

Rhodes May Veto Voter, Court Legislation

By Robert Roth
Gov. James A. Rhodes may veto two bills scheduled to be approved soon by the Democrat-controlled Ohio General Assembly...

Minority Republican legislators warn the new court system would set a precedent and affect other urban counties, including Franklin County.

four Depression-era type public work camps for unemployed Ohioans. THE GOVERNOR vetoed a similar bill last year during the previous 111th General Assembly...

the legislature specifically extended their operations. Rhodes in 1976 objected that these two provisions were missing in the previous legislation.

Democrats have adamantly claimed Senate Bill 125, which would enable Ohioans to register and vote on the same day, will greatly increase voter turnout.

governor will most likely veto it, the source added. Both the House and Senate have passed the Hamilton County court measure along partisan lines...



TOM AND CHRISTY KITE AT MUIRFIELD No Children For At Least 5 Years

Pro's Wife Enjoys Golf Tour Circuit

By Michele Toney
Golf was a big part of Christy Kite's life even before she married Tom Kite Jr. 1 1/2 years ago.

Related Stories and Pictures on Pages D-1 and D-4 during the first practice day of the Memorial Tournament at Muirfield Village Golf Course...



FORD ARRIVES - Financier John Galbreath kisses his wife as she greets him and former President Gerald R. Ford when they arrived Tuesday at Galbreath's landing strip at Darby Dan Farm...

Pfeifer Won't Resign Until Name Is Clear

Franklin County Treasurer Herbert J. Pfeifer, who had originally planned to resign from his county post Monday, says he will resign as soon as his name is cleared...

PFEIFER SAID there was only minimal connection between himself and the investigation of a theft ring and that he has not been subpoenaed by the grand jury.

PFEIFER ASKED the Obetz contractor Frank Janlin to move the front loader to a place specified by Berke-

The outgoing treasurer said he was with Janlin, a brother-in-law of his former aide Jerry Lee Perry, when Janlin arranged to buy the front loader.

"I might have fallen right into it if I had needed one," Pfeifer said of the purchase. Pfeifer said he later bought a \$38,500 construction tractor from a dealer.

THE GRAND JURY is investigating a multistate theft ring involving trucks and construction equipment. The front loader mentioned in connection with Pfeifer had originally been rented from Worthington Tool Rental and Sales, 5758 N. High St.

The man who rented it, Bruce Amburgey, was convicted of grand theft May 2 and is in jail, a sheriff's department spokesman said.

Evidence on the theft ring will be presented to the grand jury Wednesday. It has operated in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky, the spokesman said.

PFEIFER SAID he will quit the treasurer's office within a day or two after the grand jury concludes its investigation.

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On The Lighter Side Square Balloon Fails To Pass Flying Stunt

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) - Nine otherwise distinguished scientists spent the day trying to prove that a lead balloon can fly. Without too much cheating, they succeeded on two out of three attempts. The square one didn't make it.

THE STUNT was inspired when someone at Arthur D. Little, Inc., one of the country's most dignified think tanks, discovered that the firm has a history of debunking cliches. It seems that in 1921 the founder pounded a sow's ears into filament to make a silk purse.

"We do this periodically - every 56 years," said Ken Sidman, who led the effort Monday.

The experts said the problem in flying a lead balloon is getting the heavy metal thin enough to make the balloon without being so fragile it will tear. So they used lead foil draped tightly over a wooden superstructure.

THE CUBE-SHAPED balloon went nowhere, but the others, including a 450-cubic-foot baby blimp, soared off toward Boston's Logan Airport.

When Robert Dowell joined the staff of the Public Library of Columbus and Franklin County six weeks ago, there were more than 55,000 books on the system's overdue list.

He's whittled about 350 off that number since then. He also has brought in five portraits, 20 record albums, and \$65 in cash that patrons gave him in lieu of lost or destroyed books.

