

Grand Juror Continues Probe in Garden City

The Wayne County Grand Jury's investigation into the 1961 sale of the Civic Center property continued last week with the calling of numerous witnesses under a new black-out called by Juror George Bowles.

Being called in to testify about their roles in the sale

of the property on Middlebelt Road north of Ford Road and giving information about the sale were Thomas Pollard, Virgil Eller, city councilman at the time of the sale; Evan Callahan, former city attorney and Ivan Plunkett, who ran for one of the two mayoralty nominations in the

Aug. 2 primary election.

Testifying earlier were Mayor Edwin Fresh, Jr., who was City Clerk-Treasurer in 1961, and Charles E. Lowe, who was mayor at the time and was the sole member of the city council who questioned the purchase.

Eugene Salvatore, also on the city council at that time, also supplied information before Grand Juror Bowles with former councilman Max Brown, now a school superintendent in Gaylord, Mich., expected to be called.

The grand jury probe of the land sale five years ago

is looking into the circumstances of the event which saw the city pay William New, a realtor now retired and living in Howell, \$83,160 for the three parcels although previous prices quoted for the city were at the \$50,500 level.

Plunkett, during the primary election campaign, told The Observer that he had information concerning alleged wrongdoing in the municipal government during the early 1960s. In addition, he was trying to sell the city a lot adjacent to the present Civic Center five years ago when the land was bought.

Witnesses testifying before the grand jury are sworn to secrecy about the information they give and are not allowed to discuss the matter publicly.

Other witnesses last week related their knowledge of technical aspects of the issue, involving the details of the sale and the purchase by the city.

These witnesses included Dr. Wheeler Kern, who owned two of the three lots involved, and Robert Peck, who in 1961 was branch manager of the Garden City National Bank of Detroit which cashed the city's \$83,160 check covering the sale of the land.

In addition to the grand jury's probe, the secretary of state office completed their own investigation since former councilman Salvatore was the Democratic Party's 15th Congressional District's recommendation for the man's recommendation for the man's recommendation for the man's recommendation.

Sight End to Lengthy Exam Of Alleged Ticket Fixers

The pre-trial exam of six defendants charged with taking part in the Westland traffic-ticket fixing scandal is expected to close Thursday in the Grosse Pointe Municipal Court of Judge Douglas Patterson.

With the prosecution last week calling the last of its 18 witnesses, who testified over a four-week period, the defense attorneys for the six said that they would not call any witnesses.

Judge Patterson instructed Ronald L. Greenberg, special assistant attorney-general, and defense attorneys Marvin Blake, John J. Fish and Edward A. Khoury to be prepared at 1 p.m. Thursday to present legal arguments to the case can be finished at that time.

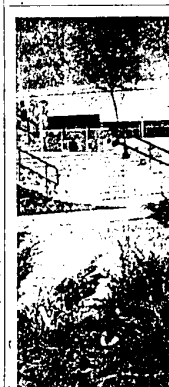
The defendants are suspended Inspector Daniel Martin of the Sheriff's Department, Road Patrol; Bernard (Bennie) Ratkos, former owner of a Westland tavern; and four officials of Livonia JAW Local 182, Charles Gillette, president, Louis Lokar, recording secretary, and committeemen Jackie Watson and John Moon.

They are charged with conspiring to obstruct justice by fixing traffic tickets and with the actual ticket fixing, which tipped the road patrol in the summer of 1965.

Greenberg summed up his side of the case last week by saying that "witnesses have taken tickets directly to Martin and the ticket violators have testified that they never heard of the tickets again."

"Tickets were transferred by mail and delivered by the union to the sheriff's office. There were

conversations between Gillette and Martin and Watson and a judge. We have shown by a dozen examples how this conspiracy operated."



CAMPUS LANDSCAPING BEGINS — Workers set out the early 200-foot spreading jumpers to be planted as part of a major landscaping program underway at the 139-acre Schoolcraft College campus. This first phase of the beautification project involves planting more than 200 trees and shrubs, seedling nearly 10 acres of lawn areas, landscaping construction work and planting ground cover. Davy Tree Co. is doing the work under a \$25,200 contract.

The pre-trial exam started Sept. 12 with Judge Patterson to determine whether the evidence submitted by the prosecution is sufficient enough to bind the six over for trial in Circuit Court.

In a similar case last

month before Judge Patterson, Sheriff Peter L. Bullock and Undersheriff James Bonmarito were bound over for Circuit Court trial on charges of willful neglect of duty growing out of the ticket scandal.

College Poll Favors Romney, Griffin to Win

Romney for governor, Griffin for U.S. Senator and a presidential election contest between Democrat Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and Republican Romney.

Those are the political preferences expressed by Schoolcraft College students in a straw vote on Oct. 4. The poll was taken during the course of a Student Senate election.

Plans for the expansion of facilities owned by the Peoples Community Hospital Authority, of which Garden City and Westland are members, were given the green light recently when the board of directors for the second time this year approved an \$18,000,000 bond ordinance.

The 224 vote in favor of the ordinance came after a special meeting called for by State Attorney General Frank J. Kelley, who is also chairman of the Municipal Finance Commission. He wanted the second vote on the ordinance after the first one, by an 18-9 margin in May, represented less than the majority of the 48-delegate board.

Kelley said that a minimum of 22 positive votes were needed to approve the bonding ordinance and that the exact number of the document received to allow for construction of a new 171-bed Beyer Memorial Hospital in Ypsilanti and a 151-bed addition to Seaway Hospital in Trenton.

All of the Westland and Garden City delegates voted in favor of the ordinance.

The PCHA board, which operates four public hospitals in Trenton, Allen Park, Ypsilanti and Trenton, is also currently studying the low bids for the two new hospitals projects which total \$13,780,349, or some \$600,000 above budgeted estimates.

