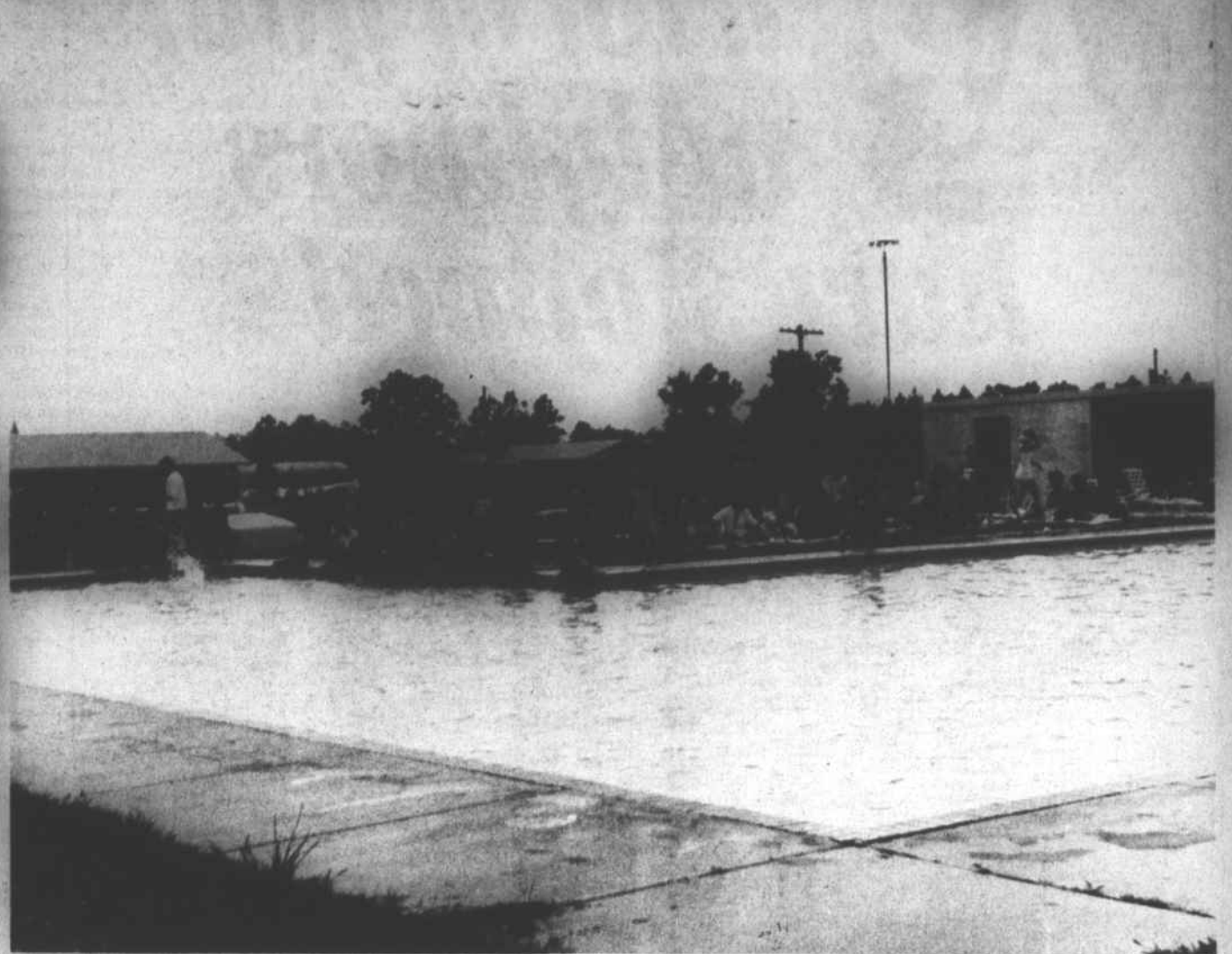


# Swimming Pool - Popular And Paid Project



Mrs. Sarah D. Jerome, Red Cross Water Safety Instructor, is shown in the right foreground beside the Rose Hill Swimming Pool. Under the successful management of Mr. Earl Teachey the final payment was made on the mortgage in

June. The document stamped CANCELLED has been framed and placed under the breezeway and may be seen just above Miss Jerome's right shoulder. (Photo by Gene Pierce)



Rose Hill Swimming Pool limits its membership to two hundred families and sometimes on real hot days it seems as if all two hundred families use the pool at the same time.

