

Merrillville football team ready

MERRILLVILLE FOOTBALL coach Ken Haupt, (foreground, fourth from left) leads his Pirates and coaching staff off the field from preparations for Friday night's state championship game against Indianapolis Cathedral in Indianapolis. The Pirates rate a slight favorite to bring the second straight Indiana Class AAA football championship to Northwest Indiana. The Pirates will carry a record of 10 victories and only one loss into the match against undefeated Cathedral at 6:30 p.m. in CYO Stadium. Merrillville's only loss was to the Valparaiso Vikings a few weeks ago, which it avenged two weeks ago in a rematch. The winner Friday night will succeed Valparaiso as state champion. (Post-Tribune photo)



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1 Freeman defendant acquitted, five remain

By DAVE HAWK
Post-Tribune Staff Reporter

SOUTH BEND — One of six defendants in the Bishop Freeman housing fraud trial was acquitted in U.S. District Court here Wednesday by the judge.

"I'm happy as hell," commented Aloysius Mysliw, 32, of 2621 40th Place, Highland, adding he hopes to get back his job as a Federal Housing Administration (FHA) inspector.

Mysliw was suspended shortly after he was indicted in May on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the government in the Freeman apartment construction project which was started in Gary in 1970 and later went bankrupt and was abandoned.

The acquittal by the judge came at the conclusion of the government's case. Five other defendants were denied similar motions for acquittal. Nicholas D'Andrea, Jack Ware, Leo Colman, Alvin Zielitsky and Nelson Harris will get their verdicts from the jury.

Judge Allen Sharp ruled that there was "a total lack of evidence to tie in (Mysliw) in any way."

"It may well be that he was dumb, it may well be that he didn't do his job, but it takes more than that for conspiracy," the judge remarked.

During the trial, now in its fourth week, "there was no evidence he entered this conspiracy with intent to defraud the government," Mysliw's lawyer, Nick Katich of Merrillville had argued.

Mysliw was accused of falsifying FHA inspection reports of the Bishop Freeman Apartments at 19th and Clark in Gary. Assistant U.S. Atty. Carmen Piasocki, arguing against Mysliw's acquittal, said the FHA inspector's inflated reports on the progress of the job resulted

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in more than \$500,000 being overdrawn from the mortgage, which was insured by FHA. The government lost over \$2 million on the project, according to an FHA accountant.

Mysliw's acquittal wasn't entirely unexpected. On Tuesday, Judge Sharp said the government hadn't proven its case against "some" of the defendants and, when he called for arguments on the acquittal motion, he heard Mysliw's case first.

Two other defendants came close to being acquitted, the judge said.

Zielitsky's case was "close to the line, but still on the side of the line that goes to the jury," he said. Zielitsky, 50, of Evansville, was the McElvain Reynolds Mortgage Co. banker who handled the mortgage. As for Harris, 50, of Chicago, the archi-

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Partial settlement in burned Lute bar

VALPARAISO — A settlement on the financially troubled, fire-ravaged Lute Barn Restaurant in Portage has been partially resolved with payment of insurance claims to a mortgage holder and for some other obligations.

In a stipulated order signed Wednesday by Judge Alfred J. Pivarnik and 12 attorneys for litigants in the case, Portage National Bank obtained \$61,600 for a mortgage and Portage lawyer Thomas E. Cahillane received \$7,000 for representing the bank.

The Internal Revenue Department also is to receive \$4,300 to satisfy federal tax obligations, former receiver Murray Smith will get \$396, Valparaiso lawyer James Jorgensen will be paid \$838 in receiver attorney fees and Lute Barn, Inc., will receive \$10,000 for insurance premium payments.

The court directed that Dr. David J. Ligda, a co-owner, be permitted to withdraw \$5,305 to pay Portage lawyer John S. Diaz for his efforts in obtaining renewal of a liquor license held by Ligda.

The payments will be made from a partial settlement with the insurance carrier that had the restaurant-club covered when flames ravaged the building on New Year's Eve of 1975.

Additional income is expected from a further insurance settlement and sale of the facility with its liquor license.

Attorneys anticipate there may be as much as \$25,000 to be derived from insurance. In addition, the court order filed Wednesday notes that Valparaiso lawyer Ronald Augst, receiver for Lute Barn, Inc., is authorized to sell the real estate involved in litigation for "no less than \$50,000."

Roy Sutton of Liberty Township reportedly has tendered an offer to buy the facility with an eye toward razing the converted barn and erecting a new restaurant-club on the site.

As part of the agreement, Portage lawyer

William Suarez, Ligda and his wife, Donna, as co-owners will deed the property to Augst as receiver.

The litigation was continued in Pivarnik's order to give contractors who renovated the barn time to file claims. Augst also was authorized to negotiate with creditors on distribution of the remaining funds. Named co-receivers with Augst were Gary lawyer Fred Cuppy and Ligda.

The order also directs that Portage and East Gary lawyer James Crandall must appear in court within 30 days to file pleadings on any interest he may have in the Lute Barn, Inc., property. Failure by Crandall to act will mean his future interests in the property will be barred.

Ruling may free murder suspects

CROWN POINT — Murder charges against two teen-agers accused of killing a 50-year-old Gary steelworker last New Year's Eve are expected to be dismissed because of a legal technicality.

And Lake Superior Court officials were debating today if this same technicality could cause dismissals in many other cases now pending before criminal courts here.

Eric Adams, 18, of 449 Monroe St. Gary, and James Pharms, 16, of 1033 Moss St., Hammond, are expected to be cleared of homicide charges because Gary police didn't allow the juveniles to consult with their parents before they questioned the youths. Adams was 17 at the time, thus both boys were juveniles.

Lake Superior Court Judge James Kimbrough ruled Friday that Adams' confession to the robbery-murder of the steelworker couldn't be used as evidence in a trial because police failed to follow the guideline.

The case is expected to be dismissed for lack of evidence because the prosecution's case against the two teen-agers centered on the now invalid confession, a court source said.

The source told The Post-Tribune that this technicality, based on an Indiana Supreme Court decision early this summer, could cause the dismissal of a number of cases.

The State Supreme Court's decision to demand that police allow juveniles to consult with their parents before questioning is an enlargement on an earlier U.S. Supreme Court ruling that a juvenile's par-

ents must be present during police questioning.

Superior Court Judge James Clement questioned whether the landmark ruling should be applied retroactively to confessions taken before the State Supreme Court ruled on the subject. Judge Clement was commenting on the general constitutional question and not on the Adams-Pharms case.

"Police have a hard enough time keeping up with court rulings without making them adhere to safeguards retroactively," Judge Clement said.

Superior Court Judge James Leisinger commented that he expects the State Supreme Court to apply the safeguard retro-

actively as they have done with other safeguards in the past.

Police had accused the two teen-agers of robbing Henry O'Connor, 548 Adams St., Gary, last Dec. 31 in an alley near 5th and Jefferson in Gary and then fatally shooting him.

O'Connor, who worked at Gary Sheet and Tin Division, was returning home from a shopping trip when attacked, police said. His body was discovered during a routine police patrol of the area.

The two juveniles were arrested and questioned by Gary police early in January — months before the State Supreme Court's new safeguard ruling.

Body of blind boy, 4, found

TEN SLEEP, Wyo. (AP) — A month-long vigil by the parents of 4-year-old Ronnie Rea, who was unable to speak and was legally blind without glasses, has ended with the discovery of his decomposed body.

The boy's disappearance on Oct. 11 had baffled searchers.

Washakie County Sheriff James Warila said two ranchhands found the body Wednesday partially buried in an open field about nine miles southeast of here and three miles from the boy's home. He said the body was near a dirt road that passes by the boy's home.

Warila said there was no evidence of foul play. He said the body would be transported to Casper today for an autopsy.

Warila said the body was clad in the short-sleeved shirt and trousers that the boy was wearing when he disappeared. The sheriff said the boy's glasses were missing.

Officials had formally disbanded the search eight days after Ronnie disappeared. The area had been chilled by peratures in the teens, buffeted by winds and blanketed by snow in the immediately following the disappearance.

While the search was on, 40 searchers criss-crossed the area, combed the area on foot, on horseback, search planes, helicopters and special instruments and tracking dogs.

Brush with death changes view of life



Daniel Durham different view of life

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — Daniel Durham says he looks at life differently now that he has the chips off his shoulders — some 30,000 pounds of them that entombed him alive for 90 minutes.

Durham, 18, was dumped into a truck, buried under six feet of wood chips and carried 40 miles while his screams went unheard. Someone even walked over the chips, unaware that Durham was buried beneath.

"All of a sudden I was falling, and then I was buried," Durham said Wednesday. "I may have blacked out a couple times from suffocation. I knew I couldn't last more than five minutes more."

Durham was leveling chips in an elevated bin last Friday when he was dumped accidentally into the truck, which then headed for a fiber company 40 miles away.

Jerry Thorp, supervisor at Lumber

Specialty Industries Inc., said Durham had neglected to block the driveway with a board that keeps trucks from backing under the bin while somebody is working in it. Better safety precautions since have been instituted, Thorp said.

"I knew I was going to die," Durham said. "I struggled, I yelled, but nobody heard me. Then I realized I had better save my energy."

Durham said he cleared about 1 1/2 inches of breathing space and when the truck moved, he got air from a draft blowing through the chips.

But he was nearly trampled and suffocated when the truck stopped at a weigh station.

"I could feel somebody walking right on top of me there, but no one heard me yelling," he said.

Adding to his terror was his fear of

what might happen to the chips after they arrived at their destination.

"I thought I was going to get on a conveyor and go through another machine," he said.

Unknown to Durham, back at the lumber company, Thorp had noticed him gone about 15 minutes after the truck pulled away, realizing he might be in the truck, away from fiber company officials, Thorp contacted the driver by radio.

An ambulance awaited the truck at Lorne, and workers dug and clawed Durham free. He escaped with only three cracked ribs and internal bleeding which was cleared up.

"I'm not religious, but I have second thoughts now," he said. "I know God had something to do with me making it."

"He's a lucky fellow," added Thorp. "He wouldn't have lasted five minutes in a lawsuit."

Nice

National Weather Service: Tonight, fair, low in low or mid 20s. Friday, mostly sunny and cooler, high in low 50s. Northwesterly winds 12-20 m.p.h. tonight.

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3 p.m. 45	8 a.m. 29
Nov. 17	3 p.m. 47
Year ago	3 p.m. 47

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3 p.m. 45	Midnight 41	9 a.m. 29
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5 p.m. 43	2 a.m. 40	11 a.m. 42
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For the girl with a little gypsy in her soul

Fashions costumes—but not for peasants

By BERYL ANN BROWNELL
Women's Editor

NEW YORK CITY — If you've always had a little Gypsy in your soul, summer of '77 is for you. There's only one problem...it takes lots of money to look like a fashion peasant.

That wild skirt you bought in a weak moment while vacationing in Mexico isn't exactly what Oscar de la Renta has in mind, however. His peasant looks like a girl from the chorus line in "Carmen" — or Jamaican dancers... or stars of the Mexican Folklorio.

The de la Renta peasant look is one of bright colors and prints often in flamboyant combinations — and yards and yards and more yards of fabric in the skirt. Add to that a petticoat or even an overskirt, all in glorious living technicolor, and you have the picture.

No one has mentioned where one is to wear these fun dresses, but it surely won't be at home.

The peasant look is just the show biz side of de la Renta's — or any successful designers' collection. His bread and butter silhouettes are clean-cut and simple. The trend of fuller skirts, though more restrained than in the peasant costume, remains in day clothes. The big soft sleeve is everywhere and something to remember when looking for a new touch.

Fresh feminine look

There was the fresh feminine look of a white skirt, worn with a jacket in a bright shade of red or green. There were other color combinations in dresses to be worn by women with spirit — shocking pink with a narrow green satin belt, or electric blue with a narrow red silk satin belt. But for the girl with spirit, money and a twinkle in her eye, there was a costume with great tiers of giant black tulle ruffles, the bottom tier lined with scarlet that showed when the model flipped the huge skirt. When she took off the top ruffle, there was a black velvet fitted bodice. She certainly couldn't make a fast getaway, but if she bought this dress she wouldn't want to escape anyway.

Oscar also told the press that "there will be more leg with lighthearted clothes, and so I have fewer pants in my collection."

Bill Haire for Friedrichs agreed, and added, "I see a total move away from boyish and mannish clothes." He meant it — showing mostly skirts with jackets and even adding full petticoats.

Bill Haire also likes the peasant look but he has a young girl from Central America in mind with big cotton shirts cinched with a bright tie, ruffles on blouses that pull down over the shoulders and bright parrot colors.

Mary McFadden thinks of clothing as an art form. It figures — the designer is a curator for a museum as well as a fashion creator. Her collection of fantasy clothes were of handpainted silks often seen in museums behind glass. Her quilting is paper thin, reminiscent of ancient Afghanisthan quilting, and was used for evening coats.

