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Wheeling High Pool To Be Meeting Topic

2-20-68

Officials from the Wheeling Park District and High School Dist. 214 will meet March 7 to discuss plans for an indoor pool at Wheeling High School.

The Thursday night meeting will begin at 8 p.m. at Dist. 214's administration building in Mount Prospect.

Although the meeting will be the first between the two boards over the pool proposal, representatives from both have been compiling facts and figures for the size, cost and financing of the pool.

SO FAR, TALKS have been preliminary. But indications are that the burden of financing will be left with the park district, while the school would chip in by leasing the facilities.

Two methods of financing such a project are under serious consideration. One is for the park district to issue general obligation (G. O.) bonds.

To do this, however, the district would have to seek approval from voters in a referendum. Interest rates are usually low.

In the second method, the park district could issue revenue bonds, which don't require voter approval, though interest rates are higher than with G. O.

bonds.

In either case, the school district would have to guarantee a certain amount of money for a pool based on its use of the facilities.

2 Boards Dive Into School Pool Talks

March 19, 68

Will Wheeling High School get a swimming pool?

Representatives of High School Dist. 214 and the Wheeling Park District will meet at the school administration offices Tuesday to discuss the feasibility of an indoor-outdoor pool at the school.

Ferdinand Arndt, park superintendent, said the meeting will concern itself with the basic problems of bonding procedures, use of the pool in the school curriculum, and the role of the proposed pool in the community as a whole.

Initial plans for the indoor-outdoor swimming facility call for an expenditure of some \$500,000 with provisions for a sauna bath and up to four handball courts.

Arndt said there is ample room on the Wheeling school grounds for a pool, although the land must belong to the park district before that body can participate in the financing.

ARNDT SAID there is a "very real need" for a pool at Wheeling High not only for the students at the school but for the adults in the area as well.

"We could limit the use of the pool to adults at certain hours," Arndt continued, "and offer the use of sauna baths to executives and working-men in the evenings and in general, bring to Wheeling a whole new

facet of recreation."

Although all talk of a community pool is still tentative, Arndt said a pool at the high school would permit the school's swimming team to train on school grounds rather than at the YMCA.

The pool would be a worthwhile project on the basis of providing a training facility to thousands of youngsters first learning to swim, he added.

Speaking for Dist. 214, Jack Martin, assistant to the superintendent, voiced cautious optimism about the proposal.

Martin said the school administration looks favorably on such projects but that they must also consider how any long-term agreement between the park district and Dist. 214 would affect the schools' bonding power.

In addition to an abortive attempt for a similar arrangement in Elk Grove and another tentative arrangement in Arlington Heights, Martin said the school-park pool idea is a relatively new concept.

"SIMILAR PROJECTS have been successful in Peoria and Springfield," Martin said, "and we have to admit that the idea makes a lot of sense."

Martin said members of the school board have long wanted to provide swimming instruction in Wheeling High but that bond issue failures have stopped the plans.

Still before the two districts is the decision whether to place the swimming pool matter before the voters through a general obligation bond or obtain financing through a revenue bond.

WHO OWNS COMMUNITY

POOL?

MAY 19, 1968

Search Leaves Question Open

by JAMES VESELY

Who really owns Wheeling Community Pool?

The question came to the fore when the Wheeling park district attempted to buy the facility and it became apparent nobody knows what—or who—Wheeling Community Pool Corp. is, least of all the bank that oversees its legal existence or individuals registered as its legal officers.

Just who is responsible for the pool, it seems, is not readily apparent, as members of the park board are attempting to talk to the officers and directors of the pool corporation in an effort to buy the Wheeling Community Pool.

Park board members decided to try to buy the recreation facility because they feel they are now paying for its upkeep and wish to convert their present payments into a property that they can control through ownership.

THE PARK board is currently paying \$2,122.14 in taxes on the pool and \$821 per year on the land surrounding the pool. In addition, Supt. of Parks Ferdinand Arnt estimates that the park district is paying \$20,000 a year in maintenance of the facility, including hiring the personnel who operate the pool during the summer months.

In its offer of \$100,000, the park board asks for ownership

of the pool and for an additional five acres of land which is owned by the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce.

In order to purchase the entire facility, a chamber spokesman said, the park board would have to deal with the chamber, which owns the land, and the Community Pool Corp., which owns the pool itself.

Any negotiations for the purchase of the site would have to include the members and officers of the pool corporation. But who are they?

PARK BOARD member Lorraine Lark admitted that she did not know their identity, and Arndt said that although the park signs a lease with the Community Pool Corp. each year for \$1, he could not name the people who sign the lease.

"We have tried," Arndt said, "but we can't trace them down and I wonder who we will

negotiate with for the purchase."

A similar reaction came from the chamber. A spokesman for the chamber said he had "no idea" who actually owns the pool and suggested that "surely somebody at Wheeling Trust and Savings Bank can identify the pool directors, since the account is there."

A call to the Wheeling Trust and Savings Bank, however, revealed that the bank itself could not immediately identify the people associated with the pool corporation.

"I CAN'T TELL you right off hand," Marshall Balling said, "But I am sure we have the information."

Balling acknowledged that there are two mortgages on the pool, and then said that he is not sure that there are any officers of the corporation.

Is such an arrangement legal?

"Well," Balling said, "if some people resign and their resignations are accepted then there would be no officers."

A call to the secretary of state's office in Springfield revealed that in January, 1968, the names of three officers and four directors of the mysterious corporation were filed.

The members of the Community Pool Corp. are listed as: L. M. Woods, 1259 Anthony, Wheeling, president; Donna Nystrom, 57 Sixth Avenue, Wheeling, secretary; Phyllis Lindstrom, Rt. 1, Box 167, Mundelein, treasurer; James Stavros, 1210 Hemlock, Mount Prospect, director; Merele Willis, 60 N. Wolf, Wheeling, director; Frank Wojek, Wheeling, director; Al Martin, Wheeling, director.

ALTHOUGH the secretary of state's office listed these individuals, some of them were unaware that they were still associated with the corporation.

Woods, the president of the corporation, said he resigned his post in October, 1966, and hasn't attended a meeting or had any dealing with the pool since that date.

Merele Willis, listed as a director of the Community Pool Corp., was even more surprised.

"Why, I left that group at least three years ago," Willis told the Herald. "I didn't authorize my name to be used, and I certainly am not active in the corporation."

"FRANKLY," Willis added, "I don't want any part of that group. It is so loosely held together that one of these days it is going to fall apart like topsy."

Other members of the secretary of state's list acknowledged their participation in the pool's corporation.

Donna Nystrom said that just recently she was contacted by a messenger of the Wheeling Trust and Savings Bank and asked to sign the lease arrangements between the park board and the pool corporation.

"I know its a sad situation," she said, "But we haven't met as a body in over three years, and there is virtually no communication between the bank and the corporation to my knowledge."

"I HOPE THE park board buys the pool," Mrs. Nystrom added, "Because I know we are directors in name only."

Another officer of the corporation is Miss Phyllis Lindstrom, who serves as treasurer

and works as a member of the real estate department of the Wheeling Trust and Savings Bank. Miss Lindstrom, who is 25, could not immediately identify the other officers of the corporation nor state who owns the bonds of the corporation and how much they are worth.

Miss Lindstrom admitted that she is serving as treasurer of the corporation "at the suggestion of the bank."

Miss Lindstrom's rise to office as a member of a corporation overseeing the community pool was strongly denied by bank Pres. Neil Grippentrog.

"She was elected by the members of the board of the corporation," Grippentrog insisted, but refused to divulge who those members are.

"WE HAVE decided that this is not a matter of public record," Grippentrog said later, refusing to discuss the corporation's role in the community as owner of the pool.

The bank president also refused to say who owns the bonds. Mrs. Nystrom, however, acknowledged that she owns one bond valued at \$100.

"I only own one," she said, and I have no idea where the others are or who owns them."

Despite the apparent cloud over the corporation and the general lack of information in the hands of the corporate officers, one bank official at least could make a quick estimate of the value of the community pool.

When asked if a figure of \$100,000 was in line for the property, the banker quickly said that \$300,000 was a "much more realistic estimate."

CROWD SMALL, BUT CURIOUS

MAY 24, 1968



THIS MAP SHOWS EACH of the projects to be undertaken in the proposed flood control plan suggested by the Harza Engineering Co. Each project varies in size and cost but each one is considered necessary for the effective control of flood water in Wheeling. The project marked "skating rink

detention basin" will be used for recreational purposes but the park district will pay for that portion of the project. No amount of the \$725,000 total has been directly earmarked for recreational purposes.

PARK VOTE IS

MAY 17

MONDAY, JAN. 20, 1969

Bonds for 2 Pools Sought

May 17 is the tentative date for a bond referendum to build two swimming pools in Wheeling Park District.

The referendum is expected to include purchasing the Wheeling Community Pool and adjacent property owned by the Chamber of Commerce, and construction of an indoor swimming pool on Wheeling High School's land for use by students and the community.

Both pool projects are dependent upon decisions reached at two future meetings. The first meeting with Community Pool Corporation board members and the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce has been set for Tuesday.

Arrangements are being made for park commissioners to meet with High School Dist. 214 representatives within the next week to discuss obtaining school property and design and cost of the indoor pool.

Board members, in setting the referendum Thursday, stated that they hoped to include both pool projects in the referendum. However, if mutual problems between the park district and the involved agencies could not be resolved in time, they reported the district would definitely seek at least one of the pools in May.

PLANS FOR THE indoor pool on high school property include an olympic size pool and a 60-by-37-foot teen center area. Decision on whether an upper level containing meeting rooms and possible classrooms paid for by the park district still have to be worked out with school officials.

Recommendations for the roofing of the present bathhouse at the community pool and other changes to make the pool more efficient recommended in a report to the park board by the consultant firm of McFadzen and Everly were discussed by the park board in executive session.

Figures giving assessments of the value of the pool and cost of needed repairs were not released by park officials because of Tuesday's meeting.

Also, a second set of figures, including the value of the pool land, will be presented to the park board by the consultants.

THE FIGURES differ from the original pool corporation report for operation expenses from last year, it was revealed, and Tuesday's meeting will have to include a discussion up-

dating figures. Discussions on the acquisition of the Chamber of Commerce property are also expected.

Acting board chairman Lorraine Lark, stated that the importance of swimming pools to the community should motivate community involvement. She requested that interested citizens form a committee to help get the referendum passed.

If the bond issue goes through, swimming facilities for Wheeling High School might be ready in about two years.

Students at the high school have repeatedly stressed the need for a swimming pool. Aside from the reasons that many other area high schools have access to indoor swimming facilities and swimming sports competitions, several students said it would give them something to do on weekends.

They all agreed they would like to see swimming classes in the school and thought it was a good idea to charge admission after school hours for maintenance expenses of the pool.

"IT IS SOMETHING the kids are hoping for," was the most often repeated statement.

Several community park districts have undertaken to furnish swimming pools to the area high schools since the District 214 referendum calling for seven pools was defeated. The Wheeling area voted for the referendum.

FRIDAY, JAN. 24, 1969

UNDERSTANDING NEARER ON POOL

by ANNE HEDBACK

Things looked pretty tense Tuesday when the meeting between the park board, community pool board members and the Chamber of Commerce opened. By the time it was over, however, it appeared that the time for cooperation had finally come with members of the various groups at least knowing what the others had in mind.

Original estimates by the park board from the study of the pool facility submitted by the McFadzean and Everly consultants were that the pool's worth minus renovation needed to make it useful to the park district would set the purchase price at \$86,775.

THE TOTAL liabilities brought as essential for returns of 100 cents on a dollar to pool bond holders was given by the pool corporation as \$181,886. The pool's figures included none of the \$21,353 in interest for any of the bond holders nor \$9,499.50 interest due to the Wheeling Trust and Savings Bank on bonds and the mortgage.

With figures like that it seemed almost impossible to resolve a \$100,000 difference in asking price and price bid, but the Pool Corp. and the park somehow managed to do it.

While no final agreement has been reached a second meeting for Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m. in Heritage Park was set.

THE DISCUSSION consisted largely of paring down the sug-

gestions by the consultants so that only the deductions necessary to get the pool in running order would be included in the park's figure.

That action followed comments by pool corporation members who said that they didn't think it was the pool corporation's concern to make the bathhouse a year-round facility and that by deducting for depreciation and repairs the park's consultants were charging the Pool Corp. twice for the same thing.

After the discussion, a figure of necessary repairs to be deducted from the purchase price amounting to approximately \$26,500 was agreed upon by both parties.

The park purchase price based on the consultants figures would then be upped to \$124,000 after unnecessary renovations were removed from the deductions. Neither the pool nor the park board agreed to that figure exactly, but both seemed much closer to resolving the issue than when the meeting began.

Other discussion included talk of the pool bond holders actively campaigning for the referendum the park will need to buy the pool

if it were zoned for apartments. Presently it is zoned for single family homes.

