

# Construction of "Little Church" At Forest Lawn Started, Cost \$100,000

## Building To Follow Design Of Old Cathedrals In Europe

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Construction work is well under way for the building of the Little Church in Forest Lawn Memorial Park. The building with furnishings and landscaping will involve approximately \$100,000. It is estimated by the architects and engineers that the chapel will be ready to be dedicated for use Memorial Day, 1936.

While traveling in Europe recently, Munroe Walker Copper Jr., the architect from Cleveland, secured many ideas which he has incorporated in the design of the Little Church, creating an enchanting link between the historic past and the modern today. English Gothic architecture has been followed almost entirely. The exterior walls will be of warm colorful stone with a heavy roof of thatched stone slate to blend in color with the exterior walls.

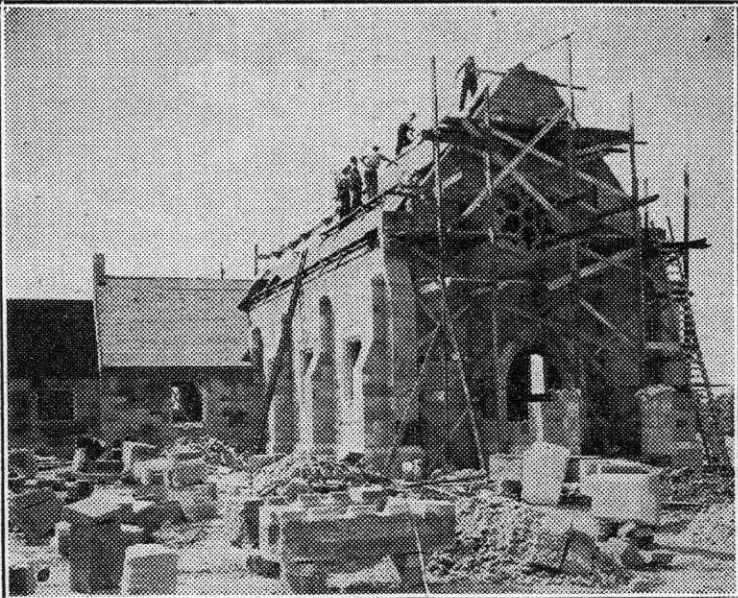
The front entrance is patterned after the south porch of a church at Castlecombe, Wiltshire, in England built in the 12th century. The design for the nave of the Little Church was secured from a little old church at Iffley, Oxfordshire, built by the Norman Invaders of England in the latter part of the 11th century. The left wing of the building, to be used for a family room at the time of a committal service, is similar to the chantry chapels that were added to the old churches of England for the wealthy people which is noteworthy of the Fitzalan Chapel which was the private property of the Duke of Norfolk.

The Norman tower extending high above the roof with its tall slender spire will contain a perpetual light. The stained glass window above the front entrance was planned from the famous Rose Window in the Rheims Cathedral in France.

The interior of the Little Church will show quaint beauty and historic charm. The walls will be finished in art plaster with colorful stone trim. The ceiling will be finished with oak timbers with carved hammer beams similar of the ecclesiastical woodwork executed at a time when the Englishman had no rival in work of this sort. The chancel will be finished in wood also, and will include a \$14,000 cathedral organ.

The pulpit is designed similar to the one used during the 15th century in the little parish church at Parton, Kircudbrightshire, in England, and the original pulpit is in the National Museum of Antiquities at Edinburg, Scotland. On it is carved the date when it was built, 1598. This was about the time of Mary, Queen of Scots.

The Little Church of Forest Lawn is to be non-sectarian, ministering to all creeds, a place for



vows and memories. Here, in the lovers' shrine restored for lovers, man and maid will be wedded. Here when life's span is done, memory will be enshrined. Surely this picturesque little church, snugly nestled into the sun-lit slopes apart from the world about it, is a worthy companion memorial for the fine buildings already completed in Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

# New Forest Lawn Chapel To Show Old World Charm

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**Architect Uses European Churches as  
Models; Shrine to Cost Nearly \$100,000**

Creating a link between historic and modern architecture, where the charm of old world cathedrals will be embodied in a new shrine, officials of Forest Lawn Memorial Park last week watched while the first foundations were poured for the \$100,000 Memorial Park Chapel, which will take nearly a year to complete.

Designed by Munroe W. Copper Jr., Cleveland architect recently returned from a tour of Europe, the new chapel will follow English Gothic lines throughout. The exterior walls will be of warm, yet colorful stone, with a heavy roof of thatched stone slate to blend. The front entrance, a porch entered through a high Gothic arch, is patterned after the south porch of the old church at Castlecomb, Wiltshire, Eng., built in the 12th century.

Above the porch, on the front wall of the chapel, Copper plans a rose window, a replica of the one in the famous Rheims Cathedral, France. Extending high over the roof, a Nor-

man spire will contain a perpetual light.

## Old-Fashioned Interior

Paul M. Ludt, director of Forest Lawn, said that the chapel will be under roof by next fall, but that the extensive interior decorations would delay completion of the building until next spring. Dedication of the chapel is planned for Memorial Day, 1936.

The interior of the chapel will be finished in art plaster, with stone trim. Oak timbers, with carved hammer beams supporting the ceiling.

The chancel will also be finished in wood, and will include a \$14,000

cathedral organ. The pulpit is designed after those in several old English churches and is copied after an original built in 1598.

The chapel will be non-sectarian, with facilities for all types of religious services.