

Fire Captain's Back Pay Issue Goes to Director

Council Awaiting Action

C.S. Reinstated Bluecoat

Fire Captain Richard Farrell's request for back pay dating from November of last year, when he was fired for being a non-resident, until Aug. 23, will be placed before Law and Public Safety Director E. Norman Wilson.

Farrell, who was reinstated by the state Civil Service Commission last month, has petitioned the City Council to grant him back pay for the 10-month period, less any money he may have earned during that time at outside employment.

HOWEVER, before the council takes action, Farrell's letter will be forwarded to Wilson. Any further on the council's part will probably coincide with the director's recommendation.

According to Farrell's attorney, Albert J. Shea, the Civil Service Commission ruled that the captain was entitled to back pay. However, the official communication received from the commission by Wilson did not mention any payment of back pay or a date for his reinstatement.

THE COMMISSION'S decision was not popular with Wilson who said that it failed to provide him with any ground rules for other non-residency cases on which he had reserved decision. Surprisingly, it did not fare too well with some members of the public safety department either.

The commission ruled that since Farrell's wife and he were separated, she had refused to move back to the city and that he had established a residence there, he was therefore within the requirements of the law and a resident of the city.

BUT MEMBERS of the police and fire departments feel that the commission has now given the go-ahead signal to anyone who wants to live out of town legally simply by getting a legal separation from his wife and establishing a furnished room as his primary residence.

"By its ruling, the commission has made it almost impossible to enforce the residency regulation, so the city and state might as well do away with it," said one fireman.

WILSON ALSO disclosed that he would probably reach a decision on the hearing of one or two police officers who were also charged with being non-residents. He refused to say which of the five officers on whose cases he had reserved decision it would be.

Sees Heavy Case Vote In Hoboken

U.S. Senator Clifford P. Case will receive a "tremendous vote of confidence" from Hoboken voters in next Tuesday's primary election and in November, Frank J. Bartletta, city Republican chairman, predicted today.

Bartletta made the prediction following last night's GOP meeting at the Union Club which was attended by several Republican county and congressional candidates.

In addition to hearing a victory prediction from Bartletta, the GOP men and women heard talks by two members of the City Council, Bernard J. Scrivani and Stephen E. Mongiello. Both announced their support of the Hoboken campaign to win reelection for Case.

Visitors at the meeting were John Beier Thuermer, County GOP chairman; Mrs. Helen Macri, president of the Hoboken Women's Republican Club; Thomas McSherry, candidate for the 14th congressional district seat; Anthony Klankiewicz, county register candidate; Thomas X. Mernar, supervisor candidate, and the three candidates for freeholder, Mrs. Carol Conte, Alfred Jordan and Robert McCann.

Numbered Streets Forgotten

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Hoboken Anti-Litter Campaign Cleans 'In Part'

Year-Old; Note Some Progress

Hoboken's cleanup and anti-litter campaigns soon will be a year old and a marked improvement has been noticed by Washington Street merchants. But retailing isn't limited to Washington Street alone and store owners in other parts of the city are beginning to feel that they have been forgotten.

Although no other area in the city compares in overall size to the Washington and 1st Street shopping areas, a fairly large portion of the city in the immediate vicinity of 5th and Adams Streets also has its share of stores and markets.

A CHECK by a Jersey Journal reporter showed that merchants and store owners in the area not only had reason to complain but in doing so understated their gripe.

FIFTH STREET, from Madison to Adams Streets, was littered with an amazing assortment of papers, bags, candy wrappers and general debris. Nowhere could one find one of those wire litter baskets that generously dot Washington Street.

"Litter Baskets, what are they?" asked one store owner. "Not only don't we have litter baskets, I haven't seen anyone sweeping the streets for several weeks," he said.

The city has started using its mechanical street sweeper on the name streets, but numbered streets are still without the benefit of the sweeper. Public Works officials state that the numbered streets are to be included in the sweeper program in a few weeks.

Also of great concern to the businessmen is the decline of property in the area.

"THE CITY fathers talk of correcting slum conditions. We have them starting right here and nothing has been done to correct them or nip them in the bud," said a retailer.

Pointing to a house on Jefferson Street, between 5th and 6th Streets, he said: "I know for a fact that a 2½-room apartment in that building is occupied by nine adults. But to my knowledge, no one has talked to the landlord about letting such conditions exist."

"If this isn't a case of a slum landlord trying to milk every cent possible out of the property, then I don't know what is," he said.

Health officials from the department of health and welfare say they are aware of the problems in the area as well as the entire city, but correcting them is not a simple task that can be corrected in a few days.

In order to get action from one landlord on one house, it often requires many months of work on the parts of numerous health and law department employees before we manage to get the case into court, it was explained.

TO THE KNOWLEDGE of the store owners and businessmen in the area, there is no joint action planned to sting the city into quicker action.

"We are willing to wait and see if they (the city officials) are going to start remembering us," said the store owner. "We may not like it, but we'll wait."

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Council OKs \$150,000 Tax Refund for Pier

Stevens Dock Deal Closed College to Start On Project

The Hoboken City Council yesterday unanimously agreed to pay a \$150,000 tax refund to the Eighth Street Pier Corporation in a settlement concluding the package deal between the city, Stevens Institute of Technology and the pier company for the now dismantled Long Dock.

Mayor Louis DePascale and college officials hailed the agreement as a breakthrough in the revitalization of Hoboken's decaying waterfront.

STEVENS PLANS to build additional college facilities on the property and develop the remaining 60 per cent into a privately owned research facility. Two concerns and the New York Stock Exchange have expressed interest in the proposition.

The council also granted three six-month leaves of absence to city employees Anthony Amoroso, Gerry Malloy and Veronica Bertotti.

City Clerk Amoroso was granted a leave from his assistant city clerk's job, Recreation Coordinator Malloy was given a leave from his position of superintendent of recreation and Mrs. Bertotti granted a leave from her senior clerk stenographer's job.

MOLLOY was also given permission to attend the convention of the National Recreation Congress Oct. 2-6 at Washington D.C. He will be given \$200 for expenses.

Michael Martinelli, city plumbing inspector, was appointed a special police officer in conjunction with his inspector's duties. Before the council action, Martinelli was unable to issue summonses for plumbing violations and was forced to call a police officer if a summons had to be issued. With his new status, he is granted the authority to issue summonses for violations.

Three new ordinances were introduced at the meeting, including one which grants the parking authority the right to operate its first off-street parking lot.

The other two ordinances were to regulate the duties and salaries of public health nurses, and to set new fees for dog licenses which will go up to \$2.50 from \$2.25.

All three were tabled for public inspection.

Churchmen's Proposal Hoboken Weighs Plan To Double Playground

Hoboken's recreation department will look into a proposal made by the Hoboken Council of Churches to double the size of the new play area at 57 Park Ave., The Jersey Journal learned today.

The lots of 57 and 61 Park Ave. were acquired by the city from the Stenka Realty Company in exchange for a city playground on the west side of Park Avenue near Newark Street.

BUT IMMEDIATELY at the rear of 57 Park Ave. is another city-owned vacant lot, at 60 Garden St.

Last year the city gave the Council of Churches permission to use that lot as a "demonstration playground." During the summer months several recreational programs were offered there.

The only equipment on the Garden Street lot is a basketball backboard.

ACCORDING TO Ralph Seligman of Mayo, Lynch Associates, the city's engineering firm which advised the Council on the construction of the playground, a suggestion was made several months ago to the city to incorporate both 57 Park Ave. and

60 Garden St. into one long, continuous play area stretching from Park Avenue to Garden Street.

Each lot is 27 feet wide and 100 feet long. Director Anthony J. Damato told The Jersey Journal today that he was not aware of the suggestion but would look into it.

CURRENT PLANS of the city call for the lot at 57 Park Ave. to be set up as a playground for the smaller children while the lot at 61 Park Ave. will be developed into a basketball court for teenagers.

Some equipment has been installed at 57 Park Ave., but the director is still waiting for the delivery of hobby horse swings and a set of baby swings.

Monkey bars have been installed at 61 Park Ave., and workmen from the department were to start painting the basketball court lines and installing the backboards and baskets today.

Hoboken Site

Research Center Is Proposed

By ROBERT A. WILLIAMS

Three well-known corporations, among them the New York Stock Exchange, have expressed interest in operating a proposed research center on one end of the Long Dock in Hoboken and have already been interviewed by officials of Stevens Institute of Technology.

The information was announced yesterday by Marshall Sewell Jr., director of development and public relations for the college, at a luncheon of the Hoboken Rotary Club at the Clam Broth House.

"We don't have a definite commitment from any one company yet," added Sewell, "and we are still looking for interested parties."

SEWELL, who said that at one time not too long ago college officials considered moving from Hoboken "because of limited expansion facilities," said that the acquisition of the pier in the Hudson River "will help Stevens grow in Hoboken."

According to Sewell, who once served as a gate-keeper on the estate of the late John D. Rockefeller, the new redevelopment plan presently underway at the college calls for a graduate center to be constructed on the southern end of the pier, and a research industrial center to be built on the northern end.

THE COLLEGE has an enrollment of 1,150 undergraduates and 1,350 graduate students. "We expect to increase this to

1,600 and 2,000, respectively, by 1975," Sewell said.

The proposed graduate center is to contain classrooms and laboratories for the science and engineering students. According to Sewell, the research center will be operated solely by a private company.

"We hope to attract a high calibre organization or organizations which would lend prestige to the city, whose professional staffs could work closely with the college faculty, and who would be interested in the availability of the college library, computer center and graduate study facilities," said the director.

HE ADDED that Stevens would either build or lease the

proposed research center. "Presently, we cannot say how things will turn out because we are still undecided as to definite plans."

Stevens Institute of Technology, which has an annual payroll of \$5 million, and from where a graduate can expect an average starting salary of \$8,000, also plans to build a new \$2.5 million library and three huge garages for off-street parking.

"There is an increasing demand today for engineers and scientists," said Sewell, "and the 700 faculty members of Stevens hope to remedy the situation."

Sewell said that exact specifications of the new master plan for the college, which is presently being prepared by an engineering firm, "will be made shortly."

State O.K.'s Hoboken Park Lot

The state Motor Vehicle Division finally has approved an ordinance which allows the Hoboken Parking Authority to operate its first off-street parking lot at 4th and Clinton Streets.

Approval was granted Tuesday and the formal measure was introduced at yesterday's City Council meeting.

ACCORDING TO Nicholas J. Caruso, authority chairman, the lot, which is leased from St. Mary Hospital for five years, should be ready to go into operation by the early part of next month.

Caruso said that 22 meters have been ordered from the Duncan Meter Co. and will be delivered within seven days of notification that the authority is ready to install them.

SOME IMPROVEMENTS are still needed on the lot. Caruso said that spaces still have to be lined out, restraining devices to prevent cars from rolling into the street have to be installed and driveways for entrance and exits have to be built.

Rates at the lot will be 10 cents an hour or 25 cents for six hours. However, it has not yet been determined if the meters will be on a 24-hour basis.

CARUSO EXPLAINED that this matter still was under discussion by the authority, but added that in all probability they would be operated around the clock.

The City Council tabled the ordinance for public inspection and is expected to give it second and third readings and final approval at the Sept. 21 meeting.

Asks Status Of Hoboken Under Plan

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale announced today he will journey to Washington this week to confer with officials of the federal Housing and Urban Development Agency (HUD).

The mayor said that he will look into the progress of the city's informal application for inclusion in the Demonstration City Act of 1966.

"WE WANT to know how we stand or if there is anything that we must now do to submit a formal application," the mayor said.

The Demonstration City Act would allow the rehabilitation of cities such as Hoboken largely with government funds.

The mayor said he also planned to check on several applications the city has made for government funds for engineering surveys on proposed projects, such as a new water system, new firehouse, new public works garage.

To Share \$345,000 Fund Stevens, Rutgers to Study Vehicular Air Pollution

TRENTON — The Davidson Laboratory at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken and Rutgers University will share in a \$345,000 research demonstration project on vehicular air pollution controls, it was learned today.

Stevens will be assigned research for testing of diesel engines and standards for pollution controls.

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Park Avenue Site Hoboken Playground Is Doubled in Size

One of the two playgrounds Hoboken plans to open shortly on the east side of Park Avenue, between Observer Highway and Newark Street, will be twice the size originally planned, Anthony J. Damato, health and welfare director, said today.

The two lots at 57 and 61 Park Ave. were given to the city by the Stenka Realty Company in exchange for the city playground on the west side of Park Avenue, a lot from the south west corner of Newark Street.

DIRECTLY BEHIND the lot at 57 Park Ave. is another city-owned lot — 60 Garden St. — which the Hoboken Council of Churches had developed into a playground with city permission. Both lots are 27 feet wide and 100 feet deep.

Director Damato said today that both 60 Garden St. and 57 Park Ave. would be incorporated into one large play area. The council had made the suggestion several months ago when it learned that 57 and 61 were to become playgrounds.

WHEN THE PROPOSAL was brought to the attention of the director yesterday by The Jersey Journal, he said that he did not know about it but would give it his immediate attention.

Damato said today that plans to build a fence between the two lots have been discarded and that children will be able to use both the city playground and the play area built by the council.

He added that the council's summer programs would not interfere and probably would be an added inducement to youngsters to take advantage of the playground facilities next summer. Damato said that the council could also use the facilities of the playground at 57 Park if it wished to during the program.

Hoboken Library Adds Books

One hundred and fifty-one new volumes were ordered for the Hoboken Public Library last month, according to figures released today by Miss Lucille Cunningham, library director.

More than 100 new volumes have been added to the library's shelves and are available to be borrowed. Among this group are:

The Kremlin Letter by Noel Behn; Friends and Heroes by Olivia Manning; Quinon of the Court by William Woodfolk; The Time Between Wars by Jonathan Daniels; The Psychology of Sleep by David Foulkes; Trullio by Robert M. Cresswell; America's Political Dynasties by Stephen Hess; The Vulnerable Americans by Curt Gentry Flying Saucers — Serious Business by Frank Edwards; Pagan by Richard Lencaster; Stay Slim for Life by Ida Jean Kain and Mildred B. Gibson; These Entertaining People by Florence Prichepp Smith; Last Stand at Stalingrad by Edward R. Sammis; Crossroads in Korea by T. R. Fehrenbach; The New Way to Live With Diabetes by Charles Weller, M.D., and Brian Richard Boylan; The Complete Illustrated Book of the Psycho Sciences by Walter R. Gibson and Litzka R. Gibson; The Idea of Europe by Denis de Rougemont; What's Happening to the Catholic Church? by April Armstrong; The Art of Living by Milan Esterow; Conceal and Disguise by Henry Kane; The Huntress by Mitchell Wilson; Best Detective Stories of the Year edited by Anthony Boucher; Bonded Fleming; A James Bond Omnibus by Ian Fleming; Turning On: Thirteen Stories by Darron Knight; Hellfire Jackson by Garlind Roark and Charles Thomas.

Lerdo Sets Campaign Committee

Larry Lerdo, a candidate for councilman in Hoboken's 4th ward in next year's election, announced today that he has organized his campaign committee.

Alberto Falto will head the men's committee while Mrs. Roas Keneshige will be in charge of the women's committee. Lerdo praised them both for the work they have done so far in recruiting volunteer workers who will assist him in his campaign.

LERDO, who boasts 3,000 signatures endorsing him as their spokesman, will face incumbent Louis Francone in the election.

Francone has been popular with the Spanish residents of his ward in past elections and is the administration's biggest vote getter.

LERDO is expecting little difficulty in obtaining the signed petitions needed to be included on the ballot from the same group of people that have been Election regulations require candidate to have signed petitions from at least one percent of the registered voters in the ward. Some 2,900 persons were registered to vote in the ward as of yesterday's primary.

Exceed \$3.3 Million in Hoboken

Bids to Build 2 Projects for Seniors Accepted

Seeks Direct Line

Hoboken's Vitale Hits New Phone System

The new telephone system in Hoboken City Hall which was instituted in July is considered a success by most city employees who use it. But director Raphael Vitale of the public works department said it hasn't increased his department's efficiency.

Much of Vitale's working day is spent on the telephone talking to the public works garage, the hub of activity in the department. All of the department's crews — sewer, cleaning and water — have their headquarters in the garage.

WHEN ONE OF the daily emergencies arise, Vitale can usually count on making a call to his workmen at the garage. But efficient telephone service hasn't been provided, forcing the director to seek a direct line to his workmen.

"It can't be considered the fault of individuals," Vitale said, "but there is something wrong with the system from my point of view."

THE DIRECTOR said that be-

cause he has to go through the police switchboard which is always busy except during the very early morning hours, he is losing valuable time.

Vitale said he needs a direct line to the garage which would allow him to bypass the city hall and police switchboards.

REFERRING TO Friday's water main break at 5th Street and Willow Avenue, the director pointed out that his men could have been on the job possibly 15 minutes faster if there was direct communications between his office and the garage.

"In some cases a few minutes do not matter," he continued.

"But we purchase our water from Jersey City and wasted water is wasted money."

Vitale said he would present the proposal for a direct line to the mayor this week.

Heads Committee

DePascale Host at Meeting On Air Pollution Problem

Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken yesterday played host to members of the New York Metropolitan Regional Council involved with the problems of air pollution. The mayor, chairman of the MRC committee on air pollution control, discussed with elected officials and air pollution experts from New Jersey, New York and Connecticut possible area-wide approaches to the pollution problem.

Among the matters considered were a public information drive, uniform legislation for air quality standards, extension and expansion of monitoring systems and coordination with local planning agencies.

The mayor expressed his belief that only a coordinated area-wide approach would suffice to "clear the air." The air pollution committee has been inactive for several years and only recently was re-established

with DePascale as chairman of the pollution committee.

Main Work Goes to J.C. Firm

Authority Awaits U.S. Approval

Bids totaling more than \$3.3 million have been accepted by the Hoboken Housing Authority for the construction of its two senior citizen housing projects, it was announced today by M. Edward DeFazio, executive director.

The two buildings, to be named Adams and Monroe Gardens, will house 125 senior citizen families when completed.

THE LARGEST bid, covering general construction, was awarded to J. A. LaRocca Brothers of Jersey City. The bid was for \$2,275,000. Eight other companies submitted bids for the work.

Arrow Iron Co. of Jersey City was low bidder for doing the structural steel and miscellaneous metal work with a figure of \$94,400. Arrow outbid two other companies.

A LOW BID of \$332,600 was received from William Zabransky Jr., Inc., of Little Ferry for three other companies.

Four companies submitted bids for heating but the contract was awarded to Bernard H. Steinknecht, Inc., of Englewood. His low bid was for \$259,564.

THE VALENTINE Electrical Co., Inc., of Newark was low bidder of six contractors seeking to do the electrical work on the two buildings. Its bid was for \$289,640.

Landscape for the two projects will be done by N. Matera and Son of Ridgely who outbid five other contractors with a low bid of \$14,134.50.

EIGHT FIRMS bid on the installation of elevators in the two buildings but the contract was awarded to the Serge Elevator Co. of New York City which bid \$75,900.

All of the low bids have been accepted by the Housing Authority but are still subject to review and final approval by the HUD and Urban Development agency (HUD).

Andrew Scherer, vice chairman of the authority, presided during the opening of the bids in the absence of Chairman Raymond G. Clyons.

Eye on Third Ward

Vitale Chides Public On City's 'Sore Spot'

By PETER HALLAM

Officials of Hoboken's departments of public works and health and welfare today pledged their cooperation to store owners and businessmen in the Third Ward in cleaning the business area.

Directors Raphael Vitale and Anthony J. Damato both said that they were more than willing to assist but that the job was not up to the city entirely. "We have to have the support and aid of the public in our programs," they said.

Store owners and merchants complained to The Jersey Journal that their particular business area apparently had been forgotten by the city.

A CHECK OF THE AREA by a Jersey Journal reporter showed that they were correct in their complaints of littered streets, rubbish dumped in the gutters and careless disposal of garbage.

Director Vitale of the public works department said: "This area has been a sore spot with the department for some time. We are cleaning it as regularly as any other section of the city, but as fast as we do so it is dirtied again."

"Regardless of how big a city is, how big its street cleaning department is, or how much money a department has to spend, nowhere is 24-hour street cleaning service provided," he said.

"Keeping the streets clean is our job, but not dirtying them in the first place is the job of everyone who works or lives in Hoboken," he added. "We can do just so much, the rest is up to them."

VITALE SAID that conditions in the area should improve within a few days because all of the streets—name and number streets—were soon to be included in the department's sweeper program.

The department began sweeping name streets—running north and south—last week and expects to start cleaning the numbered streets within a few days.

Vitale also said that he planned to have his inspectors start making spot checks of the area for litter and garbage violations. He reminded residents that summonses can be given out for dropping paper in the streets.

THE DIRECTOR ALSO SAID that he planned to install litter baskets in the area as soon as he could obtain more receptacles. Litter baskets have been used with great success along Washington Street.

Concerning complaints of overcrowded conditions at various

DOUBLING SPACE IN HOBOKEN



TWO FOR ONE — Hoboken's children will have an additional 2,700 square feet of playground space as result of decision of Health and Welfare Director Damato to incorporate these two lots into one playground. In foreground is lot at 60 Garden St. In background is 57 Park Ave., one of two lots traded to city in exchange for city playground on west side of Park Avenue, near southwest corner of Newark Street. Other lot, at 61 Park Ave., will also be developed as a playground.

Defend That Playground

More power to Hoboken's Health and Welfare Director Damato, who has been replacing vandalized equipment at the 3rd Street Playground as fast as the vandals can break it. He is determined not to penalize the decent youngsters who like to use the playground.

For the next year, the director says he is going to get vandal-proof equipment so tough that it can't be wrecked without an acetylene torch.

It is painful to face the fact that some of the boys in this neighborhood have a mean streak, but it is heartening to see the city refuse to give them the satisfaction of having the playground shut down. If vandal-proof apparatus can be brought in, so much the better. It will probably be expensive, but if it defeats the vandals it will be worthwhile.

Double for Nothing

The playground now being developed on a small vacant lot at 57 Park Ave., in Hoboken is shaping up nicely, but the city has overlooked an opportunity that ought not to be passed up.

Directly in back of the playground is another vacant lot, fronting on Garden Street, and, as luck would have it, this too is city-owned. So there is a strip of available land running straight through from Park Avenue to Garden Street. For some reason the city officials did not realize that this second vacant lot is also city property and did not include it in the plan for developing the Park Avenue lot.

Obviously the playground can be twice the size now planned. Why not extend it right away, while the project is still being carried out? With twice the original area available, it may be possible to locate the equipment more advantageously. A chance like this does not come often.

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Hoboken Judge to Become Stricter in Granting of Postponements

Naddeo To Avoid Big Backlog

Attorneys who will defend clients in Hoboken's municipal court better be prepared to proceed with their cases when they appear before Magistrate Rudolph R. Naddeo.

The Magistrate told several attorneys during yesterday's court session that he intends to get a lot tougher in granting postponements and adjournments.

NADDEO EXPLAINED that he does not want his calendar to become bogged down with a backlog of postponed and adjourned cases.

He said that defendants would still be entitled to "due process" under the law, but that the attorneys should, in all fairness to their clients, be ready to proceed when the case is called.

NADDEO SAID his calendar was relatively clear at present and that he intends to keep it that way.

In some cases that have been brought before Naddeo, months elapsed between the initial hearing and final disposition due to continuous postponements on the requests of the attorneys involved.

By ADOLPHE V. BERNOTAS

Rosanna Heckman, the girl Friday who married the boss, says her husband August W. Heckman, Gov. Hughes' nominee to Superior Court, is going to make a good judge on the state bench because he's a good judge on the home bench.

She says Heckman, who has practiced in every court from justice of the peace court to the U.S. Supreme Court, settles cases among his two sons and two daughters "with calm, patience and understanding. I guess these are the qualities you need to be a good judge."

HIS FAMILY is what Heckman talks about most. He has at least two dozen pictures of his children interspersed between religious pictures all over his second floor office at 297 Academy St., Jersey City. He proudly notes that his son, Glenn, 24, is in the National Guard and points out that Caroline, 14, was the champion of School 17 in this year's Jersey Journal spelling bee. "My family is my hobby," he says.

IS FAMILY has also been a source of personal tragedy. His son August W. Heckman Jr. died last year at the age of 14 of a kidney ailment. Heckman had donated his own kidney to his son but the transplant failed. "Personal tragedy helps you appreciate and sympathize with the other fellow's problems."

Describing himself as a religious man (he is a trustee of



AUGUST W. HECKMAN

the Redeemer Lutheran Church and advisory board member to the Salvation Army and Volunteers of America), Heckman says his religion has helped him overcome his sorrow.

HECKMAN ALSO takes pride in his accomplishments as a lawyer. He notes that he and Gov. Hughes used to argue against each other in court and that while he was a Jersey City commissioner and head of the public works department he helped to draw up the perpetual contract which assures a water supply for the city "for all time to come."

Heckman readily admits that his private practice brings him an annual income of more than

the \$27,000 salary of a superior court judge, but he's willing to give up his practice because "it's every lawyer's dream to be a judge someday."

AT THE AGE of 58, Heckman no longer plays golf as often as he used to but he maintains a good physical appearance. He stands 5 feet 8 inches and weighs 165 pounds. His dark hair is greying and balding and he paces vigorously across his carpeted office floor.

Although his practice is one of the busiest in the city, Heckman finds time to be a member of many civic, fraternal and professional organizations.

HECKMAN IS a native of Jersey City but has managed not to learn the Jersey City accent. He speaks like a college professor of English. His father was a German immigrant and well known in Jersey City. Heckman Drive in Greenville is named after August F. Heckman.

"If you write anything about me at all," Heckman says pointing to a framed poem on his office wall, "put that in. My father wrote it and put it on the back of his butcher bills."

THE POEM, Heckman says summarizes his own philosophy:

"Be Quick to Think
If Things are Wrong
But Kick to Us
And Make it Strong
To Make things Right
Gives us Delight
If we are Wrong
And you are Right."

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They're the News

Heckman and Hanrahan Share Sense of Pride in Nomination to Bench

By ROBERT BENET

Joseph P. Hanrahan, Governor Hughes' nominee for Hudson County Court judge and newly elected commander of the New Jersey American Legion, has been described as "a quiet guy," this despite the first assistant prosecutor's 19 years' service on the oratorical committee of the state Legion department, and two years as its chairman.

But another acquaintance attests to this paradox. "That's right," he says. "Joe Hanrahan is soft-spoken. But he's genial, I guess is the word. And the thing that stands out is that when he does speak, he's very distinctive. It's funny, too, because he's from Hoboken, you know, but his speaking voice sounds more New England. Or like Harvard."

SPEAKING TO Hanrahan, the general impression is that both observers come close to hitting the mark. Speaking forthrightly, if succinctly, he answered the joint question, "What do you think of being nominated by Governor Hughes for a Superior Court judgeship, and elected commander of the state Department of the Legion?"

Quickly correcting his questioner—"It's County, not Superior Court, but thanks"—he disposed of both answers in one statement.

"I AM very happy to have been elected department com-



JOSEPH P. HANRAHAN

mander. It's something I've been working on for some time. As to the judgeship, it is something that every lawyer must look forward to. If it comes true, it will be the fulfillment of a dream I've had for many years."

And that's it. His name is to go before the Senate Monday for confirmation. Meantime, he'll wait, and quietly, just as he has performed "a demanding job," under "a hard taskmaster," (again quoting the Harvard source) for the past eight years.

THE JOB goes back to 1958,

when Hanrahan accepted appointment as an assistant prosecutor of Hudson County. He later was promoted to first assistant, the position he now holds.

The "taskmaster" is, of course, James A. Tumulty, Hudson County prosecutor.

HANRAHAN, 54, was graduated from St. Joseph's parochial school and Demarest High School, both Hoboken, and received a bachelor of laws degree from John Marshall College of Law in 1938.

His public career began in Hoboken in 1939, when he became a clerk in the city clerk's office. This was followed by a position as assistant to the Hoboken city attorney. In the private practice of law, he has worked in partnership with his wife, Julia, who is also an attorney, with offices at 68 Hudson St., Hoboken.

HANRAHAN'S Legion activities began in 1946, upon his release from active duty in the U.S. Navy as a lieutenant, junior grade. Joining Hoboken Post 107, American Legion, at that time and enlisting in the Naval Reserve, he continued in both until this year, when his Legion service brought him to the top position in the state. His Naval service came to an end this year when he retired from the Reserve with the rank of lieutenant commander.



LIVE LONGER ELECTRICALLY — New electronic monitoring devices for intensive care are being installed at St. Mary Hospital, Hoboken. The console, checked here by Dr. Charles Quaglieri, director of the

department of medicine, and Rosemary Cuddihy, assistant director of nursing, will provide a cardiograph, defibrillator, cardiosynchronizer and cardiac pacemaker.

By Federal Agency *J.J. 9/16/66* Ask Appointment of a 'Spanish Adviser'

The board of directors of the Hoboken Organization against Poverty and Economic Stress will ask the federal government's Office of Economic Opportunity to appoint a "Spanish Adviser" for the organization, it was announced today by Raymond G. Clyons, director.

Clyons said that the board would draw up a formal application or request at its Oct. 3 meeting for creation of the post. He said that the post would be salaried if approved by the OEO.

A CONTROVERSY over the position came to light last month when Larry Lerdo, a candidate for councilman in the 4th ward, and a group of Spanish-speaking residents picketed the ribbon cutting ceremony which

opened one of the city's neighborhood centers.