THE PARK ALSO told Chamber members present that land could be set aside for the Chamber, that it could be called "Chamber of Commerce Park," and that the Chamber could also use the bathhouse for meetings once it was roofed over if they so desired.

April 7, 1969

Board Hikes Bid for Pool Purchase

The Wheeling Park District Board Thursday night upped their bid to \$160,000 for the purchase of the Wheeling Community Pool.

Park Pres. Bernie Erlin said that the board had received a letter from the pool committee rejecting the park's original \$140,000 offer.

Funds totalling \$184,000 are needed to

retire all liabilities on the pool.

The board also offered \$15,000 to the Chamber of Commerce for the parcel of land known as Chamber of Commerce Park.

"If this figure is not agreeable," Lorraine Lark said, "the chamber should come back with a counter proposal before our next meeting. Then we would be able

to take some sort of action. We have had very poor written communication from them."

GENE SACKETT, newly elected park commissioner and president of the chamber was present at the meeting. He said he felt the \$15,000 offer and the proposed purchase of the land on a five year basis would be agreeable to the chamber. The letter offering to buy the land for \$15,000 was given to Sackett to speed the negotiations.

The board then had a canvass of votes from the April 1 election. Of the 294 votes cast Sackett had 159, Kaage had 132 and there were 3 spoiled votes.

Plans to move the Old Community Presbyterian Church to Park Property was discussed. The church is to be torn down if it is not moved to make way for a Donut Shop.

President Bernie Erlin told the board he has a man coming out this week to give an estimate on moving the church onto park property.

TALK ABOUT THE land owned by the Chamber of Commerce adjacent to the pool was limited at the meeting. The chamber members were unable to take any action without a full board which will be present at the Jan. 30 meeting.

The park has said repeatedly that the pool without the adjacent land is of no use to them, and while the chamber is willing to negotiate, it has refused to donate the land to the park.

The Chamber land question will be more thoroughly discussed at the next meeting, but the park commissioners express worry that the Chamber planned apartments for the land and asked The Chamber to tell them what their plans for the site are.

\$160,000 Pool Price OK'd

4-21-69

Wheeling's park district has agreed with the Community Pool Committee on a \$160,000 purchase price for the community pool and with the Chamber of Commerce on a \$15,000 price for Chamber of Commerce Park.

Acceptance of the two park district offers was received in letters from the chamber and the pool corporation before the monthly park board meeting Thursday.

The park district is going to the voters with a referendum on June 14 to buy the community pool and to build an indoor pool at the high school.

FUNDS TO PURCHASE the Chamber land adjacent to the pool will come from the general corporate budget of the park district. The land will be bought over a five year period with five per cent interest paid yearly on the unpaid balance.

The park district also agreed that the land would retain the name "Chamber of Commerce Park."

Legal aspects of the Chamber land purchase will be worked out between Roger Bjorvik, the park's attorney, and Stanley

Gross, the Chamber's attorney and past president.

The Chamber accepted the park's offer at a special meeting April 16.

Acceptance of the park district's offer by the pool committee will lead to a meeting with all the pool bondholders to be set sometime within the next month.

THE POOL COMMITTEE is contemplating an escrow system to stretch the funds for the pool purchase so that bondholders could get 100 cents per dollar back on their investments if they wait until the bonds come due in 1983.

Bonds turned in immediately after the referendum passed would be repaid on the

basis of 75 cents for every dollar invested.

The park commissioners have not decided as yet how much money they will request in the referendum, although they had originally talked of going to their full bonding power of \$800,000.

THE PARK BOARD also swore in Eugene Sackett, newly elected commissioner, and appointed him to head the finance committee. They requested that attorney Bjorvik draw up a house-by-house map of the areas of Cambridge in Buffalo Grove included within the boundaries of the Wheeling Park District.

A closed executive session to discuss personnel followed the regular meeting.

Park OKs Budget

by ANNE HEDBACK

Wheeling's Park District board approved a \$125,105 budget Wednesday that is down \$2,815 from last year's budget of \$127,920.

In an adjourned meeting, the commissioners sent to the attorney a final draft of the appropriation ordinance, the maximum they can spend for the 1969-70 fiscal year, which totals \$138,650.

That amount represents a \$3,350 increase over from last year's appropriation ordinance of \$135,300. The appropriation ordinance is higher than the budget to allow the district to spend the total amount if tax monies are available.

This year's increase in the appropriation and drop in the budget follows an increase of nearly \$35,000 in the 1968 appropriation over that of 1967.

ONE REASON FOR the cutbacks is the tax anticipation warrants issued during the last year by the park district to support the recreation program until monies from the district's new recreation tax begin to come in this July. Also, many of the reasons for last year's hikes, including appropriation up \$14,000 for maintenance and landscaping equipment, pay for a new superintendent of parks and buildings, and \$6,000 for purchase and development of a new park, are not required additions to this year's budget.

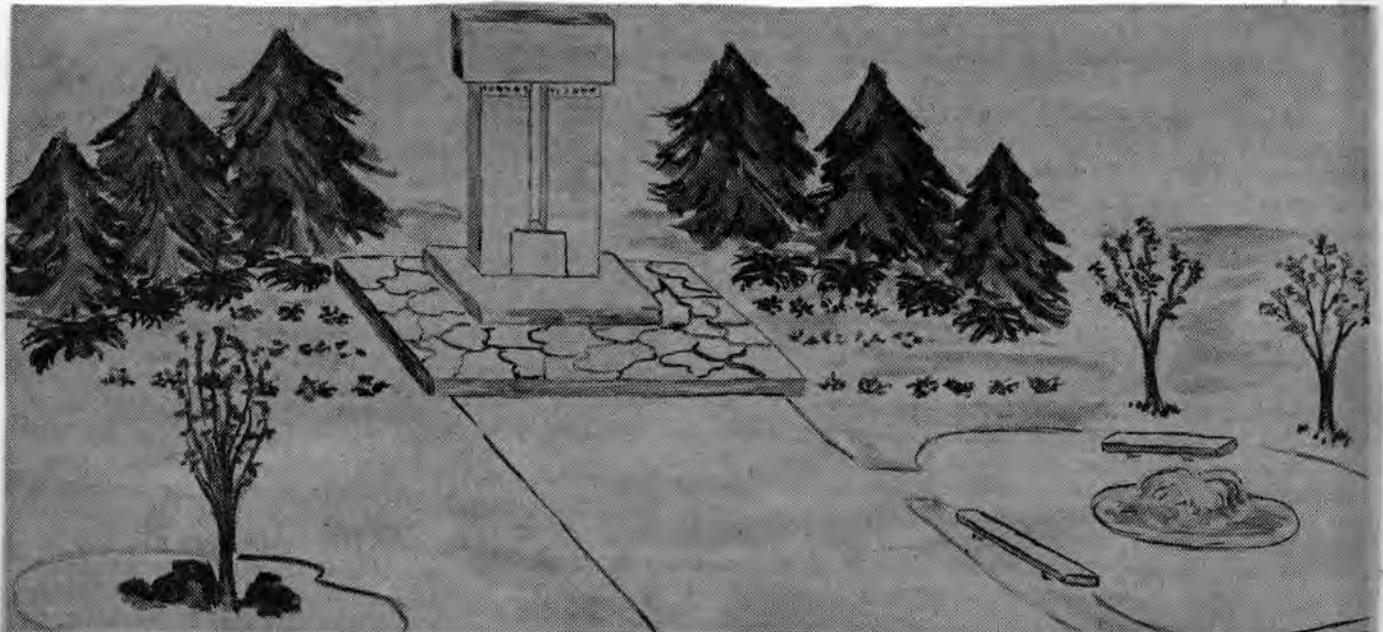
At \$125,105, the 1969-70 total fiscal budget breaks down into six general categories. A total of \$50,525 is earmarked for general operation of the district, \$26,550 for recreation, \$40,050 for payment of bonds and interest, \$2,200 for the insurance fund, \$3,200 for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, and \$800 for the audit fund.

LAST YEAR'S BUDGET called for \$23,700 to be spent on recreation, and the appropriation ordinance would have allowed \$27,500. This year's budget calls for \$26,550 with a maximum appropriation of \$29,200.

Expenditures for the community pool \$6,000 for purchase and development of a last year were budgeted at \$19,775, while this year's figure is \$21,825. Increases are based on needed repairs before the pool can open. The park district has an agreement for purchase of the pool for \$160,000 in negotiations with the pool committee, but funds for that purchase must come from a June 14 referendum.

Included in this year's budget, however, is the first \$3,000 payment and interest needed by the park district to buy Chamber of Commerce Park over a five-year period.

After an executive session Thursday the board approved a pay hike for the district secretary from \$4,800 to \$5,500 yearly.



VETERANS HONORED with proposed monument to be built in Wheeling. This artist's conception of final design of

monument layout was released by Wheeling Beautification Committee. 5/5/69

Pool Bond Holders Get Report

May 22, 1969

Community pool bond holders were brought up to date at a meeting held at Heritage Park Tuesday evening.

"We are here to explain to the bond holders what we have done since the last meeting," pool Treasurer George Passolt said.

"Last summer the Wheeling Park District made an offer of \$100,000 to get the ball rolling in beginning negotiations toward purchasing the pool. We formed a board and had an appraisal made on the pool by the Paragon Pool Co.," Passolt said, "and their appraisal was between \$155,000 and \$165,000.

The park district asked for a second appraisal and also asked the Pool Corp. to clean up some of the \$213,000 indebtedness of the pool.

The park district had a meeting with the bank which agreed to waive the interest, which amounted to \$9,500 since the pool had not been making money.

The corporation was able to reduce the pool liabilities to \$181,886, according to Passolt. "That's the figure we told the park we would like to receive," Passolt said.

The park came up with an appraisal of \$150,000, with a figure of \$64,000 to reno-

vate the pool, leaving value of the pool at \$86,000.

Part of the renovation was for rearrangement of recreational facilities adjacent to the pool.

The Park District then came up with an offer of \$140,000, but because of contingencies on the agreement the Pool Corporation did not feel this was a firm offer. A second firm offer of \$140,000 was rejected later by the Pool Corp. board.

"WE THEN PROPOSED a compromise figure of \$160,000," Passolt stated, "or approximately 75 cents on the dollar to the bond holders."

The park district met again on April 9 and came up with a firm offer of \$160,000.

"We feel this is a good offer," the chairman said.

This offer is contingent on the passing of the referendum in June. "We hope you will all get out and vote 'yes' for this referendum," Passolt said, "not because you are bond holders, but because you live in this community and know how much we need these pools."

Bond holders, holding their bonds until Oct. 1, 1983, will get the full value of \$100 per bond.

At a question-and-answer period that followed the meeting, Passolt was asked, "What happens if the referendum doesn't pass?" "Well, then, we are right back where we started," he replied. In reply to who will pay for the new lights the pool must have, Passolt replied, "We will have to pay the cost of that."

A member of the audience then thanked the board for the hours of work spent on all the different negotiations.



EUGENE SACKETT SWORN IN AS COMMISSIONER OF THE WHEELING PARK DISTRICT

On April 17, 1969, Sackett was sworn in as a commissioner of the Wheeling Park District to serve a term of six years, by Secretary Attorney, Roger A. Bjorvik.

Community Pool Vote Tonight

MAY 30, 1969

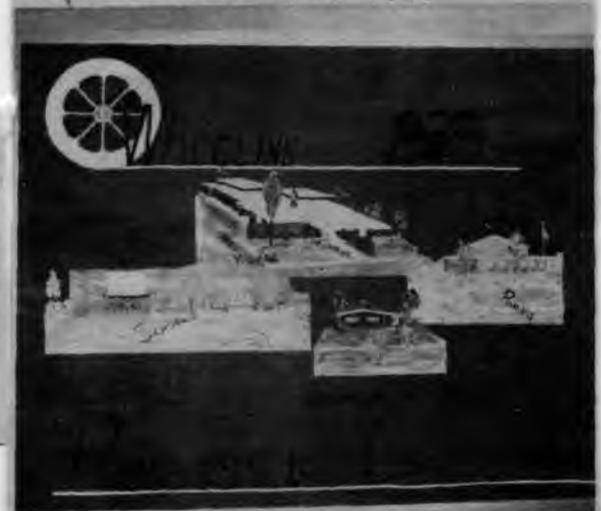
A meeting of the bondholders of the Community Pool in Wheeling to vote on a \$160,000 offer from the Wheeling Park District to buy the pool is set for tonight.

Bondholders will meet at 8 p.m. in the Heritage Park building to vote on the park's offer, given tentative acceptance by the pool board of directors last month.

The offer, contingent on passage of a June 14 park referendum for \$850,000, would mean that holders of pool bonds would receive 100 cents on a dollar if they waited until the 1983 due date on their bonds before cashing them in.

Bonds cashed in immediately would pay at a return of 75 cents on the dollar.

BULLETIN BOARD
BY P. HANCOCK
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June 6, 1969

POOL Vote Explained

by BARBARA O'REILLEY

The Wheeling Park Board presented the "package deal" swimming pool referendum in full to Wheeling citizens Wednesday night at Heritage Park, outlining what the recreation facility would cost the voter.

