

Reapportionment group named

The Oswego County Legislature has taken immediate action to probe the matter of reapportionment of the county and develop a plan acceptable to both the local legislative body and the courts.

The issue was brought before the board at the reorganizational meeting on January 8 and last week Alvin Krakau, chairman of the County Board of Legislators, appointed a special committee to investigate new means to effect reapportionment for the county.

It is understood that such a reapportionment plan could drastically reduce the number of county legislators by combining or subdividing many towns into new county legislative districts and either re-districting the two cities of Fulton and Oswego or permitting the legislators to run at large in the cities.

One alternate version of such a plan, however, could conceivably retain the present size of the board and drastically reduce the size of county legislative districts.

Named as chairman of the special reapportionment committee was Legislator Donald Gleason of Hannibal, who has just stepped down as chairman of the board. Also on the panel are Majority Leader Arthur Ospelt of Schroepfel, Bruce Soule of Richland; Gordon Goss of Fulton; Clifford Tompkins of Mexico; Minority Leader William McCarthy of Oswego; Frank Rogers of Williamstown; John Zizzi of Fulton and Angelo DiMiero of Oswego.

A special committee was also named to oversee funds under the Public Employment Program (PEP). To serve on the committee are: Gleason, chairman; Goss, McCarthy, DiMiero and Soule.

Other committees and their members are as follows, with the first person listed serving as the chairman of that committee:

Airport -- Mark Fruce; Fred Dumas; Nick Sterio; Gerald Brown and Ospelt.

Area Development -- Ospelt; Soule; Goss; Brown; Robert Jones; Joseph Osetek and Joseph Chalifoux.

Audit -- Dumas; Harry Bryant; W. Charles Kennedy; Chalifoux and J. B. Kelly, Jr.

Authorized Agency -- Merrill Waggoner; Bryant; John Sullivan; Chalifoux and DiMiero.

Board of Elections -- Hadwen Bisbo; Kennedy; Dumas; McCarthy; Chalifoux; Donald Coleman.

Bovine -- Ralph Schmidt; Waggoner; Jones; (Lifton; Yerdon; Rogers; Charles Sabin.

Building -- Waggoner; Fruce; Rogers; Edward McGann; Kennedy.

Civil Defense -- Tompkins; Goss; McCarthy; Howard Robbins; Soule and DiMiero.

Civil Service -- Gleason; Zizzi; Kenneth Wheeler; William Brouse; and Coleman.

Insurance -- Fruce; Gleason; Tompkins; Brouse; Kelly.

Correction of Assessment rolls -- Zizzi; DiMiero; Sullivan; Walter Mead; Goss; Coleman.

County Clerk -- Jones; John Naioti; Brown; Kelly; Mead.

Equalization -- Rogers; Osetek; Naioti; Brouse; Mead; Brown; Bisbo.

Extension Service -- Jones; Kennedy; Naioti; Dominic Biancavilla; Sabin.

Fire Advisory -- Schmidt; Sterio; Dumas; Anthony Crisafulli; Bisbo; Soule.

Health -- Sterio; Zizzi; Walter Held; Sabin; Bisbo; Waggoner.

Highway -- Bryant; Kennedy; Fruce; Ospelt; Yerdon; DiMiero.

Laboratory -- Coleman; Biancavilla; Goss; Gleason; McCarthy; Crisafulli; Tompkins; Kelly.

Legislative and Judicial -- Frederick Held; Crisafulli; Kelly; Robbins; McCarthy.

Mental Health -- Kennedy; Frederick Held; Crisafulli; Kelly; Robbins; McCarthy.

Parks and Recreation -- Sterio; Bisbo; Chalifoux; Robbins; Sabin; and Sullivan.

Probation -- Yerdon; Brouse; Naioti; Frederick Held; DiMiero.

Reforestation -- Yerdon; Bryant; Mead; Waggoner; Rogers.

Sheriff -- Dumas; Gleason; McGann; Fruce; Soule.

Social Services -- Tompkins; Rogers; Waggoner; Wheeler; Crisafulli; McGann.

Soil Conservation -- Ospelt; Schmidt; Yerdon; Bryant; Mead.

Tax Property -- Wheeler; McGann; Crisafulli; Coleman; Robbins.

Treasurer -- Zizzi; Schmidt; Sterio; Dumas; Biancavilla.

Veterans -- Frederick Held; Crisafulli; Soule; Brown; Osetek.

Ways, Means and Budget -- Schmidt; Fruce; Gleason; Ospelt; McGann; Jones.

Wildlife -- Wheeler; Naioti; Sullivan; Robbins; Brouse.

Youth -- Frederick Held; Zizzi; Tompkins; Kelly; Goss; Osetek.

Albany Open Line

by Alvin Rankin

Gov. Rockefeller has reacted to the criticism of his tough new drug pusher proposal -- mandatory life sentences -- for a week and then replied.

He said he hadn't changed his mind. He said if the courts became clogged with all the mandatory trials that would result from the law, then the problem was with the courts and not with his proposal.

Some are betting that by the time the bill comes back to him from the Legislature near the end of the session he will have modified his position.

Others are saying he won't bend an inch.

