

DePascale Sees 'Minor Increase' in 1970 Real Estate Taxes

\$1,000,000 Hike Cited In Salaries

By PETE HALLAM

Hoboken's 1970 real estate taxes, based on the new 100 per cent assessed valuations, will reflect a "minor increase" over the city's 1969 tax rate, Mayor Louis DePascale said today.

"The city has had to absorb more than \$1,000,000 in salary increases for 1970," the mayor continued. "This, in itself, could account for a substantial tax increase. However, through economy measures in other areas, we have been able to offset most of this, and the resulting increase shouldn't be too great."

"In fact, I'd say it would be a minor increase at this time — but the budget is still subject to additions and deletions by the city council, which received it last night."

AFTER THE council gets through reviewing the mayor's budget and making any changes it thinks necessary, a public hearing is scheduled, usually for sometime in March.

The tax rate won't show an increase over last year's rate. What will increase is the total amount they will pay in taxes since they will be paying at a lower rate but on property that has increased as much as four times in its assessment.

WITH THE new assessment figures which saw the total value of all Hoboken property double, the city would have to charge property owners only half the last year's tax rate to realize the same amount of money in tax revenues. Last year's rate was about \$165 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Half of that would amount to roughly \$82.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. It can be assumed that the tax rate would be somewhere around the \$85 mark, since the mayor claims the increase would be minor.

WHILE THE total amount to be raised by taxation may remain almost the same as last year there will be major changes in who is going to be paying it. The court-ordered equalization of assessments has taken some of the load off some property owners — mostly industry — and increased it for others — owners of dwelling units.

The adjustment has caused increasing concern among families who rent apartments and are now worrying about how much their rents will go up as property owners pass the increase along to their tenants.

City officials are also concerned with the problem since some landlords have been known to give tenants increases which produce several thousand dollars a year more than the increase they received in taxes but put all the blame on the city.

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By WILLIAM TAFT

Mayor DePascale predicted today that the 1970s will be a decade of great advance in Hoboken.

He pointed to several multi-million-dollar developments already beginning to take shape, which will change the city's face and bolster its financial situation.

TWO HUGE projects which should get under way in the first year of the 70s, DePascale said, are the \$33 million John J. Grogan Marine View Plaza and a \$40 million oil processing plant.

The former is due to be erected on a three-block site already cleared, bounded by Hudson, 8th, River and 4th Streets. It will comprise four skyscraper apartment houses and a skyscraper office building, the lower floors of which will serve as the City Hall.

At the opposite end of the city, the oil plant will be situated on the former Todd Shipyard tract, adjoining the giant new Seatrain container-

port, which is mostly in Weehawken. As the 1970s roll on, the mayor said, not only will the oil facility provide sizeable new tax revenue for the city, but its payroll should greatly stimulate Hoboken's business and economy.

"THESE TWO giant projects will have a marked effect on Hoboken's future," said the mayor. "They will provide hundreds of ultra-modern apartments for our residents and will open many new job opportunities. I feel they are two giant steps forward in the re-birth of our fine, old city."

Several other large construction programs should also be under way in 1970, the mayor said. One will be a new Wallace School at 11th Street and Willow Avenue.

New housing for the city's senior citizens is also earmarked for the same area of Willow Avenue.

THE AUTHORITY will also inaugurate its program of leased housing. Under the program, an estimated 300 apartments will be modernized and rehabilitated.

"I feel this program will do much to improve the general housing picture in the city," said DePascale. He added that his administration will continue to attack the problem of slum buildings, either bringing them up to standard or compelling owners to demolish them. "My administration will not be content until every eyesore building is improved or torn down," he declared.

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He estimated that \$8 million will be spent in 1970 in implementing the program that the city's staff has developed. That program is now being studied in Washington and a contract between the city and federal government will probably be signed next month.

The federal funds will enable Hoboken to tackle such projects

as new sewer and water lines, improved housing, parks and neighborhood centers.

HE SAID \$2 million has been allocated to Hoboken to continue its Concerned Employment Program (CEP), a project that is providing job training to

many residents and upgrading the job skills of others.

With state funds totaling almost \$300,000, the city's recent control program should also be in full swing in 1970, the mayor said. He also forecast an expansion of the Code Enforcement Program to bring sub-standard housing up to acceptable levels.

The mayor said the Hoboken Organization for Prevention of Economic Stress (HOPES), the city's anti-poverty agency, should continue to play an important role in the years ahead in providing Hoboken families with social and welfare programs. HOPES' many faceted programs are financed by the federal government.

BUT, while DePascale said he was pleased with the general outlook, he emphasized that Hoboken, like other communities in the county, faced serious problems in the months ahead.

One of the most pressing is the implementation of the state-ordered 100 per cent tax assessment of all property, business and residential.

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FOR THE CITY—Raymond G. Clyons, left, chairman of the Hoboken housing authority, turns over to Mayor Louis DePascale a check representing the city's share of the 1969 shelter rents in the city's housing projects. Watching the presentation at City Hall are Andrew H. Scherer, center, the authority's vice chairman, and Carmen F. Frio, the authority's comptroller. (Jersey Pictures)

Hoboken May Lose Service On Jefferson St. Bus Line, Too

Hoboken's 40 Jefferson Street bus route will also be automatically abolished if the Public Service bus company gets approval of its petition to discontinue the 40 Willow Avenue line, it was learned today.

John Barry, manager of the company's eastern division, said today that the 40 Jefferson Street buses are operated under the same franchise granted for the 40 Willow Avenue and therefore permission to end the 40 Willow Avenue service also will cover the Jefferson Street run.

"THE COMPANY'S reason for wanting to end the service isn't at all complicated," he said. "It has been losing a lot of money in the past few years. In fact, the revenue produced by passengers isn't enough to pay the salaries of the men driving the buses. That doesn't even take into consideration the other operating expenses."

Stevens Tech in Hoboken, the engineering and science college on the bank of Hudson River at Hoboken, is 100 years old tomorrow.

