



The Calm Before Wednesday night's storm is reflected by this scene in the Appleton Flats. The Fox Cities area was pounded by severe thunderstorms during the night, resulting in power outages in several areas and numerous downed trees and branches. (Post-Crescent Photo by Mark Brethheim)

Long Pushes Appeal for County Narcotics Squad

Outagamie's Drug Problem Called Severe

BY PETER RACH
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Immediate steps to create a three-man squad "to work on nothing but drugs on a county-wide basis" were urged Wednesday night by Dist. Atty. James R. Long.

"We have an obligation to cut down the supply of illegal drugs," Long told the Outagamie County Board's Courts and Justice Committee.

Bar Association to discuss legalities surrounding the question, according to Supv. Paul Huseby, chairman.

Miss Johnson showed that in 1969 her office sent out over \$12 million in support payments received from men who pay their estranged wives in the county.

The volume of work, up to 90 checks per day, is handled by one girl, she noted. The difficulty of computing arrearages is complicated by such unknown factors as minor children turning 18, remarriage and illness meeting a week ago set next Wednesday as the night it would hear from the county's four judges, reset the meeting for late summer or early fall.

Her office is aided in the huge amount of data processing related to maintain accurate records by a Courthouse computer in the service center, beginning Sunday, attending a school at the University of Nevada for state trial judges.

Long called the problem severe enough right now so that "every school which has students over the fifth grade in the county" is experiencing serious difficulties with drug abuse.

The investigative narcotics team would work out of his office, Long said, and would have to be "well trained, sharp people," requiring a yearly salary of \$10,000 to \$12,000.

Three drug-related arrests have been made so far this year, Long cited, but existing jurisdictions are "overworked" and impeded due to shift work.

Funding such a program, which would be experimental for three years, he said, probably is the immediate task faced by the county. Federal funds may be available, however, Long said, referring to his recent consultation with an official of the Wisconsin Council on Criminal Justice who said "this is the kind of thing we like to put the money into."

Long said he would like to see the proposal come before the County Board no later than the July meeting, and that by August the question of funding the program could be settled. He plans to confer with a law enforcement member of the Fox Valley Council of Governments, he said.

"I would hope the board members themselves would go and make a survey of the problem," Long said, noting that in his experience drug users are willing to speak of their contacts.

Screening applicants for the narcotics squad could be done through a board composed of three or four persons, he said, after each applicant's resume has been reviewed. The team's members could work out of their own homes if necessary, to insure the secrecy of their work. Cars probably should be provided, but a personal secretary may have to come later. The men would not have to type their own reports.

"Now, a case gets blown when too many people work on it," he said.

In other action Wednesday night, reports from Corp. Counsel Frank Templeton and Clerk of Courts Gloria Johnson were filed with the committee.

Templeton, who has been surveying several counties to determine their answers to the sticky legal question of public defender, cited as perhaps most successful Dane County's program which goes beyond what one would normally expect from a single attorney for a county's indigent defendants.

The man on whose land the festival was to have been held said, however, that the event was canceled because things "got out of hand." Outagamie County Sheriff Calvin Spice and members of the Town of Liberty Board had registered strong objections to the festival plans.

Aldermen Wonder

Environmental what?

'Sanitarian' is out. 'Environmentalism' is in. The Appleton City Council has decreed it.

Trouble is, nobody on the council Wednesday night seemed to be sure what was being decreed.

The Board of Health recommended to aldermen that the titles of the city's three sanitarians be changed to environmentalist.

Ald. Walter Kalata (2nd) asked the question "What's an environmentalist?"

Ald. Robert Roemer (5th), in charge of the meetings as council president, replied, "I can't even say it."

Somebody made a motion to approve the change and somebody else seconded it.

Ald. Orville Strutz (17th) was on his feet. "I'd like to know what the word means. I can't pronounce it, myself."

"Look it up!"

Kalata: I'd like to know how to address the man in the future.

Roemer "I'd suggest you all go home and get out the dictionary and look it up, and you'll all be a lot smarter."

Voice: "It's not even in the dictionary."

Ad Bruce Stutzman (1st), a school teacher who serves

on the Board of Health, arose to instruct his fellow aldermen "It's part of a thing that is spreading across the nation," he began, adding that the local sanitarians also are going to ask for a pay increase at the end of the year.

Roemer thanked him, adding, "But you still haven't told us what it means."

Strutz gave up. "I'll get out my dictionary when I get home," he told Roemer, and the discussion ended.