They said that positions, especially the top jobs, were being filled by political appointees and that no attention was being given to persons familiar with the needs of the Spanish community.

THEY ASKED that the position of Spanish Advisor be created and threatened to resume picketing unless their demands were heeded.

Lerdo and the group told the HOPES officials that they would start work shortly and one of meeting (Oct. 3) to make a decision.

Clyons said that he and the board were happy to cooperate with the Spanish residents but

that the final decision was not up to them. "The OEO has the final say on any position requests," he said.

CLYONS pointed out that under the Neighborhood Center program, 50 per cent of the neighborhood workers were to be Spanish-speaking.

The program calls for a total of 10 workers. Seven have already been appointed and of the seven, four are Spanish-speaking, he said. Two more are to start work shortly and one of these is also Spanish-speaking, Clyons added. Of the two posts yet unfilled, the director said that one of these would be filled from the Spanish community, resulting in a total of six Spanish-speaking workers out of 10.

Was \$12.50 Will Drop To \$10 Storage Charges Also to Drop

By PETER HALLAM

The charge to motorists for retrieving cars towed away in Hoboken for violating alternate-side-of-the-street parking regulations is due to drop from \$12 to \$10 Monday, The Jersey Journal learned today. Storage charges will also drop from \$1.25 a day to \$1.

Besides a new towing and storage rate for the offense, a new company will be on the scene to handle the operation. It was learned that the Roosevelt Towing Company, owned by John Vitale, will no longer do towing for the city and has been replaced by Hoboken Auto Body, owned by Carmen Pino.

THE REPORT was confirmed by Vitale, who said that he was bowing out because the amount of profit made was not worth the headaches and problems encountered.

It is reported that Hoboken Auto Body will be on the sole company operating in the west section of the city where towing in conjunction with the sweeper program scheduled to start Monday.

The All American Towing Company which had been working with Roosevelt and handling its overflow will handle the towing for alternate side of the street parking violations in the east section of the city.

FOR MANY YEARS Pino's firm had been handling all of dispute with the administration during the latter part of last year he was removed in favor of the two other companies.

It was reported that Councilman Steve Cappiello and Louis Francone were directly responsible for smoothing over the rift and enabled Pino to again do the city's towing.

All-American Towing will handle only alternate side of the street violations in the eastern part of the city. Pino, however, the city's towing, but after a will not only be responsible for alternate-side-of-the-street parking violations in the western part of the city, but will also do all other city towing in the entire city, such as towing away cars parked at hydrants, crosswalks and bus stops, and cars disabled in accidents.

PUBLIC WORKS Director Raphael Vitale (no relation to the owner of the towing company) warned residents of the city living west of Willow Avenue that towing of cars violating alternate side of the street parking regulations would start promptly Monday morning.

Hoboken To Extend Towing To Move Cars In West Section

By PETER HALLAM

Hoboken residents living west of Willow Avenue may awaken Monday morning to find that their cars are not where they parked them. The missing vehicles, however, will be in good hands—the city's.

Monday is the starting date for towing in the west section for cars parked in violation of alternate side of the street parking regulations in conjunction with the city's street-sweeping program.

CHARGES for towing and storage will also decrease Monday. Rates are to go down from \$12 for towing to \$10 and from \$1.25 a day storage to \$1.

Public Works Director Raphael Vitale said he expected the number of vehicles towed away would be fewer than the number towed away on the first day the procedure was put into effect in the east section.

"We have given out fewer tickets during the earlier period so it is logical that people will continue to cooperate once we have started towing away vehicles," he said.

HE SAID that tickets were averaging between 60 and 100 a day in the west section while that output was almost doubled during the first days of towing in the east part of the city.

Vitale pointed out that besides helping to keep the streets clear for the towing vehicle, the city would be able to pick up the majority of abandoned cars in the west section.

He said that, because of the towing program, the east section was now relatively clear of abandoned cars and trucks.

Hoboken Tow-Away

The fee for retrieving cars towed from the path of Hoboken's street sweeper has been cut to a more reasonable level. The cut took effect on the same day the western part of the city came under the tow-away program.

The practice of towing away autos blocking the sweeper was started in the eastern part of Hoboken a year ago. At that time we commented editorially that the \$15 paid to the towing companies for reclaiming towed-away cars seemed excessive, as did the \$1.50 daily storage fee for cars not immediately redeemed. These fees were then reduced to respectively \$12 and \$1.25. But that still appeared to us as unnecessarily high.

Now the charges have been lowered to \$10 and \$1. As the west section of the city is taken into the towing program, more cars will have to be towed away, so the towing companies seem assured of a good livelihood, even at the lower rate. The sad part is that so many motorists still fail to heed the warning signs.

Replies to Letter *J.J. 9/15/66* HOPES Director Denies 'Run Around' Is Given

Raymond G. Clyons, director of the Hoboken Organization against Poverty and Economic Stress (HOPES), today denied that the organization had given a "run-around" to anyone who had sought to take advantage of HOPES programs.

He was replying to a letter sent to him by Councilman William J. Matthews, stating that Stephen Tracy of 636 Bloomfield St. had complained to the council that he was given a run-around when seeking assistance from HOPES.

TRACY, whose income is \$22 a week, said he thought he was entitled to some assistance, particularly in light of some of the large salaries handed out to "the chosen few."

"I am inclined to agree with Tracy when he speaks of all of the big jobs," Matthews said in his letter. "And I am waiting patiently to hear when some of the people who are supposed to derive some benefits receive them."

"I am also inclined to believe that Tracy is entitled to assistance or training under this program," he added. "Councilman Palmieri concurred in this opinion."

"Thomas Gallo, president of the council, appointed me a committee of one to pursue this complaint and receive an answer to this perplexing situation," he continued.

"Will you please give me a written explanation of this problem so that I may accurately convey it to the council at the next meeting," Matthews concluded.

CLYONS EXPLAINED that other than to file an application for a job, he was not aware that Tracy had ever been to the HOPES center to seek assistance.

The director said: "I will only be to happy to talk with Mr. Tracy concerning what HOPES can do for him and what programs are available."

Clyons noted that HOPES has submitted a job training program to the Department of Labor. "Conformation of the program and funding is expected in 24 hours," he said.

HE EXPLAINED that on-the-job training will be provided for some 200 Hoboken residents between the ages of 18 and 30 with local industries through the program.

"However, I believe that Mr. Tracy is too old for this training program," Clyons added.

He said that a written report of Tracy's case would be forwarded to Councilman Matthews prior to next Wednesday's council meeting.

In Hoboken *J.J. 9/16/66* Clyons Denies Officials' Kin Employed by HOPES

Raymond G. Clyons, director of the Hoboken Organization against Poverty and Economic Stress (HOPES), today denied reports that two councilmen were employed by the organization.

"There is not now or has there ever been a daughter of any councilman employed by HOPES," he asserted. "This also holds true for the wife of any councilman."

THE DIRECTOR said that Mrs. Bernard Servani, wife of the councilman-at-large, had helped out during the summer bus rides provided by HOPES, but that it was on a voluntary basis and without pay.

It was reported that certain lawyers were corresponding with

the attorney-general's office in Trenton about the legality of certain appointments to the anti-poverty organization.

CLYONS ADDED that all of the persons appointed to HOPES were done so because they met the requirements established by the federal government and with the governments approval.

The director announced that Mrs. Celia Williams, 34, of 88 Park Ave. has been appointed to the office staff of HOPES at \$4,250 a year. She is to start working Monday.

HOPES Spanish Adviser Unit to Screen Lerdo's Names

HOPES, Hoboken's anti-poverty organization, will consider the 20 names submitted as possible candidates for the proposed position of Spanish adviser, Director Raymond G. Clyons said today.

The list of residents, who are fluent in both Spanish and English, was submitted to HOPES by Larry Lerdo, a candidate for councilman from the Fourth Ward in the coming election in May.

LERDO, who led a group of Spanish pickets at the opening of HOPES' neighborhood center last month, charged that appointments were all "political" and demanded that the position of Spanish adviser be created. Further picketing was promised unless action was taken to establish the post.

After Clyons announcement last week that the organization would seek federal approval for the creation of such a position, Lerdo sent the director a letter with the names of 20 candidates considered qualified for the job.

"Of course, we still do not have the authority to create such a post," said Clyons, "but every effort will be made to induce the federal anti-poverty officials to give us their approval."

"IF THE POST is created the people named by Lerdo will be notified by letter to come into the HOPES center and submit formal applications," he added. "Applications from others will also be accepted."

Named by Lerdo were: Abram See HOPES—Page 15



MAKE WAY—This car is one of many towed away yesterday from the western part of Hoboken to clear the path for the street sweeper. Patrolman Michael Cauffield is applying the ticket as Joseph Vitale attaches the tow truck to the vehicle.

Clyons Called *J.J. 9/20/66* Council Asks Rundown On Anti-Poverty Pay

Hoboken Councilman William Matthews today asked Raymond Clyons, director of HOPES, to attend the city council meeting tomorrow to explain "large salaries" paid to HOPES officials, and to state the accomplishments of the poverty program in Hoboken.

Stephen Tracy of 636 Bloomfield St. appeared at the last council meeting and demanded to know why "high salaries"

were being paid to staffers of the poverty organization "when I don't have a job and can't get any poverty funds."

Clyons sent Matthews a letter Sept. 14 stating that "if you stop by my office I can explain the situation." The councilman, however, said he could not take time from his schedule, so he requested Clyons to appear before council members to explain the entire situation.

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Lao of 32 Jackson St.; Rosa Keneshige of 211 14th St.; Luis Ortiz of 222 Park Ave.; Jaime Munoz of 1319 Washington St.; Carlos Melendez of 612 Jefferson St.; Maria Alvarado of 635 6th St.; Edilia Melendez of 205 3rd St.; Rebecca Gonzalez of 310 Jackson St. and Pedro Roman of 220 Madison St. Also, Angel Class of 321 Harrison St.; Maria Aguirre of 97 Hudson St.; Rafael Melendez of 540 Marshall Drive; Nicholas Padin of 819 Park Ave.; Ernestina Marchi of 102 Garden St.; Daniel Rivera of 1328 Washington St.; Jaime Olivella of 501 Marshall Drive; Trinidad Lanzo of 426 Monroe St.; Eleuterio Martinez of 142 Garden St.; Alberto Falto of 137 Garden St. and Manuel Melendez of 637 Willos Ave.

Hoboken *J.J. 9/22/66* HOPES Is Criticized Over Appointments

HOPES, Hoboken's anti-poverty organization, drew criticism again at yesterday's meeting of the city council from several irate citizens, including one who is in line for a maintenance job with HOPES next month.

Stephen Tracy of 636 Bloomfield St., a pensioned county employee, asked the city council to appoint a committee of five members to investigate the HOPES appointments to high-salaried positions.

TRACY SUGGESTED that Robert Ranieri, a brother of Councilman Rudolph N. Ranieri; Domenic Gallo, a HOPES employee and son of Council president Thomas Gallo; Thomas Callig, a local attorney; Jesus Pedilla, a member of the Spanish community, and a council choice to serve on the panel.

Tracy, through the efforts of Councilman William Matthews and HOPES Director Raymond G. Clyons, is scheduled to join the organization's janitorial staff next month.

Clyons said that he has a post for Tracy, but that there was still some question of whether or not he would be able to do the work because of his disability.

TRACY had complained to

Matthews at the Sept. 7 council session that he had sought aid for HOPES but had been given the run around.

Pedilla of 254 2nd St., also said he wanted to know what was happening to HOPES. He said that several times when they had appeared at Clyons' office.

Pedilla said that he had requested a meeting with Clyons to discuss HOPES and had been granted an appointment. However, he refused to go because he wanted the information to be open, he said.

"I WANT Clyons' replies to my questions to be a matter of public record," he said. "I thought he was going to be here today. That is why I am at this meeting."

Council President Thomas A. Gallo broke in at this point and asked Pedilla: "Are you accusing Mr. Clyons of wanting to make a deal with you?"

"YES, I am," Pedilla answered.

"That's the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard of," Gallo replied.

The council declined to take any action on Tracy's suggestion until the Oct. 5 meeting.

Two New Park Ave. Playgrounds Fully Equipped, Opened By City

Democrats Re-elect Quinn, Aides

All aides of Hoboken Democratic Chairman James F. Quinn were re-elected with him at the annual reorganization meeting of the regular Democratic organization.

Re-elected were William Van Wie, Edward Torpey, and Corrado DePinto, vice chairman; Arthur Burkhardt, secretary; John Giannalano, treasurer; Nicholas Sansevere, sergeant-at-arms; Libero Guglielmelli, assistant sergeant-at-arms and George Maier, William Rutherford and Nicholas LaForgia, trustees.

On the Republican side, elected with Chairman Frank J. Bartlette were Mrs. Inez Scrivani, vice chairman and Thomas Jodice, chairman of the executive board.

Other committee officers are Anthony Federico, secretary; Mary Straub, corresponding secretary; Dolores Marzocco, treasurer; Ellen Litzas, recording secretary; John Sherrin, sergeant-at-arms; and Michael DeLanzo, assistant sergeant-at-arms.

Trustees are Joseph Tremittedi, Catherine Jodice, John Lindsay, Ernest DeGrippe, Rae Migliaccio, Anthony Mosco, Mildred Treager and Mary Salinardi.

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BEFORE — Lot at 61 Park Ave., Hoboken, hemmed in by five-story tenement houses, as it looked several weeks ago before owner traded it to city. (Jersey Pictures)

Transfer Deed to Old Park

Hoboken's newest playgrounds at 57 and 61 Park Avenue have been completely outfitted with new equipment and are ready to be used by neighborhood youngsters, Anthony Damato, Hoboken recreation director, announced today.

Damato said a seesaw and a few swings were the last items to be installed yesterday in the playground set aside for tots at 57 Park Ave. The other play area, at 61 Park Ave., is to be used exclusively by older children. It has two basketball backboards with baskets.

Damato said that the deed to a city playground on the other side of Park Ave. in the same block has been transferred to the Stenca Corp. of Jersey City. The company arranged to give the city the two lots at 57 and 61 Park Avenue in exchange for the existing playground.

"Stenca completed its work on the new play areas last week," Damato said, "so I was given permission to transfer the deed to them." Under terms of the contract, the company was to receive the deed for the lot it was getting only if it performed the required work on the two new playgrounds.

Lot Fixup Urged By Ranieri Seeking Funds For Repairs

Hoboken Councilman Rudolph N. Ranieri today began taking steps to have the city council approve the appropriation of an extra \$3,000 or \$4,000 for the city's public works department so that repairs can be made on the lots at 117-119 Washington St.

The city-owned lot was once the site of Strohmeier's Market which operated its own meat processing plant in the basement. The buildings were eventually torn down and the vacant lots surfaced with asphalt but the basement area was never correctly filled in and the asphalt has been eroding away.

According to Ranieri, rats have been observed going in and out of the various holes which the city has attempted to fill in from time to time.

The councilman said that he decided to take the action Saturday after seeing a large rat on Court Street, directly behind the two lots.

Ranieri said that he and Public Works Director Raphael Vitale both saw the large rat and agreed that the city should do whatever necessary to correct the conditions.

"SINCE DIRECTOR Vitale says that he does not have the necessary funds left in his budget to fill in the lot correctly and eliminate the condition once and for all, I think the city should make the money available," he said.

Ranieri added that he was assured of the support of most of the council members in getting the appropriation. "Council President Gallo publicly stated at last week's council meeting that the city shouldn't spare any expense where the safety of our children is involved," he said.

THE COUNCILMAN thought that the area could be used as a small park area where residents could sit and relax until such time as the city could make better use of the lot or possibly sell it.

He said that after properly filling in and resurfacing the lot the city could put in concrete benches for the comfort of residents.

RANIERI said that he would also propose that the city write the International Longshoremen's Association and ask if it could use its lots on Hudson Street for a parking area.

The lots are the site of the ILA's proposed clinic. They have been void of buildings for several months now but no further progress has been noted.

RANIERI said that if the ILA wasn't going to start construction on the clinic for awhile, perhaps the city could pave the area and use it for a municipal parking lot.

"Either parking meters or a parking attendant could be used," he said, "I doubt if the city would make any money on such a proposal, but it would relieve some of the parking congestion and I don't think it would cost us that much."

\$500,000 Renovation St. Mary's Hospital Expansion to Begin

Contractors are ready to begin work on a \$500,000 renovation and expansion program at St. Mary Hospital, Hoboken, that includes a \$52,000 eight-bed intensive care unit and remodeling of north wing space to provide staff and administrative offices on the second floor.

The work is expected to take several months to complete, according to a hospital spokesman. Scaffolding for the project was erected outside the hospital yesterday.

Sister M. Felicitas, SFP, present administrator of the 103-year-old general hospital, said yesterday that new electronic equipment for heart cases, a patient furniture and a new sterilizer.

thermal blankets will be among new features added to the hospital, which recently acquired the latest modern dish washing equipment for its dietary department.

Other new equipment to be added includes automatic turning frames for severe burns cases, piped-in oxygen apparatus, stretchers, new X-rays, patient furniture and a new sterilizer.

'More Efficient' Hoboken Fire Officers Endorse Consolidation

The Hoboken Fire Officers Association today went on record in favor of a Hudson County or regional fire department.

At a meeting in Exempt Hall, 213 Bloomfield St., Capt. Richard Tremittedi, president, cited the advantages of a consolidated fire organization.

"THE DUPLICATION of activities that now exist would be eliminated," the captain said.

"This will result in more efficient and effective fire protection, probably at a lower cost

to the citizens of the community. It will also correct the problem of staffing the cities in Hudson County with qualified men."

Members of the association agreed unanimously that Capt. Richard Farrell should be entitled to full compensation for the entire period of his dismissal. Their decision was based on the Civil Service Commission's ruling reversing the City of Hoboken's contention that the captain was a non-resident of Hoboken at the time of his dismissal.

Decision on Burned Out Building Due Tomorrow

The owner of a Hoboken factory building gutted almost two years ago by a general alarm fire has until tomorrow to decide whether or not the structure should be rehabilitated or torn down.

The five-story building at 1015 Clinton St. has been allowed to remain in its gutted condition since the fire. Numerous complaints have been made to the city but no action was taken to board up the structure or brace its walls.

ANTHONY SANTANELLO, the owner of a gas station next door to the building, said that he had been informed by Councilman Francis Finnerty that the city has taken action and that the owner must notify the city as to what he intends to do with the structure by tomorrow.

Santanello added that because his insurance company judged that the gutted building was a hazard it had refused to renew his insurance.

AN EMPLOYEE at the gas station said that he would be surprised if the wall closest to the station remained up for the winter. "It looks like it could fall anytime now he said."

The structure housed a manufacturer of plastic toys, a book binding firm and garment concern before the fire. Leo Greenberg of Newark is reported to be the owner of the structure.

According to some insurance agents with clients in the area of the gutted structure, the building was condemned by Hoboken's building inspector, Patrick L. Caulfield, shortly after the fire but the city took no other action until recently.



Hazardous conditions to be relieved by city action.

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AFTER — This is the lot shown in photo at left, graded and paved by former owner and now ready for use as a basketball court for older boys.



DEATH OF A PLAYGROUND — This double lot on opposite side of street was a city playground until city swapped it for two single lots at 57 and 61 Park Ave. (latter is shown above.) Play apparatus has been dismantled. New owner will convert site into driveway for factory to be built on Willow Avenue.

HOPES Adds 3 To Staff Will Open New Center Today

Two more resident workers and a clerk-typist have been appointed to the staff of HOPES, Hoboken's anti-poverty organization, it was announced today by Raymond G. Clyons, director.

Daniel Rivera of 1302 Washington St. and Mrs. Joann Jackson of 210 Harrison St. were named as resident workers at an annual salary of \$4,160. Mrs. Jackson was formerly employed as a clerk in the city's violation bureau.

Mrs. Nilsa Perez of 1025 Washington St. was appointed a clerk typist at the HOPES center at a yearly salary of \$4,200.

CLYONS ALSO announced that Neighborhood Center No. 2 at Sixth Street and Park Avenue would open officially today. Center No. 1 at 117 Madison St. has been in operation for several weeks.

Center No. 2 opens without a director as the federal government as yet has not approved the persons recommended for the job by HOPES board.

George Botsolas, a teacher at Hoboken High School, is reported to be the board's choice.

Library Row Smolders In Council

The controversy over the purchase of library furniture for the Hoboken Public Library may be over, but it hasn't been forgotten as Councilmen Rudolph N. Ranieri and William Matthews proved yesterday.

Both voted against approving the claim of that city business administrator's office which included a bill for some additional furniture and their vote stemmed from an objection to the method of purchase.

RANIERI, in a statement after the council meeting, said that the order had been deliberately split so that competitive bidding could be avoided.

Under city ordinances, most purchases by departments must be put up for bid if they are in excess of \$5,000.

Ranieri said that the latest order was just part of earlier orders which the library board and Business Administrator James F. Quinn had known would be needed but split anyway.

"I WAS against paying the bill when it came in and I see no reason to change now," he said.

Matthews was as successful at trying to reschedule the council meeting and make them all night meetings as Ranieri was at trying to stop payment of The councilman said that he had been asked by many residents to hold meetings at night.

"I think we would have better participation by our residents if we had night meetings," Matthews said. "It would also encourage more people to seek public office if they knew that they wouldn't have to give up a day's pay to attend a council meeting."

Councilman Louis Francone pointed out to Matthews that participation did not increase at night meetings. "We tried it two years ago and had less residents attending than now," he said.

Building Boom: \$20 Million in '66; \$30 Million Seen in '67



GOLDEN AGE COMING — A big clamshell bucket chews away at buildings being razed to make way for the first of two senior citizens' housing projects. This is on Jackson between Second and Third Streets.

Two Projects Set for Senior Citizen Homes

Ground-breaking for Hoboken's first senior citizens housing projects will be held at 11 a.m. on Oct. 4, it was announced today by Mayor Louis DePascale and Raymond G. Clyons, housing authority director.

The official ceremony will be held on the site of the project to be known as Adams Gardens, 3rd and Jefferson Sts. The other project will be known as Monroe Gardens.

The mayor said that Herman D. Hillman, assistant administrator of Region 1, Department of Housing and Urban Development, gave the authority notice to proceed yesterday during a meeting in New York.

Each development will have 125 apartments. Total cost of the projects and land, including \$3.3 million in construction work, will exceed \$4 million, it is reported.

DePascale Outlines Vast Renewal Plan

More than \$20 million has been spent on new construction in Hoboken this year and Mayor Louis DePascale today predicted that next year's total would top the \$30 million mark.

The \$20 million figure, said the mayor, includes the building of new private homes, high rise apartments and industrial expansion.

THE \$6 MILLION Church Towers apartment project is well under way, he reported, and should be ready for occupancy by next spring. The modern, white brick apartments are being constructed on a two and a half block site in the heart of the city.

In addition to the high rise apartments, more than 25 private homes have been built in recent months, he said, and many more will be built in the years just ahead.

"We are limited only by the amount of space available, said the mayor, and we expect that \$60,000 worth of demolition work will be carried out this year. We're tearing down the old to make way for the new.

"Many people have found that the advantages and conveniences that Hoboken offers far outweigh those of most suburban communities. Our greatest advantage is our location. Geography is on the side of Hoboken. We are minutes away from New York City and we have fine shops and commercial facilities within easy walking distance."

IN THE INDUSTRIAL picture, Maxwell House Division of General Foods spent about \$2 million this year to expand its coffee plant at 11th and Hudson Sts., the mayor reported, and Standard Chemical Co., 13th and Grand Sts., is planning an expansion that will cost approximately \$750,000. DePascale said he looks for further expansion of industry in the northwest corner of the city.

A huge project in the making is the industrial research center of Stevens Institute. With the cooperation of the city administration the college acquired the old Eighth St. pier and is transforming it into a testing center that is expected to attract nationally known industries. DePascale estimated that "many millions" would be spent on this project.

THE CITY IS about to embark on the greatest redevelopment program in its history, the mayor said, when it launches the "Hudson St. Project" — with a price tag of \$20 million.

Under the plan, the area from First to Fourth Sts., Hudson to River, would be completely redeveloped. On the site would be built 500 apartments for middle-income families in high-rise structures on an attractive, landscaped setting. There would also be a modern office building with some 400,000 square feet of space and a parking facility for 1,000 cars.

"I'm happy to report that this has gone beyond the planning stage and we are awaiting action by the federal government to begin the first phase of the program," he declared.

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Will Meet Monday Washington St. Operators Urged to Join Bus System

The operators of the Washington Street bus line in Hoboken will be given one more opportunity to get in on the ground floor of a new bus system proposed by the merchants retail bureau and endorsed by the city government.

Following a 2½ hour meeting yesterday between four owners and representatives of the Public Service Coordinated Transportation Co. at the company's Union City garage, it was announced that a meeting of local bus operators has been scheduled for next Monday night at 8 in Union Hall, 13th and Washington Streets.

THE PURPOSE of yesterday's meeting was to discuss with Public Service the possibilities of buying or leasing its Willow Avenue franchise which would be necessary for the operation of the new loop system.

Thomas Jodice, city transportation inspector, reported that John E. Barry and Matthew Edgerton represented Public Service at the talks with Joseph Sacco Sr., Joseph Sacco Jr., Paul Errico, Joseph Agresta and Sidney Spadavecchia. The five men owned a total of 21 of the 29 buses operating on Washington Street.

JODICE SAID that although money was not mentioned, Public Service is willing to give up its Willow Avenue run. The franchise authorizes the operation of two routes, the 40 Willow Avenue and the 40 Jefferson Street. The Monday night meeting will afford the owners of the remaining 8 buses the opportunity to be included in the group which will operate the new bus system. Sacco and Errico have already expressed the desire to operate

the system on their own if they are able to purchase the needed franchise from Public Service. However, they are willing to allow the other operators a part of the action, according to Jodice.

THE NEW SYSTEM would be an extension of the current Washington Street run. Buses would continue to operate north and south along the main street but their routes would be lengthened to include scheduled service for the west section of the city.

The system will become a reality as Mayor Louis DePascale has pledged himself and the City Council to implementing the new service. But how long before it is started and who will be operating it is still unknown.

UNLESS the Washington Street bus operators show steady signs of progress in starting the loop system, the mayor may pull out his support of them and start looking for an outside operator or create a city transit authority.

Mayor DePascale gave them almost two months to form an association and formally let the city know if they were willing. The owners were still undecided when they met for the last time with the mayor last month. If Sacco and Errico hadn't explained that they were interested in running the line and would meet with Public Service to discuss the franchise purchase, the mayor would have started looking elsewhere.

DeFazio Hits Owners Hearings On Bus Increase To Continue Oct. 26

The Public Utility Commission will resume its hearings on the petition of Washington Street bus-owners for a 5-cent fare increase for Hoboken on Oct. 26. The commission, owners and city representatives met yesterday to open the hearings.

Joseph D. Connell is representing the bus owners and Charles DeFazio and Thomas Jodice appeared for the city.

POSTPONEMENT of the hearing was granted on the request of DeFazio, a city attorney, on the ground that the bus owners had failed to advertise their petitions properly.

Besides a 5-cent hike for regular travelers, the companies are also seeking a 5-cent hike in the fare for school children, he said. The hike for the kids was not advertised and the city was not aware of the "sleeper clause" in the petition until it was brought out at the hearing.

CURRENT RATE for the 14-block ride is 10 cents and 5 cents for school children during school hours on school days.

Originally, only 9 of the 12 bus owners had filed for the fare increase, but it was reported by Jodice, the city's transportation inspector, that the 3 remaining operators would also file.

THE CITY is against the increase because of "poor service not worth 15 cents, untidy condition of the buses, short distance of the ride and discourteous service."

Councilman William Matthews commented today:

"I FEEL that if the bus owners go for a fare increase they will impair their business even further and encourage more riders to discontinue using them," he said.

