

# Interest Rate Action Deferred

DES MOINES (UPI) — The Iowa senate Thursday began debate of a bill to raise the allowable interest rate on large farm and business loans, but deferred final action when one of its sponsors said lawmakers "don't understand interest rates" and that he did not care if it never came up again.

The bill, as recommended by the senate commerce committee, would set a 10 percent interest ceiling on loans above \$35,000 which are made for agriculture or other business, a change which proponents predicted would induce more banks to free up local money for use in cases where borrowing is available only from insurance companies or the Federal Home Loan bank.

Senate minority leader Clifton Lamborn, a sponsor of the bill, recommended deferring it after an amendment he offered to replace the 10 percent limit with a floating interest rate based on the Federal Reserve Board's discount rate was defeated 21-24.

"People here just don't understand interest rates," said Lamborn. "I don't care if the bill ever comes up again and I'm one of the sponsors."

### Meets Opposition

A second proposal by Sen. Bass Van Gilst (D-Oskaloosa) to raise the ceiling to 11 percent ran into considerable opposition.

"This goes totally against Democratic philosophy," said Sen. James Gallagher (D-Jesup). "If we support this bill, we deserve what we get and that's a big black eye for the Democratic party."

Sen. Lowell Junkins (D-Montrose), the bill's leading proponent, said higher allowable interest rates are necessary to free up money for land purchases by farmers and to get small farmers started.

Other lawmakers argued, however, that the bill only would pose more problems for younger farmers who presently have difficulties maintaining interest payments.

"We should in this body protect the uninitiated, unsophisticated young man who wants to go out and start a farm and who would agree to pay almost any interest rate," said Sen. Eugene Hill (D-Newton) in opposition to the bill.

In response, Junkins said, "All the laws in the world won't keep anyone from being stupid."

### Adoption Bill

The house Thursday, on the recommendation of Rep. Peter Middleton (D-Waterloo), assigned controversial adoption legislation, which was amended and passed by the senate, to a conference committee. The bill originated in and passed the house last year 93-0 and the amended version passed the senate 44-0 April 5.

Middleton said debate on the bill would be useless because of the high number of senate amendments.

Under a major provision of the senate version, a parent would be allowed to rescind a waiver releasing custody of a child up for adoption prior to a court order terminating that parent-child relationship.

Majority Democrats attempted but failed to gain reconsideration of work means' compensation legislation which failed to pass earlier in the year as the house moved through a long list of bills prior to a three-day Easter recess.

### Criticize Attempt

Republicans criticized the attempt, and the bill was not brought up again, although Democratic leaders indicated it would probably be debated later in the session.

The house passed 56-14 and sent to the senate legislation which would provide for a unified law enforcement district tax by referendum. The referendum could be initiated either by a county board of supervisors or a petition signed by 5 percent of those persons qualified to vote in the district.

It would provide for submission of the budget of the district to the board of supervisors and each city council in the district, and create a public safety fund.

Majority leader Jerome Fitzgerald said the house would resume debate on criminal code revision legislation, which was not discussed Thursday, on Monday.

# Langenberg Selected For Bartel's Post

IOWA CITY — Jerry Langenberg, a former deputy clerk of court for Johnson county, was selected Thursday by a special committee to finish out the Johnson county board of supervisor term of Richard Bartel.

Bartel is resigning from the board effective May 1.

Langenberg will step down from his present position with Associated Abstractors and Title.

Langenberg was the unanimous choice of county recorder John O'Neill, County Auditor Delores Rogers, and Clerk of Court Jack Wombacher.

Langenberg assumes the

new post the first meeting after May 1 and will serve on the board until Dec. 31, 1976.

Bartel's resignation came following an opinion from the state social services department that Bartel could not hold down a full-time supervisor's post as well as continuing to work full time as a safety officer with the Woodward state hospital in Des Moines.

Robert Lenz, who was appointed by the same selection committee last December to finish Robert Burns' unexpired term, is board chairman pro-tem and will assume the chairmanship at the first board meeting after May 1.



Gazette Photo by Paul Jensen

## Mind the Law

The strong arm of the law reached out Thursday during the parade honoring the passing of the bicentennial wagon train through Independence. Honorary bicentennial marshals, Jean Burke, armed for her new job, and Karen Dunlap roused Gloria West, 14, of Rowley, as the parade passed over the bridge on the Wapsipinicon river.

## Independence Police Chief Retires; Hearing Time Set

INDEPENDENCE — Independence Police Chief Lyman Albaugh, 64, notified the city council Thursday of his plans to retire as head of the department effective July 1.

Albaugh has served as chief since 1966. He had been a patrolman since 1962, and later became assistant chief. The council set May 11 at 6 p.m. at city hall for a public hearing on the 1976 paving project, which will include about 16 blocks.

