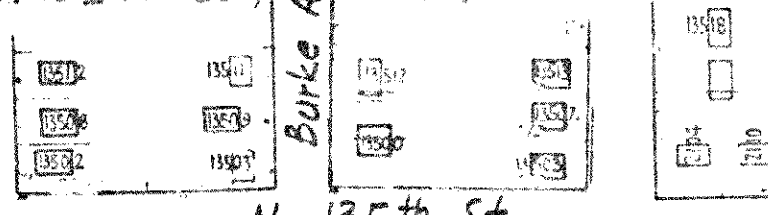
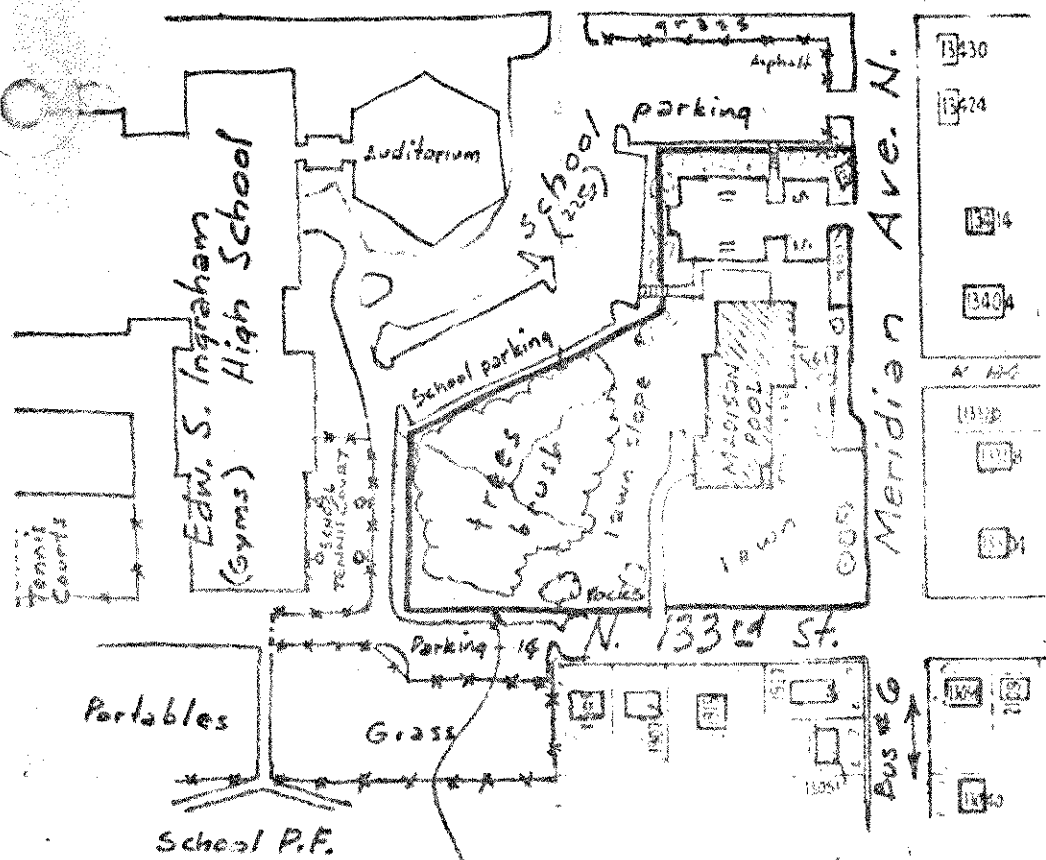


POOL named by Park Board in 1971 to honor Seattle's great swimmer, HELENE MADISON (1913-1970); won 3 Olympic Gold Medals in 1932, held all 16 Women's World Championship Swimming Records at one time, won over 100 American Swimming Records! All this accomplished between age 15 and 19! She began swimming at age 2 at Green Lake beach in Park Dept. classes. Later learned competitive skills at Crystal Pool (Seattle) under the teaching of Roy Daughters & others, then at the Pool in the basement of Moore Hotel. She switched membership from Crystal Pool to Washington Athletic Club under continued instruction of Daughters as well as being an instructor. (The WAC Pool is named to her honor. Miss Madison was elected to the Wash. State Athletic Hall of Fame in 1960 & the National Swimming Hall of Fame in 1966. She swam professionally at the 1933 Chicago World's Fair starred in a Mack Sennett comedy: "The Human Fish", did some amateur painting & went into an intermittent career as a nurse. Became Mrs. Luther C. Melver, Jr., in 1937 and Helene Madison Melver, Jr., was born in 1938. Indebtedness was followed with divorce in 1958; another marriage to William Kappahn also ended in divorce in 1961. Then came diabetes & cancer of the throat & pauperism. The P.-I., Licensed Practical Nurses Assoc. & her many admirers came to her financial rescue but medical science failed her. Pool dedicated on 40th Anniversary of Olympic Gold Medal Awards (Los Angeles)



N. 135th St.



Trees bought & planted by community - 1968
 MADISON SWIMMING POOL: opened for Christmas 1971
 13401 Meridian Ave. N. EM 2-5344
 174' x 36' Pool = 3'-12 1/2' ft. deep / 6 lanes
 (Pool replaced the HALLER LAKE playground facility: ballfield, football & play equip. Comf. Co. moved to Westcrest Pk. in 1976.)

7.2 Acres
 (3.56 Ac. by Joint-use Agreement - 1958: ~~dash~~ line)

Transf. from Water Dept. \$21000 = 1956
 (1943; proposed Haller Lake Reservoir / School Dist. exchanged (North acres) site for this one in 1957)

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MADISON POOL

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