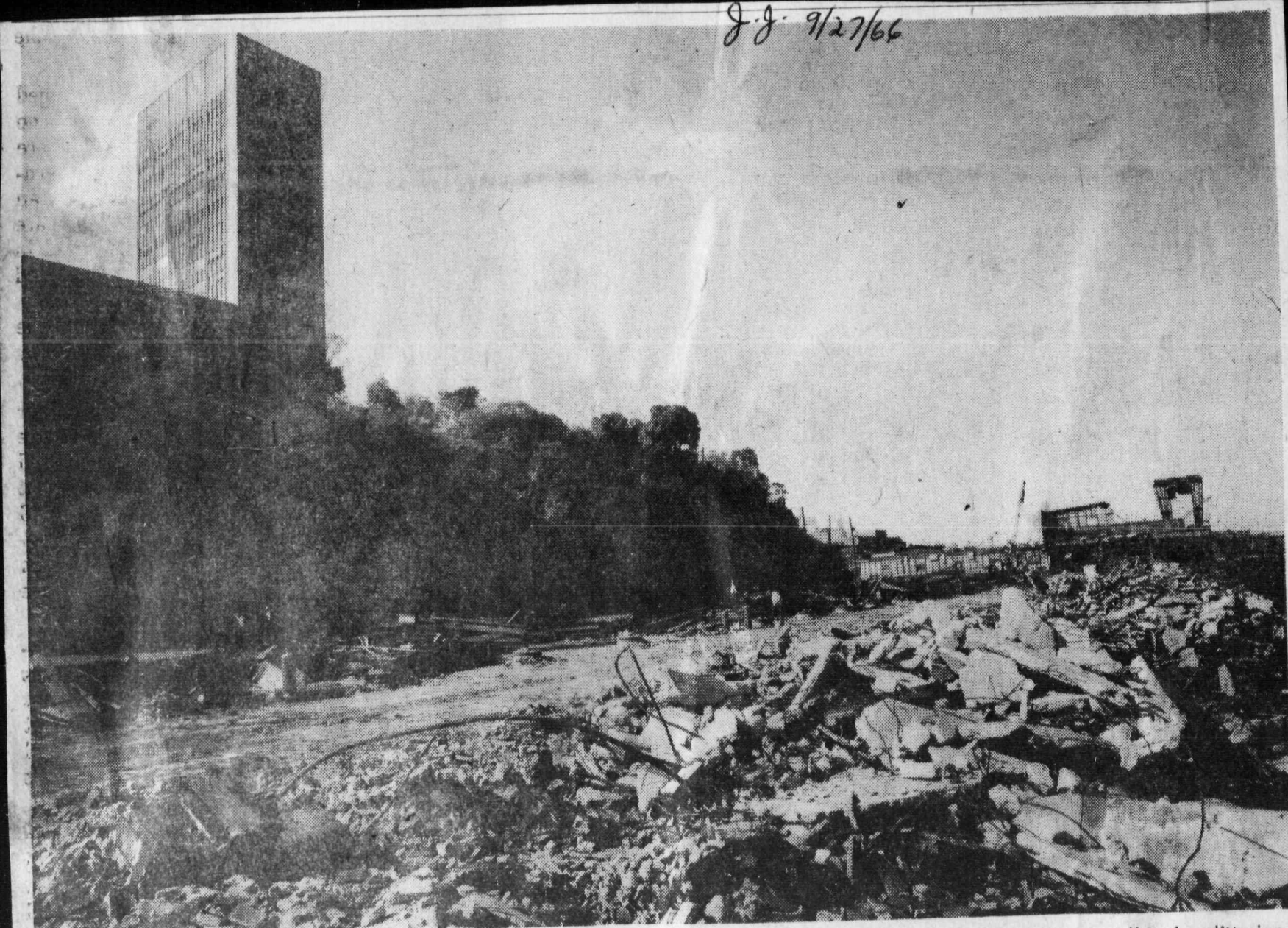
Matthews chided Business Administrator James F. Quinn, a Democratic candidate for freeholder in the November election, for attacking the fare increase application on the ground that the bus operators have given poor service.

MATTHEWS SAID Quinn has been "an extremely influential member" of the city administration for the past 15 years, but only now chose to speak up against something that has been building up for years.

"This is quite ironic, coming from Quinn, when it is an administrative function to supervise the buses as far as performance, convenience, well being and comfort go," he said.

"The responsibility lies directly under the director of public safety who employs a bus supervisor expressly for the purpose of eliminating these complaints.

"You, Mr. Quinn, have certainly had access to the director's office to acquaint him with these facts," Matthews added.



PHOENIX ON THE HUDSON — Plans are that from the rubble where the "Long Dock" once stood will rise a research center and student buildings at Stevens Tech. Towering over all is the glittering highlight of Hoboken's skyline, the Stevens Center. (Jersey Pictures)

More Fare—for What?

Hoboken's city administration could hardly do other than oppose the application for a fare increase by owners of 13 of the 29 buses operating the Washington Street bus line.

The route is little over a mile long. At the present fare of ten cents, most riders are paying well over ten cents a mile. It would seem that this should be a lucrative line. Yet the buses are old and in dubious condition, aside from the fact that many of them are odoriferous. The owners have yet to live down the reputation for poor service they have earned in snowy and icy weather, the times when the riders needed them most.

The owners of the other 16 buses had the sense not to seek the nickel increase the owners of the 13 are asking. The city needs an overhaul of its bus service, including a revamping of the routes, not a raise in the fare on its most-complained-about line.

Washington Street Lines City Ready to Fight Bus Fare Increase

Representatives of the city are expected to protest the fare increase requested by 10 companies operating buses along Washington Street in Hoboken when the owners and city officials appear before the Public Utility Commission Thursday, at a hearing on the raise.

Mayor Louis DePascale has instructed Charles DeFazio, a city attorney, and Thomas Jodice, transportation inspector, to protest the 5-cent increase from a dime to 15 cents because of the conditions of the buses, their age and continuous failure to meet schedules.

CONCERN OVER the hike also was expressed by City Business Administrator James F. Quinn, a candidate for freeholder, who endorsed and praised the mayor's stand.

Currently, there are 29 buses owned by 13 companies operating along Washington Street. Ten of the companies are seeking the increase.

They are: Theresa Transportation Co., Michael Errico Bus Co., Agresta Bus Co., A. T. Capitielli Bus Co., Roslyn Bus Co., Rubenstein Bus Co., Harry Meehen Bus Co., Leo Winterfield Bus Co., Del-Elizabeth Bus Co. and Hoboken Transportation Co.

NOT SEEKING an increase are Carmela Bus Co., the Dee Bus Co. and the 14 buses owned and operated by Joseph Sacco. Though 10 of the 13 bus companies are seeking a fare hike, they operate only 13 of the 29 buses operating on the route.

Loop Bus System: Meeting Tuesday to Discuss Possible Franchise Sale

A meeting between the Public Service Coordinated Transport Company and operators of the Washington St. buses in Hoboken to discuss the possible purchase of the company's franchise has been scheduled for Tuesday morning at 10:30, it was learned today from Thomas Jodice, city transportation inspector.

Jodice said he had arranged a meeting between the Washington St. bus owners and two Public Service officers, Russell Diccilli, a vice president, and John E. Barry, eastern regional director, to discuss the Willow Ave. franchise.

THE FRANCHISE, currently operated by Public Service, has two routes, the 40 Willow Ave. and the 40 Jefferson St. Obtaining the franchise plans an important part in the establishment of a completely new bus system proposed by the city's merchants retail bureau.

While the meeting is open to any of the Washington St. bus operators, only two — Joseph Sacco and Paul Errico — have expressed interest in obtaining the franchise and providing the new service.

The proposed route, a loop, would provide about 80 per cent of the residents with quick, efficient and nearby bus service to any other part of the city, according to the retail bureau.

MAYOR LOUIS DePASCALE, the city council, the retail bureau and the chamber of commerce have committed themselves to providing such a service regardless of the stand taken by the Washington St. bus operators. Though willing to allow them to operate it, the city and business organizations are not reluctant about going out of the city to get someone to handle the operation should the local bus operators fail to take advantage of the opportunity.

According to Jodice, Public Service has indicated that it is willing to either lease or sell the rights to its Willow Ave. franchise if the price is right.

Sacco, at a meeting with the mayor and business groups, said he had made some overtures to Public Service about 6 months ago but that its asking price of \$20,000 was too much.

ANOTHER CLOUD is forming on the horizon which might have a direct effect on the proposed plan.

It is reported that merchants and businessmen in the west section of the city are becoming increasingly alarmed over the prospects of losing some of their customers because the new system would make Washington St. and its numerous shops and stores more accessible.

THEY CLAIM they can not afford the loss which could possibly force some of them out of business.

However, Washington St. merchants feel that the system will work to the advantage of the downtown stores and will increase their business opportunities.

Though no action is planned by merchants in the west section at present, it is reported that a joint front of resistance to the new system will come about as it comes closer to reality.

\$20,000,000.00!

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Stevens Institute Library . . . \$2,300,000.00	Hudson St. Office Building . . . \$100,000.00
Maxwell House Coffee \$2,000,000.00	Sts. Peter, Paul's School \$600,000.00
I.L.A. Medical Clinic \$1,000,000.00	Food Fair Supermarket \$250,000.00
Senior Citizen Apartments . . \$4,000,000.00	St. Mary Hospital \$500,000.00
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ADVANCEMENT — Hudson County Judge Joseph P. Hanrahan, former first assistant prosecutor, fourth from left, who was sworn in by Superior Court Judge Peter P. Artaserse, second from right. Looking on, from the left, Stanley Poreda, his son-in-law; Mrs. Nancy Poreda and Shelia, the judge's daughters; Joseph P. Hanrahan Jr., his son, and the jurist's wife Julia.

To Resign Legion Post Judge Hanrahan Sworn, Hails Benefactors

Hudson County Judge Joseph J. Hanrahan, who paid tribute to all those who helped him advance to the judiciary during his induction ceremonies, begins breaking in to his new duties today Judge Hanrahan, former first assistant prosecutor, reports today to Superior Court Judge Peter P. Artaserse, the county assignment judge, who swore him in yesterday in the Hudson County Administration Building.

HANRAHAN, WHO was elected state commander of the American Legion two weeks ago, is expected to resign that post because of his judicial duties. The State Senate confirmed him as a judge last Wednesday.

While it is a loss to the Legion, the appointment of Hanrahan as a county judge is a great honor, Edward Mullane, representing all Legionnaires in the county, remarked during the ceremonies.

Tumulty told the audience that it was beyond his power "to express the depth of affection" in which Hanrahan is held by him and his staff.

Judge Hanrahan, the final speaker, described Tumulty as "more than a tough boss," as a man who was "very paternal, concerned about my welfare."

HE ALSO SAID that County Clerk John J. Grogan, former mayor of Hoboken, and Mayor Louis DePascale, helped advance him. He expressed his thanks to Hoboken Councilman Stephen E. Mongiello for assisting him when he began his career as a lawyer in 1939.

Among those introduced by Grogan, master of ceremonies, were the new judge's wife, Julia, also a lawyer and a past president of the Hoboken Bar Association; Mayor DePascale, Assembly Speaker Maurice

Brady; John Meagher, Medal of Honor holder; Charles De Fazio, representing the Hudson County Bar Association; Arthur Schefler of the Hoboken Elks, which the new judge served as exalted ruler; former First Asst. Prosecutor William George, Freeholder-Director John F. Lewis and various other Hoboken and county officials.

The Rev. Anthony J. O'Driscoll, OFM, national chaplain of the American Legion, pronounced the invocation.

ON THE (HOBOKEN) WATERFRONT



HOME ON THE HUDSON — More than a score of small boats are making a haven of Hoboken's Pier 16, leased by city to Sea Coast Yacht Sales Company.

Outgoing ocean liner in background adds majesty to picturesque setting. Floats and other equipment are new.

Lot to Be Sold Soon

Mayor Blocking Extra Funds for Resurfacing

Additional funds for Hoboken Department of Public Works to fill in and resurface the city lot at 117 Washington St. will not be granted, Mayor Louis DePascale said today.

Councilman Rudolph N. Ranieri announced yesterday that he intended to petition the council to approve an additional \$3,000 or \$4,000 for the department which would be used to correct dangerous conditions at the lot.

HOWEVER, THE MAYOR

said today that the property was to be included in the next sale of city-owned land either next month or in November.

"Since there is little doubt that the property will be sold, there is no reason why the city should spend the money," he said.

The lot, actually two lots, was bought several months ago by Dalsim Realty Co. Dalsim representatives put a 10 per cent deposit on the property after purchasing it at a sale, but the deposit was lost to the

city when the company failed to post the remainder of the sale price within the allotted 50-day period.

The mayor said any repairs to the lot as it now stands would have to be made with what materials the city had on hand.

SEVERAL TRUCKLOADS of dirt were dumped at the lot yesterday as department workmen continue to fill in holes in the asphalt surface.

The lot was originally the site

of a market. When the buildings were torn down, the large cellar was never correctly filled in, causing the asphalt covering to buckle in spots.

Children have been observed going in and out of the larger openings before they were closed off by the city. Huge rats have also been seen coming and going from the underground burrows.

DePascale said that if the recently dumped dirt doesn't end the problem he would have the city fence off the lot in order to keep the children out.

A Cleaner Hoboken

The cleaner Hoboken that began appearing after Mayor DePascale took office last summer is even cleaner today, now that every street in the city receives a sweeping once a week. It is unfortunate that 50 to 60 cars still have to be towed away daily to clear the curb for the sweeping machine.

The motorized street-sweeping program started in the eastern half of the city. When it was finally extended to the western section last week the bugs had been ironed out during a year of experience in the eastern section. The city (and The Jersey Journal and Observer) saw to it that residents of the western part had ample notice before the advent of the sweeper and its striking arm, the tow truck. The sound truck the city sent out ahead of the tow truck the first few days also helped.

The towing in the west section is also clearing up another blotch on Hoboken's image, the practice of abandoning cars at the curb. Now such cars fall victim to the tow truck on the day of the week the sweeper comes through.

Hoboken '30-Hour' Week

How many hours a day should Hoboken City Hall workers work? Is their six-hour working day too onerous? Director Raphael Vitale thinks not. He himself gets in on time, but he has observed that some of his helpers drift in later. He himself works till the last minute, but he has noticed that some of his people are no longer around when he goes home.

He also fancies he has detected an aberration in the lunch hour. Either his watch is running at double-speed or some of the City Hall folk take not one hour, but two.

Now a notice has been posted on the door of his front office: Employees are to observe the regular working day, from 9 to 4, with an hour off for lunch. That makes 30 hours a week. Is the director being mean? Those who put in the full 30 hours do not think so.

Parking for Hoboken

The motorists circling the busy block at Hudson and 1st Streets in Hoboken in an agonizing search for parking must notice the cleared tract 140 feet wide on Hudson Street and remark to themselves on what an admirable parking lot it would make.

The owner, the longshoremen's union, is hoping to put up a clinic on the site, but the project is stymied for the present.

The city is now asked to seek union permission to park cars on the tract until the clinic can be built. It would cost something to make the site usable, but money will have to be spent on it anyway — it is an eyesore and a safety hazard, littered with mounting garbage, broken glass and other refuse. Fixing it up for parking would be a case of the proverbial killing of two birds with one stone. It would provide temporary relief until the parking authority can supply something permanent.

Is Hoboken That Weak?

It is difficult to criticize Hoboken's Health and Welfare Director Damato for his decision to stop replacing playground apparatus wrecked by vandals because it is a losing battle. The director is fed up, not only with the vandals but even more so with the neighbors who he says undoubtedly know the culprits but won't put the finger on them. What is the use of outfitting a new playground, he asks, if the new equipment is slashed and hacked before the children have a chance to use it?

It may be that the playground chief has done all he could, but is it right for Hoboken's city administration to take this licking at the hands of a few hoodlum kids? What about the police? Can they not meet this challenge tossed at them contemptuously by some young punks?

The neighbors who see the vandals do not report them for fear the marauders will retaliate. If Hoboken's police can't catch these miscreants, it would appear that these neighbors have good reason to be afraid. Is the city really that helpless?

Called 'Inefficient'

Ranieri Demands that Damato Quit as Health Director

The resignation of Hoboken's health and welfare director, Anthony J. Damato, was called for today by Councilman Rudolph N. Ranieri who charged that Damato was operating the department in an "inefficient and ineffective manner."

In a written statement to Mayor Louis DePascale, Ranieri said:

"IN TUESDAY'S Jersey Journal, Damato said, 'He is "through" replacing wrecked equipment in the play areas and intends to leave them the same way they are found after being hit by vandals.' This is not the proper attitude for the administrative head of a department to have in the performance of his duty.

"However, it is typical of the

inefficient and ineffective manner in which he has allowed the Department of Health and Welfare to function under his control. The manner in which the Hoboken playgrounds have been handled in the past few years is familiar to everyone with children.

"His handling of the slum problem in Hoboken is an open disgrace. Most of the tenement buildings with 'share toilets' are still in existence, the City of Hoboken still owns some of the worst-looking buildings in the city, and his lenient attitude towards the out-of-town rooming house owner and the out-of-town slumlord is indirectly responsible for the increase of crime in Hoboken, such as break-ins, muggings, and dope addition.

"MANY OF the current arrests involving narcotics are of people who are 'living in' or are 'working out of' houses that have numerous building and sanitary violations. Unless the Department of Health and Welfare starts now to close these buildings — which are usually partially empty — Hoboken will become a breeding place for the drug addicts and the drug pushers who are being forced out of New York City.

"As our Congressman Dominick V. Daniels said in his speech on the House floor yesterday, 'The uncontrolled growth of narcotics addiction in urban slum areas ranks as one of the nation's most serious problems. Every addict is a potential criminal.'

"These drug pushers would like to make customers of every Hoboken teenager. The Police Department cannot do anything until they commit a crime. Then it might be too late for some child. The Department of Health and Welfare can stop many of these 'drug pushers' from getting started in Hoboken by wiping out slum conditions. "Director Damato has failed to do the job. Therefore, I suggest that you ask for his resignation, and then appoint someone who will protect the residents rather than the slumlord's financial welfare."

REPRESENTATIVES of the city's retail bureau, however, had another solution to the

The violation of civil rights has never been much of a problem in Hoboken, but if such violations occur, the ward councilman is the first person to go to Mayor DePascale said today.

The mayor suggested that such action be taken as the result of a meeting yesterday with a representative of the Spanish-speaking community who was seeking the creation of a Human or Civil Rights Commission.

LARRY LERDO (an announced candidate for councilman in the fourth ward in next year's municipal election, asked DePascale for the commission. He was told that there was no need for it in a city the size of Hoboken.

"Our Spanish, Negro and white communities have their problem, but the violation of civil rights is not one of them," he said.

"In the past the violation of ones rights has been a matter handled entirely by the ward representatives of the person," he continued. "This method has been proven successful for our city and I see no reason to change it now."

FOLLOWING the meeting, Lerdo said that he was satisfied that the minority groups did have someplace to go with such

problems and after talking with the mayor agreed that there wasn't a need for a commission.

Lerdo also said that he was satisfied that the city's anti-poverty organization, HOPEs, was doing something to help the minority groups. Lerdo had been critical of the organization saying that it wasn't doing anything for the Spanish-speaking and Negroes and that appointments to the staff were political.

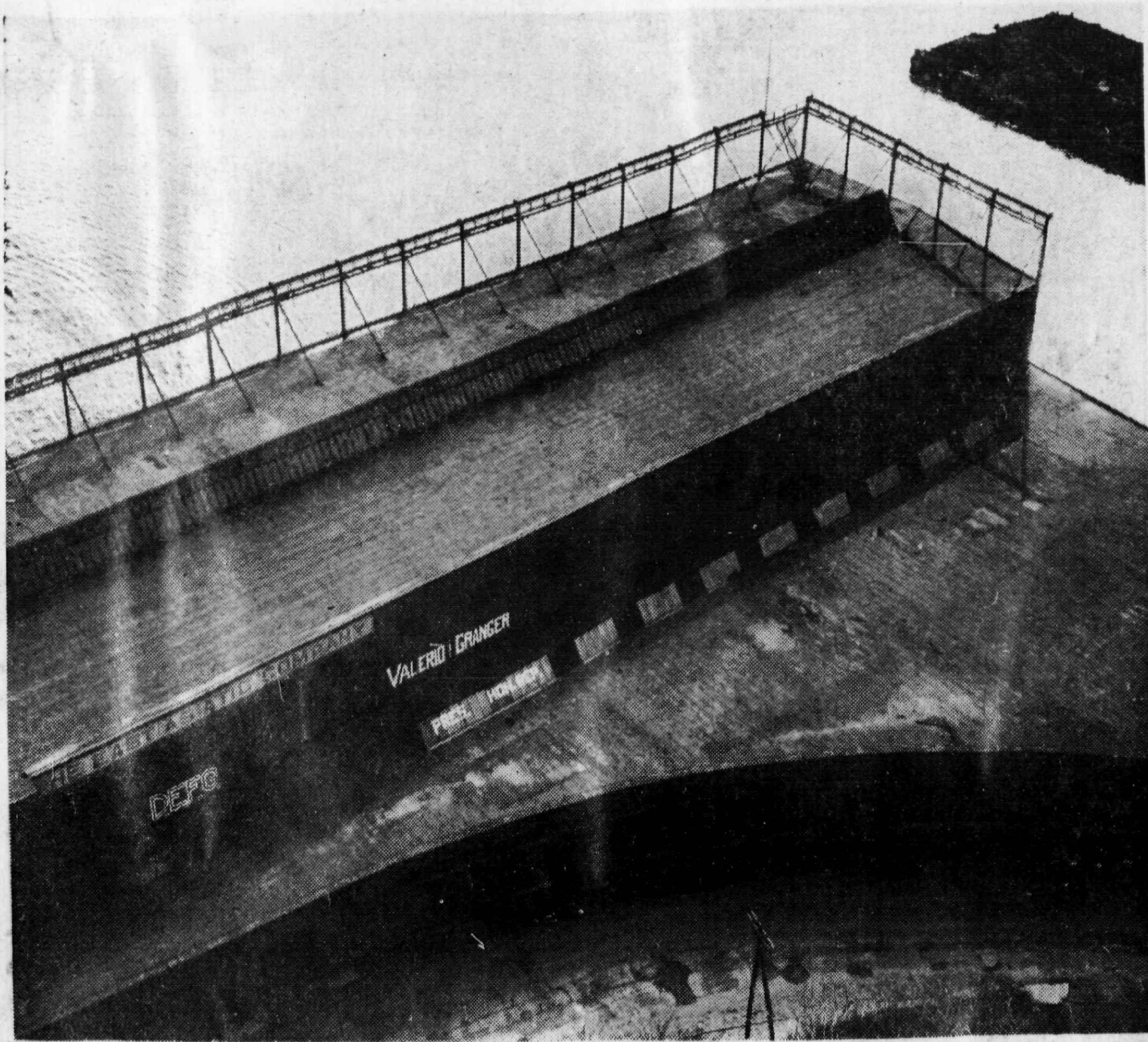
"I have talked with Raymond Clyons (director of the organization) and have reviewed the work that has been done to date, he said, "and I now think that I was not completely fair to Clyons or the organization."

"I AM STILL not too happy with the appointments to the top positions within HOPEs, but I do feel that the organization is working with the Spanish and Negroes and helping them to become more productive members of the community," he added.

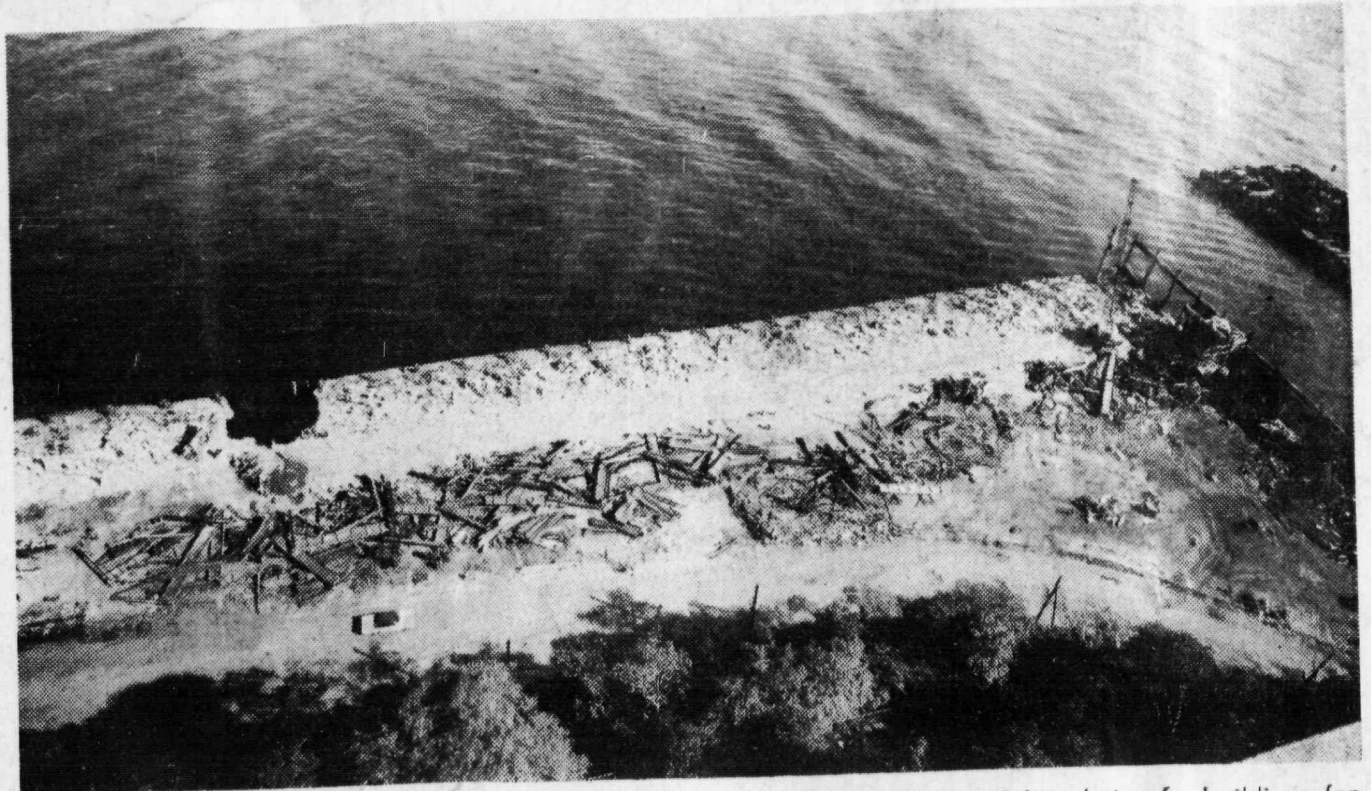
Lerdo said that he intended to continue his push for a Spanish advisor to HOPEs but would go along with the final decision made by the HOPEs board or the federal government. Lerdo had threatened to demonstrate in front of the HOPEs center if the post was not created.

Mayor Tells Lerdo: Civil Rights Complaints Should Go to Council

River View from Roof of Hoboken's Stevens Center Has Changed



BEFORE — Hoboken's Long Dock, designed to conform to the curve of River Road, as it looked a few weeks ago. End of burned-out Pier 7 is seen at upper right. Long Dock, or Pier 8, was parallel to shore line.



AFTER — And this is how the site looks today. Super-structure has been demolished, leaving floor of pier intact to become part of foundation for buildings for Stevens Tech and private research laboratories.

For Hoboken Improvements

Federal Fund Application Tentatively Rejected Again

Hoboken's application for federal funds for engineering surveys to start \$7,000,000 in public improvements has been tentatively turned down—again—The Jersey Journal learned exclusively today.

Mayor Louis DePascale said the surveys were being held up by the regional office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Philadelphia. He said the applications were "neither approved nor disapproved," adding that a conference on the subject is scheduled for Oct. 6 at the regional office.

HOWEVER, it was reported to The Jersey Journal that part of the application has been rejected and the mayor notified to that effect in a letter from Jerome Parker of HUD's Philadelphia office.

The mayor said the city's consulting engineering firm of Mayo, Lynch and Associates, and Planning and Development Coordinator Silvio Failla, HOPES Director Raymond G. Clyons and Council President Thomas A. Gallo would accompany him to the meeting with Parker next week.

PARKER TOLD The Jersey Journal that the meeting was to "review and explain the status of the city's applications." He would not deny that all or a portion of the applications had been disapproved.

"I don't think it would be fair to comment on the status until after the meeting with Mayor DePascale," he said.

WHEN ASKED about the contents of the letter he said: "I don't remember exactly what was in it and I don't have the file in easy reach."

He added that it would not be possible to talk with a subordinate who could pull the city's file out and explain what had been done with the applications. "That information would come from me," he said but did not offer to pull the file himself. Parker's letter was received yesterday by the mayor.

The meeting between city officials and Parker was also arranged yesterday, shortly after the mail delivery.

The same application for more than \$173,000 in federal loans was knocked down in June because the "workable program" submitted by the city did not meet federal approval.

A WORKABLE program is based on various updated city codes and rezoning. Rezoning and several of the other codes had not yet been approved by the city council at that time. All have since been approved except the rezoning.

Of the \$173,000 applied for, \$78,000 would be used to study possible alterations of the city's water supply and distribution system; \$12,000 for a central municipal garage study; \$12,000 for a recreation center study; \$29,000 for proposed new fire stations and fire headquarters; \$36,000 for a proposed parking deck along the Shore road and \$6,000 for a marginal service road along the westerly boundry of the city.

Hoboken's Debts Bar U.S. Grant Borrowings Exceed Limit

By PETER HALLAM

Hoboken's inability to borrow any more money is the reason the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development has disapproved the city's application for engineering funds to plan \$7,000,000 worth of public improvements. The Jersey Journal established today.

The city has exceeded the debt limit imposed by the state.

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and cannot borrow further without special permission after hearings.

A Jersey Journal reporter learned yesterday that Mayor Louis DePascale was notified Wednesday in a letter from Jerome Parker of the federal agency's Philadelphia office, that all was not right with the applications. The mayor refused to say what reasons the letter gave, and refused to let the reporters see it.

"I DON'T THINK it would be fair to the federal authorities," he said.

He was asked: "Don't you think the public has the right to know what was in the letter?" He replied: "No. There are certain things in it which are not for the consumption of the general public."

New Jersey municipalities may borrow amounts of money equal to 3½ per cent of the average equalized valuation of real property and the assessed valuation of 2nd class railroad property for the three years previous to the current year.

ANTHONY ANGELINI, a senior auditor in the division, told The Jersey Journal today that

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DEBT LIMIT

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Hoboken has a debt limit of \$3,715,315.92 but has exceeded this by some \$140,000 for a total of \$3,856,277.25 in debts.

In most federal grants or loans, especially those from HUD, the federal government assumes 90 per cent of the loan, while the community must pay 10 per cent.

Since Hoboken cannot borrow any more money without going through a long process of hearings before the Division of Local Government and can't raise the needed 10 per cent without borrowing it, HUD rejected the applications.

