

Farmers Plan Record Crop Acreage

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Farmers in Wisconsin and the nation already are gearing up to plant record crop acreage this year which should take care of expanding demand for food from consumers at home and abroad.

In the second straight year of critical crop needs, farmers offered their first estimate of what their planting intentions would be in the up-coming crop season.

It was a message of good news for consumers and good news for the economy because farmers say they will produce about all that's needed.

Included in the report from farmers in 35 major crop production states is an increase of 10 per cent in the corn crop — the increase that will be the same in Wisconsin as it is in the nation.

In the state, farmers said that corn would be planted on 3,520,000 acres for harvest as both grain and silage. Nationally, corn could be the crop for 77.4-million acres.

This means that if these early intentions are carried out, the U. S. could have a billion bushels more corn harvested in 1974 than in 1973 and production conceivably could hit 6.5-billion bushels.

Asked for his reaction to these plans of farmers, Herbert M. Walters, director of the bureau of statistics for the State Dept. of Agriculture, said they were "awful, awful bullish."

The plans of farmers for the 1974 season will be updated in March and they could change their plans on the basis of their reaction to the January planting intention report.

For instance, soybeans, now at \$6 plus on the cash market, will be planted on a smaller acreage this year. Walters said it would be the first time since 1958 that the soybean acreage has not increased.

Wisconsin farmers will plant more soybeans, an estimated boost of 6 per cent and a total of 280,000 acres.

Minnesota also plans a 4 per cent boost, but Illinois will drop soybean acreage by 8 per cent and Iowa will reduce it 4 per cent.

In corn acreage, Illinois will jump it 12 per cent, Iowa up 11 per cent, Minnesota up 14 per cent, Missouri up 8 per cent, and Nebraska, up 9 per cent, Walters said.

Wisconsin farmers also indicate that they'll increase their oat acreage for the first time since 1961. They'll go up 1 per cent and put the crop on 1,520,000 acres of land.

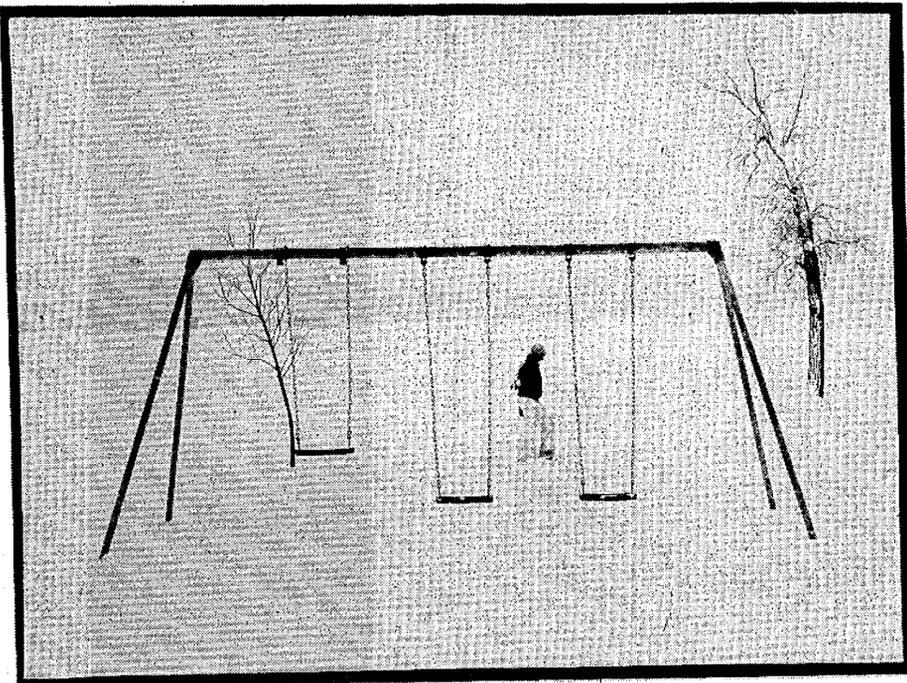
Wisconsin's barley crop is expected to be down about 1,000 acres and spring wheat up 1,000 acres.

Walters said that all cropland has been released from reserve programs this year, and the state and national intentions reflect the higher acreage.

The survey was on five major crops and in Wisconsin that acreage will total 5,334,000 acres, an increase of 7 per cent from the acreage planted in 1973.

