

# Ground Broken For New State House Here

While workmen cleared the site, top State officials broke ground Wednesday for the State's new \$5 million State House—future home of the General Assembly.

State Sen. Tom White of Kinston, chairman of the commission which fathered the new structure, said it would be the only one of its kind in America.

Gov. Hodges praised White and his colleagues, and pointed to the turn-of-century houses being razed. This showed, he said, "Although we respect the past, we like to see the old and obsolete

make way for the future and the better and more beautiful."

Governor-elect Terry Sanford said the building would "demonstrate the role which the General Assembly plays in our government . . . the people of North Carolina will look to the Assembly to continue its record of service to North Carolina."

Hodges and White both got in plugs for additional governmental development of the area behind the Capitol.

The new State House, scheduled for completion in time for the 1963 General Assembly, will be

located on a two-block site straddling Halifax Street north of the Capitol.

Hodges suggested that the block between the State House site and the Governor's Mansion should be developed as "Heritage Square," a site for various State cultural agencies.

And White suggested that the one-block length of Halifax Street between the State House and the Capitol would be a perfect spot for a memorial to Sir Walter Raleigh and to the first English colony in America, the Roanoke Island colony. A "Sir Walter Ra-

leigh Commission" is working on the project of a State memorial to its earliest settlers.

150 Attend.

About 150 people braved cold weather to watch Hodges, Sanford, White and others heft shovelfull of dirt in the symbolic start for construction of the building.

Rea Construction Company of Charlotte will begin work on the project within two weeks.

Said White of the building:

"It is not intended to be a new Capitol. It will always sit at the foot of our beloved Capitol.

"In the legislative chambers of the Capitol, men large and small have raised their voices. It is rich in history. It has become a shrine of good government to the people of North Carolina."

He called the legislative building, designed by architects Edward D. Stone of New York and Holloway-Reeves of Raleigh, "one that is to endure for generations."

Others introduced at the groundbreaking included State Rep. B. I. Satterfield of Person County, who introduced the legislation for the building and served on the building commission; Lt. Governor-

elect Cloyd Philpott, Joe Hunt, who is expected to be the next Speaker of the House.

Architect Ralph Reeve said the building "will not be a monument to its planners or its builders, but to this noble domain, this sovereign state."

Others on the commission present were Oliver Rowe of Charlotte, State Sen. Archie Davis of Winston-Salem, A. E. Finley of Raleigh, State Treasurer Edwin Gill, and State Property Control Officer Frank Turner, who served as secretary to the commission.



**GROUND-BREAKERS TERRY SANFORD (L) AND LUTHER HODGES**  
... With Tom White, chairman of the Legislative Building Commission.