THE MAYOR had said yesterday that the applications were "neither approved nor disapproved," adding that a conference with Parker was scheduled for Oct. 6 in Philadelphia. Today, however, he conceded that "none of the applications met with new eligibility rules set by HUD."

DePascale said the conference Oct. 6 was called so that the new regulations could be explained to the city. "We want a clear understanding of what we have to do, so that we won't have to waste any more time," he declared.

The mayor added that submission of the application — for the second time — was a "bit premature." The first application was rejected because of the city's failure to have "a workable plan" — plumbing and electrical codes and proper zoning.

EVEN IF the city does not borrow any more money until next year, it is expected that the city will exceed the debt limit by even more than the current \$140,000.

Second class railroad property figures heavily in determining the amount that can be borrowed. Since the state has ordered a reduction in the assessed valuation of such property, the total amount that Hoboken can borrow, or its debt limit, will also be reduced, while the amount of indebtedness remains practically the same.

Report 'False'

Cappiello Denies Story About His Political Plans

Hoboken Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello today denied reports circulated in an out-of-town newspaper that he was considering withdrawing from next year's municipal elections in favor of Jerry Molloy's candidacy.

"This is entirely untrue," he said. "I was neither contacted nor did I contact anyone in reference to next year's elections," he continued. "In other words, no one ever asked me what I intended to do next year."

"I CAN'T understand how a story like this could be printed, especially when I was not contacted about it but I was said to have refused to comment on the subject," he added. "I might have refused if I had been asked, but the question was never put to me."

"Molloy and I had lunch last Friday but it was strictly a social meeting and nothing to do with politics," Cappiello continued.

"I'VE KNOWN Jerry for years and I doubt if there is anyone who less desires becoming a political candidate than he," Cappiello said. "Jerry is keenly interested in politics but only as an observer and a possible source of material for his toast-master routine."

"I haven't made up my mind about next year but one thing is certain — I'm not at all interested in becoming the director of public safety if and when the post is recreated," he added.

Dream Materializes

Senior Citizens' Housing Finally Coming to Fruition

Hoboken city officials are justly proud today after finally dedicating the city's first housing development devoted entirely to senior citizens. But one councilman — Louis Franccone — has thrown his chest out a little farther and is smiling with the knowledge that the idea was originally his.

IT WAS SIX years ago that Franccone first sought attention to the possibility of public housing for the elderly. The idea had merit but no one bothered to do anything about it until about two years ago.

Mayor Louis DePascale reserved special praise for Michael Milat, former chairman of the city's housing authority, who played a large role in getting the development approved by the federal government.

THOUGH MILAT opposed the mayor in last year's municipal election and was not reappointed to the authority, the mayor had only kind words for his work on the golden age projects.

"Milat started the whole thing and I doubt if we would have progressed this far had it not been for his efforts," the mayor declared. Milat did not attend the ground-breaking ceremonies yesterday at 3rd and Jefferson Streets but almost every other city official and dignitary did.

THE DEVELOPMENT will be divided into two 125-unit apartments called Adams and Monroe Gardens. The second development will be on Monroe Street between 3rd and 4th Streets. Both buildings are expected to be ready for occupancy by the early part of 1968.

"With this ground-breaking ceremony, the elderly residents



LOUIS FRANCCONE

of Hoboken are assured that they will have a decent home and housing that they can afford," the mayor told the crowd.

"BUT WE AREN'T neglecting middle-income families, as the rapid construction of the Church Towers apartments shows, and we have great hopes that luxury apartments will be provided for those who can afford them," he said.

The mayor also praised the city council whose "full cooperation" speeded up the progress on the development. "The council and housing authority have done an excellent job in the past and I am sure that this will continue in the future," he concluded.

LaRocca and Sons Construction Company is doing the general construction work on the \$4 million development and has already torn down most of the old buildings at the site of Monroe Gardens.

29 Outstanding

Hoboken May Revoke Some Bus Franchises

Some of the 29 franchises held by owners of the buses operating on Washington Street in Hoboken may soon go on the chopping block if the city can prevail upon the state Public Utility Commission to act.

E. Norman Wilson, law director, said today that he has been instructed by Mayor Louis DePascale to look into the possibility of reducing the number of franchises to operate Washington Street buses.

"There are 29 buses and 29 franchises," Wilson said. "The mayor feels that there are too many franchises outstanding which are not being used."

"It would be all right if the owners were operating all of the

buses and taking advantage of their franchise rights," Wilson said. "But I doubt very seriously if there are ever more than 10 or 15 buses in operation at any given time."

"The city is also dissatisfied with the general service and its quality, and plans to seek the revocation of several of the franchises," he added.

Charles DeFazio, city legal aide, was reported to have been in contact with the PUC Friday in connection with revoking some of the franchises. Further developments were expected today.

Regardless of the city's displeasure with the bus operation, the final decision on revoking any franchises will be up to the PUC.

Community TV

Sterling Plans to Withdraw Its Petition

One of the two companies requesting permission to install a community antenna television system (CATV) in Hoboken will withdraw its petition before the end of the week, The Jersey Journal learned today.

Richard Flynn, an attorney for Sterling Communications of New Jersey, said today that company officials have instructed him and the company's New Jersey attorney, Robert Feder of Union City, to notify Hoboken that Sterling was dropping out.

THE COMPANY hasn't given up on Hoboken but has decided that the implementation of such a system calls for a larger area rather than just one municipality.

he said. "It is hoped that possibly next year Sterling will be able again to resume negotiations but this time for a group of communities, such as all of Hudson County."

Sterling first submitted its application at the beginning of the summer but met with continuous roadblocks. The public hearing was first postponed because another company — Viking Industries of Hoboken — also wanted to submit a petition.

Viking withdrew its petition before a hearing could be held but the city council decided that it was not satisfied with just one application and postponed Sterling's hearing again until other companies could be contacted and asked to make an offer.

ALL AMERICAN Systems of Pompton Lakes took advantage of the offer and submitted a petition also. As of today, its petition is still valid.

However, the council has not seen fit to take any further action on the petition though it was discussed at Monday night's caucus.

Primarily, the city is opposed to granting one company the exclusive rights to operate the system within the city, it is reported. However, Public Service Electric and Gas Company will lease permission to use its street light poles to only one company. The poles are used to string up the cables used in transmission of the CATV signals.

Matthews Pleased with Council Examination of HOPES

Washington Street

Hoboken Residents Face Dual Fares for Bus Ride

Hoboken residents may wind up paying two different fares when they use the Washington Street line if the Public Utility Commission acts favorably upon the petition of 11 companies for a 5-cent fare increase at the Oct. 26 public hearing in Newark.

In all, there are 12 bus companies operating 29 buses along the city's main thoroughfare.

All of the companies, except the Maria Transportation Company owned by Joseph Sacco, have filed petitions asking for the fare boost. But Sacco, who owns 14 of the 29 buses used on the run, did not.

It was reported that the attorneys handling the petitions have been charging \$250 per franchise. Sacco has 14 franchises for his 14 buses and reportedly would be forced to pay \$3,500 for the necessary paper work.

The city has registered its opposition to the increase which also included a 5-cent raise for school children using the buses. They are currently being charged only 5 cents for a ride while adults are paying 10 cents.

Hoboken Near True Value

Guttenberg and Hoboken are still assessing real property closest to its true value and Secaucus, the furthest away in Hudson County.

William Kingsley, acting director of the state Division of Taxation, today released the average ratio of assessed to true value of all municipalities in the state.

The annual table of equalized valuations, based on a continuing study of the actual sale prices of property as compared to their assessed value, is used by the state commissioner of education in calculating state school aid to each municipality.

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St. Mary School Of Nursing Adds 4 New Teachers

Four new teachers have been appointed to the staff of the St. Mary School of Nursing at St. Mary Hospital, Hoboken, it was announced today by Sister M. Felicitas, SFP, administrator, and Miss Margaret Corbett, director of nursing.

The new staff members are Miss Sally Tevis of Hoboken, a registered nurse and holder of a bachelor of arts degree; Miss Eileen Clark of Hoboken, also a registered nurse and holder of a B.A. degree; Miss Beverly Yaccarino of Hoboken, a registered nurse, and Sister Anne Therese, an R.N. and holder of a B.S. degree.

The new instructors were formally introduced to the entire faculty yesterday at the first faculty meeting of the school year.

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U.S. Awards \$200,000 To HOPES

More than \$200,000 in federal anti-poverty funds have been granted to the Hoboken Organization Against Poverty and Economic Stress for its 1966-67 programs, it was announced today by Raymond G. Clyons, director of the program.

Clyons said the agency was notified that \$99,000 has been allotted for the Neighborhood Youth Corps program to finance the HOPES programs during the winter and summer.

"A PORTION of the money will be used to pay the salaries of high school students working part-time under the program," he said. "We have found winter employment for them in the school system, the YWCA, and the public works garage."

Clyons said the winter program was similar to the 1965 summer program, except for working on Saturdays and possibly after school work.

Clyons also said the U.S. Department of Labor has approved \$112,000 for the HOPES on-the-job training program scheduled to start this winter.

Under the program, some 200 Hoboken residents would be given instructions at various industrial plants within the city.

Clyons said that while approval of the grant was not official, he had been informed by phone that funds had been allocated.

Officials Must Meet New Rules

By PETER HALLAM

Hoboken will be starting from scratch in submitting for the third time its applications for federal funds for various engineering surveys. The Jersey Journal was told today by Jerome Parker, a Department of Housing and Urban Renewal official in the Philadelphia regional office.

Mayor Louis DePascale, Planning and Development Coordinator Silvio J. Failla, Law Director E. Norman Wilson and Housing Authority Chairman Raymond G. Clyons met with Parker yesterday to be briefed on the latest regulations governing federal grants for public works planning.

THE CITY'S LAST attempt at obtaining the funds was disapproved because of the city's poor financial condition. However, Parker declined to give the specific reasons for the disapproval except to say it was because of "various technical reasons."

Parker said he explained that the response to the programs has been overwhelming. "We have had more than \$3 billion in requests for aid but were allotted only some \$100 million by Congress," he said.

He added that as a result of the meeting he had suggested that the city finance its priority projects with local funds.

WHILE THE department provides for low- or no-interest loans for surveys it can grant only 50 per cent of needed funds for the actual construction work.

He added that as the city two major problem areas were its sewer system and water system, officials should direct their main efforts to that area.

PARKER SAID that on some of the city's previous applications no provisions had been made to the department to fund them. "There was nothing we could have done on the requests for a survey on a consolidated firehouse. There were no funds for something like that," he said.

City officials were expected to start working on the new applications today. Mayor DePascale has attached great importance to the applications and has made them a top priority assignment for Failla.

Will Renew Bid for p.m. Meetings

Councilman William J. Matthews, undaunted by defeat, says he will try again in two weeks to schedule all Hoboken City Council meetings at night.

Prompted by a capacity crowd at last night's session, the Second Ward representative sought approval of a resolution which would set 8 p.m. for all council meetings.

The measure won the support of one other councilman, Rudolph Ranieri of the First Ward. However, Councilman Stephen Mongiello supported Matthews' view. Matthews said after the meeting he would sound out the other councilmen at the next caucus.

Councilman John J. Palmieri told the audience, which included a number of his Sixth Ward constituents, that he and some people living in the vicinity of Seventh Street and Willow Avenue will confer with Magistrate Rudolph Naddoo today on a neighborhood complaint.

Anti-Poverty Programs Outlined

HOPES Director Raymond G. Clyons and Councilman William J. Matthews said they were "satisfied" today after Clyons' appearance before a Hoboken council caucus yesterday.

Most of the close examination of HOPES came from Matthews, the second ward councilman who has carefully observed the anti-poverty program during its first three months.

AFTER HIS QUESTIONS about staff efficiency and planning, however, Matthews said, "I'm satisfied with (Matthews') explanations."

Clyons, who appeared at the caucus with the approval of HOPES board of directors, said later he thought the meeting was a "very fine opportunity" for the council to become convinced that HOPES "is doing as good a job as possible."

CLYONS SAID HOPES is attempting to bring its services to the attention of the people. "We not only want to give them aid, but we also want to get them to help themselves," he added.

Questions about the organization's staff revealed that HOPES has 31 administrative employees, led by Clyons, who receives \$13,000; Maurice Gottlieb, at \$10,000; and Dominick Gallo, at \$9,000.

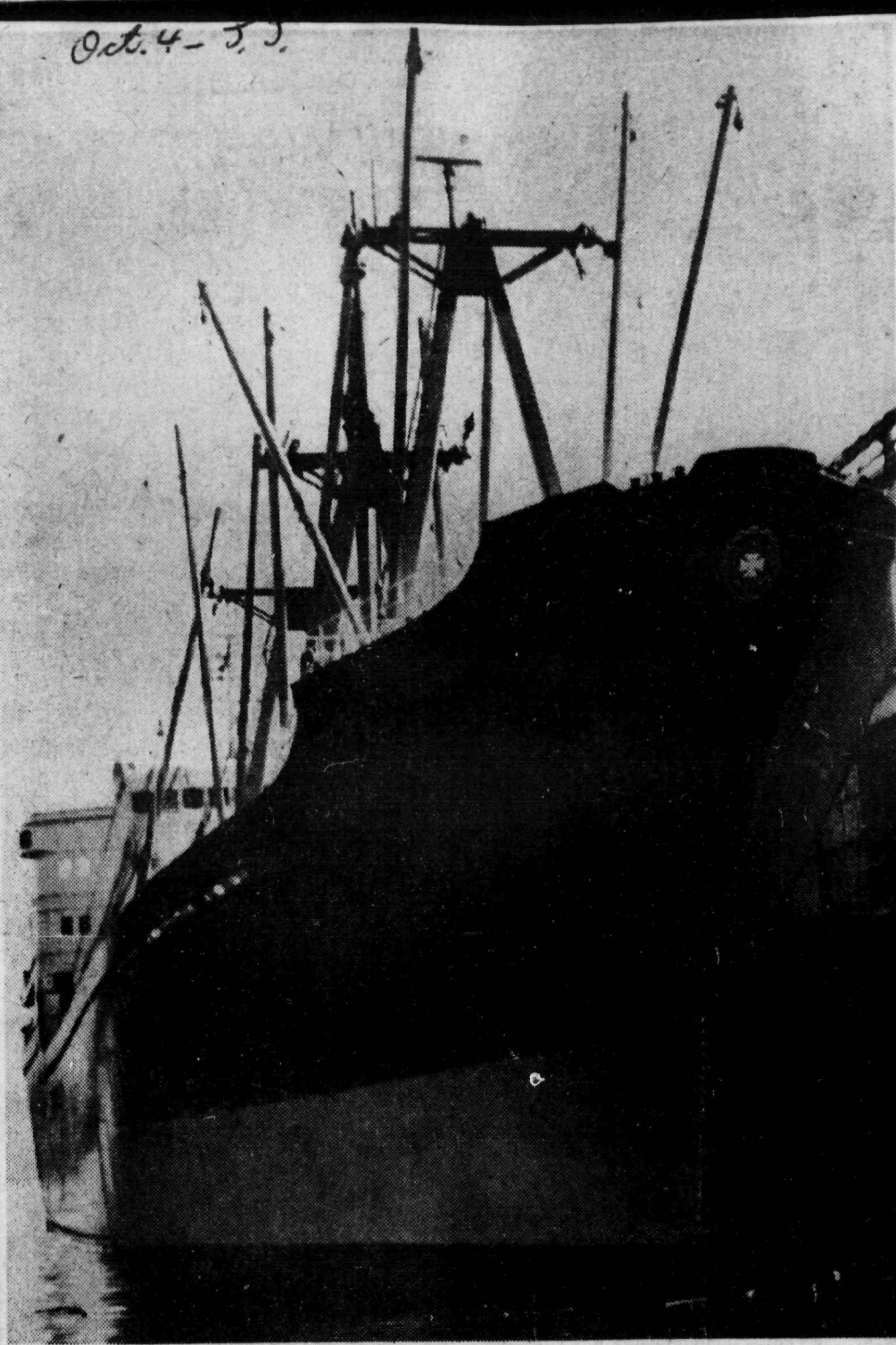
CLYONS HAS BEEN on leave from the Hoboken Board of Education since January. He had been serving as principal of Joseph F. Brandt Junior High School. His leave of absence expires May 1, 1967, he noted.

Clyons described the planning necessary to set up various programs, including next summer's Head Start. Final plans for that, Clyons said, must be submitted to the Office of Economic Opportunity by Nov. 30.

A LEGAL AID program, with Hoboken lawyers making their services available, is also contemplated. Several members of Clyons' staff who accompanied him to the meeting told of serious cases of consumer fraud which necessitated a legal aid service.

A public works service program called the Nelson Amendment Project also was detailed by Clyons. The "chronically unemployed," according to Clyons, would perform "maintenance and beautification" tasks under the departments of public works and parks.

"We are trying to innovate," Clyons said.



LATEST FOR HOBOKEN — New Scandinavian-American Lines ship, the Michigan, docks at Pier 5, Hoboken, with a cargo of Scotch whisky, fish, furniture and Danish cheese. Ship will make Hoboken a port of call on a regular itinerary.

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MORE LADDER-CLIMBING — Mayor De Pascale, second from right, offers his congratulations to Edward McDonald, new deputy chief of Hoboken Fire Department after swearing-in of latter in City Hall. E. Norman Wilson, department director, looks on at left. Also sworn were Capt. Nario Mintello, between mayor and Fire Chief Patrick Carmody and Fireman Edward Janic.

\$20 Million Complex Assured Hoboken Gets Aid to Clear Site

Hoboken has been awarded a \$2.7 million federal grant to raze three blocks bounded by 1st, Hudson, River and 4th Streets for a \$20 million luxury apartment and business development, Mayor Louis DePascale said today.

The mayor said he has been conferring with five or six developers on building plans and expects to meet with two or three more within the next few weeks.

NEARLY ALL the plans call for high-rise balcony apartments with a commanding view of the river. The complex would also include an office building with 400,000 square feet of space and a parking area for 2,000 autos. Two luxury swimming pools and attractive landscaping would complete the picture.

AFTER MEETING with the other interested developers, the mayor said he will compile all of the proposed plans.

He will then meet with the City Council, the Planning Board and Redevelopment Agency. Each of the plans will be studied before one is agreed upon, he said.

Fare Hike Cited Plans Made to Consolidate 14 Hoboken Bus Franchises

Plans are being made to consolidate 14 of Hoboken's 29 Washington Street bus franchises, Thomas Jodice, city transportation inspector, said today.

Jodice said the consolidation has no connection with the city's attempts to have the Public Utility Commission revoke or withdraw some of the franchises from their current operators.

THE INSPECTOR reported that Joseph Sacco, owner of 14 buses, an equal number of franchises, operating under an estimated eight corporations, plans to consolidate into one corporation with one franchise.

"I don't expect Sacco will have too much trouble in getting the PUC's permission to merge into one corporation in as much as this is something that the city is pushing for," Jodice said.

HOBOKEN'S LAW department is currently trying to have the PUC pull some of the franchises because there are too many and they were not living up to the requirements. "To the best of my knowledge, Sacco was not one of the companies," Jodice said.

"I was told that the reason

for the consolidation was due to the proposed fare increase," Jodice continued. "Sacco was paying a flat rate for every bus and franchise to be incorporated in the legal work for the fare hike petition. As a means of making the procedure less costly to himself, he has decided to form one company and one franchise."

JODICE EXPLAINED that depending on the franchise working, a company could operate numerous buses under one permit, and cited the Public Service Coordinated Transport Co. as an example.

"They usually have only one franchise for their routes but operate numerous buses under it," he said.

JODICE SAID that because of the merger decision, Sacco would not be able to submit his petition for a fare hike at the Oct. 26 meeting between local operators and the PUC. Therefore, if the hike is approved, Hoboken residents will be paying two different fares, depending on what bus they get.

"As soon as the PUC approves the merger, Sacco will file his petitions," Jodice said.

U.S. Grant Starts War On Slums

An all-out war to rid Hoboken of 30 slum tenements was announced today by Mayor Louis DePascale — with the federal government paying two-thirds of the cost.

DePascale announced that the city has been awarded a \$40,736 federal grant from the Housing and Urban Development agency to aid in demolishing unsightly and unsafe buildings.

"I AM HAPPY that the federal government has agreed with our proposal to subsidize our demolition work," said the mayor. "Hoboken cannot afford to do the job alone." The city, he said, will supplement the federal grant with a \$20,369 appropriation.

The houses that will be torn down are in the southwest and southeast sections of the city, the mayor said, and are abandoned and dilapidated.

"THIS IS the moment we have been waiting for," said DePascale. "Hoboken cannot afford slum houses and could not move forward with a demolition program of this size on its own."

"There has been talk that we were not moving quickly enough with this work," the mayor pointed out, "but I think that today's news proves that we made the wisest move in applying for federal aid to help us."

Owners Unite on Bus Hike 15c Fare Seen A Certainty

By PETER HALLAM

Hoboken residents' last hope of still having some 10-cent buses on the Washington Street line regardless of what the State Public Utility Commission does have been dashed.

With the submission of a fare hike petition by Joseph Sacco, all the Washington Street bus owners have now notified the city that they wish to raise the fare to 15 cents for adults and 10 cents for school children.

SACCO, who owns 14 of the 29 Washington Street buses, abstained from applying for the increase at the time the other owners did, last month. It was understood he did not intend to file a petition because of the high legal fees involved. There was a reported charge of \$250 for every bus.

E. NORMAN WILSON, law director, said that the city might have a few surprises of its own for the bus operators.

Wilson said that seldom if ever are all of the 29 buses in operation at one time and therefore, there should be a reduction in the number of franchises.

The director added that besides objecting to the fare hike, the city would move to have the PUC lift some of the franchises.

The city may also have another surprise in store for the owners.

MAYOR Louis DePascale said today that he was not pleased with their latest attempt to start an association. "The idea is fine but I see nothing that would indicate that they have ironed out their differences and will be able to form an association," he said. "They have already had several months and failed to accomplish anything. I can't see where three more weeks is going to change the situation."

The mayor added that he no longer cared whether or not the owners wished to operate the city's proposed loop bus system. "We will have the system and we know what we have to do," he said. "If they are ready to do the job when needed, fine. If not, that's all right too."

THE MAYOR said that the city was sure that it could get someone from outside the city to take over the operation of the proposed loop system. "So we don't really need the local owners. It was just a matter of common courtesy allowing them first crack at the new system."

Civic Center Plan Eyed In Hoboken

Hoboken is giving serious consideration to applying to the federal government for funds to build a civic center which would house the city's health services, welfare, recreation and other social agencies, Mayor Louis DePascale said today.

The mayor, reporting on his visit Thursday to the Philadelphia regional office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, said that besides meeting with HUD officials he also talked with representatives of the Neighborhood Facilities Program.

The center, he explained, would accommodate several of the city's welfare and social agencies and "would bring our community services close to the people."

The mayor is also following the recommendations of Jerome Parker, regional director of HUD's community facility department, and resubmitting three of the seven applications for survey funds which were knocked down.

"As a result of new guidelines, the city is applying for funds on priority projects," he said.

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To Reopen Hoboken Fire School

Plans are being made to reactivate Hoboken's fire training school, it was announced today by E. Norman Wilson, public safety director.

Wilson said that arrangements have been made to send Deputy Fire Chief James J. Houn to the Jersey City training school "Arrangements were made through Chief Raymond Gibeon and Director Grover J. Enny," Wilson added.

He said that Chief Houn would attend the Jersey City school starting Monday and would be trained there for a period between one and two months.

Chief Houn replaces Capt. Herbert Cloud as the fire department training officer. The fire department has been without a training branch since the spring when Capt. Cloud was made the city's electrical inspector.

Upon completion of training, Chief Houn will reopen the school which will be located at Company No. 3, 2nd and Jefferson Streets.

Stalling in Hoboken

The plan for a loop bus route to give Hoboken proper bus service has produced only stalling. The stalling has become so obvious that it isn't even clever.

The owners of the Washington Street bus line were offered first crack at the new route the city proposes to establish. At the outset they asked for a week to think it over. Time passed. Then they said they would need two weeks to decide whether they are interested. Now months have gone by. The latest word is that they "may" have an answer in "about" three weeks. At this rate, after three weeks they will ask for four.

Meanwhile they have applied to the state for a 50 per cent increase in fare, and a 100 per cent increase in school children's fare. It is apparent they want to postpone a showdown on the loop plan until they secure a higher fare on Washington Street — to put them in a better bargaining position with respect to any new route. What has happened to the city's threat to operate the new route itself?

DePascale Would Drop Central Garage Plan, Rent Space Instead

By PETER HALLAM

One of three applications being prepared by Hoboken's planning officials for submission to the federal government for survey funds — for a central garage — may not be submitted after all, Mayor Louis DePascale told The Jersey Journal today.

Originally, Hoboken had filed for funds for seven projects: sewer system improvements, water system improvements, a central garage, a recreation center, a proposed parking deck and marginal road along the city's eastern boundary on the Hudson River, new centralized firehouses and a marginal industrial road along the city's western border which would handle local truck traffic.

HOWEVER, all of the applications were disapproved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for various technical reasons.

Upon his return from meeting with department officials last Thursday in Philadelphia, the mayor announced that the city would resubmit its applications for the water and sewer funds and the central garage, and was dropping the other projects for the time being.

"THE CITY doesn't want to clutter up its applications for these funds with additional applications for projects that are not of that great importance," he said. "We haven't abandoned the other projects, but are holding them in abeyance until we get the more important matters out of the way."

The mayor said today that this might also include forgetting about the central garage or at least funds for building the city's own private garage.

"THE FEDERAL government's grant of more than \$2 million to buy the property for the Hudson Street project has greatly influenced my thinking," he said.

"There is no reason why the city can't rent about 300 of the more than 2,000 parking spaces that will be available at the project when it is completed and forget building a central garage."

"At the current rate of progress of most federal applications I would venture to say that we will have the Hudson Street project well on its way before we could start building a central garage."

"BESIDES, costing quite a bit to build, the city would also have to maintain a garage, which is not an inexpensive operation. By renting the spaces through a long-term lease we would not burden the city with part of the expense of building its own building or the yearly expense of upkeep."

The mayor added that he is becoming more and more convinced that it would be advantageous to the city to move all offices now located at City Hall into the commercial portion of the proposed project on Hudson Street.

"THE YEARS haven't been kind to our present building and it is costing us more and more to maintain," he said.

DePascale added that it was only a proposal at present, but that he intended to have it fully explored before the project becomes a reality.

While the mayor hasn't made a definite commitment on moving the city's operation to the Hudson Street project, it is interesting to note that one of the city's requirements for the commercial-apartment project is at least 400,000 square feet of office space.

Of the numerous minor shortcomings found by the State Department of Education at Hoboken High School involving the teaching staff, most have been corrected or are in the process of being corrected, Thomas McFeeley, superintendent of schools told The Jersey Journal today.

The state announced two months ago that it was renewing the high school's accreditation for the next five years, but cited as defects an understaffed faculty, a lack of well defined high school policies on the part of the board of education, and the lack of an intra-mural program for boys and girls, among others.

SPECIFICALLY, the state's accreditation committee recommended that four new teachers be added: A driver education instructor, a home economics instructor, a male health education instructor and a girls' physical education instructor.

McFeeley said today that two new teachers have been hired, the girls' physical education instructor and the male health education teacher.

"With the hiring of these two instructors, one of our present staff was released from extra assignments and has taken over the indicated spot in driver education," he said.

"The home economics position is still vacant, but attempts are being made to fill it."

"THE BOARD of education's policies concerning the high school have not been changed as yet, but they are being studied with the intention of implementing new and better-defined policies and directives which would guide the faculty," McFeeley continued.

"An intramural program has been undertaken at both the high school and the junior high school, for boys and girls," he said. "The programs are not yet as large as suggested by the report but will be expanded during the school year until they are."

Hoboken Project Unhurried Hudson St. Purchasing Near

By PETER HALLAM

Although \$2,700,000 in federal funds has been allotted to Hoboken for the purchase of three blocks needed for the Hudson and River Streets project, it will still be at least a year before there are any visible signs of progress, Mayor Louis DePascale said today.

