## **'Farmers** Market' Plans Unveiled

The old Vegas VIIIage store in the Commercial Shopping Center will be converted into a massive "Farmers Market" as big as three football fields featuring a gigantic produce area, many designer and specialty shops and continental restaurants.

**Richard L. Benedict,** president of Farmers Market of Nevada, Introduced the \$5 million conversion to the media Thursday, saying he hopes it will be open by December.

The new Farmers Market will bear little resemblance to the business it is replacing. The building will be given a Spanish-flavor remodeling and modernization inside and out, and will feature a glant skylight over the interior that will cost \$500,000 by Itself.

The building was purchased from a company in which Valley Bank officials E. Pary **Thomas and Jerry Mack** were the principles. The old Vegas Village had been owned for several years by Continental Connectors, the parent company of the Dunes Hotel.

**The Farmers Market** project is the creation of a group of Las Vegas businessmen headed by Benedict, a founder and former top executive with All-State Thrift.

There will be 110 shops on both levels. The rows of business will be linked by narrow brick paths, all set in an atmosphere of European and New Orleans French Quarter styles. A large gazebo will be available for community and charity events and entertainment.

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