

CHAUTAUQUA ENTERS NEW PHASE

Permanence of Parent Institution of Chautauqua Movement Now Definitely Established.

Over Quarter Million Dollars Being Spent on Plant at Chautauqua, N. Y., This Year, Making Largest Single Year's Development in History of the Movement Since 1874—New Entrances, Public Buildings, and Residences, All of Permanent Construction. City of Tents No Longer the Type to Represent the Chautauqua Idea.

NEW developments which are going on at Chautauqua, N. Y., in buildings, approaches and transportation facilities differ greatly from the prevailing notion of a Chautauqua as a temporary thing. Brick paved highways, double track interurban car lines, entrances of brick and concrete in good architectural design, landscape treatment on a grand scale, educational buildings in comprehensive groups, hotel rooms with steam heat and other like conveniences, private residences costing a fortune to build do not grow up around an enterprise of fleeting character, yet all these things are taking shape this spring at Chautauqua. The fact is that the parent institution of the Chautauqua movement, on Chautauqua Lake, within a decade passed into a wholly new phase, the "city of tents" giving way very fast to a city that "has foundations." Electric light and power plants, gas mains, water supply and sewage systems, paved sidewalks

solves into the double tracking of the trolley line, the laying of needed water pipes and the construction of a new and complete station. The plans for the station building are by Frosberg & Bidler, architects, of Jamestown, N. Y. There will be a double track in front and a switch to the rear for freight, baggage and express. The building will be 75 by 275, built of red brick, stone and concrete. The design will harmonize with the present permanent institution buildings, with red tile roof and wide, projecting eaves. The outside passenger platform will be 28 by 72, so arranged that outgoing and incoming traffic may be separated. On the inside will be the ticket office with its coming and outgoing passes, the exchange office, news and candy stands and the rest room for ladies. Toilet rooms, inside and outside, will be provided for both sexes. Adjoining the traction ticket office will be the baggage department with checking and transfer offices, the freight department and the express department, all to have ample platform space for

park, and the natural beauty of a stream and ravine at that point will be enhanced by planting trees and shrubs. A plaza near the station has also been reserved for park use. The planning of this addition has been done by George Y. Schiner, a specialist connected with the New York firm of Samuel Parsons & Co., landscape architects. The Chautauqua High School, the Institution Garage and car parking place, the excellent Chautauqua golf links and the industrial center comprising repair shops of various kinds are located west of the Chautauqua enclosure on the highway and trolley line. Chautauqua's New Water Gate. Second in importance to the improvements of the land gate at Chautauqua, now under way, is the construction of the new pier building, on the site of the old wooden structure, which was torn down last fall. The Miller Memorial Bell Tower, erected in memory of the late Lewis Miller of Akron, O., co-founder with Bishop John H. Vin-

try and serve as a place for study of broad lines at a small expense.

New Music Studio at Chautauqua.

The interest in orchestral and choral music at Chautauqua which has made the Chautauqua Music Week one of the annual music events of America affects also the Chautauqua Summer School of Music. Each year sees some improvement in the facilities for music study at Chautauqua, and this year a new practice studio will supply a greatly demanded addition to the plant of the music department. The new building will occupy a position on the slope south of the Sherwood Memorial building, which all visitors remember, and will conform to style to the architecture of the College Hill group.

The Packard Estate at Chautauqua.

The first really pretentious country estate to be built on Chautauqua Lake has been laid out by Mr. William D. Packard of Warren, O., a member of the Packard car company, on a large tract adjoining the institution grounds on the north. Landscape work has been under way all winter. Mr. Packard is the son of the late Warren D. Packard, one of the pioneer summer residents of Chautauqua Lake and one of those influential in the development of Lakeside several years ago. The property which Mr. Packard has bought lies between the Chautauqua Traction Company's line and the

lake and along the north boundary of the Chautauqua Institution enclosure.

From this particular point there is an unexcelled view from Mayville on the north to Long Point on the south, and it is undoubtedly one of the most desirable residence sites of the entire lake region.

The house is to be three stories high of brick, stone and steel construction, red tile roof, absolutely fireproof. It is set in a grove of elms, which surround it on all sides but one, that facing the lake.

Directly to the south of the residence gardens are planned, terminating in a wild growth of shrubbery, threaded with trails leading to the docks and boathouse, to an artificial waterfall, a lily pond, tennis courts and vegetable gardens.