The fashions were costumes all right, but certainly not for peasants.

No fantasy for Abe

There was none of this fantasy or peasant business with the Abe Schrader fashion house. Navy is important here. Highlights included a navy ultra suede jumper which could be worn alone or with a blouse. There also was a no-nonsense you-can-wear-it-everywhere navy faille tailored skirt and jacket, the white blouse having ruffled cuffs. A young peasant would hate it, but Abe is counting on there being more women who want to look American than Peruvian, Jamaican, Mexican, Mongolian, Russian, etc.

There wasn't enough fabric in the Monika Tilley line to make a girl look like a peasant. Her swim clothes for Elton prove that less is more — the suits are cut to pace every muscle perfectly. "My new matte finish lycra performs best. It gives it, it molds, it takes subtle colors like the periwinkle blue I have this year, and strong sienna brown, very high fashion."

There are definite spring swimsuit shapes: the bandeau or tube in both a bikini and maillot, the one-shoulder, all on the bias and very skinny, and the high-low cut in a swimming maillot, a great performer and sexy, too.

All the suits are totally unconstructed, made for swimming.

It's obviously going to take a little gypsy in the soul as well as a figure that can stand exposure to greet spring and summer.

"Maril," a pleated polyester chiffon cocktail dress by Mary McFadden, Inc. Hand-forged oak leaves cascade on spaghetti straps down the arms.



The new island fantasy look is expressed in this print floral chiffon evening dress of polyester over black jersey by Joseph Gargiulo for Abe Schrader. The long and versatile matching scarf can be used to grace the neck, shoulders or smartly wrap the waist.



Femininity with an intriguing naughty little girl flavor. Bill Haire for Friedrichs epitomizes this in his cornflower shirred bodice sundress with flounced seersucker hem. From the 1977 spring-resort collection.



Petticoated peasant charmers from Oscar de la Renta for spring and resort. Left, a soft overblouse in blue and white floral cotton batiste with matching skirt, scarf and white eyelet camisole. At the right, a pink and white floral peasant blouse with contrast bordered, hip-yoked skirt and scarf.

To sponsor craft auction

Next project for members of Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority will be a "Touch of Holly" craft auction Monday at the American Legion Post 430, 740 Broadway, Merrillville. Among those who have been working long and hard to get ready for the event are, left to right, Mrs. Jerry Charochak, president, Mrs. John Carr, ways and means chairman, and Mrs. Harry Warren, treasurer and ways and means committee member. The crafts event is open to the public, with many attractive items going to the highest bidder. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., enabling the guests to observe all the items before the auction begins at 7:30 p.m. Sue Abell of Kappa Gamma Chapter of Crown Point will be the auctioneer. Committee chairmen not pictured include Phyllis La Destro, Cynthia Thompson, Beth Kamenski, Jacqueline Wallace, Joan Schipper, Nancy Guernsey, Lynda Gustafson and Joan Maloney. (Post-Tribune photo)



the Christmas party, which will be at Youche Country Club, Crown Point, on Dec. 21. Serving with Mrs. Wolfe will be Mrs. Neville Gough, Mrs. William Uhl, Mrs. Dobis and Mrs. Griggs.

Mrs. Donald Van Meter reported that the sorority this year will be giving over \$10,000 for educational grants in the specific field of guidance and counseling. Grants will be awarded to college students who will be doing junior, senior or graduate work, based upon their scholastic ability or financial need. Anyone interested in more information or securing applications for a grant is invited to call Mrs. Van Meter or Mrs. Dobis, both of Merrillville.

Activities center around holidays

October was rush month for Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, and prospective members were invited as guests to two sorority activities.

At the initial meeting, guests were welcomed by Mrs. Jean Maloney, vice president, who told of the aims and purposes of Beta Sigma Phi, and then chapter president, Mrs. Rosemary Charochak, conducted the ritual of transfer for Mrs. Lynda Gustafson, a former member of Theta Kappa Chapter. Special cultural presentations were made by Mrs. Beth Kaminski on literature and prose, and by Mrs. Jacqueline Wallace on poetry.

The second rush event was a Halloween party at the home of Mrs. Charochak where games were played and prizes were awarded for best costumes. Members of Xi Gamma Theta Chapter were special guests.

Next big project for Lambda Chapter will be their Christmas "Touch of Holly" craft auction on Nov. 22 beginning at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Post 430 in Merrillville. The public is invited to attend and bid on the array of crafts, according to Mrs. Sharon Carr, chairman.

Sweet Adelines to give show

Betty Baranko of Gary is ticket chairman for the Sunday performance of "Open Sesame," the annual show to be presented by the Calumet Corner Chapter of Sweet Adelines, Inc., in the Munster High School auditorium on Saturday and Sunday. The chapter gave the first two-day performance of its show last year after having standing room only at the previous one-day production. Saturday night was a sellout again last year, with a nearly full house for the Sunday matinee. This year Sunday tickets are expected to be in even more demand since the show will feature Sesame Street characters.

Sweet Adeline shows feature a variety of selections designed to appeal to the entire family and the matinee affords senior citizens an opportunity to enjoy the show, without having to go out at night. Ms. Baranko says

tickets will be \$4, with senior citizens and children at \$2. For ticket information, contact Ms. Baranko at 887-2278.

A pre-Thanksgiving Day bake sale is scheduled for tomorrow at 9 a.m. at the church hall, 3935 Washington St., and Saturday at 10 a.m. at J.C. Penney's Village store by members of the Women's Group of St. Clement's American Macedonian Orthodox Church. Apple strudel, nut and poppy seed rolls and homemade bread will all be featured, according to Mrs. Vangel Baloski, vice president. On the committee are Mrs. Tom Lazanovski, Mrs. Misy Budzevski, Mrs. Stojan Strezovski, Mrs. Mike Mishevski. Assisting them with sales will be Mrs. Alex Sarafin, Mrs. Van Evanoff, Mrs. Jim Trajkovski and Mrs. Frank Panchak. Advance orders may be placed with any committee member for large quantities of baked goods, or orders will be taken by them at the church hall Thursday.

Open house, art showing

The Gary Gift Gallery of the St. Mary Medical Center Auxiliary is sponsoring an open house and art showing in the lobby of the Gary Hospital on Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m., and will also be showing its Christmas crafts for sale that were made by the members. The auxiliary has an ongoing program in both the Gary and Hobart hospitals of displaying and selling original oil paintings at very moderate prices. However, limited space does not allow them to offer the great amount of paintings that will be available at the special showing. The public is encouraged to attend.

The Parish Hall Festival of Holy Trinity Church will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Salvatorian Hall, 3795 Pennsylvania St., Merrillville, according to the an-

nouncement made by Mrs. Ted Bronowski, president of the Resary Altar Society, at its recent meeting. Members were also reminded of the annual Thanksgiving Clothing Drive and of the society's corporate communion at the 8 a.m. mass Sunday, Dec. 5. The annual Christmas party will be in the school auditorium at 2:30 p.m.

"Autumn Scenes — With Tots and Teens" was the theme chosen by members of Tots and Teens, Inc. for their annual fashion and talent show at Marquette Park Pavilion recently.

With Mrs. Herman Chambers serving as commentator and Mrs. Eugenia Patrick providing the music, the tots and teens promenaded along the runway and displayed their talents between the three scenes. Sharise Belle and Kelli Dunzy each performed a dance solo; Florita and Marquetta Powers performed on the piano and recorder, respectively; Deidra Green gave a dramatic reading, and a lively dance was presented by a group of teens under the direction of Maurice Preston Jr. The program concluded with a Tom Thumb wedding skit with the tots as the "stars" and teens as the ushers.

Tots and Teens, Inc. is a non-profit family organization founded in Los Angeles in 1962 by Mrs. Geraldine Jacoway. Through the years, the Gary Chapter has made contributions and rendered volunteer service to various groups in the community. Mrs. Rosewell Bibb is president of the Gary Chapter.

To attend convention

Mrs. Harold Griggs and Mrs. Richard Dobis of Eta Upsilon Chapter, Delta Theta Tau Sorority, will attend the Beta Province convention tomorrow and Saturday in Fort Wayne. This was announced at the recent meeting of the local chapter at which members also heard an announcement from Mrs. Gregory Wolfe, chairman of

Six members of TOPS 585, Gary, attended an inspiration night rally in Michigan City at which time Elsie Coleman was presented a certificate for best weight loss in the chapter.

TOPS 585, meets every Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. at Black Oak Library, 5921 W. 25th Ave., Gary.

Bazaar at St. Anthony's

St. Anthony Hospital Auxiliary will sponsor a Holiday Bazaar tomorrow beginning at 10 a.m. in the hospital lobby and dining room.