The \$350,000 referendum includes the construction of a general purpose, instructional pool adjacent to Wheeling High School at Hintz Road and Route 83. In addition, the referendum allows for the purchase, renovation and remodeling of the existing community pool at Chamber of Commerce Park on Wolf Road.

The cost per homeowner of the June 14 referendum is eight cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. In Cook County the assessed valuation is 40 to 50 per cent of the actual value of the home.

THAT IS, IF THE assessed valuation of a home is \$10,000 the referendum increases the tax by \$8, from \$625 to \$633.

A breakdown of the cost of the referendum is as follows:

—\$600,000 is for the construction of the 75 by 45-foot pool in a three-level building connected to Wheeling High School by a corridor.

—\$59,999 is the contingency on the price of the construction, allowing for rising costs.

—\$1 is for the purchase of the land from School Dist. 214. The park district is leasing the land at token cost, because it is legally prohibited from making capital improvements on land it does not own.

—\$160,000 is to purchase the existing community pool.

—\$30,000 is for the improvements to the existing community pool and to Chamber of Commerce Park, where it is located.

TWO POLLING PLACES will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 14. Persons living west of the Soo Line tracks can vote at Jack London Junior High School, 1001 W. Dundee Road. Those living east of the tracks can vote in the Wheeling Park District Building in Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road.

The proposed heated, indoor-outdoor pool, solely under the jurisdiction of the Wheeling Park District, will be leased by the high school district by the amount of time and space used.

It is estimated the school will use the facility 50 per cent of the time. Thus about \$300,000, including the principal and interest, will be borne by the school district, which includes other communities.

The projected completion date for the proposed pool facility is next June, ac-

ording to Ferd Arndt, superintendent of parks.

The pool will be in a multipurpose building directly in front of the high school fieldhouse and facing Route 83. The upper floor of the building will have seating facilities for 120 persons and a multi-use room which can be partitioned into quarters.

THE GROUND FLOOR will have locker space and shower facilities, and the lower floor will have a large multipurpose room.

The pool would have an admission price and memberships available. It has not been decided whether a membership in the existing community pool could be used at both pools, said Mrs. Lorraine Lark, Wheeling Park Board president.

Thomas Shirley, principal of Wheeling High School, pointed out that Arlington High School already has a similar swimming pool arrangement with its park board.

"We would like to assure our park board that we would use the entire facility," Shirley said. "The multipurpose rooms could be used for large instructional classes and for driver training. The weight-lifting and other exercise equipment that we would store in the facility would be for public use, also."

Shirley expressed the hope that the proposed swimming pool would draw more community members to the high school, where they can use all of the school facilities.

Improvements to the existing community pool and its surrounding park would include blacktopping the road adjacent to the Cameo Apartments. The present dirt road has been a source of annoyance for the apartment dwellers.

In addition to landscaping beautification, the present pool building will be covered, making it a year-round facility.



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11-13-70

The Wheeling Park District indoor pool at Wheeling High School will be dedicated this Sunday at 2 p.m. Park Board officials have urged local residents to attend the ceremonies which will be held at the new pool.

In addition to a tour of the pool facilities which include saunas, dressing rooms, an exercise room and meeting rooms, the program will include a water show and speeches by representatives of High School Dist. 214 and the Wheeling Park District.

Park District Aquatic Director Ray Kittendorf said yesterday the water show will include a water ballet performance by several Wheeling High School stu-

dents, a diving and swimming demonstration by swimmers from the Elk Grove Park District and a short talk and demonstration of handicapped swimming instruction by Caryl Crouch of the YMCA.

THE PROGRAM is designed to illustrate the type of "complete aquatic program" the district hopes to provide at the pool, Kittendorf said.

The \$659,000 pool is the second one built under an agreement for joint use by a Dist. 214 high school and a park district. A similar pool is in operation in Arlington Heights.

Financing for the pool was approved by voters of the park district in a June, 1969 referendum which also included the purchase of an outdoor community pool by the park district.

Under an agreement signed by school and park district officials the indoor pool will be used by Wheeling High School for classes from 6:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday from Nov. 1 until March 15. During the rest of the school year the school will use the pool from 7:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

THE HIGH SCHOOL will also use the pool for swimming competition on Saturdays from 1 to 5 p.m. between Nov. 1 and March 15, according to the agreement between the districts.

At all other times the pool will be available for park district classes and open swimming sessions. Park officials estimate that the rent paid by the school district for use of the pool will pay half the cost of the pool's construction and operation.

Non-residents of the Wheeling Park District will be able to register for the various classes and participate in open swimming on a double fee basis.

Completion of the pool had originally been scheduled for September, but a truck strike and a cement finisher's strike delayed construction.

VANDALS DID approximately \$2,000 in damage to the pool during construction by blocking the floor drains and turning on water faucets, causing the entire main floor to flood.

Among the swimming programs already announced for the new pool are adult and children's learn-to-swim programs, physical fitness swimming, and swimming classes for the handicapped.

Details of dates for open swimming and swimming programs will be announced by the district in the near future, Kittendorf said.



200 Attend Pool Opening Ceremonies

November 9, 1970

More than 200 persons attended dedication ceremonies Sunday for the new Wheeling Park District swimming pool at Wheeling High School.

During the ceremonies, which started at 2 p.m., park district officials announced the name of the new pool would be "Neptune's Pool." The name was chosen in a contest among local children.

The pool, decorated in yellow, white and blue, will open for regular swimming and for WHS swimming classes later this week.

A schedule of the various swimming classes and recreational swimming times will be distributed in schools sometime this week, according to Ray Kittendorf, aquatic director.

Sunday's dedication ceremonies included speeches by Park District Pres. Robert Ross, School Dist. 214 board member Arthur Aronson, and Wheeling Village Pres. Ted C. Scanlon.

Ross told the audience at the dedication that the pool was being dedicated to "the people of the Wheeling Park District."

Ross called the pool "the best all-around building in the midwest," because it can be used for a variety of recreational activities.

Aronson, a former park district commissioner, lauded the district for making a pool at Wheeling High School possible. He reminded the audience that attempts by Dist. 214 to get a pool had failed.

Scanlon told the audience, "I'm sure you must share some of the feeling I have today, how proud we are to be a part of this community.

"Again today Wheeling has created another first. . . This is the best pool and this community deserves the best," Scanlon said.

The WHS Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps presented the colors at the beginning of the ceremony while WHS student Dave Lark sang the national anthem.

Following the ceremonies an aquatic show was presented featuring divers from the Elk Grove Park District, a demonstration of handicapped swimming classes presented by Caryl Crouch of the Northwest Community YMCA, and water ballet presentation by a group of WHS students. Britt Magneson and Karen Janazic starred in a skit entitled "H2O Bums" and Shelly Pagenkopf and Faye

Passes Being Sold For 'Neptune Pool'

Swimming passes for the new "Neptune's Pool" at Wheeling High School are currently on sale at the Wheeling Park district offices, 222 S. Wolf Rd., Wheeling.

Yearly passes are good for year-round swimming in the indoor pool and for summer swimming at the Community Pool in Chamber of Commerce Park.

Yearly family passes cost \$35 for residents of the park district. Individual adult passes are \$20. Individual passes for children and teen-agers under 19 cost \$10.

Also available are passes good only at the indoor pool from now until June. Family passes of that type sell for \$20, while individual adult passes cost \$10 and individual children's passes cost \$7.50.

Non-residents of the park district may also purchase passes by paying double what residents are charged.

Magneson weree featured in an act titled "The Dawn of Man."

Following the water show refreshments were served by the Wheeling Womens' club in an all-purpose room on the second floor of the pool building.

Facilities in the new pool building include sauna baths, a muscle building room, locker rooms, public washrooms, a pool office, first-aid room, cashier's office, bleachers, an all-purpose room which can be divided into smaller rooms by sliding panels, and the pool.

\$658,000 Spent On New Pool

Approximately \$658,000 was spent on construction of Wheeling Park District's new indoor swimming pool at Wheeling High School.

The figure was included in a breakdown of how funds from the 1969 park district referendum were spent. The funds were also used for the purchase and renovation of the outdoor Community Pool at Chamber of Commerce Park.

Although the referendum authorized the issuance of \$850,000 in bonds, the park district actually spent \$925,000 on the two pools. The difference in those figures was paid through interest earned by investing the bond funds, park officials said.

The largest single expenditure from the referendum was the \$658,000 spent on constructing the new indoor pool.

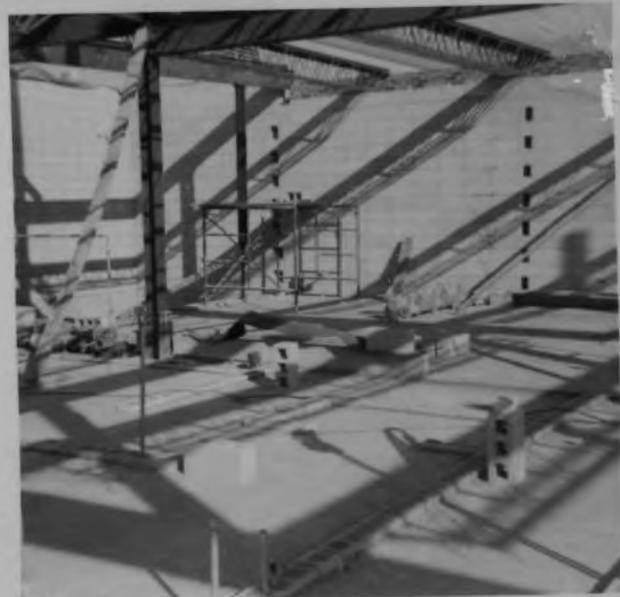
Other expenditures which brought the total up to \$925,000 included \$160,000 for the purchase of the Community Pool, \$8,500 for blacktopping roads at the Community Pool, \$3,000 for repairing the water leak at the Community Pool, and \$1,500 to repair the underwater lighting system at the Community Pool.

Also included is \$94,000 for miscellaneous expenses.

"In viewing our park facilities, we feel we have received excellent facilities for the money spent," the park board said in its statement itemizing the expenditures.