The state statistician said the planting intentions were published so farmers could get an idea of what will happen this year.

Actual acres planted may be larger or smaller than this survey indicated for such reasons as the weather, labor supply, fuel and fertilizer situation, prices, government programs, or the effect of the January report on the original intentions of farmers.



Winter Etching—a Reminder

Winter got back into the swing of things Tuesday with about 3.5 inches of snow, and the landscape which had been soiled with the effects of the thaw became white once more.

Alice Booth, 391 Dow Ct., head down against the wet falling

flakes, took a short, quiet walk across Brittingham Park near Lake Monona.

Today's forecast calls for mostly fair skies and temperatures again in the low 30s.

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State Voc Board Cool to Student Loan Plan

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BELOIT — The proposed long-term student loan program of the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB), got a lukewarm reception here Tuesday from the state Vocational Board.

In a unanimous action the board voted to follow the recommendation of its Education Committee to "withhold support of this proposal pending further study."

Burt Zien, Milwaukee, noted that the proposal "in effect eliminates grants for the disadvantaged and poor and bases it (student aid) all on loans.

"What concerns us on the Education Committee is that the poor would have to borrow funds," he added. "Because of that we decided it's too big a bite now. We thought maybe there could be a dual track (program)

where we would keep some kind of grants."

Criticism at Hearing

Jack Pelisek, Milwaukee, president of the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents, said the Regents "took no action supporting it, which I guess is tantamount to taking a position against it."

The proposal, under which a student could declare emancipation from his parents at age 18 to be eligible for a loan, also ran into extensive criticism last week at a legislative subcommittee hearing.

Zien said that under the proposal student could borrow \$5,000 "and go to Yale, Harvard, Marquette, or Madison Area Technical College and repay it in 25 years based on his income."

Student Resources

State Vocational School Director Eugene Lehrmann testified at the hearing last week that he has found that low-income students tend to shy away from loans.

Proponents of the proposal contend that it would open up accessibility to loans for children of middle-income families.

Under the loan program, the need of the student would be determined based on his own resources rather than on the income of his parents.

Support for the proposal at the hearing was voiced by spokesmen for the United Council of UW Student Governments and the HEAB Student Advisory Committee.

The proposal will be reviewed next by a special legislative committee on higher education financing.

Snow Cart Class Plan Is Delayed

The City Council Tuesday night delayed action for two weeks on a proposal to set up a snowmobile training and qualification performance course at McCoy Rd.

Ald. Eugene Parks, Fifth Dist., thwarted the proposal on the grounds that such a training and qualification course be operated on a countywide, rather than on a citywide, basis.

The council approved without debate a motion by Parks that the proposal be put before the City-County Liaison Committee for its recommendation on how the course should be operated.

The original resolution provided that certified instructors of the State Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) would train youths between 12 and 16 in the safe operation of snowmobile operations.

Health Course Added With No Objection to Sex Data

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MIDDLETON — The Middleton School Board Tuesday night unanimously agreed to add \$17,000 to next year's budget for implementation of a health education course in the middle school.

Not a single parent appeared at the Tuesday night meeting to op-

pose the course, which, among other topics, will provide information on sex.

Asked by Committee

The course was proposed and developed by a committee of six Middleton teachers.

Sixth graders will be required to take 45 minutes of health per week for the entire year, while the eighth grade course will be required for 90 minutes per week

for only one semester.

Jan Blaedel, a guidance counselor and chairman of the Health Education Committee, said the actual topics covered "will be up to the discretion of the health teacher."

Besides sex-related topics — love, venereal disease, abortion, pre-marital relations — the course is expected to provide information on the effects of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. Basic first aid information also will be taught.

Evaluation Set

A Health Education Committee, made up of interested parents, will provide "constant evaluation" of the course, Blaedel said.

The only proposed restriction on health-related topics came from board member Charles Wochri, who asked that information on male and female homosexuality be excluded.

"I hope this type of information is not brought into the classroom," Wochri said, "it has no bearing on this course."

There was no response to Wochri's request.

A survey of parents and students, conducted by the teacher committee, found there was overwhelming interest and need for information in health-related subjects.

'Pro-Life' Speakers Plea Is Ignored

A "pro-life" spokesman was allowed to address the City Council at the beginning of its session Tuesday night, but her request for a moment of silence was ignored.