On Feb. 15, 1970, the State of New Jersey passed an act incorporating the privately endowed college and giving it the "right and power of conferring the usual degrees appropriate to a school of technology."

The first 21 students, including two juniors, three sophomores and 16 freshmen, began classes in a new four-story stone building at Fifth and Hudson sts. The students immediately dubbed the building "The Old Stone Mill."

Now known as the "A" (for Administration) Building, it still stands opposite Stevens Park, but around it and up the grassy slopes overlooking the river are a seven-story academic building, a 14-story student center and office structure and 36 other classroom, laboratory, residence and library buildings.

The first students at Stevens studied chemistry and mechanical drawing and conducted their first

Currently, the Jefferson Street run is only a part-time operation for the bus company. Buses operate on it only during the morning and evening rush hours.

BARRY SAID the first Jefferson Street bus went into operation at 6:05 a.m. each week day and ended the morning runs at 9 a.m. Two buses work the line during that period. They resume operations at 2:30 p.m. and end for the day at 5:55 p.m. There is no weekend service on the line.

The 40 Willow runs from 6 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturdays, and from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sundays. Barry said the two routes work on a staggered departure system with roughly about eight minutes separating their starting times during the rush hours. The Willow operates on a 30-

minute schedule during the non-rush hours.

Barry said two buses are assigned to each route during the rush hours.

THE ROUTE for the two buses are almost the same with one exception. Both work north-south routes in the city between the Hudson Terminal at Hudson Place and River Street and 14th Street. Both use Clinton Street when making their northbound run. But on the southbound run the Willow uses Willow Avenue and the Jefferson uses Jefferson Street.

Director E. Norman Wilson, head of Hoboken's law department, said the city was already aware that the bus company's petition included stopping service on the Jefferson Street line.

He said it, too, would be covered in the city's objections to be filed with the PUC.

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City Homeowners Complain About Double Taxation

Bristling at the 100 per cent tax assessment, Hoboken homeowners last night besieged a city council meeting and fired off complaints of double taxation at that body's officials.

While the council members pointed out the state is ordering the assessment and the city must follow its statutes, homeowners harangued the council with claims that private assessors hired by the city never evaluated their homes.

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also charged that nine out of ten persons polled by his organization "had never seen an assessor come to their houses."

Fusilli blamed the city budget for the high assessments: "We pleaded for economy only to be rewarded with a substantial increase in the budget. It is the real culprit — it can easily be the highest tax rate in the state and the budget determines the assessment."

THE COUNCIL approved the city's budget, indicating an increase of nearly \$1 million over last year's expenditures. Copies of the budget were unavailable and council members said they received their own copies only Monday.

Council President Gallo said the budget is open for amendment. The council also approved resolutions appointing John Mahoney as a member of the Hoboken Board of Health and Orlando Addeo as a member of the Housing Authority to fill the unexpired term of Anthony DeBari.

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DePascale Won't Let Advisers Ask Merchants for Park Funds

By PETER HALLAM

The People's Parks Committee of Hoboken, appointed by Mayor Louis DePascale as its advisory committee on parks and playgrounds, received a temporary setback yesterday when the mayor disapproved a plan to raise \$5,595 in donations to purchase some new playground equipment.

Mrs. Sue Newman, committee chairman, and her group met with the mayor to present plans for a play area to be built in a section of Church Square Park. The committee estimated it would cost \$5,595 to buy the equipment, have the area converted to a play area and have the equipment installed.

THE COMMITTEE proposed to obtain the money by approaching local industry and business for contributions and requested a letter of endorsement from the mayor to help in the fund-raising campaign.

They also asked for a commitment on the city's part as to how much it was willing to put up towards the overall cost.

In rejecting a portion of the plan, the mayor said he wasn't against the committee's park plan but he was against trying to get the funds from local industry or business.

"Parks and playgrounds are the city's responsibility and obligation," he said. "I would much rather see the city provide the money or obtain it through the Model Cities Program, the state or the federal government."

THE MAYOR added that Health and Welfare Director Anthony W. Damato, who is responsible for the department of parks and playgrounds, also attended the meeting and was investigating the possibilities of obtaining the funds through applications to outside governmental agencies.

DePascale said a site for the

proposed playground is still "undecided." He said that Church Square Park hadn't been ruled out as its eventual location but several other possible sites were also being considered.

Among these is the vacant city lot at 13th Street and Willow Avenue, next to the Hoboken American Legion Post. The asphalted lot was at one time a city playground but was closed down because vandals were destroying the equipment almost as fast as the city replaced it.

THE COMMITTEE's plan for the park is a departure from the usual in that it will contain none of the items most associated with parks and playgrounds like swings and merry-go-rounds and see-saws. Instead, the equipment features wood-free forms which allow the children to climb and use them for any number of purposes. The forms are made of wood and are almost impossible to destroy.

Gallo Hits Chamber On New Assessments

Hoboken City Council President Thomas A. Gallo today took issue with a statement by the Hoboken-North Hudson Chamber of Commerce regarding the city's 1970 budget and its newly-revealed property valuations.

The chamber had said the budget will have to be cut, and went on to deny that the tax load in Hoboken was being "shifted from industry to the home owners and rentpayers as a result of the new 100 per cent assessment."

"I HAVE NOT evaluated the impact of 100 per cent assessment" on local industry or businesses but from what I do know I must disagree," Gallo said. "Considering the advantages of Hoboken such as location and available work force, industry and businesses have done fairly well under the new assessment figures."

"As far as I know, some of the chamber members are expecting to pay the city double the amount paid to the city in taxes last year. But there are a lot of small home owners who will. Some may even have to pay triple the amount."

"IF INDUSTRY and businesses experience an increase in taxes it will probably be a small one. Very small, in fact, when compared percentage wise to what small home owners can expect to pay."

"I personally am concerned with the problems which will be caused for these property owners, especially those who are living on a fixed income and have no way of providing for the increase except by passing it on to their tenants — if they are lucky enough to have tenants."