BUILDING OF INDOOR POOL
ADJACENT TO WHEELING HIGH SCHOOL

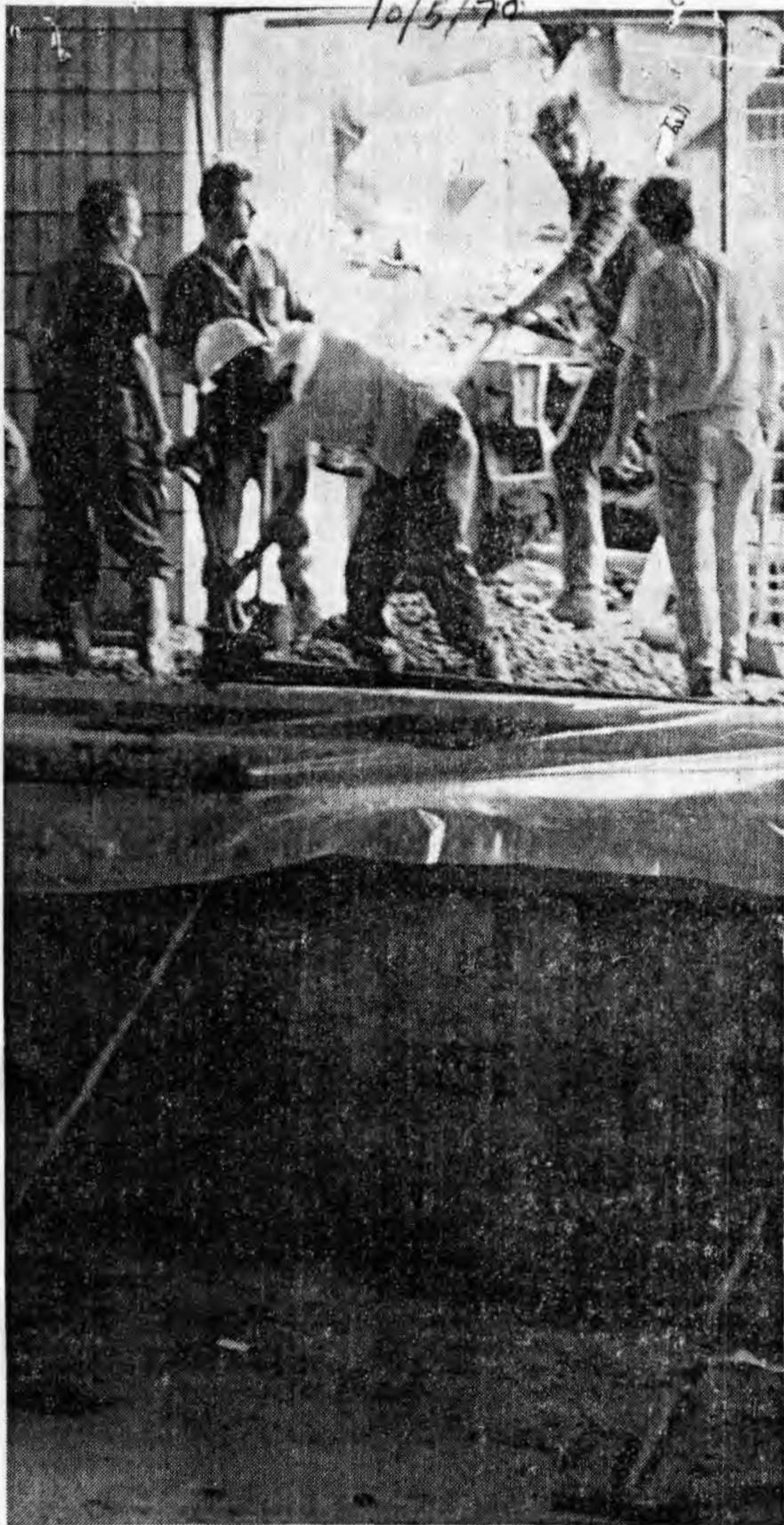




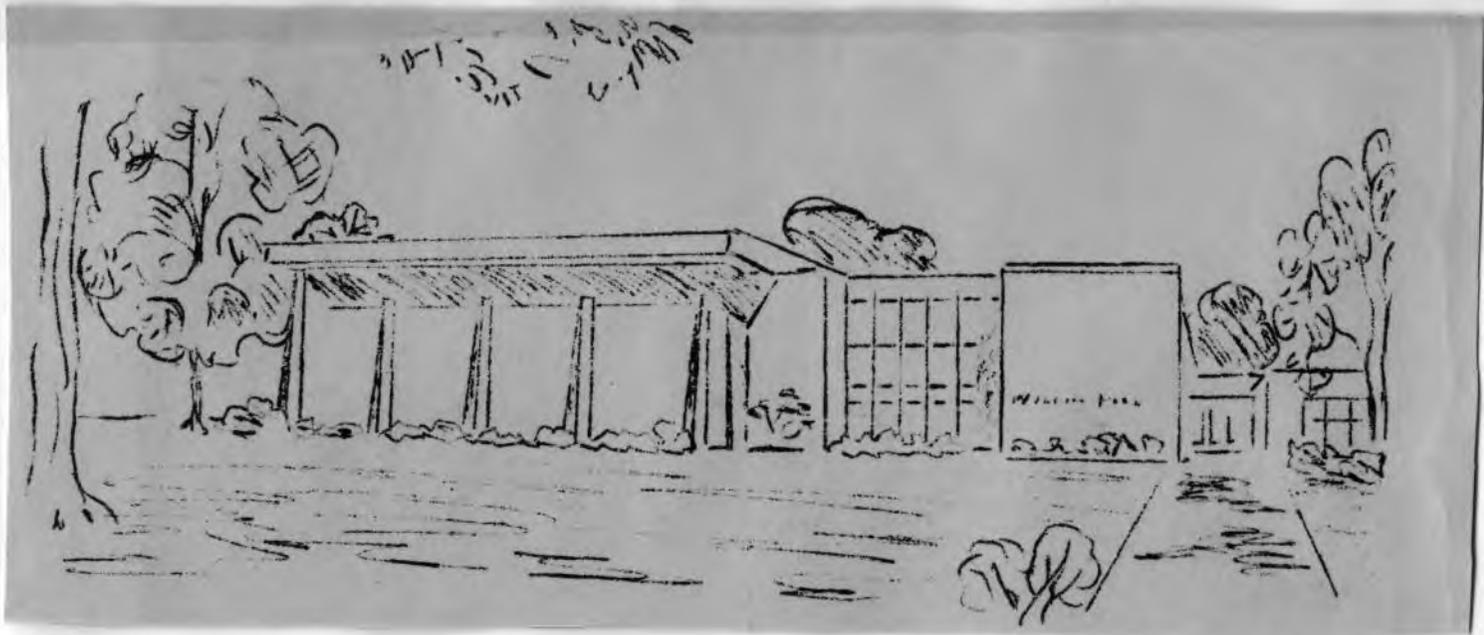
DEDICATION INDOOR POOL
ADJACENT TO WHEELING HIGH
SCHOOL







CONSTRUCTION workers finish pouring the concrete deck area of the new indoor pool in Wheeling. The sauna and weight-lifting rooms have also been completed, and the finishing touches will be made in the next two weeks.



New Pool To Open In Early November

10-30-70

The Wheeling Park District's new indoor swimming pool located at Wheeling High School is scheduled to open the first week in November, park district officials said Thursday.

Plans for a dedication ceremony to be held Nov. 15 were also discussed by the

board.

The commissioners affirmed the district's stand that prices for various swimming programs and open swimming at the pool will be double for non-residents of the district.

The pool will be rented during the

school day for high school classes.

Board members set \$1.50 as the fee for use of the sauna baths in the new pool facility.

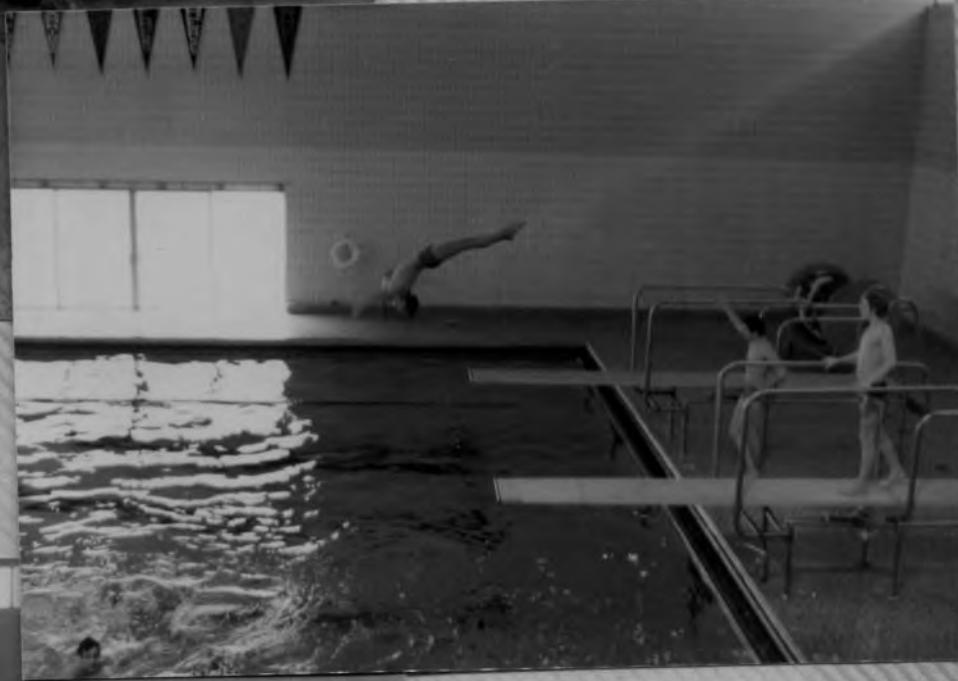
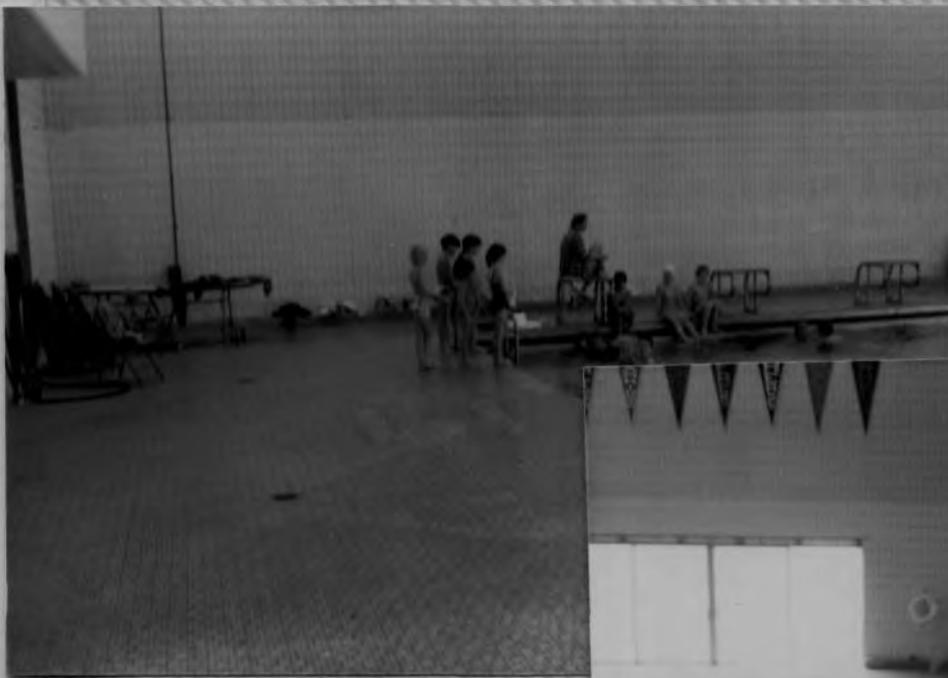
Other plans under way for the new pool include hiring life guards, a handicapped swimming class, and a swim team for grade school and junior high school aged boys and girls.

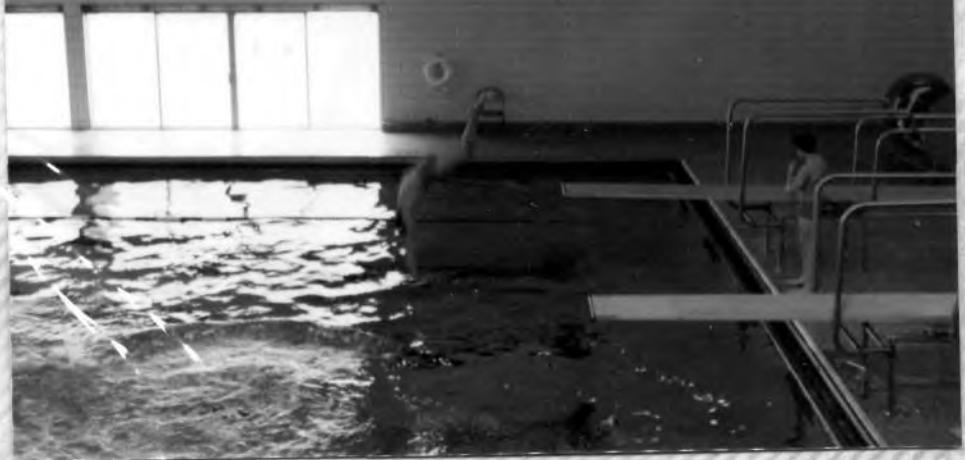
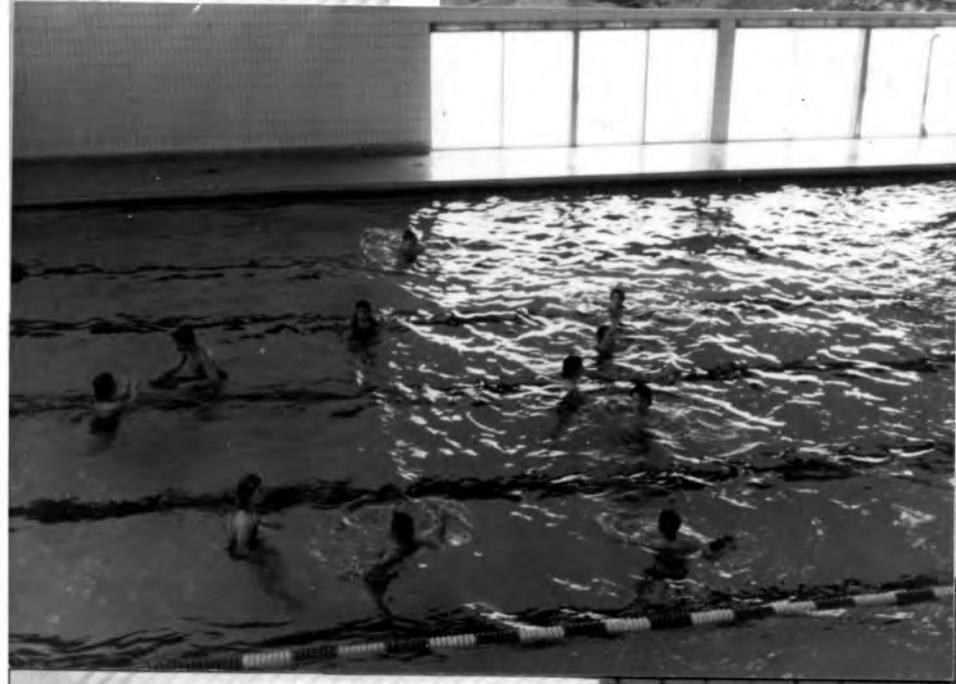
New programs announced by Aquatic Director Ray Kittendorf on Thursday include a system of selling tickets for grade school learn-to-swim lessons at 50 cents a lesson (\$4 for eight tickets). Students who missed a class would be able to use the ticket at a later date.

