

DeFazio Credit to Legal Profession

Acting in his capacity as Hoboken's Democratic leader, John J. Grogan, former mayor and incumbent county clerk, made an excellent choice in naming former Magistrate Charles DeFazio Jr. of the "Mile-Square City" to succeed Hoboken Attorney John McAlevy as an assistant Hudson County Counsel upon the latter's retirement.

In his new capacity as a vital cog in the Hudson County legal department, Mr. DeFazio has ended a long term of service in the Hoboken legal department as a member of the staff headed by Law Director E. Norman Wilson. Hoboken's loss of this efficient barrister's services is Hudson County's gain.

Nothing in any phase of life can remain static. If such were the case, everything would stagnate. And, of our own knowledge, "Charlie" DeFazio would be the last one to subscribe to a fait accompli. He has always looked toward new horizons, whether personal or for the benefit of the community, which is why he has devoted so much time and effort to promoting one cause after the other.

Aside from his natural, human desire to advance himself in the legal profession, Counselor DeFazio has, we have personally observed over many years, been most interested in such activities as the Hudson County Mental Health Assn., to which he gave several years as president; and in Hoboken's UNICO Chapter, of which he is a former president. The organization honored him last October as its "Man of the Year."

In setting forth these services, we haven't begun to scratch the surface of this man's freely-given and extensive dedication to such organizations as the Hoboken Lawyers Club, the Hoboken Elks, Hoboken Red Cross, the Hoboken and the International Lions Club and the Hoboken Knights of Columbus. He has been the recipient of so many citations that we find ourselves at loss to detail all of them. Two such come to mind, UNICO National and Mohr-Christie Post, V.F.W., of Hoboken.

Mr. DeFazio has been local, state and international president of more groups than one could count of the fingers of both hands. We mentioned briefly his work for the Red Cross, of which he was director in Hoboken for more than 20 years.

We will always remember his dedication year after year to his city's observances of Columbus Day and his appearances at the annual services held for the past seven years every June 20 in Church Square Park at the life-sized monument of the famous Italian inventor, Guglielmo Marconi, "Father of Wireless" and the pioneer of today's marvelous age of television and radio.

The statue created by Hoboken's John Minervini, and donated to the City of Hoboken, which dedicated it in 1961, has become the center of Counselor DeFazio's attention, second only to his Christopher Columbus tributes—perhaps we should phrase it equal in importance.

How it came about that Mr. Minervini gave to the City of Hoboken the statue in Church Square Park is most noteworthy. An ardent admirer of Mr. Marconi, the Hoboken businessman became aware in 1955 that a huge marble statue, depicting "Wireless Holding the Heart of the World," which had adorned the Italian pavilion at the 1939-40 New York World's Fair, had gone unnoticed on a Hoboken pier for more than a decade.

After the fair, it had been intended that the 12-ton, 17-foot high statue be returned to Italy. World War 2 broke out and the monument remained forgotten on the pier. Mr. Minervini financed a project to erect the statue in Church Square Park. His plans were jinxed and in the attempt to transport the huge marble memorial to the square, it broke in half.

Undeterred, Mr. Minervini increased his financial outlay to some \$10,000 and hired expert sculptors to put the shattered pieces together. A final try at erecting the statue on a pedestal he had provided in the park failed and Mr. Minervini turned to plans for the life-sized memorial.

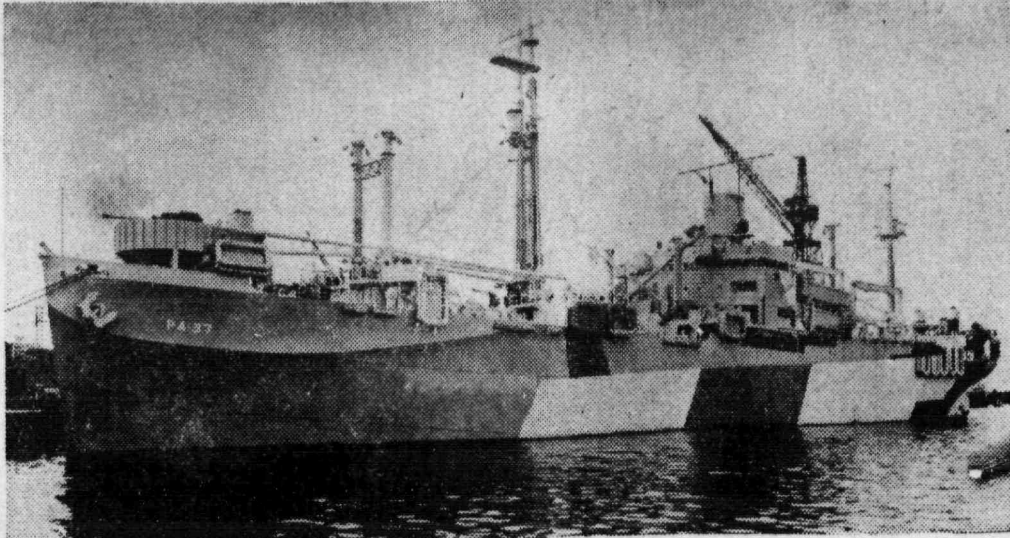
Getting back to Mr. DeFazio's career, we recall that he served as Hoboken's second deputy mayor in the city's history. This came about in the hectic political turnovers some 20 years ago, which saw the end of the long regime of Mayor Bernard N. "Barney" McFeely in 1947, and the subsequent takeover by Mayor Fred M. DeSapio. This period marked the beginning of the ascension in the arena of politics of County Clerk John J. Grogan, destined to be mayor and now county clerk.

Mr. DeFazio was city magistrate at the time he became deputy mayor. As is the rule in politics, he had an up and down existence as a public servant until recently he was named an assistant county counsel—a post, we reiterate we feel he certainly merits.

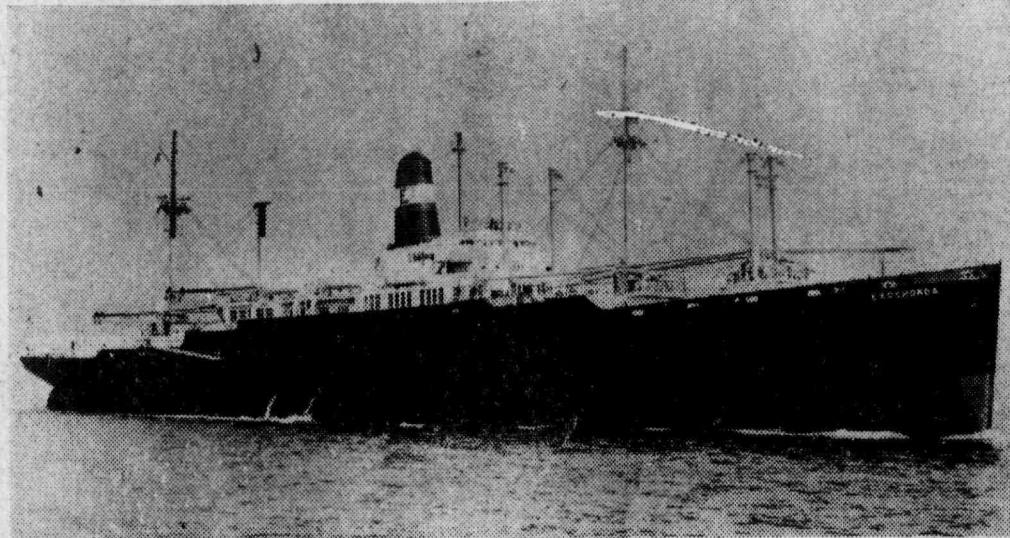
Whether by coincidence or happenstance, Mr. DeFazio's appointment to the Hudson County legal staff resulted from the fact that he is the newly-elected president of the Hudson County Bar Association, we can't say.

It will be a highlight in his long years of public service when "Charlie" receives the gavel next Thursday night as the prexy of our county's worthy and proven legal association.

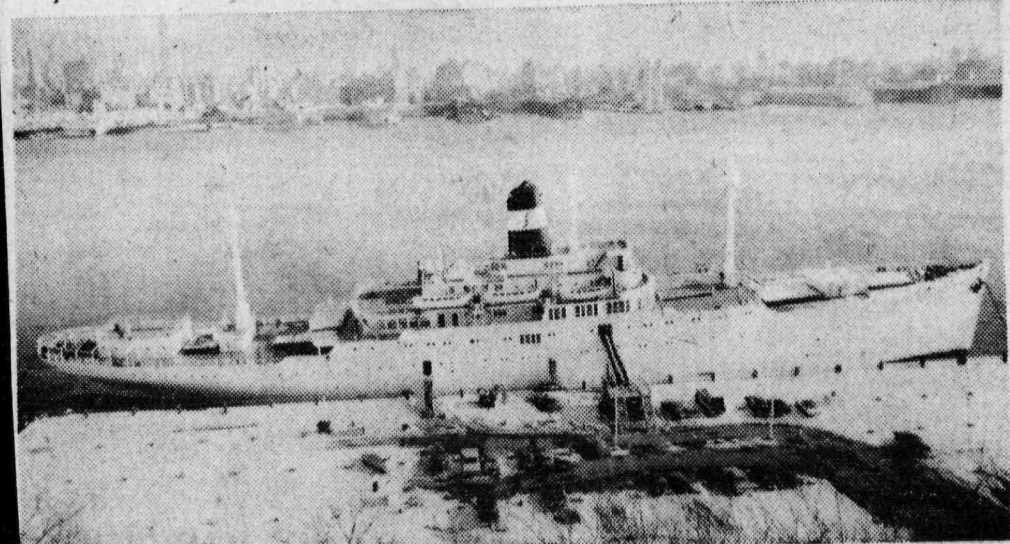
One Ship—3 Careers



FIERY YOUTH—Here's how it looked as the naval attack transport Dauphin built for World War II in 1944, designed to carry 1,600 troops, their equipment and landing craft for direct assault on enemy strongholds. Note the bow gun and the life rafts ready to be dropped into the water. Dauphin was heavily camouflaged to permit her to get as close as possible before being spotted by enemy shore batteries. She served in Pacific in closing days of assault against Japan.



FIRST CONVERSION—And here is how she looked after being converted at Bethlehem Steel's Hoboken Shipyard into a passenger-cargo liner for American Export Line's Mediterranean route in 1948. Conservatively styled and painted black, renamed the Exochorda, this and three sister-ships became internationally known as the Four Aces. She carried 125 passengers and a crew of 100. After ten years' service as a liner, she was laid up, and in 1959 joined the Hudson River Reserve Fleet.



AND NOW—Another transformation (is it the last?). The one-time warship, later a liner, is seen against snowy foreground as the S.S. Stevens, converted by Bethlehem as a floating dormitory for Stevens Institute of Technology at the 8th Street Pier at edge of campus. Stripped of war armament, and with most of cargo gear removed, white-painted vessel still has lifeboats, but they are fastened down. Two gangplanks give student residents access to upper and lower decks.



NOTE OF THANKS—Dr. Albert Meyer, left, president of Hoboken Rotary Club, presents certificate of appreciation to Mayor Louis DePascale, guest speaker at weekly luncheon meeting in Clam Broth House. Looking on are Guido Trisolini, program chairman, and James M. Ungerleider. DePascale outlined to members what the forthcoming 'Model Cities' program will mean to Hoboken. (Jersey Pictures)



IT'S AN HONOR—Hudson County Clerk John J. Grogan, congratulates Charles DeFazio Jr. at the headquarters of the Hoboken Regular Democratic Organization. The occasion was DeFazio's recent appointment to the staff of the Hudson County counsel.

Looking on, from left, are: James F. Quinn, freeholder; Thomas Gallo, president of the Hoboken city council; John F. Lewis, former county freeholder, and Vincent Wassman, chairman.

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In Hoboken Building

Posh Businessmen's Club Planned for YMCA

The Hoboken-North Hudson YMCA may set aside an area of its building as a "posh" businessmen's club.

Informal plans for such a project were presented at the Y's board meeting yesterday by Charles J. Tiedemann, chairman of the house committee.

THE BUSINESSMEN'S area would have a lounge with television, where they could relax in comfortable surroundings. As envisioned by Tiedemann, the area would be divorced from the rest of the building, and would have its own exercise room, locker room and showers, and probably its own sauna bath room. The swimming pool and main gym would be accessible to it.

THE ROOMS in this area would be renovated "on a more sophisticated level," according to Wesley Leverich, the YMCA's executive director. New furnishings and modern facilities would



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be installed, walls would be done over and floors carpeted. There would be rooms available for overnight stays by businessmen who had to spend the night in

the city or by visiting businessmen.

The location of the projected businessmen's club has not been definitely determined, Leverich said.

HOWEVER, he explained, it could be the area at present set aside for girls and women. Their locker room is three times the size required for the female membership, and is larger than the men's locker rooms. The girls and women could easily be handled with half the space they now have, according to Leverich.

This available space could be rearranged to accommodate the proposed businessmen's club, he said.

The women's and girls' membership in the Y has greatly receded in recent years as the character of the city's population has shifted, many upper and middle class families moving out of the city, he added.

NONE of the Y's 96 lodging

rooms would have to be disturbed, according to Leverich. These are well patronized, sometimes to capacity, he said.

Tiedemann sent engineers and an architect from the local Bethlehem Shipyard, of which he is an executive, to make a survey of the possibilities of creating a businessmen's club in the building, Leverich said.

"There would have to be a demand for such a facility," Leverich continued. "It would have to show a profit, to help sustain our youth work which does not pay for itself."

AT THE BOARD meeting yesterday County Clerk John J. Grogan and Robert Boyle were inducted as board members.

George J. Allen, vice president of the Hudson Trust Company and vice president of the Y, was named finance chairman for the annual drive for operating funds, which is to start Feb. 26. This year's quota is \$25,000, the same as the quota for 1967 when \$21,000 was actually realized.

Hoboken

City Awards Pact for Firehouse-Garage Planning

Hoboken has entered into an agreement with the engineering firm of Mayo, Lynch and Associates Inc. to prepare plans and estimates for construction of a combined fire department headquarters and central municipal garage at 256 Observer Highway.

The city purchased the building and property from the American Express Co. last year for \$70,000. Since then it has torn down two buildings on Park Avenue adjoining the Observer Highway property.

Funds for building the structure will be provided by the federal government under the Model Cities act.

CURRENTLY plans call for the building now standing to be incorporated in the overall plan with the new structures to be added on to it using the Park Avenue lots.

Once the work is finished, three Hoboken firehouses will be closed down and their men and

equipment moved into the new headquarters. To close are the firehouses at 2nd and Jefferson Streets, the intersection of Observer Highway and Newark Street and the current headquarters at 128 Hudson St.

THIS WILL LEAVE Hoboken with three firehouses. The new one and the ones at 5th and Grand Streets, 14th and Washington Streets.

The new headquarters will house two pumps, one hook and ladder, three hose trucks, the rescue truck and two fire cars.

A SPOKESMAN for the engineering firm said that the plans will be subject to change. The city is paying \$3,500 for them.

The council approved the contract at yesterday's meeting. It also awarded a contract to the Interstate Wrecking Company of Springfield for the demolition of 12 buildings for \$27,000. The buildings are at 62, 82, 83 and

89 Madison St.; 75, 233, 506, 508 and 522 Monroe St.; 560 and 562 1st St., and 604 Newark Street.

ANTHONY TOZZI of 1034 Park Ave. and Alfred Pavera of 104 7th St. were reappointed to the local assistance board, their four-year terms expire Dec. 31, 1971.

Permission was given for the public safety department to hold an auction of all vehicles collected in the city's alternate side of the street parking program. The sale will be held Jan. 25 at 11 a.m. Some 67 cars are listed to be sold.

THE COUNCIL also approved a welfare bill of \$92,451.75 for last month. The bill was broken down with \$65,895.50 for food, clothing and rents; \$25,824 for St. Mary Hospital for hospitalization of indigent persons; \$180 to the Pollak Hospital in Jersey City for the same purpose and \$552.25 to St. Mary Hospital for

medicine.

An ordinance creating the Hoboken Demonstration City Agency was unanimously passed. The agency, headed by Mayor Louis DePascale, has an unlimited membership, which will be appointed by the mayor. It will deal primarily with the preliminary planning for the Model Cities program.

SIX-MONTH LEAVES of absence were granted to Police Lt. Charles Smith and to City Clerk Anthony Amoroso. Smith is currently working for the Defense Department in Vietnam as a police training officer. Amoroso's leave was from his permanent post of assistant municipal clerk. He will not have tenure as city clerk for another two years.

Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello and Councilman-at-large Bernard Scrivani were reappointed to the board of school estimate for 1968. It is their second consecutive one-year term.

Hoboken
Former Magistrate Shea
Appointed Legal Aide

Albert J. Shea, a former Hoboken magistrate, has been appointed legal assistant in Hoboken's law department, filling a vacancy created by the recent appointment of Charles DeFazio as assistant county counsel, Director E. Norman Wilson said today.

Shea lives at 1015 Washington St. and maintains a law office at 68 Hudson St.

His annual salary will be \$6,000.

WILSON SAID Shea will be sworn in some time next week.

Another vacancy in the department will open in April when William (Pinkie) Gottlieb retires as assistant city attorney. It is reported that John Traynor, acting second assistant attorney, will be promoted to Gottlieb's post and Dudley Schlosser will be the new second assistant.

WITH THE promotions and retirement another legal assistant's post will be opened. Charles DeFazio, the son of the new assistant county counsel, reportedly is the No. 1 contender for the job.

Shea is an associate of Councilman-at-large Stephen Mongiello, who is also an attorney. He was the city's first and last full-time prosecutor, serving in that post from 1948 to 1951. When the post was abolished he was appointed magistrate, serving in that capacity until 1953.

WHEN NOTIFIED of the appointment, Shea said, "I'm grateful to Mayor DePascale for appointing me and to Director Wilson for approving the appointment. I'm very glad that I will be serving an administration that has done so much for Hoboken in so short a time."



ALBERT J. SHEA

Hoboken Handicap

Civil War Sewer Collapses; No One Willing to Clean It

Hoboken is again paying the price of having an antiquated sewer system—a section of the old wooden sewer between 4th and 5th Streets on Clinton Street has collapsed of old age.

The wooden sewers date back to the time of the Civil War and can be found under several streets in the west section of the city.

According to Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale, a 35-foot section of the sewer line has to be replaced. He said the city will do the job itself rather than hire a contractor.

THE SEWER SERVES the Church Towers middle-income housing project which may have been given some problems by the cave-in and the repairs, Vitale said. Buildings No. 5 and 10 should not be involved, but building No. 15 connects to the sewer line almost at the point of the cave-in, he said.

To replace the several thousand feet of wooden sewers still in use in the city would take more money than Hoboken wants to spend. So the city's policy has been to leave them alone until an emergency occurs.

James Meehan, public works foreman, said the city would have to replace at least 35 feet of the sewer line, possibly the entire line from 4th to 5th Streets.

HE SAID the entire line was "pretty bad" and would probably have to be replaced. "Our work will probably cause other sections of the sewer line wind up doing the whole street," Meehan estimated that the job would be completed by the end of the week unless the weather forced a delay.

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BEGIN NEW TERMS—Rocco A. Gratale, right, signs certificate in office of Hoboken City Clerk Anthony Amoroso as he and two other members of the board of education are sworn in for new three-year terms.

Others, from left, are John D. McAlevy, board president; Mayor Louis DePascale, who made the appointments, and the other two board members who begin new terms Feb. 1, Otto Hottendorf and Fred Bado.

Hoboken's Model Cities Program Seen Costing \$40,000,000

DePascale Wants Job Done Right

The cost of Hoboken's Model Cities program could easily reach \$40,000,000 if a thorough job is done, Mayor Louis DePascale told Hoboken's Rotary Club yesterday at its weekly luncheon meeting.

DePascale said the city, county and state are going to have to strain their budgets a bit more so as to come up with their share of the funds needed for the federally-sponsored program.

THE MODEL CITIES area consists of roughly 70 city blocks bounded on the north by 4th Street, on the east by Observer Highway, the east by the proposed Hudson Street redevelopment project and on the west by the Palisades and the Jersey City-Hoboken boundary line.

In this area, old and dilapidated buildings will be torn down to make room for new ones. Sound buildings will be left intact to make a nucleus for the new neighborhood.

DePASCALE told the Rotarians that it will be a few months before the city knows what it is going to try first and a few months after that before it will be able to get involved in solving the first problems.

He added that within the next several months the city would submit to the federal government a formal statement of its long-range goals, its five-year plan for achieving them, and a detailed plan and budget for the first year's program.

The mayor's talk in full follows:

"A GREAT event in Hoboken's history occurred on Nov. 16, 1967. But it didn't occur in Hoboken. It took place in Washington, D.C., when the federal government announced that Hoboken was to be one of 63 municipalities throughout the country that would be designated as a 'Model City'."

"Needless to say we were extremely happy over the good news, particularly after having worked so hard for two years to achieve this goal."

"We felt Hoboken would benefit greatly through this legislation and I testified before that congressional committee that Hoboken was indeed a model of the current urban situation in this nation."

"WE FILED a voluminous application—hundreds of pages of text, photos and maps—outlining Hoboken's problems."

"It was a great day, then, when Robert Weaver, Secretary of Housing and Urban Affairs, made the announcement that Hoboken had been selected from among the hundreds of communities across the country that had applied under this federal program."

"Up to now no one would believe that a dream like that could come true in a city neighborhood because up to now our cities have been nightmares and not dreams."

"HOBOKEN has been no exception. Our city has encountered the symptoms of a high percentage of dilapidated and deteriorated housing, a low average income, a low level of education and a high incidence of diseases of the body and of the mind."

"These are all symptoms which feed on themselves and make a vicious circle. You're all familiar with it. Low income follows low education, housing deterioration follows both of these."

"Poor health leads to low employment and a loss of that all-important will for self betterment. Poor recreation facilities and lack of community spirit lead to high crime rates."

"HIGH CRIME rates, dilapidation of housing and insufficient public facilities cause citizens who can afford to, to move out, thus lowering again the average income and characteristics of the neighborhood."

"But these are problems which we can no longer ignore because—like it or not—whatever the future may hold for this country, it will be the future of our cities."

