

Town Had a Big Building Year-- And It's Only a Beginning

Homes, Stores, Churches, the Carolina Inn, and Structures on the University Campus Bring Total Expenditures into the Millions

This has been the greatest year for building in the history of Chapel Hill and the University. But it will probably be outdone by 1924.

The contractors, T. C. Thompson and Bros., have started on the foundations for the three dormitories east of the old Raleigh road. The Graham Memorial and the Chemistry building will be put under way during the year. In the village the two biggest projects to be carried through within the 12-months are the Episcopal church and the Carolina Inn—and possibly a beginning will be made on the new Methodist church.

A few weeks ago this newspaper prepared, with the help of H. D. Carter of the architectural staff of Atwood and Nash, a tabulation showing the estimated volume of construction under way and soon to begin. The figure for University work and town work to be completed before December 31, 1923, was \$871,000. For University work

and town work in process and projected the cost was put at \$1,688,000.

The building operations of town put down as "projected" included only those about which some definite intention had been expressed. Some new project is heard of almost every week. For example, the brick structure for the Hill Bakery, on the old Guthrie place two doors from the Pickwick Theatre, is about to be begun. Another building not included in the previous tabulation is the one going up opposite the Methodist church.

Undoubtedly next spring will see activity in home construction out on the lots in the Gimghoul development, on Glenburnie road (the old Tenney farm), and on the Carroll-Prouty tract on the Pittsboro road.

Citizens of the town who have been mentioned as probable home builders next year are: John M. Booker, G. M. Braune, G. H. Paulsen, S. J. Brockwell, Joseph Durham, F. H. Koch, and C. T. Murchison.

Gimghoul Land Ready

Pipes Down, Roads Graded. Half of Lots Sold

Anybody who has a lot in the Gimghoul development out on the edge of Battle's Park may go ahead and build whenever he wants to. The water mains and sewers are laid; the roads are graded, and most of the surfacing done; and electric light connections will be given whenever asked for.

Of the 41 lots in the reservation 23 have been sold. Two lots each are taken by A. H. Patterson, A. S. Winsor, Hugh Robertson, George Stephens, J. B. Linker, and A. W. Hobbs. The following have taken one lot each: E. L. Mackie, R. H. Wetach, H. F. Janda, Victor Bryant, W. C. George, C. B. Spruill, D. D. Carroll, Misses Elliott, Mrs. J. C. Graves, P. H. Winston and Calvert Toy.

In the last few days the main efforts of T. F. Hickerson, who superintends the work, have been devoted to surfacing the stretch which is now known as Prospect avenue but which may be renamed later. Mr. Hickerson had rare luck in finding deposits of excellent gravel when he had the sewer ditches dug. This is being used for road surfacing.

It is probable that the lower road, running down along the edge of the park, will be closed to traffic during most of the winter, to prevent its being worn into ruts. But Prospect avenue is going to be open to its extreme eastern end.

Where this avenue makes a turn to the north a little "island" with a group of splendid pines has been left untouched and the traffic will pass on either side.

There is some uncertainty among the Gimghouls as to where they will build their new lodge. The high ground just this side of Piney Prospect is probably most favored. Another available site is a knoll to the north, with a splendid view eastward. This, however, is a long way from the residential development, and if the lodge were built there a road would have to be constructed at a cost of perhaps two or three thousand dollars.

Before long there is going to be a picnic in celebration of the completion of the layout. For this occasion Mr. Hickerson is going to do a quick change from engineer to caterer.

"Old Sawney" Came

Celebrated School Master Revisited His Native Orange

W. R. Webb, better known as "Old Sawney," Confederate veteran and head of the school at Bell Buckle, Tennessee, came back to his native Orange county not long ago. Eighty-one years old though he be, he drove his Buick car the whole distance and back again, passing through Georgia in both directions. His wife accompanied him.

The end of his eastward journey was Warren Plains, where he visited his elder brother, A. S. Webb. On his way there he stayed over the week-end with Harmon McIver at Oaks and also visited his younger brother, Sam Webb, who lives at the old homestead that has been in the family for generations. Passing through Chapel Hill on the return trip from Warren Plains, he chatted for a while with his nephew, J. D. Webb, at the latter's store in Carrboro.

"Old Sawney" is a celebrated schoolmaster. He went to the old Bingham school at Oaks and is an intimate friend of Colonel Robert Bingham, who still conducts his school just outside of Asheville. His fame was spread over the nation two or three years ago when an article about him, written by one of his former pupils, appeared in the Atlantic Monthly.

