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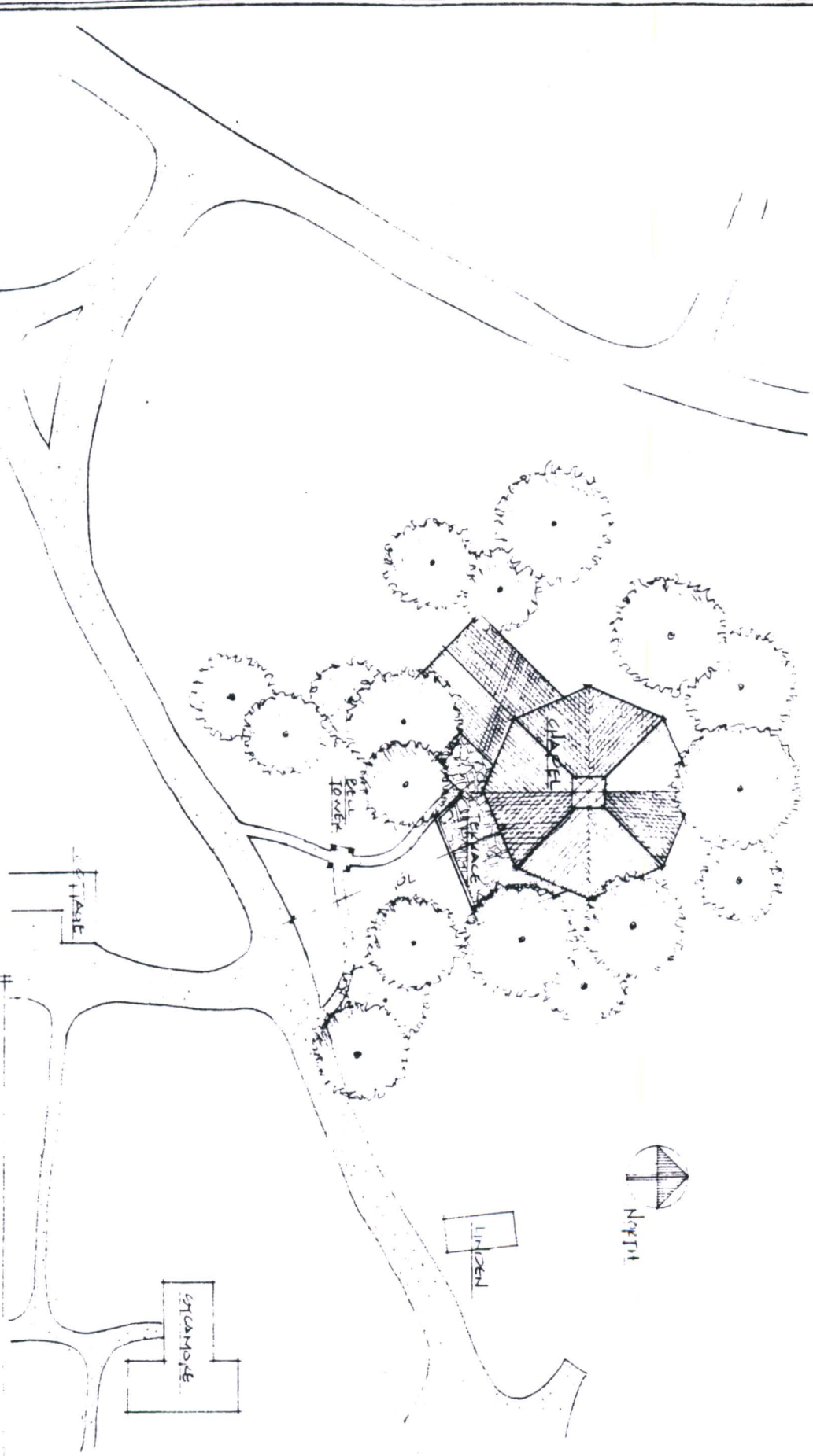
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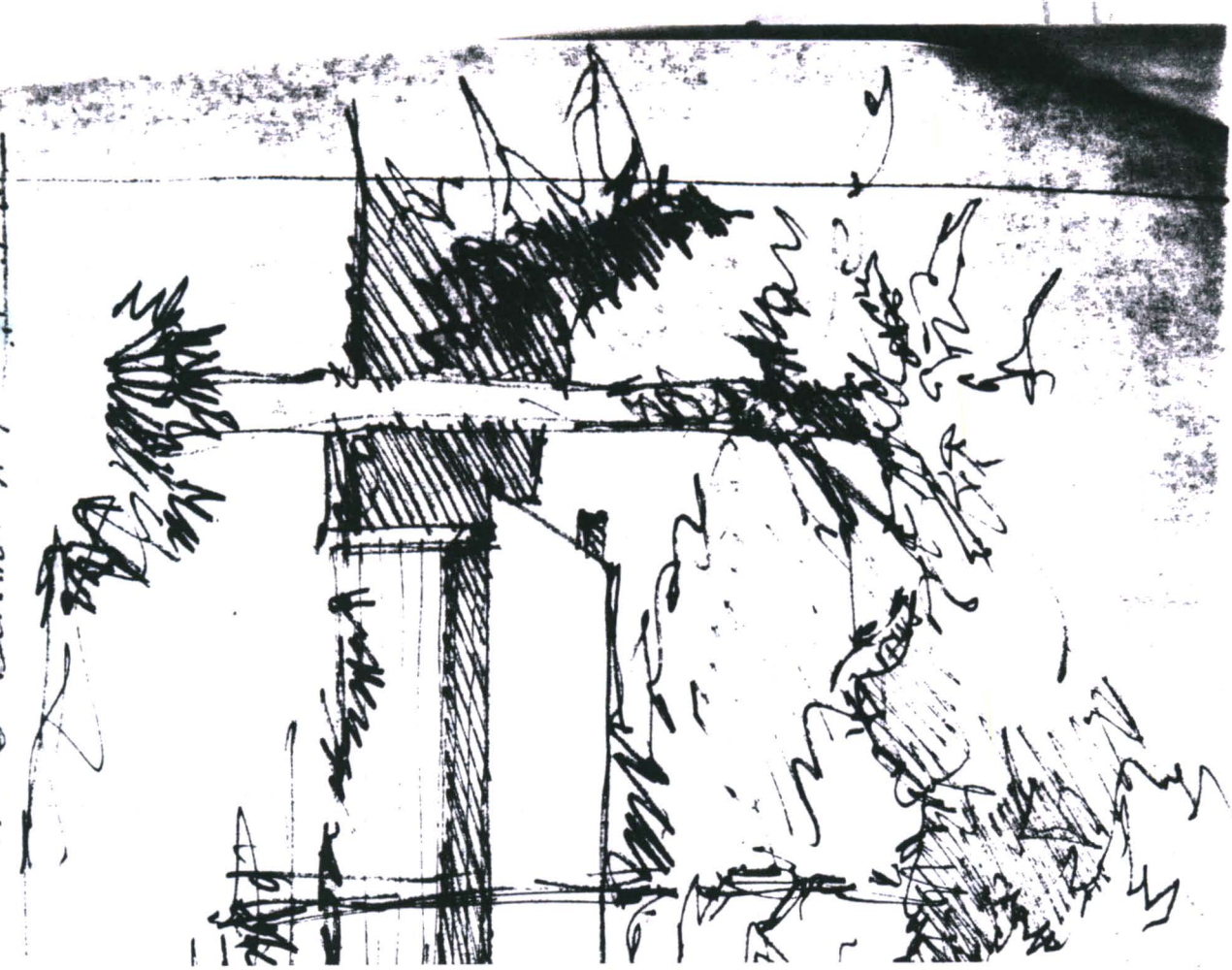
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By TED HAAS
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Kenneth Plummer Sr. cried Nov. 22, 1963 like millions of Americans when Lee Harvey Oswald killed President John F. Kennedy.

