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with the

Monte Sano Club

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this much is History...

THE FIRST SWIMMER broke the sparkling waters of Lowell M. Anderson Swimming Pool June 24, 1962. But the real beginning of the Monte Sano Club reaches farther into history than that.

Early in 1960 the Monte Sano Civic Association commissioned a committee to search for a likely site for a community recreation center, to be fashioned around a pool as a beginning nucleus. The search paid off with 80 acres along the south slopes of the mountain—since supplemented by nearly 20 adjoining acres—and it was time to begin work in earnest.

The Civic Association's role in the operation was that of prime mover. Once the project had taken direction the Association stepped out. And that's when the Monte Sano Club was born.

During its budding stages the club was led by Colonel Lars Balck. At the organizational meeting held in March 1961 Dr. William Cameron was named first president of the group, and 57 charter members were signed up. Things were under way.

A nationally known architect was commissioned to plan the project. Responsibility for construction was turned over to an engineer with experience on bridges, dams, and major government projects all over the hemisphere. Acres of detail drawings for the intricate hydraulic and electrical systems that form the sinewy core of our concrete crater were produced by a top-notch draftsman. Volunteer labor was recruited from skilled—and unskilled—residents of the mountain and put under the supervision of a critical foreman. Work went on many nights until past midnight, through raw winter winds and blistering summer sun, weekdays and weekends. Finally, one year to the day after the first bulldozer appeared on the site, the first swimmer broke the pool's sparkling waters.

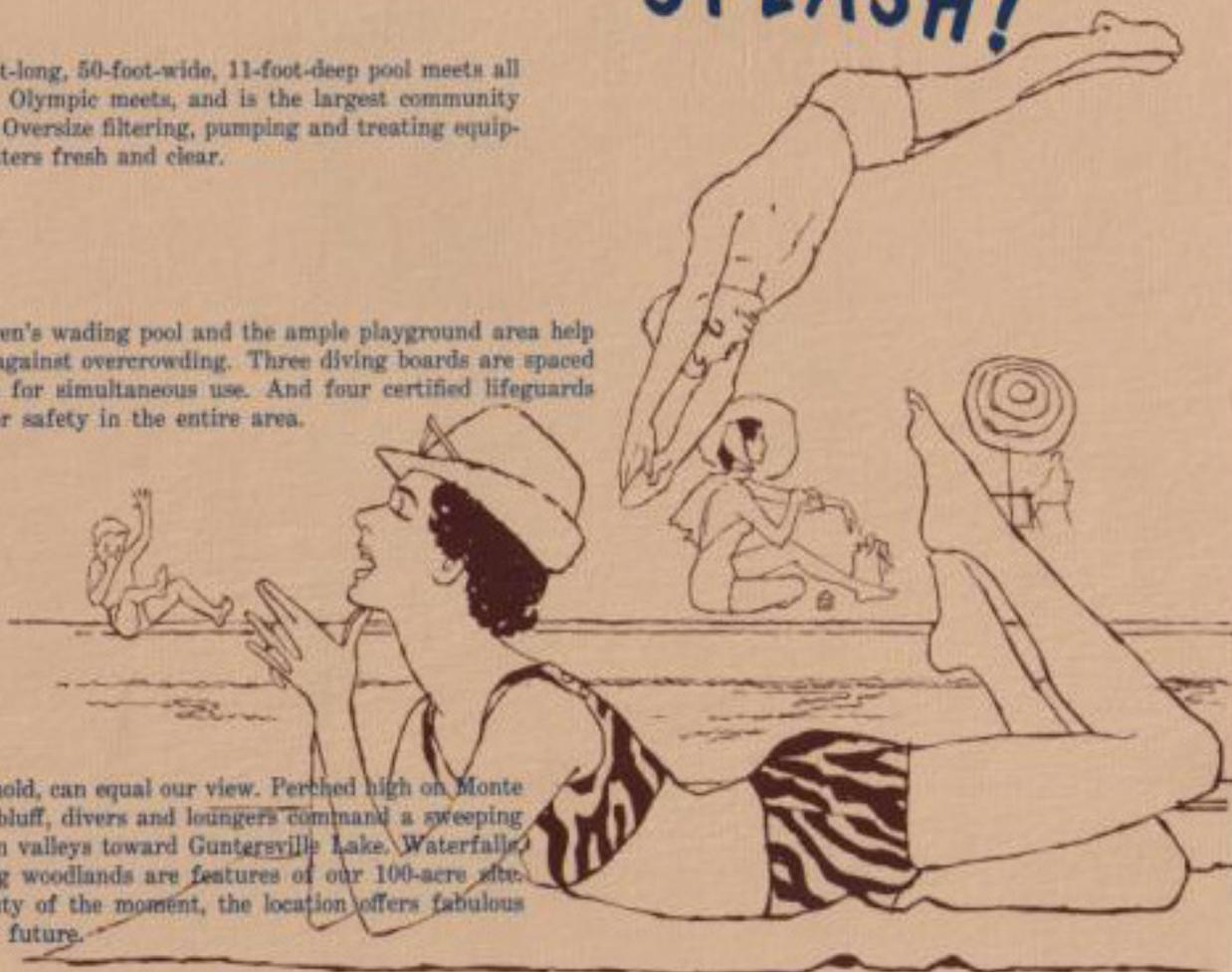
A note on the pool's name: The Civic Association's one-man committee to select the site was named Lowell M. Anderson. So was the volunteer architect. So was the volunteer engineer. So was the volunteer draftsman. So was the volunteer foreman. So is our pool.

