

WEST HYATTSVILLE

Dedication Of Community Swim Pool Attracts Over 300 Area Residents

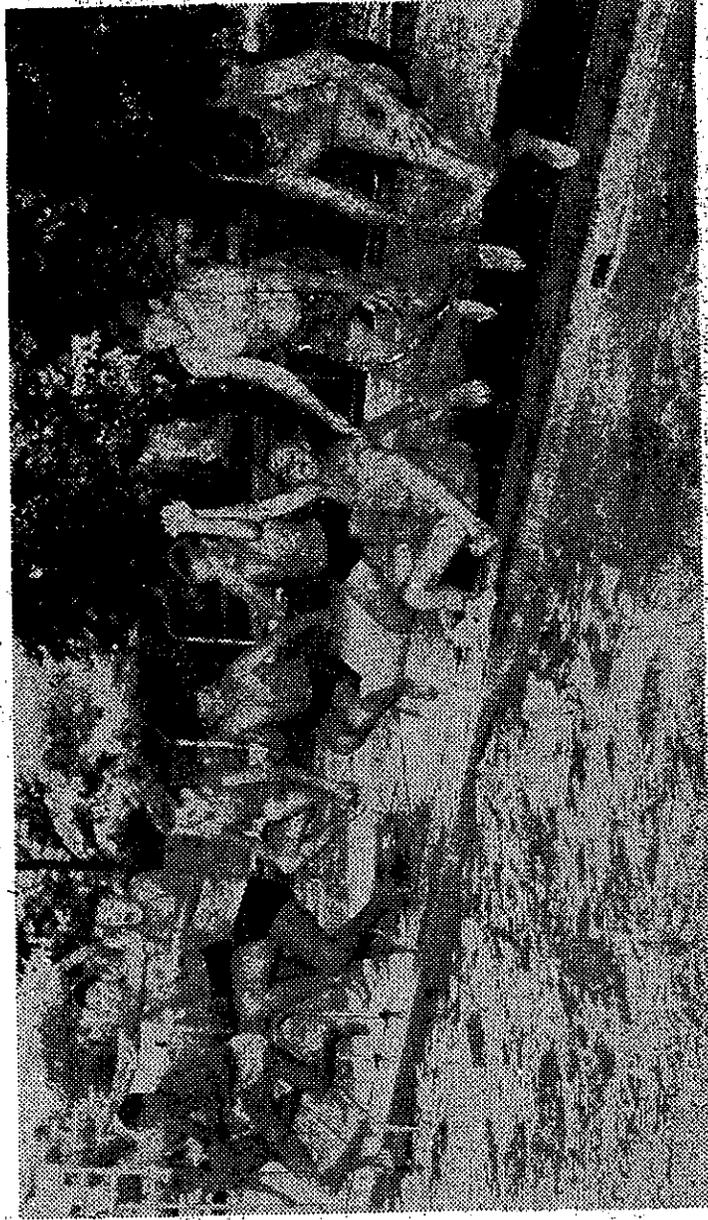
The sun sparkled brightly on the cool waters of this area's newest attraction, a community swimming pool, Sept. 8 reflecting the happy faces of some 300 patrons. The hard work of the undaunted citizens of our community who worked on in the face of great apathy and many obstacles came to a happy fruition when the dedication ceremonies were held at 2 p.m. of that delightful recreational spot, an outdoor swimming pool, behind the Mt. Rainier High School just off Queens Chapel rd.

Despite the cool weather, the water events scheduled as part of the program were held. A fine exhibition of fancy diving was given by Stapleton Shields, a University of Maryland student who is associated with the Cheverly Pool. Bob Stern delighted young and old alike with his clown diving antics.

Many contests were held for the children and parents including diving for pennies at the bottom of the pool and a father-son race in the pool wherein the fathers raced carrying their sons on their shoulders. Winner of this event was a staunch supporter of the pool, Mr. Paul Rothgeb and son of Hamilton.

During the formal ceremonies, another hard working pool fan, Joseph A. Schwartz, jr., chairman of the dedication day events, introduced the Rev. Brinson of the Christian Church of Mt. Rainier who gave the invocation. Judge Theodore Miazga was then presented by Mr. Schwartz to give a history of the pool. Mayor Richardson of Mt. Rainier was presented as Toastmaster. He introduced the Board of Directors headed by Mr. Mitchell Jernigan, originator of the pool idea, and many other distinguished guests including the entire City Councils of both Mt. Rainier and Hyattsville.

Swimming in the pool is available to members only and family lifetime memberships are available for \$50. For application blanks call AP 7-7077.



THE KIDS DEDICATED THE NEW POOL LIKE THIS — and the happiness in their faces was recompense enough for the adults who have labored long and hard to bring the new community swimming pool adjacent to Mt. Rainier Junior High School to sparkling reality. The pool was dedicated officially last Saturday by members of Prince Georges Swimming Pool, Inc. with a program participated in also by officials of the communities of Hyattsville, Brentwood, and Mt. Rainier. The dedicatory program included brief talks by pool and town officials, and demonstrations of life-saving techniques, diving, various aquatic games and races. (See story Page 18). . . . The boys about to enter the pool with various techniques are (l. to r.) William Wilson, Robert Broadwater, Leonard DeSerio, Sonny Meier, Walter Magruder, Wayne Proson, Warren Maschauer, Donnie Richer, Ronald Bridges, and Henry Allen. . . . The pool is a non-profit community enterprise, and memberships, currently set at \$50 per family, are still open. H. Mitchell Jernigan is president of the sponsoring organization. —HALEY PHOTO

(From Mrs. Elsie Mock, 4213 29th Street Mt. Rainier, MD on July 16, 1986)