Also being planned is an adult learn-to-swim program with an emphasis on survival swimming and separate classes for men and women.

A \$10 fee will be charged for eight lessons for district residents.

Also planned is an "American Red Cross 50-mile swim and stay fit program" for swimmers to work at their own pace to increase swimming distance and physical fitness.







7-25-73

SWIMMERS AT Neptune's Pool in Wheeling High School can now work on their tans after enjoying a dip in the indoor facility. Setting up lounge furniture on the patio outside the pool was the first of

improvements planned by the Wheeling Park District this summer.

Neptune's Pool takes on a new look

7-25-73

Major improvements are being made this summer at Neptune's Pool by the Wheeling Park District. They may even include developing the area above the indoor facility for recreation or park office use.

New lounge chairs were recently placed on the patio outside the pool at Wheeling High School, making it possible for swimmers to sunbathe and relax outdoors.

Workers are scheduled to begin in a few weeks to install ceramic tile in the showers, locker rooms, restrooms, pool manager's office, hall and pool deck. The pool will be closed from Aug. 18 to Sept. 15, for the construction.

THE FIRST of several park district improvements approved by residents in last December's referendum, the installation of the tile will cost \$22,350 and

will be done by the G. M. Sloan Tile Co., low bidders on the project.

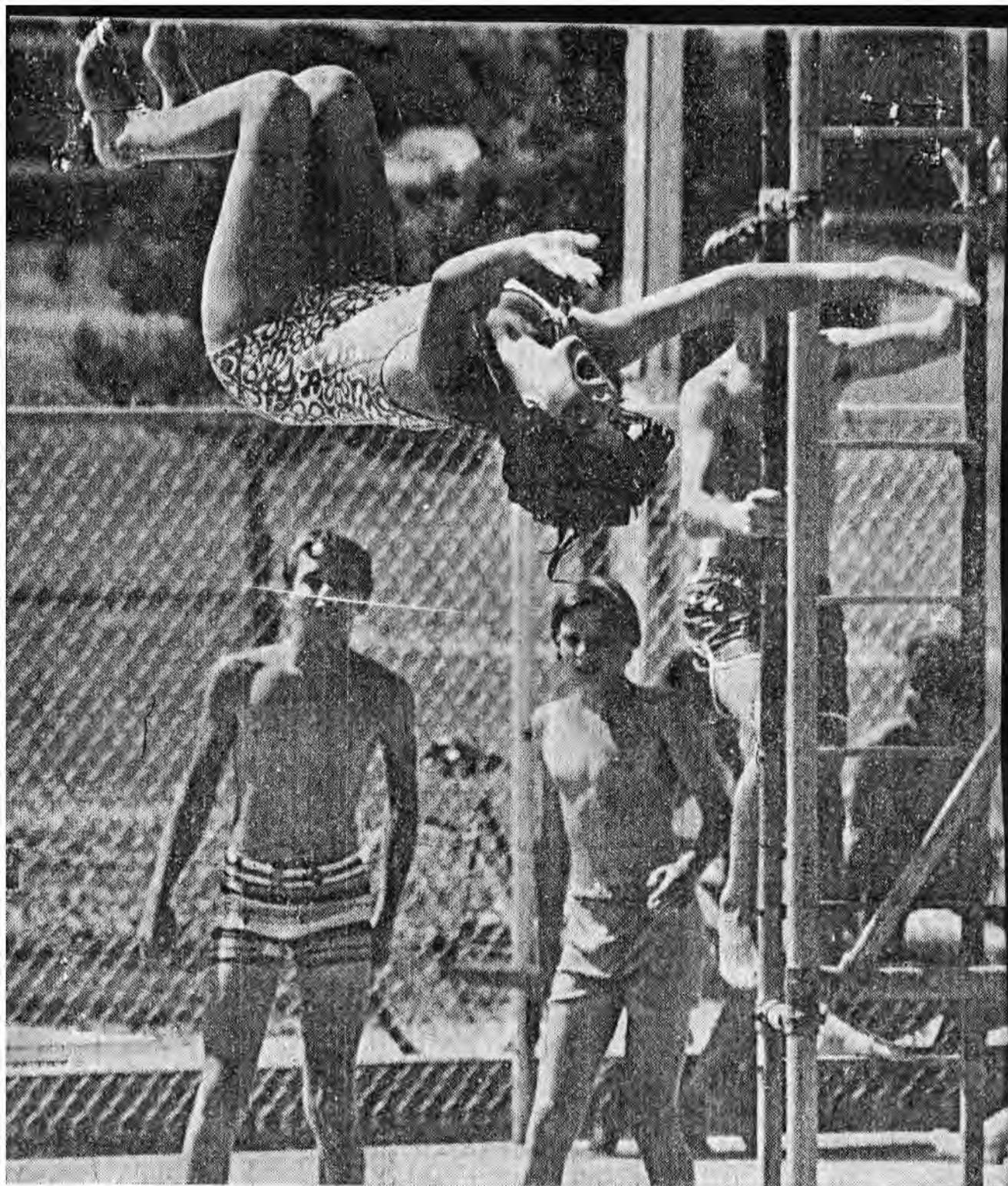
Park Supt. Dave Phillips said the park commissioners are also considering plans to convert a 46 by 38-foot space above the pool for some type of park use. The area is presently divided with partitions into two classrooms.

The park board is scheduled next Thursday night to discuss possibilities for the area. The public meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Heritage Park building, 222 S. Wolf Rd.

Several ideas for using the space have been suggested, Phillips said. They include turning the area into a games room for use during the hours school is not in session, a television lounge, concession area or office for Rich Haddock, director of recreation.

Phillips said if the space is developed as an office for Haddock, park district residents may be able to register for park activities and programs in that location as well as Heritage Park where registration is currently conducted.

The cost of converting the space for park district use will be minimal, Phillips said. No remodeling is planned.



WHO SAYS YOU NEED water to float? A reverse dive into a waiting pool is an eye-catcher on any day. Swimmers and divers are heading for beaches and neighborhood pools in record numbers as the summer heat waves

roll in, and a dunk in the pool, even from an unbalanced position, is a refreshing way to beat the heat.

(Photo by Jay Needleman.)



NEPTUNE'S DEN-RECREATION
AREA FOR TEENAGERS





NEPTUNE'S BODY BUILDING CENTER



Pool-Use Payment Plan OK'd

11-26-69

The High School Dist. 214 board Monday night approved agreements with the Wheeling and Arlington Heights park districts on the use and reimbursement for two school-community swimming pools.

The agreements, which are almost identical, cover Arlington's Olympic pool, which is nearly completed, and the Wheeling pool, on which construction has not started.

Both agreements require the school district to reimburse the park district for 55 per cent of the operating cost. The park districts themselves must cover 45 per cent of the operating cost.

BOTH POOLS WILL be controlled and operated by the schools from 6:30 a.m. to

6:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday from Nov. 1 to March 15, and from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday through the rest of the school year, but excluding the summer session.

The schools also will control the pools from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays between Nov. 1 and March 15, for school-scheduled competitive swim meets, and at other times on Saturdays when it is mutually agreeable to both parties.

The park districts will control and operate the property the rest of the time.

The board also unanimously approved further study of the four-quarter system, which a 13-man team from Dist. 214 and 211 examined recently in Atlanta.

The board specifically approved a committee of not more than 75 board members, administrators, teachers, citizens and students to continue the study, while approving an administrative study of "plans for providing increased opportunities in the summer school program."

SUPT. EDWARD GILBERT cautioned that, if no steps are taken to relieve the district's high schools by 1973, an eighth high school could be necessary. This could prompt a referendum in the 1970-71 school year, he said.

Finally, instructional coordinator Warren Collier and Ed Brown, an administrative intern from the University of Illinois, presented a lengthy plan for vocational and technical education in the district.

The plan, which was unanimously approved, will be submitted to the State Board of Vocational Education and Rehabilitation, which funds the district's vocational programs.

'Basin' Contract Awarded

12-10-69

Wheeling's village board awarded a contract for the construction of the Heritage Park east detention basin Monday, despite a recommendation by the village attorney that new bids should be sought on the sewer project.

Before the board voted to select a bidder, Trustee Ira Bird pointed out that the risk of flooding was greater than the risk of a suit against the village by a contractor.

The board awarded the contract to the Glenview Sewer and Water Co. for a revised bid of \$55,000.

The basin, to be built in the Heritage Park ice skating rink, will help alleviate flooding in the Meadowbrook East section of the village.

THE REVISED BIDS were made by companies involved in the original bidding because of vast differences between original bids for the project and the estimate of the expected cost by the village's consulting engineer Harza Engineering Co.

Original bids for the project were \$64,500 by the Glenview Co., \$75,400 Bongi Cartage, Inc., and \$93,400 by Rossi Contractors, the company currently working on the Heritage Park west retention basin.

Harza had estimated on Nov. 29 that the basin work should cost only \$33,600, however.

Each of the three companies who submitted bids on the work were invited to meet with Harza on the proposed construction because of misinterpretations by the contractors of the bid specifications.

VILLAGE MGR. Matthew Golden Monday read a report by Finance Director George Passolt explaining that there had been a misinterpretation of the lining required in the basin and that one contractor had erred in computing the amount of fence to be removed.

Passolt said that while those items had been corrected, "nuisance" items involving concrete, form work, reinforcing and electrical work were raising the price. Passolt explained in the report that nothing could be done about that problem.

Also, two changes were made in the specifications.

Only two of the original bidders submitted revised bids on the project, Passolt indicated. In addition to the successful bidder, Bongi Cartage, Inc., submitted a revised bid of \$58,000.

Passolt and Golden recommended the board acceptance of the Glenview Co. bid, pointing out that the company had been low bidder on the original and revised bid and that Harza Engineering felt the revised price was reasonable.

Village Atty. Paul Hamer told the board before the bid was awarded Monday night that because serious changes had been made in the specifications, new bids should be taken in case a company who could not meet the original specifications wished to bid on the revised specifications.

HAMER SAID AN unsuccessful bidder could challenge the award in court.

Golden pointed out that all three companies who bid originally had been given

equal chances to revise their bids.

Bird pointed out that because the actions had been "above board" the only thing a contractor could sue the village for would be violation of state law on the open bidding procedure.

Bird suggested to Hamer that the legality question might be a "moot point." Hamer did not disagree.

Trustee Peter Egan, who made the motion for awarding the bid, said he felt the basin was an important part of the "complete flooding program." Egan said that the board had already let bids on the basin twice.

"We have to have some protection if we have a heavy rain," he told the board shortly before the contract was awarded by unanimous vote.

Historically: It's A Problem

A request to speed up procedures for the restoration of the Community Presbyterian Church will be made to the Wheeling Historical Society by the Wheeling Park District.

Mrs. Lorraine Lark, park district president, will attend the historical society's January meeting to ask that work on remodeling estimates and applications for federal government funds for the church's restoration be expedited.

The church, now owned by the historical society, was moved to Chamber of Commerce Park last summer.

The decision to have Mrs. Lark make the request came at a meeting Thursday of the park district. At that meeting, a series of charges concerning society's actions in connection with the church was leveled by Robert Ross, a park commissioner.

ROSS TOLD PARK board members that he thought "the park district would end up doing all the work to preserve the church."

"We have bought a fiasco," Ross said. He told the other board members that he felt the church was "not really an historical monument" and that the historical society members "want to get it off their hands."

Ross said that he doubted that the federal government would provide funds for restoration of a religious building because of the doctrine of separation of church and state. He also charged that historical society members were not actually working on preserving the church. According to Ross the society had not come up with any funds or even an estimate of remodeling costs on which they had been working for three months.

Ross pointed out that the park district had spent more than \$100 putting siding on the church and boarding it up for the winter.

MOREOVER, "close to \$3,000 in loans from the district for the church moving had also been made," he said.

Mrs. Lark challenged a statement by Ross that the park board would be "stuck" with the church. She pointed out that the historical society had received permission from the village to move the church, that the society owned the building, and that the society had signed an agreement stating that the church would be remodeled to comply with village ordinances.

Park board member Gene Sackett agreed that the church remodeling "needs action." Sackett said that if the historical society would do its part, the park district would do its part.

MRS. LARK said "I've always felt that the church building had to be preserved."

Calling it "a benefit to the community in the long run," she said it would provide a meeting place for groups.

