

ELKIN'S NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

**A \$25,000 Academy to be Completed by Jan. 1.
Able Instructors**

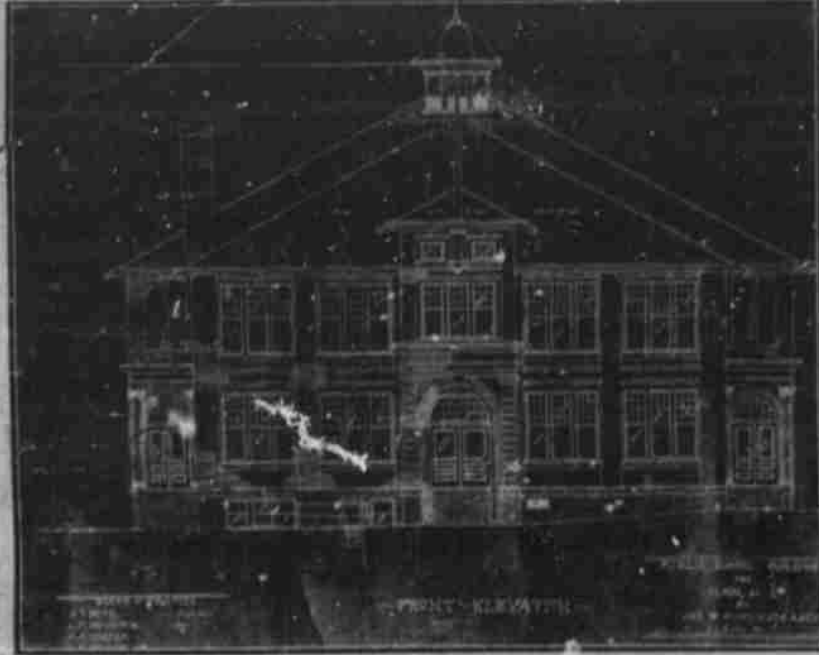
Elkin will soon have a modern \$25,000 school building. The plans have been drawn, the contract let, the old building removed and the foundation for the new building started on the site of the old academy. In the election to vote on \$13,000 in bonds for this purpose on the 20th of March not a dissenting vote was cast. Surry county will supplement this fund by donating \$1,000 and the remaining \$11,000 will be borrowed by the town.

The new building will be located on Church street on a plot of ground covering about an acre. The main part of the building will be 98 by 100 feet with extensions on either side near the front, and will contain two floors and a basement.

In the basement will be located the boiler and janitor rooms and the toilets, the size of the base-

stage. The building will be made of brick and will be covered with galvanized tin. The plans were drawn by Mr. J. B. Burcham, architect, and the building will be erected by Messrs. S. M. Arnold and J. W. Neison, contractors. The school committee is composed of Capt. G. T. Roth, chairman; J. F. Hendren, secretary; R. P. Crater, C. R. Cokerham and J. H. Ball.

Prof. Zeno H. Dixon, who has had charge of the school for the past year, has been elected as superintendent for this year. Professor Dixon was originally from Alamance county, from a sturdy and strong Quaker stock. He is a graduate of Vanderbilt University, one of the best in the South, and has been teaching for about 25 years, acquiring in that time an experience and thorough-