More than 300 auxiliaries will be providing items for the fund-raising event.

On display will be a hand-crafted Noah's Ark made by Mel Kortum, a south Lake County woodcraftsman, which will be awarded as a prize. The ark was trimmed under the direction of Mrs. William Wagner, auxiliary crafts chairman. Mr. and Mrs. Noah and an assortment of animals in embroidered felt are featured. Auxiliaries personalizing the animals were Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Ralph Graeber and Mrs. Arthur Viewig.

Other things to be featured at the bazaar include fresh plants, needlepoint, knitting and crocheted items, quilts, afghans, toys, Christmas decorations, gift items, ceramics and baked goods.

Mrs. Evan Gosser is general chairman assisted by Mrs. Mary Ann Gallivan, gift shops chairman; Mrs. Leroy Doty, bake sale chairman, and Mrs. Wagner, crafts chairman.

Proceeds from the event will be applied to the auxiliary's \$75,000 pledge to the hospital fund drive.

The ABC Day Care Center is sponsoring a fashion show at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Bond and Curry Center, 1300 Jackson St., Gary. Tickets are \$2.50 per person and will be available at the door.

County's tax rate cut only 3.67 cents in state review

VALPARAISO — A major boost in Porter County's assessed valuation means the county government will be able to carry out its spending plans without exceeding the frozen tax rate.

The welfare fund rate remains at 13 cents, nearly double the present levy in order for the welfare department to meet the requirements of a new parent locator program.

By late Wednesday, a dozen budgets had been reviewed and reductions made in advertised tax rates to reflect increases in assessed valuation and underestimates of miscellaneous revenues, including motor vehicle taxes.

valuation. Total reductions of \$ 6145. Pine Township — Township rate approved at 10 cents, and poor relief reduced \$.0641 to 2 cents.

at 73 cents, and cumulative building fund rate approved at 73 cents. Total reductions of \$ 157 per \$100 valuation.

Examination ordered after motorcycle theft

VALPARAISO — This just hasn't been a very good week for an 18-year-old Valparaiso youth.

Daniel Szajko, 460 Locust St., was to be sentenced Wednesday morning to a one-year State Farm term for theft under \$100 through a plea bargaining agreement in County Court.

He now faces a more serious theft charge in Porter Circuit Court filed Wednesday afternoon for the alleged theft Tuesday night of a motorcycle belonging to Daucy C. Crizer.

According to the probable cause affidavit filed Wednesday, Szajko told police he took the 1975 motorcycle to see his girlfriend before going to prison.

However, County Court Judge Bryce Billings delayed sentencing and ordered Szajko taken to the state diagnostic center in Plainfield for a medical examination before imposing sentence.

Circuit Judge Alfred Pivarnik determined Szajko was a pauper and appointed the public defender to represent him. The judge postponed arraignment until 9:30 a.m. Monday.

During preliminary arraignment proceedings, Szajko told the judge he is staying with Thomas Penn Johnson at the Locust Street address. Johnson, a poet, has been trying unsuccessfully to get Community Theater Guild and county commissioner approval to use the Memorial Opera House for a children's summer theater program.

Szajko faces a possible one-year term for the original County Court charge and another 1-10-year term for the latest theft charge.

The County Court case involves a bicycle theft ring operation shattered by state police in October. Szajko was charged along with Timothy B. Kneifel, 18, of 4117 Wildwood Drive, Burlington Beach, reputed leader of the ring, and three juveniles.

Kneifel has pleaded innocent of possession of stolen property and is to appear in County Court Dec. 10 for a pre-trial hearing.

Woman gets new judge in welfare fraud

VALPARAISO — A 36-year-old Portage woman accused of bilking the Porter County Department of Public Welfare out of \$4,837 will be tried before Porter Superior Court Judge Bruce Douglas.

Circuit Judge Alfred Pivarnik Wednesday approved a change of judge from him. A panel from which Douglas was chosen included County Court Judge Bryce Billings and Superior Court Judge Jack Allen.

PREGY Ann Brown, 5665 McCasland Road, is charged with three counts of theft. The probable cause affidavit claims she obtained \$3,450 in overpayments for Aid to Families with Dependent Children and \$1,387 in food stamp assistance. She is charged with deceiving the welfare department in August and September.

Mrs. Brown pleaded innocent Oct. 25 to the theft charges.

