


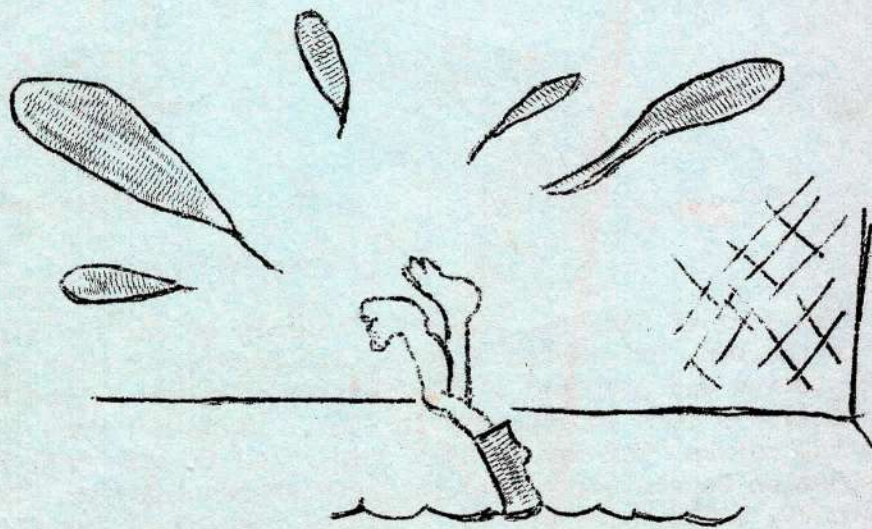
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THE BIG SPLASH



AND TEN YEARS OF FUN IN THE SUN
1953-1963

A HISTORY OF OUR POOL

Ten fun years ago a small group of Holmes Run Acres residents conceived a revolutionary idea--a community swimming pool, financed by the sale of stocks and operated by annual dues. Courage was certainly their strong point as they met, and discussed, and researched, and consulted and planned....and built a pool, the first of its kind in Northern Virginia. The headaches and heartaches that accompanied their efforts started what provides us today with the finest community pool plant in the area, and to that small group we are greatly indebted.

Courage in planning, and faith in their neighbors and their community were soundly based ideals of this group, and well we might dwell on these beliefs ten years later, for when do we not need courageous planning, and when shouldn't we have faith in our neighbors and our community.

Since those early days, we have had our share of transient members, the nature of our community being what it is. But it is extremely gratifying to recognize the valuable contributions of time and effort made by so many of these people, many of whom well knew their stay here would be short. We were fortunate to have old willing workers replaced by new willing workers. That process has continued and we are enjoying the fruits of ten years of these combined efforts.

We are reaping benefits other than the enjoyment of swimming from our pool. Our younger generation has grown up, too. All our early employees were from scattered points---this year every employee is a community resident for whom we have provided a good environment and earning power.

So I'm sure you share our pride in our pool, and the splended example it is of what community effort can do. Long many our efforts bring such rewards.

President

Vice President

The idea of "The Big Splash," a history of our pools first ten years of fun in the sun, originated when Lillian Rogers, Charter Member, was assigned as Historian and prepared a brief history for the Holmes Run Acres Civic Association's 10th Anniversary in 1961. We do not know if Lillian discovered that the phrase "The Big Splash" originated in the April 8, 1954 Recreation Association Newsletter to stockholders announcing that "The Big Splash" will be May 29, 1954," which was the official opening of our first pool, although members had a very brief "dunk" on, and after, September 5, 1953.

Information for this Anniversary booklet was obtained from HRARA records, from Charter Board members still in the area, and from present board members, and from Lillian's "The Big Splash", which we have elaborated upon to give you a more complete idea of the Holmes Run Acres Recreation Association--and to provide a bit of sentimental reverie.

Florence Strickler



Holmes Run Recreation Association

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*Still members 1963
cNot members but in area

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Woodman, Charles B.
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Old Friends meet again. (John Hladsoe, Sara McKinney, Tomi Kellner, Wilens Hladsoe, Ace Kellner)



What! Another Hammerschmidt Hacienda?



Job well done! (Sylvia Jarrell, Bob Nordstrom, George & Libby Presson, Bill Jarrell)



"Don't mind him! He helped build two little pools!" (Pauline & Bryce Inman and Bob Gilles)



First Elected Board
Top, L-R: Bob Blanchard (rep. Wm. Dale) Hank LaFaver, Gene Powell, Bill Savoie, Larry Fuller, Paul Gray, Joe Engel, Bob Gilles.
Bottom, L-R: Martha Powell, Brewster Denny, Ann Canavan (Tully Sanders, Builder, not board member) Earl Rogers. (George McKinney absent, and Sara had no picture of him)



Beats piling cinder blocks! Ah's (re)tired! (Chas. Riggs)



HRARA Chain Gang's latest beach wear?! (Cragwalls, Gilles')



Top, L-R: Shirley Carscadden & Gene Powell
Bottom, L-R: Jim Carscadden & Martha Powell
All four served in some capacity every year, 1953-1963!



"Come on, Honey, let's paint and decorate the town instead of the pool!" (Chuck & Jean Burbach)



"We heard they want a Club House at the pool, so when Earl got this chance to go to Greece..."



"They said it was team night!" (Bob & V.B.)



"Do you mean to say that picnic table is still standing! (Palmer Rutherford, First Pool Manager-1956)



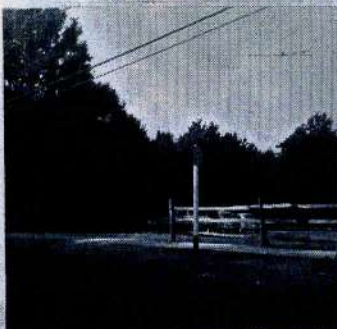
Five years of pool service. Now it's on to a PHD. (Floyd Dunn)



"There's this gal who's been trying to get a picture of me." (Bud Wilson, Frank Schultz)



"Fred! FRED! The Coffee's boiling over, and the pump house caved in!"



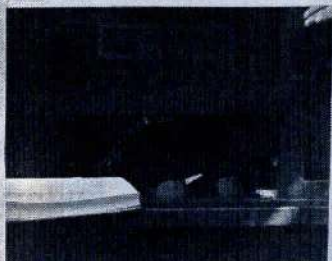
You go up Gallows Road until you see the sign...



some bike it--and--some hike it....(sories are best!)...



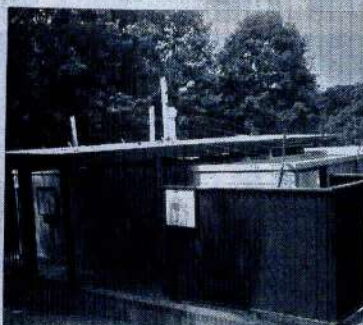
down hill to the gate house....



If the sun is shining brightly, you'll see a gateguard...



watch out, we men are busy around here...



the signs Bernie Sanders painted will direct you....



"there must be an "out" to this, this....thing..."



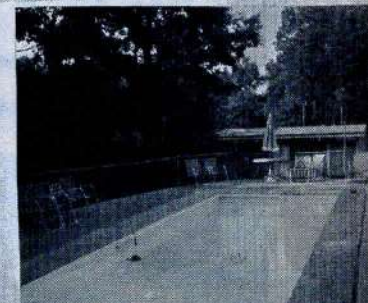
"the other one's next door..."



out..!and the clock won't fall on you. Chuck and Jean Burbach fixed it and gave it a fancy new face..."



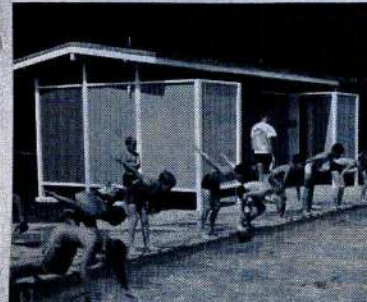
to the mama pool...where there are some mamas



or to the baby pool..but it's nsp time now



...I want out... they don't want to drain the pool again....



there's the new bath house.....



and the new "papa pool"



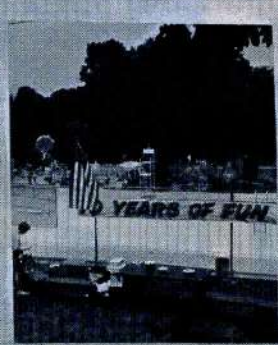
with some papas in it.....



laundry small last week?..check the lost and found down by the pump house..



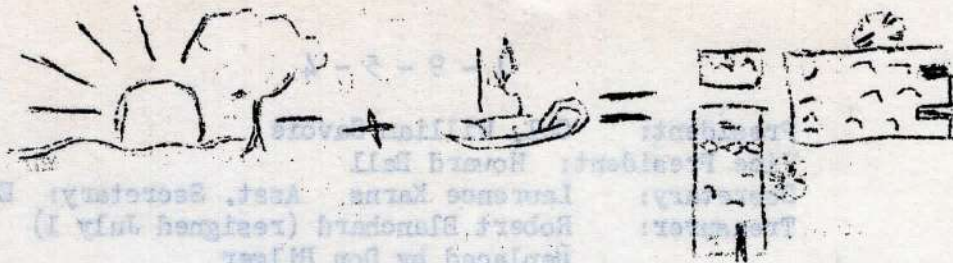
..it was much easier coming down wish I'd remembered my sories...



you've had fun! How did I know?



two birdies in the old bathhouse told me so!



Toil, toil, double toil
Daylight time and midnight oil
Three Holmes Run Acres' pools....
for ALL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEES

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President: Col. William Savoie
Vice President: Earl Rogers
Secretary: Martha Powell
Treasurer: William Dale (resigned Aug. 1)
Replaced by Robert Blanchard

Committees:

Operations: Gene Powell
Engineering: Robert Gilles
Membership: Brewster Denny, Chairman (Ann Canavan, Paul Gray)
Public Relations: Earl Rogers, Chairman

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(listed on Certificate of Incorporation)

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Eugene C. Powell, Jr.	2330 Holmes Run Drive, Falls Church, Virginia
Martha G. Powell	2330 Holmes Run Drive, Falls Church, Virginia
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William B. Dale	2418 Holmes Run Drive, Falls Church, Virginia

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President: Stan McConnell
 Vice President: Charles Karns (resigned July, replaced by
 Bill Hammerschmidt)
 Secretary: Lt. Col. Craig Boyce
 Treasurer: Bruce Strickler Asst: Irene Young

Committees:

Engineering: Robert Gilles, Chairman (Orrin Long,
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 Operating: Dick Gutman (Ted Doty, Bill Goodman)
 Publicity: Dick Davis (Leonard Aries)
 Membership: Sam Dubin, Chairman (Red Lewis,
 Bill Hammerschmidt)
 Legal: Co-Chairmen: Leonard Aries, Maurice Lewis

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President: Ted Doty
 Vice President: Joe Cragwall
 Secretary: Sara Tietze
 Treasurer: Bruce Strickler Asst. Wendell Thompson

Committees:

Operations: Orrin Long, Chairman (Joe Engel, Anne Clapper)
 Engineering & Maintenance: Jim Carscadden, Chairman
 (Joe Cragwall)
 Membership: Craig Boyce, Chairman (Richard Thigpen)
 Publicity: Willene Bledsoe, Chairman

(Note: New rule: Eight (8) board members to serve one (1) year; eight (8) to serve two (2) years, and at each subsequent meeting eight (8) board members elected to serve two (2) years.)

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President: Craig Boyce
 Vice President: Jim Carscadden
 Secretary: Dave Smith Asst. Margaret Ullman
 Treasurer: George Presson Asst. Fred Dunn

Committees:

Operations: Anne Clapper, resigned June 5, replaced by
 Gene Powell (Joe Engel, Fred Dunn, Bryce Inman,
 Ed Svendsen)
 Engineering & Maintenance: Earl Rogers, Chairman, resigned
 June 10, replaced by Charles Riggs (Bob Gilles,
 Chuck Burbach, Jim Carscadden)
 Sub. Committee on Grounds: Jack Grosvenor
 Publicity: John Bledsoe, Chairman
 Membership: Dick Kraft, Chairman, resigned, replaced by
 V. B. Gilles

Board of Directors

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President: Jim Carscadden
Vice President: Bryce Inman
Secretary: Joe Engel Asst. Sec. Margaret Ullman
Treasurer: George Presson

Committees:

Operations: Gene Powell, Chairman (Chuck Burbach, Fred Dunn)
Engineering & Maintenance: Dick Godfrey, Chairman (Don Olivola, G. T. Ward, John Allen)
Membership: V. B. Gilles, resigned March 12, replaced by Margaret Ullman
Publicity: Sara McKinney
Legal: Jack Grosvenor
Pool Expansion Committee: Bryce Inman, Chairman (Bob Nordstrom, Charles Riggs)
Pool Expansion Finance Drive: (to sell shares) Jack Grosvenor, Chairman (V. B. Gilles)

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President: Bryce Inman
Vice President: Bob Nordstrom
Secretary: Dick Godfrey Asst. Sec. & Treas: Arlene Simon
Treasurer: Howard Corwin

Committees:

Operations: Fred Dunn, Chairman (Glen Moore, Chuck Burbach)
Activities: Pat & Bud Wilson, Jim & Shirley Carscadden, Jane & Pat Patterson
Engineering & Maintenance: Charles Riggs, Chairman (Mike Nesbitt, resigned in July and replaced by Don Olivola; Max Stewart)
Membership: Shirley Carscadden, Chairman
Planning (for Operations): Chuck Burbach, Jean Burbach, Bob Nordstrom
Building & Grounds: Jack Grosvenor -Legal
Planning (for Engineering): Mike Nesbitt

Note: Betty Helvey, who was on telephoning committee for "work or pay" resigned after three (3) years of service.