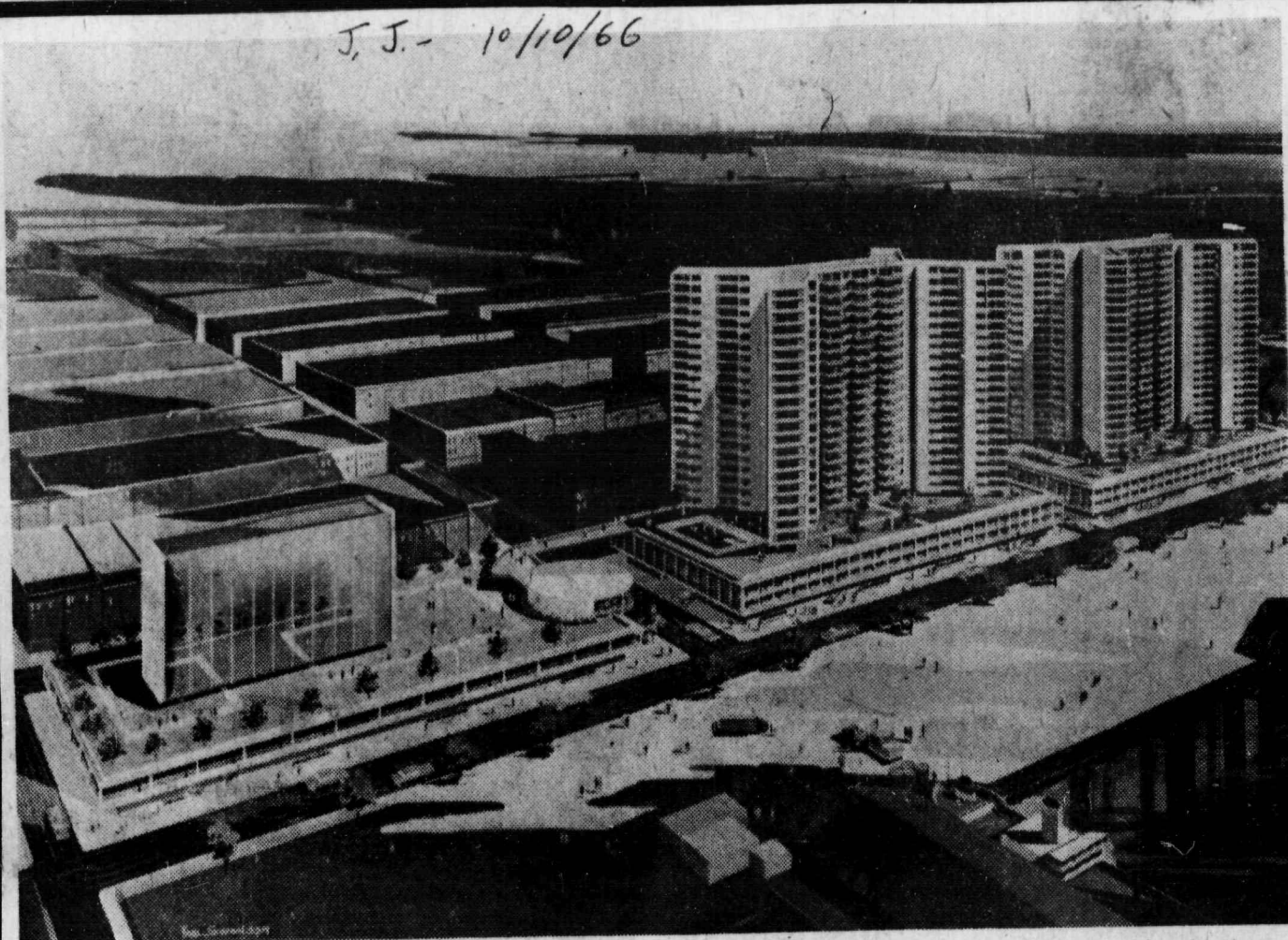
"We are not rushing this matter nor are we delaying it," he said. "It is a question of doing things in the right way so that there is a minimum of inconvenience to all parties concerned."

"All attempts will be made to avoid long delays such as the one involving the Church Towers project," he continued. "There, the land was bought and the buildings torn down only to have the city find out that construction would be delayed. We don't want this property to lie idle for two or three years."

The mayor said that barring any unforeseen incidents, the city should start making offers for lots in the three-block area within two or three months. "But it will be at least a year before they have all been purchased and demolition has started," he said.

DePascale added that a letter of instruction which outlined the procedures for the project was expected sometime next week.

"As the plans stand at present, we are hoping that the contractor will be able to start building as soon as the last tenement or home is razed," he said.



HUDSON STREET PROSPECT — This three-building complex proposed by Fiest and Fiest, a New York developer, is among the 12 such proposals being considered by Mayor Louis DePascale for construction on Hudson and River Streets, from 1st Street to 4th Street. Mayor has already met with nine developers and has

meetings scheduled with three more before he will announce city's choice. This project features a commercial office building, the structure on the left, two 25-story luxury apartment with off-street parking for more than 2,000 cars, and two swimming pools.

The state report also suggested that full-time clerical assistance be obtained in the main office, the guidance department and the library, and that a centralized system of "register keeping" should be introduced.

McFeeley said that steps are being taken to correct these problems — a full-time library assistant has been hired — but that teachers were still required to spend some of their free time working in either the office or the library.

"WE ARE also trying to encourage some of the students to use their free periods as library aides, as suggested by the report," he said. A new register keeping system is being worked on and is expected to be used next year, he added.

The accreditation committee had also suggested that principals be encouraged to participate more in the recruiting, selecting and recommendation of teachers, and that teachers should be appointed to areas of

extra responsibility only with the principal's recommendation. McFeeley said he disagreed with the criticism implied here, declaring that the principals' suggestions on teacher selection and appointments have always carried much weight with the board of education.

THE REPORT also pointed out that more emphasis should be placed on the reasons for student failures rather than on the rate.

McFeeley said today that a careful analysis is being made by the teachers as to the reasons for failure. "Teaching methods, procedures, effectiveness of materials, records of the guidance office, validity of tests, and marking procedures are all being re-evaluated," he said.

He added that many of the state's suggestions concerning faults that were already known to school officials and were in the process of being corrected.



PLAQUE PRESENTATION — Rev. Daniel F. Meehan, pastor of Our Lady of Grace Church, Hoboken, is presented with plaque by former Mayor John Grogan, national Red Cross vice president, at annual Red Cross luncheon in Clam Broth House. On right is John Castelli, chapter chairman. (Jersey Pictures)



FOR FOREIGN BORN — Night school for foreign born opens at Demarest Junior High School, Hoboken, with teachers registering pupils. Seated from left are Frank DeNunzio, Miss Ann Accetta, teacher; Anna Mazurana and Michela Annecchino and, standing, teachers Martin Rooney, Mrs. Cecilia Castellanos and Miss Albina Marotta. (Jersey Pictures)

Grogan Relying Comeback May Field Slate Vs. DePascale

By PETER HALLAM

Do the recent regular appearances of former Mayor John J. Grogan at local public functions have any bearing on next year's municipal election? Some say no, but informed sources maintain they do.

Grogan's position as Democratic leader of Hoboken was not enhanced by the fact that for more than two months few local Democrats knew who was boss — DePascale or County Clerk Grogan — and that it finally took County Democratic Leader John V. Kenny to set the record straight.

THE FORMER MAYOR has been the local party leader since 1947 when he and others including Fred M. DeSapio overthrew the political machine of boss Bernard (Barney) McFeeley. Grogan wanted to be mayor, but DeSapio was chosen instead. Grogan became mayor in 1953 after defeating DeSapio in the community's first election under the Faulkner Act which established a mayor - council form of government.

Since the election of DePascale last year, reports have been circulating that all is not well between the city's new mayor and Grogan. Efforts by some of the councilmen to patch up the difference appeared to be successful at the time but were not long lasting, and the rumors have continued.

One of the differences was the fact that Mayor DePascale wanted to and did run his own campaign without the benefit of Grogan's experience and assistance. It is reported that this did not sit well with the former mayor, who wanted to keep an active hand in the city and its administration.

SOME POLITICAL observers say Grogan is "unhappy" over the turn of political events and is giving serious consideration to becoming "more involved" in the local scene.

One report has it that the former mayor will field his own slate of candidates in the May election, with the possible backing of some of the councilmen who are now supposed to be supporters of DePascale. An alliance is mentioned between Grogan and Council President Thomas A. Gallo who has been on the city's political scene almost as long as Grogan.

Meanwhile, the reports of Grogan - DePascale differences and reconciliations continue. But an end should be put to them once and for all early next year when the candidates become known.

Watchmen for Hoboken

The Hoboken Organization against Poverty and Economic Stress (HOPES) is contemplating finding jobs for the "chronically unemployed." These people would be put to work for the city in "maintenance, improvement, and beautification activities."

How about assigning some of them as watchmen at those Hoboken playgrounds where vandals continually wreck new equipment as fast as it goes in? These are the jobs that the regular public works department employees manage to get excused from doing, because it means working at night.

Preserving a playground should certainly qualify both as maintenance and improvement. A playground with apparatus intact will look more beautiful than one with broken basketball hoops and slashed swings.

It does not matter that such a job will not train people for skilled or semi-skilled work. This is not intended to be that kind of a project. It is simply intended to provide some earned income for people who would otherwise not have it. If this work seems simple, let it be remembered that it could be of great value to the people of the city. That should be sufficient to dignify it. What do HOPES officials say?

Demolition Funds

Federal Money May Be a Long Time Arriving

Although the federal government has set aside \$40,700 for the demolition of substandard dwellings in Hoboken, it may be some time before the city realizes any of the funds.

The problem lies not with the city or state or federal procedures but in the fact that the program is so new that no one is exactly sure of what is to be done. Only three communities — Jersey City, Hoboken and Camden — are reported to have

been granted the funds in New Jersey.

ALSO, GUIDELINES are reported to be unavailable not only in the city but also in the state and the regional office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Philadelphia. HUD is the agency which made the grant.

While Mayor Louis DePascale made the announcement of the grant last week, as of yesterday

the city had not yet received official written notification.

THE GRANT WILL be supplemented with a \$20,369 appropriation from the city.

HUD's demolition program was explained to the Jersey Journal in this matter: the funds are for demolition that has already been accomplished. It is held as a drawing fund by the federal government against which the city submits its demolition expenses. Money is re-

turned to the city equal to two-thirds of the cost of any demolition which is approved by HUD.

HOBOKEN'S LAW department currently is working on the submission of an application for a return of funds for some demolition work. However, the application will be held until such time as it can be checked against the federal government's requirements which the department does not yet know.

Fine News in Hoboken

Nothing could be more useful to Hoboken than the \$40,736 federal grant for demolition of slum buildings announced by Mayor DePascale.

It was gratifying to have this good news follow so closely on our editorials stressing the urgent need for starting work on clearing away the city's substandard tenements.

The city will add \$20,000 of its own, and the mayor hopes this will be enough to tear down 30 of these condemned structures, some still partly occupied.

It is to be hoped that the preliminary paper work has already been done in anticipation of the federal grant, so that there will not be a further lengthy delay.

The cleared sites should not remain vacant long. Hoboken is a desirable area for new development. Its dilapidated buildings stood in the way. May the wreckers go to work soon, and keep going.

Brighter Image

Hoboken's benefits from two senior citizen public housing projects which were begun recently are clear enough. People will be helped and so will the city.

For the 250 elderly couples and single persons the benefits are obvious.

For the city, the project means impetus for private renovation of slum areas. Private apartments on the site, with only a view of dilapidated tenements could not have done the trick. But now, if nearby slum buildings are replaced by private apartment buildings, the latter's view will include the pleasing senior citizen project.

It is a matter of government breaking a trail which private builders can follow — to the improvement of the whole community.

Men in Blue Ask DePascale To OK Benefits—P. 14

Delegates To Meet With Mayor

Representatives of Hoboken's police and fire organizations were to meet today with Mayor Louis DePascale to discuss benefits, pay increases and working conditions for next year.

The talks should be long and numerous between now and the time the city's budget is prepared. The organizations are greatly concerned about the city's procedures in certain areas concerning retirements — especially forced retirements due to partial physical disability — the manpower situation and the usual concern over money.

RECENTLY, Department Director E. Norman Wilson expressed displeasure with certain members of the department who, he said, were taking advantage of their unlimited sick leave. He added that he was thinking about starting a program which would limit sick leave for non-service connected illnesses to a set number of days.

After the talks were up, the case would be reviewed and if the illness was deemed chronic, the man could possibly be forced into retirement.

Both police and fire organizations are opposed to such a program on the ground that it would hurt men who are legitimately ill and have no intention of abusing their sick leave.

OFFICIALS of the fire organization conferred with Wilson earlier this week concerning an off shoot of sick leaves and chronic illnesses — light duty assignments.

The director is reported to be seeking the retirement of three firemen who cannot assume their regular duties and have been on light-duty assignments for some time.

Representatives of the organizations object to forced retirement, saying that the men are still valuable to the department, even in limited-duty assignments, because of their experience.

However, Wilson maintains that there are not enough of the light-duty assignments to go around and plans to do away with one that is already in existence.

ADDITIONAL manpower is still a sore point with the PBA, which is reported to be seeking 10 more men for the force.

Attempts by Chief Ambrose A. Ryan and Director Wilson to supplement the force with such manpower saving devices as motor scooters and walkie-talkies have been partially successful but no accurate evaluation has yet been put together.

Also on the authority's agenda is further discussion of survey proposals received from Ramp Associates and Wilbur Smith Associates.

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The chairman added that further discussions were still planned for both proposals.

"The authority has to think of the future as well as the present," he explained. "With the construction of the Hudson St. project and its parking facilities for some 2,000 cars, the authority must keep its eyes open to the possibility of building a facility which might become outdated and useless because of the project," he said.

Hope to Sign Auto-Meter Pact Tonight

The Hoboken Parking Authority is hoping to sign the formal contract with the Duncan Meter Corp. tonight for the purchase and installation of 22 parking meters at its first off-street parking lot, 4th and Clinton Streets, Nicholas J. Caruso, authority chairman, said today.

Rates will be 10 cents for one hour and 25 cents for five hours. Caruso said that the company has assured the authority that installation can be made in about a week or 10 days. However, some delay is expected because of the authority's indecision on whether to resurface the lot. The entrance and exit also need to be widened.

THE CONTRACT form had not yet been received by the authority yesterday, but Caruso said he was expecting it momentarily.

The ordinance which granted the authority permission to operate the lot leased from St. Mary Hospital went into effect last Wednesday.

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Hoboken Residents Complain Ryan and Wilson Deny Cutting Ambulance Service

Hoboken Police Chief Ambrose A. Ryan and Public Safety Director E. Norman Wilson today denied reports of curtailment in the ambulance service provided by the city. Several residents have

complaints now after the system has been in operation for four years.

Chief Ryan said that, should an occasion arise where neither the switchboard operator nor the cell guard were able to drive the ambulance, then someone else from the shift on duty would be assigned to be the driver.

"SINCE WE DO have only one ambulance which is equipped for emergency use, it is possible that a delay could occur if there is more than one emergency call at the same time," Ryan said. "But even then, we try to at least get a patrol car on the scene to give some assistance."

Both the chief and director said that they had not received any complaints about the service recently.

WILSON ADDED: "There haven't been any changes recently which would account for

Accepts Report on Action Ranieri to Push City Sale Of Sub-Standard Buildings

Health and Welfare Director Anthony F. Damato and Revenue and Finance Director Raphael Vitale have apparently given Councilman Rudolph N. Ranieri the right answers concerning his request for information on the status of city-owned property and property with tax liens.

Following yesterday's meeting with the two directors, Ranieri said he was "satisfied" with their reports on the property and what had been done to date. However, he added that he would be watching next month's sale of city property to see that every effort was made to get rid of substandard buildings.

"THERE ISN'T any reason why property which the city owns but isn't used shouldn't be put up for public sale," he said. "I expect most of the land to be included in the sale."

The councilman said that progress in this area during the last year has been good, but that apparent communication failures between the different branches of the city government have prevented it from being better.

"ONE PIECE of property at 914 Jefferson St. was asked to be condemned last November by Fire Inspector Capt. Walter Koch," Ranieri said. "A letter to that end was sent to the building inspector. But the building, upon which the city has a tax lien, is still occupied by a rug cleaning plant."

Ranieri said that the list of occupied city-owned property has been reduced greatly since he last inspected it. He said that there had been about 20 buildings on the list but that it had now been cut almost in half.

THE AMOUNT of occupied property with tax liens was also expected to be reduced.

According to Director Vitale, 214 River St., 231 Willow Ave., 122 Grand St., and 233 Monroe St. will be closed as soon as the city can evict the tenants. Also on the tax lien list are 1204 Garden St., 227 Willow Ave., 914 Jefferson St., 59 and 89 Madison St., and 507, 511 and 650 1st St.

The buildings at 231 Willow Ave., 914 Jefferson St., 59 Madison St., and 507 and 511 1st St. are occupied by businesses only.

THE CITY is managing the 12 buildings and collecting the rents which is being applied to back water and tax bills. After a building has had a tax lien on it for two years the city is allowed to start foreclosing proceedings.

Besides occupied buildings, the city also has tax liens on 23 other buildings. They are: 213 Grand St., 69 Park Ave., 114 Willow Ave., 230 Jefferson St., 78 Adams St., 64 Madison St., 224 River St., 520 Monroe St., 508 1st St., 10 Hudson Place, a pier on River Road, a luncheonette on River Road, 221 and 223 Hudson St., 61 Bloomfield St., 212 Jefferson St., 61 Madison St., 529 Madison St., 122 Jefferson St., 110 Monroe St., 363 1st St., 604 Newark St., and 522 Monroe St.

ALL OF THE buildings, with the exception of 563 1st St. which is being repaired by its owner, have been closed and boarded up, according to Vitale.

The city also has 11 vacant lots with tax liens. They are: 218 Madison St., 600 Newark St., 602 Newark St., 556 and 558 1st St., 82 Grand St., 917 and 919 Madison St., 360 and 362 14th St., 66 Garden St., and 225 Jackson St.

DIRECTOR DAMATO asked the councilman if he knew of any buildings owned or operated by the city which he wished to have inspected.

Ranieri suggested 209 Willow Ave. and 207 Hudson St. but was reminded by Damato that these were not city property. "However, we will inspect them anyway," Damato said.

The director told the councilman that his only object was to do the best job that he could and that he was willing to co-operate with Ranieri in anyway he could.

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Ranieri met with Damato and Vitale Friday to discuss the current status of city-owned property and property with city tax liens on it.

Martha Institute Hoboken School Will Mark 100 Years Sunday

Closely interwoven with the history of the Reformed Church of Hoboken is that of the Martha Institute. Reaching back into history, the Institute will celebrate its centennial Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the

sanctuary, Reformed Church located at Sixth and Garden Streets, with a service of divine worship.

Following the worship hour, everyone will be invited to participate in a brief service of rededication at Martha Institute, tour the building and see the latest improvements. Invitations have been sent to former students to join in the centennial celebration.

PASTOR LEOPOLD Mohn, first pastor of the German Evangelical Church of Hoboken, an antecedent of the present Reformed Church, was as much a teacher as he was a preacher. He believed that the traditional three "Rs," reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic, should be joined

THE FUTURE SCHOOL was named "Martha Institute" after the wife of the benefactor. A building committee was organized, and in July, 1866, the contract was awarded for construction. On October 8, of the same year, the cornerstone was laid. While the building filled a great need in the life of the church and community, its operation involved an enormous expense that kept the church in financial straits for many years. The last indebtedness on the Institute was paid after the celebration of its golden anniversary in 1906. The building has been used for many purposes since its erection. At one time, the congregation of the Episcopal Holy Innocents Church worshipped there, as did the Second Baptist Church. For many years the city of Hoboken rented the building and used it as a high school, the only one in the city at the time. Later the building was leased to Stevens School. Through the years, many people secured a part of their education there.

IN 1936, THE congregations of the German Evangelical Church and First Reformed Church merged, with the name officially changing to the Reformed Church of Hoboken in the spring of 1936.

A Hoboken councilman has been refused the right to inspect records of rents collected by the city.

Councilman Rudolph N. Ranieri told The Jersey Journal today that employees of the revenue and finance department refused to show him the records, saying that they had been so instructed by Director Raphael Vitale.

"I was told that I would first have to get the director's permission," Ranieri said.

THE COUNCILMAN said he had noticed that a piece of city-owned property which he knew belonged on the list supplied him last Friday had not been included.

"When I went to the office to check if the city was collecting rents on the building at 63 Willow Ave., I was refused access to the records," he continued.

RANIERI SAID that he, checked at the tax collector's office and found that the property was still listed as being city-owned. "I was also able to discover that during the entire time the city was responsible for the building no rents were collected—at least there are no records to show that they were—though there were tenants in the building as late as this summer," he added.

The councilman said the building is now empty.

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Hoboken's Pumpers Due Soon

Hoboken's fire department is expected to receive shipment of two new fire trucks sometime between next Tuesday and Nov. 1, Public Safety Director E. Norman Wilson said today.

The two engines, purchased for a total price of \$51,156 from the Maxim Motor Company of Middleboro, Mass., will replace pumpers at Engine Company No. 2 at 13th and Washington Streets, and Engine Company No. 3 at 201 Jefferson St.

The old pumpers, purchased in 1932 but still operational, will be kept in reserve for the time being, Wilson said.



NAVIGATOR REMEMBERED — Charles De Fazio lays wreath at foot of statue of Christopher Columbus in Columbus Park, Hoboken, as honor guard of Hoboken General Assembly, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, stands at attention. (Jersey Pictures)

A View of Hoboken

The announcement of the \$20,000,000 "luxury apartment house and business development" for Hoboken's lower Hudson Street was great, but the news next day that the row of slums directly across the street is to be made technically habitable was bad indeed.

The latter are the six-story and five-story walk-up tenement houses which are presently placarded, "Condemned as Unfit for Human Habitation."

The luxury project is to have "balcony apartments with a commanding view of the River." But what about the view on the other side 60 feet away? As of today, this is a view of dilapidated housing marked by rats, leaking toilets, leaking bathroom pipes, broken banisters, cluttered fire escapes, cracked walls, loose railings, broken stairs, unsafe wiring, broken doors and windows, a broken boiler, and peeling paint.

On Sept. 30 the landlord promised to correct the 23 types of violations in the buildings—after he was fined a dollar and eight cents for each! He was given one month to fix everything up or else move the tenants out and board the places up.

If not, the city itself was to move out the tenants. The month is running out. There has been no visible evidence of repairs. What will happen if the landlord does not make good in the few days still remaining? Will the city make good on its threat? The history of the city's handling of the case is not reassuring. The slum conditions had long existed. A summons was finally issued on Aug. 10. It took the city almost two months to get the landlord into court. He pleaded guilty to everything. Meanwhile he continued—and still continues—to collect rent from the unfortunate who share these lodgings with the rats.

Will the city administration hold him to the deadline? One would think the city officials should welcome the opportunity to legally get rid of these substandard tenements—rather than help to keep them.

Slum-Prevention Move Council Authorizes Tags For City-Owned Buildings

The Hoboken City Council has authorized the revenue and finance department to place signs on all buildings owned by the city, pointing out the fact that the property is being managed by Hoboken.

The measure, drafted by Councilman Ranieri and co-sponsored by Councilman Francone, is aimed at keeping all city-owned buildings in the public eye so that the city will not allow them to become dilapidated or slum dwellings.

RANIERI SAID that if the council and mayor had their stamp on public display perhaps they would be motivated to keep city-owned property in good condition or get rid of it before it became an eye sore.

The council also granted permission to members of the city's housing squad to attend special courses at Rutgers University on the enforcement of building codes.

Sgt. Joseph Gagliastro, Patrolman Stephen Darago and George Magurie were voted \$50 for expenses for the courses, which run until Jan. 11.

MAYOR LOUIS DePascale's reappointment of Martin Gill to the city's planning board was approved by the council for another six-year term. The Council also approved attendance of the board at the state League of Municipalities Convention scheduled for Nov. 15-18 at Atlantic City.

Leaves of absence were granted to Firemen Nicholas J. Burke Jr. and Edward E. McLaughlin for six months.

Urges Council Action Parking Authority Backs Three-Hour Meter Limit

The Hoboken Parking Authority has endorsed a recommendation of the city's Retail Bureau to limit parking at meters to three hours in all parts of the city. The Authority today forwarded its recommendation to Mayor Louis DePascale and urged that he request the City Council to make amendments in the present meter ordinance.

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UNDER THE PLAN of the Retail Bureau all cars parked at meters longer than three hours would be ticketed repeatedly for each hour they remain parked.

William Roth, a parking authority member and executive vice chairman of the bureau, hailed the idea. "The present \$1 fine is permitting motorists to park all day at a cheap rate," he said. "In effect it is making Hoboken a parking lot."

THE THREE-HOUR limit will give shoppers ample opportunity to visit stores, Roth felt, but would make it expensive for those drivers who now found it cheap to pay a \$1 fine for all-day parking.

Roth said he hoped that the idea will meet with the favor of the Mayor and council and that the necessary ordinance changes could be made in time for the Christmas shopping season.

THE RETAIL bureau, Roth said, also praised Mayor DePascale and Raphael Vitale, public works director, for the success of the mechanized street-cleaning program and the crackdown on those who do not dispose of trash properly.

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THE AUTHORITY also signed a contract with the Duncan Meter Corp. for the purchase and installation of meters for the city's first municipal parking lot at Fourth and Clinton Streets at an estimated cost of \$3,500. Chairman Caruso tentatively set the week of Oct. 30 for the opening of the lot.

It also was reported that city-owned land at 13th Street and Willow Avenue, formerly used as a playground, is now under consideration for development as a second municipal lot.

AUTHORITY members said they are considering asking Mayor DePascale for permission to use city-owned vacant land as temporary parking lots. There are isolated lots throughout the city that might be used for this purpose, they said, and they are also eyeing the huge three-block Hudson St. project for the future. The idea would be to use the sites as parking areas while waiting for the actual building of high rise apartments to begin.

Mayor DePascale followed a similar pattern last year when he created a temporary recreation field at the site of the Church Towers apartment development at Fifth and Clinton Sts.

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Occupants Hope Work Is in Time

Hoboken's city hall is being scheduled for a roof-lifting for sometime next year, according to Director Raphael Vitale of the public works department. But city hall employees and the Civil Air Patrol which uses the third floor of the 3-story building are wondering if it will be soon enough.

During rainy weather, at least a dozen buckets are scattered around the armory floor to catch the water leaking into the building.

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DROP OUT CONCERN — Jersey City Technical Institute meets in Clam Broth House, Hoboken, to consider local school dropouts with Leslie Balter, director, second from left, presiding. Others, from left, are Al Stine, registrar at Jersey City State College; Arthur Calabro, guidance director at Hoboken High School, and Ignatius Forinola, business education chairman, at Hoboken High School. (Jersey Pictures)

Hoboken Educators Told

Tech Schools Offer Hope to Dropouts

Private technical schools can take a high school dropout and train him for a rewarding career in the fields of computers and electronics, Leslie Balter, president of the Jersey City Technical Institute told Hoboken educators last night.

Speaking at a dinner meeting at the Clam Broth House, Balter told the educators that during the past 20 years, his school has trained many men and women who were not high school graduates and many who had dropped out of college.

Because the institute keeps abreast of the latest electronic

and computer developments, Balter said, the students who complete the institute course are ready to launch a new career in the business world.

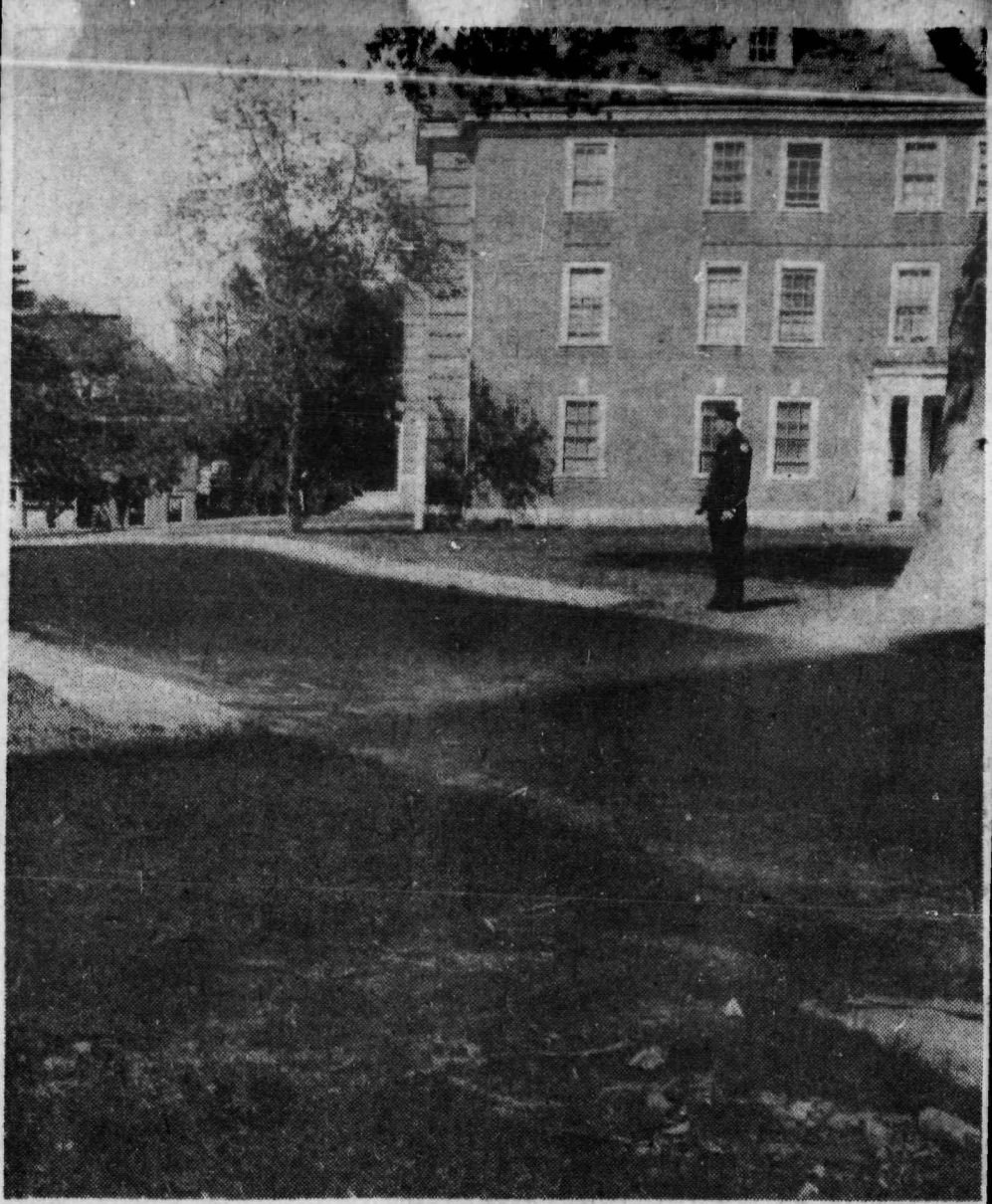
The rapid development of modern business and office machines and equipment, said the president, means that schools must constantly change courses to keep pace with those changes. He pointed out that several advanced types of computers are now being used and others will shortly be added.

also addressed the group, tracing the growth of the institute, at 830 Bergen Ave., since it was founded 20 years ago.

