Secretary of Interior Rogers To Visit Oregon

Congressman Al Ullman said Friday he has invited Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton to go fishing with him on the Deschutes River when the Secretary visits Oregon in August.

Morton said Wednesday he is taking a major fact-finding tour of the West including Oregon in August.

"I invited the Secretary," Ullman said, "because the fishing is famous and I think he will enjoy seeing one of the country's least touched 'wild' rivers".

The congressman said he has not yet received a reply from Morton.

Ullman also said his inspection tour of the Hells Canyon area August 10 with Rep. Roy Taylor, D-N.C., chairman of the National Parks and Recreation Subcommittee, would include both viewing the canyon from the rim and an afternoon float down the Snake.

Ullman said the inspection party, which will include Rep. James McClure, R-Ida., and members of Taylor's committee, would leave Baker by helicopter at 8:30 in the morning to inspect two rim sites on the Idaho side and Summer Point and Hat Point on the Oregon rim.

The party plans to have lunch at Hat Point and then helicopter to Johnson Bar to begin a float trip down the river to Lewiston, Idaho.

Accompanying Ullman and the committee will be Rexford A. Resler, Northwest Regional Forester from Portland, and John Rogers, Wallowa-Whitman Forester from Baker.

Ullman plans to return to Portland that evening. August 12 he has scheduled both on-site and aerial inspection of several dam sites in the Heppner and La Grande areas.

"I'm really excited at the prospect of showing Oregon's beauty to Easterners," Ullman said. Interior Secretary Rogers is from Maryland and Taylor is from North Carolina.

USDA PROPOSES ONION REGULATIONS

Grade and size requirements for onions produced under the Idaho-Malheur County, Oregon, Federal marketing order have been proposed by the United States Department of Agriculture. Imported onions are required by the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act to meet the same requirements.

Officials of USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service said the proposed regulations are similar to those of last fall and are necessary to assist producers in orderly marketing.

Beginning Aug. 9, imports of yellow varieties would have to meet requirements for U.S. No.2 or better grade, and be a minimim of 1 1/2 inches diameter; white varieties must be U.S. No. 2 or better grade and be at least 1 inch in diameter. In addition, all onions imported would have to be at least "moderately cured."

As in recent years, an average decay tolerance of not more than 5 percent would be permitted for onions in transit 10 or more days from country of origin.

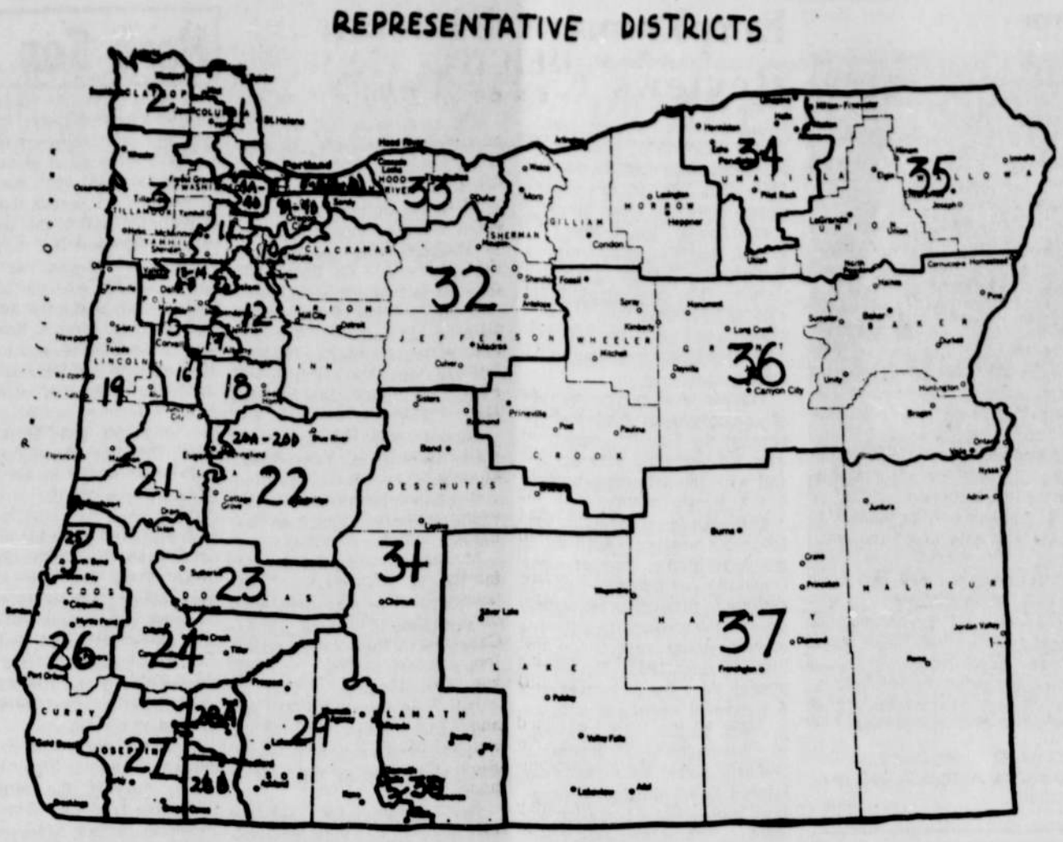
The proposal is scheduled to be published in the July 31 Federal Register. Interested persons may submit written comments in four copies until Aug. 5 to the Hearing Clerk, Room 112-A, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, where they will be available for public inspection.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Schireman and sons of Medford arrived Monday evening to spend several days' vacation with Mr. and Mrs. William Schireman.

