

History Of YW Covers Many Active Years In Athens

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The blue triangle hanging in front of a large, white, colonial style home at Hancock and Pulaski is a familiar sight to hundreds of Athenians who participate in the varied activities of the Young Women's Christian Association.

This was not so before June 28, 1906, when through the work and inspiration of Dr. E. L. Hill, the first charter was signed and "Y" functions began in the Reading Room over Baily Supply on Clayton Street.

In 1919 the "Y" moved to its present home, which at that time faced Pulaski Street. It is from work here that the purpose of the YWCA, "to build a fellowship of women and girls devoted to the task of realizing in our common life these ideals of personal and social living to which we are committed by our faith as Christians," is realized.

Since it began the "Y" has had three charters, in 1906, 1933, and 1954. Much of the success of the Athens "Y" can be attributed to the influence and leadership of Mrs. J. A. Darwin, who has signed all three charters and is still active in the YWCA.

New President

Mrs. Eugene Epting, Milledge Heights, became president of the YWCA in January. She replaced Mrs. F. K. Dickson who moved to Cleveland, Ohio.

"Programs in the YWCA," said Mrs. Elaine Daniel, health and recreation director, "are developed to help improve fitness, to function at one's best, mentally, socially, spiritually and physically."