Two-year sentences handed out in court

An sex offender and an alleged embezzler were sentenced to two years' imprisonment each in separate cases this morning in Delaware County Common Pleas Court.

Sixty-four-year-old James Hutson, charged with gross sexual imposition for allegedly molesting a minor boy over several years, was given the maximum sentence of two years in the Orient Correctional Facility by Judge Henry Shaw.

"The terror," Shaw said, "causes some Gothic horror novels to pale by comparison. . . I just wonder what this child thought. ..."

Hutson, of 4999 Harlem Road, Galena, pleaded guilty to a bill of information Oct. 28. This morning's hearing followed a presentence investigation by the Ohio Adult Parole Authority. Delaware County Prosecutor Duncan Whitney recommended, and Hutson's attorney, Thomas Clark, pleaded for probation.

"Never have I seen so serious a crime committed by a person with so exemplary a background," Clark said. The Rev. Arthur Wiles of St. Pauls Church in Westerville, where Hutson is a deacon, testified this morning that Hutson was "a solid citizen," respected in his community.

Hutson's wife sobbed after the sentence was delivered.

Mary Frazier, a Worthington woman accused of embezzling some $179,000 from Ohio Stabilization Associates in recent years, was sentenced to two years in the Ohio Reformatory for Women at Marysville. Frazier was accused of taking money from the firm from July 1, 1983 through March 27, 1987. She was indicted for grand theft, a third-degree felony, by a Delaware County grand jury in October.

"This is the second case this morning where the victim has become the rascal, and the defendant the victim," Shaw commented before passing sentence.

Character witnesses, real-estate agent and former employer Richard E. Glover Jr. of Dublin and former employee Rose Downing of Dublin, both spoke on Frazier's behalf. Glover said he would rehire her, as she was an "excellent employee." Downing said she worked at Loch Lomond eight