Mrs. Daniel Rodriguez and family arrived home Tuesday after spending several days visiting relatives around Hazelton and Twin Falls.

REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS



MALHEUR COUNTY would be divided for representation in the Oregon House if Secretary of State Clay Myers plan for reapportionment is adopted. Vale and Brogan with farms and ranches in that northwest section of the county would be in District 36 and the rest of the county in district 37 with Lake and Harney counties.

Somers Receives 25 Year Award

Idaho Power Company announced Wednesday that Donald A. Somers, residential marketing representative in the Nyssa district, has received an award for 25 years of service with the utility.

Somers, joining the company in 1946, spent the early years of his career in the post-World War II construction program that saw Idaho Power build six new generating plants to boost its supply of electricity for area growth.

He worked as a survey party chainman and concrete inspector during construction of the 70,000-kilowatt Lower Salmon plant and then as a concrete inspector on the 80,000 kilowatt Bliss plant.

Following the Bliss plant's completion, Somers remained at the project for the next three years as an auxiliary equipment operator and mechanic.

He transferred to Idaho Power's marketing department in 1952, working first as a residential marketing representative at Twin Falls and then at Buhl.

Six years ago, Somers moved to his present position in the Nyssa district.

His service anniversary qualifies him for membership in the Idaho Power Pioneers, composed of active and retired employes with 25 years or more with the company.

The utility veteran has been active in community affairs, including the Grange, Boy Scouts, 4-H and the Chamber of Commerce.

U.S. Bancorp Ups Dividend

An increase to 40 cents from the present quarterly dividend rate of 35 cents per share was voted Friday by Directors of U.S. Bancorp in the declaration of the dividend to be paid October 1 to stockholders of record September 10. On an annualized basis the higher divident rate works out to $1.60 per share, for an increase of more than 14% over the previous $1.40 rate.

LeRoy B. Staver, Chairman of Bancorp, noted that, taking into account the effect of stock dividends, the present action will continue the sequence of an annual increase in the cash dividend return to stockholders of U.S. Bancorp and its predecessor, United States National Bank; for a period of more than ten years. He added that management is gratified that the growth and earnings of the corporation have confirmed the confidence of investors in its stock and have made this record possible.

U.S. Bancorp has more than 10,000 shareholders, of whom approximately 80% live in Oregon.

A planet's distance from the sun determines the length of its year. Mercury, closest to the sun, has a year only 88 days

long. Venus, between Mercury and Earth, has a 224-day year. On the other side of Earth, Mars has a year that is nearly twice as long as ours. A year on Pluto, the most distant planet, takes 248 earth years! The sun, earth, and all the planets are hurtling towards the constellation Hercules at a speed of 43,000 miles per hour. There is little danger of a collision!

Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

The Un-Conference -- that unstructured statewide "rap session" between the young and the established is on again.

And those attending can leave their sleeping bags and insect repellent at home.

Un-Conference 71 will be a little more on the sophisticated side than the first such gathering at Canby Grove Camp last September. This year's idea and opinion exchange between students, faculty, government, business and the professions is scheduled Aug. 13-15 at Lewis & Clark College.

The 120-acre wooded campus less than a half-dozen miles Southwest of downtown Portland on Palatine Hill Road includes what once was the country estate of merchant Lloyd Frank.

Heralded in the early Thirties as one of the 15 most splendid estates in the West, only a few remnants remain to remind visitors of the opulence of another era. Estimated to have cost $1.3 million to create, the grounds were tended by 32 gardeners. The manor house, now serving as Lewis & Clark's Adminstration Building, was a 35-room Tudor-style dwelling with 13 bedrooms, seven fireplaces and included a 20-car garage.

Successors to Lewis & Clark's Presbyterian founders obtained the estate in 1942 for a gift price of $46,000. Extensively developed and expanded during intervening years, the campus now is recognized as one of the nation's most beautiful.

When it comes to comparing Un-Conferences, there's a world of difference between rustic Canby Grove cabins and the comfortable dormitories of Lewis & Clark. Food also will be served in more-than adequate college facilities.