Arthur Calabro, guidance counselor at Hoboken High School, helped arrange the program as part of the city's campaign to curb school dropouts and to determine what private institutes could play in the program. Others who attended were Joseph Buda, high school vice principal; Ignatius Forinola, business department head at the high school, and teachers of the business and technical

courses.

NEW ROAD ON HOBOKEN CAMPUS



IMPROVEMENT AT STEVENS — This new road enables motorists to drive away from Stevens Center without doubling back on narrow 8th Street approach. Road was cut through lawn between center and residence halls, one of which is seen in picture. Campus security guard is Lieutenant Nat Hout.

Inspection Requested 8-8-10/21/66

Superstructure Demolition Completed at Long Dock

Demolition of the superstructure of the Long Dock owned by Stevens Institute of Technology has been completed and Hoboken has been asked to inspect the end result to see if the job was done in accordance with the purchase agreement between the city and the college.

The college took over the property several months ago in a three-way transaction involving it, the city and the Eighth Street Pier Corp., the property's former owner.

WHILE EXCELLENT progress was made in demolishing the upper section, it is reported that it will be sometime — possibly a year — before any further work is done at the site.

The college has definite plans for about 40 per cent of the property, but was remained silent as to what its plans call for. Rumors have been abundant.

IT IS EXPLAINED that the lack of an official announcement

is not due to the lack of a plan, but because of the fact that the college's trustees have yet to give their approval to the proposal, which is still being worked on.

A source at the college said that it would probably be sometime before plans for the area were submitted to the trustees — anywhere from six months to a year.

THE COLLEGE officials have also remained silent on the progress being made in enticing private industry to build on the 60 per cent of the property not used by the college.

At last report, two or three private concerns had been discussing the prospects with the college. The New York Stock Exchange had also expressed interest in the property as the possible site of its new computer center. However, this was several weeks ago and nothing new has been released by Stevens concerning the property's development.

City Rent Records Revamped

Vitale Says Old Setup Bad

By PETER HALLAM

A poor system of keeping records used by Hoboken's former city rent collector was today blamed for the uncertain condition of the current collector's records by Revenue and Finance Director Raphael Vitale.

Vitale said that when he assumed the duties of department head he automatically assumed that all of the records were in "good shape." However, when a recent check of the rent collector's records were made for Councilman Rudolph N. Ranieri, it was discovered that several buildings that the city was managing or had managed had not been included in the records.

"IN MOST OF THE cases the error had no effect on the present rents being collected," Vitale said. "But the fact that the city had taken over or managed a building, even if it was for only a few days, should have been recorded in the rent collector's records."

The former rent collector was Richard Berardi. Eugene DeMartini is the current collector who replaced Berardi about two years ago.

For an example, the director cited 225 Hudson St.

"THIS BUILDING was owned by Superior Fuse Company which had been delinquent in its tax payments," he said. "The city took it over for a short period of time but then the company redeemed it for the back taxes and interest."

"There are records of the entire transaction in the assessors and tax collectors offices, but nothing was ever recorded in the rent collector's records," he said. "It is true that we weren't collecting rents from tenants in the building, but the city was managing the property and it should have been listed."

VITALE ASSERTED that the records were now almost complete and brought up to date.

"As far as I am concerned, this is an example of a poor system that no one ever bothered to change or even notice until it had become so incomplete that it was almost worthless," Vitale said. "While they are duplication of a sort, they are important and should be kept current, up to date and complete."

The director said that he is having DeMartini update them and has initiated new practices and checks so that the status of the property is kept current in his file.

"DE MARTINI WILL now make regular status checks on the buildings the city is controlling or managing on a weekly basis," he said. "I am also thinking about having the assessor's office and tax office notify the rent collector if there is any change in status of these buildings."

"These new procedures may not be the answer, but I think they will help," he continued. "It's apparent that the old system certainly needed some changes."

Hoboken OK's Work At Long Dock

Hoboken has given its approval to the demolition work done on the Long Dock by Stevens Institute of Technology in accordance with the college's purchase agreement with the city, Patrick L. Caulfield, city engineer and building inspector, said today.

Caulfield, who has been on a leave of absence for several months while he recovered from a tumor on his lower jaw, said he inspected the property last week and will notify the college by letter this week that the work was accomplished in accordance with the agreement.

THE BUILDING inspector has been putting in random appearances for the last week and says he will return to full-time duty on Nov. 1.

Caulfield also said that he intended to again speak to the owners of a carpet cleaning plant at 914 Jefferson St. about the condition of their building. The city fire inspector Capt. Walter Koch, has been trying to have Caulfield close the building and condemn it because of reportedly hazardous conditions stemming from fire violations.

Caulfield said that he agreed that the building should come down but that he did not want to force the owners out of business. "The city would like to help them if possible, not throw them into the street," he said. "Of course, the conditions should be corrected as soon as possible and if they aren't we will have to take appropriate steps."

DePascale Seen Pushing Romano for Councilman

Romano Council Choice?

Expected to Run In First Ward

By PETER HALLAM

The prospects of Anthony H. Romano being Mayor Louis DePascale's choice to run for first ward councilman next May have become bright today in light of the turnout for Romano's affair honoring the county Democratic ticket.

Romano recently moved into the first ward and has been talked about as DePascale's choice to face incumbent Rudolph N. Ranieri. He has been on leave of absence from the police department as a patrolman while filling the position of deputy director of health and welfare.

THE RALLY, sponsored by the Romano Association at the Clam Broth House, was expected to draw about 300 persons. However, a crowd reported to exceed 500 packed the hall and overflowed into the Marlin Room and nearby bar.

DePascale was impressed by the turnout and was reported to have told several of his close confidantes that in his opinion the turnout was "the biggest yet in support of the county ticket."

Besides the mayor and most of the majority members of the council, Hudson County Democratic Leader John V. Kenny also put in an appearance.

ROMANO OPPOSED DePascale in last year's first mayoral election along with several other candidates. He was eliminated in the run-off election but threw his support behind the mayor.

Insurance Clearance Awaited New Fire Engine Arrives For Men of Company 2

Like expectant fathers, the men of Engine Company 2 awaited the arrival of their new fire engine yesterday, pacing up and down 14th Street and Willow. The new 1000-gallon Maxim pumper, built according to the city's specifications, was driven yesterday from the manufacturing plant in Middleboro, Mass., by a specially-trained chauffeur who will stay in Hoboken a few days to teach local firemen how to use it.

IT ARRIVED shortly after 4 p.m., in all its shiny red and chrome glory. Deputy Chief James J. Halloran was given the honor of the first run, from Fire Department headquarters at 128 Hudson, to Company 2 on 1313 Washington. Papa Halloran proclaimed the new arrival fit and ready for duty, but emphasized it cannot be used until officials clear insurance on it.

Halloran said the new truck, called a pumper because its function is to pump water to the scene of a fire, is a Triple Combination Pumper. "It carries its own hose and 300 gallons of water and is capable of pumping 1,000 gallons of water a minute into a fire," Halloran said, not hiding the pride in Hoboken's finest in his voice.

THE VEHICLE is designed to carry 7 men to the scene of a fire. Its 160-inch wheel base enables it to be what Halloran called a "short-turning vehicle, just what we need for Hoboken streets." It's cost: a mere \$26,000.

One more pumper is due to arrive next week, according to Norman Wilson, Director of Public Safety. This one will be assigned to Engine Company No. 3 at 2nd Street and Jefferson.

The new pumpers are replacing three 1934 Ahrens-Fox pumpers — called "relics" by Wilson — which will be scrapped and sold as junk with abandoned automobiles.

Hold That Line!

Mayor, Directors Sharpening Budget Scissors

Mayor Louis DePascale and his directors have taken up pencil and pad and started working on the outlines of the 1967 municipal budget. The accent will again be on holding the line and, if possible, reducing the overall tax rate, the mayor said today.

With a proposed \$300 pay raise for all city employees — including police and firemen — and a little something extra for the directors and deputy directors, economy will have to be aimed at in all departments, he said.

DIRECTORS E. Norman Wilson and Anthony F. Damato expect little difficulty in keeping their budgets closely aligned with

the 1966 budget. However, Public Works Director Raphael Vitale is looking to further mechanize his department, which means the spending of "big money."

Vitale has already made up his mind that he needs another street sweeper as a backup for the two sweepers he has at present. He also plans to purchase more snow removal equipment — salt spreaders and plows — and is also thinking about some new trucks.

THE PUBLIC WORKS budget is perhaps the most difficult one to compile because it has to take

into consideration one factory which can not be determined for an advanced period — the weather.

"Logically, mild winters cost us less because there is less snow removal resulting in less overtime for employees, less spent on salt and less damage to equipment," Vitale explained.

Besides Vitale's new sweeper and trucks, new police cars are also being considered.

Director Wilson said he would like to replace several of the department's older vehicles next year. Four new patrol cars were added to the department this year along with five motor scooters.

BEFORE THE CITY was notified of what it was going to get back from the state from the sales tax, DePascale had been able to reduce taxes from about \$119 in 1965 to a little more than \$117 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 1966. With sales tax funds, the figure dropped to \$107.59.

The mayor said that he was "optimistic" that at the very worst he would be able to keep the tax rate for next year around the \$107 mark.

DePascale and his three directors met yesterday for the first of many meetings before their final figures have to be in at the end of November.

HELEN CRAWFORD, Hoboken

If the attitude of the public today toward the mentally retarded is different from what it once was, it is due in large measure to Miss Helen Crawford of Hoboken. It was she and others like her who helped to show people that mental retardation is a sickness and should be treated as such.

Supervisor of special education at Daniel Kealey School in Hoboken, she was chiefly responsible for many service clubs in this area taking an interest in the retarded, which subsequently led to school authorities becoming aware of the need for special attention to these pupils.

MISS CRAWFORD has been teaching for forty years, and the last sixteen of those years have been devoted to working with the mentally retarded.

When appointed to her present position in 1949, she set about expanding and improving facilities in the special education section of the school. She was the first teacher to have graduation exercises for her students when they could go no further in the educational system, and she was instrumental in encouraging the National Council of Jewish Women and Hoboken service groups to renovate the school rooms.

SHE WAS AWARDED a fellowship by the American Association on Mental



Deficiency in 1960 for her outstanding contributions in the field of special education.

Her community service includes past presidency of the Memorial Day Nursery and the Hoboken Teachers Association, and membership in Zonta International, the New Jersey Education Association, the New Jersey Conference on the Handicapped, and the First Methodist Church of Hoboken.

Consider Selling 5-5-10/26/66

New-Home Owners Feel Assessments Are Unfair

Hoboken's new boom in one- and two-family houses may be on unsteady legs thanks to some recent assessments on some new homes which the owners feel are unfair.

A block of four two-family homes at 622-628 Adams St. was recently assessed at \$12,000 for each piece of property and building. To the owners, the assessment represents more than \$1,200 which they will have to pay the city in annual taxes, excluding water and sewer bills.

ONE OWNER said that with the assessment, he will be paying out \$336 monthly, an amount he feels excessive and difficult to raise.

Most of the apartments in the homes have been rented and are bringing in about \$150 a month to the owners, but they still feel that the assessments are "excessive" when compared to those on other homes that are new or a few years old.

THE FOUR homes were built by Pini Construction and sold through the Tamarin Realty Co. It was reported that the owners had expected to be paying a yearly tax of about \$800 when they purchased the homes. Andrew McGuire, a local realtor and city assessor, made the estimates of the property value.

A FEW of the owners are now seriously considering selling their investments and moving to new locations.

Mayor Louis DePascale has been contacted about the assessments and has promised to see if anything could be done. "Personally, I don't think there is too much that can be done about it," he said. "These homes were purchased for about \$30,000 and assessed around \$12,000, which is the same ratio used on other dwellings in the city. So I really don't know what we can do for them, but we will look into it."

Cleaner Hoboken? 8-8-10/24/66

The improvement in the cleanliness of Hoboken's streets — so noticeable a year ago — has lost much ground. The public works director himself says the city was dirtier on a recent weekend than at any time since the cleanup campaign started. Gutters and sidewalks looked as though they had been bombed — with rubbish. Loose paper and strewn garbage were everywhere.

Hoboken is the only municipality in the county that picks up garbage six days a week, the others collecting it only two or three times. The reward for giving this good service has been ingratitude. Not only is garbage being put out on Saturday when it won't be collected, but it is being thrown out — dumped — not placed in covered cans.

The city has resumed issuing summonses. Unfortunately the new drive will hit some people who are not guilty. The city officials say they know no other way to awaken the citizens to the fact that a clean city is everybody's job. If the current drive fails, some other means must be found.

HOPES for Hoboken

Assigning anti-poverty workers as night-time custodians at the Hoboken playgrounds which vandals have been wrecking will be one of the most profitable things HOPES has done.

Naturally we are pleased that the suggestion we made in this column Oct. 12 was accepted and acted on so swiftly by Raymond G. Clyons, the junior high school principal who is on a leave of absence to direct the Hoboken Organization Against Poverty and Economic Stress.

Clyons found that the federal government was willing to let him put HOPES workers in the playgrounds but would not give him any additional money to do it. Unlike the traditional bureaucrat, Clyons did not throw up his hands and give up, but resolved to raise the money by economy measures.

The playgrounds will be saved, and HOPES will have done credit to itself.

Education Seminar 5-5-10/27/66

Bound for Puerto Rico, DePascale Seeks 'Sub'

Hoboken may have a new mayor next week — at least for a few days.

Mayor and Mrs. Louis DePascale will leave Sunday for a seven-day trip to Puerto Rico. According to the mayor, he is thinking about appointing someone as his replacement.

THE FIELD, however, is limited. Law prevents DePascale from appointing anyone other than one of his three department directors or the city clerk. They are Director E. Norman

Wilson, Anthony F. Damato and Raphael Vitale and City Clerk Anthony Amoroso.

Besides talks with the mayor of San Juan and the governor of the island commonwealth, DePascale will also take part in the "fly-in seminar" sponsored by the Hoboken Board of Education which is scheduled to get underway next Wednesday.

He said he was "keenly interested in the seminar and what it can do to improve the city's already excellent education system."

10 in HOPES Program to Guard Hoboken Playgrounds

Poverty Unit to Fight Vandalism

The federal government has given the Hoboken Organization against Poverty and Economic Stress permission to implement a Jersey Journal suggestion in its anti-poverty program, it was announced today by Raymond G. Clyons, director.

There was a suggestion in The Jersey Journal that HOPES in its attempts to find employment for the "chronically unemployed," assign them as night time custodians at the Hoboken playgrounds where vandals have been wrecking equipment as fast as it goes in.

CLYONS SAID that he received permission to use 10 persons as custodians at the various city parks and playgrounds as additional help to prevent vandalism.

The director added that there would not be any additional funds from the government for the program. "We will have to raise the money through our own economy measures within HOPES," he said.

Clyons and Director Damato have been going over a proposed work schedule for the custodians since last week.

DAMATO SAID that with the 10 extra personnel he would be able to have full protection at all city playgrounds seven days a week from opening time until midnight.

Pay for the custodians is expected to be about \$1.50 an hour for a four- or five-hour day.

Owners Appealing City Taxes

Owners of four new two-family homes in Hoboken said today they will file petitions for a tax appeal with the Hudson County Board of Taxation to determine if their present assessment can be lowered.

The owners said they will file their appeals today or Monday with the county board. They maintain that their \$1,240 annual tax bills are excessive and should be reduced to a rate comparable to other homes in the city.

The new red brick homes on the west side of Adams Street between Sixth and Seventh were assessed for tax purposes at \$12,040 each by Andrew P. McGuire, a city assessor.

THE OWNERS maintain that they were told before the houses were built that they would be paying an annual city tax of approximately \$750 and, because of the projected tax rate, purchased the houses as investments which they felt they could handle. All of the homes are two-family types and produce an approximate monthly rental of \$150 for the owners. They also pointed out that insurance costs were estimated at \$72 a year and are \$99.

The owners went to Mayor Louis De Pascale earlier this week to seek his help. They were told that the mayor would look into it. However, he told The Jersey Journal later that he doubted the city could do anything for them but he would "look into it."

COUNCILMAN STEVE Cappiello was brought into the picture since the homes are located in his third ward. He said that something should be done so that the problem of taxes would not give Hoboken's image of "being on the move upwards" a black eye.

"I believe that high taxes for this type of home will deter builders and realtors from considering Hoboken for the future development of one and two family dwellings," he said.

A general survey of realtors showed that they agreed in part with Cappiello. They felt that building of one family homes, where the owner is forced to assume the full burden of taxes and mortgage payments without the benefit of tenant rents might be discouraged.

However, they said that in the case of multiple dwellings, with two or more tenants, they did not expect any unusual difficulties.

For St. Joseph's DePascale Sets Fast Pace In Benefit Ticket Sales

Less than 12 hours after Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken had ordered 100 seats for the second annual benefit show for St. Joseph School for the Blind, he had sold 60 of them. The 4th grade of Our Lady of Grace Grammar School was among his customers — chipping in allowances and spending money to buy their homeroom teacher a ticket to see Connie Francis and The Four Seasons Nov. 4. Now every other grade wants to do the same thing.

MAYORS throughout Hudson County are also coming to the assistance of the Jersey City school for the multiply-handicapped. According to a member of the ticket committee, each city hall is serving as a local ticket office with each mayor in charge of a minimum of 100 seats.

Sister Rose Ingle, the school's director, has urged that civic, fraternal and social groups buy block tickets to aid their mayors and to eliminate bookkeeping. Also, employees working together could apply for tickets in a group, she said, adding that "Maxwell House has been wonderful under the direction of our ticket chairman, Gabe Caporino."

"Time is drawing near," she said as she spoke of the show to be held a week from Friday at the Stanley Theater, Journal Square.

TODAY SHE delivers tickets to Gov. Richard Hughes who is one of the show's honorary chairmen. The other is John V. Kenny, Mayor Theodore Doll of North Bergen and Mayor William V. Musto of Union City have asked for tickets for their own private parties and probably every other mayor will do the same thing, the ticket committee said.



MAYOR LOUIS DePASCALE

Schools Set Recreation Programs

Swimming instructions and a wide variety of indoor sports activities will be available to Hoboken youngsters each weekday afternoon at two schools beginning Monday. Thomas A. Gallo, assistant secretary of the Board of Education, announced today.

Gallo said the free programs will take place from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at Hoboken High School, Ninth and Clinton Streets and Demarest Junior High School, Fourth and Garden Streets.

THE SCHOOL board decided to institute the program after Mayor Louis DePascale urged that additional recreation be made available to Hoboken children during the fall and winter seasons. Youngsters from the fourth grade through high school may register beginning 3 p.m. Monday at either the high school or Demarest Junior High. Regular teachers of the school faculties will supervise the program.

In addition to swimming instructions for boys and girls at the high school pool, basketball, volleyball, table tennis and a number of other sports will be played in the gymnasium of each school. When weather permits and Kennedy Stadium is available, a number of outdoor games will also be played at that field. Tennis courts at the stadium will also be used.

Muddle Corrected Rent Collection Records All Straightened Out

The uncertain condition of Hoboken's records of rents collected on city managed buildings has finally been straightened out and blamed on misunderstandings and lack of coordination between the various concerned city agencies.

Revenue and finance director Raphael Vitale met yesterday with Councilman Rudolph N. Ranieri, Richard Berardi, the former rent collector, and Eugene DeMartini, who preceded Berardi in the post until 1961 and assumed the duties again in 1964.

"NEITHER MR. Berardi nor Mr. DeMartini can be held responsible for a simple human mistake which compounded itself as time went by," Vitale said. "I know Berardi to be an honest man and a man of integrity who did an excellent job."

Berardi was city rent collector from October 1961, when he took over the post from DeMartini, until March 1964 when he resigned to go into private business.

Concern developed over the condition of the records kept by Berardi and DeMartini when it was discovered that records from them made for Councilman Ranieri did not include several pieces of property that the city was managing or had managed.

"I HAD NO intentions of slighting Berardi or DeMartini or blaming them," he said. "The blame isn't the important thing. What is important is that our shortcomings have been discovered and corrected, and we will now be able to operate more efficiently."

Vitale added that Berardi did an excellent job as collector and was held in high esteem by all of his fellow workers when on the job.

"More frequent and closer checks on tax lien property will now be made," Vitale continued. "The other departments and offices which have any dealings with this type of property will be required to alert the rent collector if there is any change in status."

"THE RENT COLLECTOR'S records deal primarily with buildings we are collecting rents from," he said. "These records were and are correct as far as the money received by the city. But we are also concerned with the property we are managing but not collecting rents on."

"While the status of these buildings is on file in the tax collector's office and the assessor's office, they should also be listed with the rent collector and will be from now on," he said.

Residency Cases Won By 2 Cops

Nonresidency charges against two Hoboken policemen have been dismissed — conditionally in one case — and the wives of two other officers now face the possibility of giving additional testimony in behalf of their husbands, Public Safety Director E. Norman Wilson said today.

The director dismissed charges against Patrolmen John McAleer and Harold Winrow which stemmed from last year's court case on voting irregularities in Hoboken's mayoral election. The action on Winrow was based on the condition that he proceed with his plans to retire.

Wilson added that he was giving serious thought to having the wives of Patrolmen Matthew Brennan and Richard Werner appear before him to give additional testimony in their husbands' cases of nonresidency.

The director said that his decisions were based on the case of Fire Capt. Richard Farrell, who was reinstated in August by the state Civil Service Commission.

City Opposed State to Continue Hearing On Hoboken Bus Fare Hike

The State Public Utility Commission — after hearing a blistering objection to the proposed Washington Street bus fare increase from the city administration — will continue hearings on the proposal Nov. 9 in its Newark office.

However, the hearing will be based on the requests by just 15 of the 29 buses used on the route. The "Maria Group," which represents eight corporations operating the other 14 buses, asked yesterday that its petition be held off for several months while the eight corporations are consolidated into one. Joseph Sacco is the owner of the buses.

THE OTHER 15 buses are operated by the "Agresta Group" (10 corporations with 13 buses) and the "Dee-Carmella Group" (two corporations with two buses.)

The buslines are requesting a nickel increase across the board: with the 10 cent adult fare rising to 15 cents, and the nickel fare for children climbing to a dime.

Charles DeFazio Jr., a legal assistant for the city, represented Hoboken yesterday in the hearing before the board, headed by Vaughn M. Donovan.

TESTIMONY CAME from Councilmen Steve Cappiello, John J. Palmieri and Thomas A. Gallo, council president, with Gallo delivering a stinging rebuke to the bus operators. Gallo charged:

"That service was poor and is not even worth the present fare, much less deserving of an increase."

That many buses were untidy and unclear.

That the line's entire run is less than a mile long, and an increase would be "excessive."

That the buses are old, obsolete, and in cases are dangerous and create a safety hazard.

GALLO ALSO complained about "the arbitrary operation and the escape from supervision."

He said the owners run their buses "to suit themselves and their own convenience and not that of public necessity and convenience." He contended that

they arbitrarily violated the schedules, and that except for rush hours, the service is "very bad with long waits."

He added that the city felt morale was bad among the owners and operators because of "constant misunderstanding, bickering, failure and refusal to unite."

Yesterday's hearing was the first before the P.U.C. in the fare increase case.

Anti-Poverty Staff Set For Training

The staff of Hoboken's anti-poverty organization, HOPES, will undergo a 5-week training course sponsored by the state Office of Economic Opportunity beginning next month, it was announced today by Raymond G. Clyons, director.

Clyons said that under a training aid grant given to the OEO, Howard Hart will come in and give HOPES employees two training sessions daily for a five-week period. Hart is director of the New Jersey development and training division of OEO.

THE DIRECTOR said that the sessions would be attended by all HOPES personnel — neighborhood workers and administrative personnel — excluding himself, Maurice Gottlieb, director of Neighborhood Center 2, and Domenick Gallo, HOPES comptroller.

Clyons added that HOPES had been conducting its own training program for several weeks. "We have had Sgt. Joseph Gagliastro of the city's housing squad give a presentation of what to look for in housing which included what the landlord had to provide for his tenants under state and local laws," Clyons said. "The city's welfare supervisor, Edward Roeder, briefed workers on the ins and outs of welfare and Lionel Jimenez, the New Jersey representative of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico familiarized them with the problems of the Spanish-speaking community."

THE DIRECTOR added that training was an important part of the program if the workers were to understand fully the problem of the people they were dealing with. He said that sessions would be conducted regularly as long as the anti-poverty organization was in existence.

Hoboken Opportunity

The fact that Hoboken's Todd Shipyard is due to be auctioned off for non-payment of taxes is not a reflection on Hoboken's outlook for the future. If anything, it is a harbinger of brighter prospects.

Economic factors have made the Hoboken operation unprofitable, and Todd has let the taxes slide in the hope of selling the site to someone who would pay up. The company may yet produce the \$170,993 it owes, plus interest, and remove the property from the sale.

High-rise apartment houses would go well on this spacious site. The trend of development along North Jersey's Hudson riverfront is all in that direction. If the city takes over the Todd property, it should be promoted for residential development rather than turned over to some small-time commercial or industrial tenant.

Tax sale or no, high-rise apartments are the answer to this new opportunity for shaping The Hoboken That Could Be.

That Hoboken Image

Hoboken's city government will be on the spot when the signs go up on those 150 buildings proclaiming them city-owned or city-managed.

The proposal to placard these substandard structures was made by a minority councilman, but the city administration surprisingly took the initiative from him and promptly passed it.

The sponsor's expectation was that the officials who administer these slum buildings would be embarrassed by the signs. These officials say they agree that the city shouldn't be holding on to those dilapidated buildings and they intend to step up the process of getting rid of them.

The sooner they follow through, the more quickly the city will sharpen that image of a new Hoboken whose outlines can be seen but not quite in sharp focus.

Signal Division to Start Work on 4-Way Stop Light



"HOBOKEN OF YESTERDAY" — George Moller, left, the city's official historian, presents copies of his second book on Hoboken history to Thomas Gaynor, center, principal of Hoboken High School, and Thomas Gallo, president of the Board of Education. Books will go to all school libraries. (Jersey Pictures)

Parents Feared Intersection

Work on a new four-way traffic light for the intersection of Fourth and Hudson Streets will begin Monday, according to Police Captain George Baumann, head of the signal and traffic division.

The new light was requested by Councilman Stephen Mongiello in September at the behest of parents of children attending St. Peter and Paul school.

Mongiello said that parents of school children had complained that the light at the southeast corner of the intersection was visible only in two directions.

Cars going west on Fourth and south on Hudson could see the light, but children crossing from south to north on Hudson or west to east on 4th had no idea if they were crossing with the light.

MONGIELLO SAID that the parents suggested a four-way light which could be seen from any corner.

Captain Baumann said that the light now at the intersection was put up in the 1930's and that type of unit is not available anymore. The traffic division will therefore not be able to add sections to the present unit. Instead, workmen will remove the entire traffic light unit from the pole and put in a new section, using parts now stored by the traffic division.

Some Favored? Tax Liens Probe Started by Ranieri

A probe into Hoboken's upcoming tax lien property sale has been launched by Councilman Rudolph N. Ranieri.

According to the councilman, the city is owed more than \$1,500,000 in back taxes as listed in the city's audit for 1965. However, the tax lien scheduled for next month will concern itself with 68 pieces of property on which the city is owed about \$250,000.

"I'd like to know what happened to the other properties which should be included in the sale," Ranieri asked.

RANIERI POSED the question to Revenue and Finance Director Raphael Vitale who explained that he had been informed by the tax department that much of the back taxes had been paid and the property redeemed before it could be included in the sale listing.

HE CITED the Meyers Hotel which owes the city more than \$20,000 in back taxes and is scheduled for the sale.

"That hotel's taxes never came near that amount in a year's time, so it is apparent that the taxes owed were allowed to build up over a period of time," he said. "I'd like to know why these big tax bills were allowed to build and if there are any more of them which haven't been included in next month's sale."

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Erie Riders Reach End of Line

Last Train Travels From Hoboken to Bergen

After the Erie-Lackawanna Railroad was given approval yesterday by New Jersey's second highest court to begin curtailment of its passenger service Monday morning, the last commuter train on the railroad's northern branch left Hoboken last night for its run into eastern Bergen County and New York state.

After the Appellate Division of Superior Court in Trenton denied an appeal for a stay of a state PUC commission order approving the curtailment, in commuter service, the last E-L passenger train from Hoboken pulled out of the station at 6:37 p. m., seven minutes late, carrying 60 passengers.

Two-thirds of the passengers were regular commuters, whose feelings ranged from mild annoyance at the inconvenience of finding transportation to a deep sense of outrage at "progress going backwards."

There were about 20 members of the National Railway Historical Society aboard the train, whose purpose in being there was to "reminisce about when this was a great line carrying 14,500 passengers a day. But few of them looked as though they could remember such a day. (The railroad claims it is losing more than \$5.5 million a year on passenger service).

And there were also, of course, the trainmen, who communicated their bitterness towards the "celebration" of an event which was bringing their jobs to an end. Seemingly they resented the presence of the camera-bearing club members, the representatives of the press, and the commuters who willingly submitted to interviews and picture-taking.