DOWELL, 57, A retired department store personnel counselor, is the man who is responsible for retrieving library property so other patrons can make use of it.

Good-natured and talkative, the grandfather of five said he has found most people he's met on his rounds to be cooperative. "Most are apologetic," when he explains who he is and why he has come to their homes.

"I think my wife and I are the only ones in town who don't own a dog, though," he added. Dowell said he feels a little safer when carrying a container of chemical repellent.

TO BE EFFECTIVE, he must work odd hours, including evenings and weekends, when most people can be found at home.

He and his wife, Pauline, who maps out his routes for him, even made a stop on the way to church last Sunday, Dowell said.

Spending a couple of hours on the telephone before he goes out each evening cuts down the mileage and the frustration, Dowell explained.

HIS MOST SATISFYING recovery so far, he said, was getting back six books on antique guns from a gunsmith who had taken great trouble to make them look like his own by removing all the library markings on the books.

The gunsmith's wife was so rattled when he appeared at the door that she quickly turned over the books, missing since 1975, Dowell said.

Library officials face a bigger



MAKING A LIST - Robert Dowell, the library system's overdue book collector, checks through the files to draw up a day's worth of roundups in the Columbus area. He has

brought 350 books back into the system since he started work six weeks ago. (Dispatch Photo by Amy Wolfe)

Staffer Rounds Up Overdue Volumes

challenge with another man who holds 90 overdue books and gets a kick out of coming into the library and bragging about it.

THEY CAN'T FIND out where he lives because he moved from the address on his library card. The library can't have him physically ejected from the building, but the staff will not let him use any of its services, Andrea Miller, circulation division head, said.

The books and other library materials that Dowell goes after are at least seven months overdue, she said.

Borrowers have had four reminders mailed to them before Dowell goes into action. "Our main concern is getting the materials back into the system so others can use them," Mrs. Miller said.

THE LIBRARY HAS begun installing a computer checkout system that is expected to be in full use by the end of the year, she said.

That should reduce the chance of clerical error in mailing overdue notices to the wrong people, she said.

The problem of one-time borrowers See MAN on Page A-3

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Board To Eye Plans For 10 More Alternative Schools

By Robert Albrecht
Plans to develop 10 more alternative schools and names for four new schools were agenda items to be considered by Columbus School Board members at their regular meeting Tuesday.

THE PROPOSAL involves 165 teachers to work with 4,000 students during the coming school year. Dr. Joseph L. Davis, interim superintendent, said Monday. Administrators need school board approval to apply to the Columbus Foundation for a \$61,126 grant to pay for teacher training related to the proposal, he said.

academic study and an individually guided curriculum, where each student progresses at his or her own pace. Desegregation planners considered that "many parents have told us they want some measure of choice concerning their school of attendance," Davis said.

locations are:
Avalon Elementary, on Avalon Ave. north of Maplewood Dr.
Northgate Elementary, at the southwest corner of Sharon Woods Blvd. and Hillandale Ave.
Northeast Career Center, on Stelzer Rd. south of Morse Rd.
Northwest Career Center, on Cranston Dr. north of Case Rd. and west of Sawmill Rd.

appointing 2,265 teachers for the 1977-78 school year, 459 fewer than were appointed last year at this time, Davis said. Staff reductions are due to budget cutbacks and enrollment drops, Davis said. He said 1,960 of the teachers are on contracts for the next school year only, and the other 305 are on continuing contracts, which are offered to teachers with three years' experience who have taken additional professional instruction to improve their abilities.

project that would allow 160 Marion Franklin High School students to rehabilitate a home at 1369 Fulton St. The home, now the property of the Columbus Development Department, would become board property and could be resold after the students finish the work, Davis said. The interim superintendent also announced the secret donor who has contributed money for teacher grants for the last 23 years has made a \$5,000 gift available this year for 10 projects involving 14 teachers. The donor has given \$120,000 over the years for teacher projects aimed at improving education, Davis said.