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## hauled Spurns Role

### Congregational Church Ceremony



Here's the scene of yesterday's cornerstone laying ceremony of the First Congrega-

tional church at 900 High street. Numerous church dignitaries were on hand for the

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in December. Cost of the church building and bell tower is roughly \$450,000.

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# Cornerstone Of New Church Is Placed

The cornerstone of the new Congregational church building at 900 High street was officially layed amid much ceremony and with numerous church leaders participating yesterday afternoon. The structure, which is costing roughly \$450,000, is scheduled for completion sometime next December.

The inscription of the freshly-sealed cornerstone reads: "Founded 1857, First Congregational church, Erected 1957." Work on the church was begun last September.

Rev. Bernard J. Corneliussen, pastor at the church, gave the benediction and numerous other church leaders gave talks and participated in the ceremony.

A trumpet fanfare by Lyle Lavery of Branciforte Junior high opened the ceremony and was followed by the invocation delivered by Rev. Oliver Aubrey, a lay member of the church.

Melvyn E. Pratt, assistant moderator of the Santa Clara county association of First Congregationalist churches, read appropriate scriptures pertaining to the importance of the cornerstone ceremony.

The Senior choir sang several hymns. Talks were made by Henry Mythaler, director of the church deacons and deaconesses; Harvey Edmund, church moderator; and Dr. William David Pratt, superintendent of the California Congregational conferences.

Dr. Vere Loper, minister of the First Congregational church in Berkeley, and president of the American Board of Commissioners of the church, led the gathering in prayers after the cornerstone had been sealed.

E. H. Cornick, a trustee of the Cowell foundation, which contributed the money to make the construction of the church possible, was among those present.

## Driver Killed On Highway 17

A 23-year-old Campbell youth was killed early Sunday morning when his car crashed off the road on Highway 17 and smacked into a large boulder.

Dead was Thomas Clark Hill. The California Highway patrol office in Santa Clara county reported that excessive speed was the cause of the accident.

Hill had just made one curve in the road when he failed to make the next and went off the road, a mile north of Montezuma road on the Santa Clara county side of the highway.

Hill's car hopped down a culvert after striking the boulder, officers said. Hill was riding alone.

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## Cornerstone Sealed



Rev. J. Bernard Corneliussen (right) and Douglas Miller, chairman of the building committee, put the finishing touches on the cornerstone of the

First Congregational church at 900 High street. Yesterday, a full ceremony, featuring talks by church leaders, prayers,

songs by the senior choir and a trumpet fanfare, commemorated the laying of the cornerstone for Santa Cruz' newest church building.