

BONNY OAKS POOL OPENED

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Dedication Held
For Coleman's Gift

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A 30x60-foot swimming pool, gift of Charles B. Coleman, local attorney, and Mrs. Coleman, to the children of Bonny Oaks School, was dedicated today to the memory of Coleman's brother, Lewis Minor Coleman Jr.

Ten-year-old Josephine Denison, a Bonny Oaks student, who was indirectly responsible for suggesting the idea of the project to its donor, cut the ribbon, officially opening the pool.

The Rev. Robert L. Clapp, pastor of the Tyner Baptist Church and probation officer for Hamilton County Juvenile Court, gave a prayer of dedication.

The donor's brother, an outstanding student and athlete at McCallie School and the University of Virginia, drowned in an accident in the Tennessee River in 1914.

A bronze plaque at one end of the new pool is inscribed: "In honor of Lewis Coleman Jr., a brilliant student, star athlete and loyal friend."

Bonny Oaks Superintendent Malcolm Adamson explained that the pool has been in use since July 4, though final painting and sodding of the pool area had not taken place at that time.

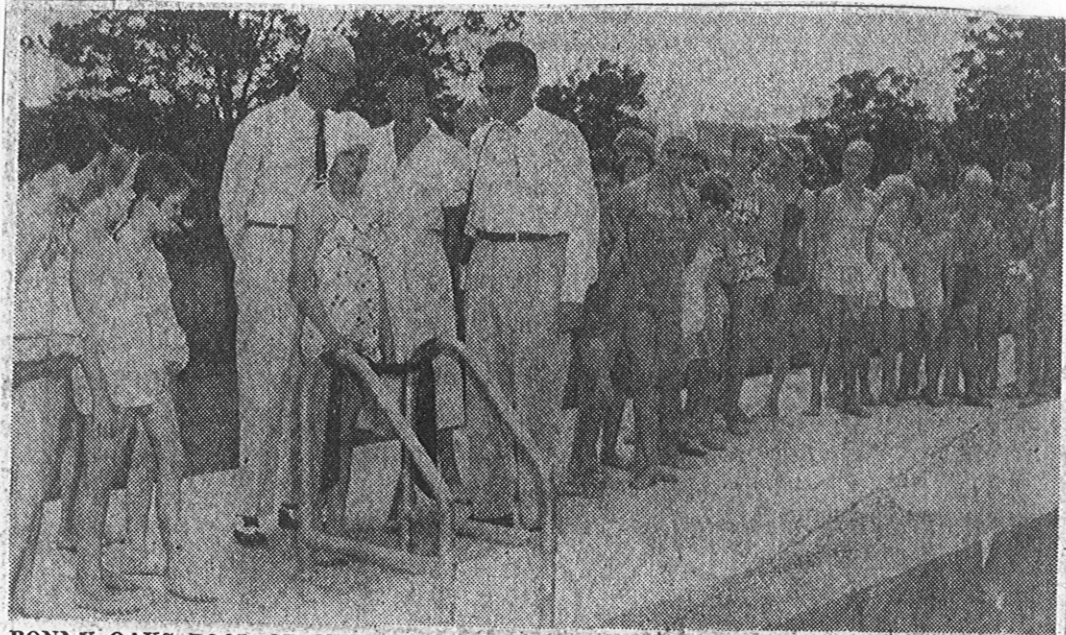
PROJECT

The completed project now covers about an acre, and a 6-foot sidewalk surrounds the entire pool. The work was done by Hyatt Construction Co., of Rossville. Architects were Bianculli & Palm. Cost of the pool was not disclosed.

Idea for the project was suggested to Coleman when the attorney, a member of the Civitan Club, asked Bonny Oaks student Josephine Denison what birthday present she would like as part of a Civitan undertaking to provide gifts for children at the school.

She told him she would like a bathing suit. Coleman inquired where she would be able to swim, and learned that Bonny Oaks has no swimming facilities of its own. He then offered the school's board of trustees to build a pool at Bonny Oaks, and the gift was accepted in unanimous action by the board June 12.

Attending the dedication ceremonies were members of the County Council and the Bonny Oaks board. A watermelon cutting followed the ceremony.



BONNY OAKS POOL OPENED—Josephine Denison, Bonny Oaks student whose request for a bathing suit as a birthday gift led to the construction of a swimming pool at the school as a gift from Atty. and Mrs. Charles B. Coleman, cuts a ribbon officially opening the pool in ceremonies yesterday. Looking on are Mr. and Mrs. Coleman, who donated the pool in memory of Coleman's brother, Lewis Minor Coleman Jr., and Bonny Oaks Supt. Malcolm Adamson.—(Staff Photo by John Goforth.) NFP 7/11/50

BATHING POOL IS DEDICATED

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Negro Children's Swimming
Facility at Bonny Oaks Is
Named for Harry Miller

HE HEADED FUND DRIVE

Charles Colemans Praised
by Adolph Ochs for Gift
to White Youngsters

The new swimming pool for Negro children at Bonny Oaks School was dedicated yesterday and named in honor of Harry Miller, a leader in the fund drive that made the pool possible.

Adolph Shelby Ochs, campaign chairman, praised Miller for his efforts in the drive, declaring he had "never seen such an efficient fund-raising campaigner." He referred to Miller as "one of the most public spirited men I've ever known."

Ochs announced that the board of directors of the school had decided to name the new pool in honor of Miller, and that a metal plaque bearing his name would be placed at the pool.

Ochs, who said he represented County Judge Wilkes Thrasher in the brief ceremony, said that next to Miller, Mrs. Albert Schlickling deserved major credit for the success of the drive. He said Mrs. Schlickling was not only the principal donor to the fund, but that she also worked in the campaign.

He said Col. and Mrs. Charles B. Coleman's gift of a pool to Bonny Oaks for white children "illustrates how a generous impulse can inspire others to similar worthwhile endeavors." He said it was their gift of a pool to the school that was responsible for the drive to provide a pool for the colored children.

Fun Hoped For

He concluded his brief talk with expression of the hope that "these boys and girls will have a lot of fun in this pool."

Ochs was introduced by Malcolm Adamson, superintendent of Bonny Oaks. Adamson also introduced Cartter Patten, chairman of the board of directors; Martin Ochs, vice chairman and son of the speaker; Clarence Hudlow, a member of the board; Mrs. Schlickling and T. D. Upshaw, principal of Booker T. Washington School and a member of the advisory committee for the school.

The Booker T. Washington School band played for the ceremony.

Although a breeze made the afternoon somewhat chilly for swimming, at least a dozen boys and girls dived into the pool as soon as the ceremony was concluded.

Two dozen swimming suits were furnished to the school by the Lincoln Park Athletic Assn., under the leadership of Henry Dunlap.

After the ceremony and the swimming, a barbecue and wiener supper was given for the youngsters by the Metropolitan Athletic Assn., headed by Henry Camp.