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DAY OF REST AND RELAXATION — For the Rev. Orrin Anderson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Alton, Monday is the day to take it easy but last Monday he decided something constructive was in order. A new paint job for the sign in the front yard resulted. Next week, the whole exterior of the church is going to be painted, but the pastor has hired experts for that job.

(Telegraph photo by Russ Smith)

Administration's projections hold true, the average worker will be making \$656,000 a year and millionaires will be a dime a dozen.

For those retiring in 2050, Social Security checks will average nearly \$259,000 a year and some retirees will be pulling in a maximum benefit of \$405,000.

Being a millionaire won't be nearly

\$1.5 million a year.

The long-range look into the future was done by administrators for the Social Security trust funds.

A spokesman cautioned Wednesday that "these are not predictions but simply projections based on current trends. They are subject to re-evaluation every year between now and 2050."

Club sues to prevent logging in Marquette park

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After continued protests by the Sierra Club to the Illinois Department of Conservation over timber cutting in Pere Marquette State Park near Grafton, the Sierrans have filed a lawsuit seeking to stop the DOC proposal.

Filed in the Seventh Judicial Circuit Court at Jerseyville late Wednesday, the motion states: "logging is the latest incompatible, incongruous encroachment on Illinois state parks by administrators and politicians."

The legal action was filed on behalf of the national Sierra organization, but is the direct result of research conducted by members of the Piasa Palisades group and the Great Lakes Chapter of the national conservation-preservation group.

In June, during a public hearing in Alton by DOC Director David Kenney and his staff, Sierra Club members attacked the proposal of the DOC to remove timber from 345 acres within the largest of Illinois' state parks.

Kenney and State Forester Al Michelson explained at the hearing the reason for proposing removal of the timber was for sanitation purposes and a rehabilitation program for that section of the park.

DOC officials said the area had been damaged by a fire in 1974, but Sierra Club people argued the fire wasn't severe and logging would set a precedent dangerous to forests within state parks.

After a state official explained removal of the fire-damaged trees would be let out on bids to commercial logging firms, one opponent asked if any DOC member had

any tie with any commercial logging firms.

Ted Woodbury, chairman of the Great Lakes Chapter of Sierra Club, and a member of the Piasa Palisades Group, says "state parks and conservation areas should not be exploited or meddled with for timber."

The Sierra Club contends forest fires are a natural part of the life of a forest. One researcher points out that the infrequency of fires in Illinois hardwood forests in recent years actually has hindered the development of oaks in the state.

Meanwhile DOC officials are still planning to go ahead with the logging.

Bids for logging the area in question are scheduled to be closed on Oct. 14 and the successful bidder to be announced Oct. 18.

'Save our Parks' rally scheduled in Springfield

Concerned groups and individuals from across the state will gather for a "Save Our Parks" rally at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield Saturday to protest the "attempted misuse" of state park lands.

Area chapters of the Sierra Club and the Illinois Audubon Society, as well as students from Principia College, SIUE and Alton Senior High, will attend the rally to voice protest over the recent policy which will allow logging in Pere Marquette park and the continued practice of game hunt-

ing there.

According to Ted Woodbury, president of the local Sierra Club, 345 acres of Pere Marquette park have recently been opened for logging for the first time in the park's history. Bids on the land are now being accepted from logging firms.

Game hunting in the park was introduced in 1973 by Gov. Dan Walker and has been continued under Gov. James Thompson's administration.

"Illinois is park-poor. We are 49th in the nation in reference to state park land per capita," Woodbury said. "Therefore we

don't feel that the state should come in and attempt to misuse what park land that we still have left."

Woodbury added that these types of practices are incompatible with the very concept of a state park.

"Such practices disrupt the wildlife, the forest and everything else within the boundaries of that park. They are incompatible with the public's right to use the park peacefully for hikes, cook-outs, camping and all the things you should be able experience there," he said.

The rally will be an attempt to educate the public to these issues, as well as similar ones across the state, and to make the state legislature more aware of the protests.

Woodbury said he anticipates more than 100 participants at the rally, which will begin at noon Saturday.

"We welcome everyone who is concerned to come and express their feelings," he said. "Illinois is in a desperate plight and it is becoming more and more difficult to protect our lands. Once gone, these lands are lost forever."

SIUE tightens funds