

Two plead guilty to bogus check charges

William D. Ashburn, Port Edwards, pleaded guilty Monday in County Court Monday to 19 counts of issuing worthless checks and Judge Fred A. Fink ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Ashburn is charged with passing worthless checks in the amount of \$342.66 between March 6 and Oct. 2 in Wisconsin Rapids.

Jerry D. Kelty, 27, Greenwood, pleaded guilty to seven counts of forgery and one count of issuing a worthless check and a pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing was set for Nov. 24.

Kelty is charged with cashing forged checks in the amount of \$145 and a worthless check for \$25 in Marshfield between Feb. 5 and Oct. 2.

Rodney T. Ruder, 23, 2221 6th St. S., forfeited \$35 on a disorderly conduct charge stemming from an incident Nov. 1 in the town of Grand Rapids.

Mary J. Straub, 21, 1711 6th St. S., was ordered confined in the county jail for eight days in lieu of a \$25 fine for permitting an unauthorized person to operate a motor vehicle in the town of Rudolph Sept. 7.

In court this morning, William J. Wolfe, 27, Rt. 1, Pittsville,

was arraigned on a non-support charge and a preliminary hearing was set for Nov. 18. He is charged with the non-support of his 5-year-old son living in Wisconsin Rapids from July 1968 to October 1969.

State building advisory panel called waste

MADISON (AP) — A State Building Commission decision to consider setting up a special advisory panel was described Monday as a potential waste of administrative energy.

Sen. Robert Knowles, R-New Richmond, said he isn't opposed to studies of state building projects submitted to the commission. But he questioned the wisdom of hiring a staff for what he called a part-time committee.

State Rep. Herbert Grover, D-Shawano, proposed a feasibility study to determine if the commission can use an advisory group.

He said the commission seems to have "an information gap," and that legislative members of the commission could use the services of consultants who would "play the adversary role" during review of projects.

Grover cited the commission's recent approval of a controversial \$10.7 million radio and television education building at the University of Wisconsin. The commission, he said, "may not be fully informed."

Knowles said advisory services of existing agencies are already available to the commission, and that the cost of another staff might be superfluous.

State Rep. Davis Martin, R-Neenah, responded to the commission's study decision by naming four men to survey the idea.

The commission voted 5-2 for a \$38,000 elevator at Stevens Point State University's learning resources center.

It approved an extra \$200,000 for a \$1.67 million stadium at Oshkosh State.

Elderly to get annual passes to LHS events

Golden agers in the Wisconsin Rapids School District will be admitted free to events at Lincoln High, the school board decided Monday.

Anyone 65 or older, whether a member of the Senior Citizens Club or not, will be able to apply for an annual pass for his or her personal use.

The passes will be good for class plays, music programs, athletic events and other programs sponsored by Lincoln, but not for programs there which are not sponsored by the school, such as the Hops Festival.

