

3-State Raid Cracks Gaming Syndicate

By DWIGHT JARRELL

LANSING — Atty. Gen. Frank J. Kelley today said the massive three-state raid which struck at a gambling syndicate probe into the Livonia-Farmington area was the first of a major anti-crime war.

He hinted at more roundups in his fight against illegal horse race and football pool betting operations in the area.

"There are still 11 warrants outstanding in this case alone," he said. "This is just the first of a series of efforts to stop crime in the cities as it flows into the suburbs."

"We have just begun to fight."

FBI agents joined state and local police in the Monday night raid which brought the arrest of 28 persons on 31 charges. Four of them were from Livonia, Farmington, Westland and Garden City.

Arrested and charged were: ROGER W. CHUBB 34, of 14383 Sunbury, Livonia, a football slip betting runner. He was arrested in Flint as he made a delivery of tickets to the Skopewick Bar, the last of a 5,000-ticket delivery Monday.

FRANK R. KUSNER 28, of 27714 Shawassie, Farmington. Kushner was arrested at his home, which contained two printing presses and a photocopier machine in the basement. Police confiscated 3,000 partially printed football pool slips and \$700 in cash.

DOUGLAS H. LONG 32, of 18296 Arcola, Garden City, was arrested at the Stables Bar, 14550 Middle Belt, which police said was a center of gambling activity in the area.

KENNETH O. MCKEY 25, of 34049 Francis, Westland, charged with helping print and publish football pool tickets.

OTHERS ARRESTED were Patricia Bove, of Flint; David Catanzarite 27, of Detroit; Robert D. Collins, of Flint; Joseph P. Cusenza, of Flint; Robert E. Edwards, of Detroit; George Garsell, of Flint; Joseph Giacalone 28, of Flint; Quinton C. Goforth, of Flint; Ronald L. Holdaway, of Detroit; James Johnson 29, of Flint; John J. Juarez, of Clio; Loren Jolly, of Flint; Charles Kinsman, of Flint; Edmund Kalco, of Detroit; Larry Koepke 26, of Flint; Joseph R. Lancour 22, of Flint; Joseph P. Lister, of Dearborn; Vincent B. Mortorelli 30, of Grand Blanc; Ernest Perez 25, of Flint; Edward C. Rusk 37, of Flint; Glenn Vinson 22, of Flint; Robert E. Wyckoss 29, of Flint; and Caesar Montevicchio, of Erie, Pa.

Montevicchio, Juarez and Giacalone were also placed under Federal charges involving interstate movements of the syndicate and the attempted murder in Pittsburgh of Charles Thomas, of Flint, a police informant.

SEVENTY-FIVE LAW enforcement officers from all levels swooped down on the 28 arrested men Monday night, starting early in the evening and ending two hours before Kelley's disclosures here at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Livonia Police Sgt. Lee B. Grive, head of a three-man vice bureau, directed a key

phase of the suburban investigation which started last August.

HE SAID CHUBB was the mastermind of the suburban gambling operation and "one of the Michigan leaders in the syndicate gambling organization."

Chubb was arrested in 1965 by the Internal Revenue Service for failure to obtain a Federal gambling stamp. The case is still pending.

Kelley said the Stables Bar on Middle Belt and the Derby Bar at 13401 Middle Belt, both a short distance from the Detroit Race Course, were both headquarters spots for the syndicate. Kalco, one of those ar-

rested, owns the Derby Bar. He was charged with conspiracy to sell bet tickets in the bar. Kelley said the Monday raid "blocked a move into a full-scale suburban operation" by the syndicate.

"There is no evidence now or any indication that any county or city official being involved at this point," Kelley said.

FIRST HINTS of a syndicate operation were uncovered in Flint in August by Genesee County Prosecutor Robert F. Leonard through Thomas.

After Thomas was shot twice in the head in a motel he was brought to Michigan for protective custody. Kelley fears further attempts will be made on Thomas' life.

County Budget Cuts Tax Rate

A \$127,160,325 annual budget was adopted by the Wayne County Board of Supervisors.

Though the highest on record, the budget includes a decrease of 67.7 cents per \$1,000 of equalized valuation in the county property tax rate. The new rate will be \$7.07 per \$1,000.

THE DECREASE, resulting from completion of a building program, means a tax savings of about \$6.80 on property with a market value of \$20,000.

Property tax revenues needed to finance next year's budget are estimated at \$67 million—\$4 million less than needed to support the current budget. Increased revenues from state and federal sources will finance most of the budget increase, the County Board of Auditors said.

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now have a total of about 6,000 general employees. The auditors, in recommending the new positions, said they are needed to improve services to the public.

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BOY SCOUTS' highest award, the Silver Beaver, was presented to two Garden City men at the Sunset District's annual meeting held in Roma Hall, Livonia, Wednesday night. The awards are being shown off by Arnold Folker, (right) of 31542 Barton Street, and Homer Wheelock, of 67449 Gilman Street. With them are their wives. Also at the ceremony are the Wheelock's two

sons, Robert, 18, a member of Explorer Post 855, and Michael, 10, member of Cub Scout Pack 723 of Garden City. The Sunset District includes Westland, Livonia, Plymouth, Northville, Canton Township, Wayne, and Inkster. District Commissioner is Roger Ketchman of Plymouth. The annual event also saw numerous other Scouting awards presented to men in local communities.

2 Receive Scouting's Top Honor—Silver Beaver

Two long time Garden City volunteer leaders received Boy Scouting's Silver Beaver medals as the high spot of the annual meeting of Sunset District in Roma Hall.

The awards are the highest possible for adult leaders, and it marked the first time in several years that two from the same city received the distinguished honor.

The pair are Homer Wheelock, a committee member of Explorer Post 855 sponsored by the Western Wayne County Conservation Association, and Arnold Folker, member of the Garden City Board of Education and committee member of Troop 1241 sponsored by the Garden City Lions Club and a long-time member of the American Legion.

PRESENTATION of the Silver Beaver awards came at the close of the annual dinner-meeting, upholding the district's tradition of keeping the names secret as long as possible.

Wheelock and Folker received the awards after Sid Strong, the first recipient of a Silver Beaver in 1924, was honored for 50 years service to the Boy Scouts.

Strong, better known as "Mr. Wonderland,"

Wondersland Center has launched an area-wide search for a teen girl to serve as an escort for a jolly, be-whiskered visitor from the North Pole. Ballots, which began to select "Miss Christmas Carol," who will accompany the old gent when he swoops into Wonderland on Nov. 24.

Arrangements have been made for Santa's space sleigh to land at a nearby airport, where he and his young aide will board the special Whirlybird used for the last leg of his long trip.

Ernie Epps, promotion director for the huge center at Plymouth Road and Middlebelt, explained the voting procedure. "An official ballot appears in today's editions of The Observer," he said. "Brothers, parents, friends or relatives can cast as many ballots as they want for their favorite teen-age girl."

"The contest is open to girls 14 through 18," Epps continued. Additional entry blanks are available at most Wonderland stores.

Ballots—which must include the candidate's name, age, address and telephone number—can be delivered to the center's administration office or mailed to: "Miss Christmas Carol," Box 2387, Livonia, 48151. Ballots post-marked or received after midnight, Nov. 18, will not count.

Epps urged students to select a representative of their school and support an election campaign in her behalf. Miss Christmas Carol and her campaign manager will have lunch with Santa on Saturday, Nov. 25.

Plymouth" because of his years of service in that city, became associated with the Boy Scouts movement in 1917 and has been active since.

He is one of five Plymouth men to win the distinguished award.

CIRCUIT JUDGE George Dowles, a former Plymouth resident where he was involved in Scout activities, stressed the problems adults face in acting responsibly and creatively with youth as the principal speaker.

"You can't put down modern youth with a blanket indictment," he said. "The picture should be given depth and balance. It is difficult to act responsibly since youth is in an unsettling period in our culture and history."

"If all the youth knows or feels or sees is outside the mainstream of American life, how can you expect him to become committed to the American way of life as you and I know it?"

EDWARD SCHENING, general manager of the Plymouth plant of Borg-Warner Corp. and district chairman of Sunset District of the Boy Scouts, served as master of ceremonies and also gave a report of activities of the past year.

He told how 19 new units were organized during the year, a record high of 91 Cub Scout Packs, 97 Boy Scout Troops and 17 Explorer Scout Units were registered in the District.

"There were 32,877 boys available for Scouting in the Sunset District," Schening stated. "We reached 8,058 or 24.6 per cent of them during the past year. We have a potential of reaching an excess of 20,000 more than we presently serve and we hope to do something about this situation in another year."

"The leadership program available in the Detroit Council, is designed to meet the needs of each volunteer job. A total of 33 of our leaders received major training and certificates for their accomplishments during the past year."

A total of 144 of our 204 units took advantage of additional training on a council level which added greatly to Sunset District's training experience."

SCHENING REPORTED a total of 963 boys and leaders participated in the Sunset camporee at Charles Howell Reservation for a weekend of adventure and fun.

"The proof of the success in the Scouting program is participation," Schening pointed out. "We had 22 Eagle Scouts

during the year. The advancements of the district reached a total of 2,741; 26.7 per cent of all Boy Scouts in the district advanced at least one rank during the year, and 32 of the troops attained a record of 40 per cent or more of the Boys reaching first class ranks."

"In addition, 1,840 merit badges were earned, and in Cub Scouting, over 50 per cent of all boys advanced at least one rank. Last year, the district raised \$6,353 through sustaining memberships. This was 78 per cent of our objective. We got off to a poor start during the membership campaign, and I guarantee we'll remedy that this year."

Schening had high praise for Strong whom he saluted as "elder statesman" of the Sunset District.

"The venerable Plymouth sage started in Scouting more than 50 years ago, moved to the City of Plymouth in 1920 as city manager and was instrumental in starting the first Scout group in the area."

"SIDNEY STRONG received the first Silver Beaver award in this area," said Schening. "I ask all of you to join me in saluting him as our 'elder statesman' as we present him a certificate of appreciation which will be replaced by a golden anniversary emblem from the Boy Scouts of America within a few days. We have the rare privilege of saluting a rare person—one who hasn't lost his love for Scouting over a period of 50 years."

The only change as a result of the annual election found Elbert Readman, of Plymouth, named a district vice chairman.

Those re-elected included: District Commissioner Roger Ketchman, of Plymouth; District Chairman Schening; District Vice Chairmen Chris Hammond of Northville and Kenneth Humphrey of Garden City.



WESTLAND'S OFFICIAL city seal, made in bronze, was presented to Mayor Thomas Brown (right) in a short ceremony Monday by Donald Hooper, of Manufacturers National Bank, which paid for its cost. The seal was designed last spring to coincide with the city's first anniversary as an incorporated city. In addition, City Council President Pro-tem Charles McIlhargy presented each councilman with a framed resolution adopted by the State House and Senate congratulating the city on its first birthday.

N. Central Team To Inspect

A three-member team of college evaluators has been appointed by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools to make an on-campus inspection of Schoerlcraft College by mid-January, as the college's application for accreditation by the regional association moves into its final phase.

Schoerlcraft President Eric J. Bracher said he expected to hear shortly from the chairman of the visitation team on the date of the visit sometime between Dec. 11 and Jan. 15.

Members of the team are Dr. E. Stecklein, director, Bureau of Institutional Research, University of Wisconsin; chairman, Reed L. Buffington, superintendent of Chabot College, San Leandro, Calif.; and Prof. Kenneth Brunner, Southern Illinois University.

Dr. Bracher said that, in compliance with another NCACS requirement, the college had provided members of the team with a series of reports, publications and other material and information as background on the college prior to the visit.

The team will spend two days on campus, inspecting facilities, interviewing faculty and staff members, and inquiring into the operations of the Offices of Instruction, Student Affairs and Business Affairs.

"I have no fears at all that we are going to be accredited," Dr. Bracher told college trustees at a meeting Wednesday night, Nov. 1.

Following its visit, the team will file a report to the NCACS prior to the association's annual meeting in March when a final decision on accreditation for Schoerlcraft will be made.

Boys can enter Cub Scouting any time after they are 8 years of age or in the third grade, 346,775 women volunteer their services as Den Mothers in the Cub Scout program.

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Calling Teen Girls 14 thru 18

YOU MAY BE WONDERLAND'S CHRISTMAS CAROL

We're searching for a teenage girl to accompany Santa when he arrives at Wonderland November 24. As his official escort, you'll have the opportunity to ride with him in his special helicopter and you can help him greet hundreds of youngsters at his magic workshop at Wonderland. There'll be special gifts for you from Wonderland Center.

Organize a voting group and cast your ballot for the Christmas Carol of your choice. Ballots can be delivered to the Wonderland Center administration office or mailed to Miss Christmas Carol Contest, P.O. Box 2387, Livonia, Michigan 48151. Ballots received after midnight, November 18 cannot be counted. Additional entry blanks are available at most Wonderland stores.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT	
My choice for Miss Christmas Carol is	
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Address _____	
City _____	
Age _____	Telephone _____

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