



Schools here work at integration

This article and those on Page 6 of this section describing the minority situation in Madison's public schools follow a six-part series prepared by The Wisconsin State Journal on Milwaukee's recent Federal Court order to halt segregating schools.

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Compared to the urban centers of Boston, Milwaukee and Louisville,

Madison gets high marks on public school integration.

Unlike those cities, Madison has a relatively small minority population that can be dispersed more easily into the general school enrollment.

In addition, Madison's School Board has historically moved to avert racial imbalance in the schools, shifting boundary lines when needed to achieve greater socio-economic and racial mixes.

But Madison, a city with a black population of 2,600 in a general population of about 170,000 in the 1970 census figures, is not without minority problems that result in educational discomfort for black students.

Black leaders here say minority students often are excluded from cer-



Myron Robinson

tain extracurricular activities and fare poorly academically.

Some 44 percent of black seniors failed to graduate with their high school



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class in 1974, another point which bothers black leaders.

And while there are blacks attending every elementary school in the city, 75

percent of the black students are concentrated in six of them. Three schools — Franklin, Longfellow and Lincoln Middle School — have black enrollments exceeding 20 percent.

Eugene Parks, head of the Madison chapter of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), said there is "segregation in programs — not schools — in Madison."

Parks said there is substantial non-white participation in athletics but a lack of minority representation in extracurricular programs like band, newspapers, forensics and student government.

"Minority children in the Madison public schools are just as bad off or worse than children in segregated

schools," Parks said, adding that the "mere end of physical segregation does not do anything about quality education."

But on the bright side in Madison, housing patterns are relatively open and Myron Robinson, executive director of the Madison Urban League, said he believes a black can obtain housing in any part of the city if he can afford the price.

South Madison contains the bulk of Madison's black population, but other areas throughout the city, including the far West and East Sides, have attracted minorities, according to City Planner Tom Akagi.

Public housing is scattered

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It may be wishful thinking proclaimed by this road sign in the Town of Fitchburg, because a blizzard probably would not have done as much damage as the ice storm that downed this power pole and the electric lines it carried.

— State Journal photos by Joseph W. Jackson III

Wisconsin will seek federal disaster aid

By Robert C. Bjorklund
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The multi-million dollar ice storm that slammed 23 southern Wisconsin counties from the Mississippi River to Lake Michigan was being assessed Saturday for a presidential declaration as a disaster area.

The declaration would provide victims low interest loans and help communities return to normal.

While total damages still were being calculated, state officials said the cost

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certainly would run well into the millions of dollars.

Mel Stapleton, an official of the State Division of Emergency Government, said there is "no doubt in anyone's mind that the storm damage is of such magnitude that it will get federal disaster qualification."

The counties hit by the state's worst natural disaster include:

Calumet, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Lafayette, Manitowoc, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Sheboygan, Vernon, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, and Winnebago.

Civil defense directors in the counties affected by the power blackout and cold weather have been asked to prepare their damage estimates by Tuesday.

Stapleton said scores of local governments have asked the state emergency office for the disaster declaration.

The disaster assistance would include "reasonable interest" loans to individuals on the basis of their property damage and storm losses.

Such loans would come through the Small Business Administration and the

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Lineman Bryce King splices power lines in Oregon Saturday.

— State Journal photo by Joseph W. Jackson III

Linemen battle elements to restore county power

By Charles Fulkerson
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OREGON — Lineman Bryce King is 6 feet 6, weighs 300 pounds and wears four coats.

His hands are encased in shockproof rubber gloves; his face and yellow hardhat are covered by a crimson ski mask.

Working nimbly over a utility pole high above a frozen Oregon cornfield, King looked like a performing circus bear.

He was just one of many linemen in Dane County Saturday trying to patch up the county's 1,500-mile system of distribution lines wrecked by Thursday's ice storm.

King shouted instructions to two men on the ground by the 7-ton bucket truck that held him aloft. "We worked on and off since Wednesday and it was 29 straight hours at first," said crew chief Ronald Finnegan as he reached into the

truck for the piece of equipment wanted by King.

