## Pennfield Starts New Egg Processing Plant

Pennfield Corporation's Egg Division, the L. M. Sheaffer Company, has broken ground to construct a modern new 31,900 square foot processing plant and office building. The new plant will be located on the Schoeneck Road at the site of Pennfield Farms, present quarters of the processing complex. The construction is being handled by Buck-

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Tuesday, Ephrata Mayor Lloyd Gerhart; Borough Manager, Carl Fuehrer; and County Agent, Max M. Smith, joined Ernest Horn, Sr., Pennfield Chairman of the Board; Robert Graybill, Pennfield President; and Don Horn, Egg Division general manager, to officially turn the first spadeful of dirt.

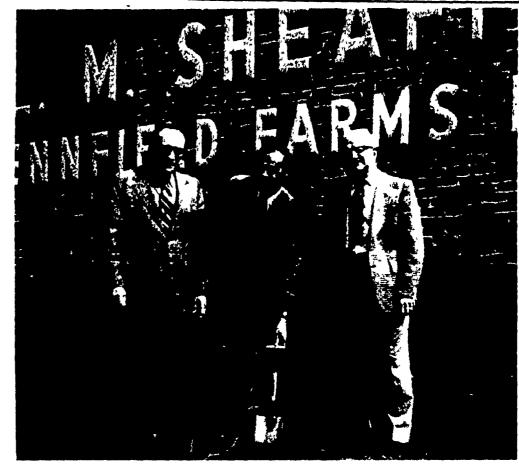
Spring of 1975 is set for completion date of the complex which will include a processing and packaging building, a refrigerated egg storage area, office quarters, employee facilities and a company store. The store will provide Pennfield eggs and poultry products for both employees and outside consumers. The present plant will become an annex of the complex and will be used as a dry storage

warehouse for materials.

The plant will be equipped with the latest and most efficient egg processing equipment available. It will be fully air conditioned and will include the latest in sanitation provisions.

Upon completion, Pennfield's new plant will more than double the company's egg processing and packaging capacity. When operating at maximum capacity, six million eggs per week will leave Ephrata for shipment to the company's Delaware Valley market area. The processing plant will handle the output of 1.3 million Pennsylvania chickens.

Don Horn said the company hoped to achieve better quality control and more production efficiency by combining all egg processing activity in one location. Upon completion of the new facility, the processing plant now in operation on Chestnut Street in Ephrata will be sold.



Lancaster County Agricultural Agent Max Smith, left, Pennfield president Robert Graybill, and Pennfield board chairman Ernest Horn, Sr., were among the dignitaries attending a groundbreaking ceremony Tuesday for a new egg

processing plant at Pennfield Farms, Ephrata. Pennfield's egg division, L. M. Shaeffer Co., will process all its eggs at the farm upon completion of the plant. Eggs from contract growers are now processed in a downtown Ephrata plant.



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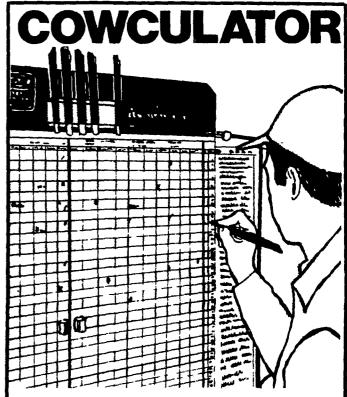


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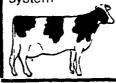
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