

Outdoor Recreation Activities Set for Youngsters

Residents of Medford, particularly the children, will not have to leave the city this summer to take part in outdoor recreation activities.

The city of Medford's parks and recreation department has a variety of activities planned ranging from tumbling to baseball, from swimming to tennis. There are activities for all age groups.

The majority of the city recreation activities will get underway in June when the city's two swimming pools and five playground recreation areas open for the summer season.

Five Playground Areas

The five playground areas will be located this year at Hawthorne park and Howard, Washington, Jackson and Jefferson schools. Due to budget limitations and other considerations there will be no playground areas at Hoover and Wilson schools this year.

Each recreation center will be under the direction of a girl trained in recreation supervision. She will be responsible for conducting games and activities such as a story hour, singing, ping-pong and arts and crafts. A girl will be at each recreation playground from 9 a.m. to noon, and from 1 to 4 p.m.

A coach will also spend a half-day at each playground providing instruction and supervision for such sports as baseball and soccer.

An important part of the city's summer recreation program, especially for the boys, will again be the Sandblower's Baseball league. Each playground will have as many baseball teams as there are players to play on them. There is no age limit on the teams and each boy is assured of having a chance to play.

Teams from the various playgrounds will compete in a league with one another, and the season will climax with a playoff among the various teams.

At the outset of the summer a baseball clinic will be held where boys will receive two weeks of instruction. The better ballplayers in the clinic will compete for Medford in the Rogue Valley Baseball league which includes teams from Ashland, Grants Pass, and Central Point.

The remainder of the youths will then go to the various

playground recreation areas and participate in the Sandblowers league.

Two weeks of swimming lessons will again be provided this year at the city's two swimming pools. The lessons will cost \$2 per person. Swimming lessons will be free with season passes.

Season passes this year will cost \$4 for children 11 and under; \$5.50 for youths 12 to 18; \$7.50 for adults 18 and over; and \$17.50 for a family. Season passes are good at both swimming pools. A single swim will cost 20, 25 and 40 cents, depending on the age group.

A highlight of the year's swimming activities will be the State Junior Short-Course Swimming Olympics which will be held outside of Portland this year for the first time in the event's 10-year history.

The Olympics, for swimmers of the age 16 and below, will be held at Jackson pool July 8 and 9. It will attract swimmers from all over the state including Olympic Gold Medal winner Carolyn Wood from Multnomah Athletic club in Portland, according to City Recreation Supervisor Ken Lyons.

Lyons said times will be

set aside this year at the swimming pools for swimming instruction for groups of youths from Prospect, Eagle Point, Gold Hill and Central Point.

Another popular recreation activity this summer will be the adult softball program. Lyons said that 20 teams, including church and city teams, have already indicated they will participate this year.

If there is enough demand, Lyons said a softball program for women will also be provided this summer.

All-Comers Track Meet Every two weeks starting in June, an All-Comers track meet will be held at Medford

High school. Track events will be scheduled for all age groups. The highly successful program last summer attracted youths from as far away as Roseburg.

Other recreation activities during the summer will include instruction in baton-twirling, in tumbling and trampolines and in tennis.

Lyons said adequate publicity will be given to the various activities at the time persons will be asked to register for them. In tennis, and in several other activities, there will be a minimum registration fee to cover costs of balls and other supplies.

Consultant Business Is Growing Rapidly

New York - (UPI) - The management consultant business has grown so that there are 2,000 such firms listed in the New York telephone directory this year.

Ten years ago, there were no "management consultants" listed and fewer than 1,000 "business counselors."

COOPER SLEEPS

Hollywood - (UPI) - Cancer-stricken movie star Gary Cooper was reported sleeping most of the time today. A close friend said that while the 59-year-old Cooper lapses into a coma occasionally and sleeps a great deal, generally "he is rational and talks with members of his family."

National Airline Closed by Strike

Miami - (UPI) - The International Association of Machinists went on strike against National Airlines Tuesday and the company ordered a complete shutdown of its operations.

The first of about 1,100 machinists, aircraft cleaners, stock clerks and janitors represented by the union began walking off their jobs shortly after midnight, Lew Dymond, National's vice president in charge of operations, reported.

The airline began ordering flight schedules cancelled and all personnel laid off.

More than seven months of negotiation for a new contract broke off at 4:15 p.m.

Enthusiasm for Teen Credit Plan Cools

New York - (UPI) - The initial enthusiasm for teenage credit plans has cooled considerably across the country, according to Women's Wear Daily.

Biggest difficulty has been lack of response to the plans with many teenagers using their parents' accounts. Some stores implied they've had payment troubles and were forced to drop the program, the trade paper said.

(EST) Monday. It was understood the union and company had reached agreement on nearly every major point of a new contract except job classifications.

OUT OF CHARACTER

London - (UPI) - Barefaced publicity? Film company executives who went to greet strip-stealer Dodo d'Homburg at London Airport Monday reported they failed to recognize her because she had her clothes on.

Coffee Roasters See Instant Sales Rise

New York - (UPI) - Coffee roasters are convinced that sales of the instant brew will grow by leaps and bounds in the years ahead in line with the hectic pace of modern living.

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