



THRO HITS 56-YEAR MUSIC-MAKING MARK
From left, David Pontius, Herman Hinton and Curtis Hinton (Gazette photo)

Homebuyers record mortgage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Homebuyers, beginning today, will have to pay up to a record 13 percent interest for government-backed mortgages. It's the second increase in less than three weeks.

Acting simultaneously, the Veterans Administration and the Federal Housing Administration on Wednesday increased the maximum interest rate they charge on home mortgages by 1 percent.

Meanwhile, the government temporarily put a lid of 12 percent on the interest earned in the year savings certificates bought in March — despite a formula providing for interest of up to 13.5 percent.

Wednesday's announcements, which came within three hours of each other, represent additional reactions to the Federal Reserve Board's tight-money policies, aimed at cooling inflation.

Interest rates were also increased for mobile-home loans, from 14.2 percent to 15.5 percent, for mobile homes with a lot, from 14 percent to 15 percent, and for property improvements, from 14 percent to 15.5 percent.

With the prevailing rate may be the recent Federal Reserve Board alternative," said the secretary of Housing Development.

The Federal Reserve lending rate to member banks is 10 percent, but the rate on loans to boost the rates on consumer loans is being held at 14 percent.

Last May, government mortgage rates were at that time a record.

At 10 percent, a home pay \$20,424 a month to get a 30-year mortgage, an economist estimated, an amount that would be \$100 million less than the \$100 billion he has projected.

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Carter, who on Monday that inflation has reached "stagflation," has ordered an economic package. He is another meeting in plan.

Adelphi band to celebrate 100th anniversary

Most Long of Circleville was charter conductor, sharing his talents with other area musical aggregations. Among other early directors were John Wittner, Bill Patterson, Olin Litch, Vic Schweitzer, Sol Hingle and John Gill (former Denison University band director).

In 1924, the Adelphi band "reorganized" through the urging of the Adelphi Knights of Pythias Lodge under another Circleville director, Fred Powell. Of that "new" band, three charter members are still active after 56 years: tubist David Pontius of Kington, trombonist Herman "Bill" Hinton of 2100 Charleston Pike and his younger brother, bass drummer Curtis "Dave" Hinton of Housh, Laureville.

Pontius and Bill Hinton were 16-year-old Central High School freshmen when they joined the band and Curtis was "12 or 13," he recalls.

Now a retired farmer, Pontius confesses, "I asked my Dad (Chauncey) about joining an even though I'd never had a lesson. He said 'You'll figure it out yourself' and that was it." (Chauncey, born in 1871, started with the band when 14 and played cornet and baritone horn through the years.)

Pontius and Bill Hinton must never have enough music making because they also are members of the Aladdin Temple Shrine Band in Columbus and have traveled with it throughout the country for convention parties. Pontius has been a Shrine band regular since 1941.

The two classmates were members of Central's first orchestra (1926-27) directed by Miss Florence Kile, they report.

State County Board of Elections director Bill Hinton says his only semi-formal training was in the high school orchestra.

"You've got to have the 'want' to really get with it (the band)," he declares. "Two of our men have been in it: Herman Jr. on bass and Glenn on snare."

Curtis Hinton started on the clarinet but switched about 1940 to the bass of the band drum. He recalls at one time there were five Hinton brothers in the band: the late Arthur and John, himself, Bill and Loyal, who dropped out. Arthur was manager for years and after his death, Bill and Curtis took over that duty.

Curtis, who retired from farming last March, enjoys the band. "I'm greatly looking forward to my 60th birthday even after playing all these years. We've always been on our own, buying our music, uniforms and providing our own transportation, mostly in private cars.

In yesterday's, the bandmen revelled in their assignment of playing for the now-discontinued free acts at the Circleville Pumpkin Show. They formerly traveled in a multi-seated horse-drawn wagon from Hillsville to Circleville, but now go by car.

Then there were the memorable band dinners at Geoparty's Grove on the Charleston Pike. The Adelphi band became a living, breathing collage for the horse-powered merry-go-round at those events. As the horse plodded around its circle, young and old hopped on the carousel's wooden benches.

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Former Ohio parks chief seeks congressional seat

The former chief of the Ohio Division of Parks and Recreation will make a bid for the Republican nomination as the 6th District representative to the U.S. House of Representatives.

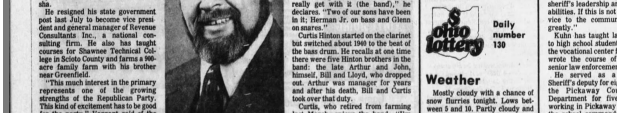
Ralph A. Vanzant, 51, of 7300 Ohio 75 southeast, Greenfield, has joined six other candidates for the Republican nomination aspiring to replace the retiring William H. Basha.

He resigned his state government post last July to become vice president and general manager of Revenue Consultants Inc., a national consulting firm. He also has taught courses for Shawnee Technical College in Boone County and farms a 10-acre family farm with his brother.

"This much interest in the primary represents one of the growing strengths of the Republican Party. This kind of excitement has to be good for the party," Vanzant said of the large field of contenders for the Republican bid. Basha has held the seat for 39 years.

As chief of a major division of state government, Vanzant said he is knowledgeable of the potential problems of an expanding bureaucracy, which he cites as a major problem facing the country along with inflation.

A graduate of Ohio State University,



Ralph A. Vanzant

Vanzant and his wife Elaine have four children and live in Fayette County near the Highland County line. Ted Strickland is the only Democrat to announce his candidacy for the remaining 6th District, which extends from Pickaway County south to Scioto County and west to Clermont County.

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Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow (flurries tonight). Lows between 2 and 10. Partly cloudy and cold Friday. High between 13 and 20. The chance of snow is 30 percent tonight and 30 percent Friday.	
Local statistics - Wednesday: 20 high, 25 low; Thursday: 24 a.m., 20. Precipitation: 4 inches of snow, 21 inches of melted snow.	
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A law enforcement Pickaway-Ross John Carter has announced take the Republican seat from Ross County 20 Hummel in the June 3 election.

In announcing his candidacy, Carter said he believes "the office of sheriff's leadership and abilities. If this is not a vice to the community greatly."

Kahn has taught law to high school students at the vocational center for three years. He is a senior law enforcement officer.

He served as a sheriff's deputy for five years at the Pickaway County Department of five working in Pickaway County. He has completed the school criminal justice program training for his district from the state.

While serving as Sheriff's deputy he has been chosen to attend University's police course.

He has also received homicide investigative certification, fingerprint examination, criminal

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