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President: Bob Nordstrom
 Vice President: Eugene Powell
 Secretary: Orrin Long Asst: Barbara Roof
 Treasurer: Gladden Brillhart, resigned in March, replaced
 by Harold Himmer. Asst: Bill Goodman

Committees:

Operations: Glen Moore, Chairman (Joe Leep)
 Engineering & Maintenance: Charles Riggs, Chairman (Mac Steward
 resigned in April, replaced by
 Benjamin Strong)
 Membership: Pauline Inman, Chairman (Bill Goodman,
 Shirley Carscadden, Denny Stam)
 Publicity: Shirley Carscadden, Chairman
 Resident Agent: Orrin Long
 Legal Advisor, Parliamentarian: Don Bilger
 Finance Committee: Dick Godfrey, Chairman (Glen Moore, Chas.
 Riggs, Denny Stam, Gladden Brillhart,
 Pauline Inman)
 Planning: Denny Stam, Chairman, resigned in May and
 replaced by Phil Woodside.
 Activities (for Operations): Chuck Burbach, resigned in May
 and replaced by Frank Schultz.
 Teen Nite: Florence Strickler
 Adult Nite: Jim Carscadden

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President: Ralph Theile
 Vice President: Earl Ullman
 Secretary: Phil Woodside
 Treasurer: Bruce Strickler
 Asst. Treasurer & Resident Agent: George Presson

Committees:

Operations: Ralph Marsden & Fred Dunn, Co-Chairmen
 Engineering & Maintenance: Wm. Brabson (resigned) replaced by
 Frank Schultz & Malasardi, Co-Chairmen
 Planning: Earl Rogers & Bill Mitchell, Co-Chairmen
 Membership: Su Biderman
 Publicity: Stan Bradshaw
 Legal: Vince Nappo
 Activities: Dick Cooper - Jane Patterson
 Coordination of Committees: Earl Ullman
 Ad Hoc-Operational Manual: Dick Godfrey
 Committee to "follow through on difficulties with Paddock" -
 Bob Nordstrom & Bryce Inman

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President: Earl Ullman
 Vice President: Jim Carscadden
 Secretary: Jane Patterson
 Treasurer: Bruce Strickler
 Asst. Treasurer & Resident Agent: George Presson

Committees:

Operations: Frank Schultz, Chairman
 Harold Himmer, Asst.
 Activities: Bud Wilson (Lois Schultz, Pat Wilson,
 Phyllis Himmer)
 Engineering & Maintenance: Fred Dunn, Chairman
 Bill Hammerschmidt, Asst.
 Membership: Su Biderman
 Planning: Martha Powell
 Publicity: Les Stermer, Chairman
 Marie Arnold, Asst.
 Ad Hoc: Manual: Dick Godfrey (resigned, replaced by
 Bill Sayer)
 By-Laws: Gladden Brilhart

The first Annual Meeting was held at Grange Hall, June 29, 1953.

The second Annual Meeting, and all subsequent annual meetings until 1962 were held at the Woodburn School, Holmes Run Acres.

Beginning in 1962 Annual Meetings are held "poolside" on awards day.

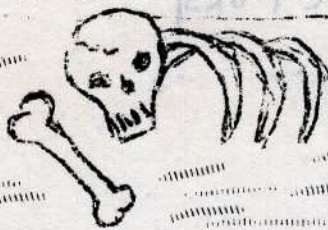
Thirty-four Board and Special Meetings, as recorded, were held at the Powell residence. It was the "meeting house" in 1953.

The longest board meeting recorded: Dec. 8, 1960, was held at the Glen Moore home, concerned the major overhaul of the By-Laws, and lasted until 1:30 A.M.

The shortest board meeting: September 9, 1962, was held "poolside", concerned the temporary suspension of rules regarding annual meeting place change and nomination and election of new officers, and lasted for 10 minutes.

Board And Committee Time and Work Chart*					
Regular Meetings	Special Meetings	Annual Meetings	Total	8 hr. days	
1953: Above and beyond the call of duty--no time or work hours recorded.					
1954: 44	3½	2½	50	6¼	
1955: 33½	9 3/4	2½	45 3/4	6	
1956: 28	3	2½	33½	4	
1957: 30½	1	2½	34	4	
1958: 38 3/4	3	2 3/4	44½	5½	
1959: 40 3/4 (new pool)	7	3	50 3/4	6½	
1960: 39 " "	7 3/4	1 3/4	48½	6	
1961: 36	0	1½	37½	5	
1962: 25	10 minutes	2 3/4	28	3½	
1963: 42½ (estimate)	2½	1	45 3/4	6	
357 3/4	37	20 1/3	420¼	52 3/4	

* (Does not include time and work "outside.")



Davy Jones' Locker (records of HANA)



Murmurs of Mermaids and Mermen
(Title - Gene Powell's First Newsletter to residents)

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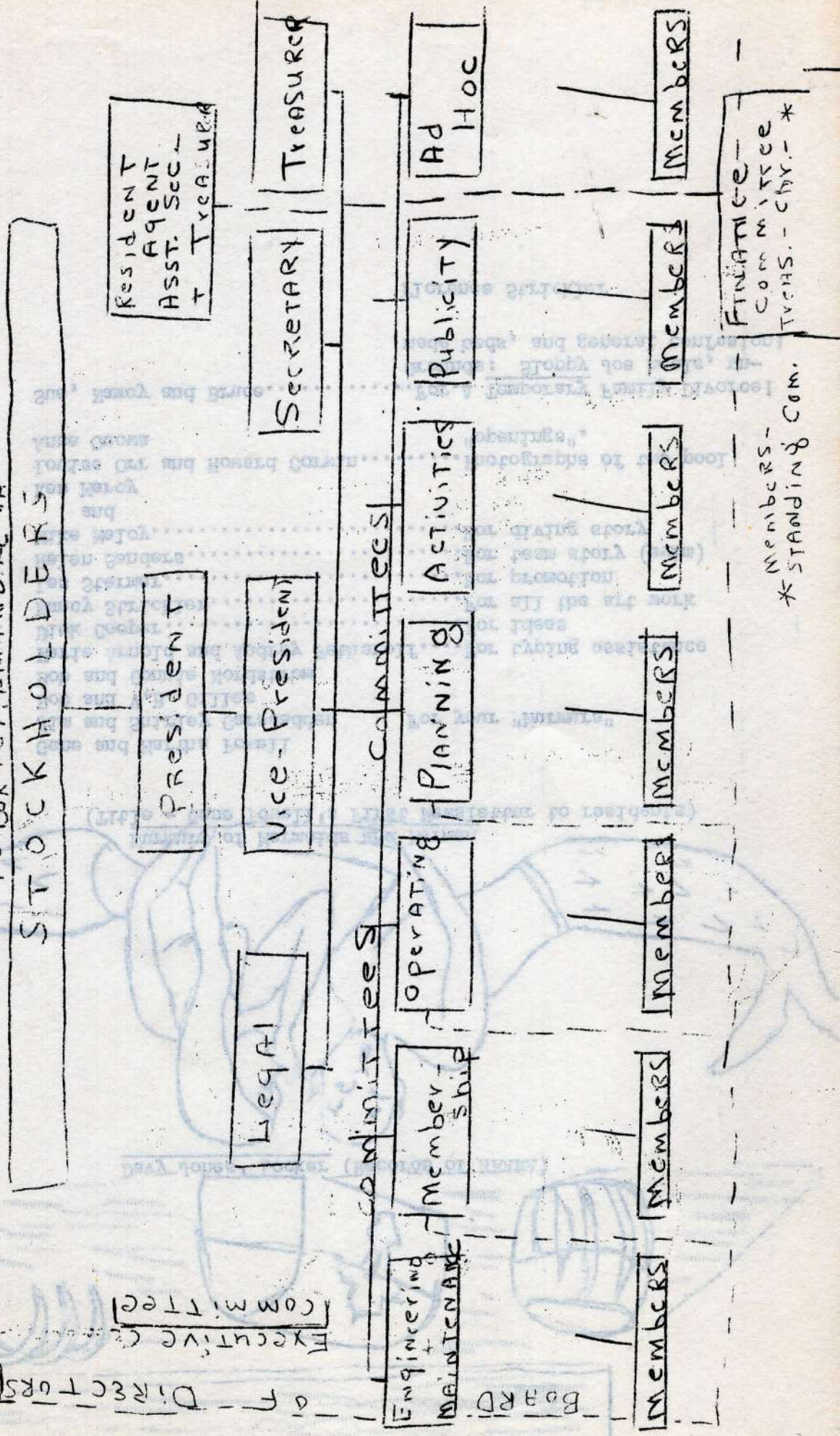
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Bob and V.B. Gilles	
Bob and Connie Nordstrom	
Marie Arnold and Audrey Fetherolf....	For typing assistance
Dick Cooper.....	For ideas
Nancy Strickler.....	For all the art work
Les Stermer.....	For promotion
Helen Sanders.....	For team story (swim)
Mike Meloy.....	For diving story
and	
Ken Mercy	
Louise Orr and Howard Corwin.....	Photographs of two pool
Anne Gucwa	"openings".
Sue, Nancy and Bruce.....	For A Temporary Family Divorce!
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	made beds, and general confusion!

Florence Strickler

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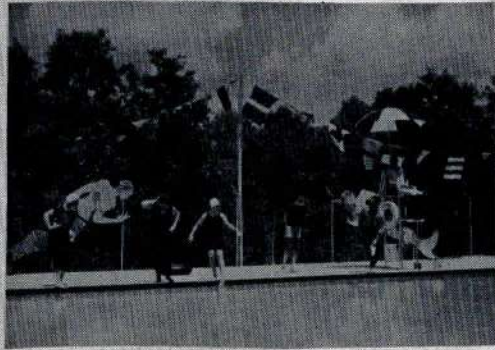
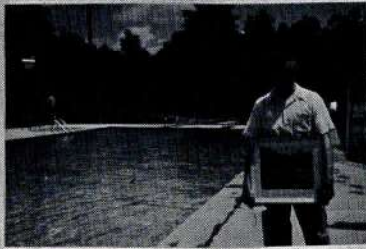
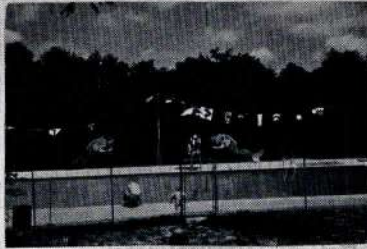
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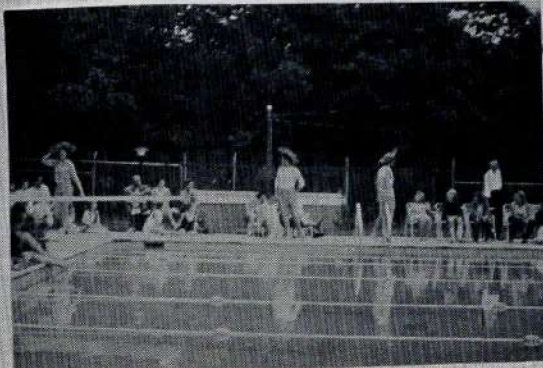
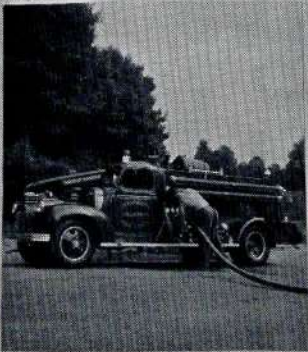
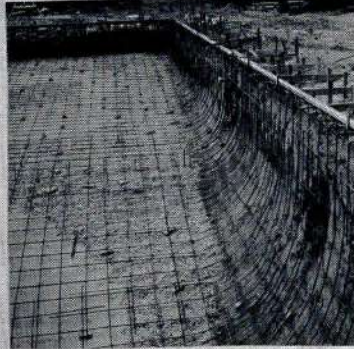
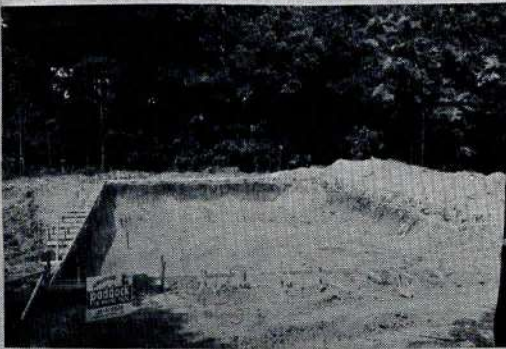
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THE BIG SPLASH



THE SECOND BIG SPLASH



History of Holmes Run Acres Recreation Association

Every good idea needs a good start, faith and a fair chance. This particular good idea ultimately led to infinite pleasure and civic well-being of hundreds of Holmes Runners.

Perhaps it was some harbinger of spring in the early months of 1953, or a fascinating tale of Bill Savoie's past experience in Puerto Rico, or wishful thinking of Earl Rogers, Walt Wilson, Larry Fuller and Al Kurz that started this congenial carpool of neighbors to hatch the idea of a Co-operative pool. In any event it was a lucky day for Holmes Run Acres when Bill Savoie's enthusiasm reached the "original unofficial board" for residents were besieged by a promotion campaign, the likes of which HRA has never since experienced.

Lengthy discussions led to preliminary action: Bill Savoie's zest and leg work, Earl Rogers' particular ability to incite the interest of others, Larry Fuller's investigation of legal aspects such as an appearance before the Zoning Commission, the complications of incorporation, four contract negotiations, a precedent-setting easement indenture, land purchase with deed and title papers and an appeal to the U.S. Bureau of Internal Revenue for tax relief.

There were no community pools in Northern Virginia, in fact very few of this particular type in all of the United States. Outstanding effort and fortitude in all avenues of research on the part of Gene and Martha Powell resulted in the ground work for a successful operations program. Gene did extensive research in the Library of Congress. Martha obtained pool rules and regulations from the American Medical Association and the American Recreation Society Incorporated. They contacted many Public Health Departments, to learn about health and insurance policies. The insurance inspector stated that of all pool rules he'd ever seen, the HRARA's pool use regulations were the most thorough and this was important in order to obtain low cost, full coverage insurance for the Association.

More than once the unofficial board all but despaired of finding a pool site. Two experienced engineers, Bob Gilles and George McKinney began, in January 1953, cold wet hikes to survey different locations of sufficient size, elevation, proximity and low price. In all 14 sites were examined. When one was finally found to be satisfactory, it was purchased with a \$10.00 binder fee. And that's really starting on a "shoestring!" These two men drew up specifications for the pool with contractor Tully Sanders and later served as inspectors during construction. Records commend Bob Gilles for literally saving thousands of dollars as a result of his knowledge and work.

