

## Along The Way

By Emily Killete



Taxes are one bill people do not like to pay. Often complaints are voiced that the taxpayer sees no benefit from his or her money.

Warsaw citizens in 1934 had many complaints for their town officials. And, one was the lack of night light in their town. Even though Warsaw had street lights, the town was dark and many taxpaying citizens demanded an explanation.

The March 1, 1934 issue of the DUPLIN HERALD carried a story "If Citizens of Warsaw Would Pay Taxes City Might Be Lighted Up."

The story stemmed from citizen demand and is a reply from a first term Mayor. The story follows:

**If Citizens of Warsaw Would Pay Taxes City Might Be Lighted Up**

In answer to critics about campaign pledges, Mayor Barden says that improvements would be made if the taxpayers would help by paying part of what is due.

"If the taxpayers of Warsaw would pay just half of the taxes that are due the town, the street lights would probably be turned on and things might begin to look like old times," said Mayor J.J. Barden, Jr., in answer to some criticisms that have been going the rounds lately. Mayor Barden is reported to have promised, if elected to that office, he would make lots of improvements. For instance, the white way, which has been cut off for over two years, would be turned on, and lots of other things would be improved. Mayor Barden's statement was not intended as a plea for re-election, as he still has another year to serve, nor has he made any mention of running again for the office. Critics have been insinuating that the town is no better under his administration than others, and this was the cause of the Mayor making this statement. It is true that the town cannot run without money, and the money to run it with must come from the taxpayers. The books show that there is still due the town from this source about 75 percent for taxes. The Mayor, no doubt, would be glad to make a lot of improvements, especially in reference to taxes, unless the citizens cooperate. Business in Warsaw now is far better than it was six months ago. All vacant buildings are being occupied, and it is rumored that we

are to have a picture show, also several enterprises are contemplating locating here. The thing to interest outside enterprises, is to have a town well lighted, and all public enterprises functioning to the limit. Our water works system is as

good as any, and the service is absolutely perfect. During the past five years, there have not been one minute that water of the very best type, could not be obtained.

Pay up your taxes, and help the Mayor make good what he promised. **Warsaw to Have Up-to-date Picture Show Soon**

After a long recess in the entertainment line, Warsaw is again going to have a picture show. From reports reaching the HERALD, Mr. Robert Lang of Farmville, who is now proprietor of the Wayne Theatre in Mount Olive and also one in

Selma, has leased the old Crystal Theatre building, formerly operated by Jack Quinn, and expects on or about March 15th to start a show. Mr. Lang is well experienced along this line and the patrons of Warsaw and vicinity will be given entertainment of the highest quality.

It is not learned what the name of the new show will be, but in all probability Mr. Lang will let the people of Warsaw or Duplin County select it. Just who will manage the local theatre has not been learned, but it is thought that Mr. Sooke, who now has charge of the Wayne

Theatre at Mount Olive will be in charge.

The above story about Warsaw's theatre reopening was also published in the DUPLIN HERALD March 1, 1934.

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