

## Former Area Director Gets Minneapolis Post

Owen D. Morken, 57, a native of Minnesota who has served in the Bureau of Indian Affairs almost 30 years, has been appointed Area Director for the Bureau at Minneapolis, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Robert L. Bennett announced.

Morken's appointment is effective October 6.

He succeeds Glenn R. Landbloom, who has been Area Director since January, 1966 and who will transfer to a position in the Division of Economic Development of the Bureau in Washington.

Born at Bemidji on February 24, 1911, Morken was graduated from Bemidji State College in May 1934 with a Bachelor of Education degree.

He was employed by the Minnesota State Highway Department from May, 1934 to

January, 1939 and a month later began his career with the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Department of the Interior, as a Civilian Conservation Corps superintendent at the Consolidated Chippewa Agency in Minnesota.

He served in progressively responsible positions in the Minneapolis, Phoenix, Navajo, and Aberdeen areas of the Bureau and became Area Director at Juneau, Alaska, in January, 1966. He was transferred to Washington in April, 1968 as an Assistant to the Commissioner in the capacity of an advisor on Alaskan affairs.

Morken is a widower. He has one daughter and three grandchildren.

The Minneapolis Area includes Indian communities with a Federal relationship in Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa.

## Al Bramstedt Appointed by Nixon Group

Alvin O. Bramstedt, president and general manager of Midnight Sun Broadcasters, Inc., has been appointed state chairman of the United Citizens for Nixon.

The announcement was made today in Washington, D.C., by Charles Thynne, national chairman of the grassroots organization which was set up recently to boost Nixon's candidacy for President.

Rhynne said his group hopes to recruit five million volunteers all over America "to help Nixon win out on Nov. 5." He said the group would recruit Republicans, Democrats and independents.

GOP State Chairman Robert A. Davenny and Mrs. Joan Crosson, coordinator of the Nixon for President Committee said, "We are very pleased that Mr. Bramstedt has agreed to accept this important campaign post. We know he will do an exceptional job."

Bramstedt joined Midnight Sun Broadcasters in 1940 as an announcer. He became manager of the Midnight Sun stations.

He supervised the initiation of KENI radio and television in Anchorage and KFAR-TV in Fairbanks. In 1966, he brought color television to Alaska.

He is chairman of the market expansion committee of the

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## Begich on to Wash.

ANCHORAGE—Senator Nick Begich, candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives, left this week for an extended trip to Washington, D.C. and southeast Alaska. Begich will spend several days consulting with Senator E.L. (Bob) Bartlett at his home in the nation's capitol.

Senator Begich also has appointments with members of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, Representative John Blatnik of Minnesota's 8th Congressional District, Representative John C. Culver of Iowa's 2nd Congressional District, and government officials concerning federal employees in Alaska.

Begich will discuss current mining legislation with Congressman Blatnik and pending legislation in farming with Congressman Culver.

In his meetings with Senator Bartlett and those with the senator's Washington office, Begich will discuss problems affecting Alaska, current federal projects Alaska, pending legislation concerning Alaska, and federal agencies in the 49th state. Most of the Anchorage senator's stay in the national capitol will be with Senator Bartlett.

Upon his return to the state, the first of next week, Begich will commence a campaign swing through southeast Alaska. He will visit Ketchikan, Sitka,

Petersburg, Wrangell, Juneau and Hoonah.

He plans to return to Anchorage on Thursday, October 3rd, and leave the next day for appearances at the University of Alaska in College, speak at the luncheon of the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce at their annual convention in Fairbanks and address the Alaska Federation of Natives convention in that central Alaskan city.

## Major Oil Strike

### Airline's Boost

A major oil strike on the Arctic Slope, a boost in tourism and the airlines new Boeing 737 fan jet were factors accounting for a healthy increase in Wien Consolidated Airlines August passenger and cargo traffic, A.E. Hagbert, Vice President, Marketing, has reported.

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## Northwestern Boy Scouts Get Bush Pilot Aid

(From BIA BULLETIN and NATIVE NEWS)

Boy Scouts from Kotzebue's Troop 97, Kiana's Troop 99, and Selawik's Troop 74 were at Camp Baker between July 20-28. Several men from Kotzebue helped with the transportation boys to camp.

The following pilots donated their plane and time for this purpose: Nelson Walker, Leon Shellabarger, Harild Lee, Dave McFarland, Father Mike Kenicki, Warren Thompson, Paul Westcott, Gary Hebert, John Cross, and Ray Cappassela. George Keats of Selawik brought Troop 74 to Camp Baker by boat.

Boy Scout adult leaders were Gary Hebert, Camp Director, BIA/Kotzebue; Russell Gilbert staff, BIA/Kotzebue; Tom Antone, staff, Catholic Church Kotzebue; Chris Billings, Assistant Scoutmaster/ Kotzebue; George Brennan, Scout Executive/Fairbanks. Lester Richesin, staff, BIA/Kotzebue; Doctor and William H. Cole, staff, BIA/Kotzebue.

Boats were made available for camp use by the following men: Dan Frank, BIA/Kotzebue; Russell Gilbert, BIA/Kotzebue; and George Keats, Selawik.

During the week of camp the boys were able to work on scout advancements in the following areas: camping, cooking, hiking, fishing, boating, swimming, first aid, wood lore, knots, conservation, lashing, trees and shrubs, edible plants, map reading, compass, wildlife, trailing and tracking, stalking, knife and axe, scoutmaster's conference, rifle safety and marksmanship, arch-

ery, and individual merit badge work.

Group activities were participated in by the patrols so that all of the boys got a chance to take on responsibilities such as cooking, camp clean-up, and water safety. There was a great deal of patrol spirit present with the boys showing competition between patrols.

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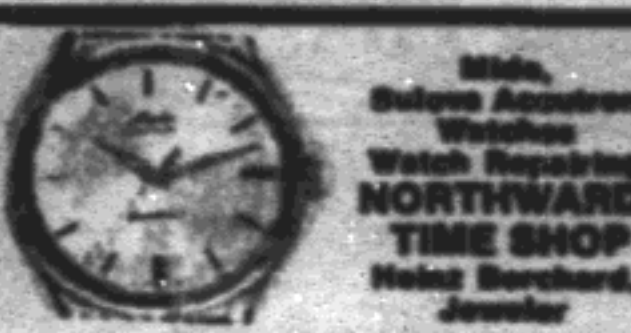
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