

Varied program of courses

384 learn to swim at Kelso

By Janet Braida

Swimming lessons at Kelso Pool began Monday, June 29, with approximately 256 persons registered in the first program, 128 in the second. An early morning dip and lesson has proved satisfying for preschoolers as well as many adults. Sponsored by Halton Region Conservation Authority, three swimming sessions run for the entire two summer months; the first, just completed, ran June 29 to July 17, second from July 20 to August 7 and third from August 10 to 28. Lessons are divided into eight classifications of learning to like the water, minnows, tadpoles, beginners, pre-juniors, juniors, intermediates and seniors. All classes run between 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Elementary and intermediate Royal Life Saving, bronze medallion, skin diving and mixed adult swimming courses are also available.

Warmer water

This year the pool staff at Kelso brought water pipes in from the lake and connected them to the filter system at the pool. The surface (sun-warmed) water from the lake now fills the pool. In previous years well water has been used for the pool and the water was so cold, swimming registration dropped considerably, she said. "Temperature of the water is now in the 70's and this has helped boost the number of registrations."

Learning to like the water is for three and four year old, pre-school children. Classes are held in the wading pool and mothers of the children also take part in the course. "This course includes the child's mother who accompanies him or her into the water," said supervisor Sharron Proctor. "The mother works with the child teaching him to play games, blow bubbles with his face in the water and float." The instructor then works with the student teaching him perfection in all categories.

Cost is \$6 per child per three week session. Minnows are the five and six year olds who are not acquainted with water, and who are unable to float confidently on their front. Minnows are taught to blow bubbles with their nose and mouth, to keep their head underwater for five seconds and the art of reaching a victim for life saving purposes. Towels and flutterboards are used as part of the reaching program. Cost per child for the minnow course is \$4.25 per three week session.

Blue paint

The wading pool at Kelso has been painted for the first time this year, reports Miss Proctor. "The new blue makes it easier for the lifeguards to see the children, but presents a maintenance problem in keeping the pool free from debris."

Tadpoles are taught the same techniques as minnows, with the only difference being that of the age limit. These seven year olds are not familiar with the water and cost is \$4.25 per child.

Beginners is a course for children who are able to float confidently on their front with their face in the water. Cost is the same as minnows and tadpoles. This group of students learn to open their eyes under water, bob six times continuously, jelly fish float, front and back glide and tread water.

Learn safety

Pre-Juniors learn basic aspects of water safety, rescue breathing and reaching assists. They also learn jumping into deep water, front diving, rhythmic bobbing, front crawl and treading water. Pre-Juniors must have passed the Beginner course to qualify.

The Junior course is for children who can swim 20 yards on their front and back and who can tread water for one minute. This group also learns water safety knowledge and reaching assists as well as artificial respiration, front dives, bobbing

and back stroke. Cost is \$4.25 per three week session.

Intermediates learn the arts of breast stroke, back stroke, back crawl, drownproofing and underwater swimming. They must have successfully completed their Junior Red Cross Award. Cost is the same as the Junior course.

There is no age limit for the Senior swim course. Cost is \$4.25 and all learn to shallow dive and tread water plus rescue procedure and water safety knowledge.

Awards program

Elementary Certificate Award (Royal Life Saving Society) is a course for children who hold their Beginner. There is no age level and the program includes rescues, wading, reaching assists and theory. Cost is \$5 per child per three week session, including exam fee.

The Intermediate Certificate

The Bronze Medallion Class (Royal Life Saving Society) daytime class is held only during the second swim session. Applicants must be 14 years of age and have successfully completed the Senior Red Cross Award. Class is held at the pool Monday to Friday for 90 minutes. The exam is to be held August 7. Cost is \$8 per person and if a

person fails the exam, \$2 will be refunded. This Bronze Medallion Class is also held in the evenings commencing at 7:15 p.m. Mixed adult swimming lessons were also held on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Classes started Monday July 6 and ended yesterday (July 28). Classes ran from 8 to 9 p.m. and fee was \$6 per person. "This evening class has proved a great success," said Miss Proctor. "Before we used to cater to the housewives when the class was held in the mornings. Now the men have actively participated. There were 5 in the program."

All full-time lifeguards work a six day cycle from Monday to Saturday, the weekend guards work only Sunday. Lifeguards all have their Bronze Medallion Award of Merit, Leader Patrol and Red Cross Instructor and Royal Life Saving Instructor Awards. Three lifeguards are also Red Cross Examiners. Full-time staff includes Mary Wills, Milton; Susan Davies, Oakville; Linda Davies, Oakville; Bob Trull, Oakville; Rick Cox, Burlington; Bob Ramberg, Guelph and head instructor Miss Proctor.

Playground program
Playground leaders and lifeguards are Andy Kadziolka of Guelph and Philip Mahon of Campbellville. These boys are leaders in the morning and double as lifeguards in the afternoon. Children who have finished their lesson and are waiting for a ride home attend playground to occupy their time. The group plays games, learns crafts and reads stories. During the first swim session a bus route was established and children were picked up and transported by bus to their lessons. While waiting for the bus to take them home, they also attended playground sessions.

Part-time staff at the pool includes Harvey Muir, Burlington; Anna Morris, Burlington; Jim Hyberts of Oakville; Denise Greenway, Burlington; Kathi Montgomery, Brampton and head guard Louise McElroy of Guelph. Weekend lake staff includes head guard Chris Powell, Burlington and Ian Munro, Burlington. Full-time staff members sometimes double and help out at the lake on weekends.