"It takes only simple mathematics to show that as our population increases, more and more people have got to end up living in larger and larger cities."

"THUS IT WAS that the federal government launched the Model Cities Program, saying in the law which they passed that its purpose was:

"To enable cities of all sizes to plan, develop and carry out programs containing new and imaginative proposals to rebuild or revitalize large slum and blighted areas; to expand housing, job and income opportunities; to reduce dependence on welfare payments; to improve educational facilities and programs; to combat disease and health; to reduce the incidence of crime and delinquency; to enhance recreational and cultural opportunities; to establish better access between homes and jobs; and generally to improve living conditions for

people who live in such areas."

"SO THERE it is... How will we achieve these bold objectives? No one knows. The new programs of the past 29 years have hardly made a dent. We've got to work to design new ones and at the same time see how better coordination of existing complementary programs can make them more effective."

"It's because we don't have the answers yet that I can not tell you what Model Cities will mean in terms of new services or new facilities."

"THE DREAM of Model Cities though is to find the way and take the steps to solve all the basic problems of the people of Hoboken. And the dream not only solve these problems, but solve them fast."

We have five years to substantially complete the job.

"WHAT ELSE is Model Cities?" Model Cities is also that rainbow—at the end of that rainbow—or at least—for the federal government knew that the cities couldn't afford to reach for that rainbow with just their limited funds from property taxes.

"In the preamble to the law establishing the program it says:

"Congress finds and declares that cities of all sizes do not have adequate resources to deal effectively with the critical problems facing them, and that federal assistance, in addition to that now authorized by the urban renewal program and other existing federal grant-in-aid programs, is essential."

"Using rough estimates based on the federal funds that are available, and based on what other urban programs have cost, I tried to guess at the size in dollars of our Model Cities program."

"I BELIEVE that the cost to do the job that is needed in Hoboken—and to do it right—could easily reach \$40,000,000."

"Doing it right, by the way, doesn't just mean spending all that money just jacking away at the problem; it means using our money wisely; trying better methods and new approaches; and getting at the basic problems."

"Because large as that amount might seem, the problems we deal with are large also, and we are going to have to stretch every dollar to make them fit a 'Model City'."

"THE POT is not lined only with federal gold either. As President Johnson said in his message introducing the Model Cities legislation: 'We intend to help only those cities who help themselves. That means we are going to have to dig down and find our share. We are going to strain our city, county and state budgets just a bit more. We'll have to take a hard look at what private organizations and agencies and companies are doing with their money.'

"We are going to have to look at our responsibility as property owners and tenants. We are going to have to do all of these things because, besides being a shining vision and besides the federal resources, Model Cities must be something else."

"WHAT else is it? 'Model Cities is, in effect, a partnership—a new and effective partnership. The complexity of the problems will challenge every resource available—every idea we can muster—and that is going to mean a large, united team approach."

"Who is going to be on the team? 'The federal government is on the team, of course, but with more than just the income tax funds they control. The federal agencies are making an unprecedented effort to coordinate the many programs they administer—programs which have an impact on your neighborhood."

"THEY'RE also trying to reduce as much as possible, the red tape and time it sometimes takes for them to act."

"The state government has got to be on the team. Governor Hughes and his staff have extended the hand of cooperation to Hoboken since the very beginning of this program. The state has three roles: (1) in providing the assistance of state agencies which serve the city; (2) in providing state funds, and (3) in helping us with state legislation which may be required."

"OUR CITY government is, of course, on the team. In fact, in a sense, the city government is the team captain; but that will not diminish for one moment the fact that it's a team effort all the way."

"Our city's urban renewal director and the consulting firm which helped guide our application through successfully, are also vital members of the team. They are members because they have the concern and the knowledge of the problems which we all have to share to get the job done right."

"ALSO ON the team are a number of agencies and organizations which share with us the concern about Hoboken's future. Certainly in this group I must include the Hoboken Chamber of Commerce, Stevens Institute, the Council of Churches and St. Mary Hospital."

"In a similar vein, we will need on the team those private organizations which represent important sub-groups in our neighborhoods, such as senior citizen organizations and youth groups."

"Private industries and private companies have to be on

the team. We will work closely with them to coordinate their efforts which will add up to job training and resources."

"AT TIMES many others will play a role and become a member of the team."

"In reality, then, Model Cities involves everybody. Everybody will have his share of the job and his share of the rewards. The team has got to be large not only because the problem is large, but also because by working as a team we can together be much more than we are separately."

"By pooling our talents we can systematically approach these problems and make the substantial impact which this program is designed to make."

"Model Cities is a chance to re-commit ourselves to the effort, to gain momentum to try again, to work more closely together, to believe it can be done, to hope that Hoboken can create a model neighborhood."

"I CAN'T emphasize enough the importance of a positive outlook as we tackle this big project. If we believe we can do it; if we say it's Model Cities or bust—then we'll have the clear head, the penetrating thrust and the follow-through that will be needed."

"Model Cities in Hoboken is going to be a model and experiment just like the name says. We intend to establish a model neighborhood which will have as its perimeter roughly the area from Observer Highway to Fourth Street and from a proposed Hudson-River Street development west to the Palisades. What will go on in this neighborhood will, of course, benefit the entire city."

"WITHIN this boundary old

and dilapidated buildings will be torn down to make room for new construction. Sound buildings will be left intact—to form a nucleus for the new neighborhood. This area will receive a new school, new water and sewer services, better streets, health facilities and, in general, everything that adds up to a comfortable, attractive neighborhood."

Let me make it clear that this is now an urban renewal program. This is Model Cities. And there is a big difference."

"In urban renewal we tear down slum buildings to make way for new construction."

"IN MODEL CITIES we also tear down dilapidated buildings and replace them with modern apartments. But we also look after the social problems that go with the new living conditions. Health, schools and recreation are also vital parts of this gleaming new neighborhood that we are thinking about and planning for."

"Now let us add two things to this great program. On the drawing boards today are plans for a \$30 million luxury apartment development for downtown Hudson Street and a multi-million dollar Stevens Industrial Research Center. Put them together and you have an idea of just how bright the future of our city really is."

"BUT let me tell you something else that Model Cities is."

"Model Cities is a joke. Yes, it's a joke if you think it is the ball-and-end-all of our personal problems and the problems which confront Hoboken."

"It's a joke if you think that this happy dream will be achieved overnight."

"It's a joke if you think it can happen without a great deal of sacrifice on the part of every-

one who is on the Model Cities team."

"LIFE is designed to be full of problems and hurdles and Model Cities will certainly not eliminate all of them for you. Our goal is to provide a sympathetic environment in which each Hoboken resident can work out his own individual life and problem as he desires."

"Model Cities, we must remember, is brand new. It has never been tried before. We have no way of knowing if it will succeed—or if we will succeed. There's no guarantee that comes with Model Cities."

"And it's certainly not going to happen overnight, either."

"IT WILL be a few months before we know exactly what we are going to try first and it will be a few months after that before we get involved in solving our first problems."

"We are going to have to take that long in order to make sure that all of our team members are pulling together. It's going to take all the strength and endurance we can muster and unless you and I realize all of these things from the beginning, Model Cities could be just a joke."

"SO FINALLY, I would say Model Cities is above all else a real challenge. A challenge to us to see (1) whether we can make the commitment that's needed, (2) whether we will have enough funds for the job ahead and finally, (3) whether commitment and funds are enough to solve the problems of Hoboken."

"So let me recap for you my understanding of what is Model Cities. It is, first of all, a bright dream of a better day for the residents of Hoboken."

The mayor said he has asked John Link, chairman of the Hoboken Local Assistance Board, the policy-making body of the welfare department, to call a meeting next week. The board would consider adopting a resolution authorizing the city's governing body formally to ask New Jersey to take over the welfare program. The City Council could concur in the action at its Feb. 7 meeting.

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"Secondly, it is a pretty large source of federal funds that might make that dream come true."

"It is also a team effort with a new perspective which is going to mean a few changes in our city—changes for the better."

"OUR NEXT step, therefore, is to submit to the federal government within the next several

months (1) a formal statement of our long-range goals, (2) our five-year plan for substantially achieving those goals and (3) a detailed plan and budget for our first year's program."

'Drastic Steps' Needed DePascale Wants State To Handle Welfare Rolls

Mayor Louis DePascale said today he is asking New Jersey to take over the administration and a greater share of Hoboken's welfare rolls. The mayor said Hoboken's welfare costs have risen sharply during the last two years and "drastic steps must be taken to relieve Hoboken taxpayers of this tremendous burden that is becoming greater every day."

General Public Assistance Law of 1947 and the request would go to the coordinator of the state Department of Economic Development in Trenton.

The law provides that when welfare goes beyond limits set by the state, a municipality may request the state to assume a greater share of the costs. Although several communities have taken such action, it is the first time Hoboken's program has been eligible.

THE TAKE-OVER by the state not only will relieve Hoboken of a tremendous annual burden, but will also safeguard the city against the year to year increases in welfare costs, DePascale said.

State representatives have been invited to Hoboken next week to discuss the welfare picture. The mayor pointed out that he and several legislators have long felt that welfare should be a state responsibility.

Several weeks ago DePascale indicated that it would be necessary to raise Hoboken's tax rate for 1968 because of mounting costs of city government. He has frequently cited the city's welfare rolls as one of the biggest and most expensive items in Hoboken's budget.

DePASCALE said Hoboken welfare costs amounted to \$1,086,519 last year, an increase of \$342,000 over the previous year. The City Council had to adopt an emergency appropriation of \$136,000 to cover the spiraling cost.

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Message on 2,016 Pencils Students in Puerto Rico To Get Hoboken Greeting

"You Have a Friend—Hoboken Public School System." This message will be left with 2,016 school children in Puerto Rico next week, when Hoboken school teachers visit the island for a second educational tour. The message will be on 2,016 lead pencils.

The trip is part of "Operation Assimilation Through Cultural Understanding," a project which Hoboken has launched to overcome the language barriers of its Spanish-speaking student population.

THOMAS F. McFEELY, school superintendent, said the pencils were donated by John Lamb, vice president of the Venus Pen and Pencil Co. of Hoboken. They will be distributed by the Hoboken teachers to children in relatively poor, hill communities.

Lamb, who is active in community affairs in Montclair, and who is also a member of the Hoboken Chamber of Commerce, said he made the donation of 14 gross of pencils to assure Hoboken teachers that industry Hoboken teachers that industry Hoboken teachers that industry

Next week's second trip to the island by Hoboken teachers is city two months ago that claimed being under Project III the lives of seven persons.

The financial donor is John J. Pascale, president of Quality Tool and Die Co., located at Eighth and Federal sts., a resident of the Hoboken community who has made several substantial contributions over the past years.

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Bilingual Teacher Boost "Phase 2" Innovations in Hoboken Program

Establishment of a "curriculum material center" and use of junior and senior high school Spanish-speaking students as teacher aides are included in the proposed second phase of a bilingual teaching program in Hoboken schools.

Hoboken is asking federal aid to expand the program, launched last year with a \$68,377 federal grant. It seeks \$105,000 for the second phase, which will begin Mar. 15 and continue through June 30, 1969.

Thomas F. McFeely, superintendent, said Hoboken's approach to instruction of Spanish-speaking students—more than one-third of the school population—is being watched nationally.

Accompanied by Harry Galinsky, coordinator of federal projects for the school system and Peter Vecchio, director of the Title III program, McFeely conferred with Dr. Samuel Kavruck, federal coordinator and Ned Bynner, grants and management director for the Office of Education. The meeting was held in Washington, D. C.

In the new phase, the "curriculum center" would produce visual aids and much printed material used in the program.

The other innovation would be use as aids of junior and senior high school students who speak both Spanish and English. They would assist in classroom instruction, it was indicated.

The second phase would also continue the practice of having Hoboken teachers visit Puerto Rico to observe teaching methods and educational problems.

It would also continue workshops, at which experts in specific

fields bring teachers up to date on modern methods of dealing with language problems.

The school system would extend the present bilingual class at the Thomas Connors School. The class is conducted solely in Spanish, giving students a well-rounded background in that language before any attempt is made to teach them English.

Educators feel this approach—rather than attempt to teach English immediately to Spanish-speaking children—is meeting with success.

Teachers and administrators from Vineland, Camden, Trenton and Perth Amboy visited Hoboken schools yesterday. With them were representatives from Jersey City and Trenton State College. The group expressed particular interest in the language

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Students in Puerto Rico

To Get Hoboken Greeting

"You Have a Friend—Hoboken Public School System."

This message will be left with 2,016 school children in Puerto Rico next week, when Hoboken school teachers visit the island for a second educational tour.

The message will be on 2,016 lead pencils.

The trip is part of "Operation Assimilation Through Cultural Understanding," a project which Hoboken has launched to overcome the language barriers of its Spanish-speaking student population.

THOMAS F. McFEELY, school superintendent, said the pencils were donated by John Lamb, vice president of the Venus Pen and Pencil Co. of Hoboken. They will be distributed by the Hoboken teachers to children in relatively poor, hill communities.

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Hoboken Acts on Disclosures Probe Cablevision

By ARTHUR FELSON
Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale yesterday ordered a complete probe of the city's cablevision contract after it was revealed that Cablevision of New Jersey, holder of the franchise, is controlled by National Cablevision Inc., under investigation in Massachusetts for alleged Mafia connections and bribery.

The link between the New Jersey cablevision company and National Cablevision was disclosed yesterday by this newspaper in a check of Hoboken City Hall files.

"Because of the Hudson Dispatch story yesterday and because of the connection found by the newspaper of the Cablevision of the New Jersey corporation to the Boston firm, I am asking Director Wilson to make a full and extensive investigation," the mayor said.

On July 11 of last year, Hoboken City Council approved and Mayor DePascale subsequently signed into law an ordinance granting a franchise and authority to operate a community television system (CATV) to the Cablevision Corporation of New Jersey.

The president of that organization is Frank Capone, a North Bergen attorney.

On file in City Clerk Anthony Amoruso's office is the original public hearing petition on that ordinance, held on June 7.

It states: "To the Mayor and Council of the City of Hoboken, New Jersey."

"The applicant, Cablevision of New Jersey, is a corporation of the State of New Jersey and is a wholly owned subsidiary of National Cablevision Inc."

"The applicant is a private corporation organized under R.S. 14:1-1 of the New Jersey statutes."

On September 15 of last year, the law firm of Capone and Gittelman, which has been representing the television firm in its dealings with the city, sent a letter to the mayor and the city council signed by Capone confirming the firm's contract with the city.

Confirms Acceptance
The letter stated: "This will confirm our acceptance of the ordinance passed by the Hoboken City Council at their regular (Turn to Page 5, Column 1)



Hudson Dispatch Photo

AIDS HOSPITAL—John J. Pascale, Hoboken industrialist presents \$1,000 check to Sister M. Felicitas, administrator of St. Mary Hospital, Hoboken, to aid in hospital's treatment of indigent patients. Mrs. Mary DePascale, president of hospital auxiliary and wife of mayor, looks on.

Pascale Is Donor St. Mary Given \$1,000 Gift By Hoboken Industrialist

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On Pay Rise Dispute Seek DePascale-Firemen Meeting

The Hudson County Central Labor Council is attempting to arrange a meeting between Mayor Louis DePascale and the city firemen to continue negotiations for a pay and benefit increase above what the mayor has already offered.

Patrick McGinty, council president, is stepping into the dispute between the city and its firemen in the hope that a mutually agreeable settlement can be reached.

THE CITY has offered the firemen \$200 across the board, retroactive to Jan. 1, and full paid hospitalization for the employee and his family, starting on July 1. This is the same offer made to all city employees and accepted by the municipal employees association and the policemen.

Representatives of the three fire organizations—the Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association and Locals 1076 and 1078 of the International Association of Fire Fighters and Officers—met Friday with Charles Tiedemann and Frank Boye, president and vice president, respectively, of the Hoboken Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting was to discuss the city's 1968 operating budget and especially its relationship to the firemen.

"IT WAS A VERY friendly meeting, conducted with a free exchange of views and opinions," a spokesman for the firemen said. "We feel that the chamber now knows the full position of the firemen on our requests for better pay and benefits."

The meeting started at Bethlehem Steel's shipyard and ended with luncheon in the Union Club's Cellar Restaurant. The firemen and chamber officials lunched at the table next to Mayor DePascale.

Cablevision

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meeting on July 11, 1967, and as approved by the mayor on July 28."

It was signed: "Cablevision of New Jersey by Frank Capone, president."

The letter was typed on stationery bearing the heading: "National Cablevision Incorporated, 120 Ashford st., Boston, Mass. 02134."

On July 21, Capone met with a number of councilmen, the mayor, Law Director Wilson and representatives from the local press to clarify a number of questions raised on the Cablevision system and its officers.

Identifies Officers
He identified the officers as himself, the president, and Ed Abramson of 666 Fifth av., New York City, vice president and secretary-treasurer.

Yesterday, a Newark publication reported that Edmund M. Abramson, a New York real estate man, is president of National Cablevision Corp.

The Cablevision blow-up stemmed from a published Wall Street Journal report this week that the firm's treasurer, identified by that paper as Joseph M. Linsey, was a "tough former hoodlegger with Mafia connections on his payroll."

Linsey, the newspaper pointed out, is not accused of any crime in Boston, but federal and state officials are showing interest in some of his activities.

Reported Bribe Offer
According to the attorney general's office, the operations of National Cablevision came under investigation several months ago when a state senator reported that he had been approached with a bribe offer by one of the companies.

He reportedly revealed that other officials were also being approached on various governmental levels with offers of bribes for franchises to install the system.

In a surprise special session of the Jersey City council Tuesday, an ordinance described as being "sent down from the county" was introduced which would grant a franchise and authority for National Cablevision Inc., listed there as a Delaware firm, to enter into the CATV field in that city.

The Hoboken Cablevision ordinance also was the subject of surprise action when it was suddenly put on the agenda and passed in July.

On July 26, Mayor Louis DePascale and City Council President Thomas A. Gallo met with representatives of Hudson Dispatch at its Union City offices to discuss the Cablevision ordinance, then passed.

The mayor announced following that meeting that he would instruct the city's law department to amend the Cablevision ordinance to include specific safeguards in the interest of residents who may subscribe to such a service. These amendments still have not been made.

Prior to the meeting, Hoboken Law Director Wilson was queried about what the consumer could do if the Cablevision company defaults on the terms of the contract, stated, "The consumer could go to the State Bureau of Frauds or to any number of other agencies."



RECEIVES HEART ASSN. AWARD—Hudson County Freeholder James F. Quinn (right), last night was presented with a gold cup by Hudson County Heart Assn. for his 14 years of dedicated service to the organization. Making presentation are (left to right), Norbert Cadamuro, fund raising chairman; Dr. Alfred E. Rosenthal of Bayonne, county president; and Dr. Huerta Neals of Jersey City, vice president. Award was made at annual. Kickoff dinner in Marlin Room, Hoboken.

'68 Heart Award Honor Quinn Gets Gold Cup for Services

Hudson County Freeholder and well-known Hoboken politician, James F. Quinn last night was honored by the Hudson County Heart Assn. for his 14 years of dedicated service to that organization at the annual kickoff dinner-meeting at the Marlin Room, Hoboken.

Norbert Cadamuro, Hudson County fund raising chairman for the organization, presented Quinn with a gold cup which bore an inscribed dedication of the freeholder's service as county fund raising chairman for the past 10 years.

Over 70 persons attended the affair, including representatives from the Hoboken, Hudson County and the state heart associations, medical authorities, local and county politicians, members of the judiciary, representatives from labor and volunteer members.

County Heart Assn. president, Dr. Alfred E. Rosenthal, staff physician at Bayonne Hospital, was one of the speakers at the meeting and briefly mentioned the goals of the 1968 Heart Fund drive.

"This year our drive will be aimed at raising money for two areas, research, exemplified by breakthroughs as heart transplants and education . . . both for the public and others," Dr. Rosenthal said.

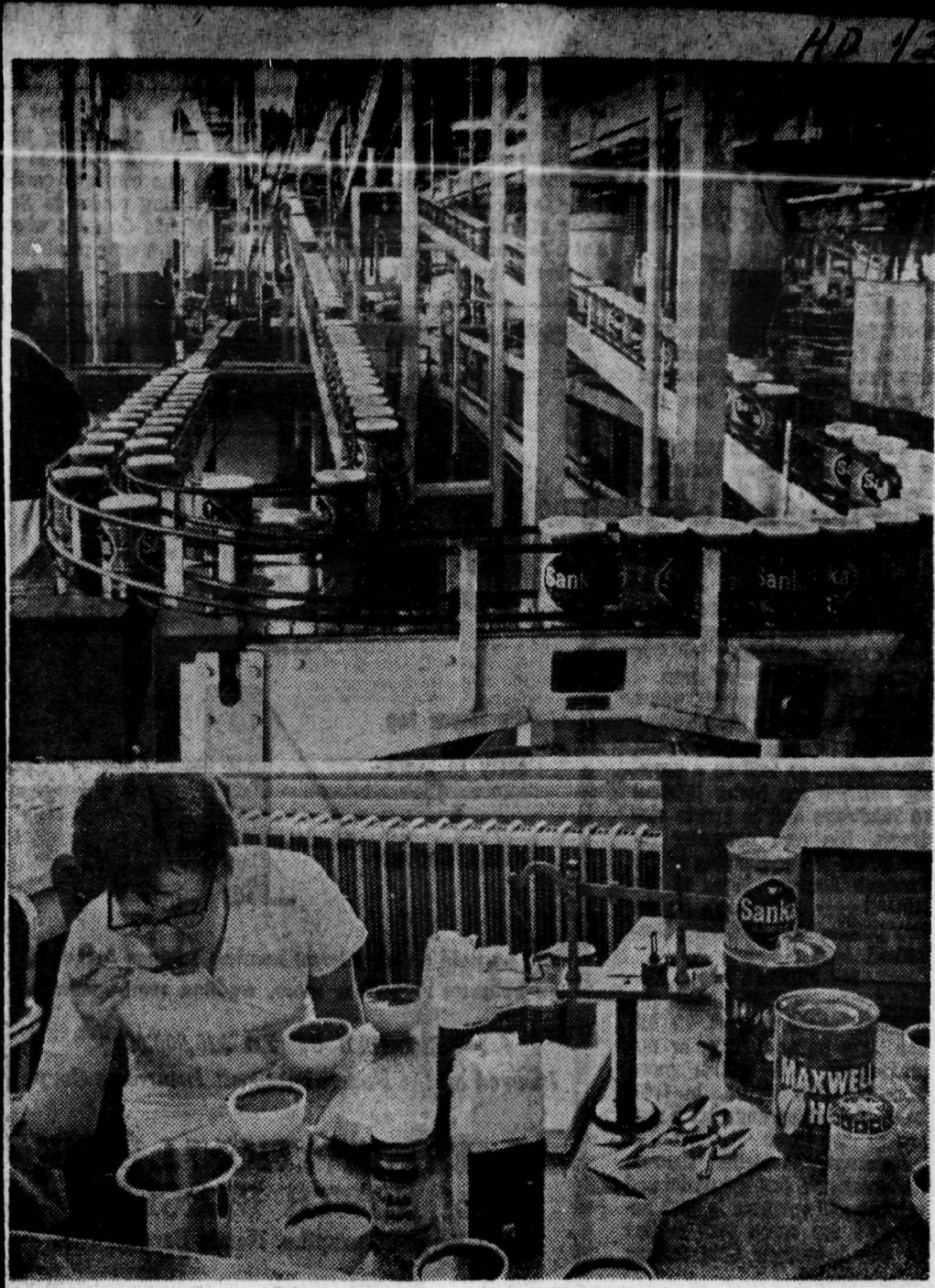
Transplant Breakthrough The breakthrough in heart transplants was also mentioned by the State Heart Assn. vice president, Dr. Sidney A. Arbeit of Jersey City who said:

"We have scheduled our first heart association layman's program for Feb. 14 at the Hebrew Home and Hospital in Jersey City where we will try to educationally orient the public about heart transplants."