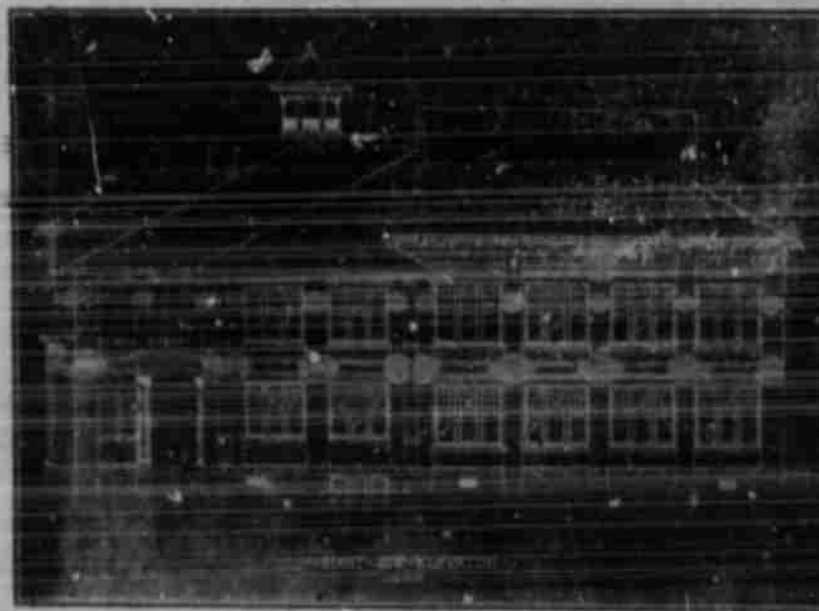
New School Building—Front Elevation.

ment being 28 by 100 feet.

The first floor will have six recitation rooms, 24 by 32 feet, three on each side of the hall, which runs from the main entrance at the front, to the back. Two side entrances near the corners on the front lead around the first recitation rooms on either side to the main hall. An office and a library, 13 by 13 feet each will be at the ends of the side halls on each side.

The second floor will contain two recitation rooms, 24 by 28 feet, in the front, and between them, slightly elevated, will be a music room 16 by 24 feet. Back of these rooms and two feet above the surrounding floor on a level with the music room will be the stage, about 18 by 30 feet, with a circular front. The audi-

ness that falls to the lot of too few teachers. For about twenty years he was principal of the Yadkinville Normal School, conducting at Yadkinville one of the best preparatory schools in North Carolina. He has that happy combination of deep thought, sound judgment, Christian character and the ability to impress upon the boy or girl the importance of steady and undivided concentration upon school work and moral living. Under his tutelage, the child has an unlimited opportunity and the proper encouragement to "burgeon out" and develop all of his latent energies and powers. His ability as a teacher and manager is to be judged by the result of his labors. All over North Carolina and in many other states are to



New School Building—Side Elevation.

torium will extend to the rear of the building, being 66 by 68 feet and having a seating capacity of 700. It will have three aisles and space around the block of opera seats and will be entered by double doors leading from the stair landings on both sides of the

be found hundreds of young men, active in every vocation and leaders in their communities, who received their training under his instruction.

Professor Dixon has a thorough, competent and well trained corps of teachers to assist him in the work this year, the teachers being Misses Clara Bell of Elkin; Mallie and Maudie Payne of Westfield; Florence Holton of Yadkinville; and Miss Marjorie Roth of Elkin, music teacher.

No Old Buildings In Elkin.

It is worthy of note that there is not to be found within the corporate limits of Elkin, an old or dilapidated house of any kind. Practically every business and manufacturing building in the town is made of brick, as well as many of the residences. Long before a building becomes old or dilapidated, it must be torn away to give place for a larger and nicer building to keep pace with everything else around it.



FIRST "CITY FATHERS" OF ELKIN. ALL HALE HEARTY AND PROSPEROUS

Back (left to right) J. S. Bell, clerk and treasurer; A. Chatham, Mayor; Frank Tharp, Constable. Front (left to right) T. L. Gwyn, Capt., C. T. Roth, Dr. J. W. Ring and A. G. Click, (R. R. Gwyn, deceased) Commissioners.

SHIP OF STATE IS SAILING SMOOTHLY

The Men at the Helm are Sure and Steady. Progress is the Watchword. Advancement is the Result.

No town in North Carolina is better governed, than Elkin. The citizens and visitors are so peaceful and orderly that the harsh arm of the law seldom reaches them and violations of the law are so few that they are almost a negligible quantity. Elkin has one policeman, but his services are seldom called into use. Elkin has a good look-up, but it has been used only one time for about two hours since it was built four or five years ago.

