

## Along The Way



By Emily Killette

Recreation and entertainment have always been an issue before the public. Within the last 20 years many parks and recreation facilities have been constructed in Duplin.

But, as early as 1935 plans for recreational facilities can be found in newspapers. The town of Warsaw made plans for a community building, playground and equipment, and a swimming pool! Recognition of the need is a major first step in any project and then follows community support and funding. The DUPLIN HERALD reported on the recreational plans in an article entitled "New Community House Goal Enthusiastic Warsaw Folks" and it appeared in the February 14, 1935 issue of that newspaper. A follow-up article on the community building plans appeared in THE HERALD March 21, 1935.

**New Community House Goal Enthusiastic Warsaw Folks**  
A number of progressive persons in Warsaw are seeking ways and means of getting a community house for the town. The matter has passed the speculative stage and the promoters who are many, are trying to get the owners of the lot on which the old Faison tobacco warehouse stands to give it to the city for the purpose of building the community house there.

Thus far the plans seek a structure of wood or brick veneer to have a seating capacity of 500 persons. A house is contemplated similar to the structures in Clinton and Mount Olive. The main floor would be of hardwood and large enough for a regular size basketball court.

The community house would also be used for an auditorium for lectures, banquets, concerts, home talent, plays and similar functions. The building would contribute to a flexible policy in the different capacities for which it could be used, and the fact is stressed that Warsaw hasn't really a place for any of the affairs named at the present time.

The promoters hope to put the community house on the north end of the lot heretofore mentioned, leaving a margin around the structure for ornamental shrubs. An out-of-door swimming pool is planned to be constructed just back of the community house, and still further back on the south end of the lot would be a little community park with children's playground apparatus, such as swings, slides, see-saws, and so on. It is pointed out by champions of the idea that there are no swimming facilities closer to Warsaw than 70 miles.

It is hoped to get money from the Federal public works administration for the project, as Warsaw has never had a dime of Federal money for construction projects. The matter will be pushed with vigor by the sponsors who point out that Clinton, Mt. Olive, Snow Hill and other towns have such institutions and are using them with vast advantage to the residents of those cities.

The projected lot is splendidly situated for the purpose for which it is sought. As it is now, the old warehouse, long vacant, is practically valueless. Much of the lumber used in its construction has rotted, but it is believed there is still enough good

**ALPHA ETA CHAPTER**  
The Alpha Eta chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met Feb. 9 at the Rose Hill Restaurant in Rose Hill.

Dr. Alice Scott introduced the guest speaker, Ms. Carol-Ann Tucker, associate director the ECU training center.

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timber left in the structure to materially aid in starting the proposed community house. The owners of the property are all public spirited men and it is believed they will agree to donate the property for the purposes sought.

The owners of the property are: Dr. J.M. Williams, A.L. Cavanaugh, R.D. Johnson, Dr. J.W. Straughn, J.C. Russ, A. Brooks, R.H. Best, D. Best and J.W. Quinn.

Assuredly Warsaw sorely needs a community building. It will fill a positive need. The way matters stand now, the town is without facilities for a meeting of any size. The sponsors of the community building would also have a sectional stage that could be pushed out of the way when the full floor space of the auditorium required it. Also there would be rooms upstairs for the

American Legion, U.D.C., city library and other public needs would also be taken care of.

The earnest men and women who are seeking a good feature for the town are entitled to the huge measure of credit for their efforts. It certainly looks as if they are going about it in a determined and intelligent manner. The HERALD can't see a thing short of a successful culmination of this excellent movement. Let the militant and high minded work go on.

During the past few weeks, Along

the Way has featured articles appearing in the 1935 Duplin Herald. Many people might not recognize the name of this newspaper. The Herald was published in Warsaw for many years and at the same time THE DUPLIN TIMES was being printed in Kenansville. During the early 1940s, THE DUPLIN TIMES purchased the HERALD and for a time published under the masthead TIMES-HERALD. The original DUPLIN TIMES masthead with the quote "The Times Covers Duplin Like a Roof" replaced the TIMES-HERALD in only a short time. Later the slogan

of the DUPLIN TIMES was changed and beneath the masthead appeared the quote "Straight from the Shoulder - Right from the Heart of Duplin." Another note of interest was the quote appearing below the masthead "TIMES-HERALD, "(Consolidation of the Duplin Journal, Duplin Record, Duplin Herald, Duplin Times)" and above "Duplin: Best Balanced County in a Balanced State." While the DUPLIN HERALD published, its slogan read "A Newspaper for the Masses, Devoted to the Progress of Duplin County."

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