

Evansville ranks second in state in pay growth

WASHINGTON (AP) — Evansville ranked second in the state in personal income growth in 1981, while Kokomo and Anderson recorded some of the lowest income growth rates in the nation, according to a Census Bureau study.

According to the study, Evansville's personal income went up 10.8 percent to \$3.2 billion in 1981.

The Bloomington area led the state in personal income growth. Personal income rose 12.8 percent in Bloomington, the sharpest increase for any Indiana city, as the total income rose to \$751 million from \$666 million.

Kokomo and Anderson were among 10 of the nation's 305 metropolitan areas showing the least growth.

Kokomo ranked sixth lowest with a 6.4 percent increase to \$1.1 billion, while Anderson was eighth with a 6.8 percent increase to \$1.3 billion.

The bureau's statistics showed personal income in the counties comprising the Indianapolis metropolitan area was up 10 percent in 1981. Total income was \$12.9 billion compared with \$11.7 billion in 1980.

The income figures for other Hoosier cities were:

- Elkhart, up 8.4 percent to \$1.3 billion.
- Fort Wayne, up 9 percent to \$3.9 billion.
- Gary-East Chicago-Hammond, up 7.2 percent to \$6.8 billion.

- Lafayette, up 10.3 percent to \$1.1 billion.
- Muncie, up 9.6 percent, to \$1.1 billion.
- South Bend, up 8.5 percent to \$2.7 billion.
- Terre Haute, up 8.1 percent to \$1.6 billion.

City in Germany, Evansville to be joined as friends

Burgermeister Huber Korte of Osnabruck, West Germany, will be on hand Monday morning at 10 when Mayor Michael D. Vandever proclaims Evansville and Osnabruck partners in culture and commerce.

The Friendship Ceremony uniting the two cities will be held at the main entrance to the Civic Center. The public is invited.

Osnabruck, located on the Haase River 58 miles northeast of Dortmund, has enjoyed an informal relationship with Evansville for many years, Vandever said.

He noted that families that settled in the outlying areas of Evansville emigrated from the Osnabruck region and still maintain ties with Germany.

Events leading to Monday's ceremony began early this year, when Philip Gaunt, president of the Tri-State World Trade Council, sent information on Evansville to Korte.

Later, Gaunt visited Osnabruck and gave Korte Vandever's invitation to become Evansville's sister city during the concurrent celebrations of International Trade Week and the tricentennial of German immigration to the United States.

Graduates to hear Ivy Tech official

Marsha Oliver, a member of the state board of Indiana Vocational Technical College, will be featured speaker at commencement exercises for more than 200 Ivy Tech-Southwest graduates Friday.

The ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. in Vanderburgh Auditorium.

Mrs. Oliver is president of the Indianapolis Alliance for Jobs and vice chairman for finance of the Indianapolis Urban League. She has received several awards for her community service, including the Distinguished Service Award in Support of Adult Education.

City sues over hydrant tax

The Evansville Waterworks Department has filed suit in Vanderburgh Circuit Court against the state Department of Revenue seeking the return of more than \$16,600 in sales taxes.

The Department of Revenue ordered the city to pay the \$16,671.56 as unpaid sales taxes on a 50-cent-per-month, per county resident, fee the city charged county residents for fire hydrants during the years 1975 through 1978.

The city, which has argued that the fee is for rental of the fire hydrants and exempt from sales taxes, paid the taxes under protest on Jan. 30, 1980.

The city, represented in the suit by attorney Allen Hamilton, filed a claim for a refund and was denied the claim following a hearing.

200 to get NAACP honors

More than 200 high school seniors will be honored for their achievements in scholarship, athletics or fine arts by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on May 14.

The awards ceremony will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Liberty Baptist Church, 701 Oak St.

Stephanie Vick and David Griffith, both from Bosse High School, will receive the NAACP Outstanding Achievement Award.

Talks on Alcoa contract move to New Orleans

By KIM JACKSON and LARRY THOMAS

Contract negotiations between union and management employees of Alcoa's Warrick Operation have shifted to New Orleans, where talks on a nationwide contract for the aluminum industry are under way, company and union spokesmen said Wednesday.

J.D. Hume, secretary-treasurer of Local 104 of the Aluminum, Brick and Glass Workers International Union, said about half of the non-economic local issues were resolved before the negotia-

tors moved to New Orleans, and he expressed optimism an agreement would be reached before the contract expires May 31.

"I have confidence that we will (settle), and I think the company has confidence," he said. "There's a good feeling."

Hume declined to discuss specific items still on the bargaining table, but did say wages do not appear to be a major stumbling block.

"Pay is not a major concern (in the negotiations)," Hume said. "Economics are only a small part of the package."

Spokesmen for both sides denied persistent

rumors that a strike was on the verge of being called at the Warrick County facility, which has not been hit with a work stoppage since 1968.

"I can't fathom that (strike)... To me, those are personal opinions," said Alcoa spokesman Don Paro.

Paro said only the company and union negotiating committees would have reliable information about the possibility of a strike, and they have agreed to remain silent about the talks.

Larry Seigler, president of Local 104, is participating in local contract negotiations in New Orleans, Hume said. The local represents about

2,500 of the 3,600 employees at the plant.

Talks began Tuesday on the national contract, which covers unionized employees at all Alcoa, Kaiser and Reynolds aluminum plants. National and local negotiations are being conducted in separate sessions.

Hume said "three to four" of the seven Aluminum, Brick and Glass Workers locals involved in the national negotiations also brought unresolved local issues to New Orleans. Some other aluminum plants are represented by the United Steelworkers of America.

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