Planned and supervised recreation contributes to making Rose Hill "A Good Place To Live." (Photo by Gene Pierce)

The Rose Hill Swimming Pool was a dream brought home by veterans of World War II. They realized their children needed to participate in organized recreation, and the need for the children to know how to swim was a dominant idea that spurred action for a swimming pool.

The original thinking was that a small pool would be adequate and would cost about \$10,000.00. A meeting was held by interested parties to see what could be worked out and the enthusiasm was so great it was realized then that a large pool would be necessary.

The planning began presenting undreamed of problems. Cement that could be poured on the surface cost only \$25 per yard, but deep into the earth surface at the bottom of the

proposed pool it tripled to a fancy figure of \$75 per yard. Never having had experience with any type filter system for pools, a selection of this item was perplexing, and then the gigantic problem of selling a skeptical public. These were only a few of the problems that made it necessary to revise the estimated cost sharply upward each time the board met.

A goal was set to sell 150 shares at \$100 per share which was accomplished in April of 1962. Again it was realized that this would not provide sufficient funds, but the board felt that as soon as construction was begun that others would join. This proved true.

Revised estimates were that an adequate pool could be built for \$26,000.00, not including

breezeway and bathhouses. The necessity for a loan became a reality.

First National Bank at Wallace, was very cooperative allowing three years to repay an \$8,000.00 loan.

The pool enjoyed a grand opening with a fashion show on July 11, 1962. Bathrooms were installed but there was no roof or breezeway, the funds just didn't go that far. But it was a wonderful year for the pool, which ended with 172 shares of stock being sold.

1963 saw the addition of roof on the bathrooms and the breeze ways, as each year since, has seen some improvements.

Membership is limited to 200 families. These come from Rose Hill, Magnolia, Wallace and Kenansville. On real hot

days one might think the entire membership was using the pool at the same time, and all efforts seem repaid by the pleasure derived by the children.

Organized swimming activities were initiated last summer and are presently underway at the pool. A program of Red Cross Swimming for beginners, advanced swimmers, Jr. Lifesavers, and Sr. Lifesaving is offered by Sarah D. Jerome, Red Cross Water Safety Instructor. These courses have met with much success because of the eagerness of the parents, the gleeful enthusiasm of the pupils and the capable and expert instruction of Jerome.

A swimming club has been formed by several very interested young girls who are excellent swimmers. These girls are planning a water Ballet around the first of August. One night will be set aside for this water show and the swimmers who have successfully completed their swimming course will receive certificates.

The smooth functioning of the pool is largely due to the efficient management of Mr. Earl Teachey who is serving a second summer as manager and life guard along with Miss Jerome as life guard and swimming teacher. Their's is a job well done and the community is proud of their efforts.

The long hours of hard work and the growing pains experienced by the directors have been more than compensated by the cancellation of the mortgage on the pool in June of

this year. The Rose Hill Swimming Pool is a tremendous success because a group of veterans made a dream come true.

## Water Sports Competition

The privately owned swimming pool of Rose Hill or Private Park Development, Inc. affords much pleasure along

with much needed physical fitness activities. July 4th seemed just the occasion for keen competition by some of the young

Convention, and a special program and finance committee, swimmers.

Bill Moore was a two-time winner coming in first in the 25 yard race and also in the 220 yard race. George Clayton Bradshaw did a record breaking 100 feet under water in 44 seconds. Jackie Sheffield was winner of the 25 yard back crawl.

In the girls contest Brenda Knowles secured top position with her strong and apparently superior American Crawl, and back crawl.

Bill Moore and Jackie Sheffield were the entries in the 16-120 age group. Jackie scored 21 points to be edged out by Bill's 22 points.

Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Earl Teachey were judges.

The participants in the 4th of July Festivities along with many others will present a water show in August.

## Mullis Attends Church Workshop At Emory U.

Troy D. Mullis, pastor of Smith and Grove Presbyterian Churches attended the twenty-second Town and Country school at Emory University July 5 through July 14.

The emphasis is upon the problems of rural people whether living in town and country areas or inner city areas.

Attention is given to the problems, goals, and resources available to both Negro and white churches today. The leadership is interracial.

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