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BURIED UNDER snow, that drifted almost 10 feet high, is this fleet of service trucks. Dig Out. for an area television company. Crews

3 Former Garden City Officials Face Trial in Circuit Court

Three former Garden City officials charged with conspiracy and misuse of public funds in the 1961 Civic Center land purchase will stand trial in Circuit Court on the charges made by Wayne County Grand Juror George Bowles.

Wayne Municipal Judge John Seiler ruled Monday that there is evidence to show that the crimes charged have been committed and that the three defendants committed the crimes.

The three are Edwin J. Freeh, Jr., Evan Callanan, and Eugene Salvatore, who

were City Clerk-Treasurer, City Attorney, and City Councilman at the time of the land purchase in the summer of 1961.

Freeh was Garden City Mayor when Bowles indicted the three last Oct. 27, just 12 days before the election at which he was seeking a second term. He was defeated by about 1,900 votes for his opponent.

Judge Seiler's decision came after defense attorneys for the three claimed that the evidence presented during a three-day period in mid-December showed no indication of any conspiracy by any of the three former officials.

1964. That report covered an audit of Garden City funds and showed that there was \$2,000 not accounted for in the land purchase.

In addition, Seiler overruled defense attorney's objections concerning a key part of the testimony of William New, a realtor who was the prosecution's key witness in the case.

New had testified that on the day he cashed the city's check for \$80,160, he went back to Callanan's office.

While on the phone, Salvatore was said to have entered the room and taken \$12,000 in cash from New's briefcase.

The realtor, now retired and living in Howell, also said that he ran into Freeh in the doorway and the realtor asked the former clerk, "did you get your paws in it, too?" with Freeh quoted as replying, "Yes, but not enough."

But New also commented from the witness stand that he didn't know if Freeh understood his question.

Seiler also overruled the motion of Theodore Robbins, Salvatore's attorney, that the warrant was issued by Bowles acting as a Circuit Court Judge and not a one-man grand jury.

Robbins said that since the Circuit Court is not a court of original jurisdiction, the judge can not issue a warrant. The only way to proceed would be to refer the issue to the prosecuting attorney, who would investigate the complaint and then have the warrant issued by a judge.

In court Monday, all three defense counsels asked that Goussy's motion to bind the three men over for trial be dismissed.

Nicholas Smith, Callanan's attorney, pointed out that New testified that he did not conspire nor had any agreement with the three defendants. The realtor also testified that he wanted to buy the three lots on Middlebelt Road for his own profit.

Freeh's attorney, S. Alphonse Early, argued that the only conservation his client had with New at that time was to introduce him to Salvatore, who was a "committee of one" to look for Civic Center land.

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ASTRONAUT Edward White, one of three American spacemen killed Friday night when a flash fire gutted the Apollo 13 spacecraft at Cape Kennedy, Fla., was one of the guests of honor on June 4, 1965, when he was welcomed by Westland resident Gerald T. Harris (left) at the dedication ceremony of the University of Michigan's space research center. Harris, of 33540 W. Warren Road, was director of the Michigan Industrial Trade Fair and was active in promoting the National Space and Aeronautics Administration programs in this state. The 1965 visit made by White and James McDivitt came just three days after their manned space flight which included White's historic walk in space. Harris arranged the university visit on behalf of the state legislature.

Blizzard Just Proves "Don't Trust Weather"

For years there's been an old saying going the rounds that "You can't depend on Michigan weather."

The truth of it came floating down out the skies last week and folks are debating whether it is the worst storm that ever hit the state.

After several days of spring-like weather — balmy days in which many housewives already had begun to work outside and give the windows the spring cleaning — the storm hit last Thursday.

By the time it abated, it had set several records, forced Michigan State University to close for the first time in its long history, postponed the opening of the State Legislature for the greater part of a week, and caused the loss of millions of dollars in wages and business in the various cities.