Plummer, 930 Leidig Drive, was at Camp David that day, watching the television replay of the shooting. For security reasons, Plummer cannot say why he was there.

"We were all just sitting there," he said. "I thought it would have been better if we had had somewhere to go, a chapel of some kind. It's been a dream of mine."

More than 24 years later, Plummer is seeing to it that a chapel will be built for the use of presidents, their guests and the staff at the Navy base used as a presidential retreat. Plummer is president of Camp David Chapel Fund Inc., a non-profit corporation formed to raise funds for the chapel's construction.

"The most important thing about this is the symbolism," Plummer said. "This is from the people of God, the church people of America, to the president of America."

Plummer was on his way to the site in Maryland this morning. He planned to delineate plans for the structure in the wooded section selected last summer.

Construction of the 150-seat non-denominational chapel should take about eight months and could begin as early as spring, if the \$750,000 to \$1 million in contributions is raised by then. Plummer said some money has been donated to the corporation due to word-of-mouth, but declined to say how much.

"We won't be putting on a big campaign for this. We'll try to keep it to personal contacts with individuals and churches."

The work will be done by contractors from Chambersburg, Waynesboro and Hagerstown, Md. An organ from Moller Organ Co., Hagerstown, will be placed in the chapel.

Plummer said his decision came at the urging people on the corporation's board of directors. His board comes from across the United States.

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circles, serving as president of the National Lay Leaders Association for the United Methodist Church and lay leader for the church's Central Pennsylvania Conference. He is also on the boards of trustees for Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., and Lebanon Valley College.

The Navy accepted the offer from Plummer in October, after getting a nod from President Reagan.

"They tell me Nancy (Reagan) is in favor of the chapel, too. And the personnel at the base is excited about it," Plummer said. "It's difficult, and getting more difficult all the time, for a president to attend church because of a security problem."

"The security of Camp David allows presidents to vacation there, so the security of the secret camp will allow them to worship there without all the security problems."

Camp David was called Shangri-La by President Franklin D. Roosevelt during World War II.

Plummer used the site before Roosevelt, though. He spent many winter weekends as a Boy Scout, then as a Boy Scout leader, camping in the former Civilian Conservation Corps cabins.

A retired builder, Plummer, 64, works part time for his son and spends the rest of his time working for the church, he said. He was a builder from 1946 to 1982.

The design feature that will set it apart from other buildings there will be the bell tower, designed so worshippers will enter the chapel by walking under the Navy bell, the only item the government is providing for the project.

He said the project shows unity. "Like in the Pledge of Allegiance: '... one nation under God . . . We're united under God in this project.'"

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Borisuk and a dozen other members of the Soviet delegation attended a Super Bowl party at Gettysburg College, where they were meeting U.S. delegates commemorating 30 years of cultural exchange.

The Eisenhower World Affairs Institute sponsored the four-day seminar, billed as the first discussion of the impact and future of cultural exchange.

Andrei Tretiak, a former hockey goalie on the Soviet Olympic team, said he admired the NFL.

"You have to be in great physical condition to play a game like this," he said through an interpreter.

"Just like hockey, you have to be a real man to play this game," said Tretiak, who is the coach of the Central Army Ice Hockey Club. "The only thing I don't like about American football is there are too many players."

Yuri Kuznetsov, deputy director of the U.S.-Canada Institute, suggested taking the U.S. passport to the Soviet Union.

"Maybe sometime you should try to organize a exhibition game in Moscow," he said.

Kuznetsov, who a year ago ended a seven-year posting at the Soviet Embassy in Washington, said he was not impartial.

"I was a fan of the Redskins for many years," he said.

Carol Kefalas, a spokeswoman for Gettysburg College, said the timing of the cultural exchange program made the Super Bowl party a natural.

"You think of the number of Americans who are tied up with the game, it makes perfect sense," she said.

During their stay at Gettysburg College, members of the Soviet delegation toured Lancaster County's Amish country and the nearby Eisenhower farm and Gettysburg battlefields.

Friday, the delegates will leave for Washington, where they will attend a National Geographic exhibit.

A congressional breakfast briefing was held for Tuesday morning, followed by an afternoon reception at the Soviet Embassy. The U.S. delegation was scheduled to leave the United States on Wednesday.

The United States and Soviet Union signed the cultural exchange agreement Jan. 27, 1958, beginning scientific projects and an exchange of artists, students and scholars.

Following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the United States allowed the agreement to expire at the end of 1979. A new agreement was signed in 1985.

Baker to bring memories to Hood

EDERICK, Md. — As a youngster in Lovettsville, Va., Russell Baker looked across the Potomac River to Brunswick, Md., "a sad and romantic place as I ever expected to see."

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author and New York Times columnist will be close to home Friday when he speaks at Hood College in Ederick.

