

## New effort to save Valencia Farm building

There's hope the nearly-100-year - old Valencia Farm Bureau Center building won't be torn down after all. That hope rests on the shoulders of Aptos area supervisor Dale Dawson who is working to save the old frame structure for the center's use and because of its historical importance.

The building, located at Valencia and Bear Valley Roads, is situated on land owned by John Newell of Mountain View. The farm center owns the building, but when it was given to them in 1933 by the former landowner, it was stipulated in the deed that the owner of the land could, on 60 days notice, require the center to move the building or allow the landowner to demolish it. Newell has exercised that option and the center has until Jan. 28 to

comply.

Dawson was brought into the picture by Jack Newell, a resident of the area but no relation to the property owner. After hearing of the plight of the Valencia Center and the concern of others in preserving the old building because of its historical interest, Dawson agreed to do what he could to help.

The Valencia Center met last Tuesday to act on a letter from Dawson in which he states that he will see if he can get the county to acquire the land on which the building sits — less than a quarter acre — if the Valencia Center will deed the building to the county.

Newell said Dawson will then negotiate with landowner Newell on a price for the land for possible acquisition by the county.