Ironically, Lansing, the capital city, was hardest hit with 24 inches of snow, and Flint was not far behind with 22 inches, while Jackson had 19.

And it wasn't the nice, light, fluffy stuff that usually brings a joy of winter sports with it. This was heavy snow — so heavy that it caused the roof of a large bowling establishment in Lansing — The Metro Bowl — to cave in. And the roof of the big field house at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo also was a victim.

More than that, the freeways in Michigan, rated by many as the best in the land, bowed to the elements. Long stretches of 194 in and out of Lansing were closed for more than two days. And 194 struggled along with a single lane. This never had happened before over such long stretches.

Thirteen people died of heart attacks in the Metropolitan Detroit district as a result of shoveling the snow that really "blanketed" the area.

No doubt, the storm was bad. All such storms are. But was it the worst?

Some folks still claim that the storm of two years ago was the worst of their experience. At that time it was estimated that close to 36 inches of snow fell in the area.

Yet, great as that was, still more folks served by the Observer Newspaper group were able to get to their place of employment. They got there late — but they got there.

Last week, despite the increase in modern equipment and the improvement of the

roads, there were many who couldn't venture beyond their own drive-ways.

Two years ago, as the older folks looked out of the windows at that storm they ventured the opinion, "This is the kind of a snow we used to have when we were young."

They sort of took pride in showing the younger generation what a real snow storm was like.

Last week it was different. They looked at the snow and just wondered if it was a worse storm than that of two years ago.



ON MOUNTAIN TOP? This feminine were typical scenes in all sections of the volunteer stands atop one of the trucks. Observer Newspaper Group circulation with shovel in hand to start digging. These area as of Friday morning.

County Educator Takes College Job

Dr. Robert Keene, Redford Township resident, will become vice-president in charge of academic affairs at Black Hawk Community College, Moline, Illinois, after spending 19 years as a consultant to the Wayne County Intermediate School District.

Dr. Keene's resignation becomes effective this Friday and has been accepted "with regret" by the County Board of Education.

His position as coordinator of activities, relative to the establishment of a Wayne County Community District, will be assumed by Robert Wall, education consultant to the Intermediate District for the past 11 years.

For the past 19 years Dr. Keene has been a consultant for the Wayne County Intermediate Office of Education.

Learns Photo Work

S/4 Richard P. Hayes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Hayes, 19627 Weyher, Livonia, has completed a two-week photography course held at Fort Bragg, N.C. Hayes is a 1963 graduate of Clarenceville High School and before entering the Army, worked as a mechanic for a chain saw dealer in Detroit.

PCHA Boosts Room Rates to \$32 Per Day

Despite the third increase in room rates, the Peoples Community Hospital Authority is still among the lowest of large hospitals in the metropolitan Detroit area.

The latest increase, which puts the semi-private room rate as of Feb. 1 at \$32 per day, was approved by the PCHA's board of directors Thursday night. Previously, the rate was \$30 per day, set last November, and \$26 per day, as of last March.

The authority, which includes Westland and Garden City, approved the room-rate increase unanimously to help pay the \$750,000 salary and fringe benefit increases for hospital employees, also approved the same night.

The \$32 per day rate puts the PCHA, which operates four hospitals in Western Wayne and Eastern Washington Counties in a "tie" for last in the lowest rates. In the bracket are Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn; Garden City, Osteopathic; Hospital, Riverside Osteopathic Hospital, Trenton.

Listed with higher rates are St. Joseph Mercy, Ann Arbor; Wyandotte General, Metropolitan Hospital, Detroit; Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak; Providence Hospital, Southfield; Grace Hospital, Detroit; and Harper Hospital, Detroit.

Picture Award Given Observer

An award for excellence has been given to the Livonia Observer.

The prize, given by the Michigan Press Association in connection with its annual convention in East Lansing on Friday, Jan. 27, was for excellence in the use of pictures.

The award continued the pattern of MPA awards to The Observer, the paper having received two in 1965 and one special award for excellence in 1966.

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