

Ullman asks for better forest grazing range

Cong. Al Ullman today asked Congress to fund a \$2.3 million experimental program to update forest range lands for better grazing use and conservation. The program would center in Oregon's Blue Mountains, primarily in Grant County.

According to Ullman, Forest Service range lands are coming under increased use, and the agency hopes to establish a pilot project for upgrading forage and water conservation.

He recalled the Vale Grazing Project undertaken some years ago by the Bureau of Reclamation to restore lands that had been over-grazed in Malheur County, and said similar success could be achieved on Forest Service range lands with proper management.

Noting that the administration had budgeted no money to continue research into bovine emphysema through the Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station in LaGrande, Ullman asked for an additional \$60,000. He also requested \$1.2 million for the Forest resources evaluation carried on by the LaGrande laboratory.

The Congressman also urged special appropriations of \$774,000 to continue construction of the new, modern fish hatchery on the Warm

Springs Indian Reservation in order to stimulate sagging salmon runs;

—\$228,500 for more complete medical staffing of the Yellow Hawk Bureau of Indian Affairs Medical Clinic on the Umatilla Indian Reservation;

—\$145,000 more than the administration had requested to make ready the newly created John Day Fossil Beds National Monument; and

—\$247,000 in additional funds for the intensive study of water, land use, drainage and fish and wildlife in the Malheur-Harney Lakes basin.

FORMS AVAILABLE

Women interested in serving on state boards, committees and commissions may pick up forms and information letters at the Heppner Library.

The Oregon Governor's Commission on the status of women has forwarded the forms to libraries throughout the state, to media and to women's groups, in response to a request from the office of Gov. Robert Straub.

Forms also may be obtained from the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women, 421 S.W. Oak, Room 816, Portland 97204.

Courthouse notes

The county commissioners met last Wednesday and conducted routine county business. Judge and Mrs. Jones were on vacation.

Charles Patching and Tom Stewart of the Assessor's Office have been appraising farms and mobile homes in the north end of the county.

Juvenile officer Carolyn Davis attended the annual conference of the Oregon Correctional Association held at the Salem Elks Club. She also attended the recent Child Abuse Seminar in Walla Walla at which two outstanding sociological writers spoke.

On Friday, Miss Davis visited the McClaren School at Woodburn with Police Officer Chuck Holt and several high school students.

MOVE TO ARIZONA

House guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruggles over the past week were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fastabend and sons, Neil, John and Wayne, of Richland, Wa., Mr. and Mrs. Gary Benson and Sean, Richland; Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Searcy and Mrs. S.W. Searcy, Portland; Mrs. C.A. Searcy, Beaverton; Mrs. J.L. Searcy, Hillsboro; Mr. and Mrs. Owen Searcy, Salem, and Mrs. Alvin Reynolds, Hood River.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruggles are in the process of moving to Apache Junction, Arizona, where they will make their permanent home.

State tax on rebates opposed by Packwood

Sen. Bob Packwood (R-Or.) Thursday introduced a resolution reaffirming the intention of Congress that states should not tax individual income tax rebates paid under the Tax Reduction Act of 1975.

Sen. Packwood, a member of the Senate Finance Committee which handled the bill, said the need for this resolution arose from a decision by Oregon's Attorney General that the tax rebate is subject to Oregon State taxes.

"I think the action by Oregon is wrong, and I am concerned that other states may follow this example," Packwood said. "I believe the states are acting against the best interest of the consumer and against the wishes of the Congress if they attempt to profit from the rebate payments," he said.

He also warned that an attempt by the states to profit from the rebates may weaken support for revenue sharing.

Packwood explained that both the Senate and the House Committee Reports on the bill contained the statement, "the refunds under the bill do not involve any reduction in the taxpayer's Federal income tax liability as such for 1974."

The Attorney General of Oregon has decided the rebate will be treated as a reduction of Federal income taxes paid for 1974, which reduces the state tax deduction for federal income taxes paid and leads to a recomputation of state taxes.

"The resolution I have introduced today does not attempt to alter the power of a state to establish its own income tax laws. It does, however, clarify to the states that we believe that they are

acting contrary to the purpose of the Tax Reduction Act if they subject the rebate to State income tax," Packwood said.

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