Dr. Paul Gray worked with the pool operations committee as medical advisor. Non-resident (HRA) Dr. Kennedy, Fairfax County Health Officer was interested and helpful. Other HRA volunteers were also busy: Don Olivola, architect, drew up the plans for the bath house; Bernie Sanders provided art work for brochures; Mary Beth Peters and the Holmes Run Acres Garden Club drew up a landscaping plan and later helped execute them. The "super sales department" consisted of at least seven real fireballs (although the whole board got into this act at some time or another): Virginia and Paul Gray, Ann Canavan, Pat and Brewster Denny, Earl Rogers and Joe Engel. By May 18, 1953, 145 resident and 25 non-resident shares had been sold. At the time there were 224 homes

in the Acres. Eventually two hundred and thirty-eight shares were authorized for sale. This was, at the time of Incorporation, the exact number of houses in H.R.A. Shares not bought by residents of the Acres were offered to non-residents and sponsored by a member of the Association. Share price: \$125 plus 20% federal tax.

A committee appeared before the Zoning Board of Fairfax County to apply for a change of zoning so the pool could be built on Gallows Road. Larry Fuller advised a non-profit form of corporation and prepared the Certificate of Incorporation. Bob Gilles lined up the cost of the construction and solved the engineering problems involved. He loaned personal equipment. The volunteer corps of workers prepared the site. All these contributions of hard work helped keep the cost down and the Community together.

By the end of May, 1953, the Holmes Run Acres Recreation Association was legally and financially created. On June 29, 1953 the First Annual Meeting was held. The original Board was officially elected. The meeting was held in Grange Hall, on Annandale Road. In those days Annual Meetings were enthusiastically attended, the walls bulged and vibrated.

Mr. Tully Sanders was contracted to build the pool for \$24,000 including the bath house--nothing more! Ground for the pool was broken in July. It was a busy and often harrowing summer for the working committees and many men went to work on Monday morning with sore muscles, not from lawn work at his own home. After several postponements the pool was officially opened on September 5, 1953 when President Savoie was thrown in the water (more times than he could count) by his fellow workers. At this time it is safe to say that several of the members had accidentally fallen in the pool during the hot summer evenings of 1953.

The HRARA's pool resulted in becoming a pioneer in community pools--soon adopted by others in Virginia. Our pool became publicized in the Times Herald, The Washington Post (which printed a large picture of Opening Day's Teenage style show of old time and modern beach wear), and the Fairfax County Sun Echo. Journalists reported "Holmes Run neighbors merit the enthusiastic congratulations of all who believe in the retention of private initiative... a pool...not financed by a bond issue or tax monies...but the spark of one rugged individualist such as Col. Savoie..." Another under "What Community Spirit Can Do:..." "There can be no better objective lesson in what a small community can accomplish when all shoulders are put to the wheel...our Park Corp. had about \$11,000 from which they could have begin operations....Holmes Run resources....all the important ones...energy, enthusiasm, a willingness to work...and more important, a willingness to let the work be shared." It wasn't long when the Powells, Col. Savoie and other board members were besieged with calls from pool enthusiasts.

The Pool was formally opened on May 29, 1954. An elaborate program was planned and presented by a committee chaired by Pat and Brewster Denny. With Mrs. Gladden Brillhart acting as commentator, the teen-aged girls in Lynn Bilger's Charm School modeled swim togs, old and new. Roy Blanchard and Bob Gilles got into the act, too, with copious bathing suits and demountable handlebar mustaches, as did Gene Powell who tested the pool's water to find it "blood-red!" From the toil of "workers", no doubt! Olympic swimmers,

Winston K. Pendleton III and Lt. Col. Taylor Drysdale gave demonstrations of swimming strokes, both modern and old-style. Colorful decorations for the opening--two king-sized mermaid figures and an array of Navy signal flags were provided by Mrs. Paul Peters, Mrs. James M. Wright and Mrs. Paul B. McNicol. The fashion show arrangements were made by Mrs. Earl Rogers, Mrs. Brewster Denny and Mrs. Harold F. Lindenmeyer. Other committee workers: Capt. James Wright (seating arrangements), Hugh Tovar (traffic and parking), Earl Ullman (Public Address System), Howard Ball (Publicity). Mr. Brookfield, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, officially opened the pool. Then 283 people went swimming. The next day (Sunday) 420 signed in and on Monday 538--the initial "Big Splash" was over.

Bill Savoie served as president until Feb. 3, 1955. Davy Jones Locker records: "President Powell presented to Col. Wm. J. Savoie, principal organizer and first President of the Association, a certificate recognizing Col. Savoie's untiring efforts and granting to him and his family lifetime swimming privileges." The Savoie left HRA in the spring of 1955. He has written on occasion and we are now trying to locate him to let him know we are thinking of him on this 10th Anniversary. The same contact will be made for others and all will be presented with a copy of our booklet.

But a happy account must not end on a sad note, so we present:

Murmurs of Mermaids and Merman: "Bill Savoie often came to the Gilles' to use their phone to call contractor Sanders. He left meddy shoes outside the doorstep. V.B. always graciously gave Bill a cup of coffee. It wasn't until much later that she learned he always preferred TEA!"

"All during 1953 board members never suffered for want of refreshments and hospitality at the Powells. Beer and hot coffee, plus "goodies" were their pleasure. Finally guilt complex plagued the guests and they insisted upon a pay-as-you-drink program!" And--"In those days when Martha was dashing hither and yon she did not drive a car. Neighbors often kindly provided a shuttling service, but Martha probably provided the shoe stores and the shoe repairman with a Rockfellow livelihood!"

"The records do not list the board members who took turns guarding the pool until midnight each night for weeks because there was no fence around it. In the dark of evening other board members sympathetically wandered up to give moral support. Eventually splashes were heard. There were times when spouses came to check--some just happened to have bathing suits on (like V.B. Gilles) and some just happened along in summer shorts and tops (like Page Blanchard). Now--one bathing suit for two swimmers!? Darkness of night and ingenuity--a little swapping of unmentionables, tops and bottoms---and soon there were two gentle splashes!"

"Paul Gray, co-founder, and, by profession, a psychiatrist, claimed to have a super-sales technique--he would advise the sales staff as to which days were good days to sell stock and which were bad days to sell stock!"

"The gateguards were always constructively employed...we seem to remember Catherine Condit working on a Master's degree---and Jean Burbach "boning up" for her first teaching job in years!"

Murmurs of Mermaids and Mermen: "I had just closed the gate guard house and wandered down around the far end of the bath house, looking for the pool manager, when I happened upon a lone, very little girl quietly building a castle in a little heap of sand and gravel. She was very happy there. She couldn't tell me her name. Wee one in arm, I visited people I thought might be able to identify her. No one could until I reached Viv Smith. There is that moment in every child's life when he catches that "I-don't-know-whether-to-spank-you-or-hug-you look in his parents eye! This little girl was really too young to be concerned with Daddy Menger's confusion, worry and relief when he saw her!

THE SECOND BIG SPLASH!

The first Planning Committee for the explicit purpose of increasing swimming facilities began its investigation in 1955. Jim Carscadden, was Chairman and was assisted by Joe Cragwall, Larry Fuller and Mr. Wilson.

After a swimming team was organized it was realized that a larger pool was needed. An area for diving was a necessity from a safety standpoint. In 1958 a "second pool expansion" committee began serious consideration of added facilities. Serving were Earl Rogers, Dick Godfrey, Bob Gilles, Charles Riggs, Joe Engel, Bill Jones and Chuck Burbach. Bob Nordstrom was consulted and claims his fatal words to be, "Direction of expansion uphill is not as feasible as expanding downhill!...and..." "if you need any help, give me a call." That did it! Near the end of 1958 the membership was polled on a proposal to asses each member \$50.00 and take in fifty additional members for the purpose of adding a 40' by 45' ell to the present pool. The estimated cost of such a venture was \$25,000. The voting indicated that over 70% of the membership was in favor of this expansion. Bob Nordstrom had drawn up the plans at the dinner table one cold evening, in December.

In 1959 the Board of Directors appointed Bob Nordstrom, Bob Gilles, Dick Godfrey, Charlie Riggs and Bryce Inman as Pool Expansion Committee. This experienced committee decided to develop its own detailed plans and specifications (to save time and money, no doubt!) and go out for firm bids rather than ask for proposals from prospective builders. The Committee also decided to do the design work to save architect-engineer costs. A complete set of plans and specifications for a reinforced concrete addition to the old pool were completed and sent out to 13 interested bidders during the last week of February. (Davy Jones Locker: "From December 5 to February 22, 1959, Inman, Gilles, Nordstrom spent every single weekend plus week nights working on plans" And Bob Nordstrom adds, "V.B. Gilles and Pauline Inman sat glued to their chairs typing copy as fast as we produced it!") On March 7 the bids were opened and the lowest one was found to be \$18,000 above the budget estimate. A special board meeting was held March 7, 1959 and all bids on expansion to the old pool were rejected. The committee was directed to to "look again." Later in March one of the bidders pointed out that we could build a complete new gunite construction 40' by 75' at a lower level (land) for considerably less cost than the formerly planned addition to the old pool. The Committee and the full Board were impressed with the many advantages of two separate pools.

On March 18, proposals for a new separate pool were solicited from five

contractors and four bid proposals were received on March 28. It developed that two bidders had proposals of almost identical merit and as additional bath house facilities were required by the county, a comfort station alternate was requested from these two bidders. Paddock's new composite bid was by far the most attractive. In view of this and in view of Paddock's generally good reputation and the very excellent plans and specifications submitted as part of the proposal, a contract in the amount of \$34,787.50 was entered into on April 20, 1959. This contract called for substantial completion of the work 60 days after the issuance of permits. The Board increased the number of shares by 102 instead of 50 in order to finance this larger facility. Our troubles began:

The county would not issue a building permit until we had obtained clearance from the County Board of Zoning Appeals. Special effort was required to get our property surveyed and get our case on the May 12 agenda. Some 16 members turned out for the zoning hearing. The expansion request was granted with no opposition. (Mention was made at the hearing of our successful first pool!)

We next had trouble with the County Health Department, who did not like several small features of the Paddock design. The building permit was finally issued on June 6. This was a great disappointment, as we had hoped for a July 4th opening. (Troubles really began in earnest)

Shortly after the contractor started to work in earnest, there were many instances of inferior workmanship and materials. Work was halted completely from June 26 thru June 27. Work was again halted. This time the deficiencies were of a very serious nature. On July 18 a portion of the Board met with the Paddock management. As a result of this meeting, Paddock agreed to start over again on the pool shell and follow specifications to the letter. Bob Nordstrom suggested a technique which could give us a shell which was better than that specified. A new floor was cast on top of the unsatisfactory one.

Paddock promised that we would be able to swim by August 29, 1959. The work improved but there were still difficulties. We were disappointed that we couldn't have a token swim on Labor Day weekend as planned. Something went wrong with the filter at the last moment. However the Committee assures you that we have a very well constructed pool. In fact it is probably the best pool that Paddock has ever built."

(Note: The above account was made by Chairman Bryce Inman to the shareholders during the Annual Meeting). Difficulties did not end then and Bob and Bryce served almost another full year to see the job really completed.

Bob Nordstrom continues the story with smaller details, of a lighter note: Annandale's Fire Department was having a "house-burning demonstration" so the Jefferson Village Fire Department agreed to have a "water drill" at the HRA's new pool site! Jim Carscadden dashed around to collect saw horses to block off traffic on Gallows Road. The pool was filled in three hours--with 50,000 gallons of water! And now we wouldn't want to be "out-done" (story-wise) by the First Big Splash crew!

Murmurs of Mermaids and Mermen: "By means of exercising duties as Pool Expansion Committeemen, we found it necessary to enter the water for purposes of inspection---in addition we were hot!" Also: "Tom Harward and a few other

people decided that the early Babbtists had a fine method of babbtizing. The thought grew increasingly interesting. The filter wasn't working so no one could actually go swimming!

"The first day the filter did work--found two lone figures lounging poolside late one night---gazing contentedly at the water beautifully blue and clear with underwater lights making a sparkling scene. Two happy voices were heard softly repeating just three words, 'Isn't that pretty!' Connie Nordstrom and Pauline Inman wondered only briefly where their husbands were!"

"December 1960, the year of the Big Snow and on CHRISTMAS DAY...found Bob Nordstrom, Charlie Riggs, Bob Gilles, Floyd and Fred Dunn....At the Pool! They were concerned about the thickness of the ice, but not for the purpose of ice skating. They drilled a test hole and found the ice 16 inches thick! Their concern was so great they collected an ice saw and cut a 2 foot slice across the entire width of the pool, then inserted logs to serve as a fracture point.....The temperatures still dropped (Connie Nordstrom remembers it was the year Kennedy came in....). There was another trip for a resistant wire heater and two bales of straw---then on to the pool to wrap a freezing pump in a bunting. 1 A.M. found the thoroughly refrigerated crew heading for their own home fires. That's what Bob calls babying the Papa pool!

Now--back to Davy Jones Locker: The 1960 season began with an enthusiastic opening of the "new" pool. Jim Carscadden acted as Master of Ceremonies and the "ribbon" was cut by Mr. Robert Cotton, member of the Board of County Supervisors from the Falls Church District. Bryce Inman and Bob Nordstrom assisted! The flag ceremony was performed by Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies and Campfire Girls. There was an exhibition by Sue Johnson, Robyn Johnson, Suzanne Gardenier and Kathy Hennessy of the Northern Virginia Aquatic Club, who were being coached by Mr. Stan Tinkham, the 1956 Olympic girls swim team coach. Robyn Johnson swam in our pool years before and was to become the U.S. Champion very shortly, Lansburgs presented a fashion show and Vince Everett, up and coming teen-age star, sang popular songs.

Murmurs of Mermaid and Mermen:... "I remeber the astonishment on Jim Carscadden's face after picking up the first layers of hot dog buns and discovering a couple hundred hamburger buns instead. The Committee was ready to arrange food on serving tables....the bakery manager was perplexed, and sorry, but he had no more to replace them. One hour before "feeding time"....Fairfax County is a big county--combined with Arlington County it's a lot of territory. But there were hot dog buns. A few here and a few there!

