

## Firemen Rescue Man, 25, After Plunge From Bridge

Quick action by Troy and Watervliet police and Troy firemen saved a Watervliet man from death Thursday night after he plunged off the Congress Street Bridge.

The man, identified by Troy police as Patrick Garrity, 25, of 2406 Broadway, Watervliet, was taken to Samaritan Hospital by Ambulance Service Corp.

Hospital authorities declined to give any information about his condition, but police and fire authorities said he did not appear seriously injured.

He was later transferred to Albany Medical Center Hospital where his condition was described as "good."

Garrity narrowly missed landing on an abutment of wood pilings and stone as he dropped from the bridge, Troy police said.

### Troy Alerted

Watervliet police alerted Troy Dispatcher Charles J. Tillotson at 8:25 p.m. that there was a man on the bridge threatening to jump.

Sgt. Arthur Quinlan dispatched officers to the scene, while the Troy Fire Dept. responded with Truck 1 and its Rescue Squad boat.

Patrolmen A. J. DiRienzo and Charles Radloff, first Troy patrolmen at the scene, said they tried to dissuade Garrity from jumping. The two officers talked with the man for about 10 minutes, they said.

Watervliet police, meanwhile, approached from the other side

of the bridge, also pleaded with Garrity. Both police agencies said Garrity was sitting on the railing of the bridge, but when they arrived he stepped behind it and stood on the ledge of the bridge.

As police officers attempted to take hold of the man, he plunged into the water, landing only about a foot away from the wood and stone abutment.

### Quick Work

Within five minutes, Troy Fire Capt. Frank Hyde and Hoseman Peter Felletti of the Fire Dept. Rescue Squad grabbed hold of Garrity and pulled him into the boat. They said they found the man hanging onto a pier.

Deputy Fire Chief William E. Phoenix and Bn. Chief Thomas Nash supervised firemanic operations.

Asst. Police Chief Thomas Maguire, Capt. John J. Givney, and Sgt. William J. Norton directed Troy police activities.

Lt. Richard Meher led Watervliet police efforts from that city's side of the bridge. Patrolmen John Connors, Donald Kinney, C. Fred Thallman and Robert Beston were also at the scene.

## E. J. Wilmot Will Head Conference

Edward J. Wilmot, director of student services at RPI, has been named chairman of a program committee for the 1969 conference of the Association of College and University Housing Officers.

The parley will be held at Northeastern University under supervision of the ACUHO executive committee. Construction, maintenance, food, administration and personnel will be among the topics under consideration at the conference.

As program chairman, Wilmot and his 18-member committee will select the theme, speakers, moderators and panelists for the sessions.

Wilmot, who joined the RPI faculty in 1945 to teach military science, received a bachelor of science degree and a master of education degree from Bates College.

### Plan Paper Drive

Boy Scout Troop 253 of South Schodack will conduct a paper drive Saturday, Sept. 14, beginning at 9 a.m.

## Capitol Letter

By BOB FUSCO



U.S. Sen. Jacob Javits would be amazed—his opponent, Paul O'Dwyer would not be—at the number of enrolled Republicans and Democrats who say they will abandon their respective party's choice and vote for Conservative James Buckley in November.

These expressions of total dissatisfaction with both Sen. Javits and O'Dwyer can be heard daily in Troy and the Capital Area. Republicans feel Javits is taking the upstate GOP vote for granted, while he concentrates every action, every utterance on wooing the New York City liberals.

Democrats, of course, are disenchanted with O'Dwyer because he refuses to back away from his position of opposition to the party's presidential candidate Hubert Humphrey.

Buckley can't really be expected to win the election—Javits will carry on the Republican and Liberal lines. But the incumbent senator could very well wind up as a minority victor.

Buckley will be in Troy Sept. 17 as guest speaker at the Conservative Party dinner at Mario's.

With more than a year to go before the city's next council elections, there is talk that one or two incumbents might best prepare themselves for primary contests. . . . Although Republican Chairman Joseph Casey is back in the GOP driver's seat, this doesn't alter the possibility he might resign, again; this time to accept a state appointment.

One hears increasing talk of the possibility that sometime in the next two years, Gov. Rockefeller might resign. The feeling is that it would be a magnanimous Rockefeller gesture to Lt. Gov. Malcolm Wilson.

As the incumbent, Wilson would be virtually unassailable when the time came to select a gubernatorial candidate in 1970.

However, one doubts whether such a move by Rockefeller in the next few months would be the kindest thing he could do for the lieutenant governor.

The administration faces the stiff task of trying to close a gap of about \$700 million for the next fiscal year.

The \$700 million figure belongs to State Comptroller Arthur Levitt.

Translated into taxes, it means the Rockefeller administration would have to double the state sales tax, or impose a 35 per cent surcharge on personal income taxes.

