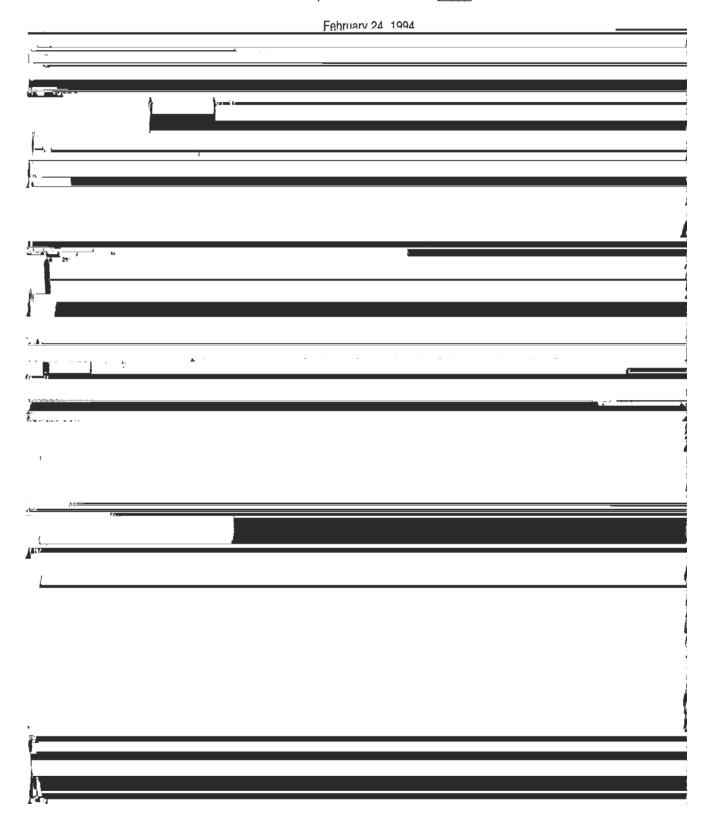
## TRANSCRIPT OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE ORAL HISTORY PROJECT INTERVIEW

Interview with Mr. J. Avery Wittenberger Former Reporter at the Milwaukee <u>Journal</u>

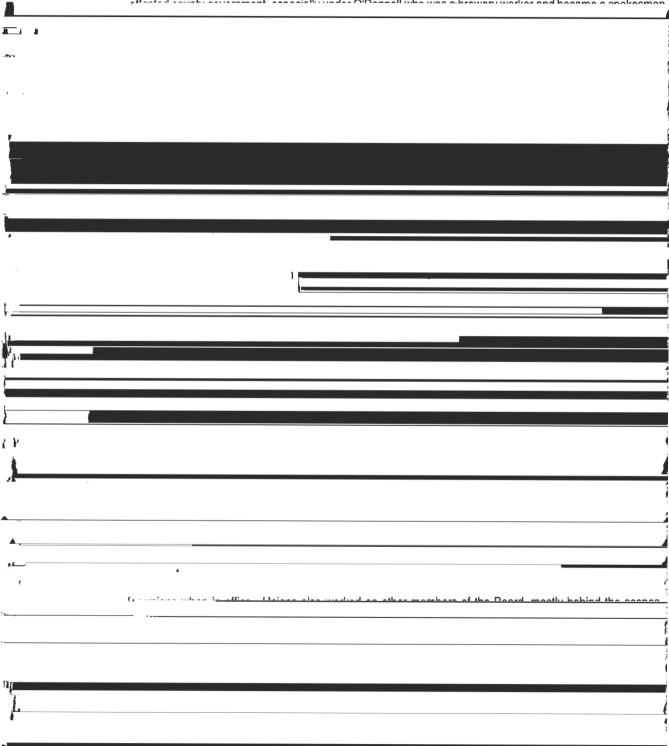


county exec and setting up the office. Wittenberger feels that the county was fortunate that Doyne was elected to the office hecause he set the standards for the office. The issue was whather the executive position would Side two 605 - 693 Changes have occurred in the type of person holding office of Supervisor. They now are professional (lawyers). In his time few were college educated. Later on Supervisors who were lawyers often used the courthouse for legal business, with the excuse that the supervisor position was part-time. Supervisors did not have individual offices until later on; the expansion of staff occurred later also. Positions eventually relatively equal to aldermen. 694 - 989 John Doyne. Had genuine interest in making the office effective; thought county government was the most <u> بالمحمد بين بين من م</u>مد و فروود مم الجهر <u>مجاول عملا الم</u>م ما ما المام مدين من المجمد الجم مع المجمد الم

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Powerful people outside of county government were Norman Gill and Leo Tiefenthaler (spokesman for the City Club). Greater Milwaukee Committee and Rudy Schoenecker had influence from the business community. White and Busby supported public projects on the Board (e.g. Busby sponsored the legislation that built County Stadium, GMC and Schoenecker supported the stadium also). GMC also backed the zoo project. Schoenecker would speak to the Board formally; lobbying also took place more informally. Labor unions also



Milwaukee has one of the best parks systems in the country. Jerome Dretzka, Gene Howard also key. O'Donnell was instrumental in abolishing the Parks Commission which Wittenberger felt was a good group to

have as protection for the parks system. County Board of Public Welfare effective in administering the welfare department and combining it with the institutions operation. Bill Coffey, Director of Institutions, was very influstration to the parks system.