Baker, whose comments about the big city of New York appear in his book, "Growing Up," is giving as part of a college course built around the theme of "Growing up in America."

His book tells the story of a young boy in the Blue Ridge mountains of Lovettsville, Va., who witnesses the death of his father when he was 10 and the family moved to New Jersey and then to Baltimore during the Depression.

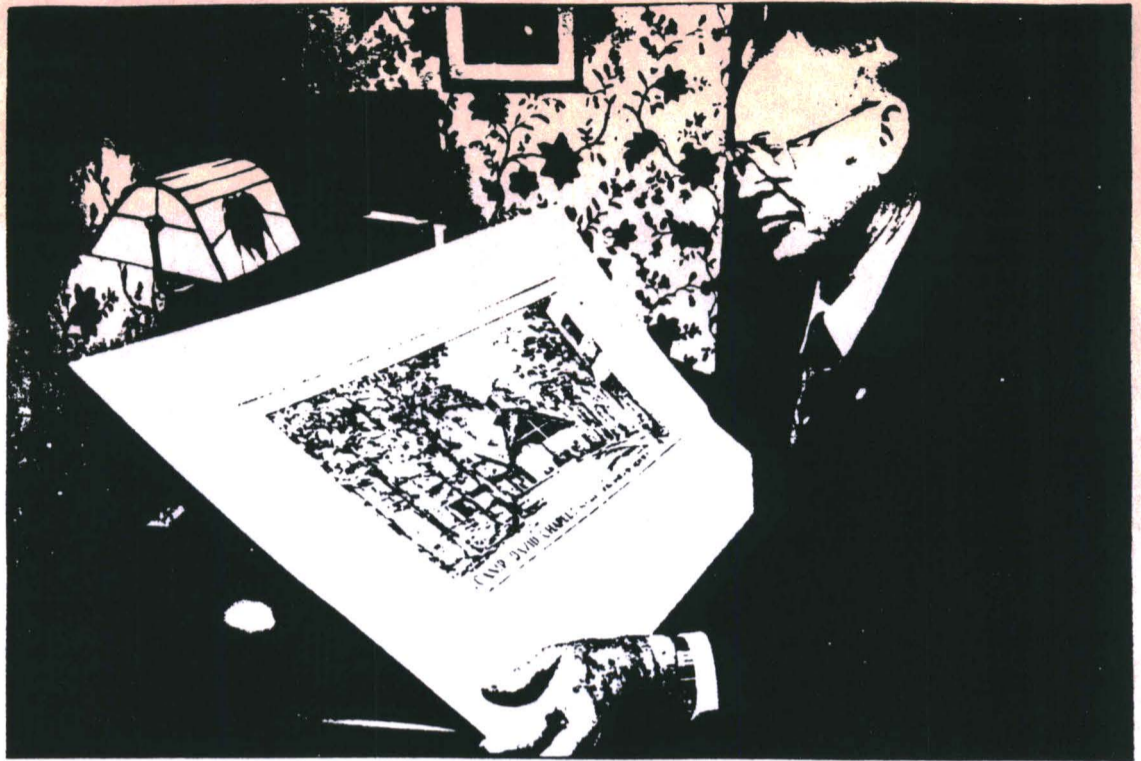


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Contractor Kenneth Plummer, of Chambersburg, Pa., shows his drawing of the chapel that he is planning to build at Camp David in Thurmont, Md.

Plummer hopes to get donations from churches, so that many religions can be involved in the project.

A chapel for presidents

Chambersburg man working to build Camp David church

By LOLA DEMMA
Staff Writer

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa. — Before year's end, Camp David will have a place where visiting presidents can worship, if Kenneth Plummer's plan works out.

Plummer is trying to build a "chapel from the people."

The semi-retired construction contractor from Chambersburg hopes to raise \$750,000 from church organizations to build a small chapel in Camp David, the presidential getaway in the Catoctin Mountains near Thurmont, Md.

As a building contractor, Plummer has worked for the federal government off and on since the Eisenhower Administration.

Some of his firm's work has been at Camp David.

As a religious person, Plummer said he was struck by the fact that there is no church at the place that the president visits so often.

"I felt if there's any place we needed a chapel, we certainly need it up there where the heads of our government meet. And also for our military personnel who are there."

His first step was to approach officials at Camp David with the idea of raising money from churches to build a chapel.

The retreat is a highly secured Naval support facility under command of the secretary of the Navy.

He said he believes his personal acquaintances



A closeup of the sketch for the Camp David chapel.

with the people stationed there were helpful in getting through governmental red tape.

The suggestion went through the chain of command. In October, he received a letter from Navy Secretary James Webb Jr. stating that if the chapel were built, Webb would accept it as a gift to the United States Government.

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President and Mrs. Reagan gave the first gift of \$1,000 toward the building fund, he said.

Plummer said he has already received several thousand dollars in donations even though fund raising has not begun in earnest.

Church groups will be asked to contribute, he said. General public solicitations will not be made, he said.

"Basically, my philosophy was, from a religious standpoint, we want to reach into all faiths, so we will be trying to get gifts from the different faiths," said Plummer, who called himself "very active in the United Methodist Church."

The chapel will be a plain wooden structure in keeping with the original buildings constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1940s.

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"Ground Breaking"

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INTRODUCTION.....Mr. Plummer

THE PSALMS.....Reverend Farmer

PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....Reverend Farmer

LORD'S PRAYER.....Unison

"Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

SCRIPTURE READING.....Responsive

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein;
for he has founded it upon the seas,
and established it upon the rivers.
Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is
false, and does not swear deceitfully.
He will receive blessing from the lord.
and vindication from the God of his
salvation.
Such is the generation of those who seek him.
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.
Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the king of glory may come in.
Who is this king of glory?
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!
Psalm 24:1



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Prayer of Thanksgiving.....Senior Chief Chrisman

Breaking of Ground.....President Reagan
Mrs. Reagan
Mr. Kenneth Plummer

Closing of Prayer.....Responsive

Almighty and everlasting God, in communion with the saints in all ages, and remembering the heritage that has been given us, we offer thee our praise and thanksgiving.

O Lord hear our prayer.

Help us to accept the privilege and responsibility of this thy fellowship of faith; here may we keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

So we may fulfill the law of love.

Enable us, by thy grace, to dedicate ourselves this day to the solemn task which thou dost lay upon our hearts and consciences.

In all that we do, be thou, O Lord, our strength and help.