Dismal Future
But the commuters, if they enjoy their momentary fame, were

less than happy over future modes of transportation to and from work, and some indicated a feeling of personal loss over the closing of the branch. One of them was somewhat frustrated over a string of setbacks in his attempt to commute from his home, in Ridgefield, New York City. "This is the third line I've closed down," said Louis Malinka, of 800 Elm av., a northern branch rider for the past four years.

"I used to use the West Shore line of New York Central, and when that was discontinued I switched to a Susquehanna train that ran to Erie station in Jersey City," he explained. Asked about future plans, Malinka said he would probably drive into Jersey City and take a PATH train from Journal sq., adding that he would find a parking space, "somehow." He is a former resident of Jersey City.

Less used to the inconvenience that is pending and most indignant about it was E. T. Springer, a 42-year commuter on the northern branch. Springer, of 193 River Edge rd., Tenafly, who works for a marine insurance brokerage on Wall st. in Manhattan, said that he would try taking a bus all the way from Tenafly.

When asked if he would join the little farewell party staged on board the train by members of the historical society, Springer replied that he would not be part of it. "This is no party," he emphasized, "this is a wake."

"I can remember when this line gave around-the-clock service," he continued. "That was some time back before there were so many roadways into New York. But this closing is just the beginning. There will be more lines shut down and, as a result, more cars on the roads. The situation is getting worse. This is progress going backwards."

The members of the historical society represented three nearby chapters, North Jersey, Tri-State, and Long Island-Sunrise Trails. They were led by Stanley Harris, a Bergenfield resident and member of the North Jersey Chapter. Harris, it was said, originated the idea of taking "the last ride" on the line as a group.

"What we're here for is to just sit back and enjoy the ride for its historical value, take a few pictures, and reminisce," he explained.

Final Wait
Meanwhile, awaiting the train in Ridgefield, Mayor John H. Bell and Councilman Albert O. Tannenbaum recalled the line's longstanding service to the community as they stood at the depot, listening for the whistle that would announce the train's last passage through that borough as a commuter train. The mayor and council will appeal the decision to cut service Tannenbaum, who is chairman of the transportation committee, said.

But with the approach of the three-car passenger train, those standing at the depot could not deny the feeling of, in the words of Mayor Bell, "the end of an era."

One man in particular will miss its service. Murray Pugasky, proprietor of Moizman's candy store, 1365 Broad av., has been traveling daily to the station for the past 20 years to greet the 6:54 p. m. train as it roared into the depot carrying newspapers from New York City.

"I'm sorry to see this service coming to a close. I was always assured of getting my papers. The train was very dependable, no matter what the weather," he said.

De Pascale, who met with the housing agency in Philadelphia on Thursday, said the federal officials invited him to resubmit applications for additional funds for other projects, including a central garage and rehabilitation of the city's sewer and water systems.

"We are deeply grateful for the time and effort Congressman Daniels put into this program," he added. "He has performed a tremendous service for Hoboken."

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De Pascale said he has been conferring with five or six developers on plans for the site and expects to meet with two or three others within the next few weeks.

While plans vary, nearly all of them call for high-rise buildings of 500 apartments with balconies and a commanding view of the New York skyline. The complex would also include an office building with 400,000 square feet of space and a parking area for 2,000 cars. Attractive landscaping and two luxury swimming pools would also be part of the picture.

The mayor said that after meeting with the other interested sponsors, he will compile all of the proposed plans. He will then meet with the Redevelopment Agency, the Planning Board and the City Council and each of the plans will be weighed.

Mayor Role
Jubilant over the news that the way has been cleared to begin the huge undertaking, De Pascale said that the new apartments and office building "will play a major role in the rebirth of our old city."

"This tremendous development, together with the Stevens industrial research center now underway a short distance uptown, will change the skyline of Hoboken," he declared.

"The fact that Hoboken won the federal grant in so short a time is a credit to a group of Rep. Daniels," said the mayor. "We worked hard in Hoboken and we labored just as hard in Washington to win approval for this development that means so much to our city."

In regard to the smaller slum-clearance grant, De Pascale declared: "I am pleased that the federal government has agreed with our proposal to subsidize our demolition work. Hoboken could not afford to do the job alone."

Hoboken, he explained, will supplement the federal grant with a \$20,369 appropriation.

The tenements earmarked for demolition are in the southeast and southeast sections of the city, the mayor said. All are abandoned and dilapidated.

Said De Pascale: "This is the moment we have been waiting for. Hoboken cannot afford slum houses and could not move forward with a demolition program of this scope on its own. It needed help and that help came today with Rep. Daniels' announcement."

"There has been talk," he said, "that we were not moving quickly enough with this work, but I think that today's news proves that we made the wisest move in applying for federal aid to help us."

Spare Taxpayers
"We are now ready to move ahead with this vital program at a two-thirds savings to the taxpayers of our city."

"I am dedicated to wiping out slum buildings in our city and I intend to press this program relentlessly. I will also make every effort to obtain additional federal assistance to help us with the work."

"These fire hazards and safety and health menaces are something that Hoboken can ill afford."

The mayor reported that while in Philadelphia he and other city officials also conferred with representatives of the Neighborhood Facilities Program. As a result of that meeting, he said, Hoboken is seriously considering asking for federal funds for a civic center.

He explained that the center would accommodate several of the city's welfare and social agencies and "would bring our community services close to the people."

Such a center, he felt, would house the health services, welfare, recreation and other social agencies.

On the Philadelphia trip the mayor was accompanied by Thomas A. Gallo, council president; Silvio J. Falla, planning coordinator; E. Norman Wilson, director; John Erbeck, city controller; and Joseph Lynch, an engineering consultant.

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In "Barbary" Area

\$2.7 Million For Hoboken

A federal grant of \$2.7 million has been awarded to Hoboken to clear three blocks on Hudson st., in the "Barbary Coast" area, as the business complex, it was revealed yesterday by Mayor Louis De Pascale. Hoboken has been awarded another \$40,736 by the federal government, through the Housing and Urban Development Agency, to help the city get rid of unsightly and unsafe buildings.

Thirty slum tenements will be torn down by the city, with federal government paying two-thirds of the cost, the mayor said.

When informed of the grants by Rep. Dominick V. Daniels, Mayor De Pascale exclaimed: "This is a great moment for Hoboken." The mayor said he and Rep. Daniels have been working together for several weeks to give the Hoboken application top priority and to move ahead with the necessary details.

Additional Funds

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While plans vary, nearly all of them call for high-rise buildings of 500 apartments with balconies and a commanding view of the New York skyline. The complex would also include an office building with 400,000 square feet of space and a parking area for 2,000 cars. Attractive landscaping and two luxury swimming pools would also be part of the picture.

The mayor said that after meeting with the other interested sponsors, he will compile all of the proposed plans. He will then meet with the Redevelopment Agency, the Planning Board and the City Council and each of the plans will be weighed.

Mayor Role
Jubilant over the news that the way has been cleared to begin the huge undertaking, De Pascale said that the new apartments and office building "will play a major role in the rebirth of our old city."

"This tremendous development, together with the Stevens industrial research center now underway a short distance uptown, will change the skyline of Hoboken," he declared.

"The fact that Hoboken won the federal grant in so short a time is a credit to a group of Rep. Daniels," said the mayor. "We worked hard in Hoboken and we labored just as hard in Washington to win approval for this development that means so much to our city."

In regard to the smaller slum-clearance grant, De Pascale declared: "I am pleased that the federal government has agreed with our proposal to subsidize our demolition work. Hoboken could not afford to do the job alone."

Hoboken, he explained, will supplement the federal grant with a \$20,369 appropriation.

The tenements earmarked for demolition are in the southeast and southeast sections of the city, the mayor said. All are abandoned and dilapidated.

Said De Pascale: "This is the moment we have been waiting for. Hoboken cannot afford slum houses and could not move forward with a demolition program of this scope on its own. It needed help and that help came today with Rep. Daniels' announcement."

"There has been talk," he said, "that we were not moving quickly enough with this work, but I think that today's news proves that we made the wisest move in applying for federal aid to help us."

Spare Taxpayers
"We are now ready to move ahead with this vital program at a two-thirds savings to the taxpayers of our city."

"I am dedicated to wiping out slum buildings in our city and I intend to press this program relentlessly. I will also make every effort to obtain additional federal assistance to help us with the work."

"These fire hazards and safety and health menaces are something that Hoboken can ill afford."

The mayor reported that while in Philadelphia he and other city officials also conferred with representatives of the Neighborhood Facilities Program. As a result of that meeting, he said, Hoboken is seriously considering asking for federal funds for a civic center.

He explained that the center would accommodate several of the city's welfare and social agencies and "would bring our community services close to the people."

Such a center, he felt, would house the health services, welfare, recreation and other social agencies.

On the Philadelphia trip the mayor was accompanied by Thomas A. Gallo, council president; Silvio J. Falla, planning coordinator; E. Norman Wilson, director; John Erbeck, city controller; and Joseph Lynch, an engineering consultant.

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Refuses to Halt E-L Cut

Judge Bars Restraining Order

A New Jersey Supreme Court judge refused yesterday to issue a restraining order to halt the Erie-Lackawanna's reduced passenger service schedule, which starts today.

Among those hit by the cuts are commuters from the eastern sections of Bergen County and lower Rockland County in New York who have been using Northern branch commuter trains. The last train on the route ran Friday night northbound out of Hoboken to Sparkill, N. Y.

Commuter groups tried to head off the railroad's curtailed service. Only 195 out of the usual 351 trains will operate on the new weekly schedule.

Judge Vincent Haneman announced his decision in a hearing in Brigantine requested by New Jersey commuter groups, and attended by railroad and state government representatives.

Oral Argument
But Judge Haneman granted to the commuter groups what he termed an "oral argument" session before the state's Supreme Court tomorrow. The session will also be attended by representatives of the railroad, and state government officials.

Another appeal by the commuters was denied Friday by the Appellate Division of the Superior Court.

The State Public Utility Commission approved revised schedules for the cutback Sept. 8. The commission estimated that the curtailments would save the railroad about \$2 million annually.

Erie-Lackawanna officials have said the railroad has been losing more than \$5.5 million a year on passenger service.

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Says 'Salaries Low

Clyons Cites HOPES Aides' Pay

Raymond G. Clyons, director of service center, whom he said Hoboken's anti-poverty program, earns \$10,000. One other position HOPES, appeared last night before a city council caucus to answer questions about the program, added.

Clyons argued that the type of work required of a director and high ranking officials of HOPES were receiving salaries "well below" those paid to anti-poverty directors in other cities of a comparable size.

Clyons was at the caucus at the invitation of Second Ward Councilman William Matthews, who has voiced several complaints regarding the administration of HOPES, making more money if he had not one of which is that the largest salaries paid within the program of education.

Clyons went on a leave of absence from his position as principal of Joseph E. Brandt Junior High School in order to accept his job with HOPES. The leave expires May 1, 1967.

Matthews also said that he thought too many people were not acquainted with the workings of the program and that nothing was being done about the situation.

Seek Out Cases

Clyons admitted that there were many residents who were in need of assistance and didn't know about HOPES, but contended that members of his staff were "going out and systematically knocking on doors every day" in an effort to seek out individual poverty cases.

The question of how the anti-poverty program is helping people was also put forth by Matthews. Clyons replied to this query with the assistance of three aides who accompanied him to the meeting.

One of them, a case worker, she had discovered many unseen problems which harass poverty-stricken individuals in addition to the fact that their incomes are too low. She spoke of cases where persons needed medical attention and were not aware of it, and others where persons were being monetarily exploited because they "didn't know any better."

Clyons then enumerated on the different programs which HOPES had set up, including summer courses and monetary assistance programs to aid potential dropouts and programs to assist unemployed persons in finding jobs.

On the subject of employment, De Pascale interrupted to say that he thinks the public is misinformed about the role of HOPES in finding jobs. "Many people complain that they cannot get a job within the program," he said. "But the purpose of the agency's staff is not to provide jobs. It is to efficiently run the program."

During the question and answer session, Clyons announced that a public works program to aid the "chronically unemployed" is being contemplated and may begin as early as next spring.

Under the program, he said, persons in need of employment will be able to work for the city in "maintenance improvement and beautification activities." He explained that this meant working on projects to improve the appearance of city streets and parks.

After the meeting, Matthews commented that he was "satisfied" with the answers given by Clyons and thought that the director's appearance before the council members had been helpful in "clarifying the situation."

"We welcome them," Mayor De Pascale concluded.

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\$1 Million Center Eyed

Hoboken Will Study Civic Project Plan

A proposed community civic center costing \$1 million will be studied by Hoboken City Council next month, a city hall source revealed yesterday.

Construction of such a center is planned to be erected within Church Sq. Park, opposite Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church, the federal government picking up \$700,000 of the overall cost, the source said.

Mayor Louis DePascale said last night that "With assistance from the Neighborhood Facilities Program in Washington, we hope to arrive at final planning for such a project." He declined further comment other than to say "Pre-planning of such a project is still incomplete. I must first consult with the council."

Should such a project materialize, it would not take away from the green grass plotted area on the Church Sq. Park area, estimated to be some 139,000 square feet between Fourth and Fifth sts., bounded east and west by Garden st. and Willow av. It was indicated the sidewalks surrounding the park will be cut to an eight-foot width, affording expansion within to build the center.

Mayor DePascale has been quoted as saying, "A civic center is a tremendous need. It will take our children off the street in heavily populated areas. Such a center could include a combination gym-auditorium as large as the present Hoboken High School auditorium." It was indicated the center would include other city social agencies, the PAL, the welfare offices and multi-purpose classrooms for civic meeting places.

Prior to his being elected mayor of Hoboken, DePascale fought unsuccessfully for the construction of a municipal recreation center in the uptown area. At the time, the city reportedly lost a \$700,000 government grant due to bickering among a then divided city council. At present, Mayor DePascale controls the council by a 6-3 vote.

Construction of a modern civic center in the park would necessitate the present outdoor band stand being demolished along with the public rest room nearby. Expansion east and west and north and south of the park area would

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not curtail the park's bench rest area or the grass plotted areas on the civic center perimeter, it was pointed out yesterday.

During a recent "off-the-cuff" interview, Mayor DePascale said, "I am planning to give our Hoboken residents a civic center someday that will be centrally located. I've discussed the proposal with responsible federal agencies and they told me to submit plans on paper. That's what I intend to do."

New Cops, Firemen To Be Asked

Hoboken's department directors are devoting most of their time lately to their usual October chore — preparing budget requests for the coming year. Funds will be requested to hire new policemen and firemen, and for new city vehicles and vest-pocket playgrounds, while the directors attempt to keep their operational costs on the same level as the current year.

Public Safety Director E. Norman Wilson said that he has yet to finalize his requests for presentation to the mayor next month, but that he will probably seek funds for the hiring of several new policemen and firemen.

"I HAVEN'T yet decided how many men I will ask for," he said, "but it won't be enough to replace all of the men who retired within the last year."

The city's Patrolmen's Benevolent Association is reported to be seeking at least 10 more men for the police department. The fire department is about up to its manpower requirements.

Wilson said that he would also seek three new police cars, three motorcycles with weather cabs and funds to install the cabs on the two cycles the city already has. He will also seek a new auxiliary van that would double as an emergency ambulance and transportation for prisoners.

FUNDS for paying overtime to police and fire personnel will be sought as well as a sum for financing the city's educational program on narcotics, which will be conducted in the local school system.

Health and Welfare Director Anthony F. Damato has big plans for his recreation program for next year. Included are a public swimming pool, vest-pocket portable playgrounds and two-seater go-carts.

Damato said that the pool was his prime objective and the one most likely not to materialize.

MAYOR DePascale has expressed an interest in such an undertaking but only if it could be done without expense to the city.

The director said that he had been considering several ideas for the pool since the federal government told the city that it did not have funds for that type of venture.

"I think the mayor will go along with some funds for a pool but not the full cost," he said. "But there are several alternate plans which can be used, such as forming a municipally operated cabana club."

"THIS type of operation has been successful in other communities and could be just as successful in Hoboken. For a small seasonal fee, all members of a family would be able to use the pool and, at the same time, help pay off the cost of building it."

Damato said he was also interested in portable playground equipment that could be set up in a day or so at any vacant lot in the city. "This could be of a great benefit to all of our children," he said.

The director added that he was seeking two-seater go-carts for that summer recreation program so that fathers could take their children for rides. This summer, single-seat cars were used with the younger children barred from using them.

PERHAPS the largest chunk of cash will go to Public Works Director Raphael Vitale, who has visions of a completely motorized and automated department.

Vitale is seeking a \$16,000 street sweeper, a \$1,500 high-pressure water pump that would be used at the scene of water main breaks, a catch basin cleaner and hoist which goes for \$10,000, a \$7,000 truck for the sewer treatment plant and a \$4,000 panel truck for the water department.

The expense of purchasing the new equipment is bound to create budget problems for the director as far as keeping the 1967 expenses below those for the current year.

AND IT isn't a question of one item being needed more than another. "Everything I have listed is equally important," he said. "The department must run smoothly with the proper equipment. Without the right tools, we are only making more problems for ourselves," he said.

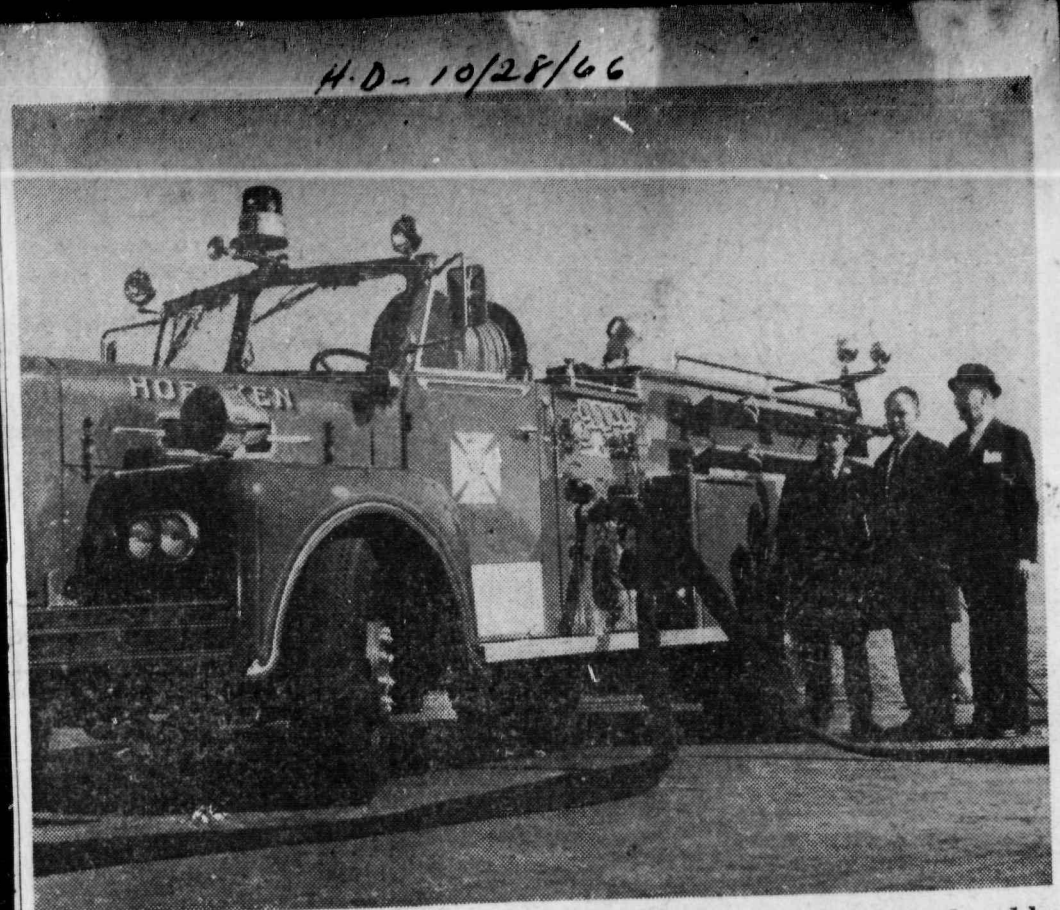
"If I have to exceed the 1966 budget, then I will. Of course, the final decision is up to the mayor, but I will be doing everything possible to get him to approve my requests."

All of the departmental budgets are expected to be completed and on the mayor's desk before the end of next month.

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NEW FIRE TRUCK — One of two modern fire apparatus pumpers purchased by Hoboken City Council was delivered Wednesday and inspected by (left to right), Deputy Chief James Halloran, Fire Chief Patrick J. Carmody and Hoboken Law Director E. Norman Wilson. The Maximum Motor Co. pumper, capable of pumping 1,000-gallons-per-minute, cost approximately \$26,000. Another is expected to be delivered next week, replacing three 1934 Ahrens-Fox pumpers that will be sold at a public auction next month. The modern pumper is normally manned by a fire captain and six firemen.



ACTING MAYOR — Hoboken Business Administrator James F. Quinn is sworn in by Anthony Amoroso, city clerk, as acting mayor while Mayor DePascale is in Puerto Rico with his wife, attending a seminar with local school teachers. (Jersey Pictures)

At 65-75 Willow Ave. \$100,000 Industrial Building to Go Up

Construction of a new three-story industrial building at 65-75 Willow Ave., Hoboken, estimated to cost more than \$100,000, is expected to get under way in a few days. A building permit for the construction has been issued to the Stanca Realty Company, Inc., headed by John Castelli.

According to John Sheehy, a Jersey City attorney who is representing the investors, the building will provide some 45,000 square feet of space and will be geared for industrial use. However, he said that commercial enterprises would also be considered.

SHEEHY ADDED that several firms from the New York Stock Exchange had expressed interest in office space in the completed structure. "But at present, I am not at liberty to say who they are," he said.

The realization of the new industrial structure came about

with the assistance of the city government which traded a playground at the rear of the proposed building for two pieces of property on the east side of Park Avenue, between Observer Highway and Newark Street.

Stanca Realty, which handled the transfer, maintained that the city's playground entrance and loading area and that the property was necessary if the plant was going to operate successfully. The city agreed to the transaction providing Stanca relocated all of the equipment from the playground into the two new city lots and repaved them. Stanca complied with the conditions.

BUILDING PERMITS were also issued to Julio Perez to perform \$2,000 of repair work on 204 1st St. which would include new windows and brick coating on the second floor only. The Pisani and DeBari Con-

struction Co. was issued a permit to build a new loading platform on the building on the east side of 12th Street, between Grand and Adams Streets. Work is estimated to cost more than \$8,000.

Two-Thirds Done Church Towers Project To Open in Summer

Church Towers is almost two-thirds completed, and should be open for occupancy next Summer.

That announcement came from Raymond G. Clyons, chairman of the Housing Authority and Redevelopment Agency, yesterday and builders Thompson Starrett, Inc., yesterday.

CHURCH TOWERS is a 398-unit apartment project on 5th Street and Willow Avenue, made up of three 10-story apartment houses and slated for middle-income dwellers. Rents will range from \$113 to \$156 a month, spokesmen said.

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U.S. Gives \$112,119 To HOPES

HOPES, the Hoboken anti-poverty organization, has been awarded a \$112,119 grant by the U.S. Department of Labor to begin an on-the-job training program that can turn 200 men and women into skilled industrial workers, Raymond G. Clyons, HOPES director, announced today.

Clyons said the one-year program has been approved by the government's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training. It will get under way after three staff members are appointed next Monday to direct it.

NEIL KORT, regional director of the program for the federal government, notified HOPES that three staff positions have been approved to run the Hoboken project. There will be a job development coordinator at \$800 per month; a trainee counselor-developer at \$750 per month and a secretary-bookkeeper at \$375 per month.

Clyons said this is how the program will work:

HOPES, working with the New Jersey Division of Employment Security, will contact industries and business firms in Hoboken and North Hudson to arrange placement of apprentices in various plants.

DURING the 26-week period that men and women between 18 and 30 years of age are training, HOPES will give the industries \$25 a week for each trainee. This will cover the administrative costs of the program.

The factories, in turn, will pay the trainee the minimum wage during the training period. Once the trainee has completed the program and is a skilled worker, it is hoped that he will then become a permanent employee of the plant or of some other factory engaged in similar work.

A LIST of Hoboken residents requiring the type of industrial skills the program offers has already been compiled by HOPES, Clyons said.

"Our objective," he explained, "will be the successful placing of applicants in permanent jobs commensurate with their highest capacity. We feel we can meet this objective through this program and 200 Hoboken men and women will benefit from it."

CLYONS SAID Mayor Louis DePascale was informed of the government approval of the program just before he left for a tour of Puerto Rico to study community problems. He commended the HOPES staff for its work in successfully processing the application.

Said the mayor: "This program is another step that will raise the economic level of Hoboken families and, in turn, it will help our city become a finer community in which to work and live."

HOPES board of directors will meet Monday, Clyons said, and it will be up to the board to choose the staff members for the new program.

At Housing Projects Seek Federal Approval For More Police Aid

Federal approval is all that is needed for a Hoboken Housing Authority proposal calling for the assignment of possibly three special police officers to supplement existing police protection at the authority's projects.

Chairman Raymond G. Clyons said today that the authority is drawing up a proposal for such action which will be presented to the federal authorities. He added that he has already approached Mayor Louis DePascale on the matter and received a favorable reaction.

THE PROPOSITION would actually involve the authority, the federal government and — because the salaries would be paid from the money paid annually to the city by the authority — the city.

Clyons said that the proposal would still require some study to determine the number of men needed.

THE AUTHORITY also announced that it has received letters of instruction concerning the proposed Hudson Street luxury apartment buildings from the federal authorities and should be

making great advances in the next few months.

Clyons said that a public hearing before the end of the year was very possible.

Asks 3-Hour Limit

During last night's meeting, the authority reportedly endorsed a proposal made by Hoboken Retail Merchants' Assn. that metered parking on Washington st. be limited to three hours.

Washington st. merchants were said to have complained that their businesses are hurt by motorists who park their cars in front of stores all day, thus hampering shoppers who wish to park. The problem becomes especially acute with the approach of Christmas, it was added.

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Caruso Says Parking Lot To Open Soon

Hoboken Parking Authority Chairman Nicholas J. Caruso last night tentatively set the week of Oct. 30 for the opening of the city's first municipal parking lot at Fourth and Clinton sts.

Caruso made his announcement following a meeting of the authority, during which a contract was signed with Duncan Meter Corp. for the purchase and installation of meters for the lot at an estimated cost of \$3,500.

The chairman said that meter installation will begin some time next week and is expected to require only a few days' work. The lot will have facilities for 25 or 26 cars, and the rates will be 10 cents for one hour, 25 cents for six hours, and 50 cents for 12 hours.

Improvements on the lot are being planned for the near future, Caruso added. He said the authority hopes to retouch the surface and possibly widen the entrance and exit.

It was also reported that city-owned land at 13th st. and Willow av., formerly used as a playground, is now under consideration for development as a second municipal lot.

Caruso indicated that authority members are favorably disposed toward the idea and that Mayor Louis DePascale has already promised the land to the authority. It was estimated that facilities for 18 cars would be available on the new site.

Asks 3-Hour Limit

During last night's meeting, the authority reportedly endorsed a proposal made by Hoboken Retail Merchants' Assn. that metered parking on Washington st. be limited to three hours.

Washington st. merchants were said to have complained that their businesses are hurt by motorists who park their cars in front of stores all day, thus hampering shoppers who wish to park. The problem becomes especially acute with the approach of Christmas, it was added.

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HOPES Offers Assistant-Director Job to Wilson's Son



MAKING IT OFFICIAL—Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken signs proclamation making current week National Junior Woman's Club Week in Hoboken while officers of local unit look on. From left are: Mrs. Matthew Colchese, secretary; Miss Ann Materek, vice president, and Miss Carol Wilson, president. (Jersey Pictures)

100 Books Ordered By Library

More than 100 new books were ordered by the Hoboken Public Library last month, Miss Lucille Cunningham, library director, said today. Some have already arrived, been catalogued and may be borrowed.

A portion of the available books are:

Indian Summer by John Knowles; The Power Broker by Joseph L. Lieberman; Saturday the Rabbi Went Hungry by Harry Kesselman; The Zinn Road by Fletcher Knebel; The Hopetis by Lloyd Robinson; The Mask of Apollo by Mary Renault; In the Company of Eagles by Ernest S. Gann; The Boston Strangler by Gerold Frank; Ess, Ess, Mein Kind! (Eat, Eat, My Child) by Harry Gold; Jubilee by Margaret Walker; The Great Adventure by Janice Holt Giles; The Johnson Escape by Leonard Baker; Hitler and Russia by Trumbull Higgins; The Violence Game by Bob Curran; The Million Dollar Case by Jack (Doc) Kearns; The Three Banners of China by Marc Riboud; Images of the Universe by Richard McLanathan; At Bertram's Hotel by Agatha Christie; The Art of Making Good Candies At Home by Martin K. Hermann; Journey to Carthage by Peter Thomas Rohrbach, O.C.D.; Son of the Great Society by Art Buchwald; All About Brother Bird by Catherine Plummer; A Dandy in Aspie by Derek Marlowe; The Secret of the Sea: A Complete Seafood Cookbook by Dan Morris and Naailda Moore; Valentines by Evelyn Anthony; Christmas Treasures, Edited by Hallmark; Three Cheers and a Tally by Edwin McDowell; Gateway to the Great Books (Ten Volumes) by Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc.

