Finance report due in Trenton

TRENTON — City Manager Rolfe Wagner will deliver the annual report on finance and administration tonight when the Trenton City Council meets in its regular monthly session.

The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p. m. in the council chambers of the city building.

Wagner will also brief council members on the status of the water-well bids, which were to be opened at noon today.

With the new year fast approaching, council will make all the necessary board appointments.

A second reading will be given to a resolution authorizing the city manager to seek bids for the purchase of a new dump truck.

Council members will also hear a resolution authorizing the city manager to build a 150-foot street connector.

Other routine items of business include approval of the adjusted city appropriations for 1974 and 1975 and the reading of resolutions dealing with the sewer grant project.

Lebanon rehiring after firing 18

LEBANON — Lebanon does not intend to rehire 18 city workers who were fired for violating the state's law forbidding strikes by public employees.

City personnel director Karl Detwiler, at a news conference Wednesday, said the city would not take the workers back although it could under provisions of the Ferguson Act. The Ferguson Act prohibits strikes by government workers.

Detwiler said he will hire new employes to replace the strikers who, despite the firings Tuesday, maintained picket lines.

The strikers were all employed by the city power plant and waterworks. They walked out Nov. 19 demanding recognition of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers as their bargaining agent.

Tavern scuffle ends in assault conviction

A 21-year-old Hamilton man was found guilty Tuesday in Butler County Common Pleas Court of assault and battery in connection with a shooting incident in McGonigle last Oct. 18.

Victor Sweeney, 618 Ross Ave. had been charged with aggravated assault in the shooting of Roger Lakes, 24, 1922 Vizedom Road, in a scuffle in the parking lot of the Rusty Nail Lounge, Rte. 27. Sweeney, represented by attorney Al Edmunds, pleaded not guilty to the charge and Judge Fred B. Cramer found him guilty of the lesser included offense.

Sweeney was referred to the adult probation department for pre-sentence investigation with final disposition set Dec. 31.

Testimony Tuesday revealed that Lakes was shot once in the abdomen with a small revolver when he tried to turn the gun held by Sweeney away from another man involved in the fight.



JUVENILE probation officer Rita Tite, court secretary Debbie Kolida and director of court services John Bookman helped wrap the gifts that are being distributed to 37 area youngsters who will spend Christmas away from home. Journal-News Photo by Jim Denney.

Young court wards are not forgotten

Transistor radios, games and clothing are on their way to 37 Butler County youngsters presently in custody of the Ohio Youth Commission (OYC) in various institutions throughout the state.

The Christmas gifts were purchased through area service clubs — the Hamilton Kiwanis, Jaycees and B'nai B'rith and the Moose, Rotary and Oxford Kiwanis - as their annual Christmas project and are being sent to the children through the Domestic Relations Court of Judge David Black for the 18th consecutive year.

Chief juvenile probation officer Jack Milbauer said the gifts are being distributed by the sheriff's department to local boys and girls confined in eight OYC institutions and at the Bunker Hill Haven for Boys located in Reily Township.

Job bill may net county $4 million

By NANCY BAKER
Journal-News Writer

Butler County Manpower Revenue Sharing Director Keith Hyde told county commissioners today the $5.5 billion bill passed by Congress Wednesday to provide jobs for the nation's unemployed could mean an appropriation of $3 to $4½ million for public service jobs of local residents.

Hyde said the estimate is based on the fact that the $5.5 billion is about nine times the current employment bill which amounted to an appropriation of $450,000 to Butler County.

The bill, which Hyde said is an amendment to the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) Title II, is expected to be signed into law by President Ford before Christmas. Hyde said it could be providing additional jobs for local residents by the first of February.

Although the local office has not yet received a copy of the bill as approved by Congress, Hyde said it probably includes a salary ceiling per job of $7,000 or $7,500 and a $4 million appropriation could provide about 250 to 300 jobs locally.

The appropriation, which is for one year, may become a continuing appropriation based on increases in the unemployment rate, Hyde said.

He noted local unemployment figures were estimated at 5.8 per cent in September and more current data is not yet available.

He said a significant increase in local unemployment was noted in November and the actual figures may show as much as a full point increase in the jobless rate here.

In other business today, commissioners Donald G. Schirmer, Cale L. Logsdon and Arthur F. Reiff:

— heard a request from Robert Mecum, assistant director of the county Youth Service Bureau (YSB) for local funds to make up for cuts the program is experiencing as its federal grant phase-down begins.

Mecum said a $60,322 cut in funds from the present funding level will require cutbacks in the program's services to the community if the deficit cannot be made up.

Although commissioners indicated they feel the YSB program (which is designed to divert youngsters from delinquency and involvement with the courts) is worthwhile, they also indicated the county has no money to provide the funds.

