



Staff photo

Start of school's just a splash away

SCRUBBING A BUS in the midday sun is not the best way to stay cool on a hot summer day, but Sandy upper grade school librarian Cal Conley managed to offset the heat with an occasional splash of water. The bus cleaning is a sure sign that the beginning of school is just around the corner.

GTE earnings increase for first half of year

EVERETT, Wash., — General Telephone & Electronics Corporation reported that earnings for the first half of 1978 exceeded the comparable periods of last year.

General Telephone Co. of the Northwest is one of GTE's 21 domestic and international telephone operating companies.

Earnings per common share of the second quarter were \$1.01, an increase of seven percent over the 94 cents per share for the second quarter of 1977. For the first six months of this year, earnings per common share rose 13 percent to \$2.13, compared with \$1.89 per share in the corresponding 1977 period.

Theodore F. Brophy, chairman and chief executive officer of GTE, attributed the earnings gains for both the second quarter and first half primarily to "sharply increased sales and

net income from our Products Group. The gains also reflected continued growth in revenues and net income from our Telephone Operating Group."

Consolidated net income applicable to the common stock for the second quarter increased 12 percent to \$140,984,000, and combined revenues and sales rose 14 percent to \$2,146,260,000. For the first six months of 1978, consolidated net income applicable to the common stock amounted to \$293,313,000, which was 17 percent greater than the year-earlier total, and combined revenues and sales increased 14 percent to \$4,138,911,000.

Brophy said the increase in telephone operating earnings resulted primarily from continued strong growth in long distance revenues and a further substantial increase in the number of telephones

served. Long distance calling volume for the second quarter and first half increased 14 percent and 15 percent, respectively, over the comparable periods of last year. The percentage increase for the first half of

this year established a record for any comparable period for any comparable period in the company's history, he said.

Telephones were added during the 12 months ended June 30, 1978, a gain of six

percent, in comparison with 5.1 percent for the 12 months ended June 30, 1977. The telephone gain brought to 16,030,000 the total telephones served by the GTE companies by the end of the 1978 second quarter.

Exercise is seminar topic

Simple exercises to help elderly people keep fit will be the subject of an Aug. 18 Senior Citizen's Health Seminar at Portland Adventist Medical Center, 10123 SE Market St.

Johnette Peery, author of a booklet, "Exercises for Retirees," will be the featured speaker at the seminar and will demonstrate uncomplicated exercises which she recommends. One point of emphasis which she makes is that any activity is beneficial, if it combines positive emotional in-

volvement with body movement, and the goal is to move every joint and muscle of the body.

The seminar, from 10 a.m. until noon, is another in a continuing series of health seminars especially tailored for elderly residents in the Portland area.

Another of the seminar highlights will be the showing of a film, "What Makes Millie Run?" featuring Eula Weaver, age 87.

Johnette Peery developed her booklet on exercises for programs conducted through

the Community Education Department of Clackamas Community College, Oregon City. She is an instructor of health and physical education at Rex Putnam High School and gives instruction in exercises for retirees in programs sponsored by the Communication Education Department and the community college.

Peery holds a master's degree in corrective and adaptive physical education from the University of Oregon.

Don't let blueberries get eaten by the birds

Blueberries are now ripening, and that means growers need to take some extra effort to prevent much of the harvest from going to the birds.

Inexpensive nylon netting, available at garden stores, can be placed over blueberry bushes to keep the birds away.

Netting is an economical solution for small backyard berry patches, according to McNeelan.

When the blueberry harvest is done, the netting can

be stored and used again next year.

Boy born to Trelstads

Clair and Laurie Trelstad of Portland announce the birth of their son, Nicholas, June 21 at Woodland Park Hospital.

Nicholas weighed in at 7 pounds, 2½ ounces and was 20½ inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Bill and MaryLou Dunham of Brightwood.

Chad Allen born June 26

A son was born on June 26 to Patty and Al Klasius of SE Marmot Road of Sandy.

The seven-pound, one-ounce boy was named Chad Allen.

The baby's father is a health educator for the State Health Division, and his mother is on leave from the Oregonian where she is a home economist.

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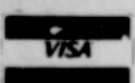
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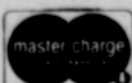
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