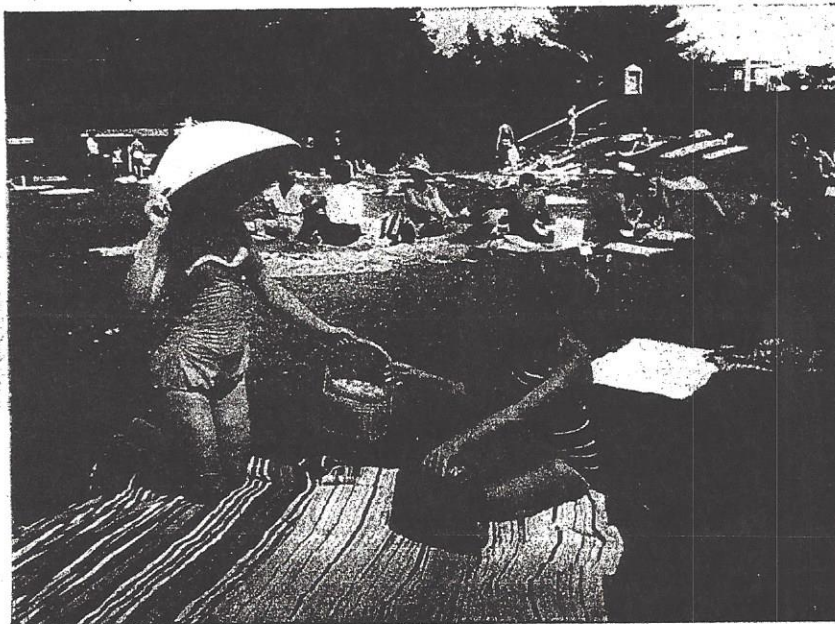


EVERYBODY'S IN THE SWIM—Four large swimming pools and one "baby" pool make summertime fun time at the Army Navy Country Club.

The swimmers above are diving into the pool reserved for 12- and 18-year-olds. There are others for children "up to 8," the "8 to 12" and for those

"16 and above." For the toddlers, there is a special shallow pool to splash and wade and play in.

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The 'Club' Is Holiday Near Home

NICE WAY to spend the Fourth of July weekend, or any other of the summer weekends to come, is around the country club pool. That's the happy discovery being made right now by many a Washington family.

Sunshine, cool blue water and big shady trees provide a satisfying setting. Rafts of friends are sure to be on hand ready for a splashing good time in the pools, a round of golf, a set or two of tennis, or just loitering around in the sun. After dark, there's dinner and dancing at the clubhouses.

The swimming pool is the focal point, the family rallying ground. The youngsters are in and out of it all day long, and the smallest fry of all center their activities around the nearby wading or "baby" pool.

Army Navy Country Club

THOUSANDS of service families are ducking the heat without migrating to cooler climes. They're doing their vacationing "out at the club." Of course, "the club" is the Army Navy Country Club on Country Club Drive in Arlington, which boasts the largest membership in the world.

Card carriers are 18,800 men and their families. Which, according to Club man-

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IT'S BETTER THAN THE BEACH: Gaily colored beach towels are sprinkled all over the rolling lawns at the Army Navy Country Club seven days a week (if it doesn't rain), all summer long. Sun bathers find the grass better than the beach—it's cooler and when the sun rays get too hot, one can just move a few feet into the shade of a giant tree. Last week, Air Force fledgling Robin Bush and Navy Junior Virginia Thomas went for a swim in one of the club pools and relaxed in the sun to duck the 100-degree heat.

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ager Col. Richard E. Daley, adds up to 12,800 "multiplied by four."

Fortunately, the members are scattered all over the globe, because the management frankly admits it wouldn't know what to do with all of them if they hit town the same day.

But, there are still some 5000 resident members who are finding the club an appropriate place for a family vacation—not too far from the city lights, yet with all the comforts of cool country air.

For the sporty set, there are no less than five swimming pools—four regulation size and one "baby" pool for junior waterbugs. Toddlers, two and under, have their own playground with attendants on hand.

To complete the sport picture, there are 11 tennis courts, lighted for night play, and a 27-hole golf course at the main club and an 18-hole course at the auxiliary Fairfax club.

For dining, there's the main dining room where guests can gaze at the Washington horizon through wide picture windows. And for dancing, there's the rooftop, with capacity for 800. Dance evenings are every Wednesday and Saturday.

Among those making reservations for last night's

party were club president Vice Admiral E. W. Cleton and Mrs. Cleton; Rear Admiral D. M. Agnew, U.S.N. (ret.) and Mrs. Agnew; Major General H. T. Wheelless, U. S. Army and Mrs. Wheelless and the Bryan F. LaPlantes.

Club chairman of the board, Major General Stanley Jones, and Mrs. Jones had also selected the evening of the Fourth to entertain for their Lake Barcroft neighbors, Col. and Mrs. Ivan H. Impson and Mrs. Impson's sister and brother-in-law, Col. and Mrs. Robert C. Larson, U. S. Army (ret.), who leave Tuesday to make their home in Clearwater, Fla.

Only cloud on Mrs. Jones' horizon is her expressed disappointment at not sharing the Fourth with married daughters Mrs. Lee H. Thackwray of Westover, Mass., and Mrs. Hardin B. Olson of Mainz, Germany, both of whose husbands—like the General—are West Pointers. Mrs. Jones hopes they'll be home for a visit soon.

Club secretary, Lt. Col. E. T. O'Donnell, and Mrs. O'Donnell were planning to get to the Saturday night dance with houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Loudenflagel of Bellevue, Ohio.