



The whole family—David and Marilyn with the children, Dotty, David Jr. and Donna Martin. Big Dave's the only non-swimmer.

DAVID MARTIN DESIGNED AND BUILT THE FIRST POOL IN RALEIGH FOR AN APARTMENT COMPLEX.

ARE YOU WAITING FOR THE HEARSE TO TAKE YOU TO CHURCH?

At Athens Drive Baptist Church on a Sunday morning (February 15, 1961), I counted 35 women and 7 men in one area of the congregation! The thought came to me — where are the men? If it were not for the women leading us spiritually, America would be in bad shape! That morning, I promised God that I would not miss another Sunday morning being in God's house as long as I lived and had good health to get there! February 15, 2011, will mark the 50th anniversary of keeping my word to Him.

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Build a Pool

"PROBLEMS ARE OPPORTUNITIES!"

Ideas For Apartment Owners

If you can't beat 'em—build a swimming pool.

The motels did it — why not builders of apartments?

One man has done it — to everyone's delight.

David Martin, who has been in the building business many years, once found himself way out on a limb and facing ruination.

He had purchased a bunch of apartment units from State College — the old barracks-type buildings that houses married students, and that were to give way to the new ones the students now rent.

But the Raleigh City Council said the buildings were too flimsy to rent further, even though Martin was going to give them extensive face-lifting.

Martin presented his plea again, and the Council finally gave him permission to remodel the old buildings.

He placed them on a tract in the Avent Ferry Road section.

After a while, he decided to build duplex units to supplement the remodeled dwellings.

By this time, competition had caught up with him — the State College apartments were up, many rental properties were closer to town, and Martin found himself with a problem.

"I decided," he said, "to build a swimming pool for the people who live here."

Grand Opening

The pool, which had its "grand opening" this week, has proved so successful, several of Martin's tenants are spending their vacation right here.

A typical couple are Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lucas, Raleigh newcomers from Camden, N.J. They have an air conditioned apartment, and the free pool. "We're building our week's vacation around it," Lucas said. Besides that, home-town friends came here for THEIR vacation, too. The visitors are Barbara and Joe McCann of Camden, N.J.

Martin's wife, he said really inspired him to build the pool. Marilyn Martin, a wholesome young woman with a lot of freckles, learned how to swim just last year. The Martin children, Dotty, David and Donna are learning now, even though they're still very little tots. "Everybody," said Marilyn, "should learn how to swim early." Martin, although he's a Coast Guard veteran, is a non-swimmer. "I just never learned," he said.

The neighborhood pool is a boon for house-bound mothers. It's only a step away from their kitchens, and provides long hours of recreation and helps them make new friends.

Has meeting the competition with an expensive pool made his rents go up? "Nope," said Martin. "The pool keeps the units full. I don't have to worry about vacancies."

—Bette Elliott.

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Free spring water!
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