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**As a Glance**

Following is a resume of the work done since July 1 and also that to be done in 1922:

New high school	300,000
Repairs on courthouse	150,000
New hotel	1,000,000
Law building	1,000,000
So. Power company	7,000,000
Office building Tryon and Seventh Streets	350,000
Matheson building	100,000
New and street work	750,000
County court work	100,000
Dilworth M. H. church	100,000
Knox church	40,000
Garage E. ave. Brevard	100,000
Burwell-Harris Co.	100,000
Gen. E. Wilson's estate (store)	200,000
E. D. Latta, Church and First (store)	350,000
Myers Park (homes)	500,000
Myers Park (club)	30,000
Garages to a man a ft. churches, offices, etc.	300,000
Homes (inside city)	781,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,769,700</b>

**Over 300 New Residences.**

More than 300 permits for homes have been issued since July 1, of which number 172 were in Charlotte and 35 in Myers Park, outside the city. The grand total for Myers Park outside and inside the city was 35. Some of these homes in both places have been completed while others are going up.

The end is nowhere near in sight. Architects are busy with blueprints, contractors are working overtime on specifications and within the next 90 days hundreds of thousands of dollars additional in contracts for homes and public and private buildings will be awarded to contractors.

The biggest single item is the building of the Southern Power company's immense dam and power house at Mountain Island. At the main office on Church and First streets, from which place the majority will be spent, it was estimated that the work would amount to between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000 and that almost two years would be required in the completion of it.

**Not All Enclosed.**

While the figures above are quoted as as near correct as it is possible to get them, they do not at all cover the situation. At the office of the city building inspector as figures were taken for repairs and improvements on homes and public buildings, the building of private garages or for any work falling below \$500. Needless to state thousands of dollars are shown in the building inspector's files for such purposes. The figures as used, therefore, are far below what will be and has been actually spent.

It is known that at least 480 rooms are to be added to one of the local hotels, from which place the majority of apartment houses are to be erected shortly and a dozen or more expensive homes are soon to be built. The city will soon build a filtration plant for \$300,000 and will spend an additional \$150,000 in sewer and water extension, this in addition to the \$750,000 already contracted for, for streets, sidewalks, etc.

While there is no labor shortage, it is generally the belief on the part of contractors and builders that more labor will be needed here before the year 1922 is over. Some of the tremendous building projects which require hundreds of men and thousands of pieces of machinery engaged in building will be completed to handle the situation.

**Road Building Program.**

Mecklenburg county's road commission has awarded work for \$700,000 in road building and history. This does not include the contract to be awarded the 19th of the month for the completion of the county's share of paved road to the Irrell county line, nor any other.