A cottage for the gatekeeper and tenants is now under construction, and other buildings will adjoin this cottage.

The landscape work has been done under the direction of Mr. H. L. Avery of Cleveland. Eighty-four fall grown trees, mostly elms, have been transplanted by Mr. Herbert L. Hight of Cleveland, forester, who has transformed an uninteresting bare hillside into a well wooded slope. A great quantity of small planting is also being done.

The Packard residence when completed will probably represent an expenditure close to \$175,000.

Larger Hotel Accommodations at Chautauqua.

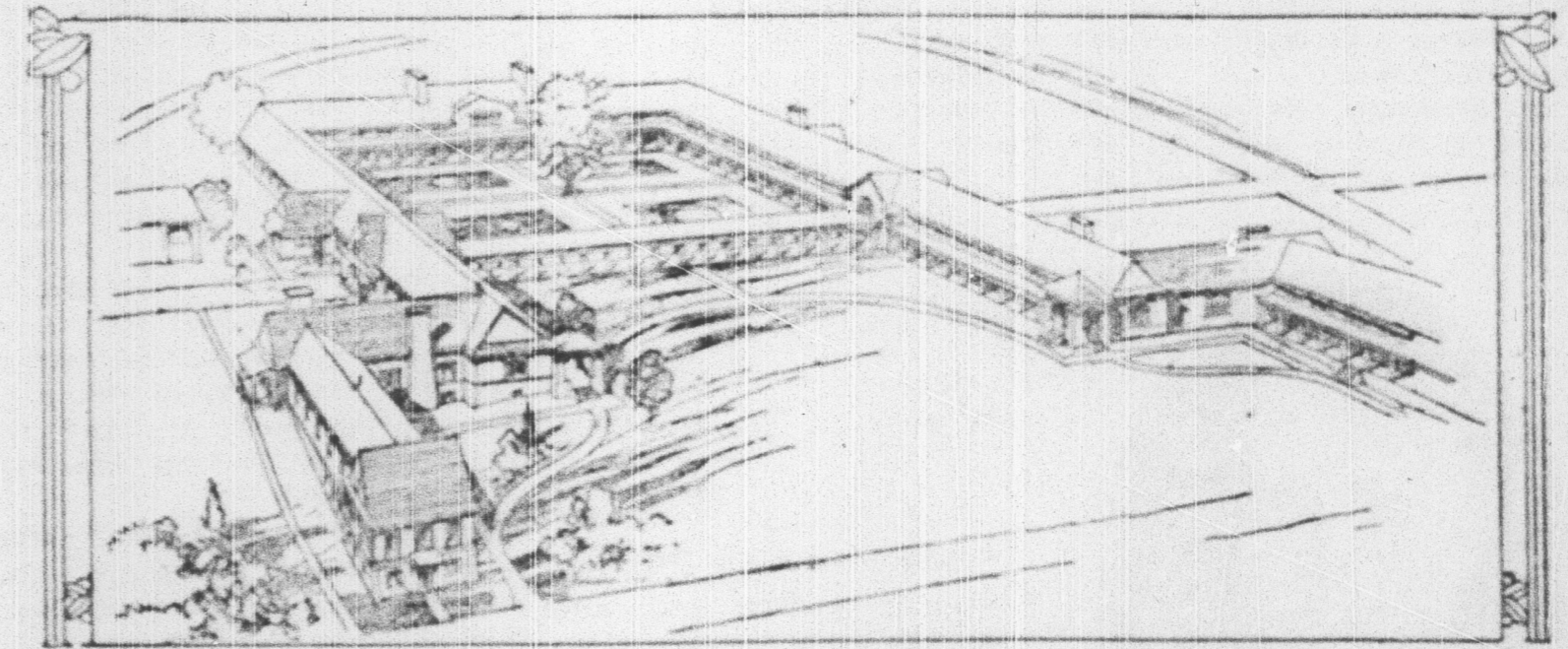
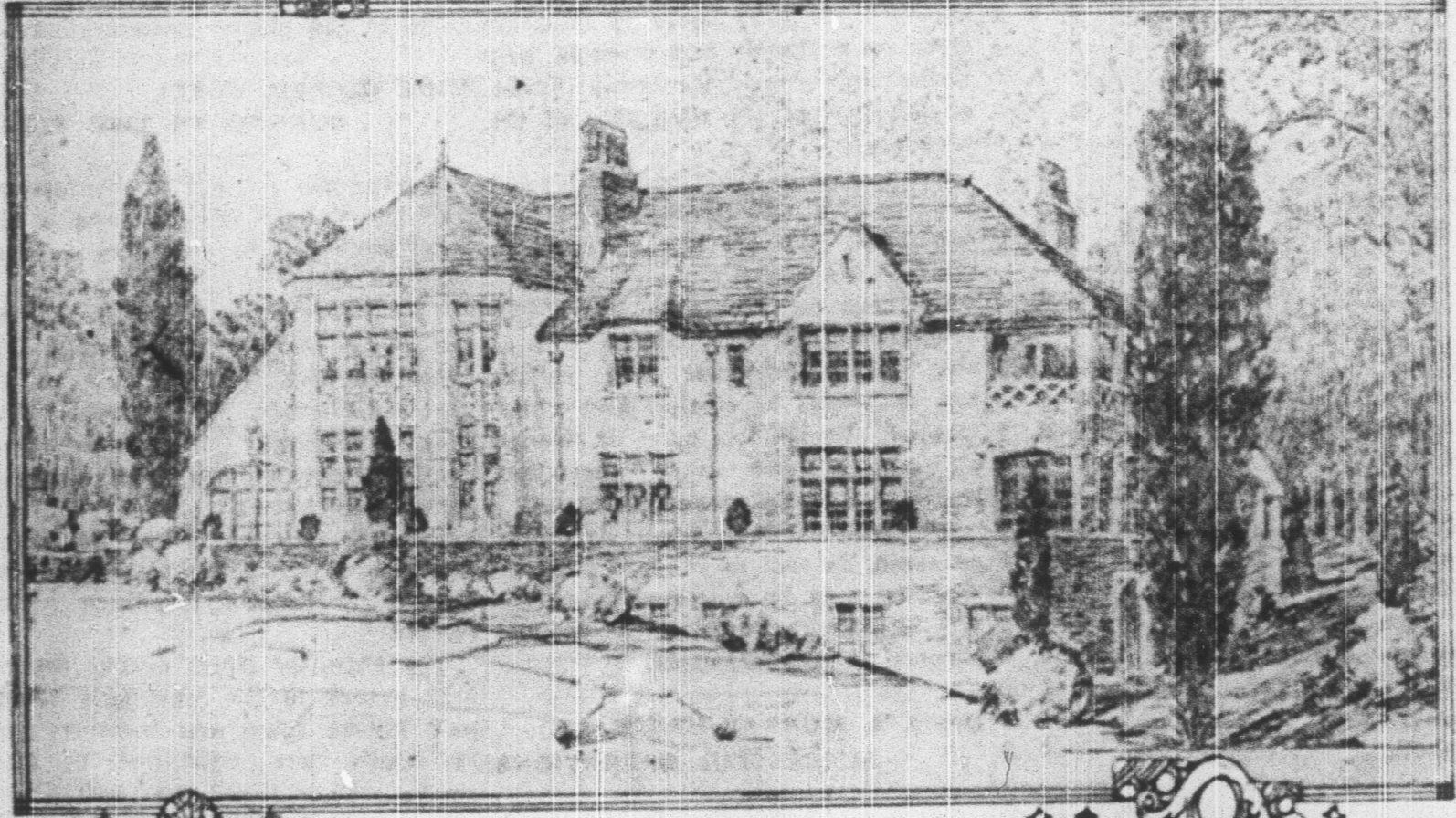
Among the many excellent boarding houses at Chautauqua, that erected this winter by Mrs. A. J. Lewis and known as the St. Elmo will command attention. It is a handsome and commodious new structure and by its artistic blending into the general architectural scheme of the central plaza is a real ornament to the place. It will contain many steam heated rooms with private baths. Mrs. Lewis has shown very positive faith in the future of Chautauqua.

Hotel Athenaeum is Building an Addition to Its Service Equipment.