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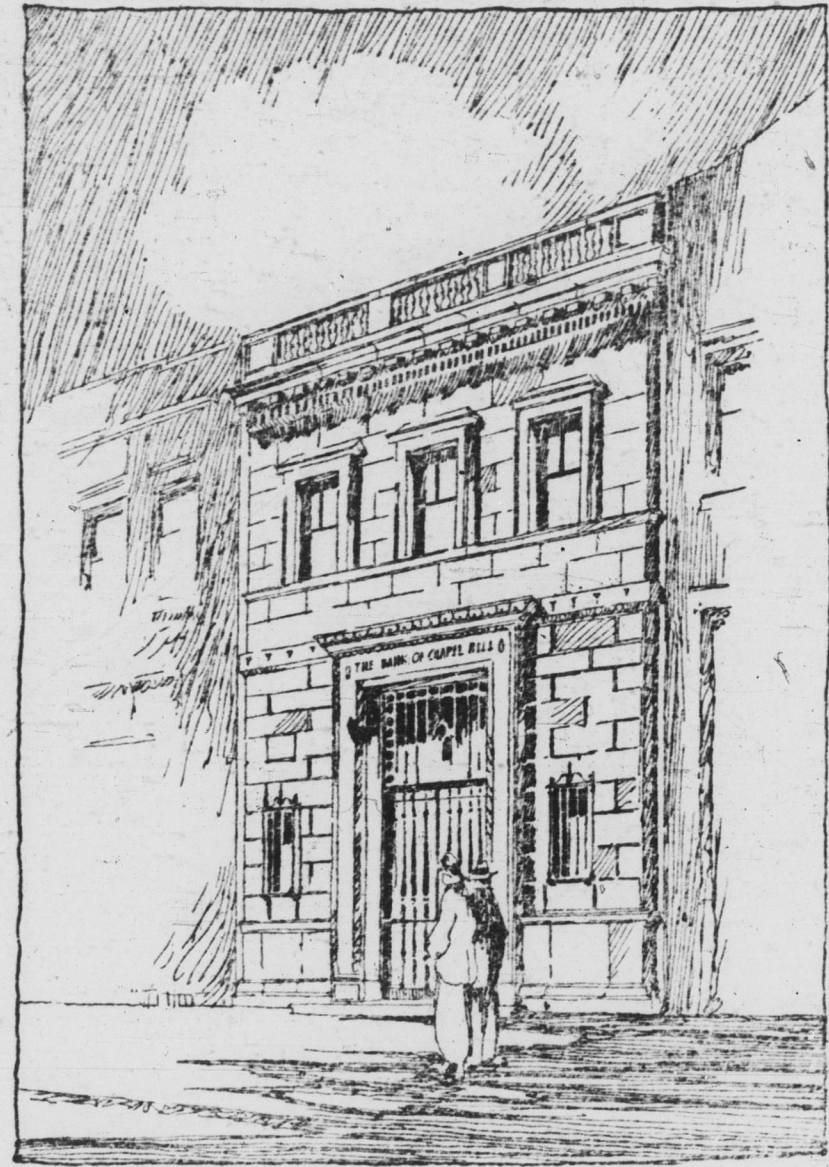
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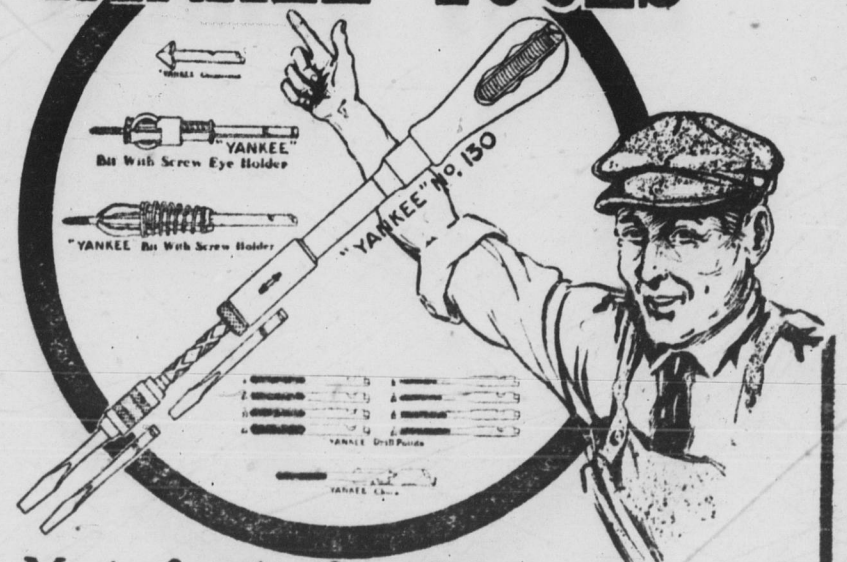
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