Dr. Arbeit announced that Joseph J. Timmes, director of thoracic surgery at the New Jersey

Assn., and her co-chairman Mrs. Anne B'ohn and Miss Mareca Demos, division executive of the Hudson County Heart Assn. Among those in attendance at the meeting included: Mayor and Mrs. Louis DePascale, County Clerk and Mrs. John J. Grogan, Superior Court Judge Joseph Manahan, City Clerk Anthony Amoroso, Chamber of Commerce President Charles J. Tiedeman and City Business Administrator Herman Bier.

Also Councilmen Bernard Saric, Louis Franco, Steve Capillo and Anthony H. Romano; Weehawken Councilman Charles Pizzitella and Edward Woods and active Weehawken heart association member Thomas Murphy.



COFFEE WATCH—Mrs. Mary Connahan of Bayonne (top photo) checks endless cans of coffee on conveyor line at Maxwell House Coffee plant in Hoboken. Below, Mrs. Rita Gatling, laboratory assistant tests the various batches of blends, which must meet certain standards before being packaged.

Plus Hospitalization Hoboken Workers Get \$200 Offer

A \$200 across-the-board pay boost and paid hospitalization for city employees, estimated at more than 800, and their families was the blanket offer made yesterday by Mayor Louis DePascale to police, firemen and all other workers on the Hoboken payroll.

The package, which will account for a \$5 per \$1,000 hike in the present tax rate this year, was made during separate meetings

with representatives of the city yesterday morning. The same representatives have called special meetings with their groups to decide whether or not the mayor's offer is acceptable.

Actually, the offer includes the \$200 pay hike effective and retroactive to Jan. 1 while the offer of paid hospitalization for employee and family would become effective July 1. Following yesterday's parley, it was indicated by a city hall spokesman the new Hoboken tax rate for 1968 might well exceed a \$20 hike over the present \$108 rate.

Asked to comment on his offer, which is substantially below the salary and fringe benefit demands made by all city workers, Mayor DePascale said, "Let's face it. Mandatory items in the budget which are beyond control of our city council, require us to modify salary increases at this time. I sincerely trust the rank-and-file city employees will realize that situation in voting approval of the offer. I am actually extending myself in offering them the \$200 pay hike and paid hospitalization."

City employees, aside from police and firemen, have expressed disappointment in that they are not being considered for the same longevity pay which public safety employees have already been granted in both last and this year's budget. At the same time, it is considered a victory for the same rank-and-file workers that free hospitalization is being considered this year.

Will Meet At the same time, police and firemen will meet this week to determine whether or not the \$200 pay hike will be accepted in that a \$1,000 boost was requested by police and a similar hike sought by firemen over a two-year period. It is reported Mayor DePascale yesterday turned down the demand of city firemen that he and city council enter into a signed contract with their AFL-CIO union affiliation.

And as a result of yesterday's meeting with PBA representatives, it was indicated by Mayor DePascale that he does not plan to approve promotions from patrolman to sergeant grade even though the current civil service list for eligibles expires in March. Nor does he intend to approve promotions to sergeant grade even though those patrolman eligible would waive the higher salary, such as was executed in the fire department recently with advancements of firemen to captain rank.

"We have an abundance of police superiors now," the mayor was quoted as saying. "Our problem is to recruit foot patrolmen to fill existing vacancies and those contemplated in the days ahead."

Following the meetings yesterday, representatives of individual city workers declined comment saying they had to present the offer to members first before voicing approval or disapproval of the mayor's proposal.

Maxim Freeze-Dried Coffee Produced in Hoboken Plant

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y. — Maxim Freeze-Dried Coffee, a new soluble coffee, is moving into broader distribution starting in the East, with operation centering in Maxwell Hoboken plant announced today.

"This new coffee, which represents a major breakthrough in food processing technology, is the first significant soluble coffee development since Maxwell House introduced its flavor buds 18 years ago," said Arthur E. Larkin, Jr., president and chief operating officer of General Foods Corp.

Maxim is now going into stores from Maine to Washington, D. C., a marketing area accounting for about 30 per cent of the nation's total soluble coffee consumption. In addition, Maxim will continue to be available in its present market test areas throughout Ohio, Indiana, Arizona and upstate New York, which accounts for another 15 per cent of the nation's total soluble coffee consumption.

Distribution to the remainder of the country will follow as rapidly as construction is completed at General Foods ultra modern freeze-drying facilities in Houston, Tex.

DePascale is scheduled to meet with police PBA officials who are seeking a \$1,000 pay boost, paid hospitalization, a \$200 clothing allowance and nine paid holidays (at double time) during the current year. Both last year and during the current budget period, DePascale has granted the police department members longevity pay that amounts in most cases to 10 per cent of their total salaries.

While DePascale was non-committal yesterday about the expected new tax rate for 1968 (it was \$107.00 per \$1,000 valuation last year) a reliable source in the mayor's office said it is possible the new Hoboken tax rate might jump between \$10 and \$15 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. "Or maybe more, if things don't break right with help from the state regarding municipal welfare appropriations anticipated to be spent this year."

The city hall source said DePascale is faced not only with the PBA demands for additional pay benefits that would cost taxpayers approximately \$180,000 additional this year, but that he has to contend also with pay increases and fringe benefits sought by the fire department.

Firemen's Demands The firemen, who are asking for a signed union contract under terms specified by an attorney for the AFL-CIO, are seeking a \$1,400 salary increase over a two-year period (advanced in high ranks), and 12 paid holidays in which they are demanding at least one-fifth of their weekly pay if required to work on one of the 12 holidays. The meeting today with city firemen representatives is scheduled for noon.

Sometime this morning, DePascale will also consult with representatives of rank-and-file city em-

Cilento Asks Tax Rebellion Raps Hoboken Welfare Costs

By PETER HALLAM

Former Freeholder Anthony J. Cilento, ex-leader of Hoboken's Republican Organization, today urged all Hoboken taxpayers to join in a "taxpayers' rebellion" and refuse to pay 1968 taxes until the city does something to lower the tax rate.

"I can see no reason why a city of 45,000 persons should have an annual welfare bill of over \$1,000,000," he said. "There is definitely something wrong here and I think an investigation is in order."

"I DOUBT IF the state is going to take over the welfare program and I think the mayor already knows this."

"It is time for Hoboken taxpayers to demand efficient and economical government from the administration. If the administration can't deliver, then it should get out and allow someone who can do it to take over the government."

"There shouldn't be any hesitation to implement the suggestions made in the chamber of commerce's 'Wol' Report for economy and efficiency. The explanation that Hoboken is still lower than other communities or its tax rate hasn't gone up as much isn't an excuse. We aren't paying taxes in other communities."

CILENTO, co-chairman of the Hudson County Republican Action Committee and a former Hudson County freeholder, added that the mayor's tax figure of \$133.97 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation was a "smoke screen."

"Everyone seems to be forgetting about county taxes, school taxes and water and sewer bills. By the time these are figured in, we will be paying at least \$160 per thousand," Cilento said.

"The people of Hoboken have no spokesman on the city council with the loss of First Ward Councilman Rudolph N. Ranieri. We must now speak for ourselves, and speak strongly."

"I urge every citizen to attend the March 6 public hearing on the city's 1968 operational budget and voice their disapproval of it. Let the mayor and council know that we want good, clean, efficient government — but not at their prices."

"I URGE EVERY taxpayer to show their disapproval by refusing to pay the bills until something is done to lessen the cost. If the administration refuses to give the people of Hoboken something for their tax dollars, then we should refuse to pay our taxes and get the city take us to court."

"The taxpayers of Hoboken have been pushed far enough."

Hoboken Library Ransacked No Loss Reported

The Hoboken Public Library was ransacked over the weekend but nothing was taken, it was learned today.

Police reported that someone broke into the library sometime between 1 p.m. Saturday and 10:45 a.m. Sunday by using a cinder block to smash through the door mail slot. It is theorized that a piece of wire was inserted through the slot to open the lock on the door.

MISS Lucille Cunningham, library director, reported that the first and second floors were ransacked in an apparent attempt to find money, but none of the books were stolen or damaged.

A detective bureau spokesman said police have "a very good lead" in the case, but would not give out any other information.

Police are looking for an 18-year-old youth in connection with the burglary of the apartment of Mrs. Sabino Gadalatta at 517 Garden St. on Friday afternoon. Mrs. Gadalatta was able to give police a description of a teen-ager she encountered a short time before she found that her apartment had been hit.

SHE TOLD POLICE that at about 3:30 p.m. Friday she entered the Willow Pharmacy, 900 Willow Ave., and saw a young man counting change from a bank similar to one owned by her son.

At that time, she asked him where he got the bank. He replied with his name and address which proved to be false when checked by police.

Upon returning home, Mrs. Gadalatta found that her apartment had been entered and her son's bank containing about \$10 in change had been taken. The apartment had been ransacked, but nothing else was missing.



CHECK THIS — Raymond G. Clyons, chairman of Hoboken Housing Authority, left, presents Mayor Louis DePascale with a check for \$40,735. The amount is in lieu of taxes on authority property in the city. (Jersey Pictures)

Nothing Much Is Changed Magazine Says Hoboken Is Still Romantic Town

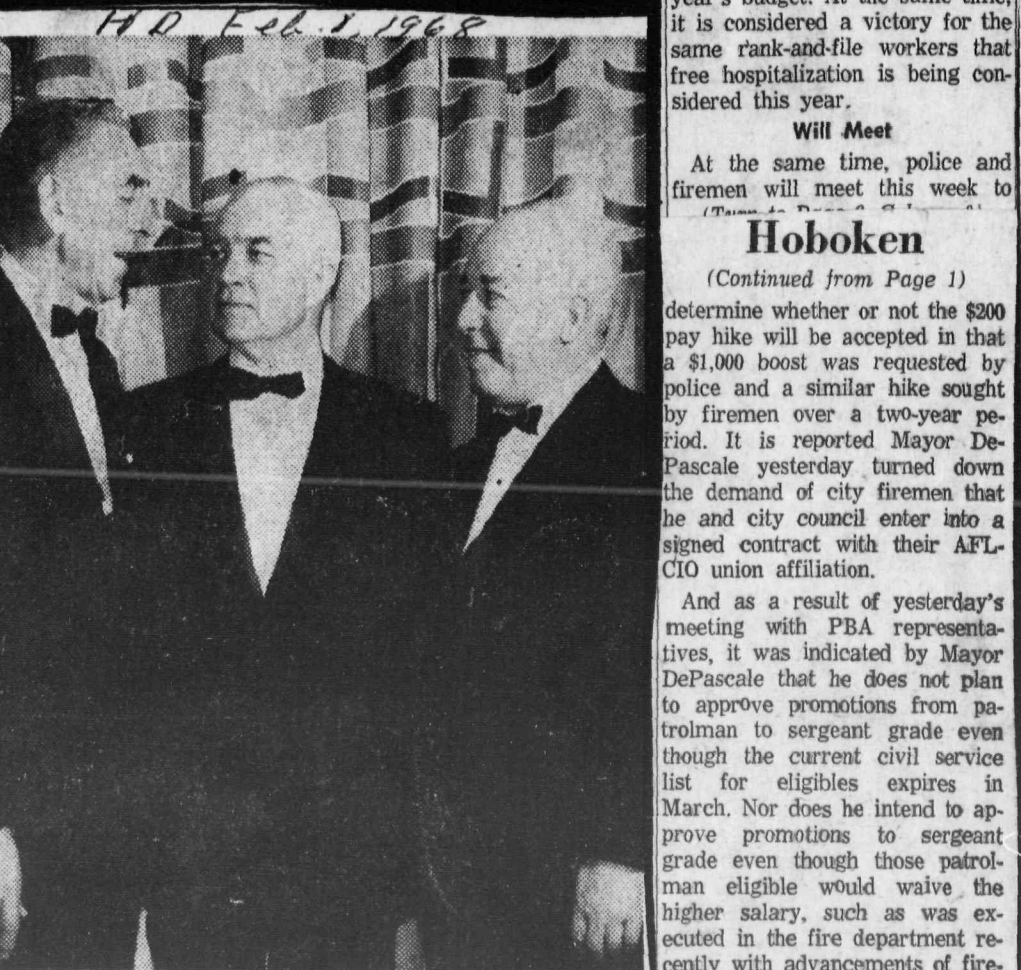
"A Lot to See in Hoboken" is the title of the lead article in the February issue of Ford Times, a monthly periodical published by the Ford Motor Company and distributed by dealers to owners of the company's cars. About 1,500,000 copies are mailed out.

The article is illustrated with four original paintings of Hoboken scenes, reproduced in color. It begins:

"TO THOSE who may be wondering what has happened to Hoboken in a world of change, it is a pleasure to report that nothing much has happened to it at all. The old Clam Broth House on Newark Street still serves free clam broth to all comers, the view of the Manhattan skyline from Castle Point at night is more spectacular than ever, the Victorian architecture of the little city remains more or less untouched."

THE 'ONLY' real change that has occurred in the past dozen years," Ford Times reports, is in the method of getting there, the ferry trip having been replaced by a ride on the air-conditioned PATH underground.

"Most people visiting Hoboken get no farther than the Clam Broth House — and that's a pity," the article says. It goes on to recommend Hudson Street as a thoroughfare well worth exploring on a sunny afternoon.



TOBIN HONORED—Dr. Jess H. Davis (left), president of Stevens Tech, Hoboken, talks with Austin J. Tobin, executive director of Port of New York Authority and a Stevens trustee, as Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale (right) looks on. Tobin last night was honored at a special dinner of the Stevens alumni association. (Story on Page 15).

Public Faces Costly Year

Mayor Outlines Renewal Plans For Hoboken

One-third of Hoboken is earmarked for a complete face lifting during the next few years when millions of dollars will be spent under the model cities program, Mayor Louis DePascale predicted for 1968.

This program, combined with a number of other developments, add up to the rebirth of the city, De Pascale said.

Planning Begun He pointed out that the city has already been allocated \$118,000 for planning purposes and the phase of the program has already begun. He added that it would be difficult to estimate the over-all cost of the program but felt it would involve "many millions of dollars" in federal funds.

The mayor was also pleased over the progress being made on another project that will border

hwy. and Fourth st. and from the proposed Hudson st. project on the east to the Palisades in the west.

Slum buildings within these borders will be torn down and replaced by modern structures. Good buildings which can serve a useful purpose in the program—and good apartment structures will be saved.

To the new and renovated buildings will be added better streets, improved water and sewer services, a new school, facilities for parking and modern health and recreation facilities.

The model developments are: A \$30 million luxury housing complex planned for the three-block area from First to Fourth sts., Hudson and River.

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Hoboken Gets \$3,500 State Grant for Tuberculosis Clinic

DePascale Meets Chamber To Outline City Progress

Mayor Louis De Pascale of Hoboken said today he will sit down with the directors of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday to go over the 1968 municipal budget and show that the tax rate has risen only \$4.68 a year during the past three years of his administration.

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get, the mayor said, but a series of factors has made an increase in the rate unavoidable.

He pointed to a \$700,000 item for increases in wages and mandatory pension costs. This is necessary, he said, to keep employees at the same level as others in the area.

Skyrocketing welfare costs have also added to the budget, he said. He pointed out that public assistance went from \$743,000 in 1966 to over \$1 million last year, making an emergency appropriation necessary.

"WE ARE GREATLY concerned with this problem," said the mayor "and next week we will confer with state officials on our request to have New Jersey assume the entire welfare program."

The mayor said the loss of almost \$300,000 in state aid for schools was another major factor for the budget increase.

He emphasized, however, that this was a period of transition and the major projects which his administration launched one and two years ago will soon reap dividends for the city. He pointed to the Hudson Street project and said that area, which now yields \$130,142 in taxes, will probably bring in about \$600,000 when new skyscraper apartments and an office building are completed. The project was approved by the

federal government earlier this week.

THE MAYOR said he is pleased with the progress Hoboken has made during the past three years and is looking forward to the continued co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce and other groups in the city in planning for the future.

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The mayor said the loss of almost \$300,000 in state aid for schools was another major factor for the budget increase.

He emphasized, however, that this was a period of transition and the major projects which his administration launched one and two years ago will soon reap dividends for the city. He pointed to the Hudson Street project and said that area, which now yields \$130,142 in taxes, will probably bring in about \$600,000 when new skyscraper apartments and an office building are completed. The project was approved by the

Health Unit To Tighten Supervision

Hoboken has been awarded a preliminary grant of \$3,500 for the establishment of a Tuberculosis clinic in the city, Health and Welfare Director Anthony F. Damato said today. The funds are from the state.

At present tuberculosis patients travel from Hoboken to the B. S. Pollak Hospital in Jersey City for their general care with the result that public health supervision is difficult. Experience has shown that the closer clinical facilities are located to persons with tuberculosis, the easier it is to insure that adequate public health supervision and medical care are maintained.

THE CLINIC will include the installation of photographic dark room, chest X-ray, several dressing booths and the installation of equipment used in the aerosol induction of sputum specimens.

The program standards for this certified health service are the following:

INSURE that all tuberculosis cases and suspects found on X-ray screening are brought to definite diagnosis, treatment and isolation, if indicated.

PROVIDE for prompt investigation of diagnosed cases of tuberculosis and to identify household and other close contacts.

PROMOTE and provide treatment in accord with recommendations of the New Jersey State Department of Health.

ENSURE supervision of all cases of inactive tuberculosis for a period of five years.

ENSURE appropriate handling of recalcitrant tuberculosis patients, through the use of quarantine and commitment procedures as prescribed by state law.

Nebulization of all active non-hospitalized patients and inactive patients for sputum cultures.

PERSONNEL for the performance of tuberculosis control services will be provided for by the state Department of Health. "You have provided an exceptionally well planned Public Health Center in Hoboken," said Dr. Wm. J. Dougherty, Director of the division of preventable diseases of the New Jersey State Department of Health.

The addition of this new certified health service is in line with the planning and policy of Damato to expand programs and services and to establish new services in order to meet the health needs of the community more effectively.

DePascale Sees Great Benefits High Risers To Be Built

Hoboken has been granted \$3.2 million in federal funds to buy and clear three square blocks along its waterfront for high rise housing and commercial structures, it was announced today in Washington.

Mayor Louis DePascale, when told of the \$3,238,186 grant, called it "a great day for Hoboken."

THE U.S. DEPARTMENT of Housing and Urban Renewal awarded the funds for the acquisition of property from 1st to 14th Streets, Hudson to River Streets. The money also will be used to clear the structures on the site.

In the area are several hotels, numerous multi-story tenements and a considerable number of taverns.

The late Fred Bado, a printing and banking executive, launched the project when he was serving as president of the Hoboken Chamber of Commerce several years ago.

DEPASCALE said plans call for the construction of four middle and luxury income apartment buildings, each about 22 stories tall, and a 15-story commercial building. There is a "strong possibility" that the city would move its City Hall offices into the commercial structure, he said.

The entire project represents an investment of some \$30 million, the mayor said.

Off-street parking for 2,000 cars would be provided. The apartments would house 1,000 families.

"IT WILL BE the greatest single residential complex along the Hudson and the biggest single development in the city," the mayor said.

"The development of the old Erie Lackawanna Railroad terminal will be enhanced by the project.

"We hope to attract the people who have left the city to return to Hoboken."

The \$3.2 million urban renewal grant follows by some months the selection of Hoboken as a model city. DePascale said the city was awarded some \$100,000 for planning projects related to the model cities program. These projects will not conflict with the latest grant.

Seek State Welfare Take-Over Hoboken Slates Parley on Plan

By PETER HALLAM

Hoboken city officials are planning to meet next week with state welfare representatives to discuss the take-over of the city welfare program by the state, Mayor Louis DePascale said today.

The formal resolution requesting the state Department of Economic Development to take over administration of the city's public assistance program will be acted upon by the city council at tonight's meeting.

DePascale said that if the state takes over the administration of the welfare program, it would represent a considerable saving to the city and its taxpayers.

"WE WON'T be saddled with rising costs in the future and will have part of our estimated cost for the present absorbed by the state," he said.

But even if the state should take over the program, it will not have any immediate effect on Hoboken taxpayers who face a \$5 increase in their real property tax for 1968.

The mayor estimates that the 1968 real property tax will be \$133.97 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This does not include the city's county tax obligation or school funds that must be raised through taxation.

