



Where the Narrow Veers from the Straight

Things are taking shape — interesting shape — at the Wisconsin Telephone Co. construction site in the 300 block of W. Washington Ave.

Welfare Director and Parks Chief

Civil Service Delayed for Two City Officials

Mayor William D. Dyke has delayed approval of civil service status to two high-ranking city officials — Welfare Director Lowell Messerschmidt and Parks Supt. Forrest Bradley.



LOWELL MESSERSCHMIDT



FORREST BRADLEY

Messerschmidt's probation ends Mar. 29, but Dyke said Monday he is extending it another six months.

Bradley's probation ended last Oct. 15, and at that time it was extended another six months to Mar. 15.

Another of City's Small Groceries, F and D, to Close. Another of Madison's neighborhood "Ma and Pa" grocery stores has announced its closing.

Att'y. Gerald Nichol Seeks D. A.'s Post

Gerald Nichol, a Madison attorney, will announce today that he is a Republican candidate to succeed James Boll as Dane County district attorney.



GERALD NICHOL

The graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School has scheduled a news conference for 3:30 p.m. today in the Park Motor Inn to announce his political plans.

Nichol, 34, who lives with his wife and son at 233 Marshall Parkway, is a member of the law firm of Aagaard, Nichol, and Wynn.

He was graduated from Law School in 1963, six years'ials.

North Side Council Hears Master Plan

The North Side Community Council will discuss the school master plan at a general membership meeting at 7:30 tonight in Gompers School, 1402 Wyoming Way.

Pilot Project on Farms

Program Set to Curb Pollution in Mendota

A far-reaching federal program to help control pollution of Lake Mendota was announced Monday by Keith Kreef, Fennimore, chairman of the Wisconsin Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) committee.

"I hope we can get a significant number of farmers into the program," Kreef said. There is a limit to farm payments to any one farmer of \$2,500 a year.

The five-year program that will be carried out on farms on a special pilot project basis was given final approval in Washington, D.C., by the Conservation and Land Use Division of the ASC Service, he said.

Kreef said that the special pollution abatement program was the first of its kind in the nation and will start just as the special pilot project was worked out between the ASC and the Soil Conservation Service.

work will be carried out on a water conservation needs research basis. EARLIER, the ACP program for Wisconsin was approved to authorize cost-sharing so that lands could be shaped above and below barnyards and feedlots to divert water so that it would not flow through the yards.

The Lake Mendota drainage area pilot project will be worked over by technicians and then go to Dane County Agent J. W. Smith Clark and the County ASC committee headed by William Stoneman, Rt. 3, Madison, for an extensive education program.

Porter Butts Gets Honor for Service. Porter Butts, director of the Madison Union for many years, was honored recently at the 47th annual conference of the Assn. of College Unions-International in Houston, Texas.

Edgewood College Vacation to Start. Spring vacation for Edgewood College students will begin after classes Wednesday.

Both Candidates Show Concern for Environment

Student Vote Also Affects Fourth Ward

University students have become a fact of life in Madison government. The best example is that candidates for Fourth Ward alderman this year are probably more concerned about the Daily Cardinal endorsement than those of the two city dailies.

In five years, student residents in the ward have increased from 843 to more than 1,500.

Both candidates expressed concern for the environment, with Burke proposing a sewer surcharge and a possible fee for use of the lakes to collect revenue for pollution control.

McGilligan said a county-wide environmental authority is needed, with taxing powers. Burke agreed that a consolidation of governmental power is needed.

Reducing downtown auto traffic also was emphasized by both candidates, who mentioned better bus service as necessary to do this.

"FOR A FEW years the company is going to run at a deficit," Burke said. "Service must be our primary concern."

"The car is our No. 1 pollution problem," McGilligan said. He said an increased bus company deficit would be necessary if it got more cars off the road.

Democratic Coalition Backs 9 Candidates

The Dane County New Democratic Coalition (NDC) has endorsed nine candidates for the City Council.

Endorsed Joseph Thompson, Second Ward; Dennis McGilligan, Fourth Ward; John Deaux, 16th Ward; Robert Prioleaux, 18th Ward; and Jane Ruck, 20th Ward.

The NDC also endorsed Eugene Parks, Fifth Ward; Paul Soglin, Eighth Ward; and Mrs. Alicia Ashman, 10th Ward, all unopposed for reelection.

Endorsement was based on candidates' stands on airport expansion, city-county cooperation, the environment, tax problems, Equal Opportunity Commission recommendations, and other issues.

City's Environment Bad, Citizens' Group Is Told

What's the environmental state of Madison?

Painfully bad, David W. Stewart, president of Capital County Citizens, said Monday night. The environmental group's leader touched on Madison's problem sectors, but examined more closely what problems exist and what is needed to begin to alleviate them.

Stewart mentioned Madison's transportation problem. He said citizens and decision makers see the issue in terms of cars and roads and parking lots and airports and buses and railroads — the ingredients which interact with people and neighborhoods and air and water and trees and urban development of all kinds.

Stewart's nomination for the worst visual blight in Madison is the shopping center. He suggested the mayor, the governor, and other public officials refuse to cut ribbons at opening day ceremonies for such "crass monstrosities."

Stewart's proposals for halting environmental blight centered on one point: concentrated efforts by citizens.

His ideas included confrontation of the idea that growth is good and making an effort to build environmental considerations into every level of decision-making.

Two important recommendations were simple: enforce existing local and state pollution laws and write new ones to fill gaps and correct deficiencies.

McGilligan said the proposed office building is just "the systematic destruction of a community in the downtown area. We are being treated — a little prematurely — as a business district."

"Every Fourth Ward resident young and old — must be assured his home is a real home, not just a temporary dwelling," he said.

Burke is a member of Capital Community Citizens, the City Board of Estimates and the Parking Utility, and the Knights of Columbus Council 821. He is an alumnus of the University of Wisconsin Law School.

McGilligan is a UW graduate; a member of the Madison Tenant Union, Capital Community Citizens, and Wetlands for Wildlife. He is a former Evans Scholar and past captain of the UW cheerleaders.



DAVID STEWART