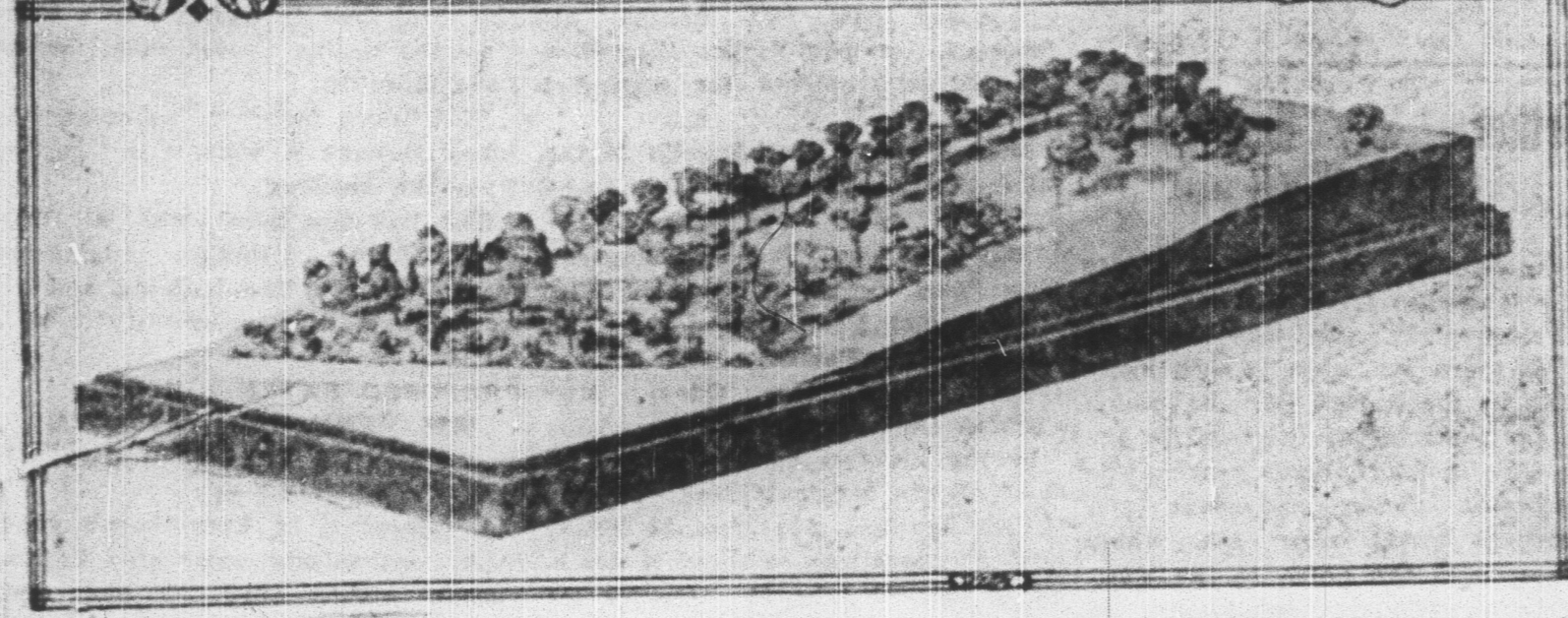
Several boarding houses and private cottages are being built or enlarged.

Fenton Home for Methodist Deacons.

In addition to projects already well under way at Chautauqua, N. Y., such as a new pier building, new traction station, new school buildings and boarding houses, there are expectations concerning a home for Methodist Deacons provided for in the will of the late James Fenton, of Buffalo, N. Y. This his executor hopes to build this spring at an approximate cost of \$25,000 to \$30,000. The construction will be of brick and stone and will be a most desirable addition to the new Chautauqua buildings of permanent type. The year 1916 is clearly to go down as extraordinary for physical growth at Chautauqua.



ARCHITECT'S SKETCH OF SUMMER SCHOOLS BUILDINGS OF CHAUTAUQUA INSTITUTION, CHAUTAUQUA, N. Y., AS THEY WILL APPEAR WHEN COMPLETED. ABOUT HALF OF THE GROUP WILL BE USED IN 1916 BY THE 3,000 STUDENTS OF THE SUMMER SCHOOLS AT CHAUTAUQUA.



PACKARD ESTATE ON CHAUTAUQUA LAKE, ADJOINING CHAUTAUQUA INSTITUTION GROUNDS. THIS PALATIAL NEW RESIDENCE WILL BE OCCUPIED BY ITS OWNERS THIS SUMMER. BOTTOM SECTION OF CUT SHOWS MODEL OF THE GROUNDS.