A HIGH source said that the county expects its rate to go up about \$5. Last year Hoboken property owners paid \$17.41 to the county for every \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

The mayor sees new rates for 1968, but to the property owner it won't mean anything until next year. Any new rates for 1968 will show as a surplus. Next year, they can be taken into account and possibly help reduce the tax rate.

CONCERNED residents will be given an opportunity to express their views on the city's 1968 operating budget at a public hearing on March 6 at 8 p.m. in the Hoboken High School auditorium.

The first reaction to the budget among property owners and tenants indicated that the school auditorium will be filled with persons anxious to speak out against the increase.

Among those expected to attend will be representatives of

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the Hoboken Merchants Retail Bureau.

"WE ARE shocked, amazed and greatly concerned," said one member commenting on the budget increase. "Every merchant in Hoboken is going to be hit hard by this increase either as tenants with increased rents or property owners."

He said that the bureau was planning to call an executive meeting this weekend.

"Personally, I think it is time for the city to take a long hard look at the Chamber of Commerce's Welf Report and start implementing some of the recommendations," the member added.

"MOST PERSONS think that the report is aimed primarily at the elimination of non-essential jobs. In reality, it goes much further than this, covering procedures which cut down paper work and save time and money for the city and its taxpayers."

A local real estate broker, who asked that his name be withheld, said that the city may have jeopardized its Model Cities Program because of the \$133.97 tax rate.

"The mayor has continuously said that under the program redevelopment would be stressed rather than land clearance and demolition of existing buildings," he said.

"HOWEVER, taking into consideration the many factors concerning the model cities area, I doubt if many property owners will want to renovate their buildings while they are facing this high tax rate and the almost certain implementation of 100 percent assessment in the near future."

"First, the vast majority of these buildings are old and would require extensive repairs to bring them up to a level which meets the current city codes. This will cost money, and lots of it, which the owner will have to borrow from one source or another."

"WHILE there are many tenements in the Model Cities area, I think are capable of being renovated, are their owners capable of taking on the burden? I don't think so, since the area is already considered blighted.

"If the owners were able to assume the financial burden of renovating and were concerned with their property, they would have already done so."

"SINCE the vast number have not, we must assume that either they don't care about the property or they are in a financial position which would allow them to renovate and cannot borrow the money from local banks."

"In either case, we have people who will not or can not get involved with Model Cities as long as there is a continuous increasing tax rate and the eventual implementation of 100 percent assessment."

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Hoboken Chamber Ties Tax Stand to Budget Study

Reserves
Comment
On \$25 Hike

Charles J. Tiedemann, president of the Hoboken Chamber of Commerce, today reserved any comment on the \$25 increase in the city tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation until the chamber can study in detail the entire city budget.

Hoboken property owners yesterday were shocked to find that the proposed property tax rate had jumped from \$108.91 for last year to an all time record high of \$133.97 for the current year.

Tiedemann said that the city has promised the chamber it would get a copy of the municipal operating budget sometime today.

"ONCE WE have a copy, a special meeting will be called of the executive board for the purpose of studying it," Tiedemann said. "But neither I nor the chamber can make any comment with the city on the Wolz Report which recommends cuts and efficiency moves in certain city departments."

MEMBERS of the city council picked up their copies of the budget yesterday morning to be prepared for last night's caucus. Although the caucus sessions are closed to the public and press, it is reliably reported that none of the councilmen were 100 per cent behind the mayor's 1968 budget.

The \$25 increase is not yet the end of bad news for property owners. His figure does not include county tax obligations or school costs which are also expected to go up.

The tenants as well as property owners are going to feel the pinch there is little doubt.

"I'M GOING to have to raise my rents," said one owner of a three-family building. "I can't assume this extra burden myself. There is a good chance I may lose the building. My tenants can't afford to pay too much of an increase and I can't carry the taxes on my own." The owner of a one-family house told The Jersey Journal that he would probably have to sell his home because of the increase.

"I can't see paying that kind of money for a home in Hoboken," he said.

"THERE ARE so many other communities that offer a home-owner so much more for his tax dollar that it makes little sense to stay in Hoboken." It is only a matter of time before Hoboken property owners get some more bad news—100 per cent assessment—which will again up property taxes, especially for the owners of dwellings. Industrial property holders should benefit since the new assessment rate will equalize the overall tax picture. Traditionally, industry has been assessed more for its property than homeowners.

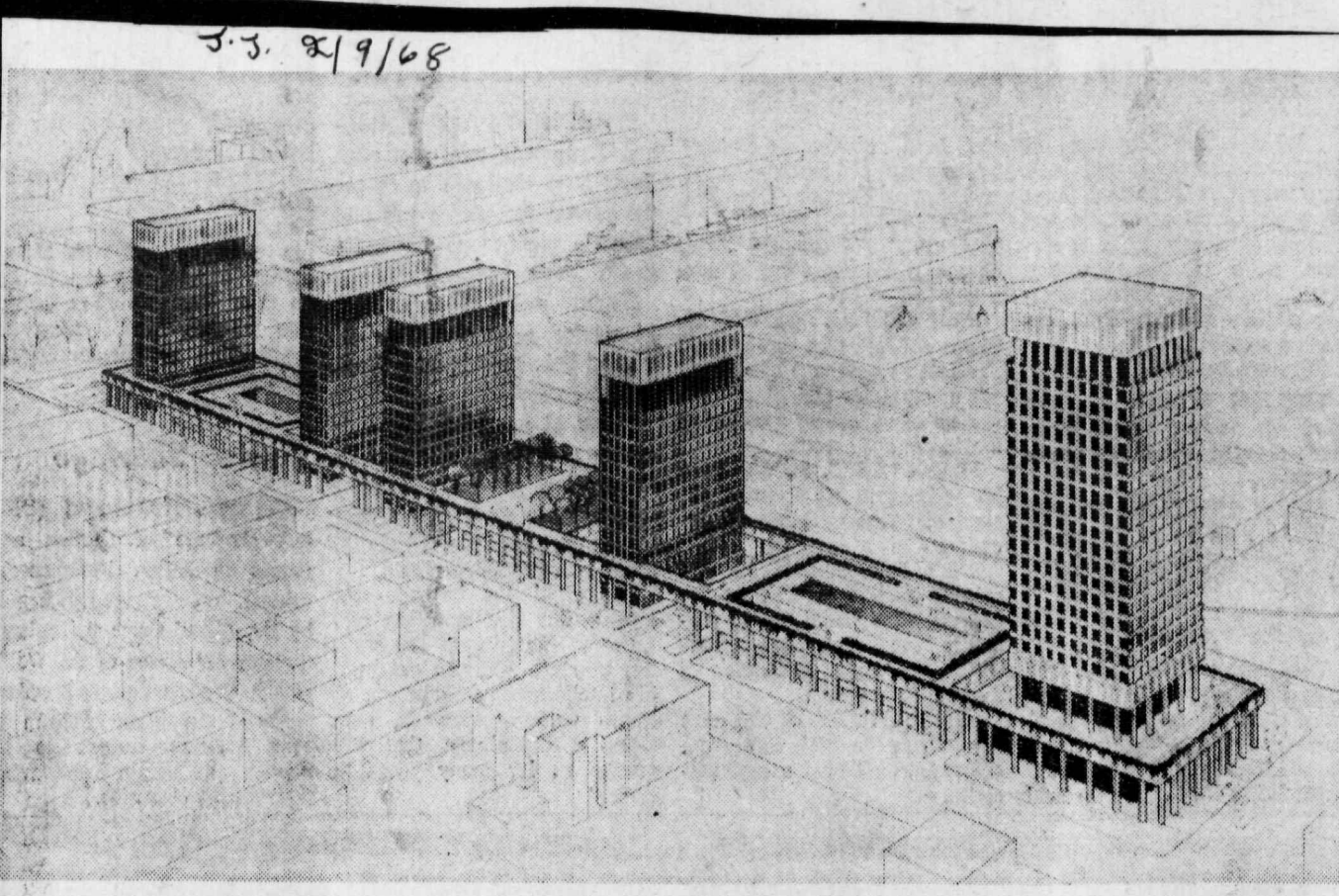
MAYOR DePascale has asked local representatives to the state Assembly and Senate to introduce legislation that would soften the blow of 100 per cent assessment by giving home owners a \$5,000 exemption.

However, the bills were not acted upon during the last legislative session and are not expected to get a favorable reaction from the present Republican dominated houses.

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Hudson St. Renewal Seen Sparking Building Boom



HUDSON STREET HIGH-RISE — Except for minor revisions, this is what Hoboken's Hudson Street Urban Renewal Project will look like when completed. The

\$27,600,000 project will take up three blocks of Hoboken real estate, from 1st to 4th Street bounded by Hudson and River Streets.

\$600,000 Tax Yield For Hoboken

Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken today predicted that the city's Hudson Street redevelopment project would act as a "catalyst" which would generate a rebuilding program throughout Hoboken.

"The projected complex of the Hudson Street Urban Renewal Project offers Hoboken a new, multiple-use development reflecting an image of a city within a city," he said. "It will unquestionably stimulate and generate an economic growth in Hoboken and its neighboring communities unparalleled in contemporary times."

IT IS currently estimated that the new construction will yield some \$600,000 in taxes annually as compared with the \$136,142 now being paid by the property owners in the project area.

"The specific objective of the Hudson Street project is one of high quality development to demonstrate our ability to transform a blighted area into a model neighborhood," the mayor continued. "The project itself will act as a catalyst to generate our rebuilding program for Hoboken."

The Department of Housing and Urban Development recently gave Hoboken a \$3.2 million grant which is to be used to purchase the property and relocate families and businesses.

HOBOKEN would have had to put up about one-fourth of the project cost which would have amounted to about \$1,000,000. However, the city was able to avoid any outright expenditure of funds through the use of non-cash credits.

The \$27,600,000 project is being designed by the architectural firm of Compagno and Kenny of 100 Newkirk St., Jersey City. The Taylor-Woodward-Blitman Development Group of New York is the preferred builder.

Current plans call for four 20-story dwelling units and one 25-story office building.

THREE OF the 20-story buildings would house about 600 apartments of moderate-luxury apartments. The fourth would be used as a dormitory and faculty building, housing approximately 500 students and certain Stevens Tech teachers. The office building would contain 200,000 square feet of air conditioned space for commercial and some government tenants. Within the structure, and interspersed throughout the development, will be approximately 50,000 square feet of retail shopping area.

A parking garage with space for 2,000 cars will also be included. It will be divided in three sections but interconnected with a landscaped plaza elevated approximately 35 feet above street level. Below street level, the garages are fully connected for vehicular and pedestrian circulation.

Hearin March 6 Taxpayer Strike Petitions Circulated in Hoboken

By PETER HALLAM

Hoboken taxpayers are marking 1968 as the year of the big tax increase. However, city officials may have to do some marking of their own—the year of the taxpayers strike. A highly reliable source today reported that a group of residents have started the ball rolling on a taxpayers strike and are gathering signatures on petitions which will be presented to the mayor and council either before or at the March 6 public hearing on the city's 1968 operating budget.

THE GROUP is reported to have over 1,000 names already from tenants and a number of signatures almost equally as large from property owners. They also have hired a well-known Bergen County attorney with experience in previous taxpayer strikes to represent them.

It is reported that the signatures were gathered between Monday and yesterday.

One home owner who signed the petition and contributed to the war chest said that the group does not intend to pay its 1968 taxes. Instead, the money would be put in escrow until the matter is settled in or out of court.

"WE'RE NOT running away," "We're staying and we're fighting. It's time that local officials learn that they represent the people and the people don't want to pay this price for the little we are getting."

Mayor Louis DePascale announced Monday in The Jersey Journal that the city's 1968 real property tax rate was going up \$24.99 over last year's figure of \$108.97 for every \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This did not include the \$1 increase for the city's county tax obligation or a 64 cent increase to cover rising school costs. The total tax rate with these items included is \$133.60 per \$1,000.

A "TAXPAYERS rebellion" was urged yesterday by Anthony J. See TAXPAYERS—Page 4.

TAXPAYERS

Cilento, former Hoboken Republican leader and Hudson freeholder. However, he is not connected with the tax strike group.

The public hearing on the budget is scheduled to be held in the high school auditorium at 8 p.m. The auditorium seats approximately 853 persons. But at least twice that number is expected to turn out.

Mayor DePascale pointed out that a tax strike would only cost property owners more money.

IF THEY don't pay their taxes, the city will have to add seven per cent interest on their bills," he said.

"In spite of the increase, Hoboken still has a lower tax rate than most other municipalities in Hudson County.

"I hope residents remember that when I took office they were paying almost \$120 per \$1,000. I reduced that to a little more than \$107 in 1966. In 1967 we again managed to hold the line and reflect only a minor increase of \$1 and change.

"TAKEN OVER a three year period, this year's increase represents only a little more than \$3 a year from the 1965 tax rate. With other cities going up \$10, \$15, \$20 a year, I think Hoboken is doing very well in the face of continuously rising operational costs.

"But we have an advantage over other Hudson County communities. We have a future that looks impressive.

"The Model Cities program is a reality, the Hudson Street Urban Renewal project is assured and will produce \$600,000 of revenue for the city a year, and the Todd Shipyard is on the verge of again becoming a revenue-producing enterprise.

"These are all things that will put money in the city's treasury in the future. The important thing is that Hoboken has a future."

Further Hoboken Tax Cut? Welfare Shift To State Cited

With the announcement that state administration of Hoboken's welfare program may reduce the city's 1968 tax rate from \$3 to \$4, Mayor Louis DePascale said today that even further reductions may be made before the March 6 public hearing on the municipal budget.

"The council and I have been working day and night to find other areas where we might be able to further trim costs from the 1968 operational budget," he said.

"IT IS VERY POSSIBLE that a joint statement from the council and myself announcing further reductions might be made before the budget hearing. The taxes might very well be lower than I originally estimated."

DePascale said he has informed the chamber of commerce that he and the council are prepared to give a closer look to recommendations made in the chamber-sponsored Wolz Report.

The report supposedly makes numerous recommendations which would aid in a more economical operation of the municipal government. However, the chamber has yet to make public its actual contents.

THE MAYOR DENIED he was trying to hide the report from any of the councilmen in view of the fact that few of the council members have copies of the report or have been asked to attend sessions with the chamber concerning its findings.

"I have a copy of the report which any member of the council can look at anytime it suits them," De Pascale said. "As for the meetings with the chamber, they were all open to the members of the council, if they felt like attending. Several council-

men did attend one or two of the sessions."

IRVING ENGELMAN, director of the state Division of public Welfare, said in Trenton today that Hoboken has until March 1 to formally ask the Department of Institutions and Agencies to assume control of its welfare program.

The department, Engelman said, has not "agreed to do anything" for Hoboken until a formal written request is made. The deadline is set in the state law allowing the department to assume responsibility for direct administration of welfare provided its previous year's expenditures exceeded 7 mills of ratables.

IT FURTHER provides that the municipality has to appropriate administrative costs not less than was appropriated in preceding years for such costs and the state then would be obligated to meet those expenses, if any, which exceed the municipal appropriation.

Once the city makes a request and an arrangement is entered, it continues automatically from year to year unless the municipality serves notice by Jan. 1 of any subsequent year to terminate the arrangement, Engelman said.

THE DEPARTMENT now has control of dependent assistance or welfare programs in Egg Harbor, Atlantic County; Woodland, Burlington County; Chesilhurst, Lawnside and Winslow in Camden County; Deptford and National Park, Gloucester County, and Jamesburg, Middlesex County.

Philip Pettio, chief of business services, public welfare division, said the Hoboken city treasurer is required under department regulations to certify welfare appropriations last year and this year in the formal written request by March 1.

PETTIO CONFERRED with Mayor DePascale on the subject Wednesday. The mayor said the state control arrangement could save Hoboken between \$300,000 and \$500,000 in welfare costs this year.

Hoboken has allocated \$400,000 for welfare. According to DePascale, this was the mandatory figure which would allow the city to apply for the state takeover. He added that welfare costs to the city would have exceeded this by a large amount if the state hadn't stepped in.



HIS HONORS — Jack Pierri, 15, a Hoboken Boy Scout, examines the affairs of government at the Hoboken City Hall. Jack portrayed the mayor for a day in conjunction with Boy Scout Week. Looking on, from left, are: Anthony B. Calabro, executive director of Alexander Hamilton Council; Frank J. Bartlett, revenue and finance director, and Louis DePascale, the real mayor.

Hoboken Firemen Alarm Residents by Duty Threat

Residents of Hoboken yesterday expressed serious concern with the announcement that rank-and-file members of the fire department threaten a curtailment of certain public safety services if the firefighters are not granted pay hike demands and fringe benefits.

Property owners were joined in their concern by businessmen, merchants and representatives of Hoboken's industry as the result of remarks quoted by Assemblyman David Friedland of Jersey City, an attorney who represents the Hoboken firemen in their AFL-CIO union.

When Friedland was asked what might happen if the rank-and-file Hoboken firemen refuse to accept Mayor Louis DePascale's offer of a \$200-a-cross-the-board salary hike, plus paid hospitalization for firemen and their families he was quoted as saying:

"There would be a curtailment of all non-essential service to the city."

The legal advisor's remarks were interpreted as meaning

that the rank-and-file firemen will do no work other than actually fighting a blaze or incidents that involve public safety.

"Almost Unbelievable" One long-established businessman yesterday said "It is almost unbelievable that members of our city fire department would allow themselves to be associated with another threat which says the firemen will not make out reports or take part in any fire investigations." For obvious reasons, he requested that his name be omitted.

On the day that Mayor Louis DePascale conferred with firemen, police and city workers on the increases he is including in the 1968 budget, far below requests made by all parties, members of the fire department declined comment, referring all questions to Attorney Friedland.

At 11 a.m., and 8 p.m. today, leaders of the Hoboken fire department's three organizations, FMBA, the Locals 1076 and 1078, International Assn. of Fire Fighters and Officers, (AFL-CIO) are expected to vote on

Mayor DePascale's offer. Said one owner of a large home in upper Hoboken last night, "It appears the present structure of the fire department is a house divided against itself."

While both the police department and other Hoboken workers are reportedly agreeable to go along with Mayor DePascale's 1968 budget proposal for salary hikes and paid hospitalization, a reliable source pointed out just what the firemen are asking for through their legal advisor.

1. They seek a signed contract with the mayor and city council from Jan. 1, 1968 to Dec. 31, 1969. The contract covers fire chief, deputy chiefs, captains and firemen.

2. They seek time off with pay for such occasions as death or serious illness in the immediate family, occasions such as baptism, communion, confirmation, graduation, marriage in the immediate family, time off when a fireman arranges for a substitute to take his place and time off for all union activities.

3. Should a city fireman be called to active duty in military service, the city must make up the difference between his fireman salary and that paid by the military.

4. A workweek shall consist of 42 hours, averaged over an eight-week cycle, which includes the firemen only working 34 hours the fourth and fifth weeks, 48 hours on the sixth week, and 38 hours the seventh and eighth weeks.

5. Firemen with less than five years service to be granted three weeks vacation with full pay and those with five years or more to be granted a one-

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month vacation with full pay. Men with 17 years or more service to be granted the one-month vacation with eight additional days.

In addition to already mentioned benefits, Hoboken firemen seek 12 paid holidays with the stipulation that men not working the holiday shall not have money deducted from their pay. And those who do work holidays, be paid one fifth of a week's pay.

The holidays they seek are Christmas, New Year's Day, Lincoln and Washington's birthdays, Good Friday, Decoration Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus and Election Day, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving.

And according to members of the force, a breakdown of their pay demands is as follows:

Fire chief, by Jan. 1, 1969, a \$14,520 salary (plus longevity) over his present \$13,200 pay. Deputy chiefs up to \$11,677 over the present \$10,615, also plus longevity. Fire captains up to \$9,741 over the present \$8,857. And for firemen with three years of service, \$8,289 over the present \$6,850.

May Curtail Services Hoboken Firemen Seek To Resume Negotiations

Hoboken's firemen will attempt to continue negotiations with Mayor Louis DePascale on wage increases and additional fringe benefits for 1968, a spokesman said today. Following a meeting yesterday with Assemblyman David Friedland of Jersey City, who is representing the firemen in the negotiations with the city, the spokesman said that Friedland would contact the mayor and try to set up another meeting within a few days.

THE FIREMEN are the only city employees who would not accept DePascale's offer of a \$200 wage increase, retroactive to Jan. 1, and full hospital coverage for the employee and family, starting July 1.

"We are also arranging for a meeting with Charles Tiedemann and the local chamber of commerce to explain our position and assure the chamber that regardless of what happens we will not curtail any essential fire fighting activities," the spokesman said.

FOLLOWING the last meeting between the firemen and the mayor last week, Friedland said that if the rank-and-file members of the three firemen's organizations refused to accept the offer and the city refused to make a new one, it could result in curtailment of all non-essential fire department activities.

This would include making out reports, inspections and various other chores not directly connected with fighting a fire.

The rank and file firemen rejected the mayor's offer, but are continuing to perform their prescribed duties without any curtailment.

"WE NEVER said we would curtail services, the spokesman said, "only that it was a possible course of action."

He added that the firemen have also enlisted the support of the Hudson County Central Labor Council, which pledged to help in the dispute with the city.

HOBOKEN'S firemen are represented by the Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association and Local 1076 and 1078 of the International Association of Fire Fighters and Officers. The two locals are affiliated with the AFL-CIO and the Central Labor Council.

The spokesman said that he did not know what form the labor council's support would take as this was not mentioned.

Mayor and 3 Councilmen Cool to Hoboken Housing Authority Bid

New Units
Too Costly,
Officials Say

The adoption of a resolution by the Hoboken Housing Authority calling for the construction of more low income and senior citizen housing in the designated Model Cities area has received a negative reaction from three councilmen and a not too enthusiastic attitude from the mayor.

"Basically, I'm in favor of it because it is a necessity," Mayor Louis DePascale said, "but before we make any decisions we have to determine a proper balance. Low income and senior citizen housing affect the economy of the city. The effect must be determined before anything can be done."

According to the authority, the city needs about 1,500 more dwelling units of low income and senior citizen housing. The number of new buildings needed to contain that many apartments would be determined by future planning.