"One of the things we tried to make perfectly clear to every program that came to us in making application for federal funds, is that under no circumstances would we be able to fund the programs when the federal funds were phased out," Reiff told him. "If we were to take on every federal program being phased out we wouldn't have any money left to run the county."

Schirmer said the county cannot "create" additional funds required to run the programs.

Logsdon told Mecum, and a group of representatives from the county juvenile court and related agencies, "your solution lies not in selling your program to this commission but in selling it to the voters in the county and, frankly, you weren't able to do that in the last election.

"I'd have no objection to placing the issue on the ballot at a later time and I'd like to encourage you to proceed with your efforts to keep the program going, but not with any anticipation of $60,000 from this board," he added.

Attorney Ben Goodman, was campaign chairman for the Children's Services Levy defeated in November by the voters, said the levy will be placed on the ballot again and hopefully voters will at that time have a better understanding of what the program is all about.

"Really 99 out of 100 people don't know what children's services are until they have the need for it or become informed through our efforts," he said.

— commissioners also agreed to a request from the Common Pleas Court judges that architects designing the new county administration building be required to simultaneously make plans for the renovation and remodeling of the Courthouse which will be used exclusively for the courts and court-related offices.

Representing the judges before the board, Judge Fred B. Cramer said it would be impractical for the county to proceed with the plans on the new building without taking into consideration the renovation of the Courthouse.

— commissioners received a request from local attorney Harry Wilks that the county give serious consideration to pursuing the idea of a Courthouse Square as a "practical, useful and necessary project" in connection with the construction of the new county office building and the upcoming 1976 Bi-Centennial celebrations.

He suggested the cost of the entire project could be under $1 million and could provide "a focal point for the downtown area."

Erred Out

OXFORD — Tim Rogers, vice chairman of the Oxford Planning Commission, did not oppose the renomination of Mrs. Caroline H. Hollis to the commission, as reported in The Journal-News Wednesday.

The four members who signed a letter received by city council, asking for naming of new liaison members, were Mrs. Irene Lindsay, chairman; Calvin Conrad, Robert Armbruster, and Cyrus Young.

The Wednesday article inadvertently substituted the name of Mr. Rogers for that of Calvin Conrad, who did sign the letter.

Employers wanted in county program

The Butler County office of Manpower Revenue Sharing is seeking employers to participate in an on-the-job training program in which the federal government will reimburse 50 per cent of the trainees' salaries.

Randy Moorhead, operations officer for Manpower, said the program is available under Title I funds of the Federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) and provides enough funds to cover a total of 60 to 80 positions.

Moorhead said the program involves an employer selecting from Manpower applicants (Butler County unemployed residents) for training in various skilled positions.

The CETA funds will reimburse the employer 50 per cent of the training salary and fringe benefit costs. Moorhead said in most cases that reimbursement would be for about one year.

The program can include training for secretarial positions, machine operators and other positions involving training, he said.

"We want the prospective employers to understand they don't have to take the first applicant we send them for a job. We'll send them until he finds the right one," Moorhead explained, noting that while the trainees must be Butler County residents to qualify for the program, employers may be located outside the county.

For more information contact Moorhead at the Manpower office in the Courthouse Annex, Court St. or phone 867-5849.

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Butler sheriff's men commended in arrest

Sgt. James Powell and Patrolman Richard Love of the Butler County sheriff's department have been commended by Indiana State Police for assisting in the apprehension of a suspect in Middletown wanted for rape that occurred Nov. 15 in Dearborn County, Ind.

The letter of commendation from Trooper Lyman P. Conley to Butler County Cheriff Harold J. Carpenter read:

"Through the assistance of your men, the suspect has subsequently been apprehended and charges filed and extradited to Indiana. At this time, the accused is facing charges of two counts of rape, kidnapping and commission of a felony while armed."

The suspect was reportedly traced from a set of prints and a photograph furnished the Indiana trooper by Sgt. Powell.

The man sought was reported to have lived briefly with a sister in Monroe and then moved to Middletown where he was taken into custody by Middletown police through information obtained by the two deputies.

"Without their assistance, the weekend of Dec. 6 through Dec. 8, I am sure the apprehension would not have occurred. I would like to commend each of these men on a job well done," the letter concluded.



PATROLMAN Larry R. Gregg of Post 9 is pinned with ACE award by Col. Robert Chiaramonte, patrol superintendent, Columbus. Journal-News Photo by John Janco.

Top award to patrolman

Patrolman Larry R. Gregg of Hamilton Post 9, State Highway Patrol, has received the ACE award for proficiency in auto larceny enforcement during 1974.

Patrolman Gregg made five stolen vehicle recoveries with on-the-spot apprehensions to earn the ACE distinction. He is a double ACE since he also earned the award in 1973.

The award was presented at the patrol post on Hamilton-Middletown Pike to Patrolman Gregg by Col. Robert Chiaramonte, patrol superintendent, in ceremonies attended by post personnel.

