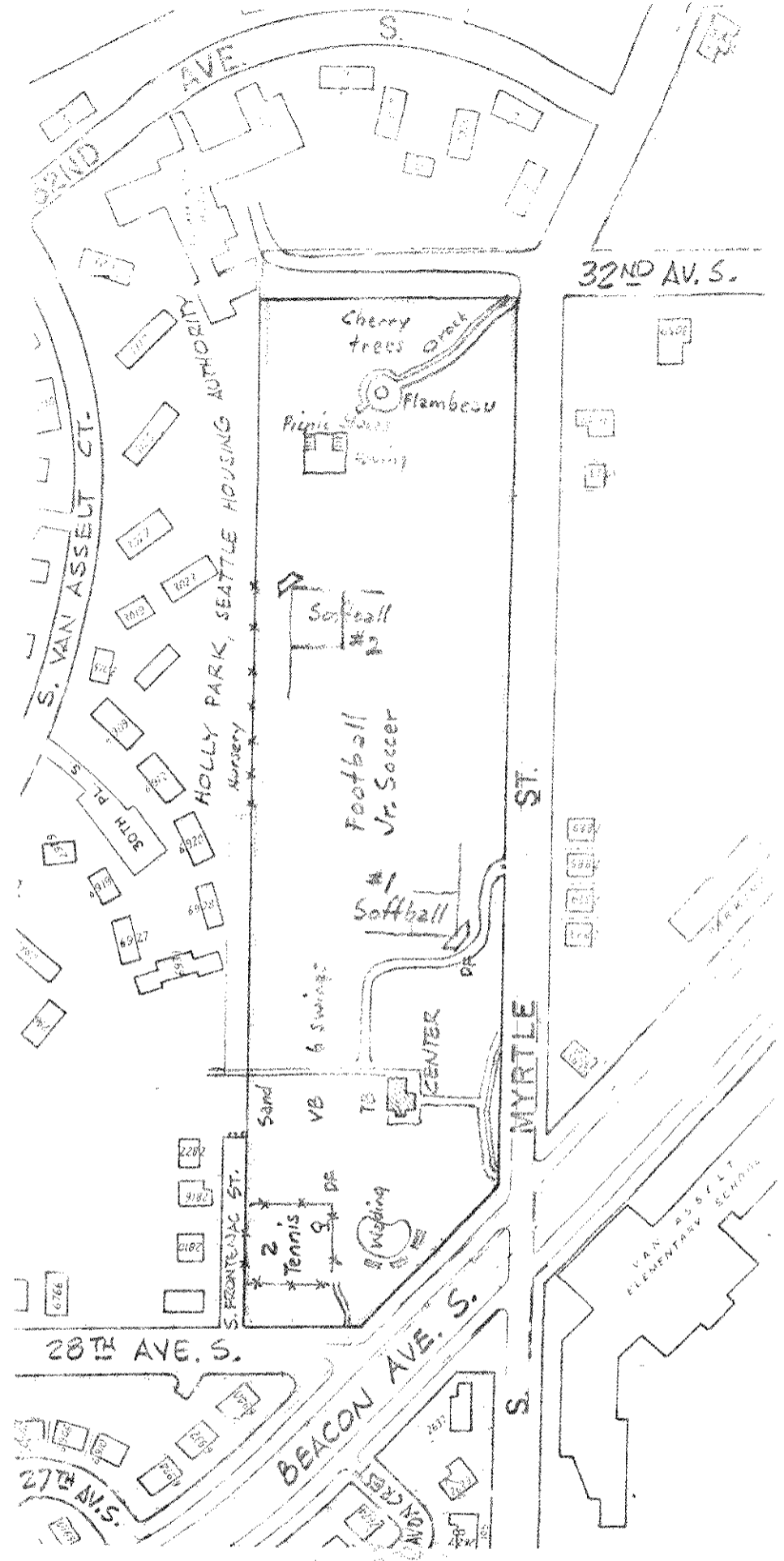


NAME of playground (if school) is assumed from the community located on the location and claim of pioneer homesteader Henry Van Asselt, a native of Holland who arrived here in 1851 and was on the beach of Liberty Street. Henry soon arrived on the Schooner Exact. He was an excellent mechanic and cabinet maker. First Court action of the new King County was to grant him his property. His farmstead was the site of the University valley (now former field) and his marriage to Catherine Maple in 1862 was the largest wedding of the times. They retired to a residence in Georgia town.

Beacon Hill (and Avenue) named by M.H. Young owner of the electric railway company whose cars served the Hill from Seattle to honor his Boston birthplace, Beacon Hill.

Flambeau is a flaming torch sun dial that was common in the South; a gas lit smudge in the orchards, and by whose light the children played. In 1940 when the local garden club sponsored this flambeau there was an orchard on the slope to the west. The nearby paved area with its fireplaces was part of the pergentry of the flambeau. A lighted wick was placed in the flambeau.



Action to acquire site initiated by petition of local district 1926.
 Condemnation was authorized but Court rejected the Assessment Roll for the L.L.D., so City Council appropriated funds. Property was a mud basin which was filled by a gasoline engine hauling fill material in a "train" of dump cars.
 WPA built the Recr. Center + Flambeau in 1938, Total projects \$21,579.
 An Anti-aircraft unit occupied site during WWII & the adjacent Housing Project was built by Federal Govt. for war workers. Tennis Courts built in 1948, Wading Pool in 1954.



8.8 Acres
 Condem. 1933 19,000 = SF
 "...for park + playground purposes."

Recreation Center
 2820 S. Myrtle St.
 Social Rm / fireplace - 22' x 23'
 National interest - use after school hours

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