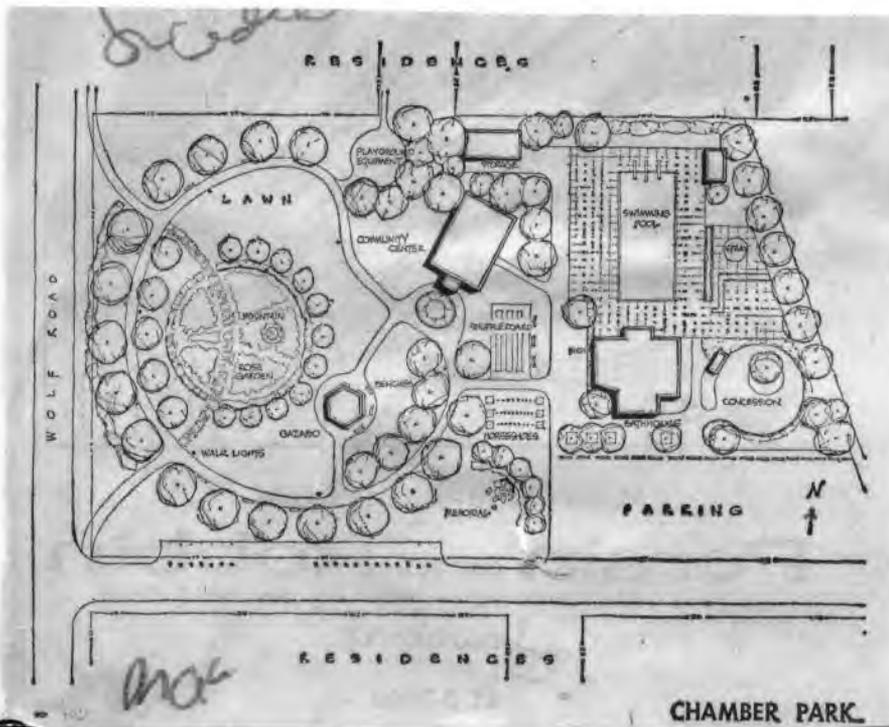
Ross then said that if the building was to be saved the remodeling work should begin immediately without waiting for federal funds. "Anytime you deal with the fed-

eral government you are held up at least four years," he said.

The board agreed that work on the remodeling should begin, but said that applications for funding provided by the park attorney should be filled out and researched by the historical society and submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Ron Ignatius, an historical society member who led the group which moved to preserve the church, told the Herald yesterday that blueprints of the remodeling plans had been completed but that cost estimates were not completed as yet.

Commerce Park For All Ages —And It Will Stay That Way



the park is not being stressed in the proposed referendum plans, there will be a tot lot for preschool children. This play area would be set off from the rest of the park by landscaping.

Park Supt. Dave Phillips said Chamber of Commerce Park is a heavily used area because it is located in a well-traveled section of town. "It's been a very important park area because it is community oriented," he said.

Interest in the park began when the land was purchased from the Chamber of Commerce. The community building at the park is a historic church moved to the site with the help of the Historical Society and others in the village.

The church now provides one of the few places where various clubs and civic organizations can meet. The building is so popular as a meeting place that it is booked almost every day of the week.

PHILLIPS explained that Chamber of Commerce Park is one of the few recreation areas in town that has been continually upgraded. He said plans for the de-

Editor's note: This is the first in a series examining the condition of the parks in the Wheeling Park District, and the improvements planned in a \$700,000 referendum to be voted on Dec. 16.

by LYNN ASINOF

Chamber of Commerce Park has a split personality. The front three acres of park land are used mainly by adults and senior citizens. The back three acres are occupied by the outdoor community pool used mainly by children.

Because this type of double usage seems to fit Wheeling's needs, the park district plans to continue developing the park for these two purposes when it begins its park improvement program.

With funding from a bond issue that will go to the public Dec. 16, the park district plans to make the front three acres an area to be used mainly by senior citizens.

Plans now call for extensive landscaping, which would define the quiet character of the park. A rose garden will be planted with funds that have been raised by local school children. Asphalt

walks will run through the park with park benches available for afternoon conversation.

HORSESHOE pits and a shuffleboard court would provide some diversion for the senior citizens who live near the park area. Safety lighting would make the park usable at night as well as during the day.

Other basic improvements would make the park more usable. These include resurfacing of the parking lot, installation of parking barriers and seeding.

In all, approximately \$43,340 from the \$700,000 referendum is earmarked for Chamber of Commerce Park. Federal matching funds would add another \$60,940 to this amount.

If the federal funds are available, they will be used for additional landscaping, a water fountain and a gazebo that could be used for afternoon concerts in the park. Picnic tables and the relocation of the park memorial from Heritage Park would also be paid for with federal funds.

ALTHOUGH THE playground aspect of

sign of the park were originally laid out in a study done in 1968, and that the park district has closely followed these plans.

For example, the park district moved the ball field from this site to Northside Park this spring to de-emphasize the more active recreational uses of the park. Phillips explained that children who are old enough to play ball had other facilities in the area, and therefore did not miss the playfield.

Improvements for the outdoor pool section of the park will be financed completely with federal funds. Phillips said the plans call for a roof on the locker sections to reduce maintenance and protect the building from winter weather.

He said the park district also plans to install a new entrance to the pool that would direct people to the cashier's booth and establish a better traffic flow.

Phillips said that Chamber of Commerce Park is now approximately 75 percent developed and that the referendum work would complete its development. "It's like the frosting on the cake" he said.



Proposed improvements would add the finishing touches to this quiet park site.

12-4-72

Friday, October 30, 1970

'A Little Heritage Preserved'

"You have preserved a little bit of Wheeling's heritage," Mrs. Lorraine Lark told those gathered at the dedication of the remodeled Community Church building in Chamber of Commerce Park in North Wolf Road.

Mrs. Lark, one of the Wheeling Park District commissioners, was one of several persons who spoke during the dedication ceremonies held Wednesday.

Speakers at the ceremonies represented the Wheeling Park District, the Wheeling Historical Society and the Village of Wheeling. Also there was the Rev. Gerge Ekstrom, pastor of the Community Presbyterian Church. Rev. Ekstrom's congregation had used the 106-

year-old structure until 1962 when it moved into a new building.

The Rev. Ekstrom told the audience, numbering about 70, that when the church was first built, it had been the home of a congregation of German descent. The congregation held German language services. According to historical society members, the structure was built sometime around 1865. A plaque, now placed where a stained glass window had once been, notes the probable year the church was built.

Mrs. Merle Willis reminisced with the audience. She told them of when she had

been baptized, confirmed, and married in the building.

Mrs. Lark told the audience how the building had been moved from its original site on Dundee Road to the park. There it had been renovated. The project took one-and-one-half years to complete.

She also told of how the decision to save the building grew out of a citizens meeting on the unrelated subject of park district swimming pools. She said that as the project grew, it came to involve a number of local organizations.

John Koeppen, representing both the historical society and the village board,

called the facility "A monument to teamwork and cooperation" and lauded Julius Benjamin and Ron Ignatius, both historical society members for their efforts in arranging to have the church moved.

Koeppen also praised the new community center on behalf of the village board. He said other board members were unable to attend because of a meeting at the municipal building at which village manager candidates were being interviewed.

The building will be used as a meeting facility and community center. The park district will be in charge of the structure.

Church Donors Are Honored

10-30-70

Among those honored at the dedication ceremonies for the new Community Church meeting center were people and organizations who donated time, articles, or money to the church's restoration as a community center.

Donors honored included Mr. and Mrs. Peter Guglielmi, who donated the building, Mr. and Mrs. Koeppen who donated the front doors, the Wheeling Rotary Club which donated a flag and stand, and the Wheeling Women's Club which donated \$510 for windows.

Also thanked were the Wheeling Gar-

nden Club, which donated \$10 for landscaping, the Wheeling Historical Society which donated \$100 for rehabilitation, and the O'Brien Paint Co. and Wheeling Paint and Glass Co. which donated exterior paint for the building.

Other donors included Dave Lechener who gave a refrigerator, the Community Presbyterian Church youth group which painted the outside of the church under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kimsey, the Community Presbyterian Church which donated the pulpit, Mrs. Kimsey, who refinished the pulpit, Mr.

and Mrs. Robert Ross who donated refinishing of the floors, Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Arndt who donated curtains, Dundkin Donuts which donated \$500 for the moving, and the employees of the Wheeling Park District who painted the interior of the church.

Arndt noted that additional donations are still needed for the church. Organizations interested in helping to furnish the new center should contact Arndt at the park district office, 222 S. Wolf Road by calling 537-2222.

Plan To Dedicate Old Church

A party, open to the public, will be held to dedicate the 106-year-old Wheeling Community Church for use as a community center and meeting facility.

Plans for the event have been made by the Wheeling Park District Board. Park officials plan to hold the dedication at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 28.

They were hopeful that the dedication could be held in conjunction with a Wheeling Historical Society film night of slides, movies and photographs of the Diamond Jubilee celebration held in August, 1969.

Historical Society President John Koeppen said yesterday, however, that he doubted if the society would be ready for its film night by October 28.

The dedication of the church as a meeting place for various community organizations marks the end of a project begun in the spring of 1969 by the Historical Society. At that time the group wanted to have the church moved and restored rather than allowing it to be torn down.

THE CHURCH, the third oldest building in Wheeling, once was used by all religious denominations in the village. More recently it was the home of the Community Presbyterian Church congregation.

The building was donated to the historical society by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Guglielmi. But the building had to be moved from its original location next to the village fire station on East Dundee Road so a donut shop could be built.

Dunkin Donuts, tenant of the shop which now occupies the land, donated

\$500 toward moving the church. Other community organizations and merchants also contributed to preserve the historic building.

On June 9, 1969, the church made the trip to Chamber of Commerce Park on North Wolf Road.

The Wheeling Park District was group primarily responsible for the church's renovation. The park board approved a \$2,500 loan to the historical society to help pay for the moving and to place the church onto its foundation.

Many of the historical society funds earmarked for the church were not received by the society, however, because of court rulings on township collectors which eliminated the society's main source of income.

ALTHOUGH THE society raised \$100 in bake sales the rest of the work to restore the church including installing electricity and heating, adding a kitchen and toilet facilities, and repairing the outside of the building was financed by the park district through a 40-year loan from the Wheeling Trust and Savings Bank.

Part of the bonds from the loan will be paid with funds the historical society can raise for the church building.

Various local groups also donated facilities for the church. Members of the Community Presbyterian Church youth group and their friends painted the outside of the church. Last summer the Wheeling Women's Club donated \$510 for purchase of side windows. Other donations came from Dave Lechner, head of the community school services program, the Wheeling Rotary Club, and the Wheeling Garden Club.

The Board of Commissioners and the staff of the Wheeling Park District would like to take this time to thank all the people and organizations who have given their time or donations to help make this community center a reality.

Our sincere thanks go to the following:

Building donated by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Guglielmi
Front Doors donated by Mr. and Mrs. John Koeppen
Flag & Stand donated by the Rotary Club of Wheeling
\$500.00 for Windows, donated by the Wheeling Women's Club
\$10.00 for Landscaping, donated by the Wheeling Garden Club
\$100.00 for Rehabilitating, donated by the Wheeling Historical Society
Exterior Paint donated by O'Brian Paint Co., Wheeling Paint & Glass
Refrigerator donated by Mr. Dave Lechner
Painting of Exterior, services donated by Presbyterian Youth Group
under the supervision Mr. & Mrs. J. Kimsey
Pulpit, donated by the Presbyterian Church
Refinishing of the Pulpit done by Mrs. J. Kimsey
Floors refinished by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ross
Curtains donated by Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Arndt
\$500.00 for moving of building donated by the tenant of Dunkin Donuts
Interior painting done by the employees of Wheeling Park District

10-20-70 The Wheeling Park District has borrowed \$20,000.00 to refurbish this building to make it the reality you see today.