GALLO ADDED that he did not know if the chamber's figures on the percentage of the overall taxes collected from industry and businesses were correct but he believed that the

two groups did carry more than half the burden. However, this was natural since corporations with millions of dollars in real estate and improvements always paid a higher percentage of the overall tax burden since they had a higher percentage of the total evaluation of property in the city.

In a prepared statement released yesterday, the chamber said it was studying the 1970 municipal budget and was concerned about the mounting costs.

"THE ever-increasing cost of local government must be curtailed," the statement continued. "The chamber, after further study, will have more to say about them prior to the public hearing March 4, as well as at the meeting."

"Right now, the chamber wants to correct a misconception that Hoboken's business and industry will benefit from the 100 per cent assessment. While the impact of this state-legislated assessment change will not fall equally on all taxpayers, it is apparent that chamber members, who represent Hoboken's leading industries and business, again will pay increased taxes in 1970 and will, as before, carry the elephant's share of the Hoboken tax load, as high as 75 per cent of it."

"The two largest industrial members of the chamber in Hoboken together will be paying, it is estimated, some 15 per cent of the local tax load."

"There is regrettably no tax relief visible on the horizon for Hoboken's business and industry taxpayers, 100 per cent or not, and stories to the contrary or not," the statement concluded.



LOUIS DEPASCALE Sees Great Advance

"I feel that some type of consolidation is the answer," he explained, "either among several municipalities or at the county level."

In his role as county freeholder, DePascale said he would explore the feasibility of an incinerator with several communities sharing the costs.

The mayor said he would provide for expanded recreation programs for Hoboken boys and girls. DePascale, long an advocate of wholesome recreation programs, initiated the after-school projects, utilizing school buildings, and also instituted the summer programs.

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LEARNING THE ROPES—Hoboken Boy Scout Guiliano Guidici gets a few pointers from Mayor Louis DePascale during scout's day-long tenure as mayor of Hoboken in celebrating Boy Scouts in Government Day. Other Hoboken scouts had day-long tenures in other areas of government.

SLUMS TAKEOVER SEEN WASTEFUL

Hoboken Law Director E. Norman Wilson decided today that the city could take over violation-ridden tenement houses, seize the rents, and use the rent money to pay a staff to run the buildings and make repairs.

But Wilson said he still didn't think the city ought to do it.

HIS REASON was that rent money ought not to be going to pay an administrative staff — it ought to be used to fix the violations. He did not answer the point that, as things stand, the slumlord does not correct the violations anyway — and they keep all the rent money — and that the state law empowering the city to move in is intended to get the repairs made.

Wilson said the law department has spent more than two months looking into the 1966 state statute enabling it to put pressure on the slumlord who refuse to make necessary repairs, but it still hasn't reached any final conclusions or even completed its evaluation.

HE SAID the evaluation was to have been made by Dudley Schlosser, second assistant city attorney. Schlosser has represented the city in all housing matters over the last few years. However, Schlosser has also been representing the city in recent bus hearings and has had much of his time taken up by them.

Wilson added that all of the attorneys employed by the city in the law department are part-time employees and work on city business only one or two days a week.

UNDER THE state law, which was brought to the attention of the city by The Jersey Journal, Hoboken could order rent reductions in houses the owners of which refused to make needed repairs. If this did not bring about their cooperation, the city could then have itself appointed receiver for the property and make the necessary repairs with the money it collected in rents.

"The money brought in by rents could help underwrite the cost of the program and at the same time defeat the overall purpose. Our object would be to make the repairs on the property and bring it up to minimum standards as quickly as possible. Using rent monies to cover the cost of running the program would mean less money for making the repairs."

The director said he was investigating the possibility of obtaining federal funds under one of the anti-poverty programs for the purpose of setting up a rent reduction and receivership program. He said he should know by next week if this could be done.

BUS LINE ASKS OUT Hoboken Fights for West End Service

The Public Service bus company is seeking to discontinue its 40 Willow Avenue bus route serving the western part of Hoboken ... but the city announced today that it will fight the move.

Public Service has petitioned the state Public Utility Commission for permission to end all service on the line, city Law Director E. Norman Wilson said today. The bus company has not requested any specific day to stop service.

It is the second time in as many months that Public Service has petitioned the PUC in connection with the Willow Avenue run.

WHEN THAT reaction came, and came on strong, the company withdrew the petition until it could regroup its forces and be in a better position to resubmit it and substantiate it with facts and figures.

The re-evaluation of its position apparently convinced the company that the revenues being produced by the line were not sufficient to justify continuing the operation, as indicated in the new petition to the PUC which states "lack of patronage" as the reason for ending service.

Wilson said he has assigned Dudley Schlosser to handle the matter and represent the city's interests in the event a hearing is called.

The 40 Willow Avenue bus operates mostly along Willow Avenue and streets west of Willow providing bus service for residents in the west section of the city between 14th Street and the Hudson Terminal at Hudson Place and Hudson Street.

ELIMINATION of the service would cut off that section of the city since no other regular buses operate there.

Public Service still operates the Number 25 bus between Weehawken and Hoboken but it is run only during the morning and evening rush hours. It, too, terminates its run in Hoboken at the Hudson Terminal. On its north run it continues past 14th Street and on into Weehawken. The bus does not operate on Saturdays or Sundays.

Budget Faces Rough Road \$10.2 Million Hoboken Outlay Faces Test

By JACK ECKHARDT

The magic number in Hoboken these days is 17 — a countdown between now and Mar. 4 when members of the city council will attempt to launch its \$10.2 million budget without modification, and over expected objections of taxpayers and rentpayers who face a dual headache this year in 100 per cent property assessment and increased rents.

The 8 p.m. public hearing in Hoboken High School auditorium on that date is expected to draw a capacity audience, among whom will be some 400 small homeowners who are destined to bear the burden in tax raise due to increased municipal expenditures and the court-ordered 100 per cent property assessment for 1970 and years to come.

On Saturday, the city council published the 1970 municipal budget, with exception of a breakdown of "other expenses" for various departments that amounts this year to \$2,436,410.05.