Mrs. Barbara Guilfoil attacked abortion as "legalized violence" and asked the council to pause for a moment of silence in memory of the "future citizens—denied the opportunity to experience life."

As soon as she had finished speaking, Mayor Paul Soglin returned to the agenda.

Council Denies Plea for PFC Legal Help

By STEVEN LOVEJOY
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Despite the backing of Mayor Paul Soglin, a resolution to authorize legal counsel for the Police and Fire Commission (PFC) was crushed Tuesday night on a 15-5 vote of the City Council.

The defeat marked the third time the council has turned back the request of the PFC for legal assistance and left it without legal representation in action currently before Federal Judge James Doyle.

'End of It'

Soglin said after the motion failed "As I read the mood of the council, as far as I'm concerned that's the end of it."

The mayor had backed the resolution during debate saying, "Deep down inside of me, my bleeding heart liberalism says no one should be let loose inside Judge Doyle's court — even if it is the Police and Fire Commission."

Police Chief David Couper's attorneys have asked Doyle for an injunction against the commission to prevent it from hearing the verified complaint of seven officers against the chief.

Watered Down

Before killing the resolution, the council watered it down by eliminating a phrase that could have carried the PFC's legal authorization beyond Doyle's court.

Many council members said they had been getting complaints from constituents that they were spending too much money for attorneys.

Ald. Dennis McGilligan, Fourth Dist., opposed the resolution, contending, "The people are

East Y Starts Early Openings

The East Branch YMCA, 711 Cottage Grove Rd., opened at 6:30 a.m. today and that will be the policy today for all Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to meet the needs of men and women who have a restricted work schedule.

The pool, gymnasium, and court facilities will open at that time. More information is available at 221-1571.

Lawyers' Fees to Be Under \$50,000?

Mayor Paul Soglin Tuesday said legal fees to the city from involvements in the Police Dept. controversy probably will be around \$30,000 to \$40,000.

"If we can keep it under \$50,000 we'll be doing all right," Soglin said.

The council referred a resolution to City Atty. Edwin Conrad that would require his office to make any future requests for outside attorneys along with an explanation why his office cannot handle the legal work.

sick and tired of running a welfare department for lawyers."

Ald. Eugene Parks, Fifth Dist., agreed, saying the police department controversy had been "created by a minority of people."

George For It

One spokesman favoring the resolution was Ald. Thomas

George, Third Dist., who said the PFC should be given legal counsel "in the sense of equity and fairness."

"I have opposed the hiring of counsel right down the line because I felt this body should not get involved," George said. "But they're being dragged into federal court — either give nobody counsel or give both sides

counsel."

The vote on the resolution was:
Against — Ashman, Christopher, Cohn, Disch, Knutson, Ley, McGilligan, Parker, Parks, Sack, Smith, Staven, Thompson, Waldren, Zimmerman. — 15.
For — Davis, Emmerich, George, Imm, Thorson. — 5.
Absent — Phillips, Wexler. — 2.

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Accountant's Help Set for Welfare Financing

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A snag in the progress of a project-group studying mental health facility financing in Dane County was unsnarled at a three-hour meeting Tuesday of the Dane County Board of Public Welfare.

The six-member group of mental health professionals, called the Dane County Mental Health Resources Project, agreed to take on a seventh member — a Public Welfare Dept. accountant — to help wade through complex billing procedures and cost analyses.

Dane County Mental Health Center Administrator Michael Birkley agreed to let members of the study group examine billing procedures at the center to clear up charges made in the group's preliminary report to the board last week.

"Redefines Terms"

And the study-group toned down, or "redefined its terms," used in the preliminary report.

Ron Derringer, the accountant, will join the three psychologists, two social work experts, and psychiatrist, on the group. All agreed he was needed.

Birkley last week had called the preliminary study drafted by the group "incredibly inaccurate, distorted, and inadequately documented," where it charged the center with conflicts of interest and inconsistent billing procedures.

Tuesday night it was the project members' turn for rebuttal. Although they didn't back down or retract their preliminary report as Birkley had demanded, they did, "redefine our terms."

Report Defended

Four project members gave readings from partially finished tables on results of questionnaires sent to all mental health connected personnel — including private practitioners — in the county and other health centers.

Clinical psychologist Edwin Morse defended the preliminary report, but added that "it's clear that we may have alluded to making allegations (in our report), but we definitely were not. We were just communicating to the board what we were doing. And it was done in good faith."