SPLASH!

The club's 82-foot-long, 50-foot-wide, 11-foot-deep pool meets all requirements for Olympic meets, and is the largest community pool in the area. Oversize filtering, pumping and treating equipment keep its waters fresh and clear.

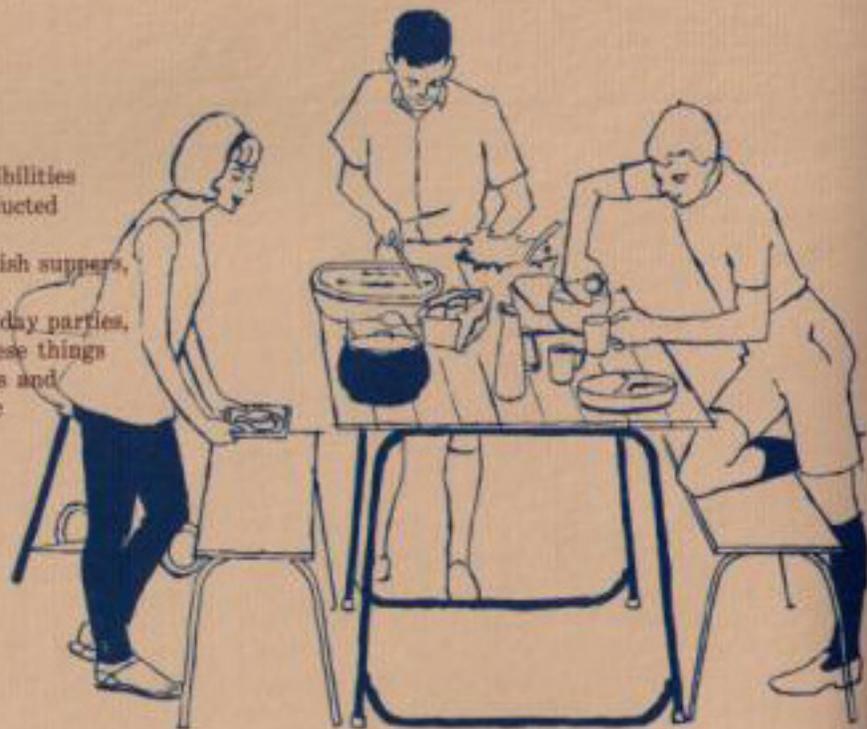
The children's wading pool and the ample playground area help to insure against overcrowding. Three diving boards are spaced to provide for simultaneous use. And four certified lifeguards provide for safety in the entire area.

But no pool, we hold, can equal our view. Perched high on Monte Sano's southern bluff, divers and loungers command a sweeping view of the green valleys toward Guntersville Lake. Waterfalls, rocks, and rolling woodlands are features of our 100-acre site. Besides the beauty of the moment, the location offers fabulous promises for the future.



Already it's wonderful.....

The club's first year of operation proved possibilities as yet untapped. Swimming classes were conducted for children in the daytime and adults in the evening. Steak-and-covered-dish suppers, evening swimming with underwater lighting, dancing on the aprons. Bridge games and birthday parties, daytime socials and lifesaving courses. All these things added to the pleasure of the afternoon plunges and weekend swims to bring about the enthusiastic clamor for even more in future years.