MOVING OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FROM DUNDEE RD.
TO CHAMBER PARK FOR USE AS COMMUNITY
CENTER







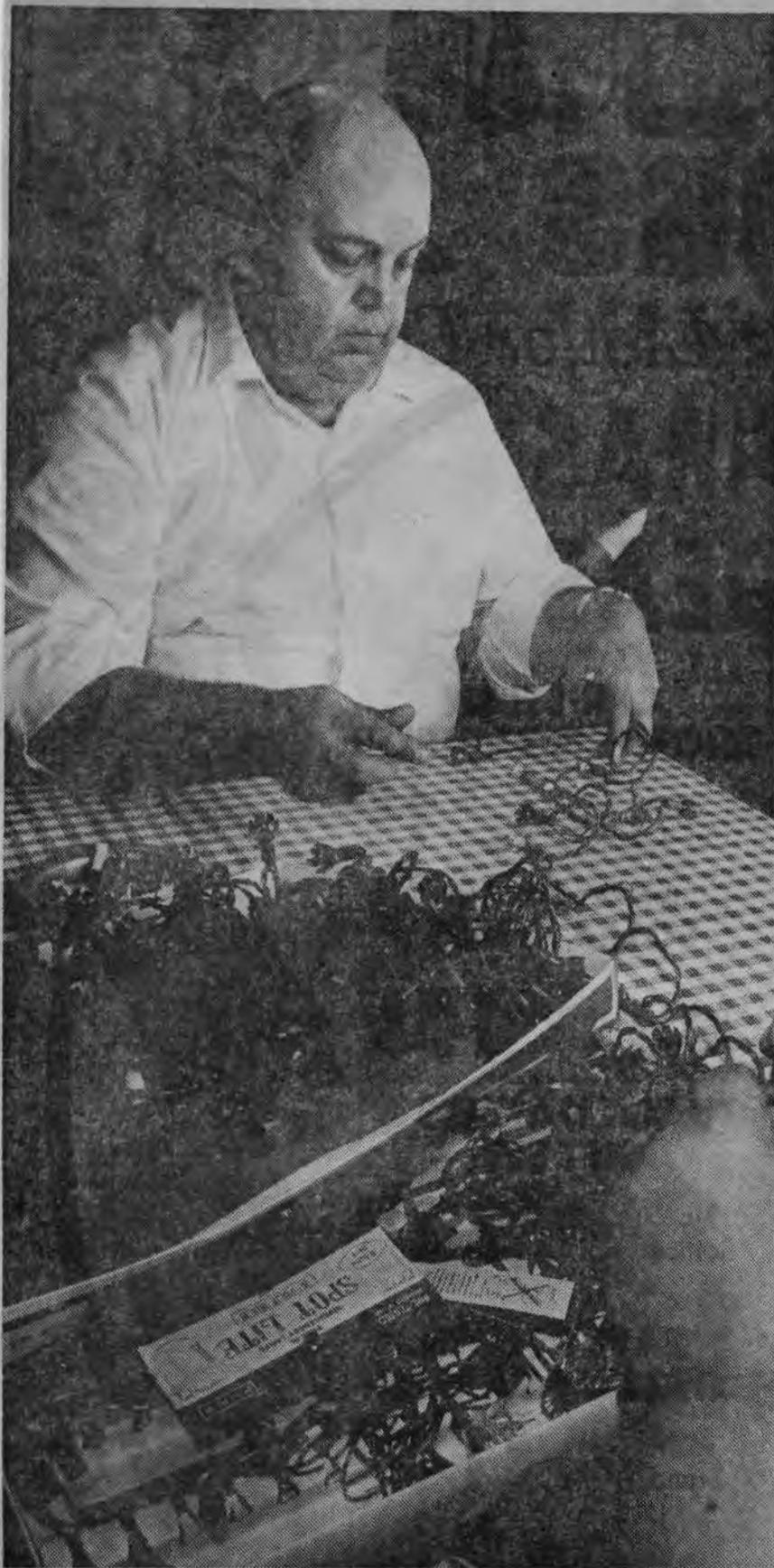
Donna Hengesh takes a break



10-19-70

WHEELING PARK DISTRICT officials inspect the newly completed interior of the 105-year-old Wheeling Community Church structure. The building, now located in Chamber of Commerce Park on North Wolf Road will

be used as a meeting facility. The restoration of the church was a joint project of the Wheeling Park District and the Wheeling Historical Society.



Don Lark tests holiday lights.



Lorraine
Lark

The old church in Chamber of Commerce Park on North Wolf Road has been transformed into Lollipop Lane, the Wheeling Historical Society's annual contribution to Christmas festivities.

Eight Christmas trees, decorated with different colored lights and ornaments, have brought an old fashioned Christmas to the old church. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on hand to greet area children starting Sunday.

In addition, the Historical Society will be selling plates of homemade Christmas cookies for \$2.50 each. The plates are designed to commemorate the village's Diamond Jubilee celebration.

Lollipop Lane began last year as a joint effort of the historical society and the park district. Both groups decided to make the festivities an annual affair after a good turnout of area youngsters last year.

The old church will open at 2 p.m. Sunday with the arrival of Santa Claus on a village fire truck. Lollipop Lane will be open from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on weekdays and from 2 to 5 p.m. on weekends. Activities will continue through Dec. 16.

December 6, 1973

Tuesday, December 11, 1973



SANTA CLAUS ARRIVED in Wheeling Sunday to help with the holiday festivities at Lollipop Lane in the old church in Chamber of Commerce Park on N. Wood Road. Children from Wheeling and Buffalo

Grove were on hand to greet the jolly old elf, who will be in town until Dec. 16. Lollipop Lane, sponsored by the Wheeling Historical Society and the Wheeling Park District, is open from 6:30 to 8:30

p.m. on weekdays and from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Old church becomes 'Lollipop Lane'

Say, "I saw it in The REMINDER" December 13, 1973 Page 30

Santa greets
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at Lollipop
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The Wheeling Historical Society sponsors Lollipop Lane. The Saturday and Sunday hours are from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Monday through Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30. Santa will arrive at the Chamber Park Community Center this Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Wheeling Historical Society makes annual contribution to Christmas festivities; Santa to greet young visitors



Historical society members unpack decorations..

LOLLIPOP LANE









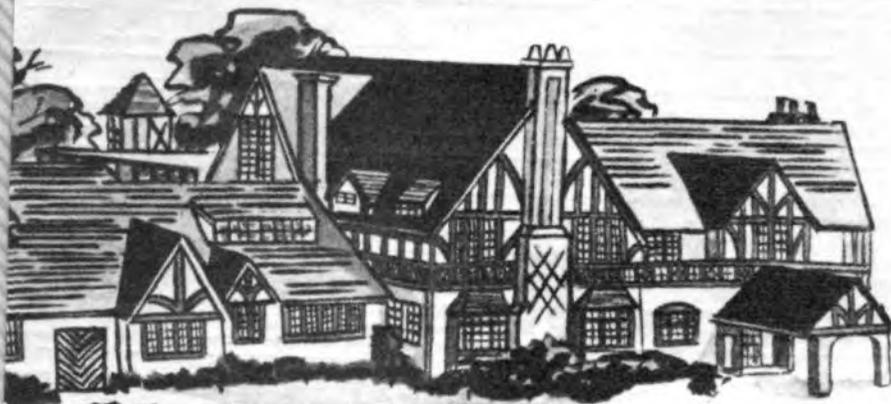








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Chevy Chase's intriguing past still a mystery

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By C.L. WALLER

After touring Chevy Chase, one's only wish is that the creaks in the floor were voices from the past.

A certain enchantment and mystery still surrounds the Milwaukee Avenue clubhouse that served as a showcase some five decades ago and is still a special part of the Wheeling Park District.

"I think the greatest comment would be, 'If only the walls would talk,'" said Roger Christensen, superintendent of clubhouse operations for the park district.

Christensen, like many others, has tried to learn more about the history of Chevy Chase, particularly during its most colorful era in the 1930s. But facts about the country club's past are hard to come by.

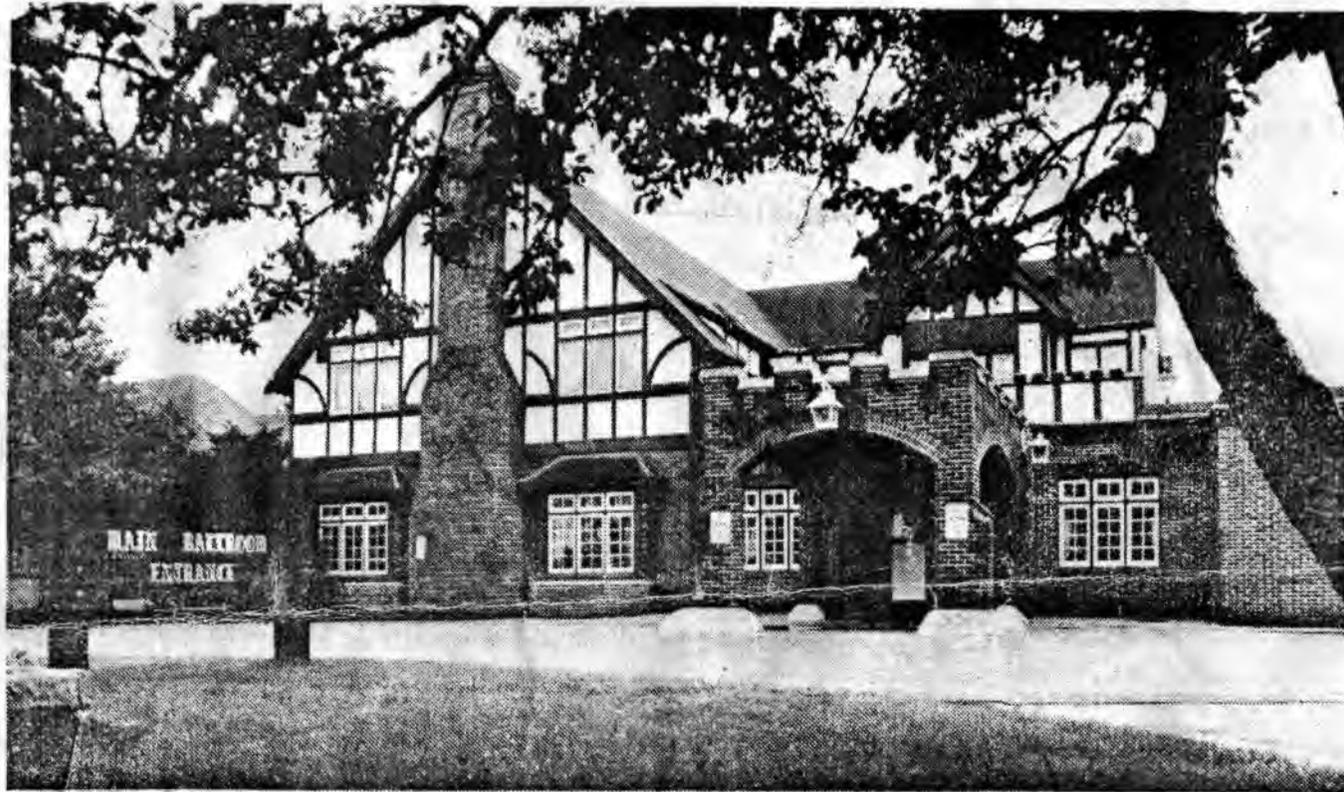
"IT WAS A very exclusive showcase," said Dave Phillips, former park district manager for 12 years. When the park district acquired the clubhouse and golf course through a \$3.7 million referendum in 1977, Phillips began researching the history of the building.

Phillips said much of his research may not be factual because little has been written about the country club. He said building records of Chevy Chase aren't even available at the Lake County courthouse to document information.

Instead, Phillips has had to rely on information he gathered through verbal interviews with residents who were around at that time.

Despite coats of varnish covering hand-painted designs on the woodwork and paint-chipped dressing rooms off the stage, Chevy Chase remains as extraordinary now as when it was first built.

WHEELING HISTORIAN Marshall Balling said the clubhouse construction started in the early 1920s as an investment by the Knights of Columbus. The clubhouse was called Columbian Country Club and plans were to build houses around the club and call the entire development Columbian Gardens, Balling said.



Chevy Chase, which is now owned by the Wheeling Park District, doesn't look too much different today than it did decades ago, when it was a gambling and entertainment hub of the area. (Staff photo by Bill Oakes)

While houses are being built on golf courses and around clubhouses now, it was an unusual idea 60 years ago, Balling said. "They were way ahead of their time," he said.

The development fell apart, however, when the Depression came.

Balling said people who owned lots around the clubhouse could not make their payments, and bonds that had been sold to maintain the property were left unpaid. "All of that went down the drain," he said.

THE LOTS BECAME filled with weeds, and after World War II, back taxes were paid and the lots were sold, Balling said.

The clubhouse remained open to the public when it, along with the rest of the property, went into a receivership during the Depression, Phillips said. The name was changed to Windsor Country Club during that period, Balling said.

Probably Chevy Chase's most interesting era started when Tom Williams bought it in the early 1930s. Balling said Williams rebuilt the clubhouse with a gambling casino and called it the Bon-Air Country Club.

Balling was in his 20s and working as a bank clerk at Wheeling State Bank when the casino was in its heyday. "They used to bring their gambling checks in on Monday mornings," he remembered.

HE SAID IT was interesting to see some of the well-known names, particularly from the North Shore communities, that ended up on checks.

Unfortunately for Williams, a new Lake County state's attorney came into office and put him out of business, Balling said.

Williams' fate wasn't apparently enough to stop "Big Bill" Johnson from spending a lot of money to turn the building into an

entertainment center.

As the story goes, Johnson was in Chevy Chase, Md., and when he returned he built the Tudor-style structure giving it its new name.

THE NAMES OF entertainers such as Vincent Price and Cloris Leachman are scribbled on a board that was once nailed behind the stage. The names date back to 1952 and whether the stars themselves or someone else wrote the names on the board is not certain.

However, Balling remembers some of the great entertainers of the time coming to Wheeling to perform. "They used to come into town and use an old tavern and dance hall to practice their plays. You could sit there and have a beer with Arthur Treacher," he said.

OVER

Balling described Johnson as a "straight-laced" man. While the gambling money probably helped pay for the entertainment, Johnson came off as a good businessman. "He wasn't a cheap thug at all. He was a nice man," Balling said.

"He had chorus girls there and he watched over them like a father," he said.

BALLING REMEMBERS hand-delivering a memo from the bank to

Johnson at the clubhouse. Balling said he wanted to make the delivery just to meet the man and what he saw was someone "impeccably dressed" with a velour velvet coat and pinch-nose glasses.

He said he sometimes found himself playing golf when Johnson did. Johnson would use expensive balls and leave them in sand traps knowing that Balling would pick them up. "These fellas have their generous little quirks," he said.

