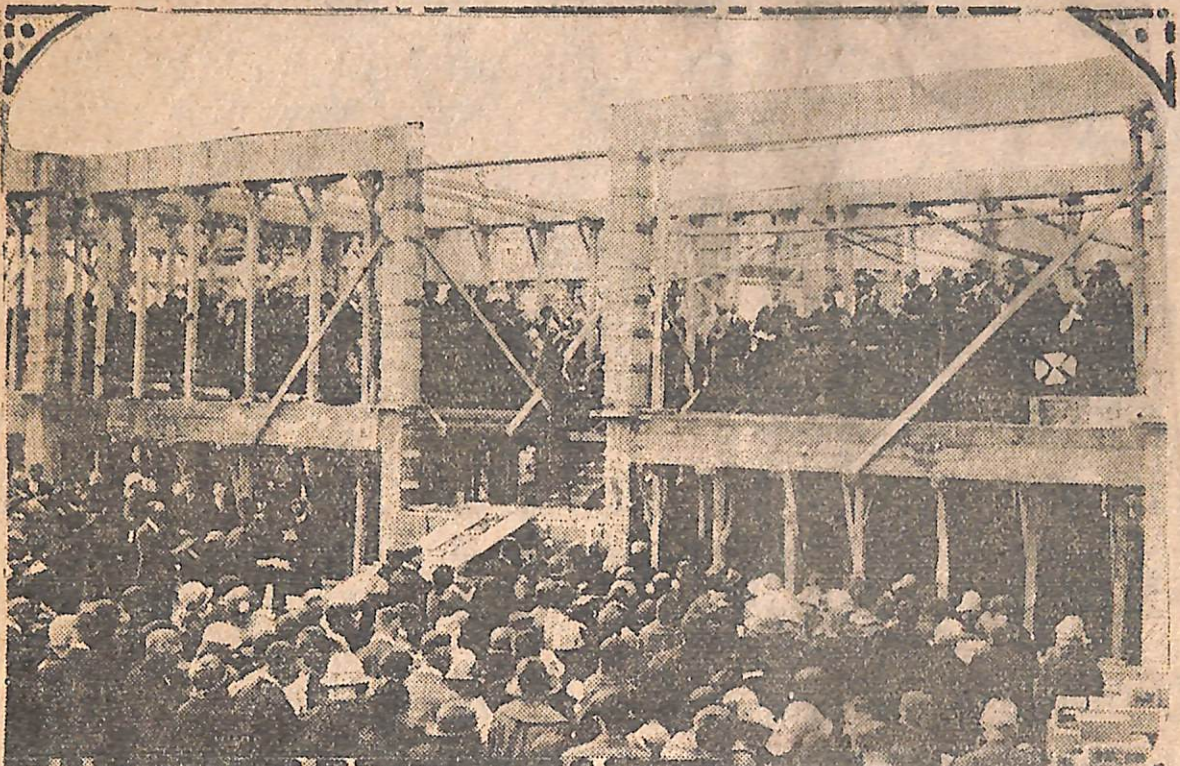


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CORNER STONE WAS WELL AND TRULY LAID



Above are scenes during the laying of the cornerstone for the fine Concordia Lutheran college, estimated to cost around \$250,000, at the Highlands on Sunday afternoon. A portion of the crowd of 1000 spectators is seen in the top picture which was taken during the singing of the hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." In the lower picture are seen those charged with laying the cornerstone. On the right is G. H. Macdonald, architect, while in the centre is Rev. A. H. Schwermann, principal of the new college, and on the left is Rev. A. J. Muller of Calgary, president of the Alberta and British Columbia districts.

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The members of the building committee are Rev. J. C. Mueller, Rev. R. Waechsel, Prof. A. Rehwinkel, E. Eberhardt, S. Gabert, J. Ulmer, secretary; Dr. F. Pfothner, Chicago, Ill.; Rev. W. Hagen, Detroit; H. W. Horst, Rock Island, Ill.; W. H. Schuleter, St. Louis, Mo.

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Greetings to the president and governors of the new college were expressed in a letter that was received from Mayor Blatchford, who was unable to be present. He said that the citizens welcomed the founding of the institution here and take a keen pride in the fact that the governing body had, in spite of attractions held out by other cities of the west, selected Edmonton as the most desirable location for their educational centre.

Cornerstone Contents

The contents of the cornerstone, which were placed by Rev. Mr. Schwermann, were as follows: English Bible, German Bible, Book of Concord, English-German catechism; June, 1925, copy of Lutheran church papers, catalogue of synod's educational institutions, synodical reports of Missouri synod, Manitoba and Saskatchewan district and Alberta and British Columbia district from

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R. J. Gibbs, assistant city engineer, has left with Mrs. Gibbs and family for a month's holiday at the Pacific coast.

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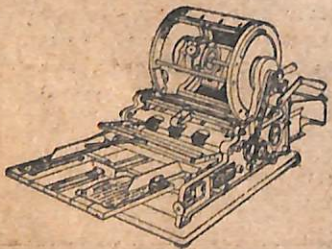
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