Two full time guards are also stationed at Carlisle Pond. The pond had been previously condemned but was re-opened last week. Students from Kelso Bluff Camp also visit the pool every Monday and Tuesday for an hour swim. The camp is run by Burlington Recreation Committee.

Does maintenance
A maintenance man has been hired for the first time at the pool. Bill Reeve of Burlington takes care of disinfecting washrooms and change stations, cuts the grass and weeds around the pool and looks after the pool filter system.

The lake boundaries were expanded to three-quarters of a mile long this year, reports Miss Proctor. The boundary has been roped off to eight feet deep. Two guards are on duty at the lake 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday to Sunday. Boats make hourly patrols of the lake. A new load of sand has also been dumped along the lakeshore. "Since we have expanded the boundary of the lake it has cut down on the number of people trying to swim across," said Miss Proctor.



GROUP LESSONS at Kelso pool demonstrate bobbing underwater technique. Instructor Mary Wills waits to give the next command as children show their heads above the water. Lessons run Monday to Friday each week.—(Staff Photo)

Film festival highlight of playground activities

A film festival was the highlight of this week's activities for local playground and day camp children. Leaders staged the afternoon film festival at Martin St. auditorium yesterday (Tuesday). The seven films ran approximately 10 minutes each and were borrowed from Halton County Board of Education.

W. I. Dick playground has been working on a miniature Indian village complete with teepees and totem poles for their special "Indian Week" event. The group will parade in full costume to Rotary Park on Thursday afternoon.

Day camp children are finishing off the forts they started last week.

Win match
Victory was on the banner of J.

M. Denyes playground, Wednesday when they defeated the W. I. Dick group in a two-pitch baseball match. The crowd was so promising that a regular weekly tournament is in the wind. Students at J. M. Denyes are still completing puppets for their puppet show and contest this week.

Bruce St. playground plans a bottle drive. Money collected will be used to buy refreshments for the kiddies throughout the summer. A puppet show is also being planned at Bruce St. this week.

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FLOATING IS FUN says Kathy Schreiber of Milton. And no wonder, with a handsome boy as instructor. Rick Cox of Burlington holds Kathy as she attempts a back float. Kathy is a member of the Pre-Junior swim class at Kelso pool.—(Staff Photo)



BLOWING BUBBLES is part of learning to like the water and Paul Bertoia of R.R. 3, Milton demonstrates. Paul and his mother Mrs. C. Bertoia are active participants in this Kelso swimming program. Watching the demonstration is instructor Linda Davies.—(Staff Photo)

Two Lorne Scots off to Scotland

Two Milton members of the Lorne Scots Pipe Band are among 11 of the Lorne Scots bandmen heading off to Scotland next week. The 11 from the Halton, Peel and Dufferin Regiment's famous band will be among 44 Canadian military bandmen performing in a composite band at the Edinburgh Tattoo August 9 to Sept. 13.

Pipe Don McEachern, 204 Jasper St. and tenor drummer Dave McNeill, 162 Commercial St. are the only Miltonians selected to go. The other nine Lorne Scots are Brampton, Georgetown and area men.

Neither will be a stranger in Scotland—Don was there for a month with the entire Lorne Scots band in the summer of 1960 and Dave is a native of Scotland.

Seven shows a week
They're flying to Scotland in a

military aircraft Aug. 9 and won't be home again until Sept. 13. While in Scotland they'll stay at Redford Barracks. First week of the junket is scheduled for rehearsals, then for the next four weeks they'll play each evening except Thursday and Sunday and three shows on Saturdays at the famed tattoo. Plenty of free time has been allowed so the bandmen can tour Scotland and the Lorne Scots are hoping to have a reunion with an allied regiment, the Lancashire Fusiliers in England some time during the five weeks.

A week after they leave for Scotland, some of the bandmen's wives and regiment officials are flying over on a charter flight. This group will spend a few days at the tattoo, then go on a conducted tour of Europe.

County office building tabled for future study

It appears there will be no new county building, or at least not in the immediate future. County Council on the recommendation of the property committee has tabled proposals from architects for possible consideration later. The county put a stop to plans to commence with new accommodations when it learned Halton Children's Aid Society would not use accommodations in the proposed new building.

"Foolish"

Warden Allan Day said CAS would have been the prime tenant in the new building and "it would be foolish to proceed with the new building if we don't have to," he said. The property committee met to discuss the problem Monday.

Acton Deputy-Reeve Ted Tyler, Jr. urged his colleagues on the committee not to wash their hands of the plans but to continue with a thorough needs study that is now in progress to determine what facilities are needed now and projections for future requirements.

Seek architect

The county was in the process of hiring an architect for the new building when CAS officials said they would not move to the new building. Without CAS there,

members feel there isn't sufficient need to go ahead with the building as planned.

The needs study will be continued and the proposals may be reactivated in the future. There is some consideration to selling the present county building to the province as many of the provincial departments work from the building. However

members felt they would be in a better bargaining position if they waited for the province to come to them asking for the building.

Several department heads under provincial authority have requested additional space but no request from provincial officials in Toronto have been received by the county to date the committee learned.

Main St. mess

Carwash owner asks for rebate on tax

Prolonged road construction on Main St. has seriously affected the income of his carwash business at 385 Main, owner Stan Gibbons told Milton Council in a letter read at last week's meeting.

Cash returns are down 25 to 30 per cent compared to the same period year, owing to the "deplorable condition of the road" the owner said. He urged some adjustment in his taxes.

Council referred the request to its administration committee but it was pointed out Mr. Gibbons could only obtain relief through the county court of revision. "If we give it to him we should give it to every business on the street,"

added Councillor William Woods.

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