

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY TREATMENT CENTER CAME IN 1969

The buildings on the Pokegama Sanatorium property ~~service~~ served the needs of society in one way or another throughout the years.

A combined social service and business venture began in August of 1969. Known as Pine Manor, it initially was a rehabilitation center for problem male drinkers.

An article in the July 24, 1969 issue of the Pine City Pioneer said,

"Pine Manor reportedly represents a considerable financial investment and will provide another local source of employment opportunity. It will be owned by Sylvester Chaddedon and Leonard Anderson, both from Waseca. Associated with them as counselors will be Les McLonne and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Demel.

The rehabilitation center will operate on AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) lines, will be spiritually guided but non-denominational in nature, and will provide relatively low cost treatment for those afflicted by alcoholism.

The patients, or guests as they will be known, are to be housed and treated in one of the two large buildings originally a part of the Taylor Sanitarium, more recently used by the Redemptorist Fathers.

The other of the two large structures is under option to the new management ~~to~~ in expectation of the growth of the enterprise.

There is a marked degree of enthusiasm felt by those associated with the new business because of their certainty the favorable location and the proven correctional methods to be

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applied there will produce the desired results.

The patients will come from near and far. Their rehabilitation in the environment of lakeshore, pine trees and natural beauty will in the opinion of the partners tend to enthuse their guests and cause some of them to make permanent homes in southern Pine county.

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