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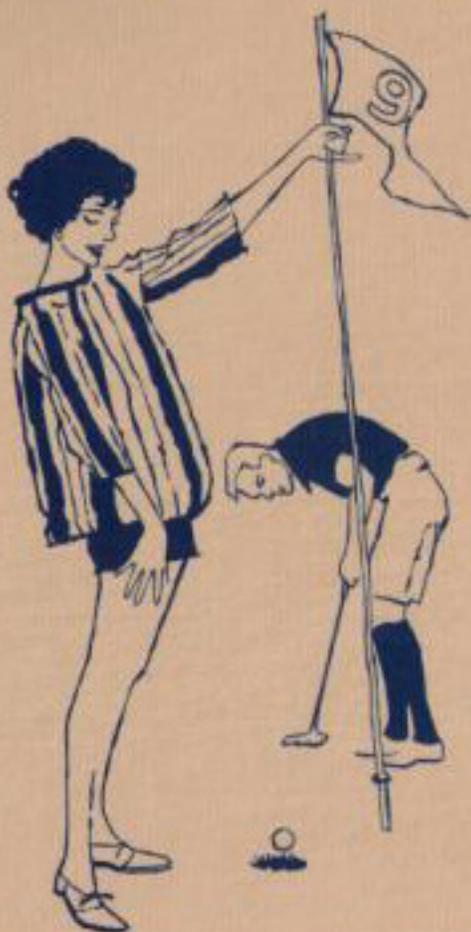
It's been wonderful.

One of the most pleasant things has been dreaming about what can lie ahead. We have nine acres of almost flat land on top of the mountain, and more than 90 more skipping and rolling down the mountainside.

The smooth part is smooth enough to be lovely, and the rough part is rough enough to be fabulous.

Tennis courts are in the plans for early completion; a picnic area belongs on the shady slopes on both sides of the pool; the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts could have clubhouses on the shelves over the bluff; hiking trails and bridal paths should wind along the ridges around boulders and pits.

And then there are more expensive projects a little farther in the future and hazier in our planning. There's room for nine holes of chip-and-putt golf; we could have a clubhouse separate from the pool area and from the one we need next, which is described on the next page . . . possibilities enough to handle all our dreams.



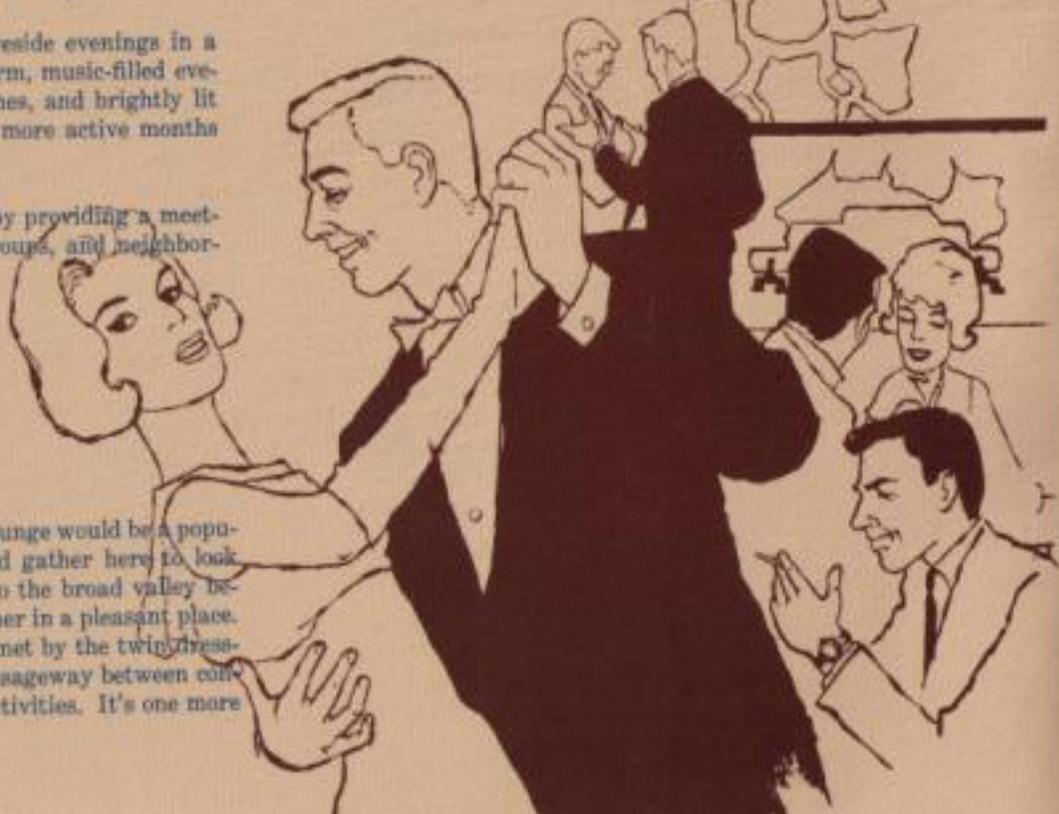
Year 'round Activities

When chill winds chase the hardiest swimmer and long cold evenings come to the mountain top we lock the gate to the pool and the Monte Sano Club shuts down until Spring returns. But it needn't be that way.

