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BRIBERY CHARGES PROMPT DENIALS

'Politics' Are Blamed

Two village trustees and a co-owner of the Union hotel vigorously denied charges Wednesday that they conspired to accept a bribe from the developer of the Holland re-subdivision, Wheeling.

Free today on \$2,000 bond each are trustees Fred "Scotty" Cargill, 167 S. Milwaukee ave., and Edward Gieseke Jr., 295 E. Walnut ave. Also out on bond is Frank Miramonti, partner in the Union hotel, 124 S. Milwaukee ave.

All three vehemently deny any wrongdoing. They were arrested Monday on warrants signed by Frank J. Budnick, operator of Wheeling Building Trust, contracting firm for homes in the re-subdivision at Wolf and Dundee rds.

"The whole thing, from beginning to end, is politics," Cargill told the Herald.

sulted counsel in Chicago Tuesday.

NEXT THURSDAY Judge Scanlon will hear full details of the case, starting from August 23, 1959, the day Cargill and Gieseke are alleged to have originally solicited the bribe.

Complainant Budnick told them the trustees first suggested "campaign funds," but that when he balked at this proposal, the sum was lowered to \$210.

★ ★ ★ *Here's Late Summary In Bribe Controversy*

Reporters for Paddock Publications have been investigating the alleged bribery conspiracy in Wheeling since the nature of the case was disclosed Monday.

The following sidelights are published for the first time:

—Fred "Scotty" Cargill, village trustee named in the complaints, strongly suspects his political enemies of "trumping up" the charges. "A reporter for a metropolitan daily was waiting at the police station when I was arrested," he pointed out. "Who tipped her off in advance?"

—At a village board meeting August 3, 1959, accused trustee Edward Gieseke Jr. voted "yes" on a motion to discuss a Holland re-subdivision street base irregularity with Frank J. Budnick, owner of the property. Trustee Cargill did not attend the meeting.

—On October 12, 1959, three days after

the bribe was alleged to have been paid, Cargill and Gieseke both voted "yes" on a proposal to allow the Holland street improvement plan to go ahead.

—Raymond L. Willer, 311 MacArthur, Mt. Prospect, who works for Budnick and paid the Union hotel bill, told reporters he made the payment "because, at the time, it seemed like the only course to take in order to get the streets approved."

—Assistant state's attorney Eldred Benz said Budnick and Willer volunteered their statements in February, and that the case has been under investigation ever since. The accusations, therefore, were made more than five months after the first alleged bribe solicitation.

—Willer said he had "no comment" when asked if influential Chicago politicians had attempted to get the assistant state's attorney to drop the charges.

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Grand Jury Clears 2 Trustees and Hotel Man in Bribery Plot

Community Council Works to Improve Wheeling Increases Effectiveness of Other Organizations

Working towards a better community, an improved community, is the Community Council of Wheeling, and the road for a park and will make it their first major project.

The Community Council, composed of representatives from local organizations and interested individuals, operates independently from the village

Buffalo Grove Women Tour Bakery Plant

May 19 a group of 29 members of the Buffalo Grove Womens Club attended a tour of the Burney Bros. Bakery. The group left Buffalo Grove at 6 p.m.

Julie Venetiener, chairman of the tour said they were shown the processes for baking bread, coffee cake and other products. The women were amazed at the size of the mixers and other equipment.

All said they enjoyed themselves very much. Coffee cake and coffee were served after the tour and luncheon played in their social room. Merchandise certificates were

The Cook County grand jury reportedly this week returned a "no" bill in the conspiracy and bribery charges involving two village trustees and a restaurant owner.

Cleared by the grand jury were Fred "Scotty" Cargill, Edward Gieseke Jr., and Frank Miramonti, a partner in the Union Hotel.

The grand jury's action--or rather, the lack of it--however, does not completely free the three men.

They are scheduled to appear in Police court, Wheeling, at 2 p.m. Friday.

The two trustees and long-time residents of the village were accused of accepting a bribe and con-

spiring to accept a bribe by Frank J. Budnick, a principal in the Holland subdivision development.

Budnick also charged that Miramonti, in accepting the money, conspired with the two local officials.

Miramonti, who had been called before the grand jury as a witness in the case, said that the money--\$1,210--had been accepted last October 9 to pay for a victory celebration party staged in part by Cargill and Gieseke six months earlier.

The three defendants denied that, as Budnick charged, the money was a bribe to approve a road base in the subdivision.

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Contractor Charges 2 Trustees and Hotel Man in Bribery Plot

Plan Memorial Day Parade

Plans are being made for Wheeling's annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony, Monday, May 30th.

According to Earl Hamron, Memorial Day Chairman for Philip Carpenter Post #66, Amvets, letters are being sent to all organizations who might wish to participate in the parade. Prizes will be awarded in various categories as in previous years.

Tentative plans call for the parade to begin at 9:00 a.m. from Lees Auto Auction on North Milwaukee Avenue. The procession will move South to the Amvets building and Amvet Park where Memorial Services will be held.

Any group who has not received a letter but would like to take part should contact Hamron at Lehigh 7-0639.

Accused of Polluting Sewers

Charged with polluting sewer lines is Paul H. Allanson, employed by the Garrison Sodic Tank Company of Libertyville.

The complaint was signed by Del Dobbins, Asst. Supt. of the Dept. of Public Works in Wheeling, and the Village of Wheeling and the County Sanitary District are pressing charges.

The complaint stated that Allanson has been emptying sodic tanks into the Evanger Sewing tank. The contents have gone through the fil-

Trial Next Thursday

Two Wheeling village trustees and a hotel owner will face bribery conspiracy charges next Thursday, May 5, in Wheeling Police court.

The three men were freed on \$2,000 bond each Tuesday after their arrest Monday night.

Complaints against them were signed Monday by Frank J. Budnick, operator of the Wheeling Building Trust, a contracting firm.

Budnick claims he paid a \$1,210 hotel bill for a village election victory party held April

the village board approved his request to alter street requirements for a subdivision his firm is building at Wolf and Dundee Roads.

The trustees - Edward Gieske Jr., former village president, and Fred L. Cargill - were charged with conspiracy to take a bribe and taking the bribe. Frank J. Miramonti, partner in the Union hotel was charged with conspiracy.

At the time the bill was paid, Budnick claims he was seeking village board approval to use gravel instead of macadam in street bases in the subdivision.

Gieske and Cargill have denied the charges. The three men will face charges before Ted C. Scanlon, Wheeling police magistrate, in the Wheeling police court next Thursday.



that may be pressing the case, Allanson was released on a hundred dollar bond, and will appear with his attorney on May 13th before Judge Scanlon.

Jaycee Jill Hayride Saturday

All couples that are going to the JayCee Jill Hayride April 30 will meet at Maribel Peterson's, 197 6th Street, Wheeling, at 8 p.m. sharp. A Sweetheart Box Supper will follow the Hayride.

Ellie Smith, Beverly Mardow, Maribel Peterson, and Lois Fenger accompanied their husbands to the JayCee State Tournament at Elmhurst last week.

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