

DALTON'S NEW COMMUNITY HOUSE

Handsome New Structure
Will Be Dedicated Tonight
—Gymnasium, Swimming
Pool and Social Rooms

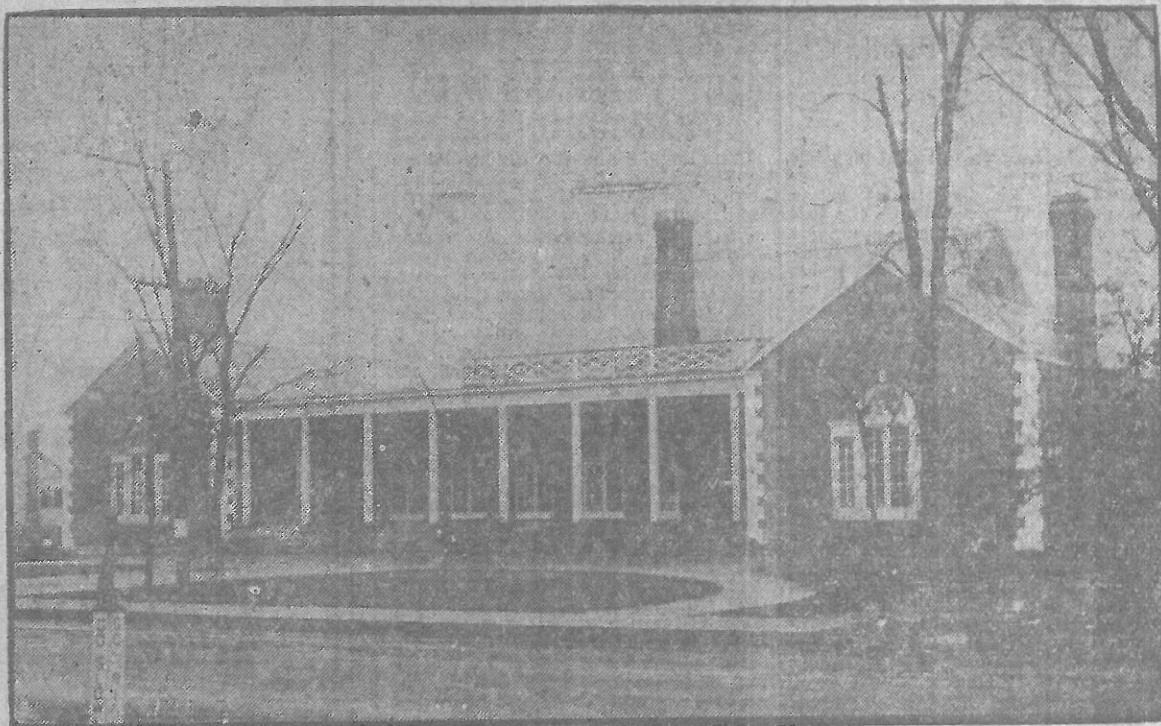
Dalton, Nov. 8—Dalton's new brick community house built on land given by the Cranes opposite Unicon block on Main street, is finished and will be dedicated with an informal program tomorrow night. The building was made possible for the citizens of Dalton by the will of the late United States Senator W. Murray Crane, who some time previous to his death had this matter in mind. The building is most attractive and when the grounds are grassed and shrubbery grown the surroundings will be in accord with it.

The building was designed by Jallade, Lindsey & Warren, architectural engineers, of New York city. The construction work was done by D. Herbert Pike, builder and contractor, of Dalton and reflects much credit on his workmanship.

The interior decorations were done by Francis Bacon of Boston and are especially attractive. The main entrance to the building is by a spacious concrete walk leading by concrete steps to a landing then through colonial doors to the center social hall. This will be for the use of both men and women and is tastefully furnished on the plan of a social hall. A large fireplace gives this room a home-like appearance. The men's clubroom is at the east end of the building or at the left of the social hall. This has a spacious fireplace, suitable chairs, couch and library table, and two pool tables. Opposite the men's clubroom, on the west side of the social hall, is the women's clubroom. The Red Cross has neat headquarters in close connection with the woman's clubrooms. This will be the only organization to have exclusive use of any room in the building at all times, because it is considered the Red Cross is a real community organization.

One of the most attractive rooms in the building is the women's parlor furnished in apple tree green. It has a fireplace. This room has an open-

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ing through a French window to a large porch at the west from which a fine view is afforded. The American Legion has a room near the men's clubroom that will be used by them for meetings once each week.

The gymnasium is directly south or at the rear of the social hall; it has entrances from all quarters. The "gym" has its equipment in. There is floor space 80 by 45 feet, with bleachers located at the east end to accommodate spectators. The room has a seating capacity of 400 in movable chairs. The "gym" has fine lighting as a large share of the south side is glass; so arranged that all windows may be opened giving adequate ventilation. A small room off from the "gym" is for storing the equipment to be used for concerts, dancing and entertainments. Leading from the

"gym" are stairways leading to the lower floor and to the locker rooms.

Miss Marjorie C. Geary, the director of the Community house, has an office at the top of the men's entrance and at the right the business office is located. Ben S. Dillenback, associate director and community physical director also has an office.

The swimming pool will be the first attraction to the young folks. This is located in the basement and is 20 by 60 feet. The depth at the shallow end being three and a half feet and eight feet at the deepest point. The water is condensed in its flow and is kept at a fixed temperature. The pool is lined with white mosaic tile with a color trim around the top. The bottom is lined in three lanes for races and on the sides off from the pool the yards are marked by fives. The

pool is surrounded with fittings for attaching a brass rail to support canvas curtains to protect spectators from splashing when races and exhibitions are held. A Spaulding intercollegiate diving board is installed at the deep end of the pool. There are shower rooms for both men and women located in the swimming pool section.

The four bowling alleys are in the south part of the basement with an open space where a pool table is located. The building is heated by two steam boilers. Albert Jacob is the caretaker of the building and will probably have assistants.

Miss Geary, the community house director was educated at the New Haven School of Gymnastics and Columbia university. She has experience in playground work. She was in Europe two years. Mr Dillenback, associate director, was educated in the Dansville (N. Y.) high school. He attended Columbia university and also the Springfield college.

The dedicatory exercises will be held in the gymnasium. Andrew's orchestra will furnish the music. The address will be by former Gov Brumbaugh of Pennsylvania. Dancing will be in order from 9.30 till 12.

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