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77-Foot Steeple Placed Atop New G-W Chapel

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BOILING SPRINGS — The glistening white 15,000-pound steel and porcelain steeple was raised to the top of the John R. Dover Jr. Memorial Chapel now under construction on the Gardner-Webb College Campus yesterday afternoon.

Witnessing the raising of the spire, the tip of which is 227 feet from the top step of the entrance to the chapel, were members of the Dover family, Mrs. Dover, widow of the man to whom the building is to be dedicated, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vincent, son-in-law and daughter of the benefactor of Gardner-Webb, and John R. (Jack) Dover III, son of the man for whom the chapel is named.

The Dover family contributed

funds for construction of the chapel during the Gardner-Webb 1965 capital funds drive. The chapel is expected to be completed sometime in October and will seat 336 persons. It is a two-story colonial structure with offices and classrooms on the ground floor. The college minister and Baptist Student Union areas are also in the basement.

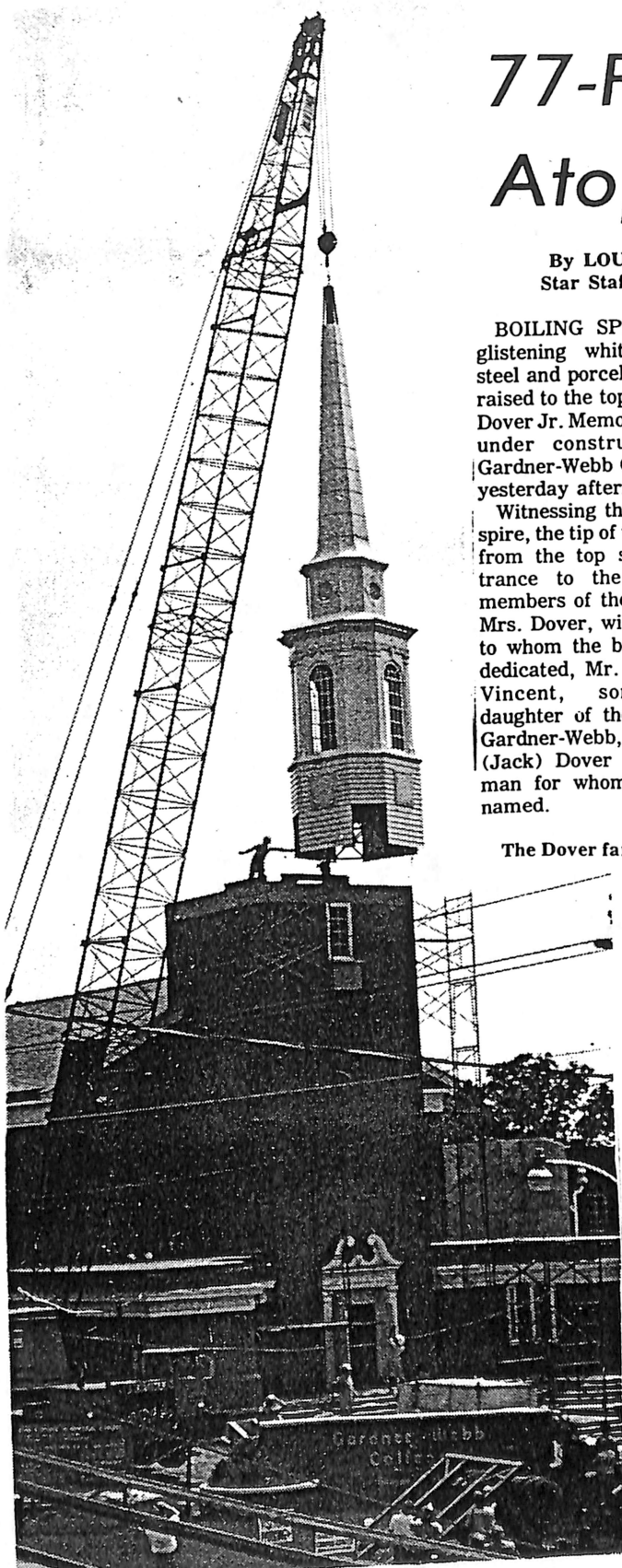
The steeple itself is 77 feet high. According to builders, public relations director Bill Boyd said, the steeple is the tallest on any religious building in North Carolina and can be seen from some parts of Shelby and other distant sections of the county.

The seven and one-half ton steeple was built and installed by the Carter-Miot Engineering Company of Columbia, S. C., whose work-

men, with the aid of an extremely high crane, hoisted the steeple into place yesterday and installed the seven pieces of the top including the six and one-half foot cross, a decorative ball base for the cross and five other base pieces, which took some three and one-half hours to complete.

The steeple jack, making 10 trips to the top, installed the cross which finished the steeple, checked out the ground wires to the lightning rod on top and adjusted the cross to face north across the college campus.

Laxton Construction Company of Charlotte is in charge of the full construction job. Dietz Washburn of Lattimore is job superintendent. The construction has now been under way about 12 months and a dedication date will be set for sometime in October. Boyd said.



In top left-hand corner Mrs. J. R. Dover, Jr. receives painting of the Chapel by Hal Bryant.



STEEPLE RAISING — The 77-foot steeple, reportedly the tallest on a religious building in North Carolina, was hoisted to the roof of the new John R. Dover Jr. Memorial Chapel Wednesday afternoon on the Gardner-Webb College Campus. (Staff Photo By Brett Elliott)

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