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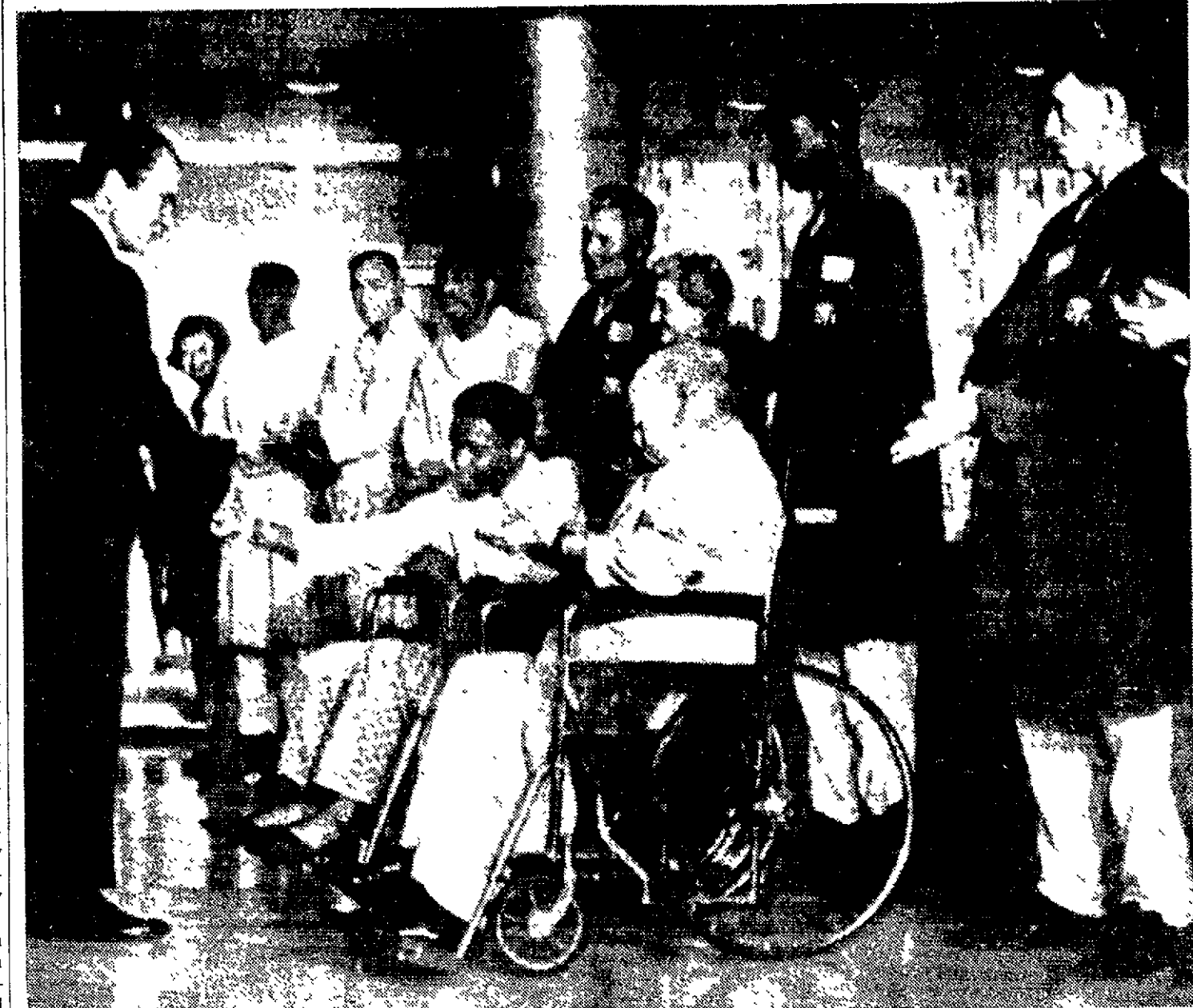
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Visits veterans — President Nixon pays a Veterans' Day visit today at the Veterans' Hospital in Washington, shaking hands in the lobby with John Hart of Cleveland, Ohio. James Fields of Washington, D.C., is also in a wheelchair. Others, from left: Lio

Faulkner, Virginia; Harold Andrews, Pennsylvania; Wayne Watkins, Illinois; William Branch, Oklahoma, and Thomas Gray, Maryland. (AP Wirephoto)

County budget

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 state paid 55 per cent of the total, the county 45 per cent.

Administration of the Social Services Department will increase about \$31,000 in 1970, to \$314,000. Of this total, the state will reimburse \$236,220. The total for the department was trimmed \$33,500 before being approved by the Finance & Budget Committee.

While proposed expenditures of Edgewater Haven will increase \$17,555 to a total of \$558,145 in 1970, the cost to the county of this facility will actually be less in 1970 than in 1969, as revenues are expected to be up \$105,000, to \$505,000.

The net cost to the county of the Highway Department will be \$648,449 in 1970, an increase of \$85,574. Much of this added cost is due to increased budgets for snow removal on county trunk highways and mail routes.

The 1970 budget includes about \$74,000 in snow removal costs for last winter, when the budget was inadequate to handle the unusual amount of snow.

Other increases in the budget, some of which are partially offset by increased aids or revenues, include: retirement and social security costs for employees, up \$18,000; traffic police, up \$7,610; county parks, up \$13,181; Dexterville project, up \$15,069; comprehensive planning, up \$24,365.

Decreases in the proposed budget include: state charge for patients at state and other sanatoriums, down \$10,188; state charges for the insane in outside mental institutions, down \$18,444; rehabilitation project, down \$5,000 (eliminated from budget); Veterans Service Office, down \$6,787; indebtedness, down \$4,849.

Nearly all of the salary and wage items in the budget are estimates, as negotiations are still underway with most county employees.

A public hearing on the county budget will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday. Adoption is expected later Wednesday or Thursday.

The county's valuation increased by 5.4 per cent this year, to \$501.3 million. The \$5.49 per \$1,000 tax rate is the second highest since 1963.

For city of Wisconsin Rapids residents, the increase in the tax levy will amount to an increase from \$5.47 to about \$5.93 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, the basis upon which tax bills are figured.