That total figure includes such items as Atlantic City convention expenses (\$2,500) for city council in addition to \$500 expenses for each councilman; \$3,000 expenses for the three unsalaried ABC board members who meet 24 times a year; \$1,500 to air condition a proposed cross-town bus that costs \$14,265 and has yet to be placed

in service, and \$6,000 for food expected to be fed to prisoners arrested this year.

The 1970 Hoboken budget, which represents \$688,419.95 in expected overall expenditures over last year's spending, was approved on Feb. 4 by eight of the city's nine councilmen, with only Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello voting against approval. On Mar. 4, that same group may or may not vote on final adoption of the budget.

Mayor Louis DePascale said that the budget was an officer of the same association and one time candidate for mayor in Hoboken.

"Don't be surprised if on the night of Mar. 4 at the public hearing, petitions may be circulated to advocate a change in the city's form of government," a spokesman for the HRTA said this weekend. Following a meeting Friday night among both taxpayers and rentpayers in the fashionable Castle Point area, the same spokesman added, "It doesn't seem as though the local newspapers are bringing out all the facts and figures in regards to unnecessary spending. The public has a right to know and to be heard. We have to depend on someone to fight for the public's interest and welfare."

Pointing out there are some 724 employees on the city payroll, excluding many others in high paying jobs with the city's anti-poverty and federal projects who are husbands, wives and relatives of the same city employees, the HRTA spokesman concentrated criticism on a breakdown of "other expenses."

That \$2.4 million tax payer's burden, over and above the mandatory items and salaries and wages, includes among other things: \$500 for a desk, chair and files in the mayor's office; \$900 for a new city council conference table with rug and chairs; \$500 for the city clerk's convention expenses; \$500 for another electric typewriter in the clerk's office; \$2,500 for professional consultants to the city planning board; and another \$1,000 for the same board's dinner conferences and convention expenses; \$9,000 for medical services for employees injured in line of duty.

Also under attack is an "other expenses" item listing \$50,000 for the city's federally sponsored HOPE project and another \$20,000 for the Code Enforcement program; \$1,000 to maintain the "Come on Over to Hoboken" sign atop the Lipton bldg; \$2,500 for the Police PAL program who are always soliciting public contributions; \$375 for uniforms of parks employees who work in civilian clothes; \$3,000 for top soil and sodding the Little League Field; \$6,000 for modern type playground equipment; \$3,000 for another jeep in the recreation dept.; and \$100 to feed impounded animals and \$400 for extermination services.

Also \$8,097 for rock salt used on streets; \$2,300 for street signs; \$1,500 for maintenance of 11th St. Islands; \$2,250 for used snow loader; \$2,800 for street cleaner uniforms (which they never wear); \$5,000 for general overhaul of the city hall elevator; \$2,500 for vermin control in city public buildings despite the federal pest control project.

Also under the taxpayers' attack are such "other expenses" listed as \$8,075 to repair and overhaul the 10-year-old city hall boiler; \$10,000 for roof repairs; \$10,500 for general rehabilitation of building (none specifically mentioned); \$6,000 to feed prisoners; \$14,000 for towing and storage of abandoned cars; \$1,000 for hand grenades, marks and police night sticks; \$600 for convention expenses in the fire dept.; \$450 convention expenses in the police dept.; \$2,500 for maintenance of 12 police walkie-talkie radios; \$2,000 for replacement of women crossing guard uniforms (since the beginning of the Crossing Guards, girls have paid for their own uniforms); \$15,000 for a special legal counsel on railroad property.

However, this past weekend, Hoboken buzzed with a strong undercurrent of movement of both taxpayer and rentpayer objections to the budget and the method employed in 100 per cent property assessment, that could result in a resident uprising at the Mar. 4 public hearing in the high school.

The 1969 tax rate was \$162 per \$1,000 valuation under the old ratio. This year it will be \$80 to \$90 per \$1,000 with the 100 per cent, court-ordered assessment.

Seen as leaders to such objections to increased spending are Councilman Cappiello, Vincent Fusilli, president of the Hoboken Rent & Taxpayer Assn. (Turn to Page 8, Column 3)

DePascale due back from Albuquerque N.M., tomorrow evening, a member of the family said today.

One of the mayor's sons said his father expected to catch a 1 p.m. plane tomorrow, and the flight takes about five hours. He added that his father expected to be back at his City Hall desk Thursday morning.

DePascale flew to New Mexico last Tuesday.

Businessmen Out to Brake Rising Taxes

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Hoboken City Council has scheduled a public hearing on the 1970 budget to be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Hoboken High School Auditorium. In addition to the expected chamber of commerce attack on mounting costs of running the city, it is anticipated the school hall will be filled to near capacity with city taxpayers and rentpayers.

Not the Purpose

In that regard, a top city hall source points out that Wednesday night's meeting is not intended for discussion of the court ordered 100 per cent assessment of all Hoboken properties, but rather a hearing on 1970 municipal budget appropriations prior to final adoption of the budget.

Referring to a general misconception that Hoboken's industrial firms and business places will benefit from the 100 per cent assessment, while the small homeowner will be taxed as much as three and four times more, the chamber spokesman said: "While the impact of this state legislated assessment change will not fall equally on all taxpayers, it is apparent that chamber members represent leading business firms and industrial plants, they will carry the elephant's share of the city's tax load," the chamber source said.

The spokesman points out that that Bethlehem Shipyard and Maxwell House Coffee together will pay an estimated 15 per cent of all Hoboken taxes.

"There is, regrettably, no tax relief visible on the horizon for Hoboken's businessmen and industry, 100 per cent or not, and regardless of reports to the contrary," concluded the chamber budget committee spokesman.

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Freeholders To Receive Budget

Anthony R. Andriola, county budget control director, said the \$51.6-million budget will be introduced tomorrow at the freeholders meeting.

He said efforts would be made to cut the budget between tomorrow's formal introduction and the date of public hearings and final approval, which will probably be March 5.

Yesterday the freeholders again met with the Hudson budget committee to discuss ways of holding costs down in 1970. Reportedly discussed was a plan for mandatory retirement of county employees at age 70. Vacancies will be left unfilled.