The authority favors constructing such buildings in the Model Cities area because of the priority treatment applications for federal grants would receive. The area takes in parts of the First, Third and Fourth Wards.

"I'm against it," said Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello. "I don't think the remaining home owners who are presently faced with a large tax increase could stand the additional load created by more low income or senior citizen housing."

Cappiello explained that the city is amounting in lieu of taxes that was never anywhere near the amount Hoboken would receive if the property were privately owned and taxed at its true value.

First Ward Councilman Anthony H. Romano and Fourth Ward Councilman Louis Francione agreed with Cappiello.

"Although I'm not against low income and senior citizen housing, in general, I am able to afford additional housing of this type," Romano said.

"GOOD TAX producing property in Hoboken is a major problem to begin with. To earmark this valuable property for more low income housing would not be fair to the citizens who must assume the tax burden."

"We have enough low income housing," Francione said. "However, I'm willing to make some concessions in this field."

"I would like to see more middle income housing and think that the Model Cities area would be ideal for it. Then families living in the housing projects who are paying too rents could move into them, leaving vacant apartments in the projects for low income or senior citizen housing."

Francione said he would like to see apartments built which would have rents ranging from \$80 to \$120 a month.

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DePascale Sees Reduction of Hoboken's Tax Rate of \$135.60

Hoboken
Council
May Split
Say 8 Against
Big Tax Increase

By PETER HALLAM

Hoboken's 1968 municipal operating budget may be the catalyst that again splits the ranks of the city council. According to one council member, the majority is against the \$24.99 cent tax increase but only a few of the councilmen are prepared to speak against it.

"From my own personal observations, I would say that eight of the nine council members are displeased with the tax increase," he said. "But I doubt if too many of them are going to speak up and state their minds."

"However, their attitudes may change by the time we have the budget hearing," he added.

THE CITY will hold its public hearing on the municipal budget on March 6 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the Hoboken High School.

Meanwhile, the various council committees will be meeting to scrutinize the budgets from the individual city departments. Their aim will be to try and reduce departmental operating costs.

Although Mayor DePascale has minimized the increase by saying that it isn't that bad and represents only a small additional charge when spread out over the three years he has been in office, he is without support from the council or leading civic organizations.

BESIDES the mayor, not one person in his administration has publicly stated the approved of the budget. Many have voiced See BUDGET—Page 6.

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disapproval, but none publicly for obvious political reasons.

The Chamber of Commerce, which represents the city's major tax payers, has expressed concern with the increased budget and intends to take up the problem again with DePascale tomorrow afternoon.

It is expected that the chamber now is going to take a hard stand on the matter because it feels it was more or less double-crossed by the administration.

According to Frank Boye of U.S. Testing, chairman of the chamber's taxation committee, the increase was a "surprise move by the local administration, since they had indicated in meetings earlier this month that the tax rate would increase about 10 per cent."

Charles Tiedemann, chamber president, added that the \$24.99 represents a 23 per cent increase, excluding the county tax increase and the additional funds needed for the board of education budget.

THE proposed city tax rate for 1968 is \$133.96. This is based on anticipated city operating increases for the current year, using the 1967 county tax rate and the 1967 funds that were raised for school purposes. The county tax rate for 1968 has increased \$1 and the amount to be raised through taxation for the local schools will add another 64 cents, making the total tax rate \$135.60 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Tiedemann revealed that for the past three years the chamber have been pointing out to the administration the need to rid itself of the many employees on the city payroll who are not needed or are "difficult to account for." He said that this only burdens the loyal, dedicated city employees and taxpayers with excessive and unnecessary expenses.

THE CHAMBER adopted a strongly worded resolution on the tax picture.

The resolution said: "Since it is apparent by the actions of the local administration that they have a complete disregard for the taxpayers of the city of Hoboken, we intend to pursue a course of action to insure the security and future of Hoboken."

"This action must be taken to protect citizens and businesses of Hoboken from being forced out of the community. We intend, with cooperation of many citizens groups who have already expressed concern, to prove to the local administration that the citizens of this town do not intend to be forced out of town or out of business."

THE chamber's main weapon will be the Wolz Report, a study of the city operation aimed at economy and efficiency.

Until now, the chamber has kept the report's contents under wraps. But it is now expected to start making public the reports on the findings and what the city is doing to implement the many suggestions for economy.

Cite Welfare
Takeover
By State

Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken said today that the city's estimated tax rate of \$135.60 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 1968 will be reduced before the City Council is asked to act upon it at the March 6 budget hearing in Hoboken High School.

"After meeting yesterday with officials of the state Division of Public Welfare, there is little doubt that the state will take over the administration of public assistance in Hoboken," he said.

"IT WAS THEIR feeling that the state will go along with Hoboken's request and the city should receive a formal acknowledgment within a few days."

"Meanwhile, the city must send the state a statement certifying the amounts that had been appropriated for welfare in 1967 and 1968."

When it receives acknowledgment for the state, Hoboken will become the ninth community in New Jersey to have its welfare program administered by state officials. According to one member of the state Welfare Division, Hoboken will be the largest community in population of the nine.

THE MAYOR SAID that the agreement with the state would remain in operation as long as Hoboken was eligible and qualified to be administered by the state.

"If we were under this program last year, the city would have saved \$237,600 in welfare costs," he said. "Last year Hoboken received \$229,000 from the state. If we had been under its administration we would have received \$767,000."

DePascale estimated that the state takeover of the welfare program would save the city between \$300,000 and \$500,000 this year and will reflect a reduction in the city's 1968 municipal operating budget.

"THERE WILL definitely be a reduction, but at this time it is not possible to say how much," he added. "We should know sometime next week."

It remains to be seen whether the reduction will satisfy the chamber of commerce and local property owners who are greatly disturbed by the sudden jump in the tax rate. Last year's tax rate was \$108.97 per thousand.

DePascale and chamber officials met again Tuesday afternoon for a two-hour session on the budget, but according to the mayor, little was accomplished.

NO FURTHER meetings have been scheduled. However, the city is to get in touch with the chamber should there be any new developments in the budget that might reduce the rate.

The mayor said that a large portion of the session was devoted to explaining exactly why the budget had gone up.

"There isn't any one special reason," DePascale said. "It is a combination of ingredients."

"LAST YEAR we had a \$680,000 surplus to work with that we haven't got this year. We have \$144,000 less from the state for the 1968 portion of the 1968-69 school year and a \$148,000 salary increase for school personnel for that same period."

"Salary, longevity and pension payments have added another \$417,000 to the budget. The city has to make up \$196,000 emergency welfare appropriation made last year and add \$125,000 extra to the 1968 welfare costs."

"In all, this adds up to more than \$1,699,000 over and above the 1967 operating figure, or \$31 more on the tax rate. About \$6 of this was offset by other sources of income, leaving a tax increase of \$25."

HOBOKEN PROPERTY is either losing its value or is failing to produce revenue for the city at the same rate of past years.

DePascale said that only a few years ago a tax increase of \$1 would have meant about \$84,000 in revenue for the city. But for that same \$1 today, the city is only getting about \$54,000.

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Hoboken Taxes Criticized Chamber President Predicts Budget Battle

Hoboken Chamber of Commerce has pictured the mile-square-city hall as a dingy and unclean building within a structure disgraced by filthy pigeon roosts on the outside entrance, and the seat of an administration during past years that has driven both residential and industrial taxpayers elsewhere.

The chamber board of directors, meeting at a luncheon in the Marlin Room not far from the soon-to-be demolished Barbary Coast area in lower Hoboken, made public their personaly sponsored updated findings of the "Wolz Report." This is a fact finding review of both municipal and school operating budgets during the year 1967—a report aimed toward a stable tax rate.

Chamber President Charles J. Tiedemann, an executive associated with Bethlehem Shipyard (one of the city's top three taxpayers) presided at yesterday's board meeting. He predicted the Mar. 6 public hearing on the proposed 1968 budget in Hoboken High School will "really be a battle of the budget, by both individual home owners and by representatives of industry."

The meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. Said Tiedemann: "A marching legion of irate taxpayers. Not agreeable to accept the tax proposals of a city council that is pro-administration, will vociferously express their demands for more economical government." The Hoboken Chamber official predicted Hoboken High School will be filled to capacity the night of the public hearing.

Mayor Louis DePascale quoted as saying he is "appalled" at the chamber of commerce attitude toward the proposed tax hike this year due to both mandatory and increased costs plus salary hikes for all employees, declined comment last night on charges by chamber officials that Hoboken's budget is overloaded with employees and "other expense" items that may be eliminated. Hoboken's proposed tax rate

for 1968 is \$135.60 per \$1,000 assessed valuation compared with the 1967 rate of \$108.97.

In a prepared statement after yesterday's chamber session, Tiedemann said: "A breeze of discontent is stirring over this city. It is, at the moment, small and chilled. A continued tax policy, such as we are witnessing at this time, shall stir this plagued city into an irresistible storm, the like of which present and previous administration have never had to cope."

"Is the administration of this city prepared to assess the homeowner, business and industry with the penance of a tax burden that is not brought about by their iniquities but by complacent administration and questionable acceptance of welfare and operational costs that make one and all ask 'Why do we stay?'"

Hopes to Stay
The Bethlehem executive added: "There are greener pastures accessible to all. Pastures that will alleviate the cancer that afflicts Hoboken. However, it is expensive to move and both industry and individual home owners would prefer to remain if it is economically feasible, and we intend to see that it remains feasible. Deserving employees on the city payroll have struggled for and received minimal pay increases, and are just beginning to rub the sleep out of their eyes. Even the tax lines that we try to hold are vulnerable in many areas because of the expenses of other taxing bodies that we are faced with."

"I do trust that one and all will not accept this as inevitable but will examine all so-called mandatory expenses, as well as expenses that are controlled by our city administration and question and demand economies within the areas that our city administration should accept as community mandate."

Actually, the much publicized Wolz report, compiled in an updated status in November, last year, is divided into two sections. A 57-page outline deals with municipal operations in section 1 and in section 2, the report deals with suggested economies and statistics concerning Hoboken's school government.

Technically detailed and involved in comparison of expenses of Hoboken's municipal government with that of private industry and in some instances with other municipalities, the chamber's Wolz report deals mainly with criticism of too many employees and "other expense" items in the city budget, this year as in the past.

Decay Man-Made
One part of the report reads: "Physical conditions of urban development or urban decay are man-made, and reflect the background of political administration over a long period of time. (In this regard, Mayor DePascale points out since he was elected in 1965, he has reduced the tax rate two years in succession)."

The report continues: "High spending over the years, and the absence of constructive improvement of facilities discouraged and drove out the people who first built the city of Hoboken. Decay set in which brought about the existing conditions of old and worn out water and sewer facilities and municipal buildings neglected and in disrepair, despite the inordinately high spending that has prevailed."

"Only one new school has been built in over 40 years, and at present Hoboken's debt limitation is exhausted," the report reads.

It adds: "First observation on arriving at Hoboken city hall, with the large sign captioned 'Invest in Hoboken'—the disrepair of the city hall building, the filthy pigeon roost in the entranceway, and the dingy and unclean interior of city hall. These conditions would not encourage investment in the city of Hoboken."

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Chamber's
Jobs Spur
Review
DePascale Eyes
Budget for Cuts

By PETER HALLAM

The Hoboken Chamber of Commerce has two phrases that are forcing Mayor Louis DePascale and his administration to take a long, hard look at the city's 1968 municipal operating budget — "future expansion" and "continued residency."

In a statement on a recent meeting with the mayor, during which the chamber vehemently protested the proposed 1968 budget, the chamber said: "Industry and business must look closely at their estimated year end results and determine the advisability of future expansion or continued residency in the city of Hoboken."

A curtailment of proposed expansion by local industry would not be a crushing blow to the right away. However, the loss of two or three more of its industrial giants would have an impact that the city might not be able to recover from.

MOST of the city's current economic problems can be traced directly or indirectly to the flight of industry to better climes. The Lipton Tea Co. is gone. Todd Shipyards is closed. The vast majority of the waterfront piers are inactive.

The impact of this loss was pointed out by the mayor who says that the city now gets only \$54,000 in revenue for every \$1 increase in the tax rate. Only a few years ago, a \$1 increase enriched the city treasury by \$84,000.

"The Hoboken Chamber of Commerce now awaits the mayor's action and concurrence with the recommended economies that must be effected if the new utopian image for Hoboken is to be attained as envisioned by our mayor," the statement continued.

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Although both the administration and the chamber have shied away from the term "no-show jobs," persons who are difficult to account for means just that.

THE MAYOR said today that he will meet with all city department directors and councilmen Wednesday for further discussions on trimming the budget.

"I'm sure that we will be able to make some cutbacks while maintaining the proper level of service," he added. "An announcement should be made before the March 6 budget hearing."

DePascale said that if a 10 per cent cut was effected, on any item, the budget would not be approved at the March 6 hearing the amendments would have to be re-advised and another public hearing held.

THE TAX RATE for the last three years, including the proposed rate for 1968, averages out to about \$117 a year," the mayor pointed out.

"This is still \$2 a year lower than when I came into office," he added. "The council, directors and I will make every effort to reduce this even further."

"We will be trying to take a little from here and a little from there with the end result of an additional reduction," he remarked.

DePascale is counting on at least a \$3 reduction in the tax rate through the administrative take over the city's welfare program by the state. The city's formal request and certification of how much was spent on welfare last year and anticipated for this year should be sent to Trenton today or tomorrow. The application has to be in by March 1.

CASH IN HAND

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'MODEL CITIES' CHECK—Community Affairs Commissioner Paul N. Ylvisaker (left) presents Hoboken Mayor Louis De Pascale with a check for \$4,500 — one-fourth of an \$18,000 State Model Cities grant awarded to the city by the State Community Affairs Department. The grant will allow Hoboken to supplement its Model Cities staff freeing more of its \$99,000 Federal Model Cities grant for other portions of the program. Hoboken is only New Jersey community to get both Federal and State grants.

RED CROSS PROCLAMATION — Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken signs proclamation making February "Heart Month" in Hoboken, while Mrs. James F. Quinn, local drive chairman, looks on. In rear are, from left, Mrs. Charles Hennessey, Hoboken co-chairman; Norbert Cadamuro, county campaign chairman, and Mrs. Ernest Blohm, Hoboken co-chairman.

Vitale's Staff Increased to 5 J.J. 2/16/68

2 More Hoboken Sanitation Inspectors

Two additional employees of Hoboken's Public Works Department have been made special police officers and are now performing the duties of sanitation inspectors for the city, Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today.

Vitale reported that Justo DeLaTorre and Joseph Nobile have been given special police powers and thus increased his staff of sanitation inspectors to five. Joseph Gilday, Francis Wallington and Theodore Calabrese are the other three inspectors.

"I EXPECT the addition of two more men will greatly increase the effectiveness of the city's clean-up program," Vitale said.

said. "It was just a little too much for the three men."

Vitale said that the two additional men give him some mobility in preparing work schedules for the inspectors.

"I don't think I will have anyone working from midnight to 8 a.m. but now I at least have enough men to cover the city for the remaining 16 hours of the day," he explained.

He added that he thought DeLaTorre would be an asset since he spoke Spanish and could communicate with the city's Spanish-speaking residents.

"PART OF HIS DUTIES will be to talk with them besides issuing summons for littering," Vitale said.

The director said that he is thinking about having some of the inspectors work nights and split shifts, but he had not reached a final decision on it.

According to Vitale, the city is still far from being what he would call a clean community. He said that many of the problems the city first faced two years ago when it started the clean-up campaign still prevail. Some, he added, are committed more frequently today than they were then.

Vitale said that he hoped to curb these violations with his new inspectors and felt that there would be a marked improvement if they do their job.

Criticizes Mounting Cost J.J. 2/26/68

Cilento Asks Full Probe Of Hoboken Welfare

A thorough investigation of Hoboken's welfare program by a five-man team headed by the Hoboken Chamber of Commerce was urged today by former Hudson County Freeholder, Anthony J. Cilento.

"Such a probe is definitely called for in view of the city's mounting welfare rolls," he said. "Just last week, the council approved another welfare bill well over the \$100,000 mark. It's time someone looked into it to see if the rules and regulations are being followed."

CILENTO suggested that the five-man panel consist of Austin Tighe, Enrico Gnassi, Councilman John J. Palmieri and two members from the chamber. Tighe, Gnassi and Palmieri all are former welfare directors.

"There is absolutely no reason why a city the size of Hoboken should have such large welfare bills unless something is wrong," Cilento said. "It is my opinion that there has been a break

down in investigating the cases applying for welfare."

CILENTO, the city's former Republican leader, said that he was 100 per cent behind the chamber in its criticism of the city tax rate.

"The chamber has taken a positive approach to the solution of Hoboken's financial problems," he continued. "Its Wolz Report may not be 100 per cent correct in its conclusions, but there is much in it that is sound and should be implemented by the city."

"It's time for good, clean, efficient government. If this means following the Wolz Report, then let's follow it. From the effectiveness of the present city administration, I'd say we have very little to lose by trying the suggestions."

Hoboken J.J. 2/5/68

Chamber's Wolz Report Still Mystery to Public

Most Hoboken residents and taxpayers are still wondering exactly what is contained in the chamber of commerce's Wolz Report, including several members of the City Council who claim that they have yet to see a copy.

The current report is a revised edition of the study done by the chamber in 1964 during the administration of then mayor John J. Grogan. That report made numerous suggestions for economy in the municipal operation, but none of them were ever adopted.

THE FIRST report was estimated to have cost the chamber around \$10,000. The revised report is believed to cost somewhat less.

Mayor DePascale has had a copy of the report for almost a month or has known what it contained for at least that long.

THE CHAMBER and its president, Charles Tiedemann, has been meeting with DePascale for that long and discussing the report and what it would do to help offset the estimated tax increase for 1968.

However, some of the councilmen claim that they haven't been invited to attend these sessions with the chamber and that no one has taken the time to acquaint them with what is in the current edition of the Wolz Report.

"I DON'T think it is intentional," said one council member, "but I feel very stupid when residents of my ward ask me what

is going on and I can't truthfully answer them."

"If only to keep the councilmen informed, I think it would be wise to invite all of them to attend these discussions. After all, we are the ones who are going to have to approve or reject the mayor's budget."

INFORMED sources say that the main reason the report has not been made public is because it is embarrassing to the present administration, particularly concerning the number of municipal employees.

The report is said to recommend sweeping measures for the administration to rid itself of many employees who are not needed or are "difficult to account for."

THE WOLZ Report can be looked at two ways, one political observer said. "As applied toward a business, it is a factual survey which would probably effect some measure of economy," he said. "But apply it to the city and you have political suicide for the mayor."

"The practice of rewarding the politically faithful with jobs is still going on in Hoboken, as it is in just about every other community in the country, the state and the nation. It is a political way of life and isn't going to change until the people who elect officials ask nothing for their support except good

Engineering Survey 2/21/68

Report on Todd Shipyard Delaying Sale of Property

The tentative sale of the idle Todd Shipyard property in Hoboken and Weehawken to National Teleplex, a producer of TV films, is being temporarily held up until an engineers' report on the property has been completed.

Four New York engineers spent several hours surveying the property last week for the prospective buyers. Their report is due shortly, according to Louis Tamarin, a local real estate man who is handling the transaction.

THE PROPERTY, including offshore land, totals about 40½ acres and is owned by Todd and the federal government's General Services Administration. The property is about equally divided between GSA and Todd.

According to informed city sources, the firm company has offered \$1,200,000 for the property which would be shared equally by Todd and GSA.

HOWEVER, Todd owes Hoboken more than \$500,000 in back taxes and Weehawken more than \$165,000, not including additional taxes and interest for the current year. In order to give the firm company a clear title to its property, Todd would have to pay the back taxes since the company won't assume that responsibility and go over its initial outlay of \$1,200,000.

To circumvent this, Todd has suggested turning over its property to Weehawken and Hoboken in exchange for a paid up tax bill from the two municipalities.

Hoboken and Hoboken can then sell the property to the firm company and share the sale price with GSA.

Both Hoboken and Weehawken tax experts have recommended that the two municipalities accept the offer.

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Hoboken "CC" Concerned Over Coming Tax Raise

Hoboken Chamber of Commerce, representing major taxpayers in the city, yesterday expressed critical concern over the proposed municipal tax hike that represents a 23 per cent increase for both home owners and industry this year.

Charles J. Tiedemann, president of Hoboken Chamber, officiated at a special meeting in offices of Bethlehem Shipyard where he is an executive officer. He urged, "Action must be taken by business and citizens to protect against a forced exodus from the Mile-Square-City due to increased taxation."

Yesterday, former Hudson County Freeholder Anthony J. Ciento, head of GOP action committee, asked residents to form a "taxpayer's rebellion" to oppose Mayor Louis DePascale's proposed tax hike from the \$108.97 figure to \$133.96, not including county and school taxes that

could account for an additional \$1.50 to \$2 increase.

Tiedemann concurred with Ciento's suggestion by pointing out, "While the Hoboken budget indicated a tax rise of more than 23 percent, the county tax increase as well as the Hoboken school budget increase has not been included. With these items, the increase to Hoboken taxpayers may well exceed 30 percent."

Sees "Good Fight" Contacted at his Bethlehem Shipyard office yesterday afternoon, Tiedemann said, "I have no further comment at this time."

Referring to the upcoming public hearing on the municipal budget, he added, "It should be a good fight in the interest of all taxpaying residents and business firms."

Throughout the city yesterday, owners of individual homes indicated they will be forced to hike tenant rents immediately in anticipation of the tax rate. And at two of the city's hotel, an owner and a manager also expressed the opinion that rentals will be increased as of Mar. 1.

Charles Cullinane of Alco-Gravure Co. in the city, pointed out, "This means the local industries must increase their volume of business by a substantial amount to compensate for such an increase in taxes. For example, a business so fortunate to earn five per cent profit and paying \$100,000 in taxes must generate more than \$600,000 in new business to cover

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that if anything should happen you are guaranteed that within three minutes from the time you pick up a phone, fire department personnel will be at your house. For the same price you can go to work knowing that all your possessions retain the same protection."

"Where can you buy this kind of insurance?"

