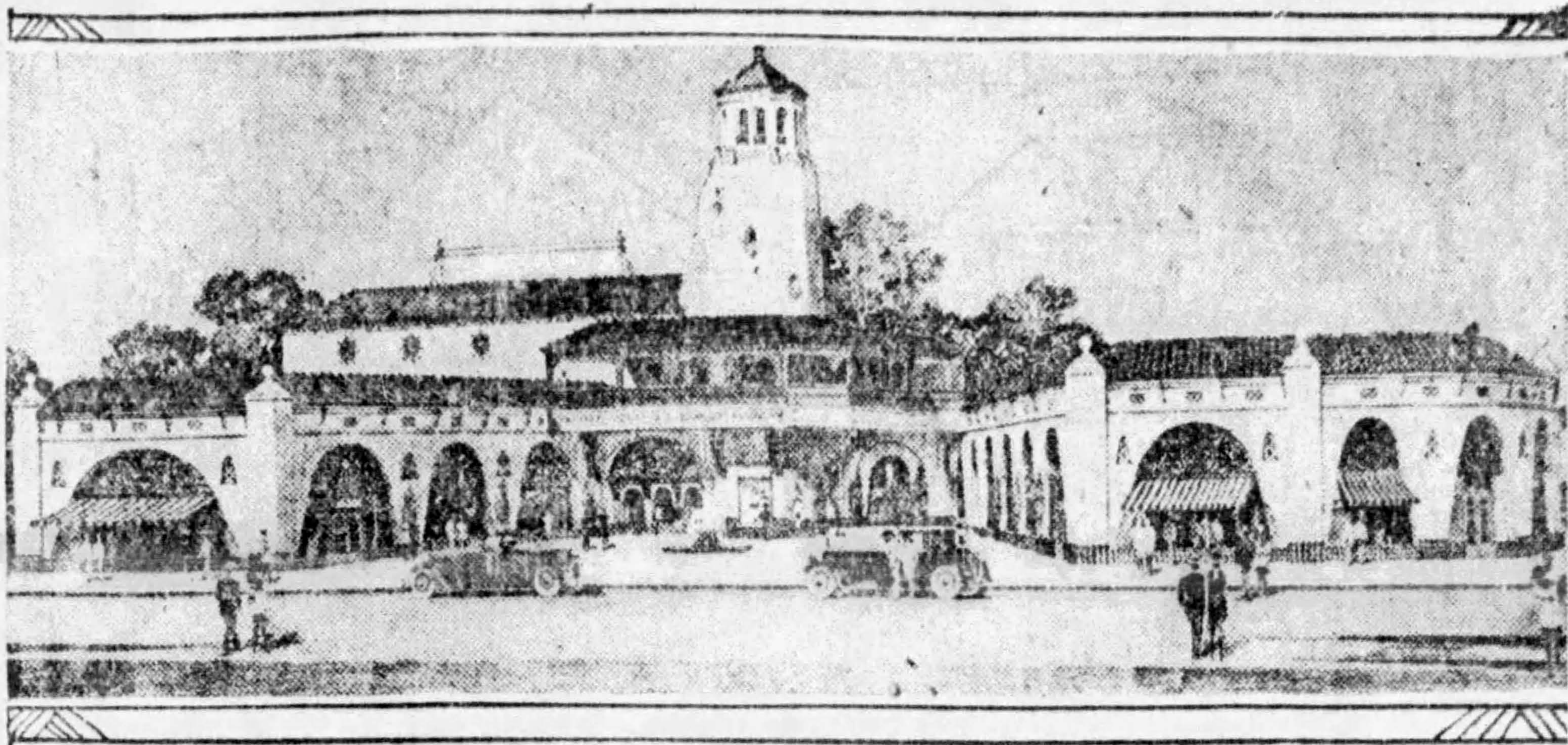


WORK STARTED ON WHITTIER THEATER

Shops to Face Court Leading to Amusement Place



"Atmospheric" Interior Supplied by Architect

Work of excavating for the foundation of Whittier's \$160,000 theater building began this week, and the building is to be complete and ready for occupancy early in June.

The theater, located on Whittier Boulevard, the Los Angeles-San Diego State highway, is at the intersection of Hadley street, one of the main traveled arteries leading from the boulevard to the business and residential districts of Whittier. The theater, which is being built by the Whittier Amusement Company, will be known as the McNees Theater Building, being located in the McNees tract, one of the shops are facing. The thea-

the latest subdivisions in the Whittier district.

The building is of Spanish architecture and David S. Bushnell is the architect. It will house the theater proper, cafe, market, drug store and a number of smaller shops and concessions. The floor space is 170 feet on Whittier Boulevard and runs back 260 feet. Red tile roofs and a handsome turret give an old-world appearance. Wrought-iron grill work and colorful tiles help to enhance the beauty of the building.

The auditorium is approached through an open court on which

ter has a seating capacity of 1000 on the first floor. It is of the new "atmospheric" type, and is claimed to be the first of its kind on the Coast. Illusion of the natural sky at evening is presented by the color of the ceiling, moving clouds across the sky and twinkling stars. Earl M. Wheatland is the contractor.

The Whittier Amusement Company is composed of business men of the district, and is capitalized for \$250,000. Henry Siler is president; Henry Gwin, secretary; Robert Blair, treasurer. These men, with Harry Orcutt and Roy Daniels, compose the board of directors.