AFTER the meeting Freeholders John R. Armellino and Louis DePascale expressed anger over a statement by Jersey City Councilman Morris Pesin claiming the freeholders "pulled out of thin air" a proposed budget increase of \$6.1-million, and later lowered it to \$3.9-million in order to fool the public.

"The original \$6.1-million rise was the recommendation submitted by the heads of county departments," Armellino said.

ARMELLINO added that he wanted to see the 1970 budget cut further.

"We're doing our best to cut the budget," added DePascale, who said he did not want to "dignify" the charges leveled by Pesin and Councilman William Thornton with a more explicit answer.

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"We ARE checking with the Model Cities Program along with other state and federal agencies to see if funds for something like this are available and, if so, what we have to do to apply for them," he continued.

"However, we aren't depending solely on outside funds for the park and are prepared to use part or all of the \$6,000 for this purpose."

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DePascale due back from Albuquerque N.M., tomorrow evening, a member of the family said today.

One of the mayor's sons said his father expected to catch a 1 p.m. plane tomorrow, and the flight takes about five hours. He added that his father expected to be back at his City Hall desk Thursday morning.

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Vitale Sees Cleaner City Due to New Two-Way Radio System

**Fast Action
Due from
4 Trucks**

Hoboken Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale today predicted there would be a marked improvement in the city's appearance due directly to the use of the new two-way radios in the department's trucks.

"To the casual observer it may seem like there hasn't been any change at all," he said. "But for someone like myself who has lived with the problem of trying to keep this city clean for the last five years some improvements are already visible."

"HOBOKEN'S basic problem is littering, in one form or another. The use of the radios isn't going to stop our citizens from being careless and discarding things before thinking about what they are doing or how they are doing it."

"But the radios will help the city to stop compounding the problem."

"If nothing else, the radios have given us a great deal more mobility."

"BEFORE it would take anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour to locate a truck and send it to a location for a pick up. Meanwhile, kids and the elements were free to turn a small mess into a disaster."

"Now any one of our four trucks can be sent to any given point in the city within a matter of minutes. As a result, these unwanted items can be picked up before they add to the overall littering problem."

"ACCORDING to Vitale, only two of the four city trucks have radios that are working correctly. The other two have minor problems which are expected to be fixed before the end of the week."

"Even with two trucks operational I see improvements in some areas," he added.

"Of course, the overall littering problem can't be solved this easily. The installation of a few radios isn't going to do it. This is a people problem that will end only when each individual makes up his mind to do his part."

"The city can do only so much. The rest is up to our citizens."

**Increase
In Services
'At \$30,000'**

By PETE HALLAM

Hoboken's public works department put its new two-way radio system into operation today and with it estimates it will be able to provide between \$30,000 and \$40,000 in increased services for the community, director Raphael P. Vitale said.

"We won't be actually spending any additional money," the director continued. "However, we estimate that the city would have to put up close to \$40,000 for more personnel and equipment to be able to do the job without radios that our current crews will be able to do with them."

"A SYSTEM is now being prepared which will increase the efficiency of the men and equipment and allow the department to save several hundred man hours each year. Edward McIntyre is preparing the system and should have it in operation by Friday or Monday."

Vitale added that only four trucks were on the air — two in the public works department and two in the water department — but the remaining trucks and cars would be in operation by tomorrow or Friday.

He said that two had to be switched, taking one radio out of the foreman's car and putting it in a truck and taking the truck radio out and putting it in the car, while three others still had to be checked out to make sure they were operating properly.

THE THREE bases stations — one in Vitale's office another in the water department office and the third in the public works garage — were checked out and were working.

According to McIntyre, who set up and operated a 12-radio system when he was working for Bethlehem Steel at its Hoboken shipyard, the plan he is working out for the city is a relatively simple one.

"The city will be divided into four areas, A-B-C and D," he explained. "A public works truck will be assigned to each area and will be responsible for keeping it free of discarded household items and junk placed in the streets or on the sidewalks. Unless instructed otherwise it will cover the same route each day."

"BEFORE leaving the garage each morning, the dispatcher will check the vehicles out to see that they are alright and to make sure the radios are operating."

"He then checks in with the dispatcher in Vitale's office and reports the status of the vehicles and the time they checked out of the garage to start the day's work."

"The main dispatcher logs the times in and then becomes responsible for directing the trucks for the rest of the working day. If nothing comes up requiring the dispatcher to send a truck off its regular route, periodic time checks are made to determine the trucks whereabouts. Each check for each truck is logged in, as are all transmissions between the dispatcher and the vehicles."

"WE HOPE to install a special phone for the dispatcher which will be used to service complaints about items left on the street which should be picked up."

"When a call comes in, the dispatcher takes the person's name, address and the location of the item to be picked up. He then checks this area map and calls the truck assigned to that area and sends it to the location to make the pick up."

"Each transmission is logged in so that the dispatcher has a record of what time he called the truck, the time it arrived to make the pickup and the time it was finished and ready to resume its regular route."

MCINTYRE added that the distance covered by the city's radio would allow communication with the trucks even as far away as the dump in North Arlington. Each truck makes one or two trips to the dump each day when it becomes filled. Whatever they are carrying at the end of the day is dumped at the city's dump on 16th and Grand Streets.

A code system using numbers similar to the one used by police will be used so that transmissions remain short and to the point. McIntyre said Hoboken shared its radio frequency with others, including a New York bus company and Con Edison, and had to make its transmission as short as possible so that others could conduct their business.

According to Vitale, the new system should be functioning smoothly within two weeks. He said he expected some difficulties at first but these would take care of themselves as the men became familiar with it.

He added that he would alert the public as soon as the special telephone was installed to handle complaints.

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Sewer Cleaners to Be Licensed by City

**Vitale Seeks
Competency
In Services**

Companies offering sewer cleaning service may soon find they are unable to do business in Hoboken. Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today that he is taking action which will require such companies to be licensed with the city and to obtain work permits before they can start a job.

"More and more property owners have been calling in such companies when they have problems with their sewer lines," Vitale said. "More often than not, it is a small outfit — one or two men — with some special equipment."