Ask Support "Therefore, we are asking for your support in our plight to afford our families a living wage by means of arbitration which the city of Hoboken has refused."

Later yesterday, Mayor DePascale, steadfastly refusing to enter into arbitration, told newsmen he has never refused to negotiate further with the fire department representatives. He also indicated yesterday that his offer of a \$200 hike in pay and the paid hospitalization still stands. In a prepared statement, DePascale said,

"Firemen this year are getting the equivalent of \$700 at a time when Hoboken is facing drastic financial problems and taking firm steps to cut expenses."

He pointed out that the city has offered the men a \$200 across-the-board pay raise, effective last January; paid hospitalization for the men and their families, which is the equivalent of \$250, and the balance of their longevity pay which is equal to another \$250.

"I honestly feel the salary adjustments I recommended are equitable in view of the financial circumstances facing our city," said DePascale. "It's what Hoboken can afford."

Surprise Move Frank Boye of U. S. Testing and chairman of the Chambers' Taxation Committee said "The announcement was a surprise move by the local administration, since they had indicated in meetings earlier this month that the tax rate would increase about 10 per cent."

Ben Cutrone of Standard Brands said "Irresponsible action if this type was certainly no inducement for business in Hoboken to remain—let alone expand."

Tiedemann said "During the past three years the Chamber of Commerce had been pointing out to the administration the need to rid itself of the many employees on the city payroll who are not needed or are difficult to account for. This only burdens the loyal dedicated city employees and taxpayers with excessive and unnecessary expenses."

In conclusion, chamber officials adopted the following resolution: "Since it is apparent by the actions of the local administration that they have a complete disregard for the taxpayers of the City of Hoboken, we intend to pursue a course of action to insure the security and future of Hoboken."

This action must be taken to protect the citizens and businesses of Hoboken from being forced out of the community. We intend, with the cooperation of many citizens groups who have already expressed concern, to prove to the local administration that the citizens of this town do not intend to be forced out of town or out of business."

The chamber's attitude toward the proposed 1968 Hoboken budget and Ciento's urging a "taxpayer's rebellion" indicates the public hearing, scheduled for Mar. 6 at 8 p. m. in the high school auditorium will be well attended.

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The project will consist of four 20-story apartment buildings and one 24-story office building. The apartments will rent for \$50 a month per room.

MAYOR DePascale stressed the fact that the project would be owned by a profitmaking corporation and was expected to return more than \$600,000 a year to the city in tax revenues.

The mayor said that Stevens Institute of Technology has expressed interest in leasing one entire apartment building which would be used to house married students and some faculty members.

Again, the city's welfare costs for any one-month period has gone over the \$100,000 mark. The council is expected to approve a public assistance figure of \$106,114.38.

Report Says Hoboken Is Overstaffed

Hoboken is employing approximately 200 persons more than other Hudson County communities of equal population, according to figures released today by the Hoboken Chamber of Commerce from its Wolz Report.

The city employs a total of 718 persons, including police and firemen.

The report is a detailed study of the efficiency and overall cost of the city's municipal operation.

Hoboken last year, spent \$5,281,747 on salaries and wages and other expenses as compared to \$4,264,299 for Union City, \$3,946,675 for North Bergen, Union City has a population of 52,560; North Bergen, 43,800; and Hoboken, 47,000.

'HOBOKEN'S cost per capita is the highest of the three municipalities," the report stated.

"The higher payroll expenditures at Hoboken, based on an average annual salary of \$6,000, represents 200 more city employees on the Hoboken payroll as compared with Union City."

"Administrative policies and practices contribute to the large staff employed by the city of Hoboken, as noted in the following comments."

'GOVERNMENT employees have gained increased wages generally equal to those paid by business and industry, but they have retained such benefits as shorter work hours, longer sick leave and vacations, and leniency of punctuality, attendance and extended sick leaves which should be brought in line with industry practices."

"Hours worked daily and weekly should be brought up to industry levels, and stricter control of attendance records should be required."

"Sick leave allowance of 15 days annually are equivalent to three weeks on the bases of work days, and are cumulative. On terminations employees are usually permitted to collect unused accumulated sick leave."

'SICK LEAVE with pay has in some instances been allowed for periods exceeding a full

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year and far in excess of earned sick leave."

One current example of this is Police Chief Ambrose A. Ryan who will be on sick leave for a year with full pay on Feb. 28. Law and Public Safety Director E. Norman Wilson admitted only a few days ago that he had not yet checked the chief's sick leave record for past years.

"IN LINE with higher wage rates," the report continued, "comparable with industry, personnel policies and practices should be revised in similar manner. And, a full day's work for a full day's pay should be required of all municipal employees. Improved effectiveness and productivity could further reduce staffs from the levels specified in this report."

The first department mentioned for a cutback was the Park Department.

THE REPORT maintained that a staff of 27 employees to care for three municipal parks was too large with a total of \$55,336 in annual salaries.

A field survey of the three parks — Church Square Park, Stevens Park and Elysian Park — showed only 12 men working.

It was theorized that 12 men would be enough to do the job with an annual combined salary of \$55,080.

THE REPORT next scored the city street cleaners who are currently assigned on a seven-day schedule.

"This service is costly and largely ineffective because the curbs and gutters are mostly obstructed with parked automobiles," it said. "The work performed is little more than picking up papers and small trash."

"Work schedule should be limited to a 5-day week and, if Sunday work is required, days off should be co-ordinated with mechanized sweeping to eliminate double coverage that now exists. Manual street sweeping should be restricted to areas where needed."

THE REPORT suggested the elimination of 13 employees from the street department, reducing it to 20 employees with an annual payroll of \$94,300 compared to the present payroll of \$152,600.

Of all the city departments, the one hardest hit was the police force.

Hoboken's police department had a total staff of 144 personnel at budget time last year. This included uniform and civilian personnel. But Hoboken had 137 actual policemen compared to 99 for Union City and 105 for North Bergen.

COMPARING the number of miles of city streets, Hoboken, has 36 miles; Union City, 35 miles, and North Bergen, 30 miles. Hoboken has 2.96 police officers for every 1,000 of population. North Bergen has 2.40 and Union City has 1.88.

"The above data indicates considerable similarity of Hoboken and Union City of square-mile area and miles of street, but Union City serves 5,590 (about 11 per cent) more population having similar ethnic origins."

"Compared with North Bergen Township, the latter population is about 10 per cent smaller than Hoboken but the square mile area is almost four times greater, and street miles 40 per cent more than Hoboken."

"ON THE basis of population of Union City and Hoboken (at the same rate per 1,000 population for police officers), the Hoboken police force would comprise 88 men as compared with the actual force of 137—an indicated excess of 51 police officers."

At the average annual salary of \$7,200, the excess cost amounts to about \$367,000.00."

The report further states that modern administrative procedures are not being followed and data on incidence of crime by time of day and location are not being compiled.

"OTHER factors causing excess staffing are: lengthy vacation allowances, sick-leaves with pay beyond authorized periods, assignment of officers to non-police activities, police officers on parking meter violations and other special duty assignment," the report added.

"Recommend reorganization of police department, appointment of qualified police administrator, either by promotion from within of capable officer-administrator, or from outside; elimination of any political influence, and adopting of modern police training and administrative procedures."

RECOMMEND maximum staff of 125 police officers. There are five police officers assigned to non-police duties and at least three assigned to parking meters, others on special duty, and reduction of non-critical duty tours. These changes would not materially impair effective police manpower. Decrease in budget appropriation — 15 positions at average annual salary of \$7,200 amounts to \$108,000.

As of Sept. 1967, there were 143 in the department. The report recommends the number of captains be reduced from six to five; lieutenants from 16 to 10; sergeants from 20 to 15; patrolmen, from 94 to 91. Three non-uniform personnel could also be eliminated.

NO recommendations were made for a reduction in the number of firemen. However, it was suggested that the city consolidate its firehouses into three central locations and re-evaluate actual requirements for the number of engine and truck and ladder companies needed to provide adequate fire protection. Personnel policies and operational procedures should be reorganized for more effective utilization of manpower.

The report suggested that a full time city engineer and building inspector be hired at the same annual salary it is paying Patrick L. Caulfield. It points out that Caulfield is only working part-time since he also conducts his own business as a professional engineer.

HOBOKEN is advised to continuously re-examine its tax exempt properties to establish validity of exemptions and potential for restoring public owned property to the tax rolls. According to the report, 40.5 per cent (or \$55,631,200) of the city's ratables are tax exempt properties.

License and permit fees should be increased, the report said. Many of the current rates were established about 30 years ago and are now much below rates charged by other communities. The re-examination and in-line increases with the higher cost of services should substantially increase revenue from these sources.

THE REPORT also found some areas within the board of education that could stand re-evaluation.

The 1967, the board had 266 classes in the school system and 334 teachers. Although the additional teaching staffs are assigned to special subjects and to provide substitutes when needed, the reports said that a review of the number of classes and teacher assignments indicates that full-time teaching schedules are required.

Hoboken city officials were at first reluctant to say if they would comply with any of the recommendations made in the report. However, Mayor Louis DePascale has taken the position that the city can possibly implement some of the suggestions and reduce the city's overall tax rate for 1968 which currently stands at \$135.60.

Hoboken Firemen To Picket Protest Refusal To Negotiate

By PETER HALLAM

Hoboken firemen are planning to picket City Hall Monday in protest against the city's refusal to negotiate any further on wage and benefit increases for 1968, a spokesman said today.

In a joint statement released by officials of the Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association and Locals 1076 and 1078 of the International Association of Fire Fighters and Officials, the firemen said: "We feel that the door has been shut in our face since the mayor has refused to continue negotiations."

THE FIREMEN reported that the Hudson County Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, had met with the mayor Monday. The council was intervening in the dispute in the hope that it could accomplish what the firemen could not.

"We are expecting to get help in this protest from firemen in other towns, as well as our state and national organizations," they said.

Basically, the firemen were looking for a 10 per cent across-the-board raise for all department members, 12 paid holidays a year, time and a half for overtime and paid hospitalization for the men and their families.

THE BEST THE CITY has done is to give them a take-it-or-leave-it offer of \$200 across the board and the paid hospitalization. The police department and non-uniformed city employees have accepted the offer.

"We are willing to settle for less than our original request," they said.

Little was accomplished at the session, but another meeting was scheduled for yesterday morning. However, DePascale called it off at the last minute, the firemen said.

"By refusing to grant us a rational procedure to settle our differences, the city has forced us to take action that is as distasteful to us as it is to city officials," he said.

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Current PLANS call for pickets to parade around City Hall from at least 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the possibility of continuing it until later at night if additional support is received from other communities.

"But Mayor DePascale has refused to budge from his original offer. He also refuses to submit the problem to arbitration, mediation or fact finding, leaving us with few alternatives."

"We have polled most of the councilmen," said Capt. Ray M. Falco, Local 1078 president. "They are in sympathy with us but can't vote the way they would like to because of the current budget problems."

THE FIREMEN added that they expected reprisals for the picketing action from the city, but they were ready to take whatever the city did.

They added that there were no immediate plans for a work slowdown or curtailment of non-essential service at this time.

"Right now, all we want is the opportunity to continue negotiating with the city," they added.

"North Bergen is facing the same problem as Hoboken of increasing operational costs. Officials of that community have offered their firemen a \$300 raise, a longevity plan superior to ours and a \$100 clothing allowance. They have had paid hospitalization for several years."

THE IMPORTANT thing about their negotiations is that city officials there have expressed a willingness to continue them should the firemen decide that they aren't satisfied with the current offer."

"There were problems in Jersey City also. But officials there were willing to submit them to binding arbitration."

Two special meetings have been scheduled for tomorrow afternoon and evening to brief all firemen on what the three organizations are planning to do. Following the sessions, officials will notify police that pickets will be placed around City Hall Monday.

It will be the second time in recent years that pickets have marched around City Hall. Police and firemen staged a similar protest over a wage increase.

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Chamber Hit By DePascale On Wolz

Mayor Louis DePascale today charged the city's chamber of commerce with taking advantage of his administration which, according to the mayor, had cooperated fully with the chamber in preparing the critical Wolz Report.

"It was my understanding that the information collected for the report would be used solely by the chamber to evaluate the municipal operation," the mayor said. "The original agreement did not call for the report to be made public and place the city in a bad light."

"DURING THE PERIOD in which Wolz compiled his figures, he received the utmost cooperation from all city employees and departments. Nothing was withheld from him and every question was answered," DePascale said.

"In addition, I have told the chamber that the council and myself would do everything possible to reduce the tax rate through implementation of recommendations made in the Wolz Report," the mayor added.

"The chamber is belittling the city without giving the administration a chance to show how successful its efforts to reduce the budget have been."

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Renewal Site Funds OK Seen Hoboken to Aid Improvements

The Hoboken City Council was expected to approve today a resolution authorizing the city to assist the housing authority in the installation of \$100,500 worth of site improvements in the Hudson Street Urban Renewal area.

The agreement is the last requirement the city must meet before it will start receiving more than \$3,000,000 from the federal government for purchasing property in the area.

Hoboken and its housing authority plan to build a five-building apartment and commercial complex on the three-block site between First and Fourth Streets, bounded by Hudson and River Streets. The complex is estimated to cost over \$30,000,000.

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NEGOTIATIONS RENEWED—Members of Hoboken fire department were joined by several other municipal firefighters during yesterday's picket demonstration outside city hall in the Mile-Square-City. An estimated 125 men picketed in effort to get Mayor Louis DePascale's consent to renewed salary and job benefit negotiations. (Story below)

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Mayor Agrees to See Firemen on Raises Again After 350 Picket

Disagree On Amount Of Benefits

After demonstrating for three and a half hours in front of city hall, Hoboken firemen yesterday achieved what they had set out to get: The reopening of negotiations with the city for better wages and other benefits for 1968.

Following a meeting with representatives of the Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association and Locals 1076 and 1067 of the International Association of Fire Fighters and Officers, Mayor Louis DePascale agreed to a non-time discussion Thursday morning at 10.

The demonstrators were immediately sent home by their leaders.

IN ALL, more than 350 firemen participated in the demonstration at one time or another. Units from West New York, North Bergen, Jersey City, Union City, Irvington, Rahway, West Orange, Elizabeth and Woodbridge took part. So did state and national officials of the IAFF.

Although the mayor has agreed to continue negotiating with the firemen, he has left little doubt that he doesn't believe there is much of a chance to improve on what he has already offered them. The firemen rejected a \$200 across-the-board increase and paid hospitalization for themselves and their families, starting July 1.

THE MAYOR added up the benefits offered to Hoboken firemen and said they amounted to \$700 "in a year when we are making drastic reductions to keep our tax rate down."

"I recommended salary adjustments which I felt were equitable in view of the financial circumstances facing our city," the mayor said.

"In fact," he added, "members of our fire department are receiving more benefits this year than in many previous years."

HE SAID the city has offered the men \$200 across-the-board effective last January; paid hospitalization for the men and their families, equal to \$250 a year, and the balance of their longevity pay which is the equivalent of another \$250.

The firemen maintain that since paid hospitalization will not go into effect until July 1, it does not represent a \$250 pay increase. They added that longevity does not equal \$250 either.

The mayor said he recognized the right of the firemen to picket and demonstrate for what they feel is right. "That is their privilege," he said.

"THIS YEAR," he declared, "our city is faced with uncontrollable financial problems, and we must take drastic measures to meet them. Taking these circumstances into consideration, I feel the offer to the firemen is as just and equitable as our city can afford."

He added, however, that if the financial picture brightens in the future, "I am always ready and willing to sit down with fire groups to discuss wages and working conditions."

ALTHOUGH the firemen still aren't any closer to settling their dispute with the city than they were before demonstrating, they feel that they accomplished what they set out to do.

"Our protest wasn't designed to get the raise," they said, "but to get the city to reopen negotiations."

While the men were marching around city hall, other volunteers were stationed at the four corners passing out literature to citizens, explaining the reason for the demonstration.

THE LATTER included an "open letter" which read: "It has been said that the department of public safety is mainly responsible for our high taxes. We should like to take this opportunity to state that not only are we not the cause, but that for your tax dollar the fire department is the most inexpensive service you can buy.

"We are asking for your support in our plight to afford our families a living wage by means of arbitration, which the City of Hoboken has refused."

John Brandon, state president of the IAFF, said he has 100 per cent behind the two Hoboken locals.

"How long can we ask these men to protect our lives and property for a low and inadequate salary structure?" he asked. "Certainly their dedication and efficiency is not inadequate when they are called upon to lay their lives on the line when the alarm rings.

FOR MANY years, the fire-fighters have supported legislation to prevent such action. The legislators have failed in their duty to cope with this mounting problem.

"It is our hope that the state, in the near future, will pass legislation to give public employees the right to have mediation and arbitration and prevent action such as this. We want to have the right to negotiate and prevent action such as this. We want to have the right to negotiate an adequate salary with city officials that will eliminate strikes and demonstrations."

Hoboken Budget

\$369,352 Slash Cited by DePascale

Following a three-hour conference with members of Hoboken City Council yesterday morning, Mayor Louis DePascale announced a cut in the overall budget amounting to \$369,352 and a reduction of the original estimated tax rate for this year. The budget total figure is \$8,329,088.

And, while he did not spell it out in detail, it is reported the Hoboken official may be forced to eliminate some workers from the city payroll in the not too distant future.

DePascale said the new tax rate, originally estimated at \$136.55, will now be about \$129 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. Last year's rate was \$108.97. The new rate will reflect increased county and school taxes, he added.

As the result of Mayor DePascale's announcement, the following action is seen in order regarding city council's final adoption of the 1968 municipal budget: On Mar. 6 the public hearing will be held as scheduled at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Council President Thomas A. Gallo will then introduce the budget deletions recommended by DePascale yesterday. After residents are afforded an opportunity to speak, the hearing will be adjourned.

On Mar. 8, a special meeting will be held to introduce the proposed amendments that will lower the budget. Then, at 11 a.m., on Mar. 20 at a regular city council meeting the 1968

budget will be adopted in its revised form.

Went Over Appropriations DePascale said the reduction in department appropriations and other spending was agreed upon during a conference with members of the city council.

At the meeting the mayor went over each budget item with the councilmen.

The mayor pointed out that when he took office three years ago the tax rate was \$119.50. This, he emphasized, has averaged out to a \$3 a year increase at a time when costs of government have been skyrocketing and expenses have been soaring everywhere.

"I am pleased that Hoboken's tax rate will still be among the lowest to be found anywhere in this area," he declared.

The mayor reported he and the councilmen felt that "drastic steps had to be taken to meet a serious financial situation that confronted our city."

Postpone Improvements "For that reason," he pointed out, "we have trimmed every item possible where it would not seriously affect the services and everyday operation of our city government. We also put off until some other time a series of improvements which we had in mind for several departments."

The mayor said \$259,718 was taken from "other expenses," \$42,000 from capital improvements and \$67,634 was dropped from salary accounts. This means, he said, that the original budget of \$8,698,440 will be reduced by \$369,352, reflecting a drop in the tax rate of nearly 8%.

DePascale estimated that "about \$67,000 worth of salaries have been taken out of the 1968 budget."

"We felt that despite the rising costs of government on all levels this was a year in which Hoboken must continue to tighten its belt and trim any item that would not seriously affect our services to the residents of the city," said the mayor.

"This is what has been done and the council is now prepared to adopt an amending resolution, calling for a reduction in the originally proposed budget," he added.

Hoboken has been allocated \$2.5 million as the initial grant under the "Model Cities" federal program, Mayor Louis DePascale announced yesterday. The funds are designated to train unskilled residents and to upgrade the skills of others.

Notified by the U. S. Labor Department of the grant, to (Turn to Page 8 Column 2)

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channeled through New Jersey Department of Labor and Industry, DePascale said, "I'm happy to announce this is the first step in preparing the groundwork for rebuilding our city. It is a great stimulus for the city's economy."

The Hoboken mayor said he plans to have the federal funds and the training program administered by the city's anti-poverty agency, HOPES, headed by Raymond G. Clyons. Under the "Model Cities" program, it has been estimated about one third of the downtown section of Hoboken will be rehabilitated. DePascale estimated the overall cost would be in excess of \$40 million, funds allocated by the U. S. government.

Explaining the initial federal grant, Mayor DePascale said the city has been granted \$22,000 to plan for the overall program. Details will be worked out at 10 a.m., Tuesday, when he and HOPES Director Clyons are scheduled to confer with Frank W. Henkel, district supervisor of New Jersey Dept. of Labor. The conference will be in Hoboken city hall.

Revealing the U. S. Labor breakdown of the first grant to Hoboken, DePascale outlined the different categories and the stipulated amounts as follows:

—\$1 million for concentrated employment. Under this program HOPES will set up contracts with local industries and business firms to upgrade the skills of Hoboken workers. The government shares in the cost of the training.

—\$942,000 for the Manpower Development Training Act. Under this program the unskilled worker will receive training to improve his job and his income. The unemployed will also be taught skills.

To Train for Civil Service —\$340,000 for "new careers." Under this phase of the program young Hoboken residents will train for civil service positions in public employment and for hospital careers and other positions.

—\$125,000 for "Operation Mainstream." This will deal mainly with residents over 50 years of age with family responsibilities. In order to provide them with additional training for better jobs, provisions will be made for children day camps and other assistance projects.

—\$22,000 has been set aside by the government for Hoboken to plan for the overall program.

Mayor DePascale said the city should be ready to present its plan for approval by Apr. 1 and the program should be set to go into motion by June 1. Said the Hoboken official:

"It is our hope that the state, in the near future, will pass legislation to give public employees the right to have mediation and arbitration and prevent action such as this. We want to have the right to negotiate and prevent action such as this. We want to have the right to negotiate an adequate salary with city officials that will eliminate strikes and demonstrations."

One police source reported

Heavy Case Load Cited Hoboken Seeking Ways To Update Court System

Time and an increase in volume are rapidly outdating the procedures used by Hoboken's violations bureau in handling motor vehicle summonses. However, the problems are recognized and efforts are being made to streamline the system.

According to Court Clerk Frank Lyle, Municipal Judge Rudolph R. Naddeo has assigned both he and Acting Judge Chris G. Pappas to reevaluate the system.