CHAUTAUQUA A GREAT POPULAR EDUCATOR

Impartial Discussion of Vital Subjects in World Crisis.

Chautauqua Institution, the pioneer in summer assemblies, summer schools and home reading courses, maintains its leadership in popular education by a rare combination of intellectual training, stimulating platform events and beautiful surroundings. Its public program again offers at a time of world crisis impartial discussion of vital subjects by authoritative leaders of public opinion. More significant even than the in-

dividual addresses by notable men are the series of one week each on current political, social, economic and religious problems. Topics for such discussion are the defense of the nation, the Americanization of our foreign inhabitants, the search in its task of making a war-cursed world, the elevation of American business to a profession, with professional breadth of training and professional insistence of ethics; the messages of art and aptitude to modern practical life and taxation in the light of wisdom and justice. Each of the eight weeks from June 29 to Aug. 27 is devoted to some one major interest, that of Aug. 7-13 being music, with the well known Russian Symphony Orchestra supplied to supplement the regular resident resources of the institution. The address of many educators and public men of the first rank appear in announcements just issued. Eight preachers of national reputation will give the eight Sunday morning sermons, and there are many other religious exercises.

The Chautauqua Summer Schools offer something over 200 courses in their catalog, just issued, and list over a hundred instructors, many of them prominently connected with great universities during the college months. With an altitude of 1,400 feet, its twenty mile lake and the climate for which the region is famous, there has always been at Chautauqua the greatest variety of outdoor sports and recreations. The list now includes golf, motoring, tennis, rowing, bowling, gymnastics, track athletics, sailing, rowing and fishing. Somewhat amusing to note, the prospectus for the year just issued, indicates the pitching of automobiles as one of the pastimes that arouse most enthusiasm among substantial business men and dignified members of the professions. It is only a step back to boyhood after all. Under almost ideal conditions for health, contentment and enjoyment, at a place like Chautauqua every member of the family finds a satisfying home for the summer.

Year-round office buildings of fire proof or slow burning construction are among the things that one by one have supplanted the earlier makeshifts. Over a quarter of a million dollars is just now being expended to present the assembly to 1916 visitors in its new character as a permanent institution. Definitely come to stay.

The Chautauqua assembly at Chautauqua, N. Y., will this summer offer to the visitor's view two important and striking improvements in two approaches—the water gate or pier, where will enter the visitor coming by steamboat from other points on Lake Chautauqua, and the land gate, where will enter the visitor coming by trolley from any direction or by motorcar over the excellent highway which connects with the great east and west thoroughfare at Westfield, N. Y.

Chautauqua's New Land Gate.

The general highway improvement is the most extensive enterprise now under way at Chautauqua, N. Y. This has been secured by generous co-operation with Chautauqua Institution on the part of the State of New York, the county of Chautauqua and the Chautauqua Traction Company operating the electric railway from Jamestown to Westfield. It comprises a modern passenger station, double tracking of the trolley line, a new brick paved highway and important changes in the boundaries of the Assembly enclosure.

Plans were made in 1913 by the State for the improvement of the highway. A magnificent new state road is now open through Mayville to Westfield, connecting with the great roadway east and west, known to all automobilists. The line of the highway at Chautauqua was changed and straightened and paved with brick. This change has made possible the addition of a considerable acreage to the lot and park space of the Institution. It in-

loading and unloading. Work has already been begun so as to assure completion before the season opens. The cost of the structure will be some \$20,000 and incidental improvements by the Traction Company perhaps \$10,000 additional.

The Institution has expended for land and buildings and for the improvements made over \$40,000. The special piece of brick highway has cost the state and county \$17,000, while the Traction Company expenditures, as just indicated, will aggregate at least \$40,000.

For a quarter of a century the water gate was the principal and almost the only entrance to Chautauqua, and it will be remembered for its natural picturesque beauty by every one who has visited the assembly during the past forty-two years. More recently, since the development of the electric railway and since the automobile has become so important a factor, the road gate has received the larger share of visitors, yet it has had nothing to suggest the real character of Chautauqua. It has been like the railroad approach to crowded and congested, without character or convenience.