Reveal to us the beauty of thy perfect law and the joy of our living Lord, that with glad hearts we may show forth our thankfulness, and serve thee all our days to the glory of the blessed name.

Parting Blessing.....Rev. Farmer



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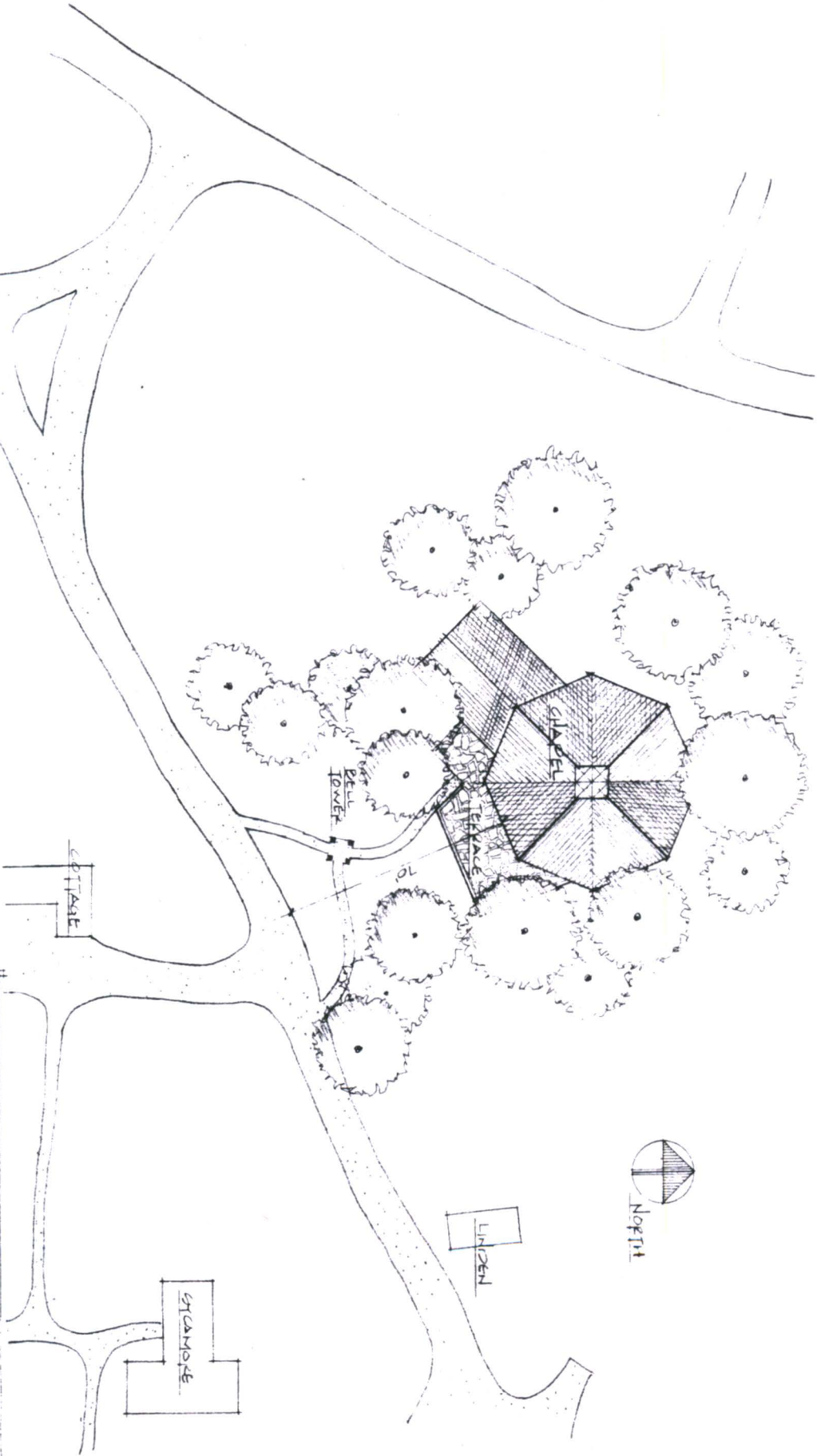
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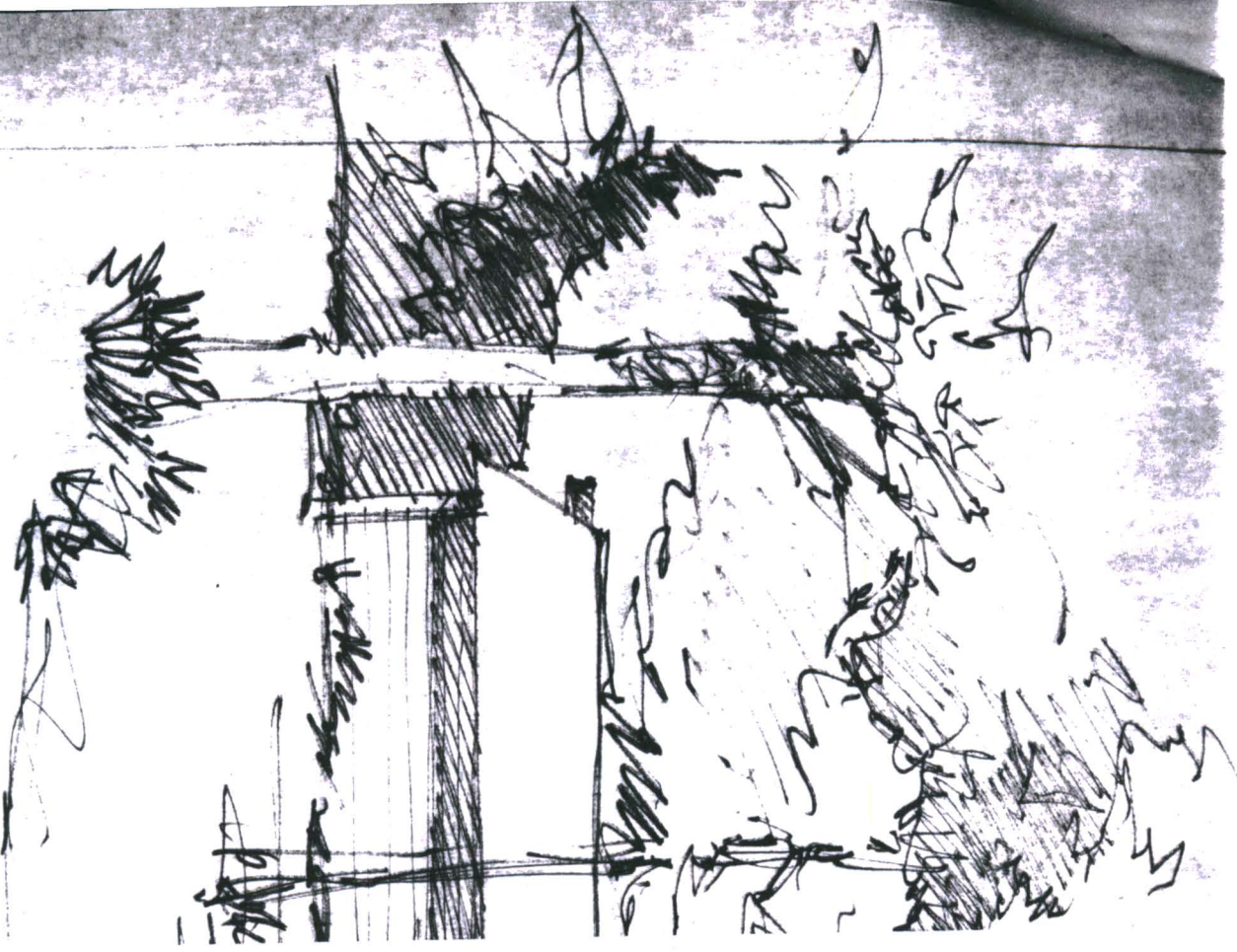
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"Soviet players are very strong, very tough," said Vladimir Borstuk, acting head of the U.S.-Canada Institute in the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs. "Everybody wants to be No. 1."

