

Ground-breaking Ceremonies Staged for Agricultural Science Center

Recent ground-breaking ceremonies for the University of Kentucky Agricultural Science Center brought the plans of a group of state farm and business leaders a step nearer completion.

The complex of buildings will consist of a three-story main laboratory and office structure, a food technology building, seed research building, and 16 greenhouses. The main building will include a 500-seat auditorium.

The site of the center is on South Limestone (Nicholasville Pike), south of the University Medical Center.

It is expected that total cost of the center will approximate \$7 million, of which \$4 million has been committed by the Governor's office. In 1960 the State Legislature appropriated \$50,000 for planning fees and later made \$1 million available to start building operations.

A Congressional appropriation of \$250,000 to the U. S. Department of Agriculture for cooperative tobacco research with the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station will go towards building greenhouses, temperature- and humidity-controlled growth chambers, a master head house, and other tobacco research facilities and equipment.

State agricultural leaders hail the starting of the cen-

Among the speakers at the ground-breaking ceremonies was Dean and Director Frank J. Welch, of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics, who is on leave with the federal government as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.



ter construction as one of the most important steps ever taken for the improvement of Kentucky agriculture. A brochure, showing the need for the center, was prepared in 1959 by 58 statewide farm organizations which had banded together as the Blueprint-for-Kentucky-Agriculture Committee.



The site of the Agricultural Science Center is south of the University Medical Center on a portion of the Experiment Station farm acquired in 1901 from Shelby Kinkead.