Without using much imagination, it's easy to understand how the main ballroom, constructed between 1930 and 1935, was once used by Johnson for entertainment. Christensen said a portion of the dance floor could be raised hydraulically about six inches in times past.

The park district still has bands in the ballroom for dances and Christensen said he has had many groups tell him the room was built for just the right sound. "This room is made for entertainment," he said.

ON THE LEVEL above the dance floor is a roost used by a lighting engineer at one time and a caged window for cashing chips, Christensen said.

"You couldn't make big money unless you had gambling," Balling said.

As a bank clerk, Balling said he saw \$1,000 and \$2,000 checks made out to "cash" pass through the bank on a regular basis. "The gambling money made quite a spot of Chevy Chase," he said.

And Johnson apparently built in his own protection for gamblers and himself.

ON THE WEST wall of the ballroom are two innocent-enough-looking grids. But there are rooms behind the grids that are difficult to get to, either by steep stairs or through a small duct, that some believe were used to watch operations in the ballroom, Christensen said.

Phillips said there are stories that tunnels ran underground from Chevy Chase, under Milwaukee Avenue to the Des Plaines River and another went to the golf course behind the 18th green. Clientele could be led in and out of the casino without being seen, he said.

Tunnels have never been found, Phillips said, however, when the park district purchased the building in 1977, a pearl-buttoned telephone was found in the boiler room where someone obviously sat and guarded the tunnel entrance.

Christensen said a room with four walls and no windows was found while the park district was putting equipment in the kitchen. The room had been sealed up for some reason, but it sounds like the same room without a door that Balling remembers:

MONEY WAS PUT in that type of room to guarantee no one would slip in or out of the building with some of the revenue, Balling said. He said he saw accountants climb in and out of the room by the only means available — a ladder dropped through the top.

Old rumors of gangsters seem to go hand in hand with the gambling that occurred at Chevy Chase.

Phillips said one story told by a bartender is that Al Capone came out to Chevy Chase and paid the bartender \$100 to clear the place because Capone wanted to have a private conversation with someone.

Balling said he used to play golf at Chevy Chase and the gangster element was not present. "There was never any apprehension that it could be dangerous there," he said.

"EVERYTHING WAS KEPT in a very controlled atmosphere," said Marvin Horcher, who used to caddy at Chevy Chase. Only those that had the money to go there could go there, he said.

When Horcher joined the Wheeling police in 1948 there were 19 to 21 taverns and 350 people in the village. Communities along the North Shore were opposed to drinking establishments, so residents who lived there helped support taverns in Wheeling and Chevy Chase, Horcher said. "They pranced from their communities to Wheeling," he said.

Outside the clubhouse was just as glamorous as the inside.

A swimming pool, built when the club was known as Bon-Air, was located north of the clubhouse and Olympic champions would travel to the pool, Phillips said.



The ornamental design of the bar at Chevy Chase is typical of the way the country club has maintained its attractiveness over the years. (Staff photo by

CHRISTENSEN SAID THE roof above the ballroom, right next to the gables atop Chevy Chase, was also used to entertain guests as was a tent and theatre in the round set up outside.

"Big Bill" did well for himself...at least until he was put in an Indiana prison for tax evasion. Phillips said his brother, Joe, operated the business while Bill was in prison. How long Bill was away is not known, but Phillips said the two brothers died about the same time and then Joe's son, Bill, ran the business.

"Young Bill" Johnson ran it for years, Balling said. However, he added, "The young people didn't have the flair for promotion."

Because the family was not particularly interested in operating the clubhouse, the number of patrons began to dwindle. The golf course remained in operation during that time, but the clubhouse met its final doom in 1976 when a fire "of suspicious origin" broke out and destroyed the Hunt Room and casino area located north of the clubhouse.

"AS RUMOR HAS it, it was a Molotov cocktail," Phillips said.

It remained shuttered until the park district referendum in 1977 provided the money for acquisition and rehabilitation of the clubhouse and golf course.

Today, the park district uses Chevy Chase to house a pro shop, the Gable Restaurant, the Devonshire Room, the Wayside Room, the main ballroom, men's and ladies' locker rooms, a kitchen, an indoor putting green and driving range upstairs and park district offices. Park board meetin and park district classes are held in some of the rooms and groups outside the park district also rent rooms for meetings.

Chevy Chase's Intriguing Story

Park District traces history to gambling and gangsters

by Laura Layton
Correspondent

Legends about underworld patrons and underground railroads weave Chevy Chase Country Club, 1000 Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, in a web of history and mystery.

The beginnings of the Tudor-style clubhouse are only told through word of mouth. No building plans have been found, original owners have since died and many who could confirm the stories aren't talking.

David Phillips, Wheeling Park District superintendent, began researching the history of Chevy Chase when the Park District bought the club in 1977. Phillips said his research has been a continual process and it seems "we find new rooms here every day."

"The clubhouse during Prohibition and the Depression was very exclusive and a very popular place for entertainment, politicians, entertainers, floor shows, dance bands, summer theatre, theater in the round," Phillips said. "They had a beautiful swimming pool — and of course gambling."

A few of the famous who frequented the premises included Al Capone, Mae West, Imogene Coca and Vincent Price.

People who owned Chevy Chase

Chevy Chase Country Club was originally named Columbian Gardens at its first phase of construction in 1920. The Knights of Columbus built and developed an 18-hole golf course on the 125-acre site.

The name changed to Windsor around 1934 and Terrill Realty Corp. took over the club, leasing it to Kraft Foods in 1935.

In 1936, the building was completed, and the club was taken over by Tom Williams, reputed to be the Lake County gambling czar, Phillips said. Williams remodeled the club, changed its name to Bon Aire, and made it a gambling emporium. He was said to have made deals with the state's attorney in order to keep up his operation.

The club then was taken over by William Skidmore and William Johnson. Skidmore soon died and Johnson, a showman and gambler, operated the club according to Phillips' research.

As the 1940s arrived, Johnson brought in his brother Joseph to operate the clubhouse. It was also said that William admired the Tudor-style architecture prevalent in Chevy Chase and renamed the club for the last time. When William died, he left the club to Joseph. Joseph died, leaving the club

to his wife and four children who are mum about its history. Phillips said they operated it until the park district acquired the club with a \$3.7 million bond issue granted in 1977.

"We're really not able to spend a lot of time researching and getting a totally accurate time frame of the club and how it went who to who, what to what happened, when to when it happened," Phillips said. However, he believes his timetable is as accurate as possible, he said.

Tour of Chevy Chase

On a tour of the club, one would find relics of an earlier way of life encased safely behind glass in the main hallway. China inscribed with Columbian Gardens, a Bon Aire crystal ashtray, age-worn summer theatre posters, a change-maker from the casino days, an ornate seltzer bottle, and old tickets were among the items found when the park district began cleaning in 1977.

In the bar, several coats of arms line the walls. From the barroom unfolds a room that used to be the gambling hall, complete with a barred cashier's window. The chandeliers and lamps that light the club appear to be originals and help in imagining the way the club used to look and feel.

The ballroom, built in 1934, opens up full view beside the gambling hall. The stage was once operative with hydraulics that would raise and lower the main stage and raise a revolving circular mini-stage in the center.

Behind the stage are old dusty dressing rooms of stars gone by. A wooden plank was found behind the stage that lists the acts playing in an unknown year, probably during the 1950s. Such stars as Mae West, Imogene Coca, Vincent Price and John Agaz entertained that year.

A four-foot-wide vent at the top left corner of the stage becomes the focus of mystery and speculation. It is the only entrance to a room with no windows and no doors. Reportedly, club owners watched gambling proceedings through this inconspicuous opening. It is also believed to be a room underworld patrons might have found a safe place for conferences or other activities. "It is obvious it was not for the federal government or the police to find," Phillips said.

Capone was here

There are a number of stories that indicate the club had involvement with the underworld and more specifically, the Mafia. Al Capone himself was reported to be a patron of the club.

"The activities that took place here — the gambling — obviously influenced other activities," Phillips said.

More evidence that large supplies of money and a vast array of people were part of the club appears upon entering the basement of the club. It is obvious that one of the owners found it very important to have excellent security for their storage rooms as evidenced by six-inch thick doors, some made of solid iron. "These iron doors look like they're right out of an Alfred Hitchcock movie," Phillips said.

Another mystery involves an enclosed darkened stairway with seven visible stairs that leads to a concrete wall. Phillips said no one seems to know why the stairs were built, unless something used to be on the other side until someone found it necessary to close it off.

Yet another display of history is found within the basement. Another legend with physical evidence supporting that the club was the site of an underground railroad. A section of the basement maze

reveals a 20-by-5-foot debris-laden pit which leads to an underground tunnel.

"Supposedly the tunnels — from here go under Milwaukee Avenue to the Des Plaines River and then over to the 18th green," Phillips said.

Snipped telephone lines dangle from the wall nearby where a 50-year-old pearl-button phone, now removed for safekeeping, once hung next to the trench.

"The phone implies that there was contact from others to that exact location. Someone was stationed there," Phillips said.

Marshall Balling, Wheeling Museum historian, said he remembers the club being built during the prosperous years following World War I only to be practically wiped out during the Depression. As a bank teller in Wheeling during those years, Balling witnessed the rise and falls of the club under numerous names as it bounced from owner to owner.

During the Bon Aire/Johnson era, Balling said he received thousands of dollars of gambling checks at the bank all from North Shore society people. Balling said it was "quite a thrill" to see.

A not so thrilling component of dealing with gamblers arose when gamblers asked for their checks to be stopped, saying the dice were loaded. Club owners and their henchmen found it necessary to visit bank workers like Balling and advise them strongly not to stop any checks.

"We have means of breaking bones, they would say," Balling recalled. They were always able to collect."

Balling said Johnson created quite a showplace complete with showgirls who stayed in Johnson mansion on the premises. The girls were treated like family and there was no monkey business, Balling said.

Johnson got all the big stars to come and he set up an outdoor tent for summer events, Balling said.

"Stars like Buddy Ebsen and Joan Caulfield would come and rehearse. It was like a little Hollywood here. It was really a great era," he said.

Warfare among gangs, liquor smuggling up the river, a tunnel to hide from G-men and Al Capone patronizing the club were all big stories of the time, Balling said, but he couldn't personally vouch for their truth.

"But I know that as long as Johnson could 'deal' with politicians and police, he could make money," Balling said. "It was a wonderful operation. Too bad it had to be illegal," he added.

Police enjoyed show

Wheeling resident Marvin "Skye" Horcher was a caddy for the club during its Bon Aire days and later a police officer for Wheeling from 1948-1977.

Horcher said he used to sneak up to the club with his friends to watch the outdoor entertainment. He said Johnson was quite a polished gentleman, who was good to his employees and a fantastic showman bringing spectacular entertainment to the club. Patrons of the club were required to spend at least \$100 a night on gambling, or they were thrown out, he said, adding that \$100 was

equivalent to \$1000 today.

Restoration continues

Phillips said the outside of the building is high quality construction, however, the infrastructure is bad and therefore troublesome. He added that he wished some type of building plans had been found to aid their rejuvenation process.

Phillips said Chevy Chase has not been considered for historical monument status but the possibility does exist.

LORRAINE LARK
MEMORIAL







ADDITION OF DEVONSHIRE ROOM





PROGRAMS - Chevy Chase









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NO. 3 TWO EGGS ANY STYLE WITH BACON OR PORK LINKS, BUTTERED TOAST AND JELLY, HASH BROWN POTATOES	2.20
NO. 4 TWO EGGS ANY STYLE WITH SUGAR CURED HAM, HASH BROWN POTATOES, BUTTERED TOAST AND JELLY	2.30
NO. 5 PANCAKES WITH BACON OR PORK LINKS, MAPLE SYRUP	2.35
NO. 6 FRENCH TOAST WITH BACON OR PORK LINKS, MAPLE SYRUP	2.35
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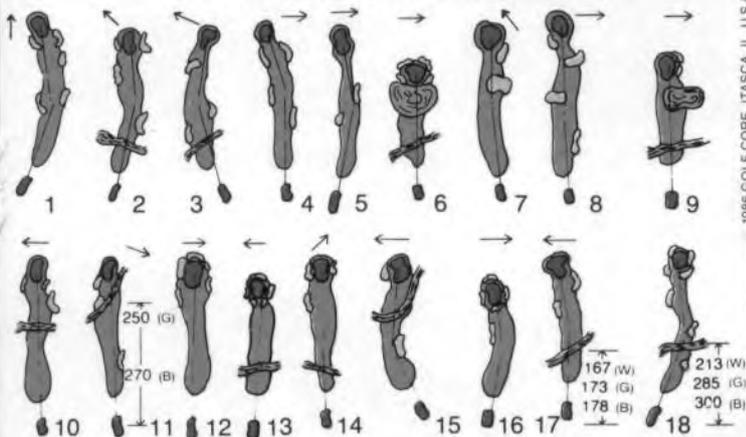
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