"BUT these men are not plumbers (who have the same equipment) and they frequently don't know too much about what they are doing. Unlike plumbers, the city has no control over these companies to make sure they do a good job."

"A plumber must have a license and he has to obtain a permit for any job he does in the city. Before he is able to tell his customer the job has been completed it must be checked out by the plumbing inspector to make sure it complies with all plumbing regulations."

"If it doesn't he must make whatever corrections necessary or face the possibility of being taken to court and being fined."

"I SEE no reason why this same type of control can't be used for these sewer line cleaning companies. I will take it up with Director Wilson and Mike Martinelli this week."

Vitale is director of the city law department and Martinelli is the plumbing inspector.

Vitale added that some of the companies were causing untold problems for the city because of their lack of plumbing knowledge.

"They'll come in on a job, poke their line through the sewer line and if it doesn't go all the way through to the main sewer line they'll tell the property owner that there's something wrong with the city sewer," he continued.

"THEY DON'T want to force anything through because they would really have problems if their line broke while inside the sewer pipe."

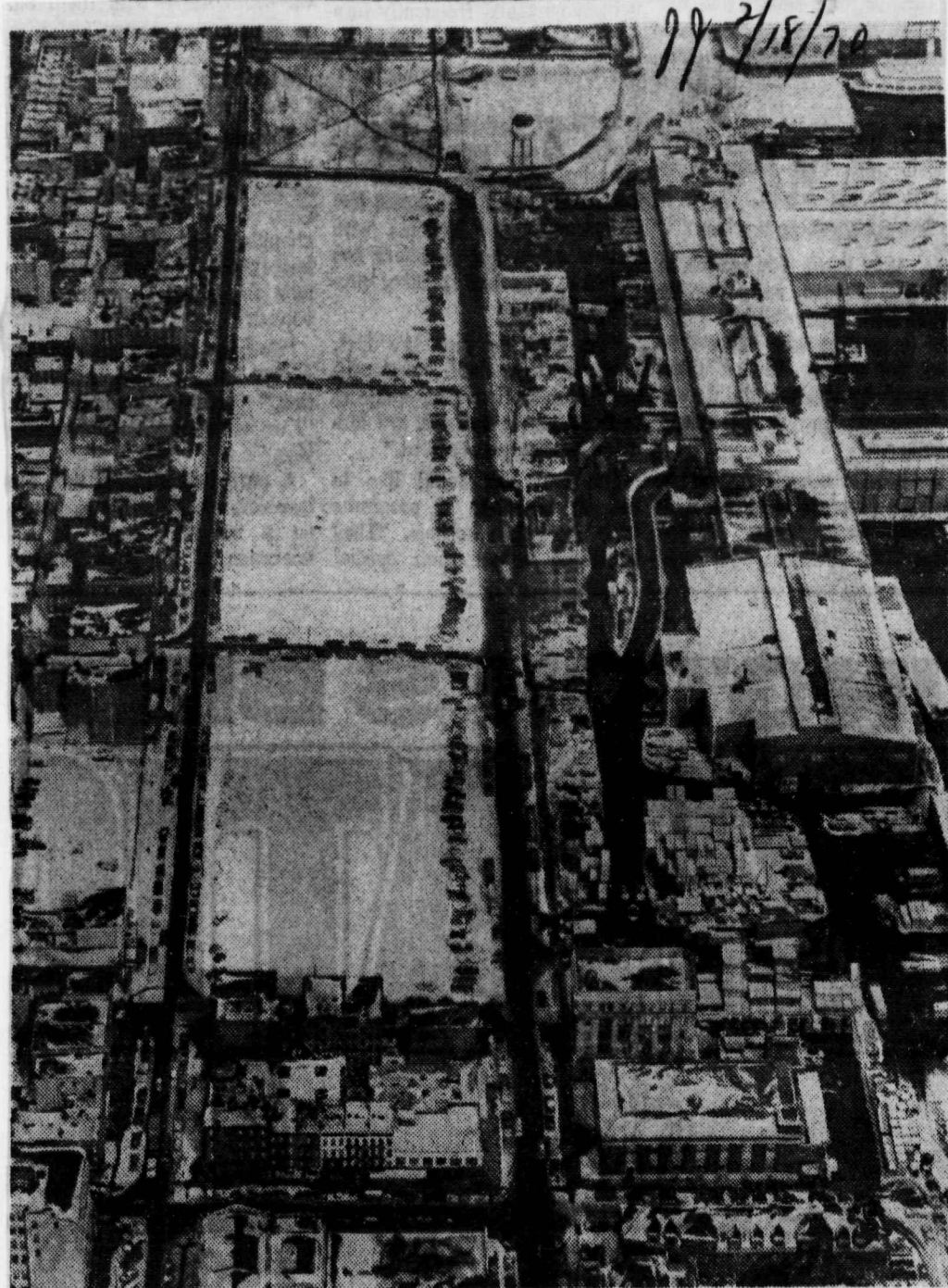
"The owner calls the city next and reports something wrong with our sewer line. We have to check it out because there could be something wrong with the line."

"Before doing anything, the sewer crews first check the line from the house to the main sewer line. We aren't suppose to be pumping out cessars or anything else unless it's a problem caused by a failure in an area the city is responsible for."

"MORE IMPORTANT, we can't afford to do it any longer. If the city does it for one we should do it for everyone. We don't have that kind of money."

When asked if he thought licensing the companies would produce additional revenue for the city, Vitale said he hadn't thought about it.

"I'm not doing this to produce revenue," he said. "I'm much more concerned with having some form of control over these companies than I am about what we are going to charge them for their licenses."



SITE OF BIG HOBOKEN PROJECT — Skyscraper apartment houses and office building, known as Grogan Marine View Plaza, will rise on these three slum-cleared city blocks bounded by Hudson, 1st, River and 4th Streets. Development has been delayed by tight money market. Meanwhile, Mayor DePascale has thrown open the site for free parking. Port Authority piers are at right. (Wally Hennig, Jersey Pictures)

Library Lists New Books

If you've been meaning to catch up on your reading now's the time. The Hoboken Free Public Library received 285 new books during February from "Mary Queen of Scots" by Antonia Fraser to "Culture and Commitment: A Study of the Generation Gap" by Margaret Mead to "Peasant Wars of the Twentieth Century."

