GREEN LAKE & PARK:

Originally formed by 'Vashon Glacial Ice Sheet,' 50,000 years ago. The meltwater formed "Lake Russell," whose drainage cut (Ravenna Plk) review; glacial basin left include "Lake Green (Go)d", Nurse Lake, Keller Lake, Puget Sound, etc. Deposits of volcanic ash from 10,000 b.c. Glacier Peak eruption 5,700 years ago have been found on bottom. By natural processes the lake is maturing to extinction humic estuaries and natural refuge (recent human) have nurtured the objectionable algae blooms, as the name of the lake would indicate—(ref: 1857 map of Washington Territory by Surveyor General). In 1911 the level of the lake was lowered by 6 ft and 1,240,000 cu.yds. of fill made behind 2 mi. of dykes at NE side; taken from uplands to north and by dredging. South and filled when Aurora Ave. was "excavated" thru park in 1930. Bottom and shoreline dredged again in 1962 and several inlets from the Green Lake and Maple Leaf Reservoir outflows were added for water circulation in an effort to rid the lake of its "Hohy" algae (807,000 gallons/day). In pioneer days the lake was fed by springs & creeks draining the forested shorelands and basin northward past Lilac Springs to Keller & Bitter Lakes; its outlet followed the "Lake Russell" cut along (Ravenna Blue) Nile in 1911 and (Ravenna Park) to Union Bay (now Univ. Village). South took regroup forced the largest ("Lilac Springs") stream into a sewer; in 1922 the overflow from Reservoirs has diverted into the lake plus chemical treatment.

The pioneer homesite was "Earth ("Green Lake John") Stable, living on the northwest shore, who sold out in 1888 to reallow W.D. Wood and electrical engineer Dr. Edwin G. Kilbourne. Wood subdivided the area, locating an "Amusement Park" of (West Green Lake), A.L. Parker built a sawmill at (East Green Lake)(Woodland Station) and logged the area. Kilbourne built an electric trolley car line "half the way" from Seattle, skirting the eastern shore of the lake (E. Green Lake Way N.) ending at Amusement (Park mostly) Park. By 1910 the trolley line had been extended around the west side of the lake and through Woodland Park (purchased by the City in 1900) to Woodland Park Ave. Nw, returning to Seattle. A stone bulkhead for a fence south of 59th still remains. Meanwhile (1889) Guy Phiney had also constructed an electric trolley line to his private Woodland Park and home Estate, as well as developing the south shoreline of the lake with "park" facilities.

In preparation of the City for the 1909 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition on the (University of Washington) grounds the famed Massachusetts firm of Landscape Architects, the Olmsted Bros., were hired to develop park plans for Seattle. Green Lake Park still reflects the design of the Olmsteds (as does Volunteer Park and the Arboretum). Construction of major facilities began in the 1920's: W. Green Lk. Bathouse and the Recreation Center (see detail sheets of Green Lake & Park); in the 30'S WP0 built the Island and West Prom and bridge over many smaller projects; in 1956 the Aqua Theatre was built and in 1955 the Indoor Swimming pool was added to the Center and dedicated to the Evans brothers, Lou and Ben for their contributions to public recreation and long and faithful service with the Recreation Division; Lou 1918-1957 (1912-1956); Ben 1917 to 1960 (1957-1968). Lou Evans joined the Dept as a life guard & an instructor at Foss Pk., then reached football, basketball and baseball at high schools in Texas & Maine. Became director of Collins Center in 1949 and helped reorganize the base program. Became assistant director of Recreation Division - 1921-1935. In 1964 won the "Pop Warner Award" for service to youth. In retirement he was an advisor & vice-pres, of Seattle's Little League, and a past commissioner of Natl. Softball Assn. Was charter member of F.A.A.M., and pres. of A.A.U., chair. Water Safety Comm. of Am. Red Cross for 25 yrs.
EVANS POOL

Evans Pool operates from 2:00 to 10:00 p.m. daily except Sunday and Monday.

