

# Walls To Tumble As Work Starts On City Hall Annex

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Buildings will start tumbling bright and early tomorrow in Santa Cruz as construction of a \$600,000 addition to city hall gets under way.

Granite Construction company, a sub-contractor to Rosewall and Sons of Watsonville, will begin leveling four houses and a number of sheds and garages about 9 a.m., according to Jim Brown, assistant manager for Granite.

He said demolition includes destruction of two houses facing Locust street and two facing Church street.

Brown said Granite Construction is also responsible for removal of debris and site preparation work.

Voters approved \$300,000 for the expansion on October 26, 1965. In addition, \$200,000 was budgeted and another \$100,000 will probably have to be drawn from unbudgeted reserves. The \$600,000 total,

according to City Manager David Koester, will cover all land acquisition and construction costs and fees.

Rosewall and Sons submitted a low base bid of \$452,900 and two add-alternates of \$17,051, for a combined bid of \$469,951.

The two-story addition, which will be directly behind city hall, was designed to be compatible with existing structure.

City hall will more than double floor space available as result of the move. There are about 13,250 square feet in the existing structure, and 15,000 square feet in the addition.

Slated to occupy the new structure are the planning, public works and building inspection departments on the top floor, and the water and finance departments on the ground floor.

The police department will retain present space and expand into the northeast wing of the present building, while the parks and recreation department will take over the present city manager-personnel area and the city manager-personnel section will move into the southeast wing. An office for city council members may also be installed there.

When the addition is completed, about 10 months from now, the structure will be occupied immediately. It is planned that the two existing wings will then be remodeled and occupied, and the city manager-personnel section will follow, ending the construction and remodeling project.

No cost figures are available yet for remodeling work.

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