"WE ARE NOW making arrangements to visit other courts in New Jersey and New York to see how they operate and handle their traffic cases," Lyle said.

"Our current procedures weren't designed to handle the load we now have.

"We are aiming at a more simplified and efficient method of handling traffic cases," he continued.

OVER THE YEARS our volume has been slowly increasing. New city programs such as parking meters, alternate side of the street parking and double parking have added greatly to the load. But our system of handling these violations has not changed."

Lyle added that there were no current plans for a separation of traffic and criminal cases in court. He said that there was, not sufficient volume of either to warrant separate courts.

OFFICIALS of the three firemen's groups — the Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association and Locals 1076 and 1078 of the International Association of Fire-fighters and Officers — said following yesterday's session that the mayor was basically unchanged in his thinking on additional wages and benefits for the men.

The mayor has made a standing offer of \$200 across the board and paid hospitalization, with the latter to go into effect July 1. Policemen and non-uniformed city workers have accepted this offer. However, the firemen almost unanimously rejected it.

YESTERDAY'S meeting was brought about as a direct result of a firemen's demonstration on Monday in front of Hoboken City Hall. More than 350 firemen from Hoboken and other communities participated in the demonstration.

DePascale's offer to the firemen yesterday was unchanged except that he offered to implement the paid hospitalization for the men and their families April 1 instead of July 1. But the firemen did not see this as any significant gain, inasmuch as the police and non-uniformed city workers will be getting it, too.

THE MAYOR has included an additional \$25,000 in his revised operational budget to cover the extra three months of hospitalization for all city employees. This was done before he conferred with the firemen.

The hospitalization is not a certainty since the City Council has not voted on the budget. The public hearing is set for next Wednesday.

According to a spokesman for the three firemen organization, they intend to go back Monday for "one more try."

Lipane added that although he could not speak for all 17 men, there was a general feeling that the PBA was not observing protocol and should not become involved in the matter. He said that since the PBA declined to speak for the men, it should not put itself in a position where it might be forced to speak against them.

"THIS wouldn't be in the best interests of the organization," he said.

According to PBA President Walter Sogliuzzo a meeting must be called since roughly 30 men have signed a petition asking for one. Sogliuzzo said that PBA by-laws require only nine signatures for a special meeting.

Lipane said that if the association went against the men and petitioned the mayor to make no promotions except where there are vacancies, some of the 17 eligible men would probably leave the PBA.

It is generally believed that the PBA will endorse promotions for four men since there are that many sergeant vacancies. However, it will probably oppose the promotions of any of the men to an acting grade of sergeant.

A city-wide crackdown on narcotics users and pushers is about to get under way in Hoboken, it was learned today from an informed police department source. The failure of police to make any arrests on narcotics charges during the month of February has reportedly come to the attention of Mayor Louis DePascale, who has warned nighttime detectives that he will not stand for anything less than an all-out effort.

DETECTIVES working the 4 p.m.-to-midnight and midnight-to-8 a.m. shifts were alerted to this last Friday night and are expected to start putting pressure on all known drug users and pushers within the city.

Acting Capt. August Ricciardi is the night detective commander. He was unavailable for comment.

Capt. Edward Sheehy, the day commander, would not comment, referring all questions to either Acting Chief Walter Fallon or E. Norman Wilson, law and public safety director.

Wilson, when advised of the lack of narcotics arrests during February, said: "There is nothing to lead me to believe that the problem is being neglected at this time."

HE ADDED that Lt. Anthony Rinaldi, who heads the identification bureau, was now handling the narcotics problem presumably using the same procedures used by Sgt. Frank Ferrante before he returned to uniformed duty.

Rinaldi confirmed that he was still working with the detective bureau in the narcotics field, adding that this was in conjunction with his regular duties with the identification bureau. He said that he worked in direct cooperation with the detective bureau and "assisted them when they needed me."

But the detective bureau has its hands full with other problems.

One police source reported

\$369,352 Removed

Few Departments Escape DePascale's Budget Cuts

By PETER HALLAM

Mayor Louis DePascale's \$369,352 reduction in the amount of money Hoboken needs to operate this year has left few departments untouched.

For many departments the reductions have meant a change of plans and programs for the remainder of the year.

IN DEPASCALE'S own office expenses for travel and conventions were dropped from \$500 to \$200 and the \$600 set aside for new office equipment was completely eliminated.

The City Council's plans to purchase \$2,550 in new filing cabinets were cast to the wind with the elimination of these funds from the budget.

OF ALL the cuts, the one DePascale was most reluctant to make was \$30,000 from the division of planning and development. The money was earmarked for use in code enforcement and to formulate and prepare necessary reports, plans, applications for the demonstration city program for 1968 and to prepare applications for federal funds where required.

According to the mayor, the city will have to rely less on outside help on its applications.

IN THE BUSINESS administrator's department, funds for office supplies and stationery were reduced \$1,000 to \$1,900 for the year. Stationery for the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board was eliminated, saving another \$500.

A \$1,500 contribution to the city's youth authority was taken out. The money was for stenographic services and supplies.

HARDEST HIT was the health and welfare department. Reduc-

tions there included \$1,500 in fence repairs, \$1,100 for the July 4 fireworks display, \$500 for replacement ladders, pikes and poles; \$800 for lumber and millwork supplies, \$2,000 for paving and patching of streets and sidewalks, \$2,000 for pipes, fittings and plumbing.

Also, \$468 for uniforms, \$10,000 for a heavy duty dump truck, \$1,500 for a snow plow attachment, \$1,500 for recordings and public announcements, \$6,295 for rent of a carnival truck and merry-go-round and \$1,325 for a new movie camera, projector and sound system.

TRAVEL EXPENSES were reduced from \$2,000 to \$500, trophies and medals for recreation department events were reduced from \$3,605 to \$1,605, and the \$600 set aside for jeep repairs was reduced to \$300.

A \$2,000 item in the public assistance department for new office furniture was eliminated.

THE \$400,000 the city had set aside for public assistance was also reduced to \$250,000 on the basis of the state take-over of welfare administration.

A \$575 reduction was made in the revenue and finance department for office supplies and stationery.

THE PUBLIC WORKS department had the following reductions: \$500 for maintenance of the 11th Street islands, \$250 for rock salt, \$1,150 for corner trash cans, \$1,000 for uniform service, \$825 for grass seed, \$3,000 for vermin control, \$4,500 for plumbing repairs, 45,500 for roof repairs and \$6,175 for general rehabilitation of City Hall.

The police department was hit with more than \$8,300 in reductions. These included deletion of \$750 for supplies and

service, \$3,000 for tear gas, grenades, masks, riot ammunition and guns; and \$2,075 less for jail repairs.

A TOTAL OF \$10,875 was taken out of the fire department. This money was earmarked for replacement of hose, ladders, pipes and poles. Civil Defense items, totaling \$4,000, were reduced \$2,000. The money was for replacement of supplies and repairing of the warning system.

The city's traffic and signal system was also hard hit with cost deductions. More than \$17,000 which would have been used for maintenance and repair was taken out of the budget.

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Hoboken Firemen Cast Ballots on Latest Wage and Benefit Offer

City Cites Concession On Vacations

Hoboken firemen today vote on a new offer from the city on wages and benefits for 1968. The results will either end the dispute between the firemen and the administration or signal the renewal of demonstrations around City Hall.

Representatives of the Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association and Locals 1076 and 1078 of the International Association of Fire Fighters and Officers met yesterday with members of the City Council committee on public safety to hash out an agreement on non-money issues.

ACCORDING TO Councilmen Steve Cappiello and Anthony H. Romano, the city has made a concession on one item the firemen wanted. It is hoped that this concession will help get approval from the rank and file members of the three organizations for the other items the city has offered.

The city originally offered the firemen \$200 across the board and paid hospitalization for each man and his family. The firemen almost unanimously voted to reject the offer, although police and non-uniform employees accepted it.

THIS OFFER has remained unchanged. But now the city is willing to go along with a new vacation schedule for the fire department which will give every man the opportunity of having some vacation time off during the summer months.

Currently, the department is on a seven-month vacation schedule. All men take their vacations between April and October on a rotating basis. Under the current schedule, a man could go for several years before having time off during the months of June, July and August.

CAPPIELLO and Romano said they were willing to go along with the new schedule since it does not curtail service and will not add to the tax burden.

The members of the fire organizations will cast secret ballots at one of two meetings today. They are set for 1 and 8 p.m. in Exempt Hall, 211 Bloomfield St.

IT IS REPORTED that there is some division among leaders of the three organizations because of the city's willingness to accept the new vacation schedule.

The difference is that some men believe that this is little more than a bone on the city's part considering everything else the firemen wanted and didn't get.

AMONG THEIR requests was a 10 per cent across the board raise for everyone, 12 paid holidays a year and a clothing allowance.

Some men argue that they got along for years without a summer vacation and they can still get along without one. But they can't get along without more money.

HOBOKEN FIREMEN paid a debt to Elizabeth firemen yesterday by demonstrating in front of Elizabeth City Hall for that city's firemen who are also seeking increased pay and benefits. Elizabeth firemen participated in Hoboken's demonstration last week.

It is reported that Elizabeth city officials made an offer of a \$1,500 across-the-board raise over three years only 15 minutes after the demonstration started. The Elizabeth firemen rejected the offer and continued demonstrating.

Firemen in Elizabeth receive a maximum pay of \$7,300 a year. Hoboken firemen get \$6,850.

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Hoboken Schools Get \$54,577 for Programs for Disadvantaged

Funds Used For Music, Reading

The Hoboken Board of Education has been allotted an additional \$54,577 in federal funds for the current school year to expand its educational programs for disadvantaged children.

Thomas F. McFeely, school superintendent, said Hoboken has been informed by the state Department of Education that its allotment under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act has been increased from \$247,211 to \$301,788.

HOBOKEN FIRST received a federal allotment under Title I in February, 1965. The \$247,211 grant last August was the second to be received under the education act.

The board of education has used the funds to set up special orientation classes for non-English speaking children. The money has also enabled the school system to introduce instrumental music to the grammar schools and to establish remedial reading and cultural enrichment programs and provide psychological services.

"THESE ADDITIONAL funds will enable us to improve and increase these vital services for the children of Hoboken," said McFeely.

He pointed out that the school system has also applied for federal funds to continue two other projects. Approval of these applications could bring another \$200,000 to the Hoboken schools, he said.

FUNDS ARE BEING sought under Title II of the education act to improve libraries. A second grant is also being asked under Title III known as "Assimilation Through Cultural Understanding." It is under this program that Hoboken teachers have made trips to Puerto Rico to learn firsthand the problems and customs of the island. Educators said the program has greatly helped Hoboken teachers in instructing the large numbers of Spanish-speaking students in the city's school system.

No Funds For Hoboken Mortgages

The Prudential Insurance Co. has no funds available to underwrite mortgages and building loans for Hoboken property owners, Second Ward Councilman Matthews said today.

Matthews, Mayor Louis DePascale and Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello met yesterday with Carl Ackerman, a representative of the insurance company, to discuss the possibility of getting such funds which are almost unavailable from banks and savings and loan associations for properties west of Willow Avenue.

"WE WERE TOLD that Prudential has used the funds it had allotted to the program," Matthews said. "However, some other insurance companies still have money available."

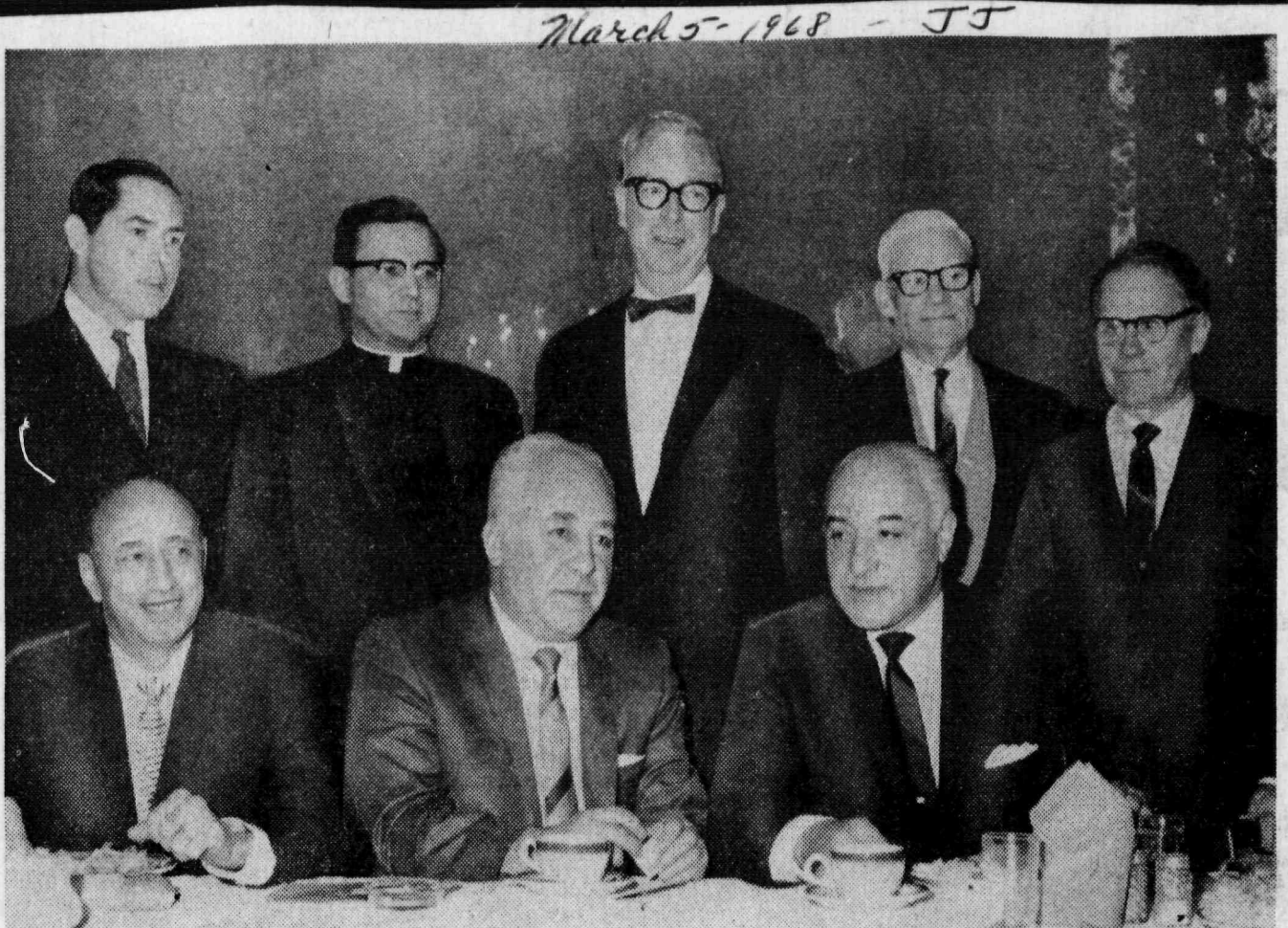
Matthews said that the city was informed that Metropolitan Life and the Mutual Benefit Insurance Co. had such money and should be contacted. The mayor plans to do so.

"ACKERMAN TOLD us that there was also a possibility that Prudential would make more funds available later in the year, but this was only a possibility," Matthews added.

The councilman said that the insurance company had spent most of the money in Newark which was torn by riots last summer. He explained that the program, designed with the cooperation of the federal government, was aimed at helping cities hit by riots or named Model Cities secure additional funds at low cost on a personal basis.

Hoboken's interest in the program was aroused following a Jersey Journal report on the difficulty in securing mortgages from local lending institutions for property in the west section of the city.

"In that case, we would ask them to retire," he said. "But as long as they are able to perform the work that goes along with their position, there is no reason why we should retire them."



BREAKFAST—Nicholas Caruso, Hoboken postmaster, Mayor Louis DePascale and Representative Dominick V. Daniels, left to right front, met with the Hoboken Post Office Employees for the group's 16th annual communion breakfast at St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church. Rear, left to right, are: Dennis S. McAlevy, assistant county prosecutor; Rev. Achilles Cassiere, O.F.M., pastor of St. Ann's; Leo Shatzel, postal inspector; Paul D. VanWie, of the customs inspection division, and James P. Finnegan, toastmaster.

Amoruso Reappointed City Clerk

Hoboken City Clerk Anthony J. Amoruso was reappointed to a four-year term by the City Council at its meeting yesterday. The term begins April 1 and will be the first full four-year term for Amoruso.

With the appointment, Amoruso is assured of getting his five years on the job needed for tenure. He was first appointed city clerk on July 21, 1965, replacing Martin J. Brennan who resigned.

The appointment was unanimous.



ANTHONY J. AMORUSO

also sell a 1932 fire pumper and a 1966 model police car. Most of the unclaimed vehicles were picked up in the city's alternate-side towing and street-cleaning program.

A total of \$1,718 in bills for treatment of city employees injured on the job was approved by the council. The bills were for \$387, to Dr. Charles Wolmann; \$371 to Dr. Richard Buckley; \$25 to Dr. Louis Melner; \$900 to therapist Louis Nerli; and \$630 to therapist Maurice B. Brieder.

FOLLOWING the business session, Jarvis Wall told the council that more than seven months has passed since the men and women's restrooms were operational at Elysian Park, 11th and Hudson Streets.

"Before you give raises to city employees, you should do something to correct these conditions," he suggested.

WALL ADDED that there were numerous holes in the pavement throughout the park which should be fixed before someone fell and sued the city. He reported that a store at 11th Street and Park Avenue was putting out garbage in bags at 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoons.

Council President Thomas A. Gallo said the complaints would be forwarded to the appropriate departments for action.

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School Grant Upped \$301,788 Set for Hoboken

Hoboken School Supt. Thomas F. McFeely yesterday announced the state education department has allocated a grant of \$301,788 for Title I programs during the 1967-68 school year.

McFeely said the grant is an increase over last year's allocation. He added that he plans an expansion of the program initiated in 1966 under the first Title I grant.

Hoboken board was granted \$247,211 in Title I-E.S.E.A. funds in August 1967 to create educational programs for disadvantaged children. The grant, for 1967-68, provided special services for the educationally and economically disadvantaged children.

Remedial reading programs, psychological services, instrumental music instruction, cultural enrichment programs as well as special orientation classes for non-English-speaking children, have been provided by the board of education utilizing Title I funds. This is a continuing program initiated in February, 1966, with the first Title I grant.

The increased Title I grant must be utilized by Aug. 31.

McFeely also indicated that funds under Title II for library resources will be forthcoming shortly as well as the second phase funding of Hoboken's Title III project "Assimilation Through Cultural Understanding." Applications for these additional two projects will bring approximately \$200,000 more to the Hoboken schools.

Periodic meetings involving the superintendent, school administrators and faculty members have resulted in recommendations for additional Title I activities. These recommendations are being evaluated.

Failla Director

New Planning Department Announced by DePascale

Hoboken is on the verge of creating a new city department which will handle and coordinate all planning for the city, Mayor Louis DePascale, announced today. The department will be called the Planning Department and will be headed by a new director Silvio J. Failla, at an annual salary of \$9,500. Failla is currently the city's planning and development director.

DePASCALE said the department would be staffed with personnel who are already employed by the city so it would not require the expenditure of additional city funds.

The mayor added that the department would be responsible for all future city planning as well as play an active part in the Model Cities program and the Hudson Street Redevelopment project.

Currently, the planning and development division has no other employees except Failla, who is considered to be part of the mayor's staff. His salary is expected to go up to \$9,700, with

In Pay Envelopes

DPW Workers Getting Scorecard on Sick Days

Employees in Hoboken's public works department have been getting a monthly bonus in their pay envelopes — a statement from their director informing them of the number of sick days they have taken and how many they have left.

According to Director Raphael P. Vitale, too many department workers have been taking sick leave unnecessarily. Often they expect to get paid when they are sick, but fail to realize they have run out of sick time, he said.

"I'M NOT trying to do any-

one out of what they are entitled to," Vitale said. "But I don't intend to pay people when they have run out of accrued sick leave."

"My reason for initiating this policy is to keep all employees informed of how they stand on sick leave and to encourage them to be more careful in its use."

"TOO OFTEN I've had people call in sick only to see them a few hours later walking along Washington Street," he continued.

"The time is theirs and they can use it. But they can't expect the city to pick up the bill when they have run out of sick time and can't report for work because they are really sick."

CITY EMPLOYEES who are classified under Civil Service get 15 sick days a year which they may accrue. There is no limit to the number of days that may be accumulated. However, upon retirement or when they leave city employment, the leave is wiped off the books. The employee does not receive any compensation for the sick time although there is a bill in the state legislature currently which would do this.

According to Vitale, his is the only department which is keeping the month-to-month tally on sick time and passing the information along to the employee.



STATES FIREFIGHTERS' POSITION—David Friedland (left), attorney for Hoboken FMBA and Locals 1076 and 1078, International Firefighters and Officers Assn., tells Mayor Louis DePascale (right) and council at budget meeting in Hoboken High School last night that the men will perform all firefighting duties but will cease all non-essential service. He also repeated his request for pay increases and a signed contract for the men.

At Public Hearing

Hoboken Residents Speak Out For Slashing '68 City Budget

An estimated 800 persons last night were on hand at the public hearing on Hoboken's 1968 municipal budget during a two-and-a-half hour session. Taxpayers and representatives of industry demanded city officials initiate immediate action for city payroll economies.

Despite the serious objections to the \$8 million plus budget, the auditorium broke up at 10:30 p.m. in the spirit of people leaving a hit musical comedy on Broadway. The general high spirits and laughter was created by a 73-year-old

native of South Carolina, a resident of Hoboken more than 30 years. Jarvis Wall of 928 Park av., the last resident to speak, criticized city council for the lack of restraint in Elysian Park, condemned the increased tax rate, praised Mayor Louis DePascale, and in traditional southern drawl, ended with "Thank ya'll for listening to me."

On the serious side, Chamber of Commerce President Charles J. Tiedemann stressed the need for city council to amend the budget, strongly suggesting no-show employees and those not producing be taken off the city payroll. An executive of Bethlehem Shipyard, Tiedemann even said, "We'll hire them in local industry if they really want to work."

