

Rural Home Rebuilding Set

The Pennsylvania Agriculture Department's \$375,000 project to rebuild rural homes in three counties will receive community guidance through the formation of local committees, Agriculture Secretary Jim McHale said last week.

The one-year, federally funded Rural Housing Rehabilitation Program has

been scheduled for Mifflin, Juniata and Snyder Counties. Under the program, isolated rural homes will be reconstructed with a labor force drawn from the target areas.

McHale said that letters have been sent to seven people in each of the three counties asking them to serve on a Program Review Committee for their county.

The individuals are county commissioners, construction company executives, labor union representatives, farmers, ministers—"people whose occupations make them knowledgeable on employment and housing conditions in their areas," said McHale.

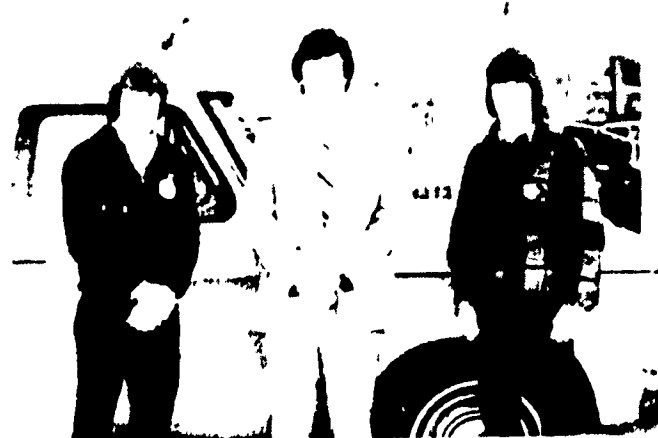
McHale said meetings have been scheduled this week with prospective review committee members to acquaint them with details of the project.

"We look forward to working with you," McHale wrote in his letter. "I am sure this program will assist in easing the unemployment within your area, provide manpower training for the unemployable, and will rehabilitate and revitalize many homes of the disadvantaged, handicapped,

senior citizens and low-income people."

The project, to run through calendar year 1975, will begin with surveys, interview and cost estimates in various rural target areas in the three counties. The project is designed to employ the elderly, the handicapped who can perform some task, and youth from low-income families.

The one-year \$375,000 grant for the pilot project derives from an allocation by the U.S. Department of Labor Manpower Administration under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973.



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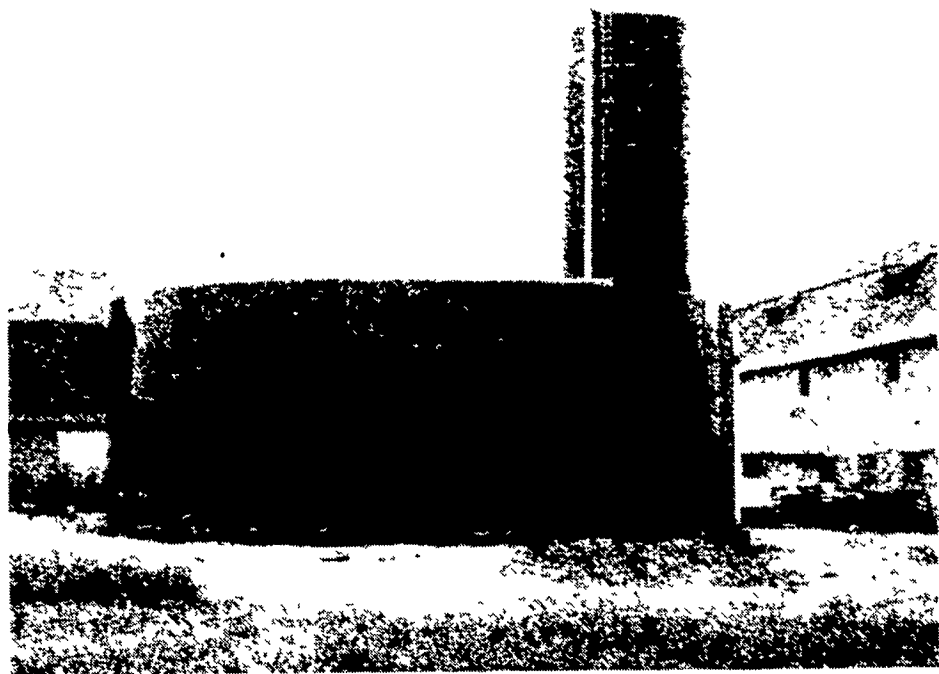
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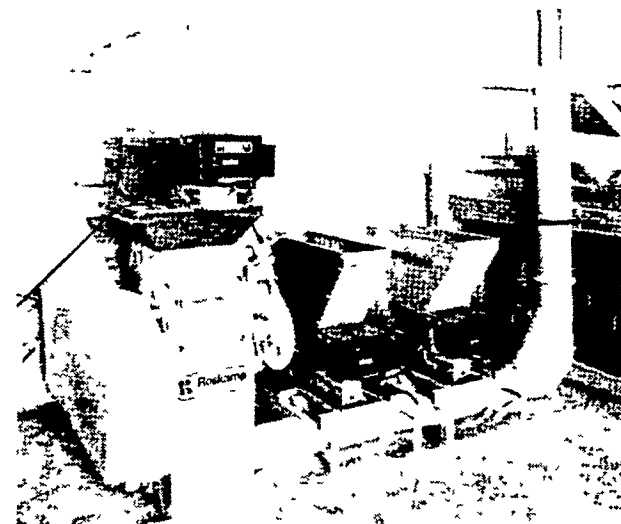
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