



WORK ON NEW RESTAURANT TO START WITHIN TWO WEEKS

## *Ponderosa Steak House coming*

Ground will be broken within the next two weeks for a Ponderosa Steak House at Wabash and Monroe st. NW, New Philadelphia.

The 5000 square foot restaurant, with a seating capacity of 200, will be built by Monroe Mall Associates and operated by Ponderosa System Inc., the parent company, under a long-term lease.

Raymond L. Woerner Jr., area director of real estate for Ponderosa, was in New Philadelphia Monday to sign the

lease agreement.

Woerner said he was enthusiastic about the Dover and New Philadelphia economic base and believes Wabash and Monroe "is the key area of the combined communities, comparable to Broad and High in Columbus.

Woerner added that Ponderosa, which now has more than 400 restaurants "serving steak dinners at family prices" throughout the Midwest and parts of Canada, is planning a fall opening for the

local restaurant.

"I believe the Dover-New Philadelphia Ponderosa will be an excellent one for our growing chain," he said.

Rucker Construction Co. of Canton is general contractor for the job.

Woerner said that the steak house will employ approximately 50 people.

Ponderosa System Inc. is based at Dayton and its stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange.