

Has Hope Judge Will Reverse Jury Verdict

# Convicted Swarthout Eyes Acquittal

Garden City Municipal Judge Russell L. Swarthout, convicted last week by a Federal Court jury on an income tax violation charge, is hoping that the judge hearing the case will set aside the verdict. This is based on Federal Judge Ralph Freeman taking under advisement of one of three charges in the indictment but not yet acted on when the jury returned its verdict Friday after nearly six hours of deliberation. Judge Swarthout, on leave of absence from the Garden City bench since his federal indictment in August, 1965, pointed out that when the U.S. government attorneys rested their case after the three-week trial, his defense attorneys moved for a judgment of acquittal on all three counts. Judge Freeman immediately dismissed two of the charges, concerning the financial ownership of Edward Vitale in an Oak Park restaurant with part of the \$140,000 in winnings from the Irish Sweepstakes. But he reserved his decision on the third, remaining count. Although the jury returned a guilty verdict, Judge Freeman can still set aside the action on the basis that the government did not prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Vitale had ownership in the restaurant. Judge Freeman said before the jury went into its deliberations that there was no direct proof given by the federal attorneys in any of the three charges but he did send one of the three to the jury while he withheld his decision on it. It was indicated that he will rule on that in the next few days or week. Swarthout, who did not seek a third term in this fall's election, has arranged for judges from neighboring cities to sit on the bench in the Garden City court during his leave of absence. His present term expires next July. The government is claiming that Swarthout and Vitale, who will have a separate trial on the same indictment used \$20,000 of the \$140,000 sweepstakes winnings to buy a restaurant for Vitale in another man's name. At the time of the sweepstakes in 1965, Vitale was in a federal prison on another conviction. The charges that Swarthout failed to report the investment in Vitale's income tax statements and concealing the assets were the parts of the indictment dropped by Judge Freeman.

## Like Old Home Week to Judge Bowles

# Grand Juror Attends Festival

Although there is scant possibility that Plymouth or any of its residents will be involved, the City of Plymouth has more than a bit of interest in the activities of the new Wayne County one-man grand juror.

Circuit Judge George E. Bowles, who was named to take up where Judge Edward Piggins left off after a full year of investigation, is a former resident of Plymouth and still maintains strong ties to the city and community.

For instance Judge Bowles and his wife Catherine, who moved from Plymouth to Grose Pointe Shores in 1960, have yet to miss the Plymouth Fall Festival.

Matter of fact this year the Bowles' registered in the Mayflower Hotel for the entire four-day celebration and joined in all of the major functions.

Perhaps the event closest to his heart is the Kiwanis Club festival. Judge Bowles was a member of the club during his 13 years in Plymouth and was one of the first to work with his fellow Kiwanians in the traditional spring pancake festival. The fall pancake program became part of the Fall Festival four years ago.

Judge and Mrs. Bowles enjoyed pancakes and sausage Saturday and spent more than three hours in the Masonic Temple renewing friendships with longtime associates during their long residency in the city.

Plymouth has strong ties since their daughter, Gloria Lee, now working on her doctorate at the University of Michigan, is a graduate of Plymouth High. Son, Franklin, now at Harvard, attended classes through junior high and Stephen went through the elementary school and is now a freshman at the University of Michigan.

When the Bowles moved to Plymouth from Grove City, Pa., they resided at 854 Park

mer and later established a home on Turkey Run in the Plymouth Colony subdivision off Sheldon Road.

And who were their neighbors in Plymouth Colony? Thomas Foley, now an associate with Judge Bowles on the Circuit Court bench, resided close by as did former Gov. John Swainson and Plymouth Township Supervisor John McEwen.

And who served pancakes and sausages to the Bowles? First in line was McEwen, followed by Harold Fischer, director of the Area Planning

Commission and chairman of the Schoolcraft College Board; Mayor James Houk, and Dr. Eric Bradner, president of Schoolcraft College.

But before they left Masonic Temple, practically every one of the older members of the Kiwanis Club had stopped by and all of the newcomers were introduced to the Judge.

His plans for the Grand Jury? "I feel honored that my associates on the Circuit Court bench selected me," said the Judge. "It is a distinct challenge, one that I

know is going to involve long hours of hard work. I plan to take every thing in stride as it develops and I hope to be able to get out the rights and wrongs of the many allegations and accusations. You can't do this work with an open mind but I feel the tax payers and residents of Wayne County have a right to know if the things do exist and the steps be taken to eliminate wrongs."

Judge Bowles indicated he hopes to have every member of staff named within a few days and that he felt fortunate to be able to secure the services of one of the top investigators of the State Police as his chief investigator and right hand man.

