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NEW ENTRIES NEXT MONTH

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In Transit Police Exam

Clarifying the status of earlier applicants who filed for the transit police examination on Nov. 22 which was later postponed, Transit Authority officials reminded these applicants that they need not file a second time. Instead, they shall be receiving mail notification within several weeks alerting them of when and where to report for the new March exam.

Meanwhile, plans are in progress to reopen filing for that test in order to attract more potential candidates for both the TA patrolman and police trainee titles. The basic difference in qualifications is one of age.

While the initially-scheduled November date was to have encompassed a series of five titles dealing with law enforcement and rehabilitation, the new test takes in the transit posts exclusively. Those tested for housing police and correctional jobs on the earlier exam are in no way affected by these titles, and may file here also if they are eligible.

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A Good State Contract

FOR the first time in its nearly 60-year history, the Civil Service Employees Assn. has negotiated a formal work contract with the State Administration that will bring hefty salary boosts and improved fringe benefits to some 133,000 State workers represented by the Employees Association in bargaining talks concluded last week.

The pact must now be approved by the CSEA membership and the State Legislature.

Contained in the new contract, which covers a two-year period, are a 14 percent, $1,275 minimum, pay boost; improvements in health insurance plans and retirement; and important guarantees on organization rights, to touch on only the highlights of the contract.

Both the Employees Association and the Rockefeller Administration are to be commended for putting behind them the memory of the last two years of bitter strife over employee representation and going ahead in a positive, good-faith bargaining mode to produce an equitable pact between the State and its employees, Governor Rockefeller, of course, will back this contract to the fullest when it is presented to the State Legislature.

Senate Majority Leader Earl W. Brydges and Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea, Jr., have always been staunch supporters of worthy CSEA programs and there is every reason to believe that their unstinting support of this historic and fair labor contract will be the passport into the Legislature.

The retirement benefits beginning at 62 are reduced 20 percent, but since they start three years earlier than the Federal personal, benefits are more than offset by the total paid to those who begin their benefits at 65. Your wife will get two-thirds of your retirement benefits beginning at the same time yours start, and their benefits would be reduced. You should discuss this with your social security office.

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Who will be held at which he could appear to present his side of the case or submit a written statement. He was also informed that he could have the assistance of the personnel officer in preparing his case. The letter stated that the Board's recommendation would be "based solely on a careful review and analysis of the facts in the case and information furnished by you and others who may be called."
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A one-year renewal contract has been reached between the Town of New Castle and the New Castle unit of Westchester chapter, Civil Service Employees Assn. It became effective Jan. 1, 1970.

Among the benefits provided in the contract are a 6.1 percent salary increase for all employees, as well as a double-time provision for Sunday and holiday work; an additional week of vacation after 25 years of service; longevity increments after 10 and 15 years of service; medical allowance for employees working six or more consecutive hours of overtime; 20 days of terminal leave upon retirement; and a more liberalized personal leave policy.

Negotiations started in October and were concluded prior to the end of the last contract. Michael DelVecchio, president of the Westchester chapter, acted as chief negotiator for the employees. John Deems, Louis Miliambro and John Vishniac were members of his negotiating team.

"Outstanding Contract"

Newburgh Renewal Aides Conclude Talks For One Year Pact

NEWBURGH—Employees of the Newburgh Urban Renewal Agency who recently chose the City of Newburgh unit of the Civil Service Employees Assn. as their collective bargaining agent will enter the new year with a bright outlook as a result of an outstanding work contract negotiated with the City of Newburgh by their CSEA unit.

Included in the contract, which runs from Jan. 1, 1970 to Decem-ber 31, 1970, is a cost-of-living increase of $25 a week, plus the regular yearly increment; an additional holiday with pay on the Friday following Thanksgiving; 20 days of vacation after eight years of service, one-day-per-month cumulative sick leave with limit; also, five days of personal leave in the event of a death in the immediate family of an employee; non-contributory coverage under the New York State Retirement and Health Insurance systems; employee seniority commencing on the employee's original date of employment with a separate seniority roster for part-time employees.

Also included in the contract is a clause allowing employees who are designated or elected within CSIA for the purpose of adjusting grievances or assisting in bargaining talks or other union business to be given time off from their duties to engage in these activities.

Tom Braun, CSIA field representative, assisted the Newburgh City unit in negotiations. Joseph Schiavone is union president.

Braun said "as a result of the outstanding work of Schiavone and his negotiating team, employees of the Newburgh Urban Renewal Agency will now be operating under a good work package for the first time in their history."

Braun also said "I am looking forward to next year when Schia- vone and his team can negotiate an even broader, more comprehensive contract for Urban Renewal workers in Newburgh."

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Levitt Proposes Group Life Plan For State Aides

ALBANY—State Comptroller Arthur Levitt announced last week that he will establish and administer a New York State Public Employees’ Group Life Insurance Plan for members of the State Employees’ Policemen’s and Firemen’s Retirement System after receiving assurance from the Internal Revenue Service that the plan would qualify for tax-exemption under Federal law. The announcement followed many months of study and conferences with State and Federal officials.

A key feature of the plan is that the insurance benefit will replace the present ordinary death benefit up to the maximum amount which can be provided without resulting in an income tax to the employee. In no case will the insurance benefit exceed $5,000. Any excess of the ordinary death benefit over the maximum amount would continue to be taxable.

Commenting on the plan, Levitt said: “For many years, the ordinary death benefit has been generally treated by the Internal Revenue Service as a long-term capital gain. As a result, a great many widows and other beneficiaries of members who die in service have suffered severe tax burdens. Approval of the new group life insurance plan will end a thirty-year effort to achieve equitable treatment of these death benefits. This is not only a victory for New York State but for any public pension system in the nation which may wish to adopt a similar plan.”

Cost

“Since the cost of the insurance program will be no more than the cost of the ordinary death benefit to the extent that it is replaced, neither the State nor any municipal participation employer will be charged any extra amount. In essence, the plan will provide benefits to public employees with the same type of coverage now offered by employers to more than six million workers in New York State. I am most grateful for the cooperation of State and Federal agencies in achieving this great step forward in protecting the dependents of our public employees.”

The ordinary death benefit is an amount payable to the beneficiary of a member of the retirement system who dies in service. The amount varies, depending upon salary and years of service, and can reach a maximum of three years’ salary.

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Robinson Opposing Tenure Law Repeal

Stiff opposition to a proposed seeking to repeal the tenure law for city school teachers and supervisors was recently expressed by the Board of Edu- cation's delegate attending the recent national meeting of the New York State School Board Assn. who pointedly maintained that to do so would be to "blaze trails as well as due process" to individuals involved.

In his appeal, board mem- ber, Isaiah E. Robinson, Jr., threw his weight behind a substitute resolution which recommended an extension of tenure beyond five years, at intervals of five years.

The substitute resolution was adopted by a wide margin. The resolution to repeal the tenure law was approved, with Robinson voting "no."

As reported by Assistant Superintendent Ralph M. Silver of the OP staff, has two directors and participated in a series of meetings and conferences.

Two headquarters officials partici- pated in continuation activities as voting delegates from other school districts throughout the State. Board representatives, Mount Pleasant District No. 3, and recent graduates from high schools in Harrisburg-Cedar Knolls and Linden Hills serving as interme- diate pupils. Paul Pomer of the Office of High Schools was present on behalf of Monticello Free School District No. 13, L.I.

New Local School Bd. Members Designated

In line with its policy of affording local school boards, the N.Y.C. Board of Education has announced the names of twenty men and women selected to represent local boards in the Bronx, Brooklyn and Manhattan.

Their choice stems from the recommendations of area screening committees and, as a conse- quence, they will hold their posts until succeeded by the community school boards set up under the decentralization law assume office on Dec. 1. Members of the new group include the following:

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8-29. Grace Edwards of 1609 Avenue J.

Henry S. Simons, 7162; Carmen M. DeLuca, 7799; Maureen A. Blum, 7686; Michelle D. Wrigley, 7799; Ina S. Calabro, 7799; James M. Wills, 7812; John L. Koons, 7812; Eunice A. Langdon, 7799; Anne M. Aragona, 7727; Jerry A. Palumbo, 7812; Barbara L. Shriver, 7812; Alan J. Bieg, 7812; Susan B. Vandenboom, 7812; R. Allan Brancaccio, 7812; Barry S. Burtchall, 7799; Angela L. Schramm, 7812; Susan W. Borman, 7799; John F. Pohan, 7799; Pence Hale, 7812; Florence A. Abendroth, 7799; Joseph C. Van Meter, 7812; Windows A. Walker, 7812; Lucille A. Smith, 7799; Samuel N. Netter, 7812.

Bronx L-18. Mrs. Louise Barker of 1451 Paragut Road.

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Levitt Getting The Eyeball

Invitations to two Democratic Party leaders in the State are looking in the direction of Comptroller Levitt. Democrats are as well known or as widely respected throughout the State as Levitt. In his home county, where the Comptroller in 1966, Levitt proved to be the best vote getter among all candidates including state-wide office, winning with a plurality of well over one and a half million votes.

A draft movement for Levitt is being organized under the leadership of Victor S. Bahou, Democratic chairman of Cortland County. In a letter addressed to county chairmen, Bahou said: "During the past thirty years, the Progressive-Republican leader has only one Governor; and then for only a single term. For this we cannot blame the Republicans. We must accept the responsibility, the blame, and indeed the shame for this condition.

The Role Of Unifier

Warning that only with a winning candidate can the Democrats elect a majority in the State Senate and Assembly, Bahou urged that only Levitt can unify the Party and lead the Democrats to victory in 1970. Bahou is not a lone voice in the wilderness. Dan O'Connell, powerful Albany County leader is known to be in Levitt's corner and plans to have Levitt's name submitted for that post while the Committee meets in March to nominate the Party's ticket. Mayor Brusatt,Corning, of Albany, is expected to put the Comptroller's name as the Party's candidate for Governor when the State Committees meet. A resident of Brooklyn, the Comptroller needs only to say "Yes" and he will have the powerful support of Moos Espade and the Brooklyn organization.

But Is He Interested?

The big question at the moment is whether Levitt would be interested in undertaking such a campaign. Based on his track record, Levitt is assured of re-election to his present post, and no Democratic aspirate to challenge the nomination for re-election. In a Democratic primary. Against that certain victory, should Levitt side with Governor Rockefeller, he certainly be confronted with a contest in the Democratic primary, a grueling campaign against Rockefeller.

The sources of the Levitt strength are many. Fe is an acknowledged fiscal expert, and he would be running in a year when State financing and taxation loom as dominating campaign issues. In a year end statement, Levitt criticized the Governor for his billion dollar South Mall project in Albany and pointed out that a high school could have been built in each of the State's 62 counties for less money than is being spent on the South Mall.

Strong Local Ties

At a time the urban centers and local governments throughout the State are confronted with mounting costs, Levitt has established close ties during his long service as Comptroller with County officials, town supervisors and city and village mayors.

A former president of the New York City Board of Education, Levitt is well known and highly respected among educators, school superintendents and teachers.

In order to clear the path for the Levitt nomination, some party leaders are exploring the possibility of offering the post of State Comptroller to Howard Samuels and nomination for the United States Senate to Eugene Nickerson, Nassau County Executive.

For further unity, particularly with the reform and youth elements, either Herman Badillo, former Bronx Borough President; tough-minded Kennedy brother-in-law Stephen Smith; or former Senatorial candidate Paul O'Dwyer are being suggested for Lieutenant Governor.

P.S. The problems: Levitt is really fond of Rockefeller just as the Governor is fond of Levitt, and the Comptroller is older than he looks or acts — without a fight against a tremendous candidate like Rockefeller, he'd wind up as the "greatest comptroller the State ever had." In New York, Mr. Levitt is opposed to the difficulty of a hard campaign against the Governor and one that could result in a loss.

P.P.S. And then, there's still Mayor John V. Lindsay in the picture, notwithstanding what is being officially stated. But many of his off-beat and liberal supporters like writer Jimmy Brinell, for ango, who was constantly at his side in the New York City Mayoralty race, would consider it, and say "finish out your term, you owe us that."

RIVERHEAD—Two Suffolk County court reporters who appealed to the Civil Service Employees Assn. for help when they were shortchanged in a job reclassification have won their case and will be given the extra salary due them as a result of efforts by a CSEA regional attorney, Lester B. Lipkind.

Lipkind told the Leader last week that Mildred T. Buttonow and James Cavallo, both employed by Suffolk County as court reporters, appealed to County Judge Howard Samuels for reclassification to county judge. Both reporters will now be classified as such.

Both employees are now being paid the steps corresponding with the steps they had reached in grade 24: Mrs. Buttonow will go to step 7 of grade 27 and Cavallo to step 6 in grade 27.

The CSEA regional attorney said that the County Deputy Comptroller of the Association's legal assistance program for members, won. Both employees will now be allocated to the steps corresponding with the steps they had reached in grade 24. The CSEA Regional attorney said that the County Deputy Comptroller, LG Bourne, had interpreted the reclassification as a reallocation, creating the problem.

The County Civil Service Commission Rules clearly state that "An employee occupying a position in a class allocated for a grade which is revised upward, shall be moved from the step he is occupying at the time of reallocation to the corresponding step in the new salary grade..."

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