The operating crew consists of:
- 1 Manager
- 1 Life Guard - full time
- 2 Life Guards - half time
- 1 Matron - full time
- 1 Matron - half time
- 1 Male Attendant - full time
- 1 Female Attendant - full time
- 1 Male Attendant - half time
- 2 Pool operators

Cost of Pool: $227,578.00
Year Built: 1954 and 1955 (Started 6/8/54; Completed 2/10/55)

Maximum number of people pool will accommodate: 125

Size of Pool: Length 75 ft., width 42 ft. Depth: Deep end 12', shallow: 3'

Gallons of water needed to fill pool: 152,840 gals.

Annual cost of operating pool: Salaries $24,000;

Type of filters: Elgin Definite, Elgin, Ill.

Filters were unsatisfactory mostly due to the fact that when we clean the filter the sludge is pumped out of the filter instead of allowing the waste to go into a reservoir and then be pumped into the sewer.

This is the only Filter Company who specified they could do this. The other filter companies specified that the waste should either gravitate into the sewer or dump into a reservoir from where it could be pumped into the sewer. If your filter plant is about the sewer line, you will not encounter this trouble.

After the pool was completed, there was an additional cost of $3,000.39 for Acoustical Tile. This only completed about one-half and when more funds are available we hope to finish it.
Course for beginners or for a short game.

PITCH & PUTT GOLF

Constr. in 1947 by a concessionaire on Park Prop. (317,000 sq)
In 1953 Park Dept. purch. all improvements
6.2 Acres
810 yards
Par 27.
Concession operated
Flowering Cherry trees planted 1932 gift of 3500 from Japanese Assoc. of N.Y.


WEST GREEN LAKE/BATH HOUSE

1927 7,059 sq. ft.
1928 15,469 sq. ft.

Converted to Athletics Center 1930

LA 5-3819

Tennis Courts - Concrete
1933: 12,291 sq. ft.
(Original courts in 1915 by community petition)

Stone Au.N.

(Model Boats: Lake was scene of activity prior to 1940 - Basin built at Golden Gardens; closed 1921. "Basin" estab. here & Skagit Pa.

 Casting Pier:
Built 1962-70,700 ft.
(Rezone 162/166/Ath. Fly Fish. Club)

"Green Lk Island Game Reserve"
Built by WPA (1936) w/7000 yrds.
doi wharf beyond 3rd broken lode to replace an objectionable facility at Lakeside and to refuge for blue gulls, gulls of Vancouver B.C. Reserve est. 1925 by State Game Comm. upon petition of Drs. Buc, who had named island "Welsh Waterfowl Sanctuary" in honor Waldie. Davis' "continuous interest in the wild-fowl"
In 1906 the shoreline was as far south as 66th and several islands dotted the area. Phinney's Boat House was on the main shore. The area was filled to its present shoreline by 1930, by dredging sand from the Aurora "cut" thru the Park.

AQUA THEATRE: 6244, 6074 CR 4020

Less than 75 days from conception, it was in use for the 12th Season of Aqun Fallis production, which the Department was promoted by sponsoring and producing Operettas for two years, then joined with Greater Seattle Inc. Business purchases. Center of Seattle similar to the earlier "Aurora Days." It co-produces musical productions until 1967. Then Greater Seattle sponsored the production until 1964. Musical director for the series was Ousie Stern and featured celebrities like Giselle Harleman, Bob Hope of TV, and Don Fleck, Martha Wright, Wally Smoketon, of Seattle. Under other sponsorship were productions like "Tokyo Zelda Dance Theatre" of Japan. Easter Sunday services, Fireworks, Naturalization ceremonies, etc. But the uncertainties of rain, cold made the financial risks a little too great and the possibility of the Seattle Center facilities in 1967 provided superior accommodations. The Aqua Fallis continued.

SHELL HOUSE: Center in 1960; concession


CONCESSION: COMTE STA.

x: Plaque on rock honors Alby Sholes and family of 3rd Concession Program in 1888.

1948: (Run on requisition in 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951) 1st annual)<br>Directed by H.C. Johnson and Wilschneider.