The change in the highway and trolley line has made available to the Institution a tract about 4,000 feet long varying in width from 10 to 200 feet, or nearly thirteen acres, and brings the total area within the enclosure up to about 200 acres. The new section is laid out into eighty-eight lots and into parking. The lots thus made available for lease are somewhat larger than the older Chautauqua lots. Two of the new streets formed are named Harper and Massey avenues, to commemorate services to Chautauqua by Dr. William R. Harper of the University of Chicago and the Massey family of Toronto. In this extension about two acres have been added to the present playground

of Chautauqua Assembly, is an impressive enhancement of the natural charm of "the point." The new pier building, which will cost about \$100,000, will be another added ornament.

The new pier building will be a two story structure of 40 by 100 feet, with concrete columns and red tile roof. The first floor will contain the Institution ticket office, steamboat ticket office, waiting room, check room, baggage room and refreshment booth. The second floor will be entirely devoted to a covered promenade. A most attractive building is promised by Green & Works of Buffalo, the Institution architect.

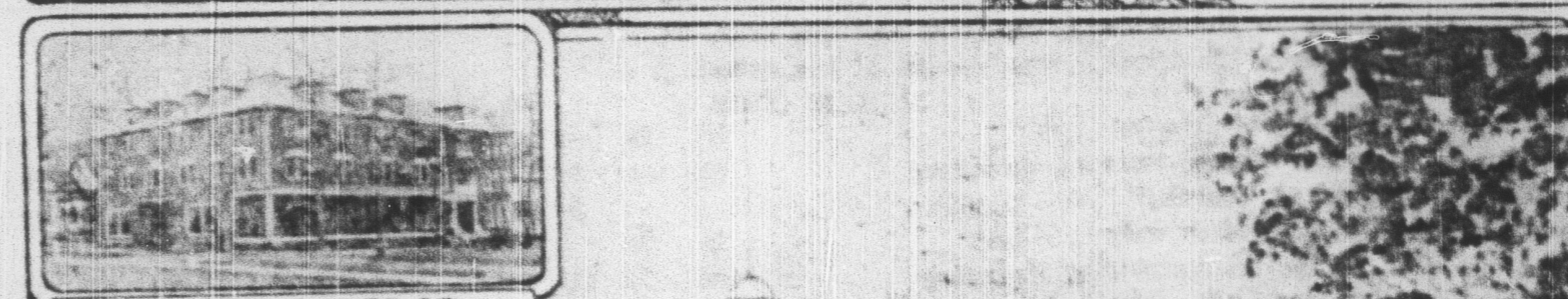