Borstuk and a dozen other members of the Soviet delegation attended a Super Bowl party at Gettysburg College, where they were meeting U.S. delegates commemorating 30 years of trade exchange.

The Eisenhower World Affairs Institute sponsored the four-day seminar, billed as the first discussion of the impact and future of cultural exchange.

Andriy Tretiak, a former hockey goalie on the Soviet Olympic team, said he admired the Americans.

"You have to be in great physical condition to play a game like this," he said through an interpreter.

"Just like hockey, you have to be a real man to play this game," said Tretiak, who is the coach of the Central Army Ice Hockey Club. "The only thing I don't like about American football is there are too many rules."

Andriy Kuznetsov, deputy director of the U.S.-Canada Institute, suggested taking the U.S. to the Soviet Union.

"Maybe sometime you should try to organize a exhibition game in Moscow," he said.

Kuznetsov, who a year ago ended a seven-year posting at the Soviet Embassy in Washington, said he was not impartial.

"I was a fan of the Redskins for many years," he said.

Carol Kefalas, a spokeswoman for Gettysburg College, said the timing of the cultural exchange program made the Super Bowl party a natural.

"You think of the number of Americans who were tied up with the game, it makes perfect sense," she said.

During their stay at Gettysburg College, members of the Soviet delegation toured Lancaster County's Amish country and the nearby Eisenhower farm and Gettysburg battlefields.

Friday, the delegates will leave for Washington, where they will attend a National Geographic exhibit.

A congressional breakfast briefing was held for Tuesday morning, followed by a luncheon reception at the Soviet Embassy. The Soviet delegation was scheduled to leave the United States on Wednesday.

The United States and Soviet Union signed the cultural exchange agreement Jan. 27, 1958, beginning scientific projects and an exchange of artists and scholars.

Following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the United States allowed the agreement to expire at the end of 1979. A new agreement was signed in 1985.

Baker to bring memories to Hood

EDERICK, Md. — As a youngster in Edinburg, Va., Russell Baker looked across the Potomac River to Brunswick, Md., "as distant and romantic a place as I ever expected to see."

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author and New York Times columnist will be close to home Friday when he speaks at Hood College in Ederick.

Baker, whose comments about the big city of New York appear in his book, "Growing Up," is bringing us part of a college course built around the theme of growing up in America.

The book tells the story of a young boy in the woods mountains of Lovettsville, Va., following the death of his father when he was 12. The family moved to New Jersey and then to Baltimore during the Depression.

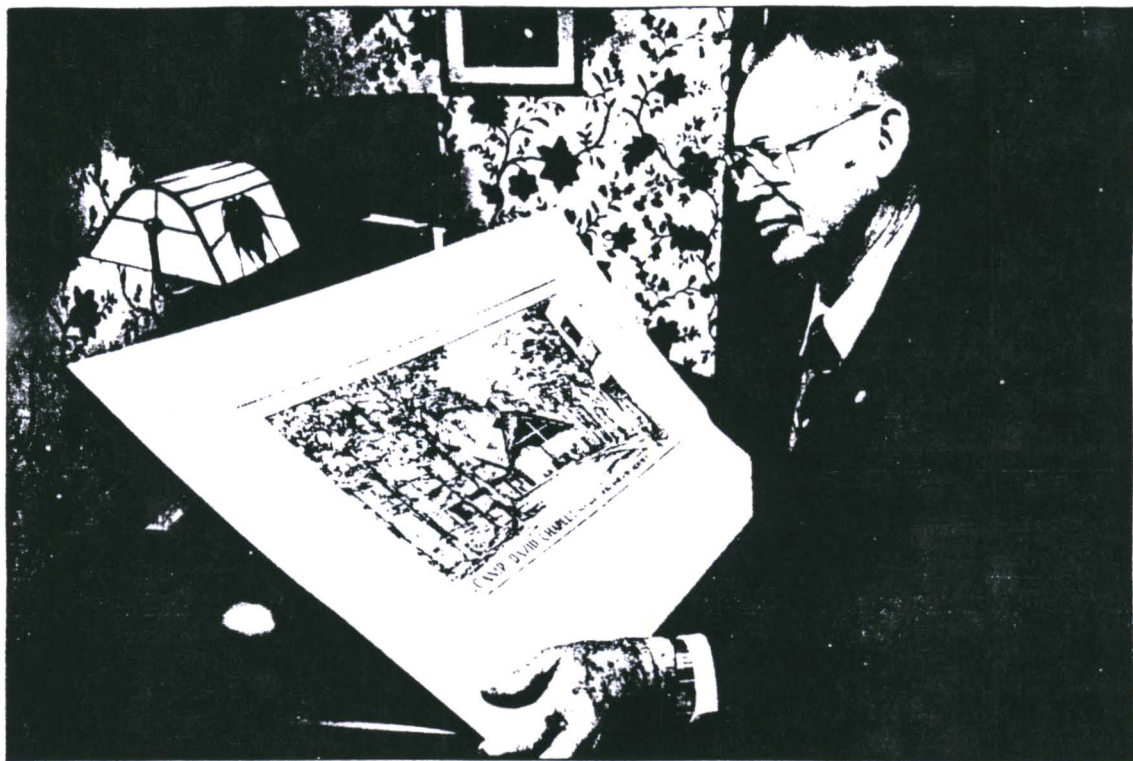


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Contractor Kenneth Plummer, of Chambersburg, Pa., shows his drawing of the chapel that he is planning to build at Camp David in

