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John R. Dover, Jr. Memorial Chapel

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BOILING SPRINGS Construction is expected to begin in the spring on the John R. Dover Jr., Memorial Chapel on the campus of Gardner-Webb College.

Dr. E. Eugene Poston, president of Gardner-Webb College, announced that bids for the construction of the chapel would be opened Monday afternoon, March 15.

The chapel will be financed by funds given during the college's 1965 capital gifts campaign by the Dover family. It is not part of the college's present \$1,500,000 campaign fund drive for major additions to the school's physical facilities.

Dr. Poston expressed his complete satisfaction over the prospect of the college having a new chapel.

"We are most pleased with the possibility of soon having a chapel of the beauty of the John R. Dover Jr., Memorial Chapel," said Dr. Poston. "Every college needs a chapel such as this. We are a Christian college and a place for the worship services in a capel atmosphere is vital to the spiritual life of the college family."

Dr. Poston said the school was most grateful to the Dover

family for making this chapel possible.

"The Dover family has been a great asset to Gardner-Webb and this is just another example of the dedication and love that. this family has not only for Gardner-Webb, but also for Christian education general."

The new chapel will be a twostory colonial structure which will seat 336 in the chapel area. It will also house the drama department and the college minister's office. There will also be several conference rooms.

The Baptist Student Union area is being given by Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hendrix Sr., of Trinity, N. C.

The impressive structure will face north giving the campus a focal point expressing the spiritual emphasis on the campus of this Baptist-owned college.

The new chapel will replace the present sanctuary of the old Boiling Springs Baptist Church. This building will be torn down to make way for the new chapel.

The church was purchased by the college from the Boiling Springs Baptist Church in January, 1967. It was an-See CHAPEL, P-6, C-4.

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nounced at that time that the church's sanctuary would be torn down when the school built the new chapel.

The church educational building will remain intact since it was built in 1951 and is a very modern structure. It is now being used for both classroom space and office space. No target date for completion has been announced and will not be known until the bids are opened and the contractor is named.

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