Our story on actual "pool building" we assume, is ended--but it must be remembered that our organization is called the Holmes Run Acres Recreation Association. Through the years committees were constantly being kept busy investigating other recreational facilities that members made requests for: Tennis courts, Ice Skating (some suggested "on the pool"--and although this is possible--it's been done on a strictly individual basis once in awhile!), Winter swimming (bubble roof) which would be very expensive, and Club House.

HRARA's history is still in the making.....

SPRINKLES AND SPLASHES

Some of the Board's most "water-logged" subjects through the years:

Resident and non-resident status--Non-residents vote as of this 1963.

Enlargement of pool and recreational facilities: First discussions started as far back as May 4, 1953.

Lost and Found--an unattractive bit of pool scenery--still with us.

Manual and History of HRARA-- The job has been assigned to many people and discussed every year since 1955. The last one started about a year ago is now being worked on by Bill Sayer.

Guest Policy: Has been changed in only minor ways through the years by the Boards who always seem to be faced with the fact that income has to equal outgo--and red is not their favorite color! Lower guest fees (and we have the lowest in the area) might prompt overcrowding at the pool.

Work or Pay--'way back in 1957 Craig Boyce proudly reported that 94% of the members who made commitments, fulfilled their promises. That "pioneer" spirit seems to have retired to Davy Jones Locker but we hear that this year 20 teenagers revived it!

Purchase of File Cabinets: A rather minor subject--but amusing. Permission granted to anyone who feels he needs them as far back as May of 1955. This year at least two big paper cartons were retired and replaced by...steel files.

Master Plan: "In the hopper" many times--being worked on in this 1963.

Refreshments, poolside: We have a vending machine this year.

By-Laws: In the past ten years the pool has grown in many ways. The facilities expanded and improved. As membership grew, so did personnel and their ideas of management changed. A County Swimming Pool Ordinance came into being. All these changes prompted amendments which have become a yearly project. The biggest major "over-haul" of the By-Laws since the founding of the pool was done in 1960 when the new pool was completed.

Community Services: In 1956 President McConnell was asked by Dr. Kennedy, Fairfax County Medical Officer, to serve on a committee to draw up fair ordinance laws for future swim pools in the county. Ted Doty and Gene Powell also took part in the program.

On August 16, 1957 the Voice of America made a broadcast from poolside to be beamed to Japan. Manager Robert Hart was interviewed on what college students do with their summers and Anne Clapper gave a resume' of the history and cooperative spirit of the pool.

In March of 1956 the Board granted easement for sidewalk along Gallows Road. One was built from Woodburn school to the new Friendship Church for safety of our children.

Sprinkles and Splashes--con't.

Community Service: Foreign student guests attend our pool activities often--as a part of their introduction to our country. This service was encouraged by June Schonbach about three years ago.

Miscellany:

Now here's a big figure---29,822 signatures of swimmers at the pool in 1959!

In 1957 Craig Boyce reported that after 4 years, 112 of the original stockholders were still active. In 1963, 51 are still members.

Thru the years the colors at the pool have stood the test of many artistically critical viewings and the redwood benches stood the wear and tear of constant usage--thanks to Jean and Chuck Burbach. Chuck designed the benches...Jean served as color co-ordinator for a number of years.

...do you ever remember seeing a more attractive and thorough Annual Report than the one sent to stockholders the year Bob Nordstrom was president? The design is clever, the color pretty, the information brief but thorough! Members got an attractive Christmas Card that year too--Announcing the Annual Meeting.

The Frank Schultz family are moving to a new house--no doubt to house trophies, ribbons etc. I counted a total of 97 when I had them here for photography purposes. Sue Sanders, one lone little girl, has 46. Those Lee Boys have only been here for one swim season and between them racked up 25!

...and do you remember the time, some three years back, when Georgie Hall, barely five years old--did an unofficial "sprint" the length of the new pool. He's now only 8 years old--has 16 ribbons etc....THIS year.....The Outstanding Participant award.

Wouldn't it be nice if someone tallied all the awards in HRARA--and perhaps "dress up" the pool for an Opening Day, sometime?

Honor Roll: A warning is always issued when a desire to offer verbal praise to individuals participating in a project as big as the HRARA. There's a possibility of missing someone. But in preparing a history, names stand out like bright lights in the dark. Even the ones that "quietly glow" suddenly become brighter. At the risk of censorship (and allowing The Big Splash" to speak for itself: Gene and Martha Powell, Jim and Shirley Carscadden, Bob and V.B. Gilles, Earl, Lillian, Tom and Carol Rogers, Fred Dunn, Bill and Dot Hammerschmidt, Charles Riggs (the last three "the quiet ones), Bruce and George Fresson (and Libby--another "quiet one"), Margaret and Earl Ullman, Chuck and Jean Burbach, Joseph Engel, Frank and Lois Schultz, Craig and Wally Boyce, Bryce and Pauline Inman, Bob Nordstrom (and Connie for giving him to us for three years!), Helen and Bernie Sanders, Jack Grosvenor, Pat and Bud Wilson, Phyllis and Harold Himmer, Dick Godfrey--All the HRARA's Honor Society! Still present and accounted for in 1963!

We tried to locate Col. William Savoie--but tried a bit too late. The "Locating Service" requested a written letter, a fee of \$1.50--and there was a waiting period of about ten days. Our Anniversary Booklet will be sent to him.



The Operations chairman and committee are responsible for the management of the day-to-day running of the pool. This group chooses, and with the final sanction of the Board, hires all pool personnel which includes manager, lifeguards, gate guards and swimming coach. The pool manager is required, by law in Fairfax County, to participate in a county pool manager's training course. Although a Northern Virginia Swimming League representative, and a team activities committee is appointed to take care of all the details of swimming and diving activities of our teams, the Operations committee oversees this program. The senior gate guard and the pool manager are assigned the tasks of keeping the weekly payroll records, the membership books and guest fees in order; but these too are the responsibility of Operations. The same rule follows for the swimming instructions program.

When the HRA's pool first began operations in 1953, pool personnel was very difficult to find. Members of the board took life saving courses and often served as life guards,--as did Martha Powell and Ann Canavan. In fact there were few rules and regulations which could be used as a guideline for the health and safety of our members. (see "The Big Splash"). Gradually our own young people became interested, were encouraged by the board, and received proper training. This year pool personnel are residents of HRA, or nearby and all but one a "member" of the HRARA. Virginia law prohibits the hiring of boys under sixteen years of age and girls under eighteen years of age from being employed by a "public place of amusement" and because we felt our HRARA was more private than public and also because we feel that there could be no better place for our young people to be employed, three members of the Board (Ted Doty, Don Bilger and Jack Grosvenor) contacted the Department of Labor and Industry, the Fairfax County School Board and our legislative representative to see what could be done about it. The only procedure available to us, short of working toward legislative action was to petition the juvenile judge to issue special work permits. This is quite involved and was never attempted.

As a tribute to managers and lifeguards who, besides often becoming close friends, contributed so diligently to our safety and well-being, we list their names and say "thank you:"

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BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

The following page is dedicated to the Building and Maintenance crews through the years. Our frivolity is only a reflection of a sense of humor we must believe the Building and Maintenance crews must have had through the years....to be so dedicated to a community endeavor.

It is well to remember that the HRARA pools contracts were let only for the construction of pools and bathhouses. Almost everything else was, and is, a strictly cooperative project---A LA VOLUNTEER! The gatehouse, the benches, the parking lot, the landscaping and gardening, the upkeep of pumphouse, the electric plant and the repair and maintenance of every piece of mechanical device---all these come under the above caption.

Those of us who have had to rely on "The Plumber's Friend" etc.--and the know-how and time to maintain even a small home for an average family, realize the effort and money saved. A few notes taken from Davy Jones' Locker are interesting:

Nov. 4, 1953: "Bob Gilles reports that 400 volunteer man hours were expended on grading, painting, and hauling." And, "Since 500 man hours amounts to \$1,000 'be it resolved that said value be reflected in the assets of the Corporation as of Nov, 1953."

Sept 4, 1957: (See "Hammerschmidt's Hacienda" i.e. gateguard house).

1958 Annual Report: "638 work hours," reported by Chas. Riggs, "and thanks to Bob Gilles for piling for parking lot--Jack Grosvenor for moving the fences, Chuck Burbach and Ray Fernandez for work on gateguard house."

1959:"we thank Bette Helvey and her committee for three years devotion as the telephone "work or pay" plan recruiting efforts."

1957 Annual Report: "665 work hours by Hammerschmidt, Riggs, Rogers, Dunn & Sanborn to...." and..!"Bill Hammerschmidt donates window screens for gatehouse." "Thermometer donated by Gilles."..."It takes 30 hours just to close the pool for winter."

1959: Sara McKinney writes in Newsletter: "...from a period Dec. 5 through Feb. 22, Bryce Inman, Bob Gilles and Bob Nordstrom have spent the greater part of every single weekend working on plans and specifications for the third pool."

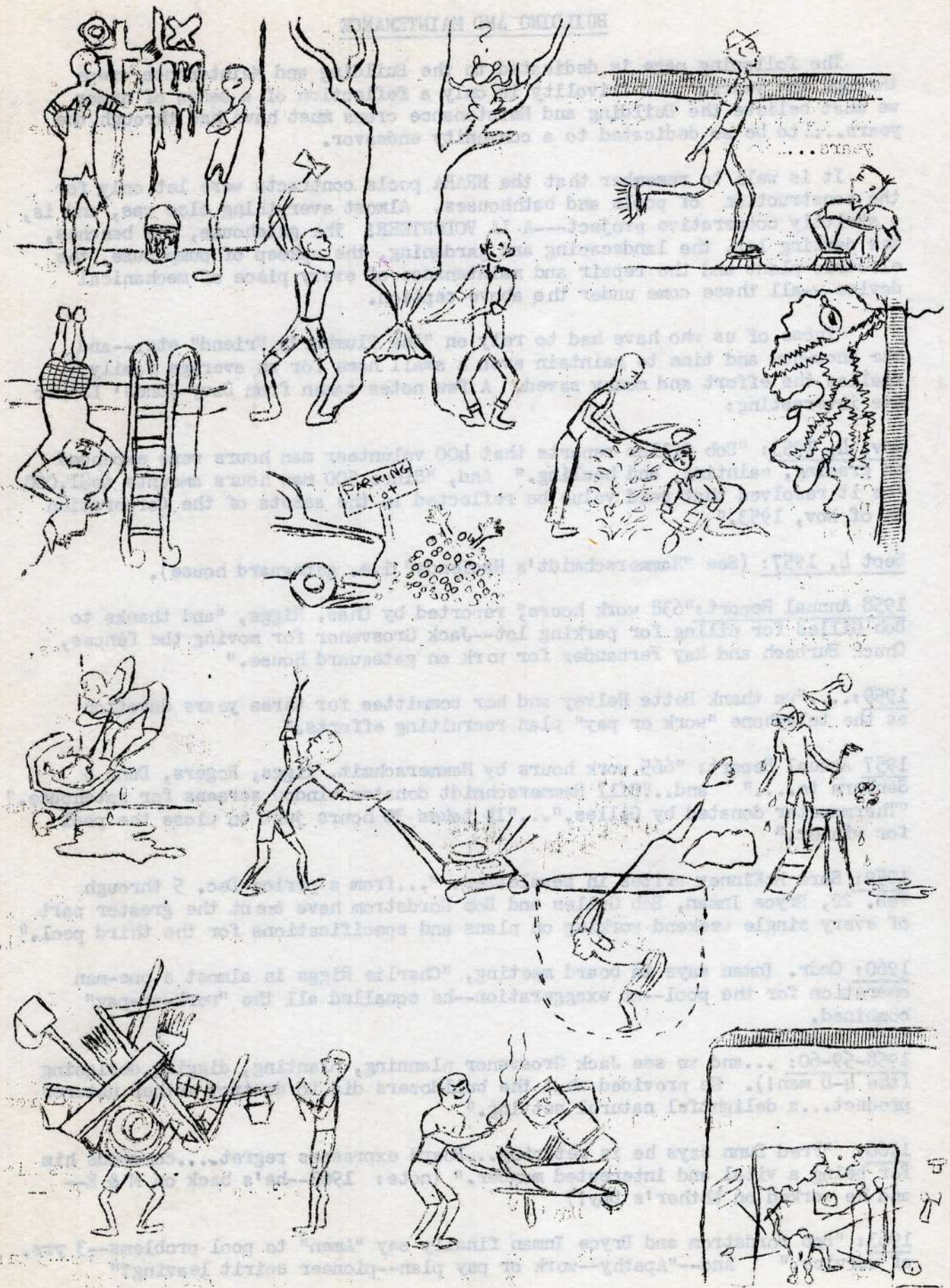
1960: Cmdr. Inman says in board meeting, "Charlie Riggs is almost a one-man operation for the pool--no exaggeration--he equalled all the "work-or-pay" combined.

1958-59-60: ...and we see Jack Grosvenor planning, planting, digging, designing (the 4-D man!). He provided what the bulldozers did to destroy mother natures product....a delightful natural setting."

1960: "Fred Dunn says he is retiring...Board expresses regret...commends him for being a vital and interested member." (note: 1963--he's back on M & E--and he worked on Mother's Day!)

1963: "Bob Nordstrom and Bryce Inman finally say "Amen" to pool problems--3 yrs. of service." And--"Apathy--work or pay plan--pioneer spirit leaving?"

