

At The Pool



Summer is here and the city's swimming pools are filled with small children, swim teachers and the sound of splashing and churning water. At both Jackson and Hawthorne pools lessons are being given for about 200 youngsters under the supervision of the Medford Recreation department and the Jackson county chapter, American Red Cross.



While two or three groups are receiving instruction, members of the next set of classes line up at the entrance waiting for their turn to be checked in and report to their teachers. This group of youngsters waited at the entrance to Hawthorne pool Tuesday morning, with two or three watchful mothers in the background.



Sandra Gannon, employed by the city at Hawthorne pool, checked out locker baskets for Danny and Eric Brandenburg who are in a Tuesday morning class. A new series of classes will open August 5, and Larry Albright, manager of the two pools, states that children not in the present series will be given preference when enrollment time comes. Others will be added until the classes are full.



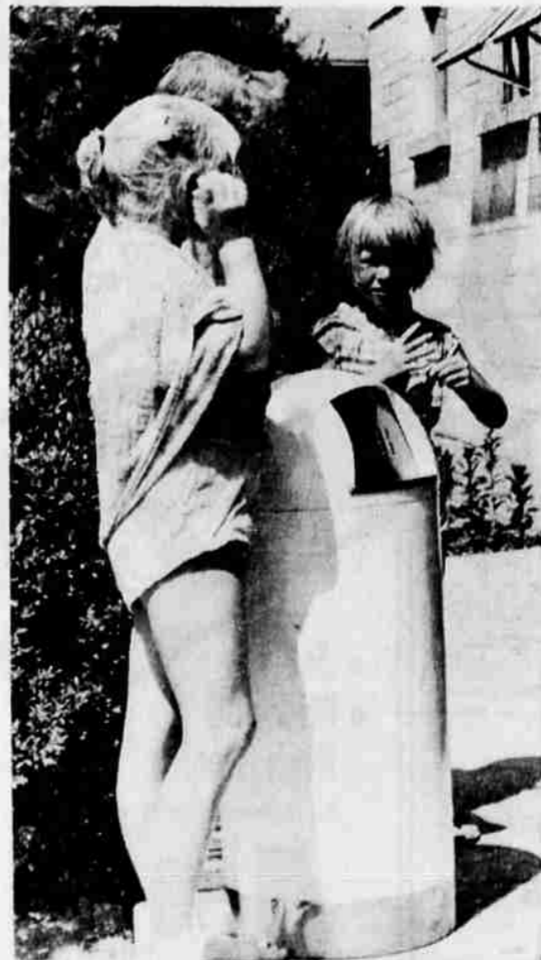
Eddie Bailey and Becky Harvey, both seven-year-olds in a Hawthorne pool class, stretched out to rest for a bit after their class ended Tuesday morning.



Linda Hess, one of the city's six swimming instructors, takes roll the first thing after a class is assembled. Linda has a heavy schedule, teaching a swim team, the morning classes and a group of pre-schoolers in the evening.



These small faces show the effort and determination put forth in balancing on the float board and splashing along under the teacher's direction.



Cindy Paeth, 9, and her smaller sister, Patti, 7, wait with their mother, Mrs. Robert Paeth, for their transportation home after swim class is over.



Sharie Forde, another of the three teachers at Hawthorne pool, demonstrates arm movements to one of her classes. Because they must speak up loudly and distinctly above the pool noises, teachers are sometimes hoarse by noon.