Thurmont, Md. Plummer hopes to get donations from churches, so that many religions can be involved in the project.

A chapel for presidents

Chambersburg man working to build Camp David church

By LOLA DEMMA
Staff Writer

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa. — Before year's end, Camp David will have a place where visiting presidents can worship, if Kenneth Plummer's plan works out.

Plummer is trying to build a "chapel from the people."

The semi-retired construction contractor from Chambersburg hopes to raise \$750,000 from church organizations to build a small chapel in Camp David, the presidential getaway in the Catoctin Mountains near Thurmont, Md.

As a building contractor, Plummer has worked for the federal government off and on since the Eisenhower Administration.

Some of his firm's work has been at Camp David.

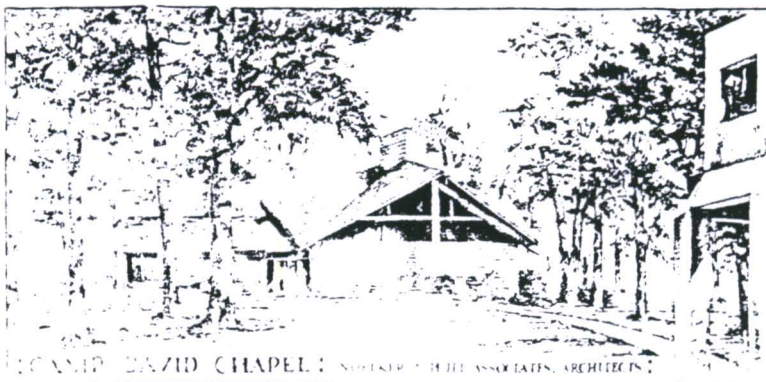
As a religious person, Plummer said he was struck by the fact that there is no church at the place that the president visits so often.

"I felt if there's any place we needed a chapel, we certainly need it up there where the heads of our government meet. And also for our military personnel who are there."

His first step was to approach officials at Camp David with the idea of raising money from churches to build a chapel.

The retreat is a highly secured Naval Support Facility under command of the Secretary of the Navy.

He said he believes his personal acquaintances



A closeup of the sketch for the Camp David chapel

with the people stationed there were helpful in getting through governmental red tape.

The suggestion went through the chain of command. In October, he received a letter from Navy Secretary James Webb Jr., stating that if the chapel were built, Webb would accept it as a gift to the United States Government.

Since President Franklin D. Roosevelt first built the mountain retreat known then as Shangri-La, presidents have treasured visits to Camp David where they can roam free of public view and cramped security measures.

The camp's name was changed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who called it after his grandson, David Eisenhower.

President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan have seen a model of the 150-seat glass and wood chapel that Plummer intends to build.

President and Mrs. Reagan gave the first gift of \$1,000 toward the building fund, he said.

Plummer said he has already received several thousand dollars in donations even though fund raising has not begun in earnest.

"Church groups will be asked to contribute," he said. "General public solicitations will not be made," he said.

"Basically my philosophy was, from a religious standpoint, we want to reach into all faiths. So we will be trying to get gifts from the different faiths," said Plummer, who called himself "very active in the United Methodist Church."

The chapel will be a plain wooden structure in keeping with the original buildings constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1940s.

Services will be conducted by visiting military chaplains.

New Market Days named one of nation's best events

NEW MARKET, Md. — New Market Days, a festival celebrating the town's 250th anniversary, has been named one of the nation's best events by the National Association of State and Local Officials.

Chapel called gift from 'people of faith'

Area man heads project at Camp David

By TED HAAS
Public Opinion staff writer

Kenneth Plummer Sr. cried Nov. 22, 1963 like millions of Americans when Lee Harvey Oswald killed President John F. Kennedy.

Plummer, 930 Leidig Drive, was at Camp David that day, watching the television replay of the shooting. For security reasons, Plummer cannot say why he was there.

"We were all just sitting there," he said. "I thought it would have been better if we had had somewhere to go, a chapel of some kind. It's been a dream of mine."

More than 24 years later, Plummer is seeing to it that a chapel will be built for the use of presidents, their guests and the staff at the Navy base used as a presidential retreat. Plummer is president of Camp David Chapel Fund Inc., a non-profit corporation formed to raise funds for the chapel's construction.

"The most important thing about this is the symbolism," Plummer said. "This is from the people of God, the church people of America, to the president of America."

Plummer was on his way to the site in Maryland this morning. He planned to delineate plans for the structure in the wooded section selected last summer.

Construction of the 150-seat non-denominational chapel should take about eight months and could begin as early as spring, if the \$750,000 to \$1 million in contributions is raised by then. Plummer said some money has been donated to the corporation due to word-of-mouth, but declined to say how much.

"We won't be putting on a big campaign for this. We'll try to keep it to personal contacts with individuals and churches."

The work will be done by contractors from Chambersburg, Waynesboro and Hagerstown, Md. An organ from Moller Organ Co., Hagerstown, will be placed in the chapel.

Plummer said his decision came at the urging of people on the corporation's board of directors. His board comes from across the United States.

"They told me we could raise the money. We'll take contributions from any church or individual — a true gift from America's people of faith."

Plummer is well-known in religious



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Kenneth Plummer Sr. shows a model of the proposed Camp David chapel.

circles, serving as president of the National Lay Leaders Association for the United Methodist Church and lay leader for the church's Central Pennsylvania Conference. He is also on the boards of trustees for Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., and Lebanon Valley College.

The Navy accepted the offer from Plummer in October, after getting a nod from President Reagan.