Interview Scheduled Tuesday

E. Norman Wilson Jr., the son of Hoboken's law and public safety director, has been offered the job of assistant director of the city's anti-poverty organization, HOPES, and is scheduled for an interview with the organization's personnel committee Tuesday. The Jersey Journal learned today.

Wilson, an attorney, worked in the city's welfare department until a leg ailment curtailed his activities and hospitalized him for several months of extensive medical treatment. He is reported to have regained most of the use of his limbs but still relies heavily on a wheel chair.

RECENTLY, the federal government changed the salary structure for the anti-poverty program so that no one taking a position would be able to increase his present earnings by more than 20 per cent. This action has modified the post's \$11,000 a year salary and may influence Wilson's acceptance or rejection of the job. It is reported.

Also scheduled for an interview is Carlo DeGennaro, a retired Air Force colonel who ran unsuccessfully for councilman-at-large in last year's municipal election.

DEGENNARO is being considered for the position of director of HOPES' Neighborhood Center No. 1.

Raymond G. Clyons, director of the organization, confirmed today that the personnel committee is to screen several applicants for HOPES positions Tuesday. He declined to say who was being considered.

He added that a secretarial job training program was also expected to be filled at that time.

THE HOPES board of directors announced Monday the appointment of Thomas Giordano, a Hoboken truant officer, and Michael Gualario, a real estate salesman, as Giordano's assistant. Yesterday, the HOPES personnel committee headed by John M. Stanton, Hoboken Chamber of Commerce president, approved the appointments.

At the same time, it was learned that Angelo Romano, who operates Villa Romano Restaurant and

IT HAD BEEN reported in The Jersey Journal several months ago that Giordano was being considered for a HOPES post. The rumors persisted even though Giordano was quoted as saying that he knew nothing about it and had not submitted an application.

However, it was asserted today by an administrative official of HOPES that Giordano did in fact have an application in at that time and that it was one of the first to be received.

GIORDANO and Gualario were selected last week by the personnel committee for the jobs. The selections were approved Monday by the HOPES board of directors.

Clyons said that college graduation was not a requirement for the positions. He added that Giordano was ideally suited for the post because of his more than 18 years' experience dealing with school children.

IN THIS training program, which will be open to persons in the 18 to 30 age bracket, we will be dealing primarily with the younger section of the group," he said. "National figures show that even though the program is open to persons who are 30 years old, it is the younger segment that is the most interested."

Some \$112,000 will be spent on training non-skilled workers through the cooperation of local industry. The program will be set up and operated from HOPES' Neighborhood Center No. 1 at 117 Madison St.



THE GOOD NEWS — Business Administrator James F. Quinn of Hoboken gags it up as he gets news that he has been elected to Hudson County Board of Freeholders. He is Democratic city chairman. With him, from left, are Council President Thomas A. Gallo, Police Capt. August Ricciardi, Mayor Louis DePascale, Councilman Steve Cappiello, Hyman Bier and Councilman Louis Francone. (Jersey Pictures)

2 New HOPES Posts Truant Officer, Salesman Tapped

A Hoboken truant officer yesterday was named to a \$10,400-a-year job as director of the city's anti-poverty HOPES on-the-job training project and a former city real estate salesman was named as his \$9,000-a-year assistant.

Creation of both jobs was announced by HOPES Director Raymond G. Clyons, who indicated that appointment of Truant Officer Thomas Giordano will require the school employ to take a leave of absence from his post as the city's chief truant officer, a post in the \$6,000 bracket.

Clyons also said the HOPES board of directors recommended appointment of Michael Gualario, a real estate salesman, as Giordano's assistant. Yesterday, the HOPES personnel committee headed by John M. Stanton, Hoboken Chamber of Commerce president, approved the appointments.

At the same time, it was learned that Angelo Romano, who operates Villa Romano Restaurant and

Tavern at Fourth and Jefferson sts., will be named to fill Giordano's truant officer post. Romano, a World War 2 veteran who lives at 411 Jackson st., has been an employee of the city's school system custodial staff since 1943. He is presently employed as a fireman at Public School 9.

News of the appointment of both Giordano and Gualario raised political eyebrows in Hoboken yesterday. When the federal government announced last month that \$112,000 has been allotted to Hoboken for an on-the-job anti-poverty project, it was not made public that either Giordano or Gualario were being considered for the directorships. But it was reported in Hudson Dispatch that Giordano was slated for a HOPES job after he lost out on the Hudson County weights and measures post that went to Rudy Bahun, a supporter of former mayor John J. Grogan.

Political minded Hoboken residents yesterday were also pondering appointments of both men inasmuch as Gualario, a four-year college student, was recently rejected by the federal government for a HOPES appointment as director of an anti-poverty neighborhood center at a \$10,000 salary.

Yet, he is now approved for a \$9,000 anti-poverty job as assistant to Giordano, the latter not a college graduate, who receives \$10,000 in his newly appointed post.

Explaining the appointment of Giordano, HOPES Director Clyons, who is on record as saying he does not tolerate political appointments within his anti-poverty program, said "We feel Mr. Giordano's experience as a truant officer will qualify him in dealing with the category of persons who will benefit by the on-the-job training project."

Giordano said some 200 men and women will benefit by the \$112,000 on-the-job training project.

It was also announced by Director Clyons, who is a Hoboken school principal on leave of absence while supervising the city's anti-poverty project, that the New Jersey Dept. of Labor has approved both Giordano and Gualario's appointments. Clyons said the \$112,000 federal grant both men will administer for a one year period will benefit non-skilled workers in the 18-30-year age bracket, both men and women.

Asked where the new anti-poverty project will set up headquarters, Director Clyons said it will be located in the HOPES Neighborhood Center No. 1 at 117 Madison st., an anti-poverty center still without an approved director. Clyons said that center is presently being supervised by Matthew Ronga at a \$6,500 annual salary until such time as a qualified full time \$10,000-a-year director is selected and approved by the federal government. Ronga is a one time Fourth Ward city councilman.

Following yesterday's HOPES meeting, Director Clyons said no action was taken on appointing an \$11,000-a-year assistant to him, a post often mentioned for Hoboken ally, E. Norman Wilson Jr., son of the city's Law Director E. Norman Wilson Sr. Until recently, Director Wilson served as president of the HOPES board of directors, now succeeded by Arthur Burkhardt of the city's First Ward.

It has been reported that young Wilson is still debating whether or not to accept the assistant HOPES directorship, undecided in view of the fact that new national anti-poverty regulations have modified the \$11,000 salary for that post.

De Pascale Raps Critics Scores School Board Opposition

Mayor Louis De Pascale of Hoboken yesterday lashed out at critics of the city's appointed board of education members and further said he will oppose any move by minority dissent groups for a public petition to have an elected school board.

Questioned about the possibility of some political factions who oppose his administration seeking to have the elected board of education question be placed before the voters as a referendum next May, De Pascale stressed, "The education board belongs in government, not in politics."

Early this week, First Ward Councilman Rudolph Ranieri proposed Hoboken residents consider electing a board of education in preference to the appointive system now in force.

In a prepared statement, Mayor De Pascale said:

"From time to time, in many Hudson County communities, dissent persons or groups will shout that school board members should be elected. It's nothing new."

"Would Be Foolish"

"But I feel it would be foolish for our city to consider such a plan. We now have nine dedicated men from business and professional fields, working without pay, who have succeeded in carrying on the Hoboken tradition of making our school system one of the finest in New Jersey."

"Our public schools have turned out doctors, scientists and business leaders. We have the proof that Hoboken boys and girls are receiving quality education in a modern, progressive school system."

"But every so often a dissident political — usually feeling he can gain some sort of political advantage — will suddenly decide that an elected board is better than the age-old method of appointing qualified men."

"We saw it happen in a North Hudson community several years ago and the electorate soundly trounced the idea."

"I think everyone in Hoboken will agree that our city has had its share of elections. We have been aroused enough with the hoopla of political campaigns."

Church Towers Over 800 Show Interest In Middle-Income Project

Hoboken's first middle-income housing project, the 399-unit Church Towers apartments, won't be finished until March, but if the interest shown in the project is any indication, it is bound to be a success.

According to figures reported to The Jersey Journal by the state Department of Public Housing today, between 800 and 900 persons have written concerning the availability of apartments.

THE NAMES of all the applicants are being compiled into a list and formal applications for occupancy will be sent to them sometime after the project goes into its final stage after Jan. 1.

At the same time, a renting office will be opened in one of the three apartment buildings, where additional applications can be obtained.

Raymond G. Clyons, housing authority chairman, alerted prospective tenants that the rent schedule in leaflets currently circulating is not definite. The schedule is based on projections of the state department and is very likely to change before actual renting takes place, he said.

THE LEAFLETS explain which income groups will be eligible and what the apartments will rent for.

Eligibility ranges from single persons making less than \$3,500 annually to married couples with five children making less than \$10,500 a year. Apartment prices range from \$117 monthly for one bedroom with kitchenette to \$155 a month for a three-bedroom unit with a large kitchen.

Clyons said that because of the large rooms and excellent floor plan, there is a very good possibility that the income range might be increased by the Federal Housing Administration to include the high-income bracket.

M. EDWARD DeFazio, the authority's executive director, added that Church Towers was not truly middle-income housing. He said that it was so close to the minimum standards of luxury apartments that it could almost be included in that category.

DeFazio said Julius Seeman, deputy director of the state Public Housing Department, was studying the income range proposal and was expected to make a decision before occupancy applications are accepted.

He added that final approval had to come from the FHA, which sets the income limits and rents.



PARENTS URGE, CITY ACTS — Workmen install new four-way traffic light at 4th and Hudson Streets, Hoboken, after request by parents of children who use crossing daily. Work is being witnessed by E. Norman Wilson, public safety director, left, and Capt. George Baumann. Workmen from left are Arthur Wehrhahn and Michael Mazza. (Jersey Pictures)

Bier in Wings Freeholder-Elect Quinn To Quit Hoboken Post

Freeholder-elect James F. Quinn of Hoboken today announced that he would resign from his city position as business administrator shortly after being sworn in on Jan. 1 to his first elected post.

With the announcement, Quinn dispelled rumors that he might hang on to the city post until his appointment was up in 1969. It is reported that Herman Bier, a close friend of the mayor's and political confidant, is slated for the job when Quinn moves out.

RUMORS had been circulating that Quinn would hold on to the job and force Mayor DePascale to give up the idea of appointing Bier as a reward for his efforts in last year's mayoral election. Quinn was appointed to the post by former Mayor John J. Grogan and is considered to be one of his staunchest supporters.

A rift between Grogan and DePascale has been continuously reported in political circles even

though they both deny any disagreement exists. However, the light attendance at Grogan's affair last Saturday, coupled with the absence of DePascale and his ideas, is adding new fuel to the fire.

Hoboken's New Tenants

The maximum income limits allowed for the tenants who will occupy Hoboken's Church Towers apartments may be raised before actual renting begins. This would be a wise move. The income limitations now range from \$5,500 a year for a single person to \$10,500 for families with five children. The rents were to range from \$117 a month for one bedroom with kitchenette to \$155 for apartments with three bedrooms and a large kitchen.

A \$5,500 income maximum for an apartment renter may have been realistic when the project was being planned, several years ago, but does it not seem a little low today? A salary of over \$107 a week should not preclude an unmarried person from moving into one of those 399 clean new apartments which represent the first large-scale residential construction in Hoboken in 45 years.

DePascale Petition Council O.K.s Bid to U.S. For Oceanographic Facility

The Hoboken City Council has given Mayor Louis DePascale its approval to petition the U.S. secretary of commerce to consider the city as a site for its planned institute of oceanography and ship base.

Mayor DePascale announced last week that he intended to submit the petition, providing he got council approval.

ACCORDING TO the mayor and officials of Stevens Institute of Technology, the city has an excellent chance of get-

ting the department to build the institute in Hoboken because of its outstanding facilities, such as the research labs at Stevens, the Todd Shipyards for docking facilities and the Bethlehem Steel Shipyards for ship repairs.

THE INSTITUTE would be a branch of the Environmental Science Services Administration. Two facilities are planned, one for the West Coast and the other for the East.

Hoboken's petition is expected to be submitted before the end of the week.

See Bartletta In Election Board Post

By PETER HALLAM

Frank J. Bartletta, Hoboken GOP chairman, is expected to be the next member of the bi-partisan Hudson County board of elections, replacing John Beier Theurer of West New York, it was reported today.

A county source disclosed that either John F. Wilkens of Weehawken or Carl Ruhlman of Bayonne — possibly both — may be getting their retirement papers from the county tax commission in a short time. Both are holdovers on the board and could be forced to give up the posts by action of the state legislature.

THEURER is reported to be in line for one of the spots, while Bartletta is being mentioned as his replacement. Theurer is a member of the county board of elections.

Bartletta also is reported to be under consideration for appointment as Hoboken's new director of revenue and finance by Mayor Louis DePascale.

The department now is headed by Raphael Vitale, who is also director of public works. Vitale is the brother-in-law of Councilman Louis Francone, recently appointed superintendent of the Hudson County Park in Hoboken.

IT IS reported that the department may once again be made into two separate divisions, each with its own director. Vitale would retain his directorship of public works while Bartletta would take over the revenue and finance department.

While Bartletta is reported to be interested in the position if it is offered, he is expected to refuse it if the county post should come along first, for reasons of prestige.

Progress to Claim Meyer's, Last Glitter of Hoboken's Golden Age

In the near future, three blocks of Hoboken buildings will be razed and a new era will get under way in the city — the day of the high-rise, luxury apartment.

The beginning of the \$21,000,000 project will also mark the end of the last reminder of the city's Golden Age of Hotels.

The hotel business was probably Hoboken's most profitable — at least its most famous — enterprise. And during those halcyon days of hostilities, one hotel stood out above all others — Meyer's.

Now it is up for auction Wednesday at a sale for unpaid taxes. Its owners owe the city \$21,430.

A. H. MEYER, the founder of Meyer's, was born in Neuberg, Germany, and came to this country in 1864 as a steward for the North German Lloyd Steamship Company which was then operating out of Hoboken.

Meyer made his home here but continued working for the steamship company for several years.

In March of 1880, he went into a short-lived partnership with Herman D. Busch, who was operating a hotel at the corner of 3rd and Washington Streets.

The partnership lasted five months. Then Meyer took control of the hotel and operated it until 1884. Meanwhile Meyer was having his own hotel built at 3rd and Hudson streets, and when it was finished in 1884 he opened it as Meyer's Hotel.

BY 1896 when Meyer sold out to J. H. Timken, Meyer's Hotel had already acquired a world-

wide reputation as "the place to stay if your ship for Europe was to leave from Hoboken."

The four-story brick building boasted 73 of the most modern rooms, lavishly decorated in the finest taste. But service is what makes or breaks a hotel's reputation, and service Meyer's had.

The continued patronage of Europe's nobility, statesmen and stage celebrities accustomed to the best of everything, indicated that they were getting just that at Meyer's.

TO BE SURE, the New York hotels were also at their peak and provided service equal to Meyer's. But early sailings made the then long trip from Manhattan to Hoboken a journey that most would not like to face in the wee hours of the morning.

Besides, Meyer's had its festive Bavarian Gardens and its sidewalk cafe where those accustomed to being in the limelight could relax in relative comfort and quiet while they waited for their ship to sail.

When Prohibition came in 1919, the gardens and cafe suffered a loss of business, at least until it was discovered that there was more to a cup of coffee than cream and sugar, especially if it was 90 proof.

By 1933, when Prohibition was repealed, business was flourishing as usual. But the first legal sale of hard liquor was joyously celebrated with the opening of 116 barrels of beer at Meyer's.

IN 1936, the Meyer's Hotel Corporation — headed by Robert J. Baker, Henry Muzzi and Arthur Scheffler — went into bankruptcy and was put into re-

ceivership. A struggling young attorney by the name of Frederick Hauser — now a state assemblyman — was appointed receiver.

Muzzi and Scheffler bought back the business and managed it until 1948 when it was bought by a corporation headed by John Roggio and Caesar and Josephine Muzzi. It was again sold the

following year to another corporation, led by Theodore C. Bazini.

IN 1960 the hotel again changed hands, being sold to a corporation headed by John and Frank Bartolotti. It was sold to the current owner, the Ar-Bru Realty Company, by the Bartolottis last April.

Though the hotel had changed hands many times, it was still a money-making business as it went into the 1960's. The hotel trade had slackened, but its restaurant and bar were still flourishing.

According to Arthur Scheffler, the straw that finally broke the camel's back was the shift of

the facilities of the Holland-America Line to Manhattan in 1962-63.

MEYER'S was no longer an overnight stay for outbound and incoming passengers, but it was still well known for its fine food and pleasant surroundings and was getting many passengers for dinner," Scheffler says.

"With the transfer of the Holland - American Line to New

York, Hoboken no longer had a major passenger steamship company."

Shortly after the sale of the hotel to Ar-Bru, Meyer's Hotel lost perhaps its most valuable asset — its name.

THE HOTEL remained in operation, but the name of Meyer was no longer to be found. A Newark corporation took over the operation of the bar and

restaurant under the name of Nero's of Rome.

Nero's did not fare well and closed only a few months after it opened.

Thus, the history of one of Hoboken's most famous establishments draws to a close. But to thousands of former patrons, the name Meyer's will still bring back memories of fine food, excellent lodgings, and the Golden Age of Hoboken Hotels.



AS IT LOOKED THEN — Meyer's Hotel at the turn of the century. Aproned waiter stands beneath canopy over sidewalk dining area. Hudson Street is to the right, 3rd Street to the left. Hexamer's riding academy was farther to the right.



AND TODAY — 'Meyer's Hotel' sign above second story is missing now. Restaurant that moved in has since gone broke. Gone is tree-shaded sidewalk cafe. Fire escapes and hydrant have been added. Year hotel opened, 1884, can still be seen on roof cornice.

Students See Stormy Session Hoboken Council Stages "Circus" Before Pupils

By JACK ECKHARDT

Members of Hoboken City Council put on a show at yesterday's meeting by hurling charges at each other to the astonishment of 25 Stevens Academy students who attended the session as part of their studies of civil government in action.

Councilman - at - large Steve Mongiello tried to explain to the students that the conduct of the city officials was democracy in action and apologies were offered by Sixth Ward Councilman John J. Palmieri. However, as the students left the municipal chambers one was heard to say, "It's no wonder many people throughout the nation wonder who's right or who's wrong in the Viet Nam situation if they act like this in Hoboken."

The council meeting was held

yesterday instead of Wednesday because most members will be in Atlantic City for the annual convention of the N. J. League of Municipalities.

Highlighting the session was Second Ward Councilman William J. Matthews, who demanded the removal of Health and Welfare Director Anthony Damato. Matthews was supported by First Ward Councilman Rudolph R. Ranieri, both of whom blamed Damato for the continued slum dwellings throughout the city.

The session hit a fever pitch when Mrs. Mary Johnson of 62 Madison st. addressed the council by saying, "Because I am a Negro with nine children, I cannot find suitable living quarters in the city. I've been turned down by the Hoboken Housing Authority because my husband makes more than the minimum salary for such

quarters. I'm living in a share-the-toilet tenement for many years and I am desperate."

It was then that Councilman Matthews reiterated his earlier demands that Director Damato be removed from office, claiming that Mrs. Johnson and other families were being discriminated against, and that it was Damato's job to find such families suitable living quarters.

Newsman later contacted Hoboken Housing Authority Chairman Raymond G. Clyons regarding

Mrs. Johnson's complaint. He said at least 65 or 70 Negro families are living in the public housing project, but apartments for the size of Mrs. Johnson's family are not available at this time."

Sixth Ward Councilman John J. Palmieri and Fourth Ward Councilman Louis Francoeur accused

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Famed Erie Train to End Run Phoebe Snow Celebrating a Sad Birthday

By ADOLPHE V. BERNOTAS

It's time to go
With Phoebe Snow
Where banks of
rhododendron blow
In pink and white
On every height
Along the Road of Anthracite

So runs one of the most famous jingles of the life and times of a pretty young lady who has become an American legend.

Today Miss Snow celebrates a sad birthday.

THE ERIE LACKAWANNA Hoboken-to-Chicago train bearing her name is 17 today and makes its last run Sunday, Nov. 27.

This short history of Phoebe Snow's life is in her honor. Her mission in life was as realistic as she was illusory. Even today, as a symbol of the Erie Lackawanna, she exemplifies cleanliness, sweetness and light just as she did more than a half-century ago.

PHOEBE WAS a mythical lass who was initiated into American folklore 66 years ago. She was auburn-haired, dressed in snowy white and wore a small corsage of delicate violets.

She was a dream of loveliness, poise and cool aloofness. She was a creation of the advertising department of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad which merged with the Erie Railroad six years ago.

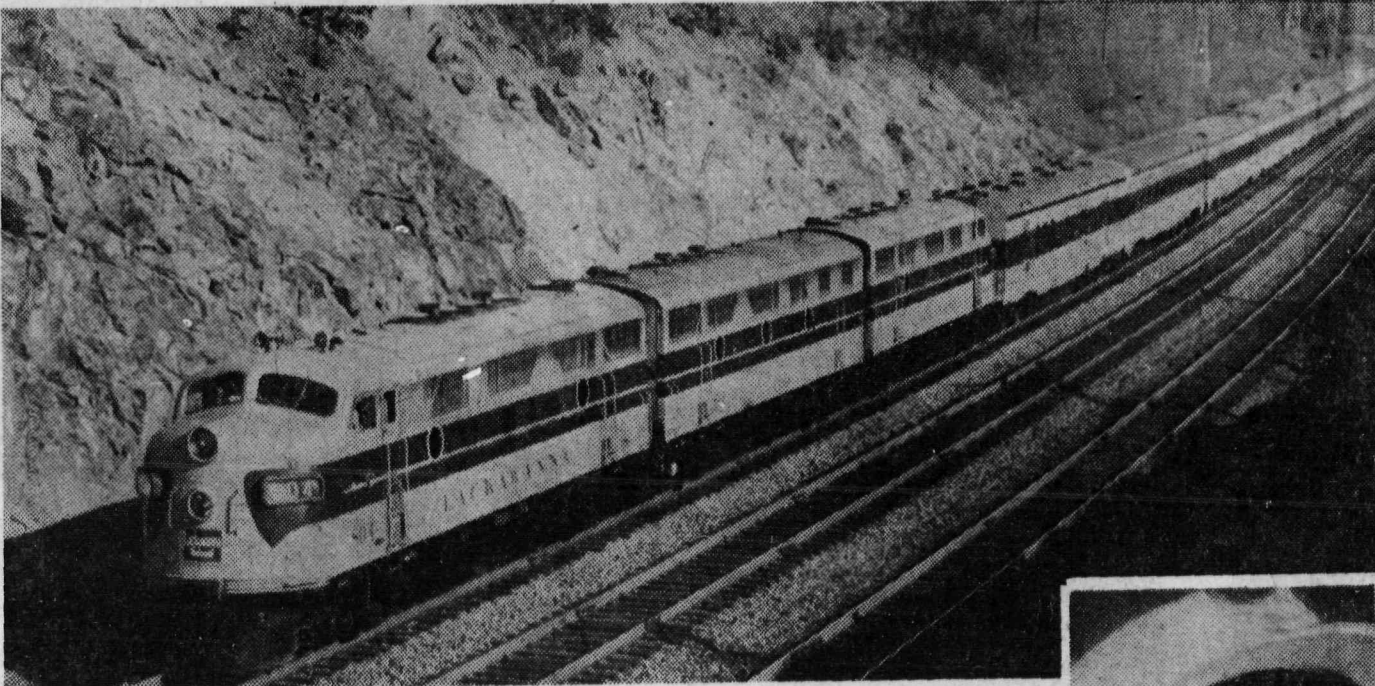
PHOEBE'S PURPOSE was to epitomize the cleanliness of Lackawanna trains which were using anthracite as fuel, instead of soft (bituminous) coals as most other railroads used.

Anthracite is a dustless, sootless fuel found in great abundance in Pennsylvania, territory served by the Erie Lackawanna. The Lackawanna originally was built to haul anthracite from Pennsylvania.

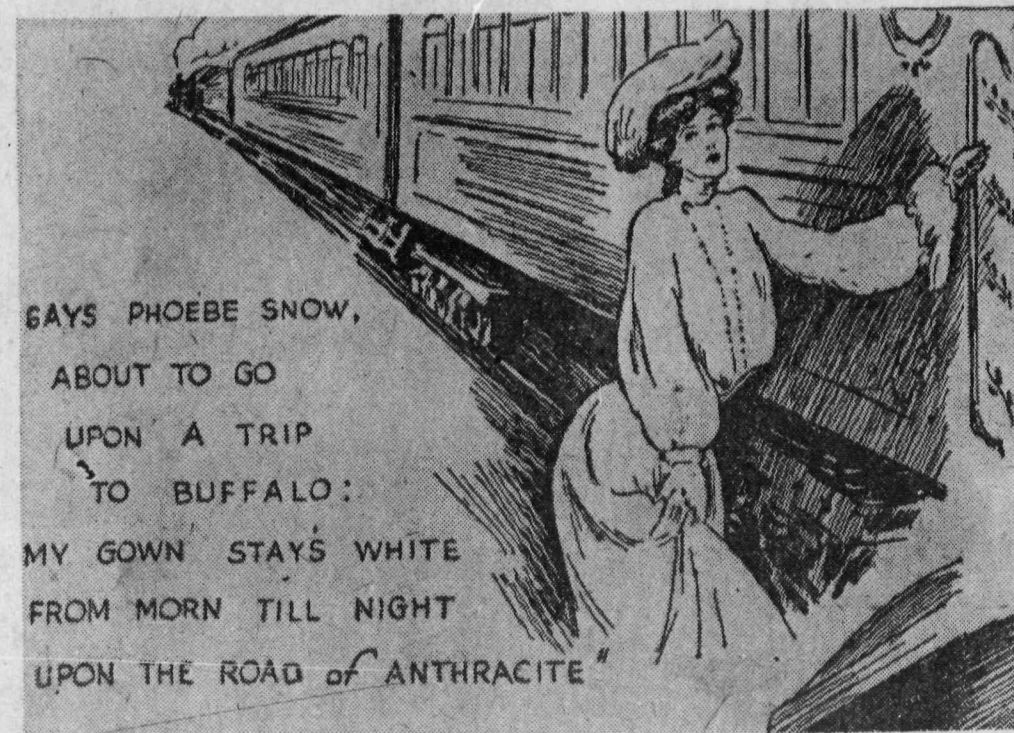
PHOEBE'S NAME was the result of obvious coincidence. Phoebe was a popular name for young ladies at the turn of the century and snow had the connotation of cleanliness and grace.

The railroad commissioned Penrhyn Stanlaus, a celebrated artist of that time, to create Phoebe Snow on canvas. And he did it with remarkable, eye-stopping success. Phoebe became the main character in the railroad's advertising — and still ranks among the top 100 American advertising campaigns.

MISS SNOW was depicted getting aboard a train, riding in the cab with the engineer, talking to the conductor, eating in



The Phoebe Snow Hoboken-bound from Chicago.



A typical Phoebe Snow ad of the 1900s.

the dining car, drinking from a paper cup and sitting on the railing of an observation car.

She played tennis, swam, rode horseback paddled a canoe and engaged in other recreational activities — all to point up that Lackawanna could take you from Hoboken to Buffalo and Chicago and points in between, or to your favorite vacation resort, quickly and spotlessly.

THE DRAWINGS were accompanied by jingles. These were so catchy that it became a pastime to make games of their recitation. They were so popular that anonymous contributors sent them to the railroad.

And as a crowning gesture, a between-the-scenes act of a Broadway play featured Phoebe

and her jingles. The star of this performance was famed Janet Allen (later the wife of New York's Mayor Jimmy Walker). Phoebe was so well received that more appearances on passengers on the train.

SHE WAS A glamour girl of the first magnitude. She set the style for decorum and dress — her hair-do, hat and handbags were copied — and she received not a few gifts and even proposals of marriage.

The railroad employed many

young women, including famous actresses of the day, to portray Miss Snow at local civic celebrations and to welcome and bid farewell to distinguished passengers on the train.

AS THE YEARS passed, Phoebe faded into the background to be lost almost forever during World War I when the government ordered all railroads to use bituminous coal for their steam locomotives.

But during World War II Phoebe came out of retirement;



Phoebe Snow in 1900



Phoebe During WW II

She donned smart new garb, still white but designed along military lines. New jingles were

De Pascale Plan

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Oceanography Unit Eyed for Hoboken

Mayor Louis De Pascale and other Hoboken officials met with Gov. Richard J. Hughes yesterday in Atlantic City where they are attending the annual convention of the New Jersey League of Municipalities. De Pascale plans to meet with U. S. Secretary of Commerce John T. Connor at 10 a. m. Friday to outline benefits that Hoboken can offer the Department of Commerce as a site for the East Coast Institute of Oceanography.

They reviewed the advantages that the city can offer such a facility and Mayor De Pascale was successful in getting the aid of Gov. Hughes as well as Congressman Dominick Daniels and Sen. Harrison A. Williams.

Hoboken's geographical location in the heart of the New York metropolitan area will be one of the advantages that officials will point to. Other benefits cited will be the proximity of the laboratory to Stevens Institute and its technical services; the easy access to New York City by tunnel and rapid transit and the large supply of available manpower.

The top level appointment with commerce officials was set up by Rep. Daniels, who is working closely with Hoboken officials in an attempt to bring the laboratory to the city, De Pascale said.

The mayor also disclosed that he has sought the assistance of

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