Vehicle stripped
 Robert Freund of C & R Oldsmobile-International, 2250 W. Grand Ave., reported to police Monday that four wheels and tires, two gas caps, two bucket seats and two gear shift knobs were stolen from a 1970 vehicle on the firm's lot between 5 p.m. Sunday and Monday morning.

Monthly session of City Council tonight
 The Wisconsin Rapids Common Council will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 o'clock tonight in the County Board room at the Courthouse.

Alderman Fred Brahmstead, president of the council, will preside in the absence of Mayor Donald Penza. Penza is in Racine, where his mother is scheduled to undergo surgery.

The 1970 city budget will not be taken up tonight, but will be the subject of a public hearing and meeting Tuesday, Nov. 18.

Marriage licenses
 Thomas K. Weller, 501 17th Ave. N., and Gayle Steltenpohl, 510 Oak St., at Wisconsin Rapids Nov. 15.

John W. Tanneberg, Marshfield, and Kay Ann Mews, Rt. 1, Auburndale, at Hewitt Nov. 15.

Proposed 1970 expenditures

	1969	1970	Increase
General government	\$ 682,422	\$ 745,486	\$ 53,064
Protection of persons & property	355,859	376,875	21,016
Health & social services	2,662,510	2,926,855	264,345
Transportation	1,510,400	1,620,172	109,772
Education & recreation	327,843	362,941	35,098
Conservation & development	59,752	83,170	23,418
Indebtedness	172,601	167,752	(-4,849)
Contingent fund	43,000	50,000	7,000
Unclassified	1,150	1,200	50
Capital outlay	413,235	451,860	38,625
TOTALS	\$6,238,774	\$6,786,312	\$547,539

Explosion, fire rips through Mass. munitions plant

HANOVER, Mass. (AP) — An explosion and fire ripped through a production building at a sprawling munitions plant here today, freeing an undetermined quantity of a riot control agent similar to tear gas.

Fire officials declared the blaze under control about an hour after it broke out and cancelled orders for an area-wide evacuation.

Several firemen were overcome by the fumes, but their condition was not believed serious.

There were no reports of injuries as a direct result of the fire or explosion.

The agent was identified by a plant spokesman only as "CS." Its effect is similar to that of tear gas, he said.

A brisk wind and light rain kept the fumes from collecting in the area in any great concentration, firemen said.

Gas masks and resuscitators were rushed to the scene to aid the fire fighting efforts.

The building was used in the production of cartridge launchers for the CS substance, the spokesman said.

The initial explosion was thought to have originated in the launcher assembly area, but this could not be confirmed immediately.

Initial reports said one of the employees in the building sensed something wrong prior to the explosion and sounded an alarm that enabled everyone to get outside before the blast hit.

The building was damaged heavily, firefighters said.

The facility—owned by Atlantic Research Corp., a division of Susquehanna Corp.—also makes ammunition, land mines and hand grenades for the military.

An explosion and fire at the plant two years ago killed one person and injured 14 others.

\$785 damage in two traffic accidents

An estimated \$650 damage resulted at 8:10 a.m. Monday when cars driven by Craig J. Gordon, 23, Marshfield, and Boyd Edgerly, 64, Vesper, collided at the intersection of Highway 10 and a town road two miles west of Auburndale. County police charged Edgerly with failure to yield from a stop sign.

At 2:10 p.m. Monday, an auto driven by Mrs. Dorajean C. Dove, 37, 441 Meadow Lane, backed into one operated by Mrs. Betty Roginski, 29, Rt. 4, in the ShopKo parking lot, causing an estimated \$135 damage.

Mr. Zurawski came to this country at the age of 4 from Poland, where he was born Dec. 13, 1904. He married Louise Szymanski in Milwaukee July 12, 1947. For the past few years he worked as a salesman for a retail shoe outlet in Milwaukee.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. Estelle Wisniewski, and a brother, Stanley, both of Milwaukee.

Names of students' relatives read were Gerald Collier, Samuel Crowns, Benjamin Dulski, Kenneth Goodness, Edward Hasenohrl, Jerome Olson, Norman Schiltner and Dale Steege.

Penalize 4 violators of conservation laws
 Four conservation violation cases were heard Monday by Judge Fred A. Fink in Wood County Court.

Frederick L. Krause, Rt. 3, and Richard E. Raab, Rt. 1, Nekoosa, each forfeited \$80 on a charge of shaming wild animals while in possession of a firearm. They were arrested Nov. 1 in the town of Seneca.

James R. Bredt, 20, 3221 Plover Rd., forfeited \$57 on charges of hunting squirrels out of season and hunting without a license. Conservation wardens arrested Bredt Oct. 2 in the town of Port Edwards.