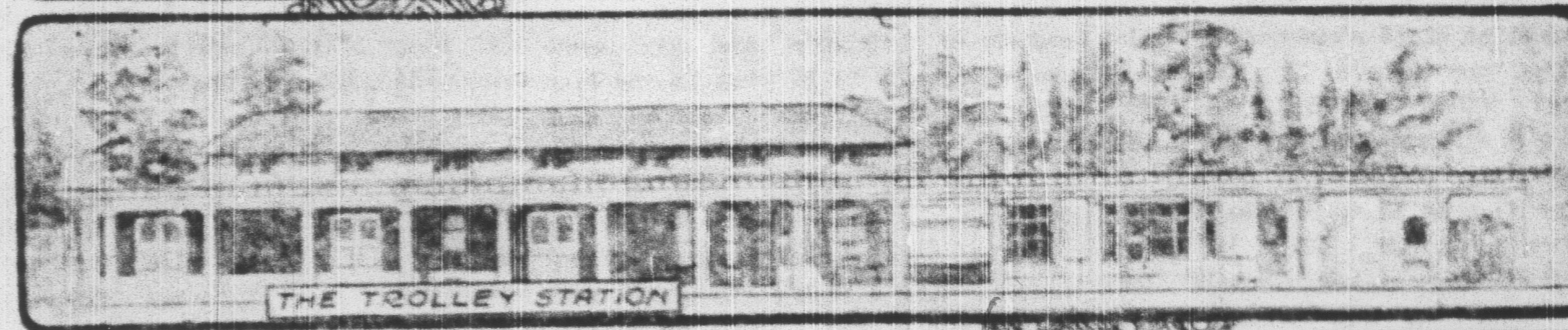
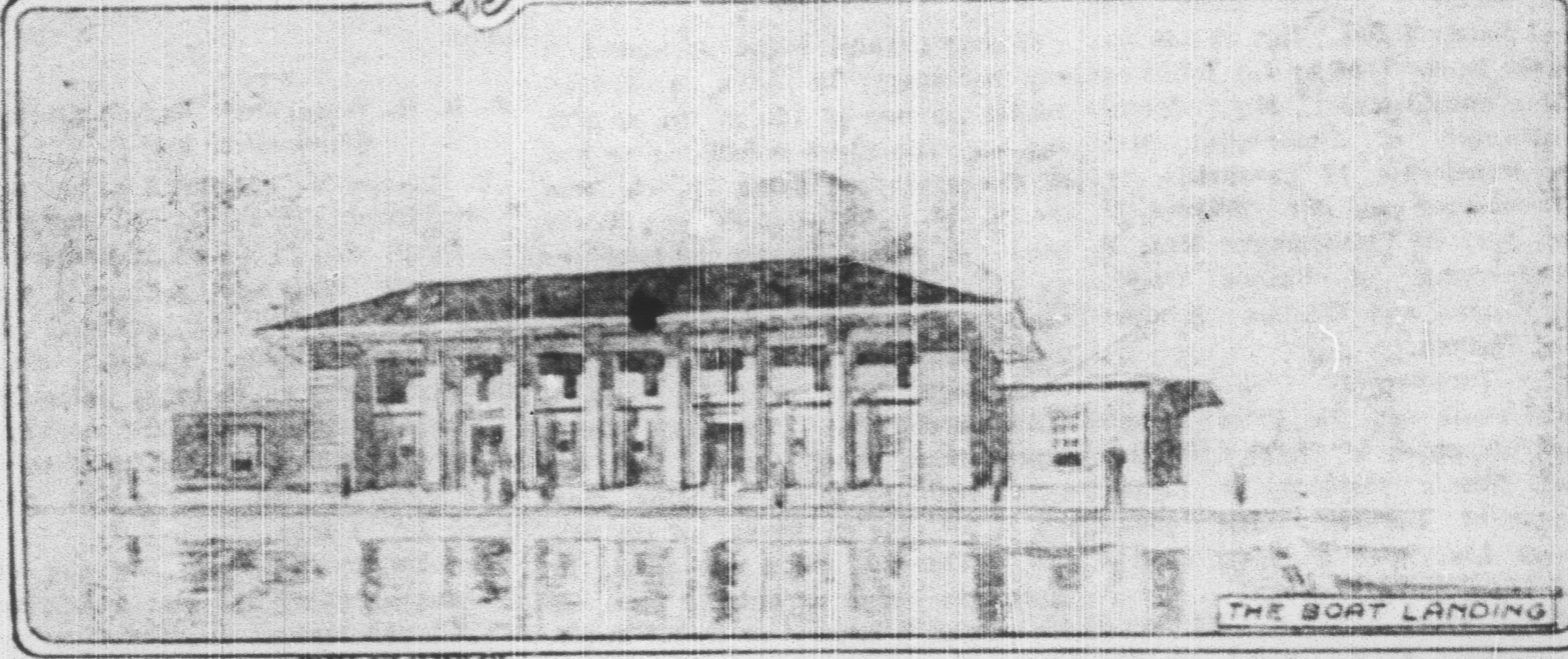
For the past two years there has been a marked improvement in this entire section of Chautauqua, in ground, park and cottage betterments, to which the new boat landing and water entrance will give final emphasis.

Summer Schools Growing.

The growth of summer schools throughout the country is being largely shared by the pioneer summer schools at Chautauqua, N. Y. This year's addition to the Chautauqua Summer Schools on College Hill will be in the form of two sixty foot ends added to the sides of the rectangle already well defined. When completed all the classes, comprising 3,000 students, will be provided for in this building, with the open end of the quadrangle toward the lake and the "old chestnut tree" a venerable Chautauqua landmark in the center.

It is to be hoped that friends of popular education will come forward to make possible in the immediate future the completion of this unique group of buildings which will serve as classrooms, laboratories and dormitories.

The Chautauqua Summer Schools themselves are unique in having always been self-supporting. They are the oldest summer schools in the coun-



NEW IMPROVEMENTS AT CHAUTAUQUA, N. Y. THE FAMOUS "MOTHER CHAUTAUQUA."