Aside from the obvious physical differences, Un-Conference 71 will proceed in much the same manner established last fall when the gathering was billed as "something more than Earth Day."

Un-Conferences are the product of the Institute of Public Affairs Research, Inc., a non-profit, non-partisan education organization active in Oregon high schools and colleges. The first was a follow-up to Earth Day and dwelt exclusively with discussions of the environment and its many facets.

Un-Conference 71 was expanded to embrace five major discussion topics: Drugs in America, Justice in America, Protecting the Consumer in Modern Society, Education in Crisis and Environmental Priorities.

Expected to attend and mull these topics are some 250 high school seniors and college students, 50 faculty and school administration representatives of business, labor and the professions.

Un-Conference is so-named because of its loosely structured format, devoid of lectures and formal presentations, in the words of this year's coordinator, Stan Biles.

Biles, a 19-year-old Portland State University sophomore majoring in political science, reports a tentative "unstructured" agenda:

Registrants will converge on Lewis & Clark between noon and 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13. Following dinner, topic groups will discuss their subjects and on Sunday each complete group will meet together to air various solutions.

"Un-Conference as a whole will not 'adopt' any policy or position on any topic," said Biles, "but individual participants, in any combination, may."

Conceived to establish lines of communication between the young and the rest of society and to seek solutions to mutual problems, the long-range results of Un-Conference already have been determined.

Many of the 450 persons who attended the first Un-Conference a year ago returned to their homes throughout the state better equipped to work toward solutions of problems in their own communities.

Whatever the outcome -- and regardless of the difficulty of its measurement, many people on both sides of all issues support the concept. A tip-off to this fact is apparent in the staggered registration fees for types of participants. And considering the fee includes nine meals and two nights' lodging -- registration is a bargain for everyone.

Students pay only $10 and some will attend on "scholarships." Civic and government people pay $30 and business representatives will ante up $60 to register.

Deadline for advance registration is Aug. 1. Information can be obtained by contacting Stan Biles, P.O. Box 4384, Portland 97208, phone 222-4421

The attraction of Un-Conference participation for students is obvious. How often do high school and college students have an opportunity for one-on-one discussion with Oregon's most knowledgeable experts in the problem fields to be discussed?

The experts value the exchange also. Seldom are they permitted to sample opinions of the young on such an intimate basis. And many agree youth often comes up with refreshingly meaningful solutions to knotty problems.

Somehow -- in an age when youth tends to scorn ostentation in favor of good works for fellow man, the one-time country estate Lewis & Clark campus location is particularly apt.

Anyway, the Un-Converence is "on." And from the excitement it's generating, it's also "in."

KINGMAN KOLONY NEWS

BY DALE WITT — PHONE 372-2183

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Long of Adrian were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Al Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Stevens of Blackfoot, Idaho were Thursday afternoon visitors in the Al Thompson home and Mr. and Mrs. John Zittercob were Friday evening callers.

July 26 Mr. and Mrs. Carl Piercy and family brought a cake to the Monty Spellman home to celebrate their 26th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Piercy, Steve and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Tallman took home-made ice cream Wednesday night to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Corn.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan and family of North Bend spent July 24 and 25 with his mother Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ervin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Phifer returned Saturday evening from an eight day trip to Nebraska. They visited Jim's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Phifer and family at Mason City, aunts and uncles in the surrounding area.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Phifer and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lee Hill and family went to the Owyhee Dam Sunday afternoon and did some water skiing and had a picnic supper.

Mark Osborn returned from his FSA camp pack-in Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyane Robb and family, Gabriel Astoreca and family, Ron Miller and Jack Wilson went to Wallowa Lake Wednesday, returning on Friday.

Hudd Robb and Swede Lintz of Palm Springs visited in the Wayne Robb home Sunday morning.

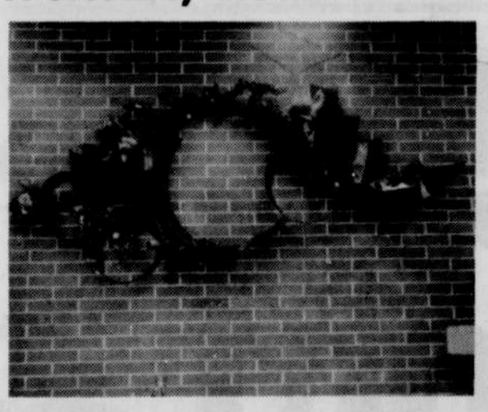
Mr. and Mrs. Klass Laan visited Mr. and Mrs. Verl Bishop in Big Bend Saturday evening.

Sherri Correa visited Mrs. Ed Nedrow Wednesday.

Jimmie Nedrow left Monday to spend a week at Bible Camp in McCall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nedrow and Jimmie visited in Unity July 24, Jimmie stayed to visit the Harry Buker family until he returned August 1.

Welcome, Rockhounds!



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