The council adopted the new title, whatever it means, unanimously.

Council Doesn't Quite Bury Safety Building

BY CLIFF MILLER
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The Appleton-Outagamie County courts and safety building proposal was spared its expected coup de grace Wednesday night.

Rather than being taken up immediately by the City Council, Mayor George Buckley's resolution to pull the city out of further talks with county officials was referred to a committee.

Ald. Robert Roemer (8th), who is on the joint committee of city and county officials, had the measure referred to the council's Public Safety Committee, of which he is chairman.

As council president, Roemer was sitting in for Buckley in charge of proceedings as the measure came up. He instructed Clerk Elden Broehm to refer the resolution to his committee.

In anticipation of a vote on the proposal, representatives of the Appleton Area Chamber of Commerce and Appleton Building and Construction Trades Council were in the audience, and had submitted to aldermen a joint statement urging keeping the venture alive.

Referred to Committee

Their letter and a pair of resolutions recently adopted by the city-county committee also were referred to Roemer's committee. Roemer has been openly opposed to continuing the effort, saying the city can't convert the old Appleton Vocational School to a police station.

The program includes a "briefing bank," comprising recent Supreme Court rulings and other materials designed to aid private attorneys who perhaps once in six months have to tackle a touchy criminal case.

The committee will attempt to contact officials from the State

less expensive for both the city and county to go their separate ways, and endorsing Roemer's vocational school proposal.

The trades council and chamber said in their statement that they have joined in an effort to demonstrate concern for construction of a joint facility.

"The members of our organizations are the voters and the taxpayers of Outagamie County. It is our firm conviction that elected representatives of the voters should proceed in the interests of the constituents, and that these interests are providing the best and most efficient law enforcement," the statement says.

Commission Rejects Plan For Goodland

Amidst painful recollections of past hassles over using Goodland Field for something other than baseball, the Park and Recreation Commission has rejected a proposal to place a new City Hall and a city-county courts and safety building there.

The commission Tuesday became the first of several public bodies to take action on the proposal by Ald. Thomas Mulvihill (14th) to put the public buildings on the field and for the county to put up a stadium and civic center on the County Farm site.

The Plans Commission and the City Council's Public Safety Committee put off action on the proposal earlier, waiting for another body to act first.

Compromise Attempt

Mulvihill submitted his proposal in an apparent attempt to offer a compromise to unsnarl the city-county safety building tangle.

Commission Chairman Ralph Gertsch recalled that past proposals to dispose of the ballpark have aroused strident opposition.

Commissioner Arthur Jones said it would take years to

It also refers to a recent chamber statement saying public faith in government and ability to attract new business and industry depend on carrying out adopted plans, which are reviewed as a method of attracting new establishments.

"Appleton's comprehensive plan and the work of the Council of Governments were reviewed with representatives of Wisconsin Wire, Appleton Mills, Gimbel's and Dutch Inns," according to the statement. Each has either expanded existing operations, moved new operations here or has considered moving to the area.

The statement omits mention that the city's comprehensive plan calls for location of police and court facilities in the area of the present Courthouse, where the joint committee has recommended putting facilities.

"We would urge you to continue to work together to develop the joint complex," the statement concludes. It is addressed to the mayor, council and County Board chairman.

Other Business

In other business, the council: — Approved reappointment to the Library Board of Elmer Otte, chairman, and Mrs. Stansbury Young for three-year terms.

— Learned that a request by a group of young people chiefly from the UWGB Fox Valley Campus for a July 4 parade permit has been withdrawn. They had announced plans for a parade and youth festival.

— Approved paving Alton Street from Lawe to Rankin streets and levied assessments after ordering the street kept at its present 28-foot width rather than being widened to 33 feet as had been proposed by the Public Works Department. Residents objected to loss of trees and increased traffic as a result of widening.

— Accepted a petition from William Vander Maazen to annex 3.66 acres from the Town of Grand Chute along Prospect Ave.

— Adopted a preliminary resolution to levy special assess-

Portage, Waupaca Counties

Officials Brace for Rock Festival

BY BILL KNUTSON
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STEVENS POINT — Law enforcement officials in Portage and Waupaca counties are stepping up plans to control a rock festival scheduled for the weekend of June 26-29.

"We've resigned ourselves to the fact there is going to be a rock festival," Portage County Sheriff Nick Check said today. Although "a number of meetings have been held in the past weeks," attempts to halt the event have been unsuccessful, Check said.