A partial list of the new books follows:

Mary Queen of Scots, Antonia Fraser; Ruffles and Flourishes, Liz Carpenter; The Best Families, Elinor Barclay; My Brother, London, Sam Houston Johnson; The Long Goodbye, Robert B. Downey; A Beggar in Jerusalem, Elie Wiesel; Westward to Loughor, Colin Aitken; A Horse and Two Goats, R.K. Nivison; The Body Has A Head, Gustav Eckstein; Blind Love and Other Stories, V.S. Pritchett; High On Foggy Bottom, An Outsider's Inside View of the Government, Charles Frankel; The Emergence of Man, John E. Pfeiffer; Tides of Fortune 1945-1955, Harold Macmillan; The Lonely Hunter, Colin Wilcock; The Short March in Palestine, Michael Lorrain; The Dominant Fifth, Audrey Lustk; Machines in Medicine: The Medical Practice of the Future, Donald Langmuir; A Fairly Honourable Deceit, Iris Murdoch; Love and Will, Rollo May; Rings Around Tomorrow, Hugh Downs; Movement and Revolution, Peter L. Berger and Richard Neuhaus; Kindergarten, Eliot Eltinger; Brood of Eagles, Richard Martin Stern; Mariano, Juliette Benzon; Culture and Commitment: A Study of the Generation Gap, Margaret Mead; When the War Is Over, Stephen Becker; The Loners, Edited by L.M. Schumann; In Quest of Quasars: An Introduction to Stars and Strange Objects, Ben Bow; Desperate Characters, Paula Fox; The New Antiques: Knowing and Buying Victorian Furniture, George Greer; The Speller, Desmond Bagley; Barnett Frummer Is An Undiscovered Pioneer, Colin Triffin; In Transit, Bridget Brophy; Peasant Wars of the Twentieth Century, Eric R. Wolf.

Eye Form of City Rule Taxes Trigger Talk of Change

By JACK ECKHARDT
Reliable sources in Hoboken yesterday revealed there is a definite plan ready to be executed by organized tax and rent payers to change the city's mayor-council form of government. If incumbent city officials do not drastically reduce the \$10.2 million municipal budget before next Wednesday's council meeting, Vincent J. Fuselli, head of Hoboken Tax and Rentpayers Assn., indicated this Wednesday at the budget hearing. Yesterday con-

Eye Form

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ty Superintendent of Elections Office in Jersey City point out that any move to abandon the present mayor-council form of government must fulfill certain requirements.

Advocates of such a move must obtain signatures of eligible Hoboken voters totaling 20 per cent of the registration recorded in the last general election.

In the early 1960's, a group of anti-administration residents sought a change in government. That movement resulted in a state supreme court ruling that the circulators failed to fulfill all requirements of the plan to abandon mayor-council government.

It was that attempt to change Hoboken's government that resulted in former Hoboken City Clerk Arthur C. Malone rejecting the signed petitions and the advocates of the government change engaging the legal services of Chris C. Pappas to fight Malone legally. In the ensuing Malone versus Pappas case, the state's highest court ruled in Malone's favor.

It was also pointed out yesterday that if city council did decide to amend the current budget in any way, it would mean re-advertising the 1970 budget and holding another public hearing.

cerned taxpayers, whether previously considered anti or pro administration, were pledging their support to a change in government, the same source explained.

"If our elected city officials, several of whom are due to seek reelection in May next year while others, including Mayor Louis DePascale are entrenched until 1973, really want to prove they are for the people, they'll slash the proposed 1970 budget substantially," the Fuselli associate said.

Third War Councilman Steve Cappiello, a minority of one on Hoboken City Council, has voted against the \$10.2-million budget and has indicated he will again vote against its final adoption next Wednesday. Cappiello has been quoted as saying "The present budget is as phony as the 1968 and 1969 budgets. Small homeowners are being taxed into the poor house or being forced to try to sell their homes."

Moves to change Hoboken's government are nothing new. The most successful came in 1951 when a Charter Study Commission headed by incumbent Councilman Stephen Mongiello favored the present mayor-council form (Faulkner Act) over the former five-man commission form of city government.

Working with Mongiello by mandate of the Hoboken voters were Attorney John Sheehy, Arthur F. Marotta (present police captain), Charles Kaeghebel and Harry S. Keefe.

Through their efforts, Hoboken voters in 1953 accepted the mayor and council form of government that exists today.

Authorities at the Hudson County (Turn to Page 5, Column 4)

Wilson Plea On 'Equitable' Salary Fails

An effort by Hoboken Law Director E. Norman Wilson to have his annual salary increased from \$14,000 to \$19,200 failed to bear fruit when the city council declined to take action on a proposed salary ordinance.

The ordinance, proposed by Third War Councilman Steve Cappiello, called for a reduction of \$2,000 in the present annual salaries of the mayor, councilmen and department directors.

When City Clerk Anthony Amoroso called for action on the salary reduction ordinance, there was silence at the council table. The ordinance proposal defeated, Cappiello kept his hand to his forehead and his eight fellow council members kept the \$2,000 pay increases they had voted for themselves. The council salaries went up from \$2,000 to \$4,500, plus \$500 expenses.

In other action, the city council voted to accept on first reading an ordinance that will raise the annual salaries of both the police and fire department surgeons from \$3,500 to \$4,500.

Action on that ordinance was reportedly triggered by reports that Dr. Frank D'Alberdi had threatened to quit his post unless granted a salary increase.

While Director Wilson did not threaten to quit his combined post of city law director and director of the police and fire departments, it was made a matter of official record that he submitted a letter, asking consideration (Turn to Page 12, Column 1)

Wilson Plea

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tion of a \$5,000 pay hike if the Cappiello ordinance had been accepted.