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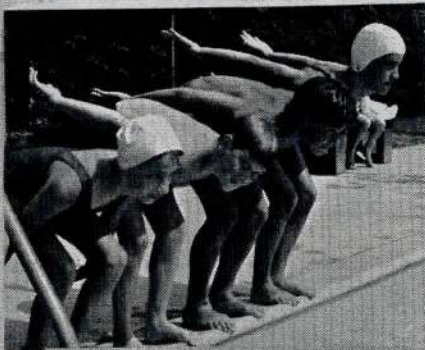


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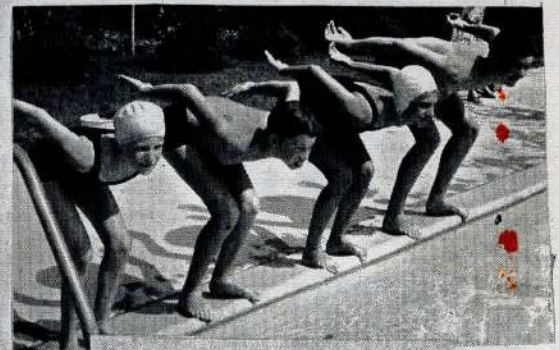
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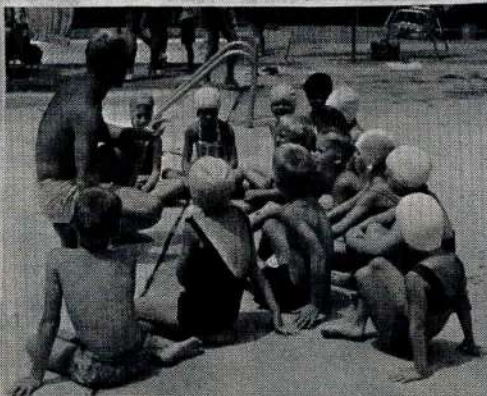
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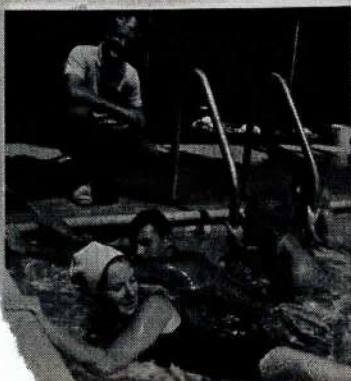
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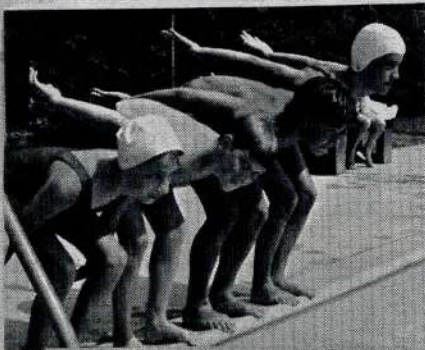


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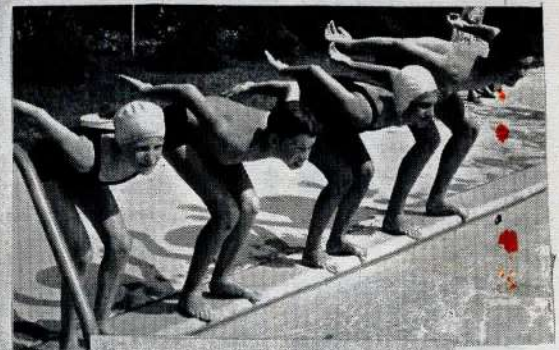
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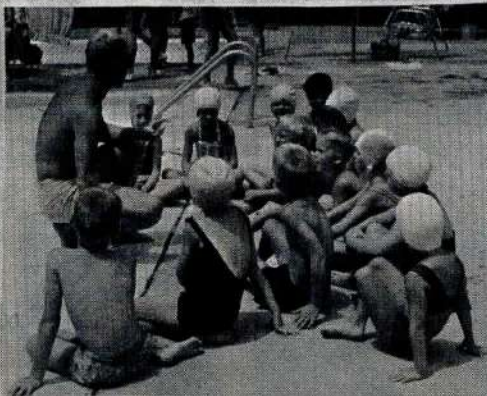
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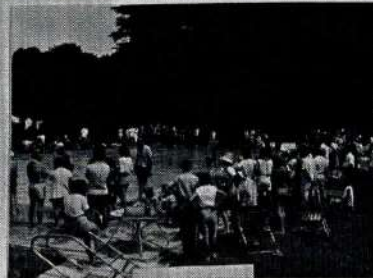
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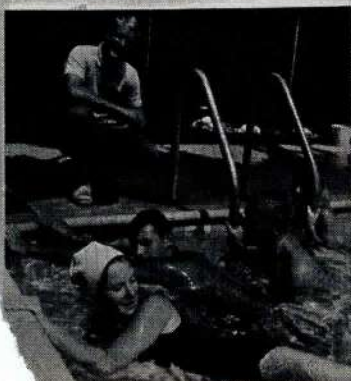
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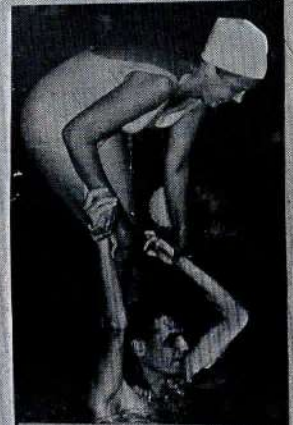
The Walstedts Cha-Cha-Cha



250 lbs. of Shrimp--250 People--Hey! This one is still alive! (Bud Wilson, Chr. Frank Schults, Lois Schults, Rhyllis Himmer, Harold Himmer, Pat Wilson.)



Old friends meet again... Audrey Fetherolf, The Lindanmeyers.



Chicken! (The Doughertyns)



"Roll Out The Barrel...."



A present for that "Graveyard" deal! (Tom Harward Coach)



Well, it's not just a matter of technique! (Nan Strickler)



(Doug Smith)



Big Brother's Watching You! (Ralph Thiele--Barl Ullman--Guest)



Awards for Nan Strickler ..and..Jack Graham



Wishful thinking for Nick Sheble and Chris Patchell.. "It's The Kieth Condit Award...the big one!"



Gene Powell presents awards to Pat Inman and Steve Hall.



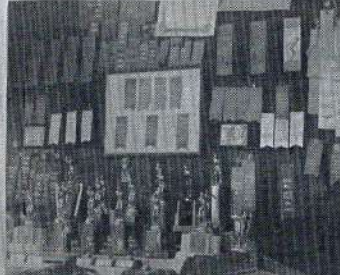
Soft--Please (Arlene Simon)



A Shady Character! Aroma-Roast Dunn!



Pat, Pat (Himmer)



13 Participants--352 Awards, ribbons, etc. (Just a part of HRARA "loot.")



They want to use it for a trophy! (Helen Sanders)



Cold, Pizza?



"But I don't want to swim the English Channel tonight!" (American Girl-English Guest)



Fred Dunn, June Schonbach, Richard Moore visit with foreign students.



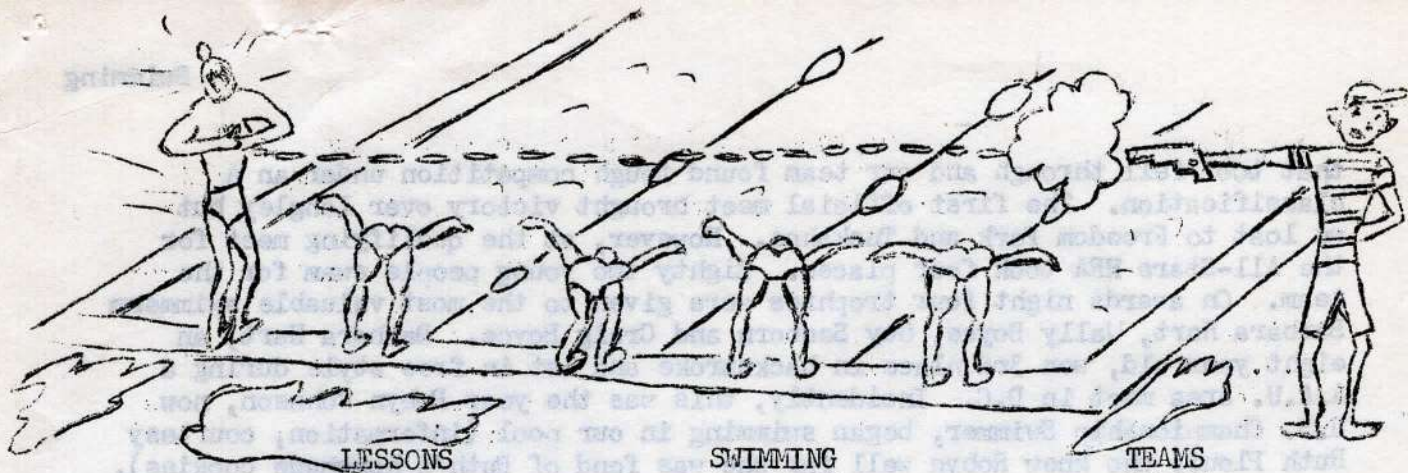
Well, rawthur! Just my cup o teal



He'll come down! It's Grasshopper Stew!



Culinary Arteests! Honey Duck, Sweet Cake, Coquille St. Jacques, Tossed and Untossed Salad, Danis Sandys!



Swimming lessons were given almost immediately after the official opening of the pool. After one full year of conscientious service as wife, mother and co-founder-pioneer-HRARA pool board member, one would picture Martha Powell in a lame bathing suit lounging in the sun and acquiring a golden bronze at pool-side. Instead she was planning, promoting and directly swimming and diving programs with the help of Mrs. Elizabeth Neyman who was a swimming instructor for the Red Cross in Fairfax County. Mrs. Neyman worked without salary that first year.

During 1955, 228 persons participated in the first swimming program. Five people earned senior life saving badges--Larry Leff, Ann Canavan, Gary Giard, Roy Blanchard and Martha Powell. One hundred and fifty-six hours of free swimming and diving lessons were provided. That was the beginning of the swimming program. Free instructions is a part of the pool policy to this day.

Records indicate that in 1957 about 425 people received swimming instructions. In 1959 over 100 learned, or improved, their swimming. During the 1961 season, 496 students acquired swimming skills. Using the indicated average of 350, about 3500 people graduated from dog-paddling to real swimming during the past ten years.

Competitive swimming entered the picture in 1955 when Kathy Kennedy and Keith Condit won the first trophies. At that time the Northern Virginia Swimming League did not exist.

Inter-community pool competition had its debut in 1956 when Palmer Rutherford, Jr. became our first salaried pool manager. Paul Kvale, life guard, assisted. During 1956 and 1957 the HRA's team did not enter NVSL competition officially.

The first meet at our pool took place on August 24, 1957 and the opposing team was Fenbrook Bath and Racket Club. HRA won 56-34. No record is available as to the outcome of our meets with Arlington Forest and Brookville that year. There is one little story we heard from a Mermaid: Manager Roger Hart clasped the hand of tiny eight year old Tracy Carscadden and quietly "went calling" at another pool. Tracy came back proudly clasping her first trophy!

The HRARA became members of the Northern Virginia Swimming League in 1958. Paul Kvale was pool manager and coach. Because our team entered the league a year later than other teams, we lacked experience in league-type activity. We had been promised a placement in a B classification but somehow

that too fell through and our team found tough competition under an A classification. The first official meet brought victory over Langley but we lost to Freedom Park and Tuckahoe. However, at the qualifying meet for the All-Stars HRA took four places. Eighty two young people swam for the team. On awards night four trophies were given to the most valuable swimmers: Barbara Hart, Wally Boyce, Guy Sanborn and Craig Boyce. Barbara Hart, an eight year old, won 3rd place in backstroke and 1st in free style during a A.A.U. area meet in D.C. Incidentally, this was the year Robyn Johnson, now U.S. Championship Swimmer, began swimming in our pool (information, courtesy Ruth Flouff who knew Robyn well for she was fond of Ruth's homemade cookies).

The NVSL was reorganized in 1959 and our team was placed in a grouping of five teams comparable in skills, number of members etc. Seventy-five HRA swimmers participated in team activity. On awards night over 150 badges and certificates of merit were distributed. Trophies were awarded to Marsha Bishton, Buddy Wilson, Tina Sanborn and Steve McKinney as outstanding swimmers in their respective age groups. Guy Sanborn was awarded the President's Cup as best over-all team member and Pat Inman was given the Team Captain's award.

Paul Kvale served again as pool manager and coach, assisted by team coordinators Jean and Chuck Burbach, Doc and Sandy Sanborn and Frank Schultz. Fred Dunn was our representative to the NVSL. Bill and Catherine Condit, Wally Boyce, Martha Powell, Hilda Hart and Sara McKinney also gave a helping hand.

1960 found our team in Division IV. The Sanborns and Tom Harward coached the team, with the Sanborns also serving as representative to the NVSL. This was an outstanding year and HRA placed second in our division, losing only to Rose Hill. A unique graveyard appeared on the bank near the new pool with epiaphs on tombstones identifying competitors.

This year we were saddened by the untimely death of a former team mate, Keith Condit. The board asked Mrs. Carscadden to prepare a Keith Condit award which was to be presented each year to an outstanding participant (for sportsmanship) on a rotating basis. A miniature trophy was to be given to the winner to keep. Catherine Condit presented the award for the first time to Peter Marks.

For the first time another award system was also officially put into effect by the board. A trophy was to be given to a boy and girl in each age group for being the most outstanding participant. This was to include many things: Points won for the team, sportsmanship, dependability and sincerity of effort. The 1960 proud winners were:

8 yrs & under:	Steve Hall and Susan Sanders
9 & 10:	Buddy Wilson and Kristie Marks
11 & 12:	Danny Schultz and Patsy Himmer
13 & 14:	Jack Graham and Suzette Marks
15 & 17:	Bryan Mercy and Pat Inman

Team coordinators were Mrs. Colburn, and Frank and Lois Schultz.

1961's swim team's record of meets won or lost does not do justice to this

year's team. Points were much higher than previous years and the participants performed much better than the record indicates but the competition was much tougher than usual.

Frank Schultz was the representative to the NVSL. Nancy Marks and Helen Sanders worked diligently as team activities assistants. Eighty-five children enlisted; sixty five were active. Our team scored an upset in the Division Championship Meet.

Nancy Strickler, age 15, broke the Northern Virginia Swimming League's record in freestyle with a 30.4, on July 15, 1961. The only time, to date, that a HRA team member broke a NVSL record. Unfortunately three weeks later the record was topped by another swimmer in the 15-17 age group.

On awards day Jack Selby became the year's winner of the Keith Condit award. "Outstanding Participant" trophies were given to:

9 & 10:	Jock McNulty and Susan Sanders
11 & 12:	Buddy Wilson and Christie Marks
13 & 14:	Suzette Marks and Jack Graham
15 & 17:	Nancy Strickler and Pete Marks

In 1962 the team got a late start due to unforeseen difficulties with mechanical facilities of both pools. However the swim team rated a third place in the NVSL.

Craig English became the proud holder of the Keith Condit Award.

For the "Outstanding Participant Awards" two new, very small stars in the 8 and under group were in the shining persons of Gabriella Schonbach and Kurt Nordstrom. Other stars continued to glow and one new one began to shine in the person of John Magee. The trophies went to:

8 and under:	Gabriella Schonbach and Kurt Nordstrom
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11 & 12:	Christie Marks and Buddy Wilson
13 & 14:	Kathy Wilson and Denny Schultz
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Our NVSL representatives were Harry Marks, Ken Mercy and Bud Wilson. Team activities members were Helen Sanders, Connie Nordstrom, Pat Wilson, Eleanor Dougherty, Frank and Lois Schultz, Arlene Simon, Gene and Martha Powell and Harold Himmer.

Our 1963 swimming season will go down in history as our blackest year-- a perfect record of no wins. Oh, we had a couple of close ones, but we just couldn't quite pull in that last relay team we needed for the wins.

We had 120 swimmers on the team (the largest team ever), 58 boys and 62 girls. And for the record, Duane Branstiter and Helen Sanders are proud of each and every one. The competition was tough, tougher than it has ever been. Our team had to swim faster, work harder and fight for every point they won. The team gave as much as they had to give. No one can ask for more.

The "Outstanding Participation Awards" were given to:

- 8 & under: George Hall (3 years on the team and still only 8 years old)!
- Sandy Clement
- 9 & 10: Craig McNulty and Sherry Taylor
- 11 & 12: Susan Sanders (her 4th "Outstanding Participant" award)
- Richard Robetts
- 13 & 14: Gail Schultz and Steve Martin
- 15 & 17: Dan Schultz (his 3rd "Outstanding Participant" award)
- Kathy Gowell

A new award was created this year. It is called the "Effort Award" and is being presented to the young people who cheerfully try, try, try. This year's charter winners:

Nancy Bradshaw	Sid Lee
Kathleen Panoff	Walter Gowell
Kathy Hutchison	John Haycock
Debbie Thompson	Buddy Wilson
Gina Brown	Craig English
Susan Gohd	Pat Lee

This year's list of Team Activities helpers has grown and we thought we would take a bit of time to explain: These helpers are those stalwart parents who can stand the excitement. They are able to keep two eyes focused on work to be done, and a mere fraction of a corner of one eye on favorite team participants. This year, as in many years past, we see familiar faces:

Dorothy Mercy who for four years has sat on an uncushioned beach chair, poolside, developing callouses on every fingertip from recording and typing!

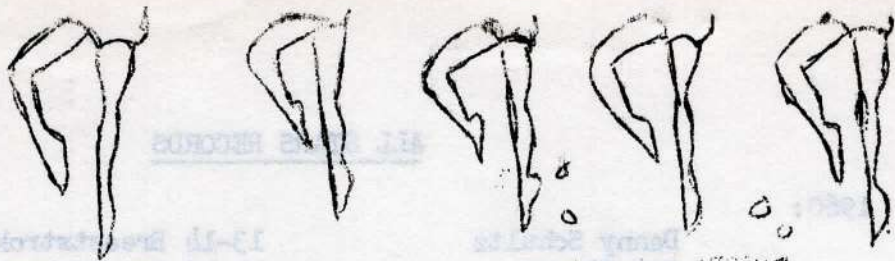
Eugene and Martha Powell's absence from a swim meet would be the darkest omen...and if St. Peter doesn't have a lifetime employee with a deep melodious voice to announce gate crashers...well Gene Powell has a social security card!

Pat Wilson, Frank and Lois Schultz are our Three Muskateers from 'way back. Nary a Milltown do they take tho they have some "pioneer" winners on the swim team.

Fred Dunn! Is there a trophy for a dry-land, poolside 30-second-100-meter dash man?

There are many others: Connie Nordstrom, Harold Himmer, Arlene Simon, Earl Ullman, Joe English....and aHA...interested newcomers...Loi and Orville Lee Bob and Mel Martin and Larry Rosenberg

Division Championship Meets: We couldn't possibly make an accurate list. Records are incomplete and so many won over the years. It would be unfair to mention a few and not the rest. So we'll go on to the choice morsel....

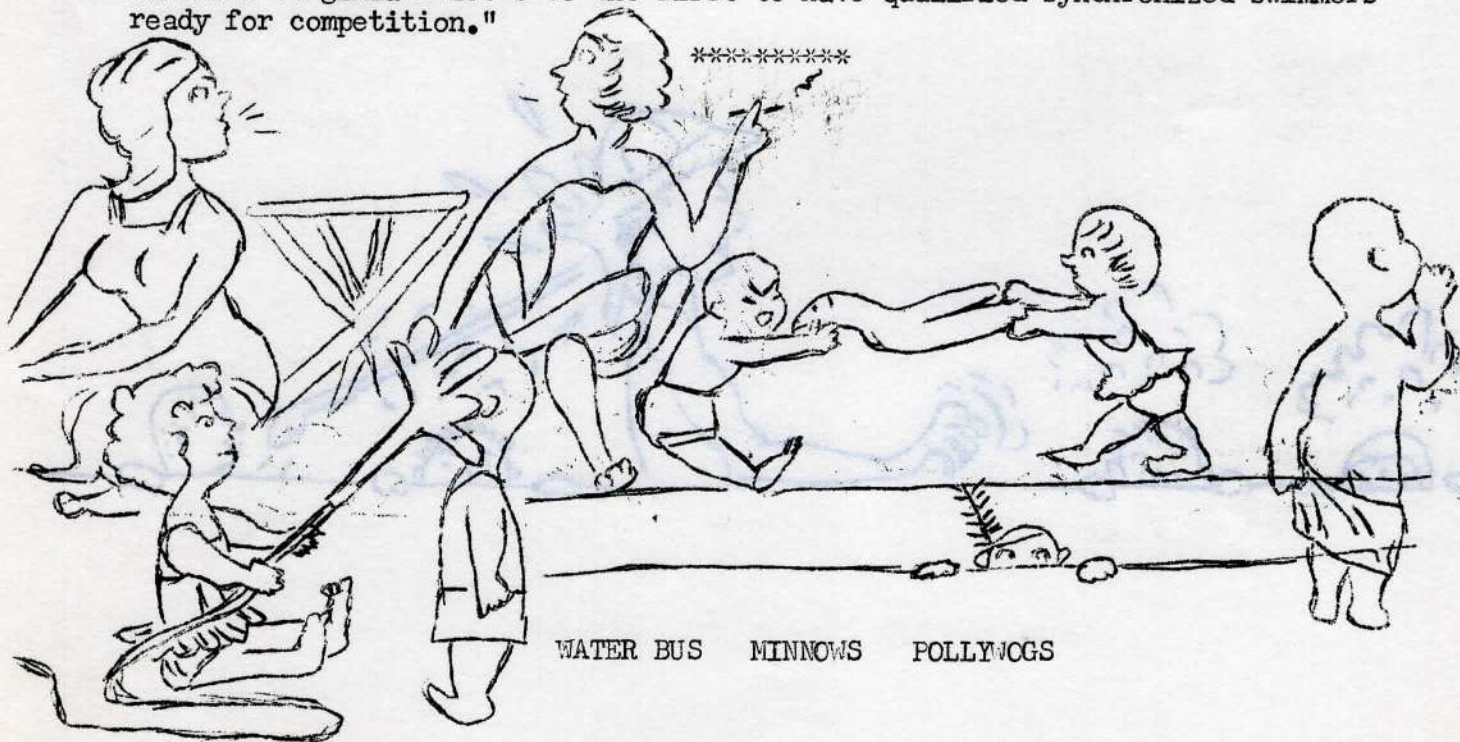


SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING

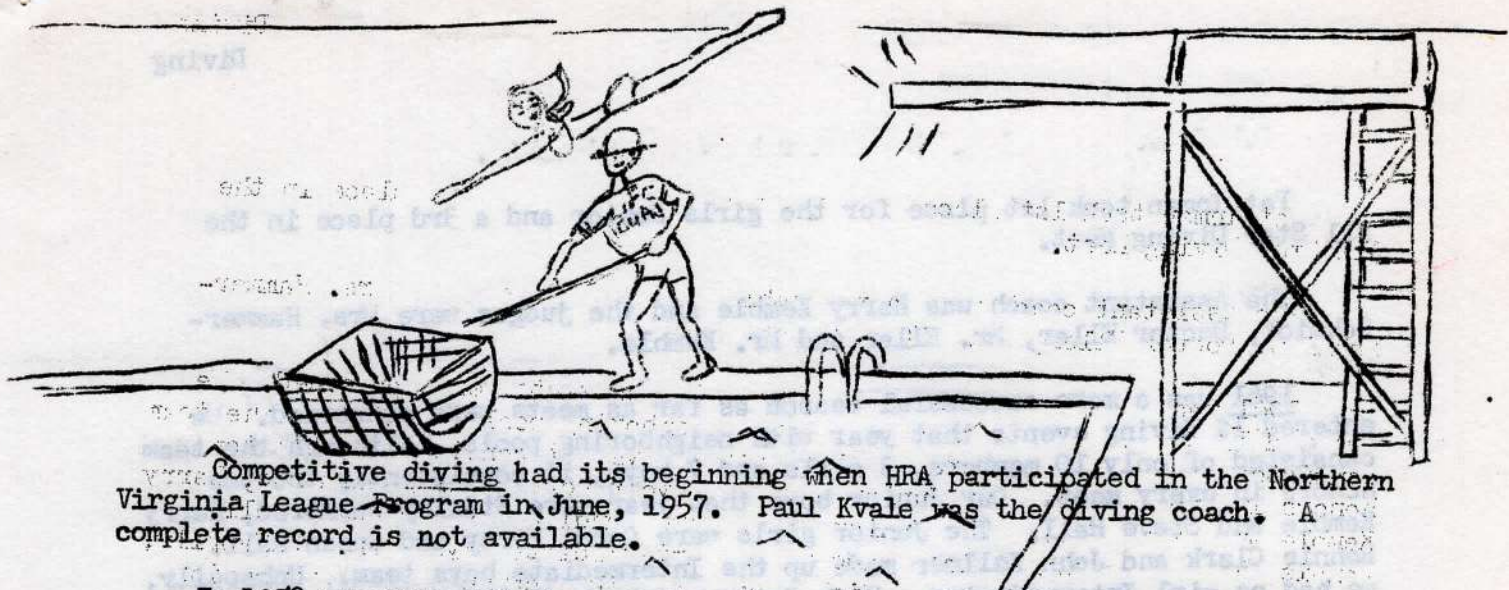
Barbara Lyman had attended school in 1954-1955 to learn to teach water ballet. During the summer season of 1955 she trained a group of very young ladies in this art. On the Fourth of July, during a special pool program, a colorful group of costumed swimmers who looked like fairytale animals, performed the first water ballet in our pool.

In 1961 Shirley Carscadden and Eleanor Miller, assisted by Mrs. Ghet. Martine, began teaching synchronized swimming. There had been an announcement that there would be synchronized swimming competition among the pools in our area. Classes were held twice a week. Mrs. P. L. Mosier, a national official of sychronized swimming and a swimming teacher at the D.C. YWCA came to give a few pointers. On Saturday evening, September 9, girls demonstrated their skills as a part of the Closing Pool Day ceremonies. They performed very well in their colorful costumes. The participants were Katie, Ann Elise and Gina Brown, Nancy Avery, Toni O'Rourke, Nancy Bilger, Trany Carscadden, Mary Crombie, Sharon Wood, Ellie and Kathy Roeger, Gail Schultz, Kathy Eastman, Sandy Burbach, Debbie Selby and Maxine Leff.

This program was not continued. There seemed to be no one to replace Shirley and Eleanor. In 1961 Shirley had written, "We were the first pool in Northern Virginia---let's be the first to have qualified synchronized swimmers ready for competition."



WATER BUS MINNOWS POLLYWOGS



Competitive diving had its beginning when HRA participated in the Northern Virginia League Program in June, 1957. Paul Kvale was the diving coach. A complete record is not available.

In 1958, Paul Kvale, then pool manager and coach, was eligible to be a member of our team. He entered the Washington Area A.A.U. meet and won third place in lowboard, in the Junior Division and first place in the highboard during the President's Cup Meet. Craig Boyce won first place in the qualifications of the Northern Virginia Swimming League and second place in the Junior Olympics of the Greater Washington Area.

There are no complete records for diving activities in 1959. Nancy Strickler took third place in the senior division during the All-Star meet which was held at our pool on August 29, 1959. (Senior age grouping then was 13-17).

With the completion of the new swimming pool in 1960, and the installation of new diving boards, a concerted effort was made to develop a diving team. A team of 12 members, 6 boys and 6 girls, coached by Kenneth R. Mercy, was formed. Ronnie Clark, Harry Kenble and Elliot Brenner were the Junior boys; Debbie Knudson, Candi Mercy and Toni O'Rourke, the Junior girls. There was only one Intermediate boy diver, Tom Tucker and two Intermediate girls, Nancy Strickler and Linda O'Rourke. Two boys, Dick Jones and Brian Mercy were Senior divers and Pat Inman, the lone Senior girl diver.

For diving competition it was necessary to go outside the division and two meets were held with Donaldson Run. However, we did win the Division Trophy (even if it was for lack of competition within the division.) but it certainly was not for lack of skillful divers. Our teams scored:

Ronnie Clark scored 1st place in the Junior boys Division Championship and 2nd place in the All Stars Diving meet.

Debbie Knudson placed 2nd in the Junior girls Championship.

Tom Tucker won 2nd in the Intermediate competition.

Nancy Strickler took 1st for girls in the Intermediate group and placed 4th in the All Star meet.

Dick Jones was 2nd in the Senior boys championship.

Pat Inman took 1st place for the girls Senior and a 3rd place in the All Star Diving Meet.

The Assistant coach was Harry Kemble and the judges were Mrs. Hammer-Schmidt, Doctor Eller, Mr. Eller and Mr. Kemble.

1961 was a more successful season as far as meets were concerned. We entered 12 diving events that year with neighboring pools. Although the team consisted of only 10 members, 3 girls and 7 boys, it consistently too top honors in every meet. Our Junior boys that year were Stanley Warmbrod, Harry Kemble and Steve Hall. The Junior girls were Candi Mercy and Susan Hall. Ronnie Clark and John Kellner made up the Intermediate boys team. Unhappily, we had no girl Intermediates. Dick Jones and Mike McKinney were our Senior boys and again Pat Inman was our lone Senior girl diver.

Due to the lack of girl Intermediate divers, we lost the Division Trophy to Sleepy Hollow.

Individually however, our divers were even more successful than the preceding year:

Stanley Warbrod, Junior diver, took 1st place in 7 meets, also 1st for the high board in the All-Ages Group. He took 3rd place in the A.A.U. Junior Olympics, became All Star Champion in the Junior boys division of the Northern Virginia League and won the Best Diver trophy for boys.

John Kellner took Division Championship for Intermediate boys.

Ronnie Clark won 5 first places in meets in the Intermediate class.

Pat Inman won 1st place in the Senior girls class in every meet that HRA held against member teams. She scored 2nd in the All Stars and 1st in the Senior Division of the A.A.U. Junior Olympics. She was 4th in the Sectional Meet of the National Capital Swimming Association for the D.C. Championship and won the Best Diver trophy for girls.

Once again the diving coach was Kenneth Mercy, assisted by Harry Kemble. We again had the able assistance of Mrs. Hammerschmidt, Mr. Eller, Doctor Eller and, on occasion, Mr. Chuck Burbach, all of whom served as judges.

1962 found our diving team almost at the top by winning a 2nd place in it's division. Mike Meloy served as coach. The team consisted of only 10 members: Roger Kormendi and Clark Hoag were Junior divers; Stan Warmbrod and Mike Slinkard Intermediates; Ronnie Clark (our best over-all boy swimmer) and Richard Kraft (sometimes!) competed under the Senior boys class; Sharon Wood was the lone girl Junior diver; Mary Crombie the lone Intermediate diver; Pat Inman (the best over-all girl diver) and Nancy Strickler, when she was free from participation in the HRA swimming team's activities.

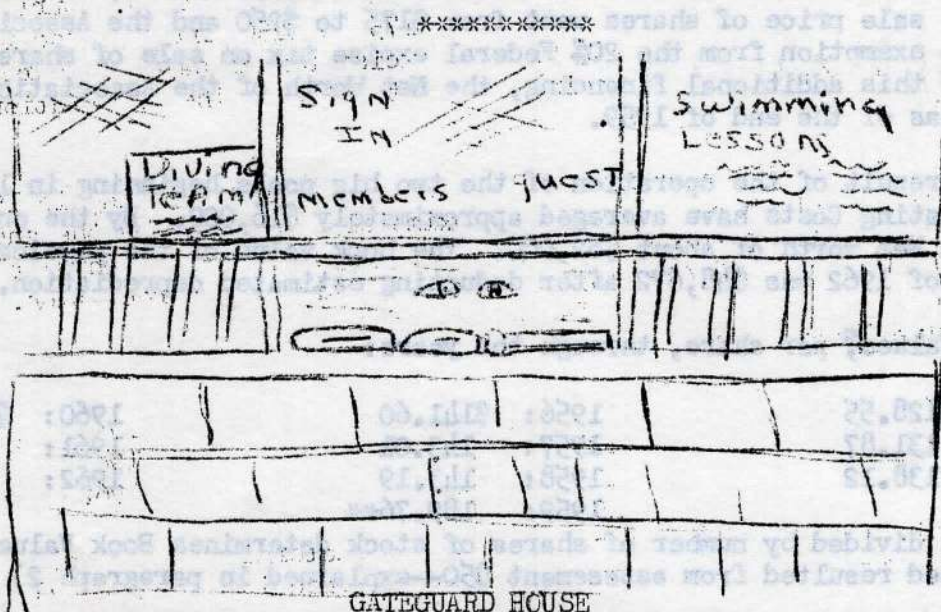
Our diving team participated in 4 meets in the League and won 3. Everyone agreed that the year was successful not only because such a small team was able

to claim a 2nd in it's division but also because good sportsmanship, team spirit and just plain FUN were the highlights of participation.

Quite a number of former diving enthusiasts were not available for the team in 1963 and there were not enough teenagers interested to constitute a full team so none was organized. This is perhaps unfortunate for two reasons: Although diving is a somewhat more relaxed type of physical endeavor and comes under the heading of small group activity, it is none-the-less a challenging sport. Many of our young people who are capable of the belly-flop, nose-holding "seater" techniques might well star as excellent divers. Secondly, it is a shame not to uphold our good record in the League.

submitted by:

Kenneth Mercy
Mike Meloy



Davy Jones Locker: "Hammerschmidt's Hacienda" required 215 hours of volunteer labor (27 working days) by six people (excluding Bill Hammerschmidt's long hours). The other five were "Dot" Hammerschmidt who, by using the blueprints Don Olivola prepared determined the cost within \$7.00. The total cost was \$400.00 and Doc Sanborn, Frank Schultz, Jim Carscadden and Charlie Riggs. Every time you approach that sturdy foundation of cinder blocks note how neatly and evenly stacked they are. A Mermaid told us that Charlie Riggs placed each and every one with efficient care--probably while everyone else was still searching work manuals in libraries to find out how it should be done!

To go back in history before the days of H.H., gateguards first used a card table as a work desk until it collapsed and the Powells came to the rescue with a quickly re-painted picnic table. Teenagers and mothers served at this table for a number of years. Catherine Condit studied for (and got) a Master's Degree; Jean Burbach boned up for a new teaching job. In 1958 a Senior Gate Guard was hired for the first time. Pauline Inman served. Florence Strickler served during 1959. During 1960 and 1961 pool managers Basil Holder and Tom Harward took over. This method was considered less successful so in 1962 Mrs. Lucille Selby was hired.



At the end of the first season of operation in 1953, the Net Worth of the HRARA was approximately \$32,000.

Until 1958 the pool operated almost on a basis of equal income and expense but did much to increase its Net Worth by approximately \$2,000. During this period the annual expenses rose from \$5100 in 1954 to \$8,000 in 1958.

In 1959 financial requirements for the new pool resulted in an assessment of \$50 against old stock holders and sale of additional shares. During this period this sale price of shares went from \$175 to \$250 and the Association obtained an exemption from the 20% Federal excise tax on sale of shares. As a result of this additional financing, the Net Worth of the Association increased to \$53,700 as of the end of 1959.

As a result of the operation of the two big pools beginning in 1960 the Annual Operating Costs have averaged approximately \$16,000. By the end of 1962 there was a Net Worth of about \$62,000. The book value of the physical assets at the end of 1962 was \$48,672 after deducting estimated depreciation.

Book Values*, per share, through the years:

1953: \$128.55	1956: \$141.60	1960: \$184.30
1954: 131.87	1957: 143.01	1961: 189.13
1955: 138.12	1958: 143.19	1962: 195.06
	1959: 189.76**	

*Net Assets divided by number of shares of stock determines Book Value

** Increased resulted from assessment \$50--explained in paragraph 2)

Only once has the HRARA paid a fee (\$88) to have its annual books audited. The remainder of the time the work was done by able Holmes Runners experienced in the field of auditing:

1953: George Presson, Don Mitchell	1958: Bruce Strickler, Dick Gutman
1954: CPA, Mr. Ryan	1959: Dick Gutman, Bruce Strickler
1955: Bruce Strickler	1960: George Presson, Gladden Brilhart
1956: Wm. Dale, Wendell Thompson	1961: George Presson
1957: Earl Rogers, Dick Godfrey	1962: Bruce Strickler, Harold Himmer

From Davy Jones' Locker: 1959--Sara McKinney quote: George Presson, known as "Watch-dog George" did an excellent job as Treasurer last year."

Murmurs of a Nerman: (During a board meeting)....and if you want the answer to that one, ask ole "Money-bags Strickler over there."

Sprinkles and Splashes: Constantly floating subjects: Individual operating fees.....guests fees.....WORK AND/OR PAY! ...Budget and Economy...

(.....and thats why we typed to the very bottom of this page!)



The first Activities Committee, chaired by Pat and Brewster Denny, was faced with perhaps the most important challenge of all pool opening activities. They had to plan the first opening ceremony and the eyes of all other future pool planners were focused in our direction. Area newspapers were impressed and picture stories were printed in the Post, Times Herald, and the Fairfax County Sun Echo. An account of that May 29 activity is given under "The Big Splash."

In the course of HRARA's history, the next momentous pool opening was the opening of the "big" new pool on May 28, 1960. Jim Carscadden was the chairman of the opening day ceremonies and served as Master of Ceremonies. By this time swimming pools in Northern Virginia were "old hat" but an exciting occasion for Holmes Runners. The details are recorded under "The Second Big Splash."

Opening Day ceremonies and programs are usually held about Memorial Day and the Board determines which day it will be. Entertainment varies but there have been swimming demonstrations, both comical and serious, style shows and refreshments--and the first "dunk" of the season. This is "family day."

Fall brings another family day. This Pool Closing program is a bit more exciting than usual. This is "Awards Day" when many members of the swimming and diving teams receive badges, certificates, patches and trophies as commendation for their performance during the year.

Social activities began long before the officially recorded time of 1955. Food, drink and some frivolity was certainly sustenance for the 1953 Board at the Powell residence. The Firday, December 11, 1953 issue of the Sun Echo reports: "Task Well Done...Holmes Run Winds Up Swimming Pool Job (optimistic, weren't they?)...When the Bill Savoies and the Earl Rogers entertain tomorrow evening, the event will be far more "historic" than the usual neighborly get-together...The party is a celebration...It is also an anniversary and farewell of sorts, because terms of office (first elected board) expire next month..."

Three or more Adult Night parties are planned and prepared for by the committee. Entertainment has included water calisthenics, singing, dancing (in bare feet), food, drink and lots of conversation for dessert. Frank Schultz's 1960 committee's shrimp feast has become a tradition. Preparing 250 pounds of shrimp, salad and coffee is work but somehow the genuine hospitality of our activities committees allow us to assume that they had fun too. There are do-it-yourself steak fries and every once in awhile some brave committee thinks up a real fancy "whing-ding" like the first Potluck-smorgasbord orgy in 1962 for 150 members and thirty foreign students. The chairman assigns a whole bunch of jobs for wifey and her best friends who run themselves ragged

while the chairman wondered if the wine should be served at pool temperature, commented on the parties smashing success (paper dishes were used) and the fact that no one fell in the pool while eating, sampled all the exotic foods that won culinary prizes--went home, whipped up a glowing report for the board (Dick Cooper said it, I didn't!).....and that's why it took two minutes to type this paragraph in stead of two hours!

Teenagers prefer to plan their own parties so the Activities Committes stand by to chaperone and offer a helping hand when asked to do so. There have been weenie roasts, burger fries, pot lucks and pizza parties, a bit of "good" music, a bit of buffonery, a bit of hand-holding--well, they do have a good time!

The swimming and diving teams also have their night out. What do they do? Why swim, of course! Actually swimming and diving are incidental to capturing a greased watermellon, shoulder balleting--and all the the things that are deadly verboten all week when the coach has his eagle eye directed their way!

During this year's 10th Anniversary Closing Day program a new and first very serious addition to the day's activities: The Annual Meeting was held at poolside. There was another momentus FIRST in the annals of HRARA history. Non-residents of Holmes Run Acres but members of the Recreation Association voted for the first time as a result of a recent By-Laws Amendment.

Such are the "goings on" at poolside.....

Sprinkles and Splashes:

"Thank you", Shirley and Jim Carscadden, Frank and Lois Schultz (Charter Members) for serving the HRARA so diligently and industriously for ten years...without the privilege to vote for those whom you served...under rules and regulations in By-Laws which you were unable to have a voting right to make!

Always thought of when we remember good times at poolside: Pat and Bud Wilson, Jim and Shirley Carscadden, Frank and Lois Schultz, Fred Dunn, Arelen Simon, Phyllis and Harold Himmer, Dick Cooper, Jane Patterson.

Murmurs of Mermaids and Mermen:

The day's work at the pool was done, dinners simmered on the backs of stoves in the homes of the Carscaddens, Gragwalls, Gilles and Rogers. Dusk passed to evening. Dinners still just simmered--and so did homemakers, who one by one made the trip to the pool. They found a most tranquil (?) scene. Teenager Carol Roger (probably sworn to secrecy) had, upon her first searching venture, been returned to the Gilles home to fetch four fancy cocktail glasses, and both solid and liquid refreshments that may have been left over from the previous night's party at the Gilles residence!

I remember...the first night I saw Bob Gilles! At an Adult Night party. He had eagerly agreed to a swimming contest with another gentlemen. The competitor dove in--swam like a star performer. With heels hitting back thighs, elbows swinging at right angles, Bob made the 50 meter dash, poolside, lightly dipped his person into the pool and proclaimed himself winner!

TEN YEARS OF FUN IN THE SUN
(Re-print--Runner)

About 633 members and 73 guests gathered at the Holmes Run Acres Recreation Association's two swimming pools to celebrate the 10th Anniversary year of "Fun In The Sun." They ate 1,000 hot dogs, 18 cakes (made into one big Anniversary cake) and drank 750 cokes and 220 cups of coffee. They visited with friends, welcomed newcomers and guests, collected door prizes, swam--and had their pictures taken when they weren't looking!

The Himmers, The Schultzes, The Wilsons, The Dunns, Jim Carscadden (Shirley missed the fun this time--she had to work), Earl Ullman (I think Corkie was Girl Scout camping) and Arlene Simon were the "hosts and hostesses with the mostest." These people and their helpers (like Jane Patterson) have been providing wonderful poolside parties for a number of years now--and did you ever see a swimming or diving practice or meet when they weren't working as hard as the participants! Just in case someone forgot to say "Thank you for a wonderful time"--well, lets!