They quoted from a table in the report an instance where the per session rate for one patient differed in cost from \$13.46 to \$44.86 per session, over a year's time.

Changes Disputed

Birkley disputed the charges of inconsistency, and offered to let the board examine the billing procedures since they had not consulted it before the report. They accepted, and because questions about cost effectiveness and billing rates kept arising, the accountant solution was met.

Birkley said two members of the project, both former employees of the center, would not be allowed to examine the billing procedures.

Birkley and the project group will report the results of their look into the center's policies Feb. 5.

Birkley said after the meeting he still wanted a retraction, "but fortunately we'll be able to get together and settle this."

A Kick Scores Police Boot Ruled Good

By MAUREEN SANTINI
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A police officer executing a search warrant can kick in a door and enter an apartment with pistol drawn if there is reason to believe that drugs could be easily destroyed or the occupants are armed, Circuit Judge Norris Maloney ruled Tuesday.

"Under these peculiar facts, the detective's failure to give notice, and method of ingress were justified," Maloney said.

Defense Moves Denied

The decision denied defense motions in the case of Robert C. Green, 28, of 222 N. Hamilton St., who is charged with three armed robberies in October.

He was arrested as a result of the search warrant raid on the apartment Oct. 8, after the police received an informant's tip that both Green and heroin could be found in the apartment.

Maloney also denied Green's request for the identity of the informant. Maloney set aside the defense's assertion that it wants the identity to check the person's reliability.

Won't Reveal Identity

"In reality," Maloney said, "the defendant seeks to avoid the truth by attempting to impeach the veracity of the informant who furnished the factual foundation for the search warrant."

The judge said that he would not reveal it, since the person referred to as MPD 220 has been threatened, and associates with people who would be prone to retaliate.

Green is charged with armed robberies of the Holiday Inn, 4402 E. Washington Ave. on Oct. 8; Howard Johnson's, 902 Ann St., on Oct. 5; and Steven's Supermarket, 301 North St. on Oct. 3. Maloney also ruled that the three charges can be tried together.

Undaunted Conservative David Keene Plans Return to State

By MICHAEL BAUMAN
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David A. Keene, whose politics used to make Barry Goldwater look like a bleeding-heart liberal, has been through some rough times, but they haven't changed his mind.

Keene, who made a reputation in Madison as national president of the highly conservative Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) while he was a student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, graduated from law school and went on to presumably bigger things, a job as then Vice-President Spiro Agnew's principal political assistant.

That, obviously, did not end well. But the trauma of Agnew's removal did nothing at all to shake Keene's political convictions.

He is working now for another staunch conservative — Sen. James L. Buckley (R-N. Y.) — as



DAVID A. KEENE

executive assistant, and he enjoys the work.

"He's a very open guy, a pleasure to work for," Keene said of Buckley in a telephone interview with The State Journal Tuesday.

Relating his new post to his old one, Keene said, "Here, you don't have to subordinate your views — Mr. Agnew was always very loyal (to President Nixon) — whether that loyalty was wise or not it was

always there."

"Here," Keene laughed, "there's a lot less influence, but a lot more independence."

Keene holds a grudge of sorts against the Administration, partly for what he sees as a failure to follow through on its campaign promises to conservatives, and partly because of what he sees as mishandling of the Watergate affair.

After Agnew's demise, Keene said, his staffers were told an effort would be made to find jobs for them in the Administration. But he wasn't interested.

"I personally wanted to get out," he said. "Frankly, I would not trade the three years I spent inside the administration for anything. But the only person I was really interested in working for was the vice-president."

Keene still rails against big government, saying some of the recent scandals were a direct

result of it — "The government is involved in everything — that increases the opportunity to buy people."

And, despite its apparent setbacks, he sees conservatism on the rise.

"It's absurd to say that you can't talk about law and order anymore when people are getting mugged outside your building," Keene said.

Keene, 29, originally from Ft. Atkinson, ran unsuccessfully for the State Senate here five years ago, and now says, "I do intend to come back to Wisconsin," eventually.

Typically, dire predictions for Wisconsin Republicanism leave Keene cold.

"I'm not willing to concede Wisconsin is going to be a Democratic state," he said, then added with a chuckle, "or I wouldn't be interested in coming back."