Patrolman Gregg received an engraved certificate, special license plate for his patrol car and a ribbon for his uniform. He is now eligible to compete for the annual Blue Max Award, the patrol's highest distinction for achievement in auto larceny enforcement.

The highway patrolman has been stationed at the Hamilton post for over four years. His five recoveries and apprehensions were made on I-75 and involved four Ohio-licensed vehicles and one car registered in Michigan. His last arrest was made on Dec. 14, with two others in October, one in July and the first of the year in June.

He became the second patrolman at the Hamilton post to receive the ACE award this year. Earlier it was given to Patrolman John Zak for his five recoveries and apprehensions.

Patrolman Gregg is originally from Richmond, Ind. where he graduated from high school. He and his wife, Christine, a native of Vienna, Austria, have two sons, Gottfried, 13, and Marc, five.

my land!
Peter Steve Chappars

OXFORD — Next My Land! dateline you read should be Honolulu, Hawaii.

For two days my whirling-dervish life has doubled in spinning, and suddenly I remember an old joke, or whatever this is:

A widow in her lawyer's office heard him say she must do this and she must do that and finally, in exasperation, she said:

"You know, sometimes I just wish he hadn't died."

By that of course I mean sometimes I wish I hadn't fallen for the lure of the lei, that Jim Blount had filled my ears with wax and lashed me to my typewriter, Odysseuslike.

I'm trying to say I've been as busy as a pediculous one-armed paper hanger. What a terrible time to flee! With Christmas and New Year's duties and pleasures adding to the day-by-day routine . . .

WHAT would you like to see the New Year bring? Mrs. Pat (Terri) Baird would like for people to be able to foresee the future clearly. Her boss, Mrs. Josephine Wolner, court clerk, asks for the economy to take an upturn, more peace among people and "be more considerate of each other's feelings to make this a happier world to live in."

Their boss, Judge Clem Imfeld Jr., asks for a return of a day's work for a day's pay. "The economy would be more healthy if we all earned our way."

News media could take a more positive approach in publications concerning the economy, the judge says:

"It seems so negative — always it's 5-to-6 per cent unemployment. Why not say 94-to-95 per cent employment? And we don't always have to write about the 3-to-4 per cent causing the furor — the others are good citizens.

"I don't mind the reporting of the turmoil, but sometimes it creates turmoil. I ask 'Why the hulabaloo?' Busing, can it not be judiciously ignored? Perhaps, then, not so permanently reacted to. Some things are better left unsaid, unpublished. Remember the riot incidents in Chicago?"

I REMEMBER better the riot scene in Oxford, with Sheriff Harold Carpenter's deputies hauling students out of the ROTC building they had taken over. And far back of that in memory are World War II and the Depression, the Big "D" of the Thirties.

The year 1975 is bound to look good to me, to all of us with long memories. At least the last weeks of 1974 should look good to me, from Waikiki Beach.

May you all have "Chronia pola," or however you transliterate Happy New Year from modern Greek.

Federal bank post to Miami president

OXFORD — Dr. Phillip R. Shriver, president of Miami University, has been designated chairman of the board of directors of the Cincinnati Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland for 1975.

Announcement of his elevation from the board's vice chairmanship was made today in Cleveland by Willis J. Winn, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. Winn also announced appointment of Joe D. Blount, president of the National Bank of Cynthiana, Ky., to a three-year term as a director of the Cincinnati branch.

Senior in terms of years of service among state university presidents in Ohio, Shriver also is 1974-75 president of the Ohio College Association; is in his fourth year as chairman of the Mid-American Conference Council of Presidents, and recently was elected secretary and chairman-elect of the Council of Presidents of the National Association of State Universities andLand-Grant Colleges.



DR. SHRIVER

In the current academic year he also is chairman of the Marathon Scholarship Selection Panel and chairman of the Ohio-Parana Committee, which coordinates cooperation between Ohio and the Brazilian State of Parana, Ohio's sister state in Partners of the Americas.

Middletown stores ordered relocated

Two Middletown stores have been given 90 days in which to relocate their businesses to conform to Middletown's zoning ordinance.

Butler County Common Pleas Judge Fred B. Cramer signed a permanent injunction Tuesday enjoining Esco Distributing Co., Inc., and Jo Ann Fabrics from maintaining their present operations on Lewis Street beyond the three-month period.

The injunction was issued under a mandate from the First District Court of Appeals, which upheld the city's contention that the stores were operating in violation of the zoning ordinance.

Doctoral program accredited

OXFORD — Notification has been received that full accreditation status has been continued for the doctoral training program in clinical psychology in the Miami University Department of Psychology by the American Psychological Association (APA).

Word of the accreditation was received by university President Dr. Phillip R. Shriver just recently following an on-site visit to the program in March and resultant communications with the team in the interim.

The doctoral training program in clinical psychology in the Department of Psychology was started at Miami in 1968.

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