

**Along
The
Way**

By
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Warsaw was growing during the 1940s. According to a statement by Warsaw Mayor A.J. Jenkins in 1947, more than 75 new homes had been built in the town since 1940, and a national guard unit organized.

THE DUPLIN TIMES newspaper carried several articles on plans to construct a new town hall in Warsaw. The first was in July with the publication of the architect's drawing of the proposed building. The July 4, 1947 issue stated August would be the month town voters would cast ballots on the \$25,000 bond referendum to build the town hall. Later the referendum date was changed to October 7, and then only 191 voters turned out.

According to a statement by town mayor Jenkins, published in the October 3, 1947 issue of THE DUPLIN TIMES, the old town hall had been condemned by a grand jury. The need for a new town hall had been explained to the public in meetings held at Warsaw High School. The new building had been planned to serve as a city hall, fire department, library, jail and have offices for the town clerk and mayor.

**Ken Kaye At
Senior
Citizens Day
In The Park**

The Duplin County Arts Council will sponsor a juggler and mime at the Senior Citizens Day in the Park scheduled for Wednesday, May 9 by the Duplin County Department of Aging.

The program begins at 11 a.m. and will feature speakers and presentations. Kaye will perform for a brief presentation and then mingle throughout the crowd with his unique act of hand-eye coordination, keen sense of balance and prized skills.

The day in the park will also be the day to give senior citizens a special program of speakers, music, games, a walk-a-thon and lunch with refreshments.

Activities will be held in the Kenansville Municipal Park beginning at 9:30 a.m. and end at 3 p.m.

In event of rain, the activities will be held in the Kenan Memorial Auditorium located by the old Kenansville school.

The menu for the day will be barbecued chicken, coleslaw, baked beans, banana, milk and rolls.

So, senior citizens, set aside this day to come out to Kenansville Municipal Park for fun and recreation on Wednesday, May 9th.

**Duplicate
Bridge**

The Village Duplicate Bridge Club played a Howell Movement Wednesday, April 25, with Lee Allred as director. The winners were: First - Fran Beyer of Kenansville and L.J. Sandlin of Beulaville; Second - Marty Toal and Eleanor Brown of Wallace; Third - Thelma Weatherly of Warsaw and Blanche Shipp of Clinton.

All bridge players are invited to play duplicate bridge every Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Rose Hill Restaurant.

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Early in 1947 a grand jury had been sent to inspect the Warsaw town hall and jail facilities. In a letter sent to Mayor Jenkins from the grand jury foreman and court judge, the facilities used as a jail in Warsaw were termed "unfit for human confinement and not to be used until remodeled to meet state regulations." The proposed new town hall was to be built on the site of the old city jail and office facility on Highway 24.

Voters turned out and approved the bond referendum 145 to 46 to build the new town hall. The first contract was not expected to be let

until January or 1948 with construction beginning some time in February. The town hall was constructed and used until 1977 when a new facility was built.

Earlier in 1947 Warsaw had been selected as the site of the first national guard unit within Duplin County. The site was selected and "Gib" Buck was named commander and James L. Kitchin executive officer. The unit was known as Company M 119th Infantry, 30th Division.

The company was to enlist at least 40 and no more than 150 men between the ages of 18 and 35 years.

Dr. J.W. Straughan of Warsaw participated in the organization by offering physical examinations for men signing up as members of the Guard Unit.


The unit was designated as a heavy weapons company and drilled one night a week with members drawing regular army wages. Each night of drill earned the members \$2.50 each.

At the time the unit was established plans were to build an armory in the town of Warsaw within the next 18 months. The cost to construct the armory was estimated at \$75,000.

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