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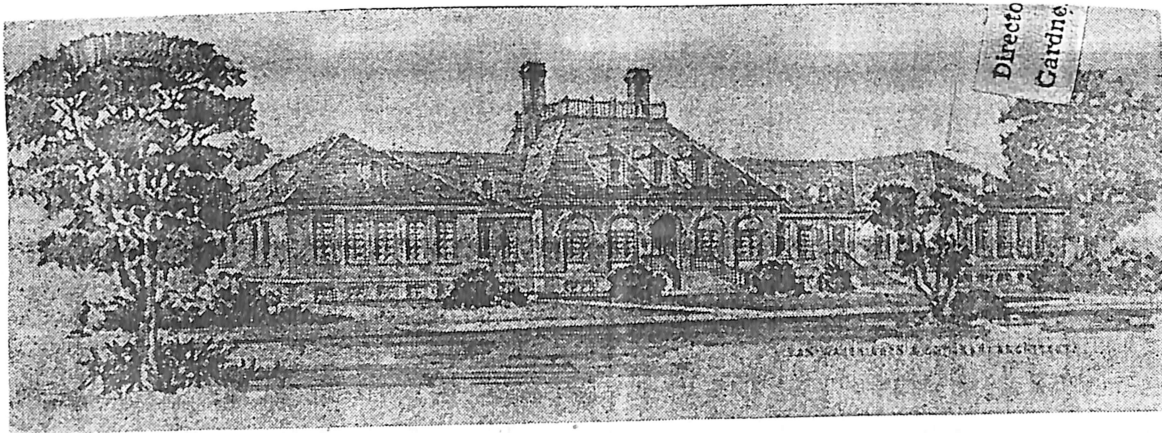
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WEBB ADMINISTRATION BUILDING



CLEVELAND COUNTY'S CHALLENGE

—Rutherford County citizens have agreed to accept the full financial obligations for the construction of the \$142,000 Administration Building at Gardner-Webb College. Leaders met for a breakfast at the

Spindale House yesterday morning and accepted the project as Rutherford County's contribution to Gardner-Webb's Golden Anniversary Drive which will end in October, 1957. An architect's drawing of the proposed building is shown above. (See story right)

Citizens Offer \$142,000 For Admin. Building Will Contribute And Solicit Funds There

Leading citizens of Rutherford County have accepted as their private project the construction of a \$142,000 administration building at Gardner-Webb College, it was announced yesterday.

A group of some 100 business, civic, religious, and industrial leaders met yesterday morning for a breakfast at the Spindale House and agreed to accept the project as Rutherford County's contribution to Gardner-Webb's Golden Anniversary Drive.

Oscar J. Mooneyham, president of the Security Bank and Trust Company of Forest City, made the motion that Rutherford County build one of the six buildings planned for the college. The group studied architect's drawings of the six structures and decided to accept the administration building as their project.

Practically 100 per cent of the citizens signed pledges to give contributions and to also solicit throughout the county in order to raise \$142,000 which has been estimated by architects to be needed for the unit. The money will probably be raised during the three-year period ending in October, 1957.

Dr. H. H. Stembridge, chairman of the board, presided over the meeting.

W. Lawson Allen, acting president of Gardner-Webb, spoke to the group and pointed out that 53 per cent of the students at Gardner-Webb are from farm and textile families, which are predominant in this area.

The following trustees of the college were present: R. E. Price of Rutherfordton, the Rev. E. M. Baker of Union Mills, the Rev. Harold White of Spindale, the Rev. Tom Lawrence of Cliffside, and Dr. Stembridge.

Gardner-Webb officials attending were: Mr. Allen; Julian Hamrick, business manager; Dr. Wyan Washburn, physician; and John Roberts, publicity director.

Gardner-Webb's Golden Anniversary Drive is now underway and will run through Oct., 1957, when the college will mark its 50th year. During this time, they plan to raise \$900,000 for six new buildings and \$750,000 for endowment funds.

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