In the Michigan gubernatorial race, Schoolcraft students preferred Republican Gov. George Romney over his Democrat opponent, Zoltan Ferency, by a 246-39 margin.

They also went for Senator Robert Griffin, a Republican, over former Gov. G. Mennen Williams, his Democrat opponent, 178-102, in the race for U.S. Senate.

Voting on both sides of the ballot in a presidential minipoll, the students gave Kennedy a majority among five Democrat candidates, and Romney a majority among six GOP candidates.

President Johnson ran a

bad second to Kennedy, 167-40, and Vice President Humphrey, with four votes, was outdistanced by former Alabama Gov. George Wallace, 29; and Senator William Fulbright, 21.

On the Republican side, the students gave Romney 155 votes to GOP standard bearer; Richard Nixon, 32; Sen. Barry Goldwater, 32; New York City Mayor John Lindsay, 24; and New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, 12.

Despite the Johnson-Humphrey vote, the Administration's Vietnam policy was backed by Schoolcraft students by a 196-102 margin.

String Bassist Heads Concert At Schoolcraft

String bassist Lawrence Hurst will open the Schoolcraft College fall semester Creative Arts on the Campus series with a solo performance at 3 p.m., on Friday, Oct. 14, in the Waterman Center.

Much in demand as a soloist on an unusual solo instrument, Hurst is a graduate of the University of Michigan and has been a member of the UMI music school faculty since 1964. As a student he received the coveted Stanley Medal.

Hurst has been principal bassist of the Seventh Army Symphony in West Germany, and of the Dallas Symphony. He has played under such conductors as Pierre Monteux, Charles Munch, George Solti and Thor Johnson.

The public is invited to attend all five concerts on the creative arts series without charge.

On Duty in Vietnam

Radarman 1/C Donald W. Barker, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford C. Barker, 37490 Ann Arbor Drive, Livonia, is serving aboard the destroyer Hancock, currently deployed in Vietnamese waters for a six-month tour.

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A RECORD THROU turned out for one of the many shows—sponsored by Ford and Bill Bush performances by the famed Glenn Brown Sales—will take place this Friday Miller Orchestra at Wonderland Center and will feature the Jimmy Dorsey Friday night. The second of two anniversary—Orchestra under the direction of Lee Castle.

Wonderland Continues Anniversary Celebration

Wonderland Center moves in the second week of an elaborate seventh anniversary celebration with a week-end of free entertainment and 5,000 authentic Chinese fortune cookies.

The mammoth 51-story center at Plymouth and Middlebelt, seedling nearly 10 acres of lawn areas, landscaping construction work and planting ground cover. Davy Tree Co. is doing the work under a \$25,200 contract.

The Dorsey band will present two one-hour concerts at 6 and 9 p.m., Friday. The shows, sponsored by the Ford Division of the Ford Motor Company, and its Livonia dealer, Bill Brown Sales, will take place on the Wonder-

land bandstand near Robinson Furniture.

Castle, one of the nation's best-known trumpet players, has been a member of the Dorsey orchestra for many years.

Immediately following the initial performance of the Dorsey orchestra, Wonderland stores will distribute 5,000 fortune cookies—many worth valuable prizes.

One fortune cookie will be given to each person who presents a coupon clipped from a special section in today's edition of the Observer.

Ford will present "Motors and Music" on Saturday, October 15. The show will feature the Jerry Cole orchestra and a variety of professional entertainers.

Included in the Saturday show, which begins at 1:30, will be a trained-dog act, featuring Gloria Peebles and the "Busy B's."

The show, MC'd by WKNR disc jockey "Dusty Rhodes," will compete for \$100 in trampoline act.

"Motors and Music" will be followed by the semi-finals of a "Teen Talent" contest in which area youngsters will compete for \$100 in prizes.

Wonderland, the first regional shopping center to be built in the northwestern suburban area of greater Detroit, opened in October 1959. One of the largest in Michigan, the giant center provides year-round employment for more than 3,000 persons.

Michigan State's football teams have finished in the first division of the Big Ten every year except three since joining the conference in 1953.

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College Night Set in Township

More than 1,000 seniors and their parents are expected to participate in the annual College Night Program on Tuesday when Redford Union High School takes its turn at hosting the event.

Thurston, Clarenceville, Plymouth and Garden City High Schools will join the Redford Union counselling staff in presenting representatives of many colleges and universities in the Great Lakes area.

There will be three half-hour sessions to that students and their parents may select and visit the representatives of three different prospective colleges. Here they will be able to receive such information as admission requirements, application procedures, cost of tuition, books, board and room, financial aid, and other pertinent information.

Scheduled to be represented at the College Night Program, which will be held at Redford Union High School, Kinloch at Curtis, Redford Township, at 7:30 p.m., will be:

Adrian College, Air Force Academy, Amherst College, Albion College, Alma Col-

lege, Central Michigan University, Cleary College, Detroit College of Allied Science, Detroit College of Business, Detroit Institute of Technology, De Lima Junior College, and Eastern Michigan University.

Also, Macomb Community College, Michigan College, Madonna College, Marygrove College, Michigan League for Nursing, Michigan State University, Michigan Technological University, Northern Michigan University, Northern Indiana University, Oakland Community College, Oakland University, and Olivet College.

Others are Ferris State College, General Motors Institute, Grand Valley State College, Henry Ford Community College, Highland Park College, Hillsdale College, Hope College, Kalamazoo College, Lake Superior State College (Sault Ste. Marie Branch of Michigan Technological University), Lawrence Institute of Technology, Schoolcraft College, Spring Arbor College, University of Detroit, University of Michigan, Walsh Institute, Wayne State University, and Western Michigan University.