And why should he? The public, gathering from the reaction, is in no mood to split hairs and argue the niceties of the effects of the governor's proposal. They are tired of being robbed, mugged, and then taxed to pay for rehabilitation.

One note can't be resisted, however. How does the governor feel about his crackdown on dealers in light of the fact that someone swiped almost 100 pounds of "French Connection" heroin from the New York City Police Department?

Thirteen Republican Senators, all of them freshmen, came up on the short end this week.

They discovered at least as far as salaries are concerned, they aren't as important as Democrats, even though they are in the majority.

All Senators get a salary of \$20,000 a year, including a \$5,000 no-questions-asked expense account.

But chairmen of committees get more, depending on the committee. And the so-called "ranking minority members" of each committee also get more.

Republicans, who control the Senate, total 37. Democrats, 23. And since there are only 24 commit-

tees, 13 Republicans are left out.

But each Democrat freshman as well as senior Senator has been named ranking minority member to some committee, which means an additional \$3,500 to \$4,000 a year in salary depending on the committee.

Republican Senate Majority Leader Warren Anderson of Binghamton said he is aware of the inequity but has no immediate plans to do anything about it. In deed there is probably little he can do about it and avoid public outcry.

It was one result of one of his first reform measures in taking over as majority leader this year. Last year there were enough committees so that every Republican was the chairman of some committee. Now he has cut back on the number of committees.

But don't feel too sad for the Republican Senators. This year they are doubling to a minimum of \$20,000 the amount they will get to hire office help and for supplies in their plush new offices in the State Legislative Office Building.

New daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Tomislav Suljic of Rexdale, Ontario are parents of a new daughter, Tanya, born Dec. 31, 1972 in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto.

Mrs. Suljic is the former Lynne Fay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fay, Emery Rd.

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Fulton girl enlists

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Sheila is a 1971 graduate of G. Ray Bodley High School and was attending the State University College at Potsdam when she decided to enlist in the Navy. Sheila enlisted under the Navy's Musician Program.

After completing recruit training in Orlando, Florida she will attend one of the Navy's Schools of Music.

Young ladies between the ages of eighteen and thirty one interested in enlisting into the WINS, Women in the Naval Service, may contact the local Navy Recruiters, at the Fulton Post Office or the Navy Branch Office at 43 E. Bridge Street Fulton or call 592-6466 for additional information on programs available to women.

Crawford reports on youth funds

Assemblyman Edward F. Crawford (R-Oswego) has announced that the New York State Division for Youth allocated \$47,362.03 for distribution among communities within the 117th Assembly District for use in the young people's recreational projects in 1972.

The City of Oswego also received \$10,566.67 in funding for its Youth Bureau.

"The total amount distributed to municipalities in Oswego County," Assemblyman Crawford said, "was \$53,149.20. A sum of \$4,809.50 was provided to four towns within that portion of Oneida County which I represent. That makes \$57,958.70 that the State Division for Youth made available for community youth projects with-

in our Assembly District last year.

"The cooperative efforts of State and local officials in providing recreational and educational programs for our young people ought to be encouraged," the Oswego legislator said. "I am hopeful that more of our cities, towns and villages will develop such programs and secure approval and partial funding from the New York State Division for Youth in the coming year."

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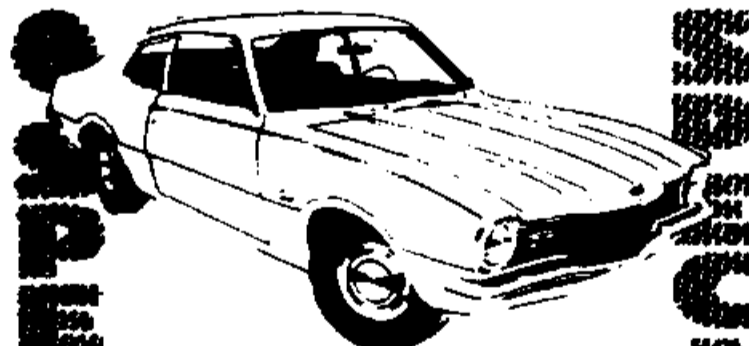
Lt. and Mrs. Francis E. Felkey recently visited Mrs. Felkey's grandmother, Mrs. T.W. Scott, before leaving for a three year assignment in Hawaii.

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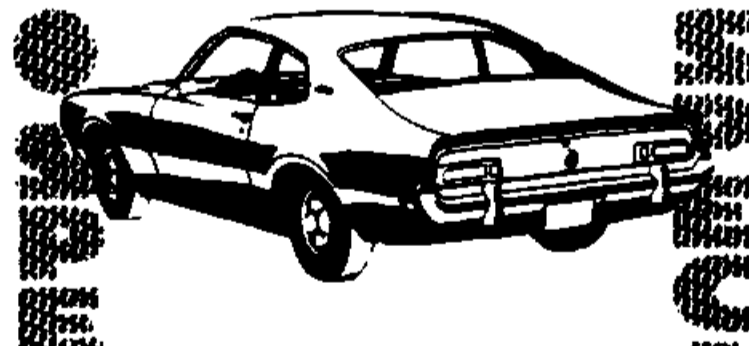
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