In other Circuit Court action Wednesday, arraignment of Gary D. Suits, 33, of Frankton, Ind., on three theft by deception charges was postponed until 9 a.m. next Monday. He is accused of passing three bad checks for more than \$7,000 on Sept. 12 at three Chesterton antique stores. He also is wanted in several other counties on bad check charges.

Judge Pivarnik also modified the sentence of Glenn R. Cornett, 20, of Rt. 3, Chesterton, who drew a pair of 1-10-year prison terms in April 1975 after he pleaded guilty to armed robbery and commission of a felony while armed.

The public defender's office filed a motion seeking to set aside the commission of a felony charge as out of order since he pleaded guilty to a like charge. Since the sentences for the two convictions were concurrent, the new order removes one charge from Cornett's criminal record.

Next page: Record crop creates corn storage problems. Water to be turned off Friday in former Columbian area. More bad checks return to Valpo businesses.

Ex-Valpo chief is honored for service

VALPARAISO — Former Police Chief Ed Miller has been honored for his service to the state Law Enforcement Training Board.

He was presented a certificate of appreciation by the board's chairman, State Police Supt. Robert DeBard, at a ceremony in Plainfield, Miller served on the 14-member board, which operates the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, from February 1972 until last May.

Also reviewing the budgets and tax rates of the county's taxing units with Albright were examiners Lawrence Ool-

by, Robert Ferrier, Robert Reese and Omar Wutrich.

Albright spent most of the day in the county auditor's office reviewing the county budget, the most time-consuming task. The other examiners spent between half an hour and about an hour looking at spending plans for township and town governments. That task resumed early today and should be finished Friday afternoon.

By late Wednesday, a dozen budgets had been reviewed and reductions made in advertised tax rates to reflect increases in assessed valuation and underestimates of miscellaneous revenues, including motor vehicle taxes.

Taxing units undergoing budget reviews Wednesday and changes in the tax rates were:

Jackon Township — Township fund rate reduced 2 cents per \$100 valuation from 20 to 18 cents.

Liberty Township — Township rate approved at 24 cents and poor relief levy cut \$.0688 to 2 cents.

Both Liberty and Jackson Townships are within the Duneland School District, so school budgets will be reviewed separately.

Center Township — Township tax rate trimmed \$.001 to \$.014, poor relief levy reduced \$.0035 to \$.046, and fire fighting levy cut one penny to 25 cents per \$100

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Portage Township — Township levy reduced \$.0013 to \$.0267; Fire fighting levy cut one penny to 33 cents; poor relief reduced \$.004 to \$.206; civil defense rate reduced \$.002 to \$.043; Recreation fund levy cut \$.001 to \$.014, and ambulance fund rate trimmed by \$.0017 to \$.0203. Total cuts of \$.021.

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"We've got to have change in those steel plants and this ticket represents an alternative," Jackson told 750 people at a testimonial dinner in the Knights of Columbus Hall honoring Oliver Montgomery, a black staff representative running with Sadlowski for USW vice president for human affairs.

Jackson, director of the Chicago-based Operation PUSH, lauded Sadlowski as a man of "courage and tenacity" and characterized Montgomery as a man who has often "bit his lip" in battle.

Montgomery, 47, a vice president of International Staff Local 3657, is a member of USW's research department in Pitts-

burgh and is a protégé of civil rights and union activist A. Philip Randolph.

Jackson warmed up the audience with a few one-liners about the "new day" black-white alliance in national and union politics.

"With Jimmy Carter and (U.S. Rep.) Andy Young, that's a resolution, but Montgomery and Sadlowski, that's a revolution," Jackson told the crowd. "If you think that's a combination, Georgia crackers and Negroes coming together and working out their thing, at least down there they used to live together; but Negroes and Polacks ain't never lived together."

After his opening remarks, Jackson did some serious preaching on behalf of Sadlowski and Montgomery and midway through his 45-minute speech had the integrated crowd chanting like an Operation PUSH rally.

"Nobody — will save us — from us — for us — but us!" the audience yelled after Jackson.

"I am glad to respond to Ed Sadlowski's ticket because it represents something very close to the people," Jackson said.

Before dining on a traditional banquet of chicken, beef and sausage, the crowd enjoyed some nontraditional preliminaries:

• East Chicago Mayor Robert Pastrick clapped along to the old-time labor fight song, "Solidarity Forever."

• An invocation delivered by a minister from