"They tell me Nancy (Reagan) is in favor of the chapel, too. And the personnel at the base is excited about it," Plummer said. "It's difficult, and getting more difficult all the time, for a president to attend church because of a security problem."

"The security of Camp David allows presidents to vacation there, so the security of the secret camp will allow them to worship there without all the security problems."

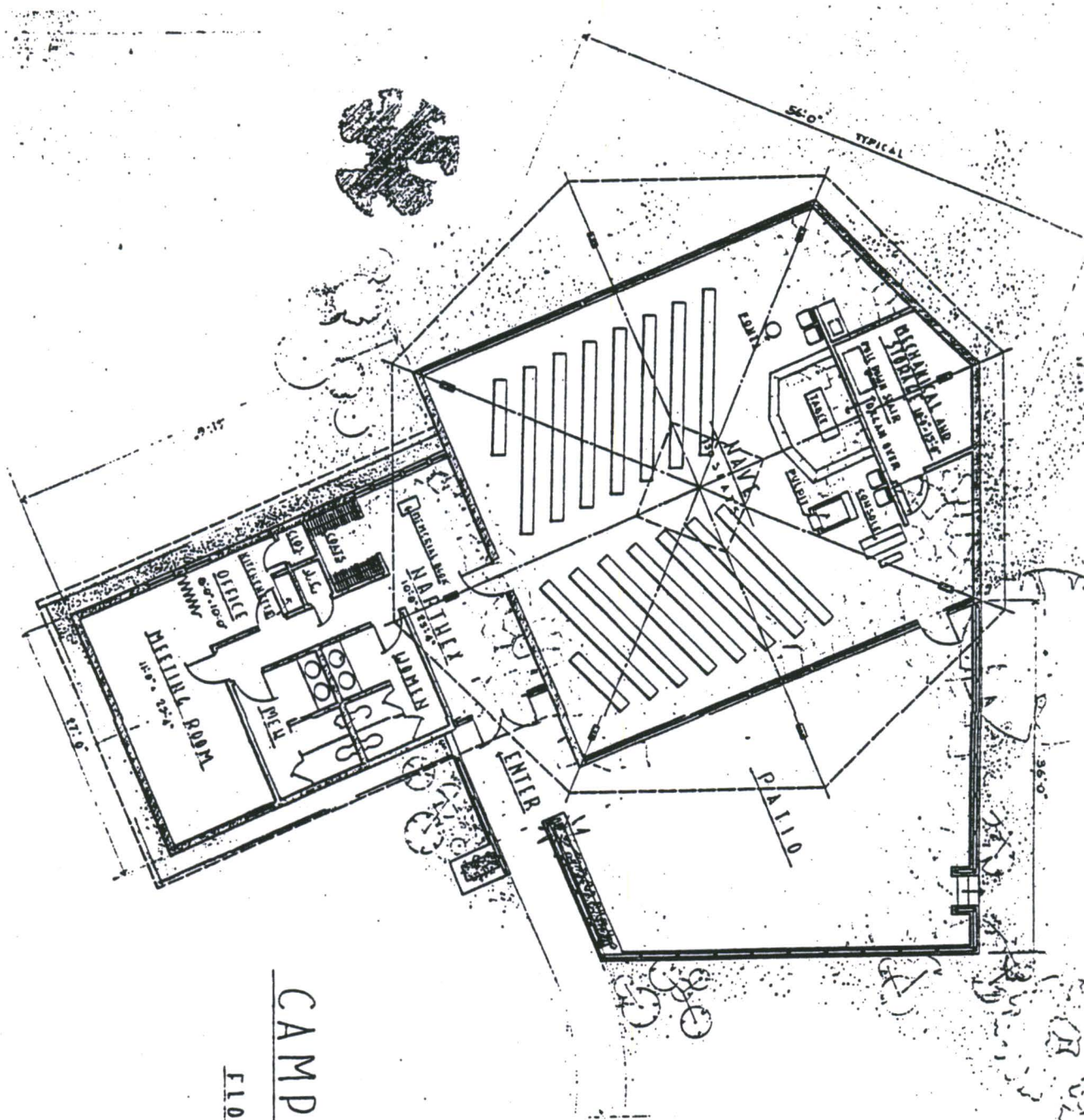
Camp David was called Shangri-La by President Franklin D. Roosevelt during World War II.

Plummer used the site before Roosevelt, though. He spent many winter weekends as a Boy Scout, then as a Boy Scout leader, camping in the former Civilian Conservation Corps cabins.

A retired builder, Plummer, 64, works part time for his son and spends the rest of his time working for the church, he said. He was a builder from 1946 to 1982.

The design feature that will set it apart from other buildings there will be the bell tower, designed so worshippers will enter the chapel by walking under the Navy bell, the only item the government is providing for the project.