## Doctors, Hospital Honored

Dr. Raymond Harris, chief of Subdepartment of Cardiovascular Medicine, and Dr. Jorge P. Constantino, director of Cardio Pulmonary Laboratory at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, were the recipients Wednesday of the Honors Achievements Award from the Angiology Research Foundation.

Presentation of the awards was made in the hospital administrator's office. St. Peter's Hospital also was recognized by the foundation. In making the awards, it was noted that St. Peter's Hospital "is deserving of credit for fostering an atmosphere so conducive to research and learning."

The Angiology Research Foundation is dedicated to pure scientific research into the problems pertinent to all of the body organs concerned with circulation.

## Lawyers Will Convene At Saratoga

Lawyers from around the state will gather in Saratoga Springs, Sept. 12-15 for the annual fall meeting of the Insurance, Negligence and Compensation Law Section of the 19,000-member New York State Bar Association. Headquarters will be the Gideon Putnam Hotel.

Meeting highlights include addresses Sept. 13 by Avrim G. Adler, Philadelphia, on "The Right to Consortium" and by John P. Sullivan, New Hartford, on "Recent Amendment to Section 29 of the Workmen's Compensation Law," followed on Sept. 14 by speeches by Court of Claims Judge Dorothea E. Donaldson, New Rochelle, on "Tort Actions Against the State"; Abraham Markhoff, New York City, on "Commonly Overlooked Third Party Actions" and Professor Ralph D. Semerard of Albany Law School, "Workmen's Compensation."

Supreme Court Justice Michael E. Sweeney, Saratoga Springs, will welcome the lawyers Friday morning. He will be introduced by John J. Carusone, president of the Saratoga County Bar Association. Supreme Court Justice Domenick L. Gabrielli, Bath, will offer remarks during the Saturday program.

Entertainment highlights include a golf and bridge tournament, fashion show, dancing and a moonlight cruise of Lake George.

Section chairman Ellsworth VanGraafeiland, Rochester, has named Peter G. Abbey, Schenectady, and Abraham Markhoff, NYC, as meeting cochairmen; Mrs. Abbey as wives' social chairman and Daniel Whalen, Albany, as men's golf tournament chairman.

## Board Denies Radio Station Variance

Negative reaction by residents of the neighborhood along Boght Road, Colonie, led the Colonie Zoning Board of Appeals Thursday night to turn down a request for a variance to enable construction of a radio broadcasting station and tower at 242 Boght Road.

The applicant, owner of the former RPI Radio Station WHAZ, asked a waiver to allow building of a tower 185 feet high as well as allowing a commercial operation in an area zoned for residences.

J. M. Starkweather, agent of the J. M. Camp Co. of Wheaton, Ill., which bought the 1,000-watt AM station from RPI a year ago with the proviso the station be moved within two years to some point no farther than three miles from downtown Troy, argued that the station was "a public service" rather than a commercial venture.

But when residents of Boght and Miller roads cited a previous radio tower in the area which they called "an eyesore" before it was dismantled after the station failed, the appeals board ruled against granting the variance.

In other rulings the board: Denied Indiana Oil Co. permission to add a canopy on its service station at 2044 Central Ave. because it would violate setback regulations.

Granted Robert Dames permission to overstep by six inches a sideyard setback regulation in converting his one-family residence at 38 Natick St. into a two-family building.

Granted Salvatore Gatto the right to build a photo film drop building next to his hobby shop at 269 Osborne Road despite its variance from the frontage setback regulation.

### 2 RPI Professors To Lead Workshop

Professors Roland H. Tratten and Paul McGloin will be leaders of a workshop, "Computer-Assisted Structural and Mechanical Analysis," to be held at RPI Sept. 16-20.

The workshop will be conducted under the State Technical Services Program, which is included in the Division of Research at RPI.

### Two Will Attend Dairymen's Parley

Mrs. Cecil Moy of Schaghticoke and Mrs. James Skellie of Stillwater will attend the Dairymen's League Cooperative Association's annual meeting in Buffalo the week of Oct. 14.

A dinner Tuesday, Oct. 15 will open the session to be attended by delegates from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and parts of New England.

### GOP City Unit Slates Dinner

The Rensselaer City-GOP Committee will hold a meet-the-candidate dinner Saturday, Sept. 28, at 6:30 p.m. at Patroon Inn, 3rd Avenue Extension, it was announced Thursday night by Alfred J. Jukes, city chairman and Ninth Ward alderman.

Edward Kaufman, chairman of the city's first district of the Eighth Award, has been named general chairman for the affair.

## Fireworks For Swaziland's Independence

MBABANE, Swaziland (UPI)—Fireworks lit up the sky Thursday night as Swaziland, the last sliver of Britain's one-time colonial empire in Africa, became an independent nation and has a population of about 400,000. The landlocked 7,000-square-mile kingdom borders South Africa near the Indian Ocean. The earth is 7,926.68 miles around at the equator.

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