He expects to be in the thick of the work within another week or so and as he expresses it, "Let the chips fall as they may."

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POLITICIANS HAD a field day at the Plymouth Fall Festival, making use of thousands of visitors to the four-day event. (Above) Plymouth City Commissioner George Lawton (in apron) is surrounded by Congressman and Mrs. Wes Vivian (left) and Dem gubernatorial candidate



## In Elaborate Ceremonies Sunday Madonna Will Cap 22 Nurses

Capping ceremonies will be held for 22 sophomore student nurses at Madonna College Sunday, Sept. 18 at 3 p.m. If weather permits ceremonies will take place on the portico of the Residence Hall. Sister M. Calasanta, CSSF, Director of the Nursing Department, will cap the students. Speakers for the occasion will include Sister M. Danatha, CSSF, president of the college, and Sandra Peters, president of the Madonna College Student Nurses club. The following will be officially accepted into the School of Nursing: Janet Bazner, Carol Budzyn, Diann Caccia, Rosemary Chrapek, Catherine Dornes, Catherine Fuchs, Joan Francolline, Carol Haddad, Beverly Hydo, Margaret Jaskolski, Patricia Kollar, Susan Kuhnert, Katherine Kunka, Carolyn Morys, Theodora Mysiewicz, Sally Robins, Geraldine Rutledge, Rosalie Sieber, Bonnie Smith, Paulette Stefanjak, Sister M. Kenneth, CSSF and Sister M. Colette, CSSF. Area residents include Dianne Caccia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Caccia of 27719 Joy Rd., Garden City; Catherine Dornes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Dornes of 15344 Fitzgerald, Livonia, and Rosalie Sieber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sieber of 250 No. Holbrook Plymouth. Also at the ceremonies, 19 junior students will receive their first stripe, indicating the completion of their basic training and the beginning of their clinical experiences. Among them will be Christine Heilig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Heilig of 12215 Westmore, Livonia, and Marilyn Sarna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sarna of 31441 Alabama Court, Livonia. Among the 21 senior student nurses receiving their second stripe will be Laura Marson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Marson of 14950 Cavell, Livonia. The ceremonies are open to the public. An open House and campus tours will also be conducted the same day.

## Key People Sign Up for Observer Workshop Thurs.

A post-card reminder to those who registered for The Observer Newspapers' Second Annual Publicity Workshop are in the mail this week. To be held on Thursday, Sept. 15, there will be two sessions; one from 1 to 3 and one from 8 to 10 p.m. The Workshop will include resource people in news writing, club reporting and photography. There will be two key-note speakers and coffee and donuts served. The Publicity Chairmen and public relations chairmen may attend either session even if not previously registered. The purpose of the Workshop is to familiarize organizations with the most effective way to publicize the events and activities of the group they represent. The Workshop will be held in the Academic Building at Madonna College, which is the building facing Schoolcraft. The best way to come to the building is via Levan Road. There will be signs showing the way. There will be a dollar registration fee which will include a publicity kit.

## Ford V. P. Named to LIT Board

William D. Innes, a vice president of the Ford Motor Company, has been named to the Board of Trustees of Lawrence Institute of Technology. Innes is vice president—engine, transmission and parts group for Ford. Innes, 45, is a native of Aberdeen, Scotland. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Lawrence Tech in 1953.

He joined Ford in 1949 and held positions in layout, designing and supervisory work for company engineering activities. In 1956 he was named engine development manager for the engineering staff. A year later he was named an executive engineer in the engine and foundry division.

In 1959, Innes was appointed chief engineer and head of the product engineering office for the engine and foundry division, and in 1963 he was made general manager of the division. He was named a group executive in February, 1965, and was elected a company vice president in April of that year. Innes is a member of the board of directors of the Coordinating Research Council, Inc., and a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers, the Detroit Rubber and Plastics Society, the Engineering Society of Detroit, and the American Ordnance Association. He also belongs to Mason Lodge #26 Kismet No. 489, FRAM, the Detroit Athletic Club, and the Plum Hollow Country Club.



Judge and Mrs. Bowles enjoy pancakes

## Chamber Sponsors Game

The third annual Yule Log Football game to be held between Farmington and North Farmington high schools will be sponsored again this year by the Farmington Chamber of Commerce. Approval for the game was granted Monday evening by the Farmington Board of Education. This year, due to a change by the school district, admission rates for adults' tickets will be \$2 instead of the \$1.50 charged in previous years. Proceeds from the amount will be split evenly between the Chamber of Commerce and the School District. As in past years, the Chamber of Commerce will use their share to decorate the city and township for Christmas.

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