Special Meeting Set City Council President Thomas A. Gallo announced at the end of the session that a special meeting will be held tomorrow when council officials will vote on the budget amendments as proposed by Mayor DePascale.

Other residents who spoke, all generally in favor of the council trimming the budget, included Anthony J. Cilento, Miss Ida Housman, Frank G. Boye, vice president of U. S. Testing Co.; Bruce Vitale of 508 Bloomfield st. and Thomas Sgherzi, a one time candidate for office in Hoboken.

Attitude of chamber President Tiedemann, pinpointing the need for drastic economies, was summed up by his remarks: "A tax increase, if there has to be one in our already over-taxed city, must be kept within the ability and willingness of the taxpayers to absorb. A tax increase not within the ability and willingness of the taxpayers to absorb will bring disastrous economic consequences which must not be disregarded or dismissed. The airy promises of a new Hoboken of the future, fine as they sound, cannot allay our misgivings over the present heavy budget with its threat to drag our city down."

Slatesman of Hoboken, do right by the citizens and taxpayers. Keep our city vibrant and competitive with a tidy government and a decent tax rate!"

Makes Plea for Firemen Assemblyman David Friedland, legal counsel to the Hoboken firemen who are seeking a signed contract with increased pay and job benefits, made a plea in their behalf. In pleading for a "decent wage" for the firemen, Friedland said, "The city's first obligation is to those who work for a living, not to those who do not work," indicating the large percentage on welfare rolls.

William J. Stack, past president of Hoboken Realtors Assn., warned city officials that increased taxes will only endanger the value of real estate. Referring to the extra \$200 city firemen seek over and above that offered by city council, Stack said, "I favor paying the fire department members the extra money."

When Mayor DePascale first submitted his 1968 budget for approval by city council, it called for appropriations amounting to \$8,698,440.05 and a new tax rate estimated at \$133.96 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Under pressure by the chamber of commerce and by a proposed taxpayer's suit as recommended by Anthony J. Cilento who suggested a "taxpayer's rebellion," Mayor DePascale called a special conference with his department directors and reviewed their individual requests.

Program and an exchange of ideas between officials of the 63 cities that have been designated in the program.

Accompanying the mayor are Thomas McFeely, superintendent of schools; Silvio J. Failla, planning and development director, and Raymond G. Clyons, director of the city's anti-poverty organization.

The mayor expects to be back at his desk Wednesday morning.

Two-Day Conference

DePascale in Washington For Model Cities Confab

Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken left today for a two-day conference in Washington, D.C., on the Model Cities Program. The conference is being sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National Association for Community Development and the National Education Association.

DePascale said the conference, which ends tomorrow afternoon, will be devoted entirely to the implementation of the Model Cities

Won't Force City Workers Out at 65

A report in another newspaper that Hoboken city employees who had reached 65 years of age or over were being asked to submit their retirement papers was denied today by Mayor Louis DePascale.

The mayor said the city had no objection to employees working past 65 unless they were unable to perform their normal duties.

"In that case, we would ask them to retire," he said. "But as long as they are able to perform the work that goes along with their position, there is no reason why we should retire them."

Firemen Gird For Battle In Hoboken

By ARTHUR FELSON

Members of three groups representing a majority of Hoboken's firefighters last night unanimously voted to reject the latest city offer on a new contract and agreed on a four-stage program that could possibly include the mass resignation of Hoboken firemen.

Attorney David Friedland, representing firemen in the FMBA and Locals 1076 and 1078 of International Firefighters and Officers, said that "the firemen, in a unanimous vote agreed on a series of progressive measures to better their working conditions."

Four Stages

The progressive measures, as stated by Friedland, are the following:

A demonstration stage consisting of a picket line starting at 8:45 a.m. today and running through 4:30 p.m. and consisting of firemen from several localities throughout the state; a second stage consisting of the cessation of all non-essential services including the non-attendance by firemen in schools required by the city; a third stage program of having the fire department run on a volunteer program or basis by private citizens and superiors except in actual cases of fire and a fourth stage, if all else fails, of the mass resignation by all union members from the department.

The issues in the situation are as follows: The city has offered the firemen a \$200 across-the-board raise, paid hospitalization for each fireman and his family and a new vacation time program.

The three units are seeking, primarily a signed collective bargaining or written agreement and then the following: a full grievance procedure and the other

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items already offered by the city. Attorney Friedland commented, "The unions have offered to submit the issues first to mediation and then yesterday we offered to submit the problem to final arbitration selected by mutual agreement or done by a state agency."

"The city turned us down on both," Friedland said.

Asked, first, what could be done by the city to stop the department in any of its "progressive measures," Friedland said, "In the first stage, absolutely nothing."

Questions "Good Faith"

Concerning the other stages, Friedland said, "The city has not acted in good faith and we hope that if an injunction is sought, the courts will not grant it."

Friedland emphasized, however, that the public at large need not be concerned that their lives or properties would be endangered by the actions of the union men.

"We must emphasize to every citizen of Hoboken, that the firemen will continue to provide the citizens of the city with its services in the actual event of fire."

Some 116 firemen cast secret ballots at two union meetings yesterday at the Exempt Hall, 211 Bloomfield st., on the situation. Of the original vote, 100 against the city offer, 16 for, a final unanimous negative vote was called.

Friedland said that, in addition to picket lines in front of City Hall today, a demonstration is planned outside Hoboken High School tonight when the council will meet on the annual municipal budget.

While the firemen were calling the city offers "giving salt water to thirsty men," members of the Hoboken PBA last night met at a special meeting to discuss, what is rapidly developing into a mushrooming situation regarding appointments of police sergeants.

In a statement by PBA President Walter Sogliuzzo last night, the PBA unanimously went on favor "to urge the mayor to appoint sergeants to fill the current vacancies and to oppose the signing of waivers for promotion to the sergeant ranks."

Currently, there are three vacancies for the rank of sergeant. An endeavor by patrolmen who are on an expiring sergeant's list have petitioned and met with the mayor asking that they be made by waiving their increased salaries

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Clifton Firm May Take Charge of Hoboken School System Payroll

Gallo Sees Saving Under Board Plan

Automatic Data Processing Inc. of Clifton may soon take over the responsibility of the payroll for the Hoboken school system, it was learned today from Thomas A. Gallo, board of education secretary.

Gallo said he and other board members have been meeting with representatives of the company for several weeks concerning complete takeover of payroll responsibilities for the city's school system.

"THE MAIN problem with letting the system continue as it was is that it is now too much for the staff to handle," Gallo explained. "If one person was, it usually resulted in a delay and the payroll checks would be late."

Gallo added the company would be responsible for all accounting, deductions and filing systems, connected with the board of education school payroll.

"Right now we are comparing costs," he said. "It appears that we will be saving some money through a takeover by the company."

Gallo said he would make out a complete report and the final decision will be made by a vote of board members.

Hoboken FMBA Will Not Disband

Michael Bavaro, president of the Hoboken Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association, today said the report that the FMBA was on the verge of being disbanded in favor of Local 1078 of the International Association of Fire Fighters was completely unfounded.

"The members of the FMBA don't feel that they want to disband," he said. "If anything, we have added strength in the fact that most of our firemen belong to two organizations."

"LOCAL 1078 is for firemen only while Local 1076 is for officers, but the FMBA has both officers and privates in its membership."

"The FMBA is going along with the two locals because of the current situation with the city and its failure to reach a settlement with the firemen on a contract."

"Mayor DePascale was a labor candidate. We are going along with the locals because of their connection with labor and the Hudson County Central Labor Council."

"THE MEN OF THE FMBA are completely united behind their organization and have no intention of disbanding it. If anything, our bonds and dedication are stronger than ever because of the dispute with the city," he said.

Capt. Ray Falco, president of Local 1076 of the International Association of Fire Officers said: "I don't want to see the FMBA disbanded. It is a valuable organization and serves just as useful a purpose as either Local 1076 or 1078. To disband it would leave a serious gap among the firemen."

Bavaro added that the rumor may have started due to controversy in other communities where one organization might be trying to become the sole agent for the firemen.

"We have no such problem here because our organizations complement each other," he said. "We work with each other, not against each other."

Co-Chairmen of Ball DePascale, Grogan Named For St. Mary Hospital Fete

Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken and former Mayor and Hudson County Clerk, John J. Grogan will serve as the honorary co-chairmen of the 65th annual Charity Ball for St. Mary Hospital, Hoboken, it was announced today by Sister M. Felicitas, S. F. P., administrator.

Scheduled for April 20 at the Hotel Robert Treat, Newark, the reception will be held beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the grand ballroom.

"As the oldest hospital in New Jersey," Sister Felicitas said, "we are entering the 105th year with one of the most important building projects in the history of the hospital. We expect to complete the new \$5 million wing facing Willow Avenue in late 1969."

"The proceeds of this social event will enable us to purchase some of the furniture we need in the new wing and the renovated area of the North Building. . . . We look forward to our charity ball when we have an opportunity to greet our neighbors and friends."



MAYOR DePASCALE



JOHN J. GROGAN

\$61,613 Granted 'HOPES' Project

Rep. Dominick V. Daniels (D-14th Dist.) announced yesterday that Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) has granted \$61,613 to Hoboken Organization Against Poverty and Economic Stress (HOPES) to assist Hoboken's "Head Start" program.

The grant will provide funds for 264 children to receive preschool training this summer, Daniels stated.

The program, to be directed by Raymond G. Clyons, will also include medical, dental, social and psychological services.

"This grant indicates the confidence OEO has in the city administration in Hoboken, and I commend Mayor Louis DePascale and his administration for this worthwhile program," Daniels said.

Hoboken's share of the program will be \$15,654.

But It Will Watch State to Let Hoboken Keep on Giving Welfare

TRENTON—If the state takes over the administration of public welfare in Hoboken it will probably retain the system as the city has been operating it, but will give it closer supervision than the state has been giving it up to now.

This was said today by Philip Petito, chief of business services of the Public Welfare Division of the state Department of Institutions and Agencies.

PETITO said he assumes that Hoboken has been abiding by the state laws in administering welfare, and that therefore the city's recipients of welfare are receiving it legitimately and in proper amounts. He added that he has "no reason to expect any change there."

As to whether there will be any economies resulting from the state take-over (if it occurs), Petito said there is no way of knowing, as yet, whether there will be any "savings."

BASICALLY, he said, the state would retain the present staff which administers welfare for the city.

He added that he expects to start a review of the city's procedures by sending a field representative, Charles Morrison, to Hoboken, in a couple of weeks.

MEANWHILE, he will confer on the matter with Irving Engelman, director of public welfare, his immediate superior. A state takeover would be retroactive to Jan. 1, he said.

Petito conferred with Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken, in Trenton, Feb. 14. The mayor went there to ask the state to take over the city welfare program.

DePascale said afterward that if the state takes over administration of city welfare in Hoboken it will save the taxpayers "from \$300,000 to \$500,000" this year because the state will assume that much of the cost presently borne by the city.



LOOKING BACKWARD—Crogan's Oyster & Chop House at 417 Washington st., Hoboken, was famous back in 1912 as one of the city's favorite eating places. Posing in front of establishment are, from left, the late Mrs. Ann Crogan, proprietor; her daughter, May and son, John. The family pet appearing so content, was named "Chop-Chop." Picture is property of Jennie Crogan Maccagnano, wife of Anthony "Tony the Milkman" Maccagnano. Today, the one time chop house location houses a beauty salon owned and operated by Mrs. Alice Maneri.

CITY HALL TREAT



LAUNCHING — Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale takes a Girl Scout cookie from Laura Batistich, 7, of 930 Bloomfield St., to open Girl Scout Week. Laura is a Brownie attached to Troop 412.

\$300,000 Tax Saving In Hoboken

By WILLIAM H. TAFT

The state has decided to grant Hoboken's request that it take over the administration of all the city's public welfare, and it will pay \$300,000 more of Hoboken's welfare costs than it paid last year, The Jersey Journal was told today.

The announcement was made by Philip Petito, chief of business services of the Public Welfare Division of the state Department of Institutions and Agencies. He said Edward Roeder, Hoboken's director of municipal welfare, was being informed in a letter from Irving Engelman, state director of public welfare.

PETITO said the additional payment means a saving of \$300,000 in the amount the city will have to raise in taxes for welfare.

Every \$1 in the tax rate brings in about \$54,000, according to Mayor DePascale. A saving of \$300,000, therefore, reflects \$5.55 in the tax rate.

HOWEVER, Hoboken's taxpayers cannot look forward to a \$5.55 cut in their projected tax rate for 1968, because DePascale has already reduced the 1968 budget by \$150,000 in anticipation of that amount of additional state aid for welfare.

They could, however, expect the city to cut the rate by half that amount — or \$2.77 — because the state is giving \$300,000 additional, not \$150,000.

TO DECREASE the tax rate by that amount, the 1968 budget would first have to be reduced by trimming another \$150,000 from the present welfare appropriation. This would require a further amendment of the budget beyond the amendments which the mayor has already asked the council to make, and

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on which a public hearing is to be held Wednesday. These pending amendments will bring the tax rate down to \$129.

THE FURTHER amendment—if made — would bring it down to a little over \$126.

Announcing the state takeover, Petito said it would take effect immediately and would be retroactive to Jan. 1. The state "will assume direct responsibility" for the city's welfare program, he said.

PETITO said Charles Morrison of the division's staff would exercise "administrative responsibility" in Hoboken and would be in Hoboken at least twice every month. Another staff member, Michael Hritz will "conduct a fiscal review," he said.

"Certain changes in the city's fiscal reporting procedure are under consideration," Petito disclosed.

"WE ESTIMATE that for the calendar year 1968 there will be \$300,000 in additional state funds for Hoboken," he continued.

He said the state gave Hoboken \$530,000 in the calendar year 1967, so that in 1968 Hoboken will get \$830,000, "representing a saving to Hoboken of \$300,000."

ACTUALLY the state welfare division operates on a fiscal year — from July 1 to June 30. Petito said that for the first half of this fiscal year (ending this coming June 30) Hoboken will get \$150,000 additional. But for the next fiscal year, July 1, 1968, to June 30, 1969, the additional costs to be paid by the state will be even greater — \$350,000 — because the state expects welfare expenses to increase.

THE NEW 1968 state budget does not provide for the extra \$300,000 for Hoboken welfare. Petito said the \$150,000 needed by June 30 would be obtained from the state's "surplus funds or other fund balances."

As for the \$350,000 for the year starting June 30, he said the welfare division could ask for "a supplemental appropriation," which he termed "not unusual."



HISTORIC FIND—Stoneware jug, believed to be 100 to 200 years old, which was recovered in a peat bog by workmen excavating for the new wing of St. Mary Hospital, Hoboken, is examined by Lawrence Ward, hospital assistant administrator, and Sister Miriam Therese, laboratory supervisor, yesterday. Faded markings on jug appear to be German or Dutch. (Story on Page 12)

Find Ancient Jug At St. Mary Wing Excavation

A stoneware jug, believed to be 100 to 200 years old, has been uncovered by workmen excavating for the new wing of St. Mary Hospital, Hoboken.

Recovered intact in a peat bog 15 feet below the surface of what was for many years a garden area on the Clinton st. side of the hospital complex, the jug has aroused the interest of New Jersey Historical Society.

Robert Lunney, society director, who viewed the bottle at the request of Franciscan Sisters of the Poor, who operate the facility, declined to estimate its exact age. But he indicated it probably was at least one century, possibly two.

A thorough examination by a ceramics expert would be required to determine the period in which it was made, he added.

"It's really very fortunate that it wasn't smashed," said Mrs. Ruth E. Hardy, hospital public relations director.

She said the bottle was uncovered by the operator of a large scoop shovel, churning out huge chunks of earth.

Identification may be facilitated by faded markings which appear to be Dutch or German, and what seems to be a crest on the jug's top, she stated. Germans were early settlers in Hoboken.

As excavation continues, the sisters are hoping for possibly another find.

A Lady's Pride and Glory

By ARTHUR FELSON

Hoboken in 1968 is a city of change. A change reflected in renovated faces of its tenements; in its residents and cultures and in its plans for the future.

But in the one-mile area of this city, a more important picture, that of the past, is the subject of a moving description written by a local resident, who herself is a direct descendant of one of the earliest families to settle not only in Hoboken but in the United States.

Mrs. Mae E. Rosencranz resides in a late 18th century tenement at 609 Hudson st. From her home, one could walk a short distance down the same way that German bands marched with their brightly polished tubas, cornets and easily distinguishable drums. Or the Hoboken waterfront, where thousands of U. S. troops embarked or debarked. Stevens Tech, itself an undeniable Hoboken landmark, is but a few blocks away.

"Some of my friends," Mrs. Rosencranz, a past president of the Hoboken Woman's Club said, "knowing that my descendants dated back to Col. John Rosencranz of the Revolutionary War, asked me to write some of the things that I was told when I was young."

"With the pictures collected by my friend, the late Hoboken historian, George Moeller, now on exhibit at the Hoboken Bank for Savings, my friends felt that my written history would be timely."

Mrs. Rosencranz' history starts off on a light note.

"Here on the banks of the Hudson River is a place much joked about in vaudeville, called Hoboken."

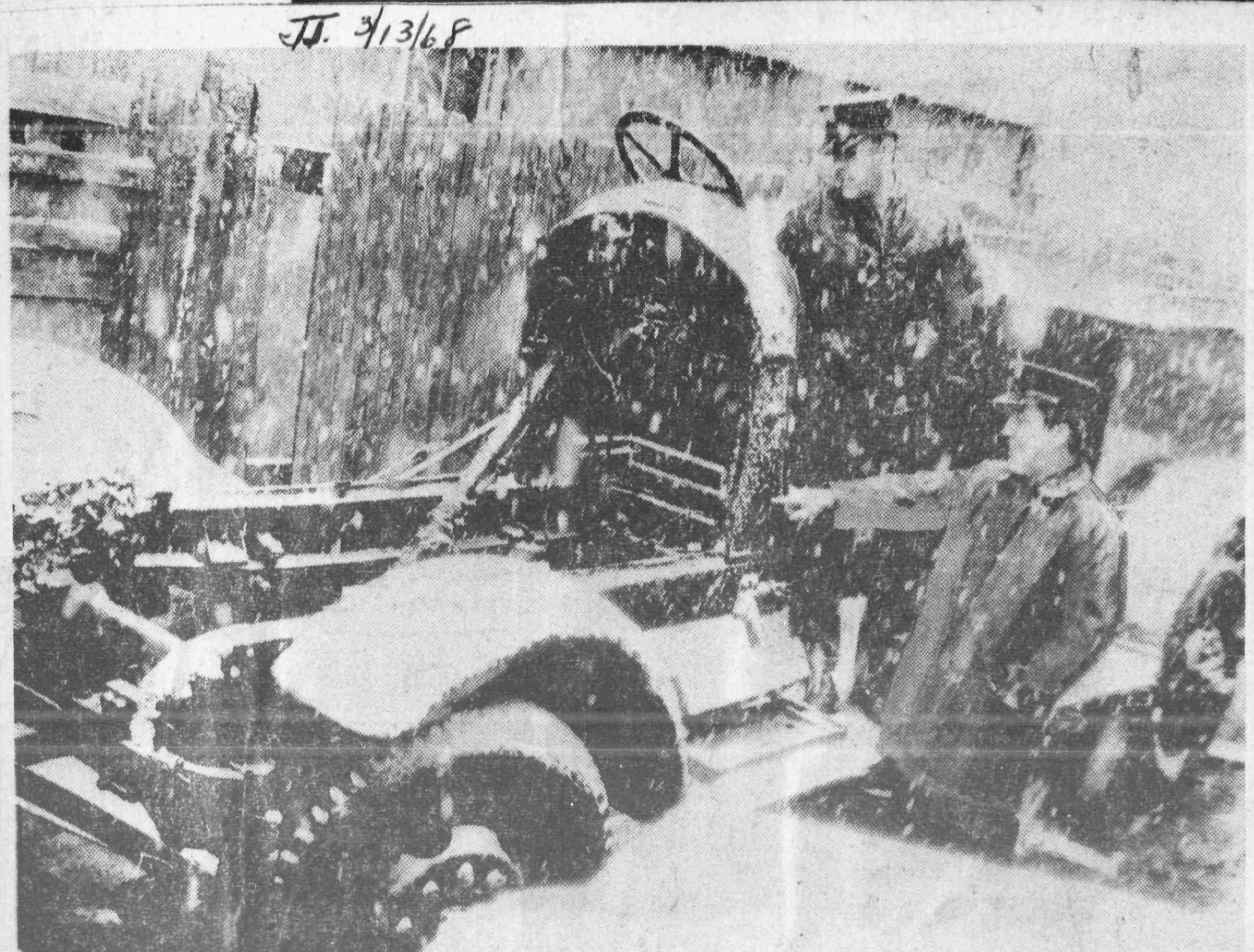
Hoboken has always been a port city and undoubtedly where there are piers there are bars, to quench the almost unquenchable thirsts of dock workers. Perhaps this was the reason that the accomplished, professional harpist chose River st. for a prominent position in her history.

"Take a walk along River st. and you will see the skyline of New York City where there were during the first world war 22 saloons in one block."

"During that war" Mrs. Rosencranz said, "troops here saw their last glimpse of the USA before departing for Europe; where the German bands played loudly; Stevens, the inventor."

Up the street from where Mrs. Rosencranz now lives, resided Professor Hazeltine, the Stevens Tech instructor who became a millionaire after inventing the super-heterodyne for radio. There too, lived the philanthropist Caroline Stevens Wittmann.

Hoboken was a place for relaxation and for the enjoyment of the arts and in the 18th and early 19th centuries when, Mrs. Rosencranz stated, one could hear the Madame Schuman-Heink sing at the Old German Club, or perhaps become a member of the Valencia Boar Club near 15th st., or perhaps ride a horse from the Hoboken Riding Academy, where



OLD TIMER — Hoboken Firemen Carmen Flora and Charles Ebersole mise over snow-covered 1932 hose wagon to be auctioned off tomorrow at 2nd and Jefferson Streets, as one of the city's last old-time fire engines. The city still has two 1934 hose wagons and another 1932 engine in service.