Bert B. Hanson and Associates, an engineering firm, was told by councilmen to proceed with final specifications for a 60-by-120 foot combination garage building, with ultimate plans to accept bids, on the steel building, with either steel or wood frame.

Maintenance offices also are included in the plans for the proposed facility.

Headed by Roland Cayouette, a group of representatives from the Head Start program requested that the city provide a building for Head Start or apply for a federal grant to the community development program.

The city does not have a

building available now, according to officials.

Mayor Robert Blakesley and Councilman Frank Brimmer said they plan to attend the next INTERCOG meeting, at which time they will check into the possibility of obtaining federal funds for the project.

The representative suggested the building could also be used for a day care center. The Head Start program is now being held in the old Lutheran church building.

The council discussed hiring a parking meter maid, but before taking action agreed to consult Chamber of Commerce officials for the opinions of business men.

## Des Moines Woman Strangled; Autopsy

DES MOINES (UPI) — A Des Moines woman found dead in her apartment by her boyfriend was strangled, apparently with a chain or necklace, according to an autopsy report.

Mary Ann Scovel, 18, apparently was killed early Wednesday night, investigators said. She was found face down on the living room floor of her apartment early Thursday.

The body was found by Terry Lee Lively, 26. He had been living at the apartment with Miss Scovel, police said.

## Ruling Expected On AIM Trial

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A three-judge panel of the 8th U.S. circuit court of appeals was expected to rule Friday on defense requests for trial continuance and change of venue in the case of two American Indians charged with shooting to death two FBI agents last year.

After the requests were made Thursday, Judge Donald P. Lay, speaking for the panel, said a decision could be expected by late Friday.

If a continuance is not granted, defendants Robert E. Robideau and Darelle D. Butler are scheduled to go on trial next week in Rapid City, S.D., where Judge Andrew W. Bogue previously denied a change of venue motion.

John C. Lowe, who entered the requests on behalf of the defendants, argued for a continuance on grounds that prosecuting attorneys in the case have not made all necessary evidence available.

The court was also told by Lowe that more than 2,000 exhibits have been designated as possible evidence in the case and that he and others acting as the defense have not had adequate time to examine them.

Robideau and Butler are accused of killing the agents last June 26 on the Pine Ridge Indian reservation. The U.S. attorney for the northern district of Iowa, Evan L. Hultman, has been appointed to prosecute the case.

# Iowa's 23 Women Cadets; Not Moved by Women's Lib

By Margy McCay  
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Twenty-three Iowans are hoping to notch their places in history by being among the first women to attend the nation's military academies.

And although the idea of being pioneers appeals to some, they say they aren't motivated by the women's liberation movement.

"I think I'd go where they can offer me the best education," said Kathy Lindgren of West Burlington, who has been nominated to West Point. "I'm not really a women's liber, but I think women should be accepted anywhere."

"I'm not trying to prove anything," added Retsey Ronk of Council Bluffs. "Academically, I don't feel there's a better school in the country (than West Point)."

This is the first year the major service academies — West Point, Annapolis and the Air Force academy — have been required to admit women. Members of Iowa's congressional delegation have nominated women to all three of the academies.

### A Challenge

Attending a military academy "sounded like a challenge, something different, something to make me work," said Cheryl Bemer of Denver, who was nominated to the Air Force academy. "I do better when I have something to challenge me."

The schools are designing new uniforms, adding female staff members and remodeling living quarters to accommodate the women. But what kind of reception can the women expect from male classmates?

"I talked to two cadets over Christmas," said Miss Bemer. "One of them, a senior, said he was glad his class was getting out. He said he didn't want women in and to expect a lot of hassle. I've read lots of articles, and the majority of men don't want us there."

"The other guy, a sophomore, said he wasn't sure. He said it has been interesting to see the changes (being made) to prepare for women. One cadet said now he'd have to put on a towel when he went to the shower," she added.

### Opinions Differ

Katie Goodland of Ames, who has been accepted at West Point, said she questioned her guide during a visit to the campus last month.

"He said the feeling was bad. But then I

got a phone call from a cadet who wanted to know if I had any questions. He said it wasn't bad at all," said Miss Goodland.

"I think it depends on who you talk to. There'll be all kinds of guys, and I don't think you can generalize."

Several of the applicants said they haven't made up their minds about making the military a career.

"Right now, I'm interested in (studying) chemistry or communications," said Miss Goodland. "I'm not thinking of making the army a career. I don't look at it (five years of mandatory service) as an obligation. It will be good background and experience for many things."

Miss Bemer was not as certain. "I can't say right now (if I'd make it a career). You have to serve for five years after graduation, and I'll have to wait and see if I like it."

"At least I know they can't send us into combat," said Miss Ronk. "I hope to use the five years to increase my education and do some graduate work."

Several of the nominees are familiar with service academies through their fathers' military careers. But others said the academies contacted them and encouraged them to apply.

"I got a letter saying they'd consider me if I'd consider going to West Point," said Miss Lindgren. Academy officials were attracted by her grade point, college entrance exam scores and extracurricular activity in sports, she said.

### Scored Higher

"I think I'd be a step ahead of someone without any interest in sports," she said.

Several other nominees echoed her feelings. Miss Ronk visited West Point last month and found that "many of the girls had scored higher than me academically. But I think my athletic ability helped me. That's the second thing they look for after academics."

"A large part of the application form was what sports did you letter in, etc.," said Miss Bemer, who played softball, basketball and track in high school. "I could see that that would get you extra points."

"The reason they look for athletically inclined women is because it is so rigorous," said Miss Goodland. "I think they'll gradually get sports for women. But I think it'll take a few years before they get varsity programs going."

# Women, Ethnic Workers Still Receive Less Pay

DES MOINES (AP) — A report by the Iowa civil rights commission indicates women, ethnic and disabled workers continue to receive less money for the same work performed by male employees in state government.

But the study, which was submitted to the commission Thursday, showed the number of protected classes who held jobs increased last year.

The report found that the gap between male employees' salaries and those of the protected classes increased since 1973, the last year correct data was received.

It was found that males earn "significantly higher" amounts than females in every job classification, with the greatest gap found in manager and professional jobs. The average male manager earned \$19,059 last year; a female manager earned \$15,084.

The report defined ethnic minorities as all non-white persons, and in three job categories — professional, technical and clerical — ethnic minorities are shown to be paid more than Caucasians, a situation that Maude White, the study's author, said was caused by the large number of Asian-American males earning more than \$25,000 a year.

Many Asian-American men are doctors in state hospitals or institutions.

The commission also reported little has been done to enforce the hiring of women, minorities and disabled persons by government agencies

and firms doing business with the state.

Because of a lack of money, the rights commission has not been monitoring contracts by the state's 10,000 vendors to see if affirmative action plans are being followed. Applications by government units for federal money also are unchecked.

Maude White, the commission employe charged with overseeing affirmative action programs in state government, said she can give only a cursory glance to applications for federal funds to see if hiring rules are being followed.

"I don't have time," said Mrs. White. "Mr. (Stanley)

McCausland, General Services director, said he is not monitoring it because he also has no staff or money to check it out."

Commission member Charles Toney said, "It doesn't appear we're providing much of a model" for affirmative action by private employers.

Rather than agree to Mrs. White's plea for more help, the commissioners voted to change her job so that checking the state's affirmative action efforts would be her top priority, rather than traveling throughout the state giving assistance to counties and cities as she does now.

## Legislative Bills

DES MOINES (AP) — Bills in the Iowa legislature Thursday:

### Signed by Governor

HF1217, To appropriate \$2,282,657 for a new central energy plant for the state capital complex.

HF1438, To allow the conservation commission, by rule, to permit capture and possession of birds of prey.

SF1122, To allow deputy sheriffs temporarily serving as second deputies to retain rights earned under civil service as deputies.

SF1249, To require counties either to furnish cars for the sheriff and his deputies or contract for use of their private cars.

### Passed by House

HF121, To exempt coin-operated laundries from the state sales tax on services. 70-17. To senate.

HF908, To simplify land descriptions that must be used in plotting land and provide that a person who subdivides land into three or more lots must file a plat. 84-1. To senate.

HF1107, To increase from three to ten years the time period in which the director of revenue may extend payment of inheritance taxes in hardship cases. 83-0. To senate.

HF1555, To permit a tax levy for fire protection to be levied in all or part of a township. 77-2. To senate.

HF1408, To provide that a person whose tax return to the state arrives late can escape penalty if he proves it was mailed before the deadline. 85-1. To senate.

SF1210, To allow establishment of unified law enforcement districts financed by a levy up to 6 mills if approved by the voters. 56-14. To senate for action on amendments.

### Introduced in House

F1559, To permit school districts to spend up to one-third of one percent of the assessed value in the district for schoolhouse equipment without a vote of the people. Ways and means.

### Passed by Senate

HF1494, To exempt agriculture credit transactions from certain consumer credit code provisions. 42-4. To governor.

HF1063, To make consistent code provisions on legal treatment of male and female prisoners. 47-0. To governor.

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### Introduced in Senate

SF1307, To require autopsies of children who may be victims of sudden infant death syndrome. Human resources.

SF1308, To define types of foster care facilities included in the social services department's jurisdiction. Human resources.

### Sentenced

IOWA CITY (UPI) — Fletcher Lott, 34, Iowa City, convicted earlier this month of delivery of cocaine, was sentenced Thursday to 10 years in prison.

Lott was sentenced by Johnson county district Judge James H. Carter.

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