

Long Pushes Appeal for County Narcotics Squad

Outagamie's Drug Problem Called Severe

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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.

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.

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

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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.

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.

"A p pleton'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 assessments.

Commissioner Arthur Jones said it would take years to Turn to Page 4, Col 1

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House Can be Moved, City Council Decides

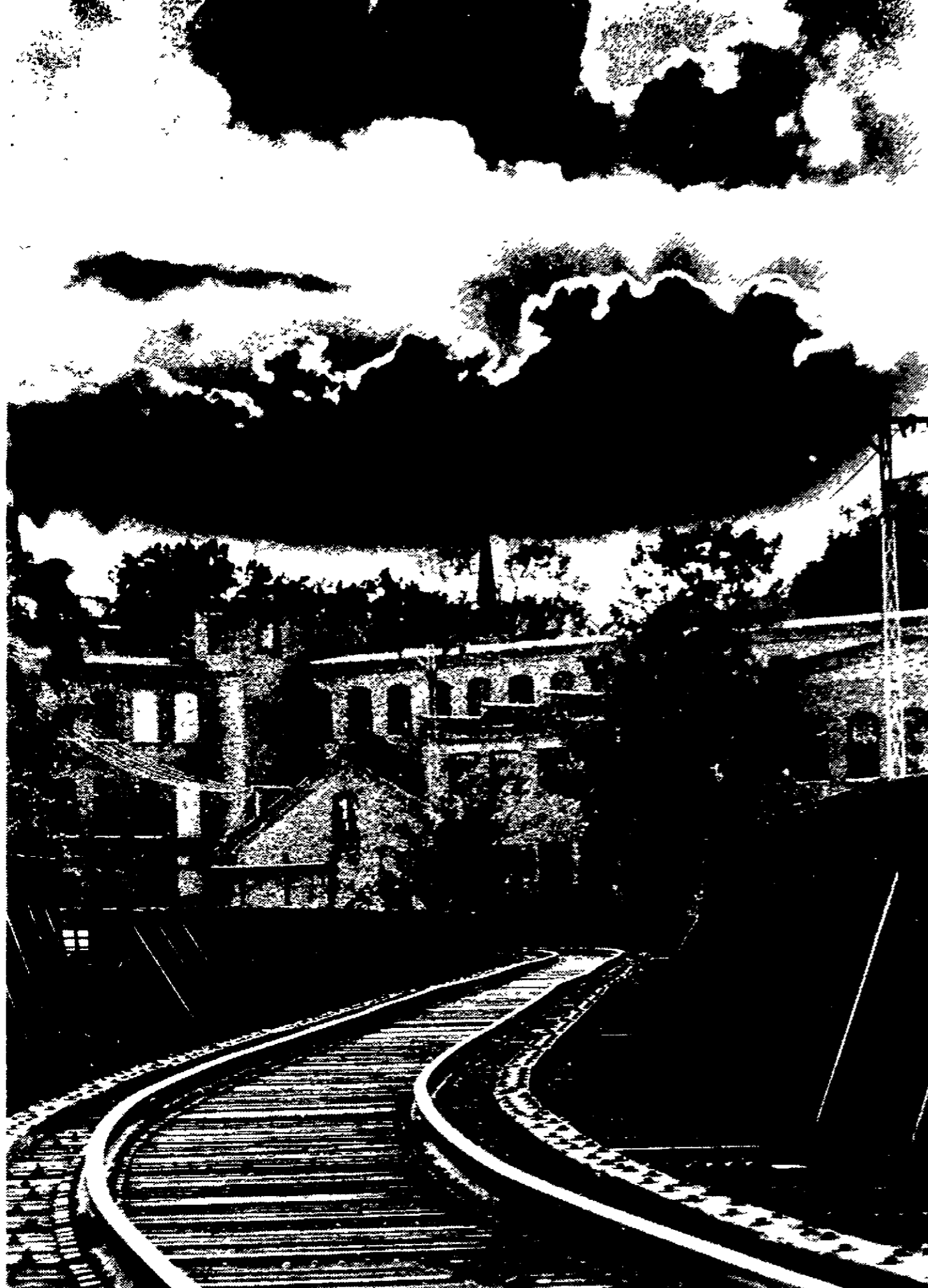
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Doerfler at the end of the council will be allowed to move their session asking the Welfare and house from 1002 W. Northland Ordinance Committee to study Ave to 1100 W. Lindbergh St., the feasibility of an ordinance but Ald. Richard Schouten (19th) requiring residents surrounding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

Without discussion, the City Council Wednesday night granted a moving permit for the 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

retracting it two weeks ago.



