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ty good shape" relative to other franchises in the league.

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Also, he said the Packers bring "immediate identification" to the community.

Former Green Bay resident admits accepting kickbacks

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MADISON — A former Mount Moreb nursing home chief says he accepted kickbacks from a chemical supply company but used the gifts for patients and to reward employees.

George Samardich, who is accused in a state complaint of receiving kickbacks from Hartford Chemical of Great Neck, N.Y., in 1978 and 1979, made his comment Monday at a Department of Regulation and Licensing disciplinary hearing.

Samardich, a former Green Bay resident and planner for the Northeastern Wisconsin Comprehensive Health Policy Council, is accused of receiving a television set, chain saw, stereo and barbecue grill while he bought supplies from Hartford Chemical for the Ingleside Nursing Home.

He was dismissed from that job in 1981 and subsequently became represented by David Hanson, who had been La Follette's deputy attorney general from 1976 to 1981.

The case gained attention later because of questions raised about La Follette's handling of cases in-

volving friends and former associates. La Follette lost a bid for reelection last week.

In December 1984 Samardich told Brown County officials at a meeting in Green Bay that he had two friends from Minnesota who were interested in leasing the Mental Health Center nursing home and could operate it at a profit without reducing the quality of care.

He said he had no personal interest in a lease and was appearing merely as a friend of Joseph Gitis and his son, Stuart.

The Gitises' firm, Century Health Care Management Corp., later submitted a bid to lease the nursing home, but it was rejected by the Unified Board.

Samardich was administrator at the Oneida Nursing Home on the Oneida Reservation. He now runs the Portage County Nursing Home in Stevens Point.

Samardich faces possible suspension or revocation of his administrator's license by the department's Nursing Home Examining Board.

He testified at the hearing that he offered use of the television to a

nursing home resident, whom he "felt sorry for" because her set was broken.

Samardich also claimed he used the chain saw to ready his cottage property near Wisconsin Dells for a staff picnic.

Earlier, Samardich was the subject of a 1984 probe by the state Justice Department's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. It recommended prosecuting Samardich, but Attorney General Bronson La Follette refused to prosecute.

At that time, Samardich was

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KIWANIS Club of Greater Green Bay meets at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Downtowner.

THURSDAY Breakfast Optimist Club meets at 8 a.m., Prange's.

NORTHEAST Kiwanis Club meets at 6 p.m. Thursday, Prime Steer.

BELLEVUE Optimist Club meets at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Sky Top Supper Club.

GREEN Bay Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, YMCA. Guests welcome.

SHARE meets at 7 p.m. Thurs-

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