There wasn't even one bird-sized crumb of that beautiful Anniversary Cake left to take to Jane Patterson who decorated it. Phyllis Himmer reports that a little two-year old stood at her elbow all the while she was serving the cake. He let nary a crumb be wasted and he didn't leave until the last piece of cake had disappeared. Jane was up to her artistic sweet tooth and elbow in 20 lbs. of frosting just a few hours before the party. Just in case you ever need to know who can bake cakes--good cakes that is: Joan Derterdeck, Barbara Rhiger, Nell Hall, Betty Allen, Georgeann Brown, Betsy Schaefer, Jersch O'Rourke, Anne Clement, Eleanor Dougherty, Evie Hall, Marcy Hanson, Ereira Benson, Betty Houghton, Sylvia Jarrell, Gayle Brown, Mary Virginia Webber, LaLoie Lee and Norma Gohd.

The whole idea for the party was instigated by our ever-thoughtful Jim Carscadden!

AND WHERE WAS FRANK SCHULTZ??? He must have been in.....



because not even a shadow of him could we locate in all the four rolls of film we used!

SEE YOU AT THE POOL

Runner Editor's note: So that the 10th Anniversary of the HRA pool should not pass unnoticed, the inimitable Florence Strickler was on hand with camera on Memorial Day to record the festive start of another year of "Fun In The Sun." Not only that, but Florence was gracious and diligent enough to get the pictures developed and ready for publication in the Runner (with an assist from Don Patch) under the tightest of deadlines. Hats off to you, Florence, and thanks for this picture supplement.

Reading clockwise from top left are: The pool "teen corner" with Mike Mastropaolo and Jim Mann, among others, entertaining a bevy of sweet young things;

A view of the "new" pool (note the new, really new, lawn furniture);

The ceremonial cutting of the big 10th Birthday cake, with Recreation Association president Earl Ullman wielding the knife and surrounded by three other Association past presidents: Current vice president Jim Carscadden on the left, and Ralph Thiele and Gene Powell on the right. (we couldn't find Bob Nordstrom) Onlookers next to Gene are Kathy Wilson and mother Pat.

Ralph Thiele is again conspicuous, front and center, among the crowd that gathered during the serving of free food on the terrace by the gatehouse;

Holmes Runner Roger Kormendi and three associate pranksters are about to dunk Emery Peters, a fate much better than death on a hot, muggy day;

Money behind this celebration and all other good things planned for the pool this year is the concern of the two not-very-concerned gentlemen next shown: Bruce Strickler, HRARA treasurer, and George Presson, assistant secretary-treasurer;

Another past Association president, back when the second pool was being completed, is Bob Nordstrom, pictured with wife Connie and son Kurt;

Next come more chow-hounds, among them can be seen Bea Babotek and Marion Gray Kraft, gone Hollywood in dark glasses--and almost all of the Hennessy family.

And last, a whole bunch of "little ones" having fun in the wading pool.

Page 2 left to right: Pert Karen Nordstrom picks the lucky number for a door prize winner while HRARA Activities Committeeman Bud Wilson supervises;

A surprised and happy Joe Hutchinson collects his prize from Bud.

And a small portion of the crowd that gathered around for the cutting of the gigantic birthday cake, the collective effort of 18 HRA mastercooks: Lois Schultz (foreground and Phyllis Himmer do the honors;

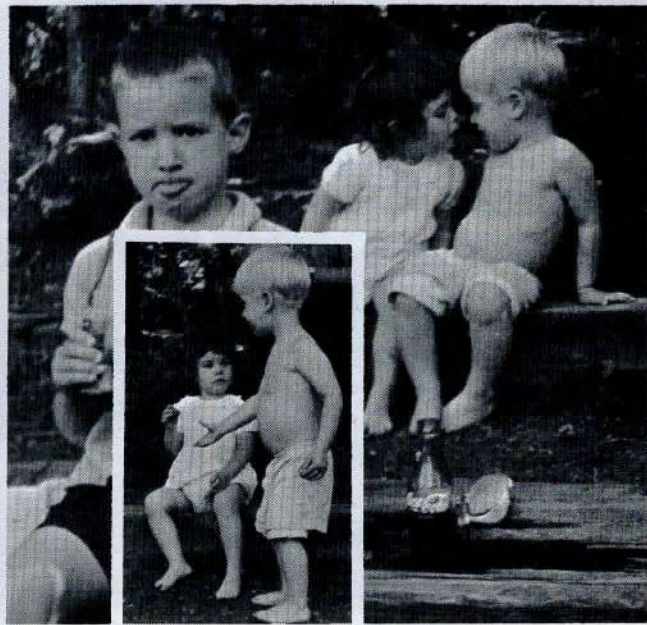
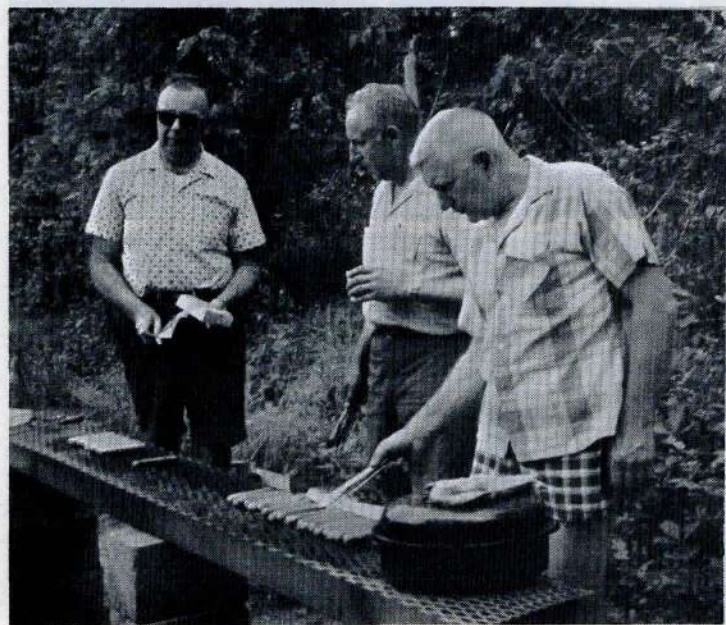
Obliging Phyllis slices up the yummy cake for eager, hungry youngsters.

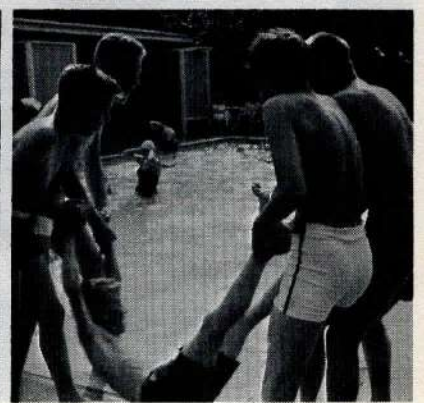
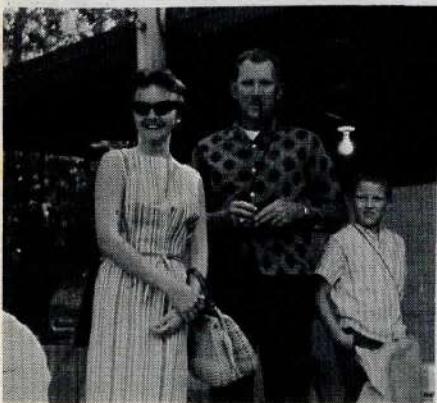
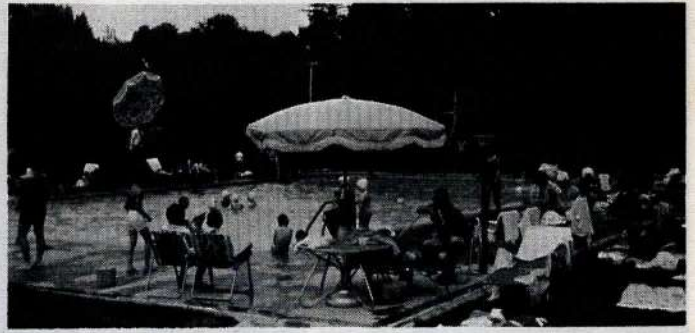
Clowing was provided by young and old alike, this example of stylish chapeaux modeling starring Evelyn and Jimmy Lowenstern;

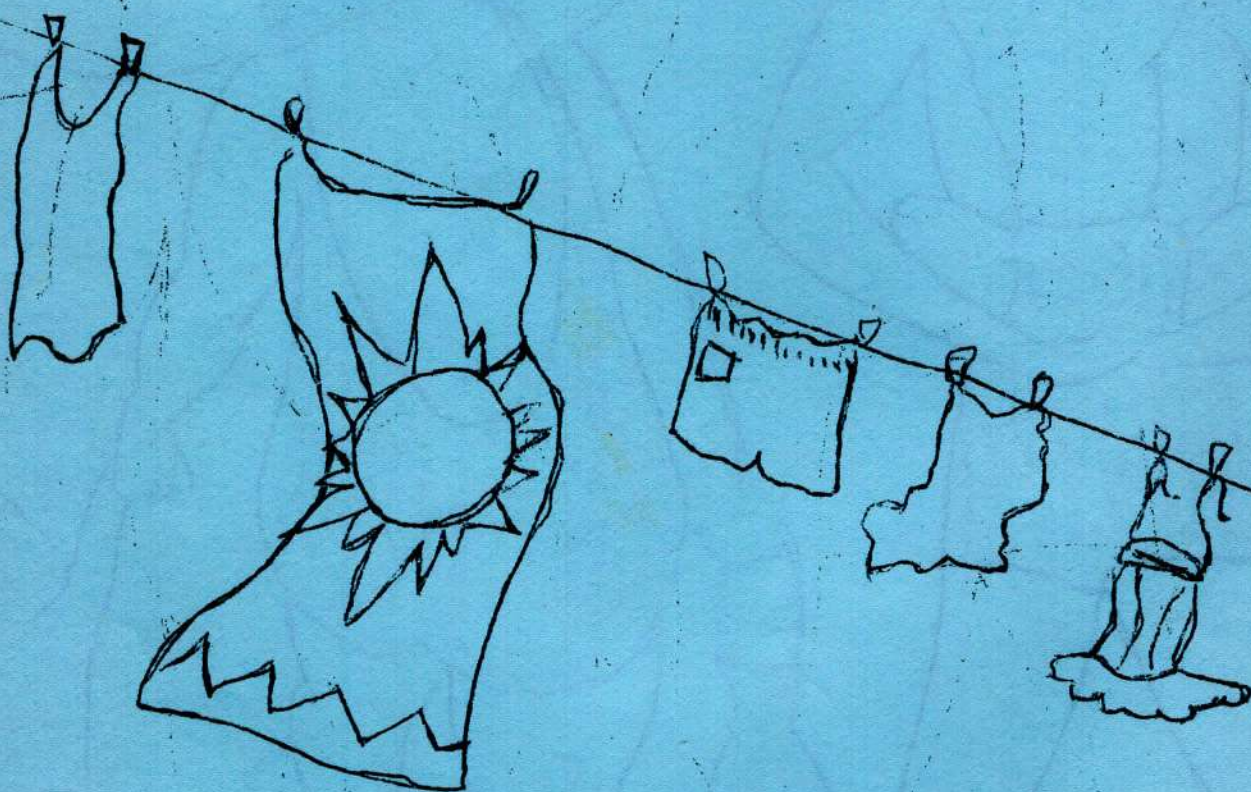
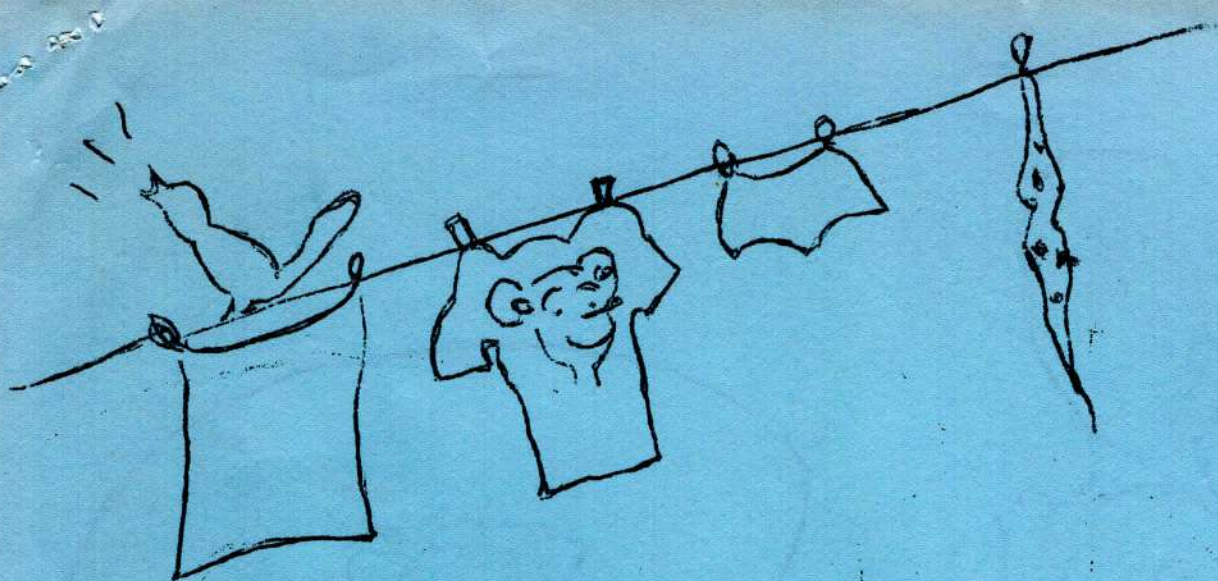
HRA Pool guards can always be depended upon to keep water and poolside up to snuff, and smiling Mike Hedsoe and Howard Sheble make the job look like fun.

Jim Carscadden, Harold Himmer and Fred Dunn hold forth as chefs, and the wonder of it all is that even three so diligent as these could handle the prodigious number of franks served up to the hungry mob at the pool part. The grille is ingenious, no?

Last though not least, Timmy Schonbach shows an interested and unidentified miss (now identified as Miss Lundien) just where things stand, bestowing a shake of the hand after she makes so bold as to try to buzz him. He'll learn (and so will she!)....









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