

Blue Prints Are Drawn For Community Center

At a Meeting Held in City Hall Wednesday
Afternoon, the Plans Were Presented to
a Committee Headed by J. F. Yokley

WORK MAY BEGIN SOON

Blue prints for the modern Community Building have been drawn up and presented to the executive committee, headed by J. F. Yokley. The proposed edifice will be located at the corner of Pine and Dixie streets. Three houses will have to be torn down to make room for the building, as will the tennis court at the side of the Central Methodist church.

A large gymnasium will be a feature of the new community building. The gym will be 82 by 120 feet. A kitchen, restaurant, library, bowling alley, club rooms, lounge, stage, farmer's lounge and an in-door and out-door swimming pool will be parts of the three-level building.

Financial Condition

To date \$14,000 has been raised in the present drive, with \$2,000 expected to come in. That will leave only \$2,000 of the \$18,000 total to be raised. The amount for the building that has been raised is \$302,689.33. Counting off \$785.18 for expenses, that leaves a total of \$302,689.33. This amount is in either banks, government bonds, stocks, or the real estate on Pine street. \$20,000 is yet to come in.

Hugh Merritt listed the items that will figure in the cost of the new structure: eight bowling alleys, three pool rooms, kitchens, dining room, excavation, brick, steel, concrete, wiring, the roof, granite steps, plaster, lumber, tile, mill work, water proofing, asphalt tile, glass, paint, rails for bannisters, structural steel, hardware, drainage, plumbing, ventilation, sales tax, insurance, overhead and the contractors profit. The total expenses will be approximately \$574,587, but it may be possible to get the Center built for \$450,000.

To economize, it has been suggested that the balcony be left out of the buildings, for it would save over \$15,000. The folding bleachers planned will seat 2,500. The plans drawn will have the balcony in them, but it will be left out of the actual structure, to be put in if necessary.

May Start Soon

J. F. Yokley expressed the belief that "the time has come to do something." If \$350,000 can be raised, of which \$302,689.33 has already been obtained, the work may begin soon. When asked how the group was to raise the amount left, it was suggested that the citizens may agree to put up a certain amount for two or three years.

Wayne Boyles was appointed to head the group to canvas the merchants; Archie Carter and George W. Sparger, Jr., were appointed to canvas the professional men; and Jim Crossingham, Ben Graves, D. C. Lewis, Lindsay Holcomb and Hugh Merritt appointed for the manufacturers.

An open forum will be held over station WPAQ concerning the community building Sunday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock. The forum will be the question-answer type. Various citizens of Mount Airy will answer the questions asked during the program.