural leaders who attended. Caruso said the 1959 Legislature authorized construction of the \$2.9 million red brick building as a GSA project. In addition to the Governor, Caruso and Bull, those participating by actual placement of the stone, using a silvered trowel, included Deputy Secretary of Agriculture

Jack R. Grey, four former state secretaries of agriculture, J. Hansell French, Collegeville, Miles Horst, Lebanon, W. S. Hagar, Camp Hill, and W. L. Henning, State College, Joseph W. Hallowell, Ivyland, representing all farmers of the state as president of the State Council of Farm Organizations. In brief remarks, former Secretary Henning told of efforts to obtain funds for construction and equipment of the new building, attained during his administration, 1955-63. The cornerstone laying took place in an open plaza which covers half of the first floor area of the red brick structure. The invocation and benediction were given by the Rev. William H. Vastine, Executive Secretary, Council of Churches of Greater Harrisburg.

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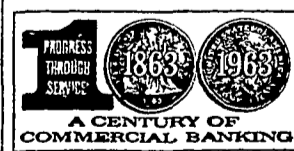
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