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A Neighborhood Project at Old Farm

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Labor Day traditionally for the first time since last means the end of the outdoor fall. The new pool opened in swimming season. June.

The end of this pool season means more to families at Old Farm, the North Be- theda community by Kettler Brothers, Inc. The Old Farm Club has completed its first season and residents of the Montrose rd. community are looking forward to more. When the last bather emerges refreshed from the pool, this weekend, people who spent time and energy making it possible will relax

From then on the pool was an exercise in cooperation and buyer-builder relations. Residents got

together and expressed themselves while providing a community amenity.

The pool, grounds and bathhouse are valued at about \$150,000, including the land, and will accommodate between about 500 families when Old Farm is completed. The club now has 220 members.

Nine men from Old Farm formed the brain-and-brawn trust for the vast undertaking. Surveying, zoning ordinances, contract negotiation and all the other work involved was carried on by the swim club officers and board members: George R. Barse,

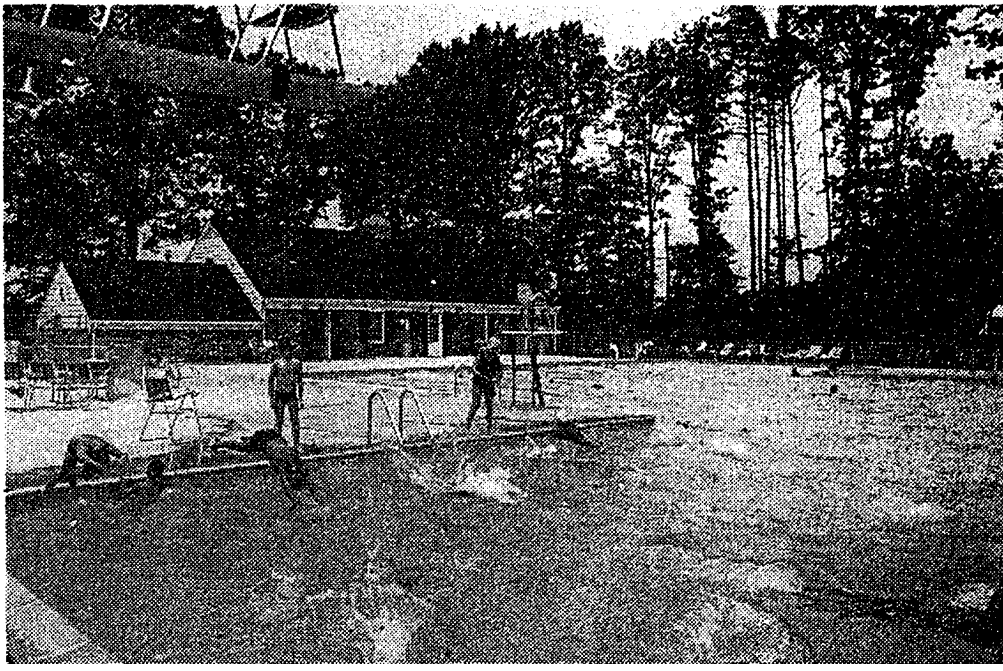
John C. Hoban, vice-president; Joseph C. Ryan, secretary, and Hamilton W. Wells, treasurer; and John A. Thayer, Charles W. Reene, Thomas M. Lebling, A. H. Sullivan and Edgar L. Jordan.

Residents of the neighboring Montrose rd. community of Walnut Woods and the nearby Kettler community of Montgomery Square are also eligible to join the pool.

"We got a big assist from Tom Oftelie of Walnut Woods," Barse said of his fellow engineer.

Barse recalls a snowy Saturday last winter when he

and Oftelie had spent most of the day looking for boundary stakes on the property preparatory to running a survey. Half-frozen, they called in reinforcements from the neighborhood. By mid-afternoon there was a group of neighbors in the snow, looking for the corner property peg. Children who were sledding nearby came over to help. Barse explained the mission and a 7-year-old boy said, "Oh, you mean like this one," and took the "survey team" to a metal corner peg. The project was completed late that night as wives held flashlights for the crew.



Daily swimming lessons are given in the summer to youngsters at the Old Farm Swim Club. The bathhouse, built by Ket-

tlter Brothers and designed by Patterson and Worland AIA, reflects the traditional styling of homes in Old Farm.