Larry Schumann, festival producer, announced at a Madison news conference Wednesday that the event would be held on a 200-acre farm lying in the towns of Iola in Waupaca County and Newhope in Portage County.

Check said the farm site is near Portage County Trunk MM, about seven miles northwest of Iola.

It was learned today that the farm, once owned by Roy Rustad, was sold for \$20,000 this week to James R. Sifton of Madison. The land then was leased to sponsors of the festival. Check said the farm has a barn but no living quarters.

Plans for the festival "originated right here in Stevens Point," Check explained.

He said that he and Waupaca County Sheriff Loran Frazier visited the festival

site Wednesday. "Where the thing is held is immaterial as long as it is some reasonable area as far as traffic is concerned," Check said.

Asked if the farm site were a "reasonable area," Check replied that it was "as good as could be expected."

There will always be complaints from neighbors," he added. Check said that although he was aware several months ago that a rock festival might be held in the area, he was not told of the site choice until Wednesday.

Frazier reportedly was working on an investigation and was not available for comment this morning.

Schumann said that en-

trance to the festival will be through the 50 acres of farm land lying in the Town of Newhope, while entertainment will be on the 150 acres on the Waupaca County side.

The reason for the separation, Schumann said, is that the Portage County land is zoned for agriculture, while the Waupaca County portion is not zoned. Schumann would not reveal the name of the farm owner.

He said that the festival sponsor's attorney would meet with Check and Frazier today, but Check said he had received no request for such a meeting.

"We intend to control" the event, Check said. "We made this plan long ago." Although stating that law enforcement help would be summoned from outside the two counties, Check declined to say what form the assistance would take or how much help would be asked.

Check also declined to speculate on how many people the festival would attract, although Schumann said the tickets sales were going very well and "at least 20,000" participants were expected. He said that most of those who bought tickets so far are from Milwaukee.

Such performers as Buffy St. Marie, Johnny Winter, Buddy Rich, Ravi Shankar

Shop Tools Taken From High School

KIMBERLY — Several hundred dollars worth of tools were stolen from the Kimberly Public High School either Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning, school officials reported to police.

The tools include wrenches, hammers, screwdrivers and other equipment from the metal shop. Officials say some items also may have been taken from the woodworking shop, where an inventory will be made by the teacher.

County Health Review

Panel Might Reconvene

Members of the blue ribbon recommendation of establishing a study committee which, after a regional tuberculosis center, comprehensive study, recommended consolidation of Outagamie County institutional functions two years ago, will be asked to review their findings in terms of broader county needs.

The County Board's Health and Institutions Committee agreed today to contact John Shepard, administrator of Appleton Memorial Hospital, and chairman of the blue ribbon committee, on whether he and other members of the committee would conduct the review.

Specifically, the blue ribbon committee would be asked to review its recommendation of consolidation of all facilities at the present county hospital site; to consider other county activities in the areas of health and social services not previously considered; review its recom-

former chairman of the health committee, said members of the blue ribbon committee must be told that any review efforts won't be wasted. He referred to the 2½ years the original study languished before being looked at.

County officials are looking at Riverview Sanatorium with the thought of using it to house the county social services department if the tuberculosis and geriatric hospital functions would be moved into new quarters at the county hospital site.

The county is now seeking, through the Wisconsin County Boards Association, state legislation to permit a single board of trustees to govern all of the institutions. State law now requires separate boards for the tuberculosis sanatorium and mental hospital.



Former Outagamie County Judge Gustave Keller takes the oath of office this morning from Clerk of Courts Gloria Johnson. Keller, who retired from the bench two years ago, will return on a

House Can be Moved, City Council Decides

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Doerfler at the end of the council will be allowed to move their session asking the Welfare and house from 1002 W. Northland Ordinance Committee to study Ave to 1100 W. Lindbergh St., the feasibility of an ordinance but Ald. Richard Schouten (19th) requiring residents surrounding wants neighbors notified before the proposed site where a any more houses are moved in dwelling is to be relocated to be the city notified before the building is moved.

Without discussion, the City Council Wednesday night granted a moving permit for the who objected to the moving of Doerfler home for the second time.

The first permit was retracted after Schouten acted on a petition from residents of the Lindbergh Street area, touching off a stormy debate in the Streets and Sanitation Committee earlier this week.

Schouten, who represents the ward where the home will be relocated, submitted a resolution