Mr. C. G. Armfield, the mayor, is too young to have pushed the elk into the creek, but he is very active in getting Elkin out of the kinks. He is the son of Mr. R. E. Armfield of Stateville and took a three years' course at the North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College before coming to Elkin, early in the year 1909 as assistant cashier of the Elkin National Bank. Mr. Armfield has taken a forward stand in all municipal improvements. He is secretary of the Board of Trade and a director and member of the Elkin and Jonesville Building and Loan Association. He is an active church worker, being elder in the Presbyterian church and superintendent of the Sunday School. Mr. Armfield was appointed mayor of Elkin in April of last year to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. R. J. Levellyn, resigned. The next month he was elected without opposition for a term of two years. He is proving very efficient in this important position and is faithful to the trust his fellow citizens have bestowed upon him.

Capt. G. T. Roth has the unique position of having been a member of the Board of Commissioners named for Elkin in its charter twenty-five years ago, has been on the board about half the time since, and is now serving in that capacity. He is a public spirited man, solid and conservative, and a valuable asset to the town. He gave one of the buildings and is a trustee for the Stanewall Jackson Training School. He is vice-president and superintendent of the Chatham Mfg. Co. As chairman of the school board, he is al-

most indispensable and is an active church worker.

Mr. J. S. Atkinson is a very energetic and able member of the board. Although a busy man as manager of the Atkinson Co. and



Mr. Alex Chatham, Sr. Elkin's First Mayor.



"JARGO"

Elkin's First Automobile.

There are now twenty-four automobiles in Elkin, the kinds and owners being as follows: Overland; E. F. McNeer and R. L. Johnson; Hupmobile; W. W. Whitaker, Dick Smith, and H. H. Barker; Reo; Raymond Chatham and G. T. Roth; Ford; T. G. Harris, T. G. Trivett, J. S. Atkinson, Dick Grier, C. H. Billings, R. B. Lewis, C. G. Armfield, E. G. Click; M. Q. Snow, C. E. Holcomb, J. W. Ring and A. L. Reves; Buick; R. L. Poindexter and J. R. Poindexter; Maxwell; T. H. Eldson; Cameron; Byrd Snow; and I. H. C. Truck; Elkin Hwy. Co.

with various other duties, he is never too busy, not only to talk, but to do things for Elkin.

Mr. C. N. Bodeheimer is also valuable as a commissioner in the town he has grown up with. He is one of the active politicians of the town, having served as postmaster here for a number of years and at one time was chairman of the Surry County Commissioners. He conducted the Roaring Gap Hotel last season and made that a favorite summer resort.

Mr. T. V. Foote, formerly a prominent merchant at Footesville, Yadkin county, is one of the substantial business men of the town. He is a real estate dealer of large proportions and is vice-president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, as well as a stockholder in the Surry Drug Co. He was also elected as a magistrate in Elkin township.

Dr. E. G. Click, dentist, the youngest member of the board, is following in the footsteps of his father, Mr. A. G. Click, who was a chartered commissioner of Elkin. Dr. Click is home-grown and has been practicing dentistry here for about six years. He is also a real estate dealer and is active in church work, being a steward in the Methodist church.

Attorney J. F. Hendren, clerk and treasurer of Elkin, came here years ago, and has played an important part in the growth and development of the town. He is treasurer for Elkin township, treasurer and clerk of the school board, a director of the E. & A. Railroad, of the Elkin National Bank and of The Elkin and Jonesville Building & Loan Association.

Mr. W. W. Harris, the town constable, is also tax collector, sanitary officer and street and building commissioner, his duties as constable taking very little of his time.

The fire department has a hand reel and hose and hand fire engine, but the fire company has become disorganized, the bucket brigade method being more effective. However, with the completion of the waterworks, the fire company will be re-organized on a firm basis.

