

# Hookups Nearly Finished Good Rural Water Flows In Simnasho



One of the first to be hooked up to the new Simnasho-Schoolie Flat water system, Simnasho resident Don McKay is obviously pleased to be able to finally get his dishes washed. The system should be fully operational by September 15th.  
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At last, Simnasho folks can do their dishes without fear of not having enough water for baths that night. Rural water has arrived.

Last week, the first group of individual homes and the Simnasho Grade School were hooked up to the nearly completed Simnasho-Schoolie Flat water system. Most of the home hookups should be finished by the end of this week, and the entire system should be in operation by September 15.

Final inspections will be conducted sometime next week, according to project engineer Don Rohde of Tenneson Engineering.

Rohde explained that water purity test samples taken from the two 100,000-gallon reservoirs have come back good and that he anticipates no worries about the quality of the water.

He noted that a problem with the automatic control from the booster pump between the reservoir and the well at Beaver Creek is being corrected. But the reservoir and pump house troubles have all been cleared up, he said.

When all the home hookups are completed, the project which was begun last fall will have a significant impact on the people of the Simnasho-Schoolie Flat area.

An abundance of water means that the Simnasho Grade School can stay open throughout the school year. "Before, I always had to run over to the school early in the morning to see if there was running water," said bus driver-custodian-maintenance man Don McKay. "And if there wasn't water, the kids had to be hauled down to Warm Springs. We had to do that for two months last year," he explained.

To others, the plentiful supply of domestic water means the possibility of cultivating lawns and vegetable gardens. That is something people have been waiting for a long time.

Rohde pointed out that better fire protection will now be possible since the project includes eight fire hydrants on the system. "There were no hydrants out

here before this system was built," Rohde noted. Now pumps and tankers can be filled at any of the eight hydrants, providing a measure of safety that has not previously existed.

The water system might well mean peace of mind to those on the end of the old line, as well as longer showers and baths. On the old system, people often had to do without, particularly during the late summer.

Since a reliable supply of domestic water will be available, the possibility of new home construction in the area exists for those who have been wanting to move to the north end.

Local involvement in the community plan has already been spurred since talk of the project began last year, and a number of Simnasho community meetings addressing planning concerns have been held at the longhouse.

Although the project took longer than had been expected and summer is over, people are pleased about having enough water. "It's good and wet," quipped McKay as he began washing his dishes.

## Adult Learning Center Registration Begins

Registration for all COCC Credit and Non Credit classes will begin September 18 at the Adult Learning Center located in the Community Center.

Classes being offered are as follows:

### CREDIT CLASSES

MATH 0.770 Basic Math  
MATH 0.6101 Elem. Algebra I  
MAT 0.6102 Elem. Algebra II  
MATH 100 Intermediate Algebra  
MAT 6.101 Tech. Math I  
MATH 6.102 Tech Math II

All of the Credit classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 7-9 p.m. in the Adult Learning Center. Cost is \$48 for Credit and \$36 for Non-Credit. Teacher will be Jack Gallagher.

### NON-CREDIT CLASSES

#### MONDAY

— BEADWORK-taught by Caroline Tohet in the CC at 7-9 p.m. on Monday \$11.70

— CALLIGRAPHY - taught by Robin Gerke in the ALC on Monday and Thursday at 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. \$7.80

— WARM SPRINGS THEN & NOW - taught by Mike Clements on Monday at 7-9 p.m. at the CC \$10.40

#### TUESDAY

— WILLOW BASKETS - taught by Viola Kalama at 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday at the CC \$14.30; (students must supply their own willows)

— AUTO TUNE UP (beginning & advanced) - taught by Leon Maxwell at the Tribal Garage at 7-10 p.m. \$17.55

— INTRODUCTION TO SKIN DIVING (students supply masks, fins & snorkel) taught by

Gary Clowers on October 3 - 12 every Tuesday & Thursday at 5-7 p.m. at Kah-Nee-Ta \$5.20

— BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS - taught by Marge Enriken in the ALC at 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday \$7.15

#### WEDNESDAY

— SAHAPTAN LANGUAGE - taught by Ada Sooksoit on Wednesday at the CC from 7-9 p.m. \$13.00

— ACCOUNTING FOR THE SMALL BUSINESS - taught by Curt Olson on Wednesday at the ALC from 7-9 p.m. \$14.30

#### THURSDAY

— WASCO LANGUAGE - taught by Alice Florendo on Thursday at the CC from 7-9 p.m. \$13.00

— BEGINNING SHORT-HAND - taught by Reba Powell on Thursday at the ALC from 1-2:30 p.m. \$9.75

#### SATURDAY

— PINE NEEDLE BASKETS - taught by Penni Krause at the ALC from 9-12 a.m. on Saturday October 14 & 21 only.

— PATCHWORK SHOP - taught by Pennie Albrandt at the ALC from 9-12 a.m. on November 4 & 18 only

Reba Powell and Nancy Jolstead are coordinating the Community Education classes. All of the classes will begin the week of September 25, unless otherwise stated. If you are interested, go on down to the Adult Learning Center located in the Community Center. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays thru Friday, and Monday night 7-10 p.m. or call 553-1428.



Project engineer Don Rohde of Tenneson Engineering checked one of the eight fire hydrants included in the new water system prior to the preliminary inspection last week. There were no fire hydrants on the old water system.  
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## Materials About Indians Screened For Oregon Schools

New works on Oregon Indians soon may find their way into public schools, thanks to a 13-member, state-funded Indian task force reviewing the quality of social studies and history books up for adoption by the state Department of Education.

The committee was formed in July in response to complaints of inadequate teaching about Indians in the schools. The complaints were heard during a series of statewide hearings by the state Commission on Indian Services in late 1977 and early 1978.

Commission head Bruce Bishop said discontent with teaching about Indians is longstanding and widespread among Oregon Indians. He said many think poor materials about Indians contribute to low self-esteem, disinterest in

school and consequent high dropout rates among young Indians.

He said some Oregon tribes recently reported dropout rates of more than 50 percent. Indian educators and advocates interviewed said there has been a dual problem of incomplete, inaccurate or racist textbooks and a previous lack of instructional materials about Oregon Indians that could make up for textbook omissions or simplifications.

The task force has received \$11,000 from the commission and the Department of Education to review books up for departmental adoption and compile a list of supplements.

The state-approved list of social studies and history books, compiled every six years, is being formed by the state Textbook Commission. It

will submit recommendations to the Board of Education in November for final approval in January.

A similar survey was made recently by Robey Clark, head of Indian education for the Portland public schools, who evaluated eight textbooks recommended by a curriculum selection committee for approval by the school board in January.

Clark found that two of the books contained examples of blatant racism and three others were either inaccurate or prone to misunderstanding. One of the two low-rated books, "The American Pageant" (1975), published by the D.C. Heath Co., referred to Indians as "savages," "redskins," "pagans" and "butchers," Clark reported.

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