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 Bretheim)

Portage, Waupaca Counties Officials Brace for Rock Festival

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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 entrance to the festival will be through the 50 acres of farm land lying in the Town of Newhope, while entertainment will be on the 130 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.

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and Paul Butterfield, along with several local groups, are scheduled to appear during the three days.

Entertainment will not be continuous and the festival will have a carnival atmosphere, with Indian dances and rides, Schumann said.

A rock festival held in April on the Irene York farm drew an estimated 20,000 people on the final day. Mrs. York, an elderly widow, was charged with several zoning violations.

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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 Sanitorium 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.

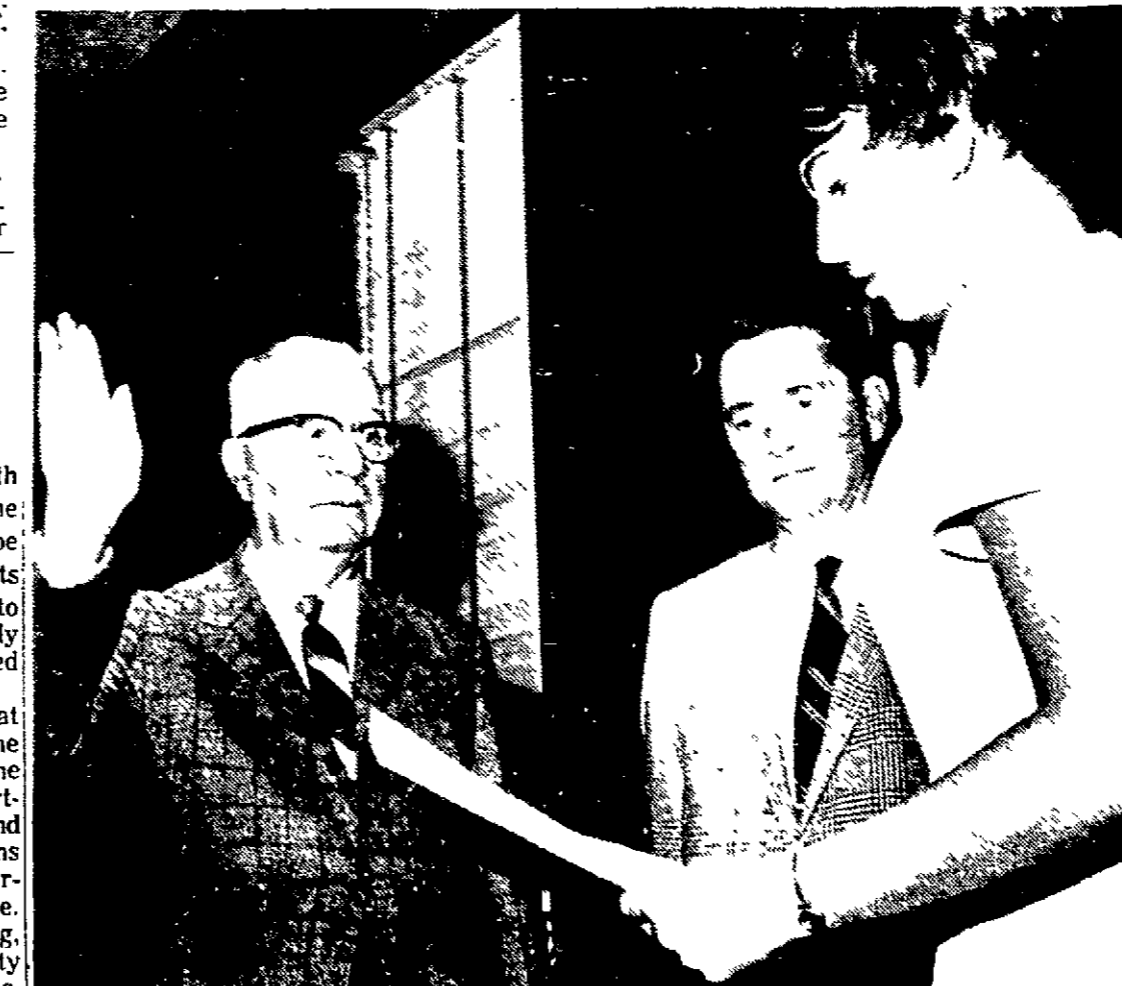
The county is now seeking, through the Wisconsin County Boards Association, state legislation to permit a single board of trustees to govern all of the institutions. State law now requires separate boards for the tuberculosis sanitorium and mental hospital.

County Health Review Panel Might Reconvene

Members of the blue ribbon study committee which, after a 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 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 full-time basis when Judge Nick Schaefer, center, attends a conference in Nevada. Keller also might work part time afterward. (Post-Crescent Photo)