"We took so many tree limbs down and spliced so many lines I couldn't begin to tell you how many," Finnegan said. Finnegan, 33, Lyndon Station, has been catching sleep in Dane County motels for the past two nights.

King descended in his bucket, picked up a copper sleeve from Finnegan and was back up in the air in seconds. He hand-winch two severed lines together, slid the copper sleeve over

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Wallace plans major drive here

By William Christofferson
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Alabama Gov. George Wallace plans to mount a strong campaign in Wisconsin's Apr. 6 presidential primary now that national Democratic convention delegates are at stake, Wallace's Midwest coordinator said Saturday.

"Now that we know Wisconsin has a primary, we're going to be active here," said Sid Chambless, who met with a handful of Madison area Wallace supporters at the Concourse Hotel. "I think we'll win it."

Plans for a heavier Wallace campaign were announced a day after the national Democratic Party's Compliance Review Commission (CRC) reversed its previous stand and said it will let Wisconsin Democrats pick their convention delegates through the primary.

Previously, the CRC had said Wisconsin would have to use party caucuses to pick its delegates, because the state's open primary allows Republicans and independents to vote in the Democratic presidential contest.

Wallace becomes the third Democratic candidate to actively enter the Wisconsin race, joining Rep. Morris Udall (D-Ariz.) and former Sen. Fred Harris (D-Okla.).

Ten candidates will be listed on



Sid Chambless

the Democratic ballot, but some have decided not to campaign in the state, and one, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen (D-Tex.) already has dropped out of the race.

President Ford and former California Gov. Ronald Reagan are on the Republican ballot.

Chambless, who is coordinating Wallace's campaign in five Midwestern states, said he will recommend Wallace concentrate his efforts in Wisconsin instead of New York, which also has a primary on Apr. 6.

"The majority of our efforts are going to go where we know we have proven support," Chambless said.

Wallace ran second to Sen. George McGovern (D-S.D.) in the 1972 Wiscon-

sin primary with 22 percent of the vote. In 1964, he won 33 percent of the vote in a contest with then Gov. John Reynolds, who ran as a stand-in for the late President Lyndon Johnson.

It was generally believed Wallace would do poorly if delegates had been picked at party caucuses, since most of his support comes from outside the regular Democratic Party membership.

But Chambless said he had budgeted for 14 members of Wallace's national staff to spend time in Wisconsin preparing for a caucus system and had planned a major effort.

Now the budget will be shifted and Wallace can be expected to visit the state several times in the next month, he said, holding airport rallies, press conferences and evening campaign rallies.

"Wisconsin has always been very good for Gov. Wallace, and he has a personal interest in this state," Chambless said.

Harold McDonald, Belleville, co-chairman of Wallace's effort in Wisconsin, said a state Wallace headquarters will open this week in Suite 163 of Washington Square, 1400 E. Washington Ave.

Other candidates are still assessing the Wisconsin situation after Friday's

surprising reversal by the national party.

Darryl Hanson, Milwaukee, who heads the state campaign committee for Sen. Henry Jackson (D-Wash.), said it is unlikely Jackson will make a major effort in Wisconsin.

Jackson is now scheduled to visit Milwaukee on Mar. 21, and Hanson said that may be his only visit before the primary.

"His schedules are made out a month in advance," Hanson said. "This has been a caucus state until yesterday. We sure would like to get him in here if we can, but that may be impossible."

Jackson has been concentrating heavily on the New York primary which is the same day as Wisconsin's. He is considered the favorite there.

Ex-Governor Jimmy Carter is a question mark. He had planned to concentrate on the party caucuses in May rather than the primary. His state chairman, State Rep. Harout Sanasarian (D-Milwaukee) could not be reached Saturday.

Also on the ballot will be R. Sargent Shriver, Sen. Birch Bayh (D-Ind.), Pennsylvania Gov. Milton Shapp and Ellen McCormack, a New York anti-abortion candidate. None are expected to actively campaign in Wisconsin.



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Mostly cloudy with a chance of a few flurries. High in mid-30s. Low tonight in teens. For more weather information, see Page 26.

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