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### Suggestion of a Tower from R.J. Hamilton, Architect

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Nov. 14, 1933.

Mr. Hugh Burnett, Chairman,  
Lewis Memorial Building Committee,  
Ft. Hays Kansas State College,  
Ft. Hays, Kans.

Dear Sir:

Information has just come to me that the Alumni Association of Ft. Hays Kansas State College is contemplating the erection of a Chimes Tower to be known as the Lewis Memorial.

In 1931 I was selected as Architect to design the "Tower of Music" for Memorial Lawns Cemetery in this city. The equipment installed in this tower is electrical amplifying equipment, which enables them not only to have chimes music, but any type of music of which a record has been made, as well as a microphone for public addresses and announcements, and a radio connection for the re-broadcasting of any radio program that might be desired.

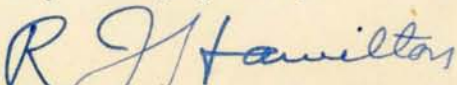
This tower was completed in the spring of 1931 and their first program was Memorial Day. Since that time they have had their regular programs three evenings each week and Vesper Services Sunday afternoons, except during the winter months.

This type of equipment has a decided advantage over the Chimes in that it is much more flexible from the standpoint of programs rendered, and also from the standpoint of cost, as this equipment can be installed for about 25% of the cost of the smallest set of chimes.

I feel sure that it would be well worth the time of your committee to make a trip to Wichita and see this tower and hear for yourself the perfect amplification produced. If such a trip is possible please advise me in the enclosed stamped envelope, and I will arrange to have a program presented for you.

Please advise me when your committee will meet to select an Architect, and the probable appropriation for this work. The enclosed folder will give you several different views of the tower and equipment as well as a brief description of its functions.

Very truly yours,

  
R. J. Hamilton, Architect.

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