

Jury Finds Ellerhorst Guilty Of Conspiracy

Garden City contractor Lester C. Ellerhorst was found guilty of conspiracy on two counts Monday by a Recorder's Court jury and will face sentencing by Judge Vincent J. Brennan on Jan. 10.

Also named guilty of conspiracy were defendants Edward Seles, 34, and James Clark, 46, both of Florida.

The trio were found guilty of conspiracy to murder and extort money from Rep. James Tierney, former Garden City mayor, Municipal Judge Russell Swarthout and Detroit attorney Arthur Bichan.

Maximum penalty is five years in jail and/or a \$10,000 fine, which could add up to ten years in prison and/or \$20,000 in fines.

The jury of eight men and four women deliberated for a total of four hours according to Brennan. The jury had recessed over the week-end for the Christmas holidays.

The conspiracy plot was reported to Detroit Police by Donald Sundberg of Sylvan Lake and Floyd Kupkowski of Livonia. Sundberg took the witness stand but after refus-

ing to answer questions was cited for contempt. It was Sundberg who accused both Swarthout and Garden City attorney Evan H. Callanan of bribing him, a charge denied by both.

Kupkowski had testified earlier that Bichan, Swarthout and Tierney were to be forced to sign blank checks, placed in cement-filled oil-drums, and dumped in the river by Ellerhorst, Seles and Clark.

Ellerhorst denied telling Kupkowski of the plot and denied bringing Seles and Clark to Detroit to expedite the scheme.

Neither Seles nor Clark testified.

During testimony, Ellerhorst disclosed that Callanan was counsel for the main prosecution witness and for two companies Ellerhorst heads.

Callanan is attorney for Sundberg who is a co-conspirator but not a defendant in the case. Ellerhorst said Callanan made several trips to the Wayne County Jail since the trial started to take care of legal matters involving his two firms.

Callanan had previously represented Kupkowski, Sundberg and Mrs. Minerva Ellerhorst but withdrew as counsel for the three on Oct. 13.

At the time of his withdrawal, Callanan told Circuit Judge George E. Bowler that a clash of interest existed between him and Kupkowski because he believed Kupkowski made charges against him to Detroit Police.

The petition asking for withdrawal listed Kupkowski, Sundberg and Mrs. Ellerhorst as shareholders of MacQueen Associates, Inc. in a civil case with Bichan as one of the defendants.

Tierney has won a \$150,000 civil suit against Ellerhorst.

Observer Second Front Page

Schoolcraft Board Looks Into Future

By HAROLD FISCHER
Chairman Schoolcraft College Branch
Schoolcraft College has made a creditable beginning, and it has a promising future. The Board has tried to meet its responsibilities to the people in the selection of administrators, formation of policies, and wise planning of the physical structures to allow for growth.

The need for Schoolcraft College has been verified. Two thousand full-time students for our second year of operation is proof of acceptance and utilization.

Meet Your Carrier Boy

Kenneth E. Melton, Jr., a 12-year-old who resides at 2145 Bock, Garden City, has been a carrier for the Observer Newspapers in this area since last August.

Schoolcraft Slates Course for Graduates

Beginning Monday, January 4 p.m., graduate course entitled "The Community College" will be offered at Schoolcraft College with credit available from Michigan State University, University of Michigan, and Wayne State University.

Classes will meet for 11 weeks, according to president Dr. Eric Bradner. Sessions will be from 4 to 7 p.m., each Monday.

Seek Dog Which Bit Livonia Girl

Tan MacNurtle, 2847 N. Hubbard, Livonia, is looking for a dog that bit his daughter, Cathy, last Friday, Christmas Eve.

Gem Store Robbed of 29 Pistols

Livonia Police are searching for a band of robbers who broke into the Gem Store, 13507 Middlebelt, and fled with 29 pistols.

Police reports show the thieves knicked the store after they overlooked a strongbox in an adjoining room containing \$10,000 in cash and money directly to the showcases holding the pistols.

And they were lucky since the silent alarm sounded in the Livonia Police station but the nearest police car was busy on a family trouble call and didn't arrive at the scene until the robbers had left.

Vandals are sought in the shattering of a plate glass window in the branch office of the Livonia National Bank at 30055 Plymouth Road. Bank officials reported someone shattered the window which was valued at more than \$300.

Plymouthite Retires from Edison Post



Charles D. Davis, assistant to the director of Detroit Edison's tax department, retired Dec. 1 after 42 years of company service.

Through a native of Denver, Colorado, Mr. Davis has lived in the Detroit area since early childhood. He graduated from Central High School and holds a bachelor of science degree from Michigan State University. He is a registered professional engineer.

Mr. Davis joined Detroit Edison's plant accounting department in 1923 shortly after graduation from Michigan State. He was appointed assistant to the company's director of taxes in August, 1960. He has been active in the National Association of Accountants, the Engineering Society of Detroit, and has served as chairman of the depreciation accounting committee of the Edison Electric Institute.

Until last August, Mr. Davis and his wife, Marie, made their home at 14176 Grandmont Road, Detroit; since then, they have lived at 14155 Shadywood Drive in Plymouth.



SANTA ARRIVED EARLY for the more than 1,400 employees of the Wayne County Intermediate School District and Dr. Paul Johnson, assistant school superintendent in charge of instruction, last Wednesday addressed members of the Livonia School Board Advisory Council at their regular "third Wednesday" meeting in the board administration building.

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Chairman of the committee checking state and federal involvement in public education is David Kerriou of 1401 Cranston.

Another committee studying building maintenance problems is chaired by V. G. Reddy of 19638 Shadydale. His report is expected at the next meeting.

to qualified community groups to send delegates or alternates to the advisory discussion meetings.

Past-President Don Murch, who has made recommendations on how the citizen advisors could be most effective, was pleased with the wide range of topics the group planned to explore.

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Gal Drivers Will Learn About Cars

Suburban women in Western Wayne County will get a chance to prove to their husbands, brothers, or fathers that they have the ability to care for and maintain their automobiles with the same skill and interest as do the men in their family.

Joe Jandacek, who teaches industrial education in Livonia high schools during the day, will offer a winter term course for women at Franklin High, Joy Road near Meridian on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30.

The fee for the ten-week course is \$10 for all students, both Livonians and non-Livonians.

GOP Names Director in Bloomfield

The appointment of Robert B. Dupree to the position of Township Director for West Bloomfield Township was announced today by Oakland County Republican Chairman Dale A. Feet.

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SOME LUCKY teenager will be the proud owner of this Honda which will be awarded to a contest at Wednesday's (tonight) Christmas Teen Dance at Roma Hall. The affair, which benefits the sheltered workshop for retarded adults in the area, will start at 7:30 p.m. and continue until 11. That's Chairman Roy Jacobson holding the sign while Wendell Smith, a member of the sponsoring Plymouth Jaycees, looks on.