

Hell's  
Canyon  
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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
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Weiser                    --    Snow was bladed out of the road to  
Kinney Point only ten days ago in preparation for the Wilson Price  
Hunt Celebration at Cuprum, Idaho, on the rim of Hell's Canyon, Saturday and  
Sunday, July 18 and 19.

Spencer Davies, president of the Weiser chamber of commerce, said  
the Forest Service and Adams County did the road work. Company C, 116th  
armored cavalry, national guard, will serve super hamburg plats and  
there'll be games and dancing Saturday.

Sunday, C. J. Olsen, U. S. Forest Service official, will address  
at Kinney Point  
the assembly, marking discovery in 1811 of the continent's deepest  
gorge by Hunt and his party of fur explorers. The Guard will serve  
snacks and cold drinks.

Weiser, Council, Cuprum, Homestead and other towns sponsoring the  
assembly, remind visitors they should bring their camping gear if they  
stay overnight. There is plenty of good water and free firewood.

The two lodges at Cuprum will sleep 30 or 40 people and their  
dining rooms will accommodate a good many persons.

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(Pictures on Request)  
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FROM: Weiser Chamber of Commerce  
Weiser, Idaho  
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Hells Canyon will be right on the way for many travelers to the Oregon Centennial this year.

Information from the chamber of commerce at Weiser, Idaho, says one or two days off the beat is enough to see the Western Hemisphere's deepest gorge.

Centennial authorities estimate that millions of people will drive through Idaho this season on U. S. Routes 30 and 95 to Portland, Seattle, Puget Sound and the snow-crowned mountains of the northwest.

Magnificent 7000-foot-high views of Hells Canyon main gorge, near the village of Cuprum, Idaho, are reached in a three-hour drive from Weiser. The Canyon is approached in various ways via Council and Cambridge in Idaho, and via Huntington on the Oregon side.

Travelers can continue westward from the Canyon via Baker City, Oregon, on a new highway. Or, from Baker, they can take the same Canyon loop returning eastward. Visitors will drive one to three hours on dirt or gravel roads.

At the newly completed Brownlee Dam, world's second highest earth-fill structure, the mighty Snake River is seen pouring through four huge turbines or over the spillways. At Oxbow Dam, well under construction, 13 miles downstream, the river is spouting in white turmoil from the quarter-mile long diversion tunnel through the mountain. Hells Canyon Dam site is viewed from Sheep Rock, lofty overlook near Cuprum. All three projects are by Idaho Power Company.

Station wagon tours are available at Cuprum for persons who shy at driving on mountain roads. The chamber of commerce at Weiser invites request for free folder with map and information.



Weiser, Idaho -- Congressional hearings on small mine development will be conducted here Monday and Tuesday March 24 and 25 by Rep. Walter Baring of Nevada, chairman of the House subcommittee on mining.

Kenneth Steck, president of the newly-formed Snake River Miners and Prospectors Association, said it would be the most important mining meeting ever held in the West.

Regions to be covered by the hearing are all Idaho, east Oregon, south and east Washington, north and west Nevada. All mine interests in those areas are urged to attend, Mr. Steck said. The association has recently held four meetings at which attendance built up from 50 to 350.

Purpose of the hearing is to take testimony on the need for ore buying stations and custom milling plants which would enable small operators to work little mines into some big ones.

Mr. Steck said about 50 persons in northwest mining have been invited to appear. He estimated 500 to 1000 persons will attend the two-day sessions. Among those who will present their views are H. C. Kleinschmidt of Helena, Mont., one of the West's leading mine engineers.

Registration will begin Sunday March 23 at the Washington Hotel here. Program arrangement is the same both Monday and Tuesday: free lunch at noon, hearings in the afternoon, and speaking at dinner in the evenings.

Baring will review Washington mineral bureau policies and urge action favorable to re-activation of marginal mining properties in the West where many authorities report major mineral fields await opening up.

Other speakers will be Harold Young, assistant to Jess Larson, Defense Minerals Production Administration; W. R. New, Consultant to the House Mining committee; Ben Jackson, president of the Humboldt Mining Association of Nevada; and Mr. Steck, who is also president of the Weiser Chamber of Commerce.

Jackson recently met in Washington with Sen. Henry Dworshak of Idaho, Reps., Granger of Utah, Gosline of Utah, Baring, Engle of California, Cunningham of Iowa, Budge and Wood of Idaho, Larson, Young, Robert Rose of Interior Department, and members of the press.

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