There's opportunity for frequent fireside evenings in a lounge above the bath house . . . warm, music-filled evenings of dancing, cheerful card games, and brightly lit parties to while away the hours 'til more active months come again.

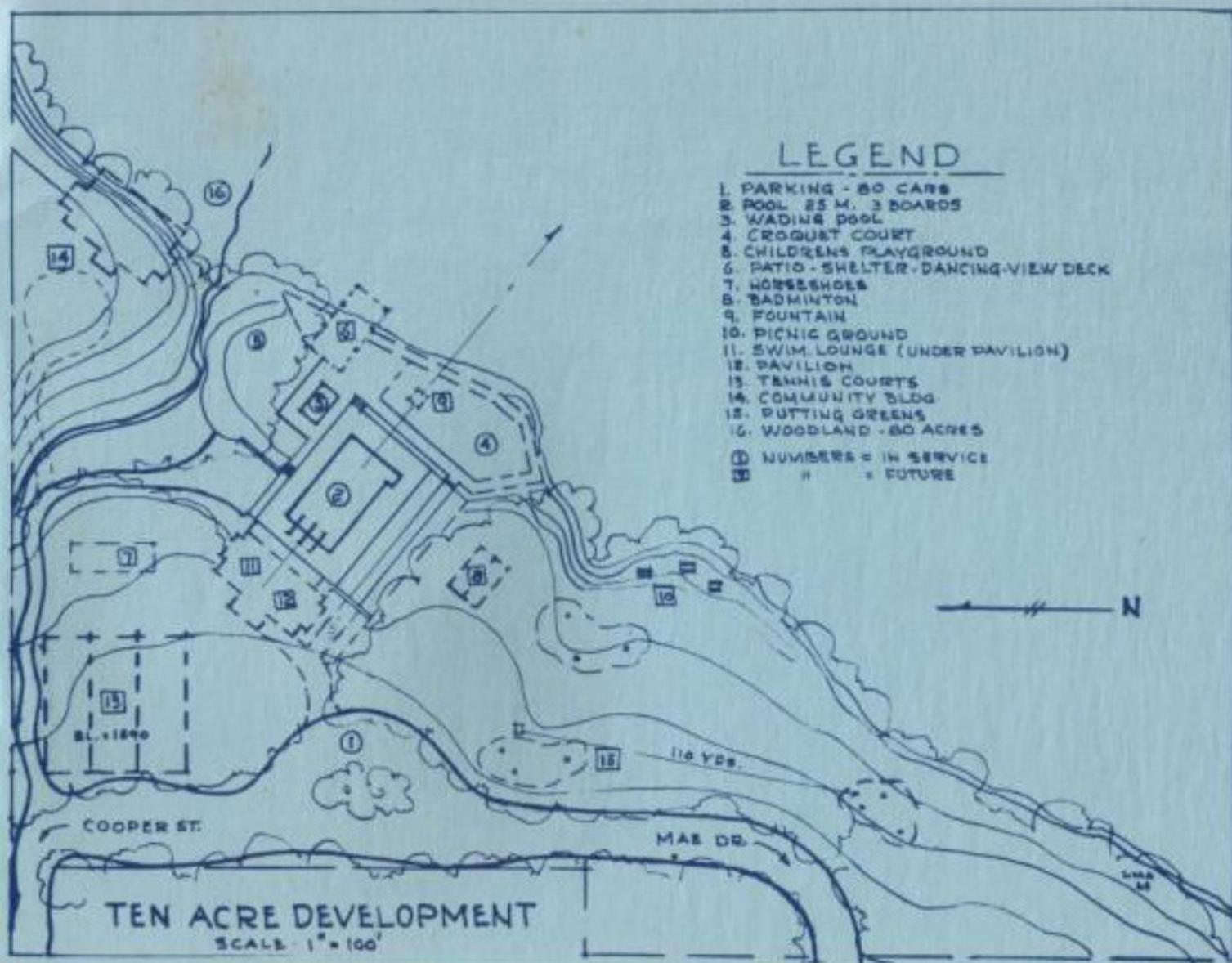
We'd serve a community need, too, by providing a meeting spot for women's clubs, civic groups, and neighborhood organizations.

