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Registration for Swimming Instruction At High School Pool Scheduled For July 1st

Classes and open swimming will start at the Concrete High School swimming pool the first week in July with registration set for Tuesday, July 1, at the pool at 9 a.m.

No Sande will again be in charge as instructor with Craig Knechtel, life guard, for this season.

Prices will be the same as last year with family season tickets, \$20; individual swimming sessions for grade school children, 25 cents; high school, 50 cents; and adults, 75 cents.

Schedule for this summer is:

9:30-10 a.m.—Beginners, 6 and under. Parent, older brother, sister or some responsible person should be with each child.
9:30-10 a.m.—Beginners over 6 years of age.
10:10-10:30 a.m.—Advanced beginners and intermediates.
10:30-11 a.m.—Swimmers.
11 a.m.-12 noon—Life saving and water safety.

2-4:30 p.m.—Open swim for all.
6:30-8 p.m.—Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, open to all.
6:30-8 p.m.—Tuesdays and Thursdays, adult swimming only.

Beautification Contest Judging On Monday

Local business houses have less than a week before the close of this year's "Business for Beauty" contest, sponsored by the Cascade Junior Women's Club.

Judging in the contest will take place next Monday, June 23. Out-of-town judges are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller and Bob Wilcox of Sedro-Woolley. All are well known in this area. Mr. Miller is chairman of the county board of commissioners and Mr. Wilcox operates an insurance agency. Mrs. Miller has been active in the Sedro-Woolley Chamber of Commerce and other county organizations and activities.

Practically all of Concrete's businesses have signed in the renovation and improvement contest. However, very few have been able to complete their plans at this time. The local women's group hope that the contest may be held again next year to allow all not ready for this year's judging to have a chance to participate.

The business selected as making the most improvement will receive an award certificate and be entered in the state contest. All who have entered the competition will receive certificates of participation.

Illabot Creek Slide Is Removed To Open Road

The Baker River District reports that the slide blocking the Illabot Creek Road at Blue Bell Creek has been removed. The Segelson Road was to be opened from the pass to the Finney Creek Road last week.

The snow in Wanlick Pass was plowed last week; this opened the Loomis-Nooksack Road to the end. The Anderson Creek Road is open to Lillypad Lake. The Sauk Mountain Road is open 6 1/2 miles.

Grading has been started on the Baker Lake Highway. Maintenance has been started on lower elevation trails.

Surveying has begun for the 140-unit Bayview Campground, which is located immediately north of Horseshoe Cove. The Bayview area will be closed for the next two summers to facilitate the surveying and construction work.

Peterson Oil Truck Destroyed By Fire

Peterson Teaxco's oil truck was completely destroyed by fire last Thursday morning at No-Name Creek, near Berry Creek, in the construction area of the North Cross-State Highway.

Bob Ross, driver of the truck, was within a mile of his destination to deliver oil to the tanks of Goodfellow Construction Co. on the new road when the fire broke out. Cause was uncertain, although Ross said it could have been a backfire or a spark from the exhaust.

He had two fire extinguishers on the truck, which he emptied without curbing the fire at all, and members of the construction crew also tried to help but were unable to do anything. Newhalem and Diablo volunteer fire departments and the national park service crew headed by Phil Taylor all responded to the call to protect the surrounding area and avert a forest fire.

Lowell Peterson, owner, obtained another truck yesterday to continue regular service to his customers.

Roofing Contractor To Be Decided Today

Selection of the contractor who will roof the high school gymnasium building will be made tonight, June 18, by the Concrete board of education.

Bids from two contractors, Bellingham Roofers and Raines Roofing of Bow, were opened at the June 10 meeting. However, details will be discussed at tonight's meeting before a decision is made.

Board members accepted the extra-curricular pay schedule for the local faculty for a two-year period. The schedule provided for adjustments with little, if any, change in the total salary amount.

Pay raise of noncertified personnel, which had been approved at 8 per cent for the current biennium, has been changed to 7 per cent for the first year and 4 per cent for the second to meet state requirements.

ANOTHER BIG PROJECT—

City Light Plans To Raise Ross

Seattle City Light is planning a \$41 million expansion of Ross Dam which would see the lake raised 125 feet, according to an announcement by John Nelson, City Light superintendent.

The Ross Lake expansion is planned in an effort to meet the growing power needs of Seattle. If the project is approved by the Federal Power Commission, the construction could be finished in 1973. Approximately 30 per cent additional power would be created by the Ross Powerhouse.

The proposed diversion of Thunder Creek and the damming of Copper Creek have been put aside temporarily.

Preliminary work has already been done on the Thunder Creek dam proposal which would run its waters through a five-mile-long tunnel into Ross Lake, diverting its flow from Diablo Lake. Thunder Creek water then would run through the Ross Lake powerhouse before entering Diablo Lake.

City Light, however, says it is not ready to file an application with the commission for permission on the Thunder Creek project.

The Copper Creek project is still in analysis stages.

Rebekahs Make Plans To Fix Up Building

Plans for refurbishing the local I.O.O.F. hall are now under consideration by the Rebekah Lodge. A committee has been appointed to review possibility of fixing up the building. Funds would come from the rummage sales held by the lodge.

Boxes of clothing from the last rummage sale were donated to the School for the Handicapped at Buckley and to the Salvation Army.

Mrs. Al Onkels and Mrs. Jack Solomon will represent the lodge as official delegates at the Rebekah Assembly in Port Angeles next week, from June 22 through 26.

CONCRETE BOOTH AT SEATTLE CENTER TOLD OF VALLEY POWER DAMS



This was Concrete's booth during the four-day Community Festival held at the Seattle Civic Center from Thursday to Sunday last week. The display was built around the theme of hydro-electric dams—five of them—in this area. Photos of the mountainous country, the dams and lakes were grouped around a large map of the new North Cascade National Park. Both Puget Power and Seattle City Light cooperated with materials for the display. A scale model of the Lower Baker Dam at Concrete was the main feature of the arrangement. The booth was manned each day from noon until 9:00 p.m. by local residents.

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MARRIAGE MONDAY

an open invitation is issued to
friends of Dorothy Andrew
Concrete and Ken Ostman of
for their wedding next
day, June 23.
The ceremony will be perform
in the Andrew home in Mill
at 8 o'clock by the Rev.
Smith Green of Lyman.
Mrs. Andrew's daughter
and Rosalie and Stephen Sepos
will attend the couple.
A reception will follow the mar
riage ceremony.