Milton Coerper, 23, Rt. 1, Rudolph, was fined \$20 for operating a motor boat without running lights during the hours of darkness Nov. 2 in the town of Port Edwards.

Hurt in tractor mishap
 MARSHFIELD — August Rueden, 22, Arpin, is reported in fair condition at St. Joseph's Hospital here, where he is being treated for injuries suffered in a tractor accident Monday. Details of the accident and the nature of his injuries were not reported.

Remember Smorgasbord Wednesday RAINBOW SUPPER CLUB New London

Valley Traffic Club to meet here Wednesday
 The annual meeting of the Wisconsin Valley Traffic Club will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Elks Club here, with more than 125 representatives from the rail, air and trucking industries expected to attend.

Among items of business to be taken up is election of officers for the coming year. Russell Yanson of Wisconsin Rapids, yardmaster-agent for the Green Bay & Western Railroad, is current vice president of the organization and is expected to be nominated for president. Current president is Richard Trauttschold, also of Wisconsin Rapids.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. Robert Samp of University Hospitals, Madison, whose talk is entitled "Facts of Life, Health and Happiness."

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Local and area obituaries

Joseph C. Hornof

Joseph C. Hornof, 79, who had been living with a son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Marks, 1611 Apple St., the past several months, died at 12:20 p.m. Monday at Riverview Hospital. He had suffered a stroke at home Monday morning.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home, the Rev. Bruce Bartel officiating. Interment will be in Restlawn Memorial Park.

For many years Mr. Hornof's hobby had been the garden at his home, 621 9th St. S., a showplace all summer, and frequently included in the Garden Walks sponsored by a local organization. He and the late Mrs. Hornof took great pride in their delphiniums.

Mr. Hornof was born at Louny, Czechoslovakia, Dec. 1, 1889. He worked in his father's wagon shop there before coming to this country in 1913. On Nov. 15, 1917, he married Emily Ostra at Cicero, Ill.

They farmed in the Vesper area from 1927 until 1941 when they moved here and he was employed by Preway, Inc., from that time until retiring in 1954.

He was preceded in death by his wife on March 11, 1969, and by three sisters.

Surviving, in addition to the daughter, Mrs. Marks, is a sister, Mrs. Frank Kucera, in Czechoslovakia.

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George J. Parker

PITTSVILLE — George J. Parker, 74, Pittsville, died at 4:35 p.m. Monday at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield where he had been a patient since Sept. 14. The cause of death was complications of old age.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in St. Joachim's Catholic Church here, with the Rev. John H. Hodges officiating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Mr. Parker was born March 7, 1895, at Veedum. He received his education in the Pittsville school system and lived in this area his entire life. He was employed as a carpenter and also operated a lumber yard and planing mill in Pittsville.

His marriage to Edna K. Haumschild, took place on Aug. 30, 1917, in Wisconsin Rapids.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Darold, Wisconsin Rapids; George Jr., Gordon, and Ronald, all of Pittsville; a daughter, Mrs. Donald Sherwood, Pittsville; two sisters, Mrs. Verna Crotteau and Miss Ida Parker, and a brother Archie, all of Mosinee; 22 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons, a daughter and two sisters.

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Duane Shaw

Local music company sold by Glen Daly

Glen Daly, owner and operator of the Glen Daly Music Co. here for 10 years and a veteran of 50 years in the piano business, announced today that he has sold the company to Duane Shaw of Mason City, Iowa.

Shaw already has assumed ownership of the business and will continue to operate it under the Daly name. He will retain the same personnel.

Daly, a son of the late Frank P. Daly who founded the Centralia Jewelry & Music Co. here in 1886, joined the family operation on 1920. At that time the business was operated by his widowed mother as Daly Music & Appliance Co.

In 1959 he established his own business at its present location, 341 W. Grand Ave.

Shaw managed a music store in Ottumwa, Iowa, for several years prior to purchasing the store here. He also has been a school music teacher. Plans are being made for a grand opening of the W. Grand Ave. store under the new ownership.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw are residing at 510 8th Ave. S.

Woman hurt in fall on stairway at store

Mrs. Frank Thiel, 530 16th Ave. S., received multiple bumps and bruises when she fell down a flight of stairs at Johnson Hill's Department Store, 320 W. Grand Ave., this morning.

She was taken to Riverview Hospital by city ambulance at 9:44 a.m., and her condition was described as satisfactory.

The dog-tooth violet is part of the Lily family of flowers.

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