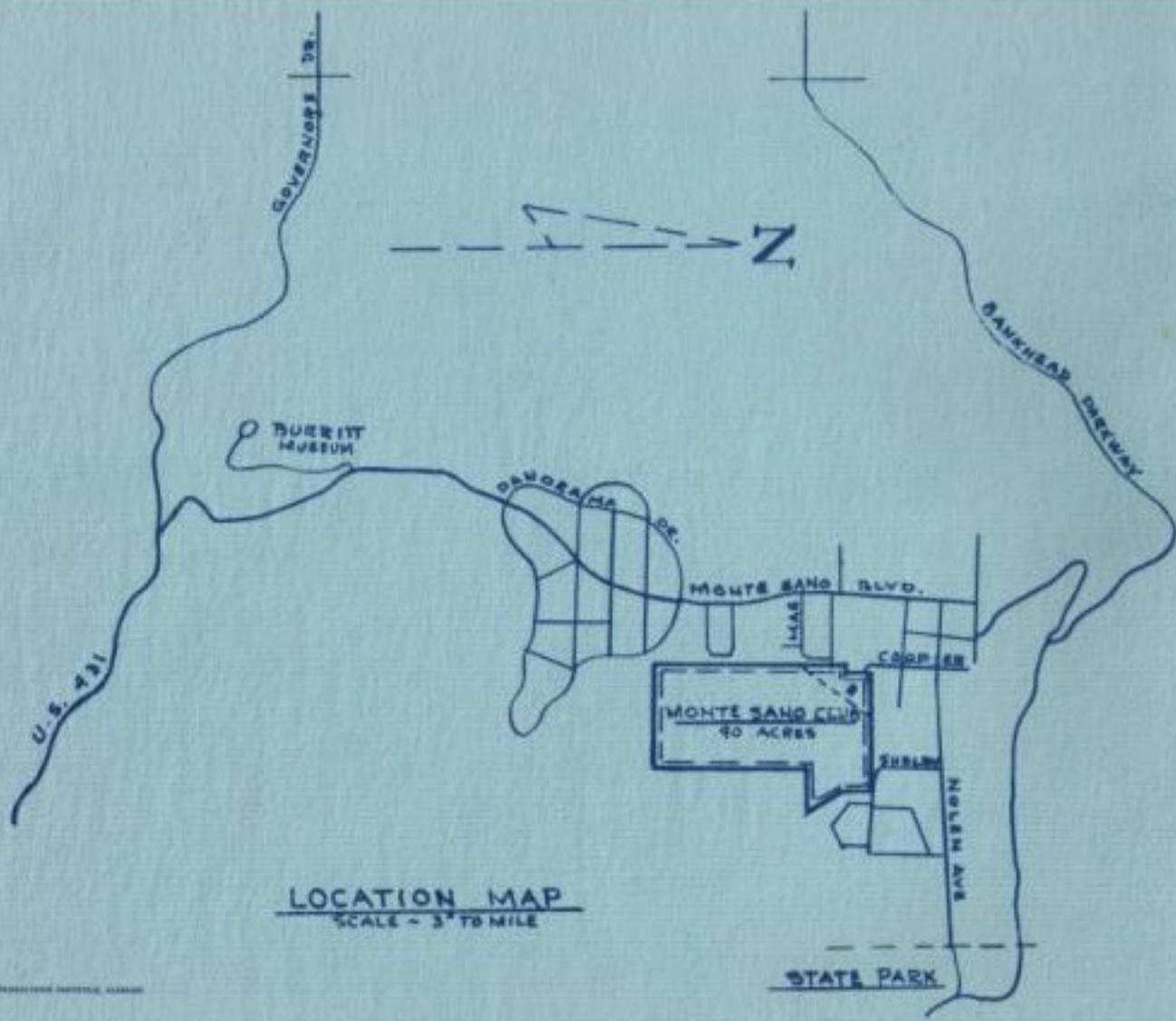
Even during summer months the lounge would be a popular spot . . . waiting parents could gather here to look from the balcony across the pool to the broad valley beyond . . . and spend some time together in a pleasant place. An immediate necessity would be met by the twin dressing rooms downstairs, with the passageway between connecting the pool area with other activities. It's one more item on our wishing list.



LEGEND

1. PARKING - 80 CARS
 2. POOL 25 M. 3 BOARDS
 3. WADING POOL
 4. CROQUET COURT
 5. CHILDRENS PLAYGROUND
 6. PATIO - SHELTER - DANCING - VIEW DECK
 7. HORSESHOES
 8. BADMINTON
 9. FOUNTAIN
 10. PICNIC GROUND
 11. SWIM LOUNGE (UNDER PAVILION)
 12. PAVILION
 13. TENNIS COURTS
 14. COMMUNITY BLDG.
 15. PUTTING GREENS
 16. WOODLAND - 80 ACRES
- ① NUMBERS = IN SERVICE
② " = FUTURE





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