

NEW RECORD IN CHARLESTON



Edward Rollison and Denver Baker, foreground, get an assist from a crane as they join in the construction of the foundations of the Darlington apartments. The 12-story structure is rising at King and Mount Pleasant streets.

and six of every 100 are due for carpentry work.

Seven of every 100 homes will have plumbing repaired, bathrooms tiled or showers installed, the report stated. Miscellaneous interior repairs will be made in six of every 100 dwellings.

Home repairs will be easier on the 1950 family budget because of a decline of more than 5 per cent in wholesale costs of building materials, in comparison with prices at the beginning of 1949, the report stated.

Expenditures throughout the United States for home repair and modernization this year will total \$2,350,000,000 to \$2,900,000,000, the report estimated.

BIG STRUCTURES CHANGE CHARLESTON'S SKYLINE

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New industries, apartments, hospitals, stores, schools are changing Charleston's skyline. The products of industry's labor pass across its docks.

The results are apparent in all directions as housing and commercial enterprises mushroom overnight, filling once deserted lands with the bustle of activity.

At night fiery furnaces pierce the sky with sharp reflections as the wheels of industry turn.

A waterfront, once ghost-like, hums as the food for industry and

the products of industry's labor pass across its docks.

And a river, once dotted for the

most part with pleasure craft,

carries the heavy freight streamers which connect the port of

Charleston with the rest of the

world.

Because these things are hap-

pening, the grocers increase their

number of stores, automobile dis-

tributors increase their number of

salesmen and department stores

plan new departments. Because more persons seek more entertainment, movie theaters increase. Because there are more people, riveters keep up a steady fire from their guns to provide the steel giants which will house them.

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Already the Charleston skyline has been pierced by the framework of the Sergeant Jasper apartments, 14 stories above the Ashley river. It will be joined soon by the 12-story Darlington apartments, foundations for which are now being laid at King and Mount Pleasant streets.

These apartments, being constructed by brothers, J. C. and L. D. Long, helped boost building contracts in Charleston county to \$10,000,000 in 1949, compared with \$3,000,000 in 1948. This year the figure is expected to exceed \$13,000,000.

At The Citadel, a \$700,000 building program is under way. It will require about nine months to complete. Included in the program is a four-story academic building and a 16-unit faculty apartment house.

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The construction and the building yet to come is possible because a one-time army hospital area now houses a variety of industries; because the Virginia-Carolina Chemical company added a million-dollar-plus phosphorus plant to its local facilities; because the Dow Chemical company opened a \$150,000 storage plant in the North area; because W. B. Reily and company decided to set up a branch in Charleston; and because many other industries are producing

steadily and planning further expansion.

The port of Charleston has developed a habit of setting new records for tonnage handled and customs collection and new steamship lines are providing additional sea links for Charleston with the rest of the world. The Charleston Tidewater Terminals, Inc., recently acquired the Clyde-Mallory terminals which have been idle for eight years. With front piers available for vessels, the large warehouse will go into use shortly for cargo storage.

The South Carolina Power company this year allotted more than \$8,000,000 to be spent for extension and improvement of its service. Already one 22,500 kilowatt generating unit is producing at Plant Hagood and a second unit will go in operation this month. A third unit, of 40,000 kilowatt capacity and costing around \$8,500,000 including installation, is expected to be in operation next year.

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To provide fast communications among inhabitants of this growing community, linemen of the Southern Bell Telephone company have been busy installing new telephones and the lines which connect them. The number of phones in operation here is rapidly approaching 30,000.

With every announcement of new shipping facilities and new industry; with every brick laid in the building of a new home or a new filling station; with the gradual conversion of a steel frame to an apartment house; even with the wail of the steamship and railroad engine whistle, there is reflected the growth of the community and the faith of its people that the growth will continue on sound foundations.