Large Dam to be

Elkin was the first town in the State of its size to have electric lights. In 1899, Messrs. H. G. Chatham, A. M. Smith and G. T. Roth formed a company and in connection with the roller mill, then owned by the Chatham Manufacturing Company, installed a dynamo, put up poles and wires and furnished lights for the town. Later the plant was moved to the cotton mill and operated there until it was sold to Messrs. R. L. Poindexter and J. W. Madison, who furnished the electricity until the organization of the Elkin Lee and Light Co. two years ago. Since it was established fifteen years ago, the lighting system has been in the hands of private companies and light has been furnished only a part of the time, from 7 to 11 o'clock in the evening. Finding the present system inadequate for the growing needs

the citizens have already been ardent and the poles and wiring from the site of the dam, a distance of about four miles, has almost been completed. The present plans are to get the new system ready to start by September 15.

The new lighting system had its birth in the progressive spirit of a citizens' committee appointed by the Board of Commissioners to look after the installation of the water and sewerage systems. Finding no provision for the needed lights, this committee, composed of Messrs. Mason Lillard, C. E. Holcomb and A. G. Click, got busy and finally surmounted the difficulty by organizing this citizens' company and getting the business connected with establishing the new system well under way.

The officers of the corporation



Carter Falls—Just below Site for Dam.

of the town and a demand for electricity at all hours of the day and night, and also desirous of furnishing power for a large number of the smaller enterprises, the Carter Falls Power Co., composed of a number of the citizens of the town, has been formed with a capital stock of \$25,000. The town has arranged to take over the lighting part of the Elkin Lee and Light Co. and already owns a site on the Elkin creek at Carter Falls, where a dam is now being built by the town. The power company will install a large 150 horsepower dynamo and will lease the system to the town for a term of ten years, the town reserving the right to renew the lease or to take over

are: R. L. Hubbard, president; A. W. George, vice-president; and T. G. Trivett, secretary and treasurer. The directors are as follows: A. G. Click, R. L. Hubbard, E. E. Harris, A. W. George, J. H. Allen, Z. H. Dixon, G. T. Roth, J. F. Hendren, C. E. Holcomb, E. F. McNeer and A. Chatham, Jr.

The stockholders, in addition to the directors, are: T. M. Lillard, A. M. Smith, T. G. Trivett, A. Chatham, Sr., R. H. Chatham, Mrs. E. F. McNeer, B. L. Johnson, S. O. McGuire, J. M. Simmons, George Chatham, W. A. Shores, Mrs. E. C. Kirkman, J. S. Roth, Mrs. L. N. Sherwood, Elkin Canning Co., Chatham Manufacturing Co., and Crater & Sale.



The Old School Building—Now Removed.

McNeer's New Tobacco Warehouse

Mr. E. F. McNeer has shown his enterprise by erecting the large and commodious tobacco warehouse just completed. This was not built for an investment, but as a means of increasing the business of Elkin and helping the farmers to build a home market for their own product. This new warehouse contains 20,000 feet of sales space, and has 100 new stalls in the basement. It also has large camp rooms and every convenience possible for the farmer. The warehouse has been leased for three years to Mr. J. W. Glenn of Stoneville, N. C. Mr. Glenn is recognized as one of the best warehouse men in the State. He operates three other warehouses in North and South Carolina. He will open up in September with a full line of buyers, representing the leading tobacco manufacturers in the country.

reduce the cost of handling and selling of tobacco for the farmer. Considering the fine tobacco section around Elkin, and the un-failing energy of the "man behind the gun" there is no doubt that Elkin will be a large tobacco market, and McNeer's Warehouse will be eminently successful.

Mr. McNeer has his heart in the tobacco warehouse and in the tobacco interest of the surrounding country, and as soon as the market is once established here he has some ideas which he is going to put into execution.



Mr. E. F. McNeer.



Main Street of Elkin



Prof. Zeno H. Dixon, Superintendent of School.