

Kenneth City To Dedicate Its City Hall

Most residents of Kenneth City are expected to turn out this afternoon at 3 p.m. as Mayor Harold A. Mellinger, members of the town council, and builder Sidney Colen officially dedicate and lay the cornerstone of the newly completed town hall and community center at 58th street and 46th avenue north.

Ground was broken on Friday, Sept. 20. The building was completed this week. The new building, which has already been used for a Christmas and New Year's Eve party, will serve for social functions as well as a city hall, and represents one-fourth of the ultimate civic center building.

Future plans for the adjacent recreational center call for a baseball diamond, playground, swimming pool, shuffleboard court and picnic-parking area.

TIME CAPSULE

Today's dedication will feature placing in the cornerstone of a copper time capsule containing copies of initial Kenneth City incorporation documents, souvenirs of the founding of the city, and copies of the St. Petersburg Independent, Vice-Mayor Elmer Vierling said.

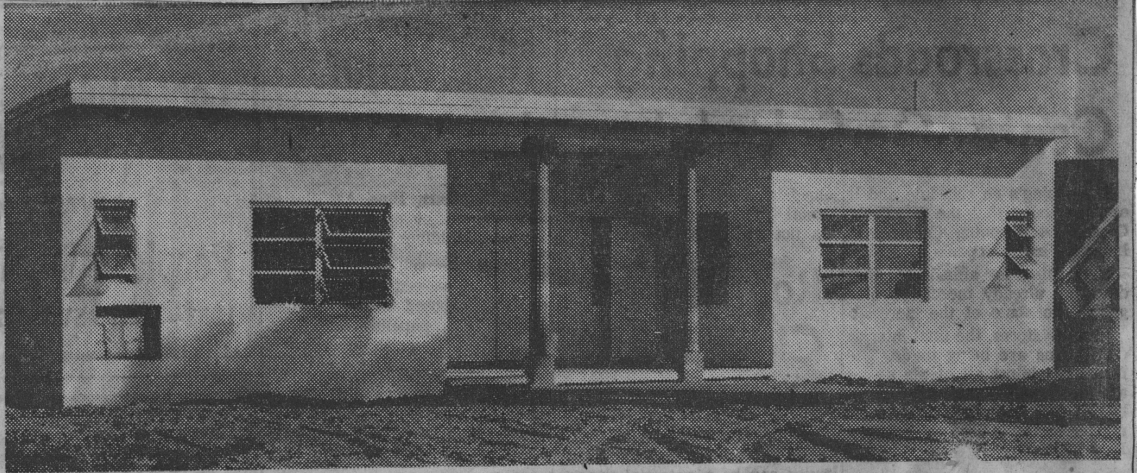
Addresses are scheduled by Mayor Mellinger and Sidney Colen.

Original plans called for deeding of the 3.47-acre tract, valued at approximately \$35,000, to the city by Colen. The \$20,000 building was to be purchased by the city over a period of years. Colen has hinted that his talk today will cover a considerable change in this program.

Following today's ceremonies, refreshments will be served in the new city hall by the Kenneth City Junior Women's Club.

DREAM CITY

Kenneth City emerged as a fully incorporated municipality April 30 this year, bringing a dream of Colen's to reality. At the incorpor-



Dedication Ceremonies Slated Today

Here is the new Kenneth City City Hall which is due to be dedicated to the city with appropriate ceremonies today.

ation ceremonies, Colen told the new mayor, council, and residents that his concept of a new, relatively tax-free city was founded in his firm belief that "the responsibility of the housing industry does not end with just houses. It lies in the planning of cities and communities and providing them with the services necessary for gracious living."

The city has its own sanitary sewer and drainage system, sewage disposal plant, wells and water utility. All are being operated as private utilities and the city is to be given the option to buy the utilities at cost as soon as they are on a profitable basis.

This is the basis for the municipal tax-free concept which Colen has said he feels may have larger economic implications.

"Should it become necessary for Kenneth City to tax, the rates will probably be the lowest in the County," Colen has said.