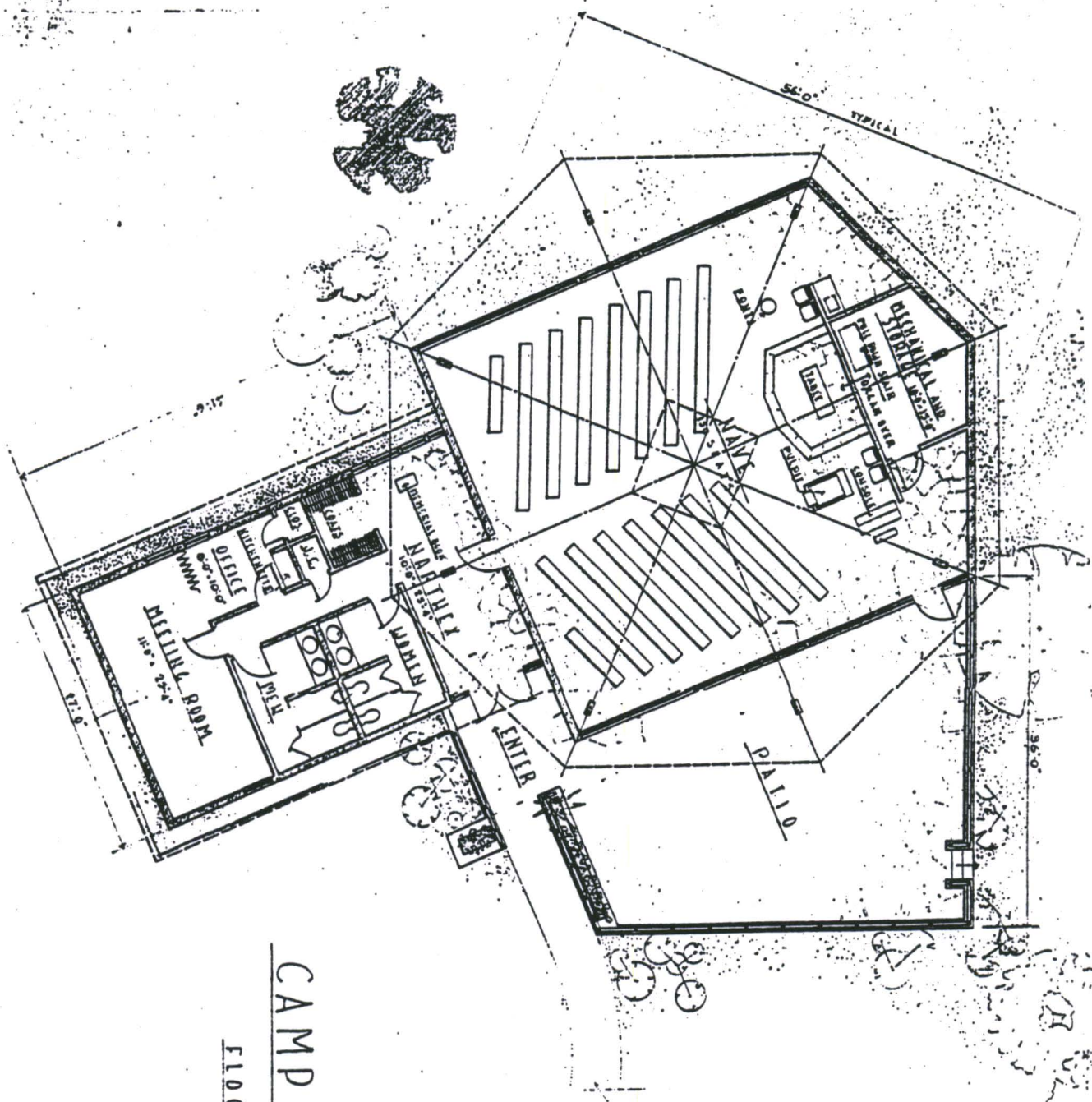
He said the project shows unity. "Like in the Pledge of Allegiance: '... one nation under God ...' We're united under God in this project."



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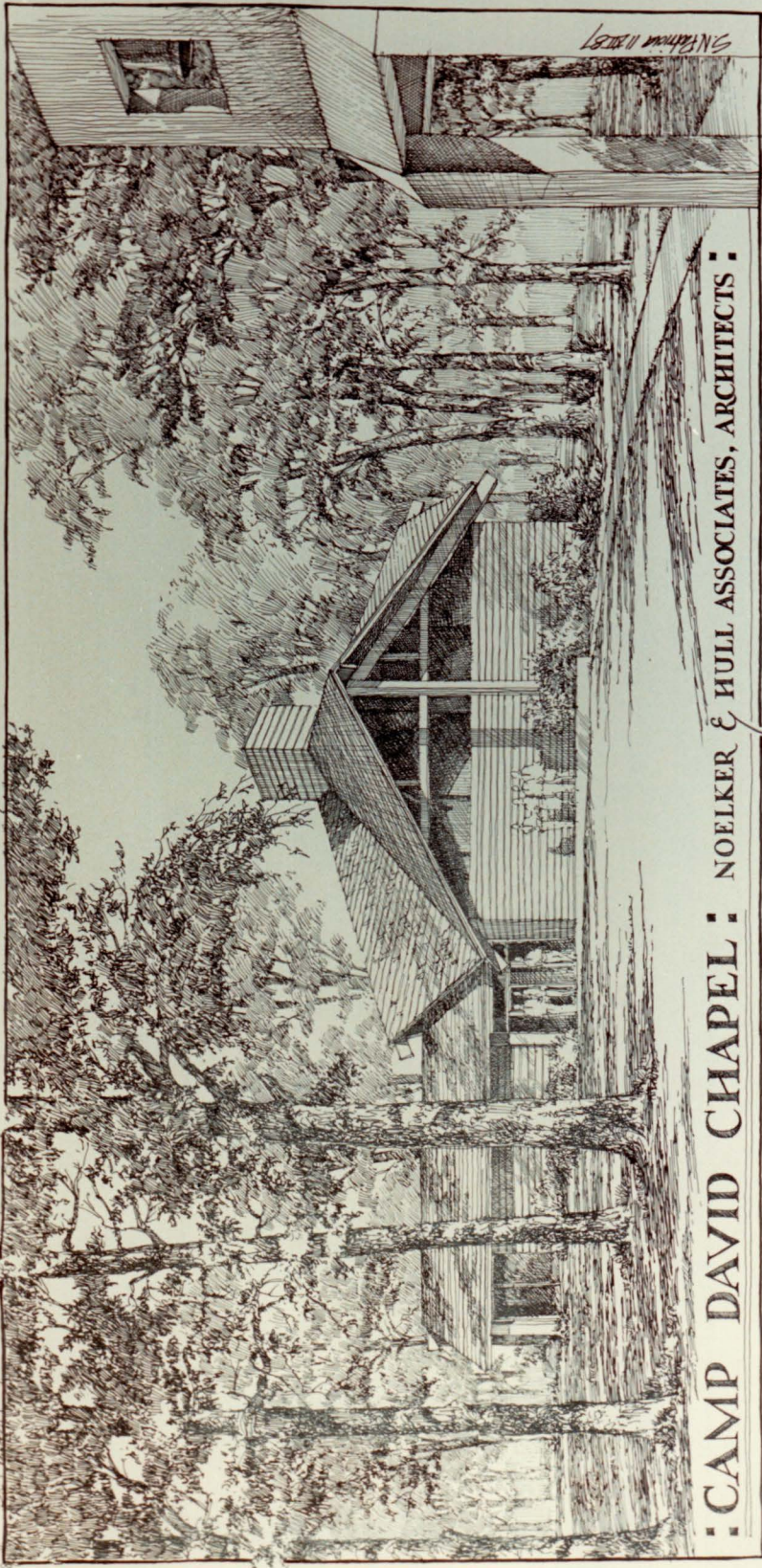
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