In the letter, dated Feb. 26, Wilson said in part:

Wilson Writes

"I have had prepared at the request of Councilman Steve Cappiello an ordinance which would nullify the salary increases granted to the council, mayor and directors for the year 1970."

"I am obligated in the light of the proposed reduction, in so far as it relates to the salary of the director of law, not only to oppose the reduction of my salary but to request your consideration of a further increase of my salary above the \$14,000, which is now in force."

"In fairness and in keeping with the standards based upon the professional training, service involved, and responsibilities entailed, both professionally and administratively in heading two departments, the present salary of \$14,000 is inadequate. Instead of being decreased it should be increased by comparison with the salaries of directors of other city divisions and agencies."

"As director of law, which also encompasses the directorship of public safety, police and fire, two departments, the \$14,000 salary is \$7,489 below the salary fixed for police chief and fire chief and \$2,489 lower than that of the deputy chief of the fire department."

"If the department of law and the department of public safety were not combined, the department of public safety would pay its director, even under Mr. Cappiello's proposed salaries for directors, \$9,900. Prior to the important consolidation, the director of the department of public safety had a deputy at \$7,700, for a total of \$17,600. The director of law would receive \$11,900. Total of the two departments, \$29,500. Yet the city has decreed that under the present ordinance I should head the two departments, perform the work of three administrators, for \$14,000, and, under Mr. Cappiello's amendment, \$11,900. This salary would be less than a police department chief fire chief."

"It is my honest and sincere opinion that the time for equity and justice has now arrived and that not only should my present salary not be reduced, but that the ordinance should be amended to increase my salary from \$14,000 to \$19,200, and place me on a par with the salary of other city administrative officials and governmental agencies of the city who receive far in excess of my salary, comparable to the training, experience, responsibility and time required for performance."

New Airing For Hoboken

Bus Gripes

Hoboken bus riders disgusted with service on the Washington Street line will have another opportunity early next month in Newark to protest requested fare increases by the bus owners.

A hearing is scheduled at 10 a.m. March 3 at the Public Utility Commission offices, the third hearing held by the PUC investigating applications for fare increases.

AT THE HEARING last night in City Hall about 50 spectators heard a parade of witnesses, including City Council President Thomas Gallo, decry current service along the city's main thoroughfare as "a complete disgrace to the people of Hoboken."

Gallo, who was questioned by a PUC lawyer and Dudley

Schlesser, a member of the city law department, said the testimony over a year ago at similar hearings when companies were asking for an increase.

"THE TRAGEDY is the same complaints we had then: irregular scheduling, slipslashed and unreliable service — are all recurring now," Gallo said the owners have made no visible effort since then to improve service.

"How in the interest of fairness can the owners be expected to receive another increase when these conditions continue?" the councilman asked.

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"BEFORE it would take anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour to locate a truck and send it to a location for a pick up. Meanwhile, kids and the elements were free to turn a small mess into a disaster."

"Now any one of our four trucks can be sent to any given point in the city within a matter of minutes. As a result, these unwanted items can be picked up before they add to the overall littering problem."

"ACCORDING to Vitale, only two of the four city trucks have radios that are working correctly. The other two have minor problems which are expected to be fixed before the end of the week."

"Even with two trucks operational I see improvements in some areas," he added.

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By PETE HALLAM

Hoboken's public works department put its new two-way radio system into operation today and with it estimates it will be able to provide between \$30,000 and \$40,000 in increased services for the community, director Raphael P. Vitale said.

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"A SYSTEM is now being prepared which will increase the efficiency of the men and equipment and allow the department to save several hundred man hours each year. Edward McIntyre is preparing the system and should have it in operation by Friday or Monday."

Vitale added that only four trucks were on the air — two in the public works department and two in the water department — but the remaining trucks and cars would be in operation by tomorrow or Friday.

He said that two had to be switched, taking one radio out of the fireman's car and putting it in a truck and taking the truck radio out and putting it in the car, while three others still had to be checked out to make sure they were operating properly.

THE THREE bases stations — one in Vitale's office another in the water department office and the third in the public works garage — were checked out and were working.

According to McIntyre, who set up and operated a 12-radio system when he was working for Bethlehem Steel at its Hoboken shipyard, the plan he is working out for the city is a relatively simple one.

"The city will be divided into four areas, A-B-C and D," he explained. "A public works truck will be assigned to each area and will be responsible for keeping it free of discarded household items and junk placed in the streets or on the sidewalks. Unless instructed otherwise it will cover the same route each day."

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A code system using numbers similar to the one used by police will be used so that transmissions remain short and to the point. McIntyre said Hoboken shared its radio frequency with others, including a New York bus company and Con Edison, and had to make its transmissions as short as possible so that others could conduct their business.

According to Vitale, the new system should be functioning smoothly within two weeks. He said he expected some difficulties at first but these would take care of themselves as the men became familiar with it.

He added that he would alert the public as soon as the special telephone was installed to handle complaints.

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Sewer Cleaners to Be Licensed by City

Vitale Seeks Competency In Services

Companies offering sewer cleaning service may soon find they are unable to do business in Hoboken. Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today that he is taking action which will require such companies to be licensed with the city and to obtain work permits before they can start a job.

"More and more property owners have been calling in such companies when they have problems with their sewer lines," Vitale said. "More often than not, it is a small outfit — one or two men — with some special equipment."

"BUT these men are not plumbers (who have the same equipment) and they frequently don't know too much about what they are doing. Unlike plumbers, the city has no control over these companies to make sure they do a good job."

"A plumber must have a license and he has to obtain a permit for any job he does in the city. Before he is able to tell his customer the job has been completed it must be checked out by the plumbing inspector to make sure it complies with all plumbing regulations."

"If it doesn't he must make whatever corrections necessary or face the possibility of being taken to court and being fined."

"I SEE no reason why this same type of control can't be used for these sewer line cleaning companies. I will take it up with Director Wilson and Mike Martelli this week."

Vitale is director of the city law department and Martelli is the plumbing inspector.

Vitale added that some of the companies were causing untold problems for the city because of their lack of plumbing knowledge.

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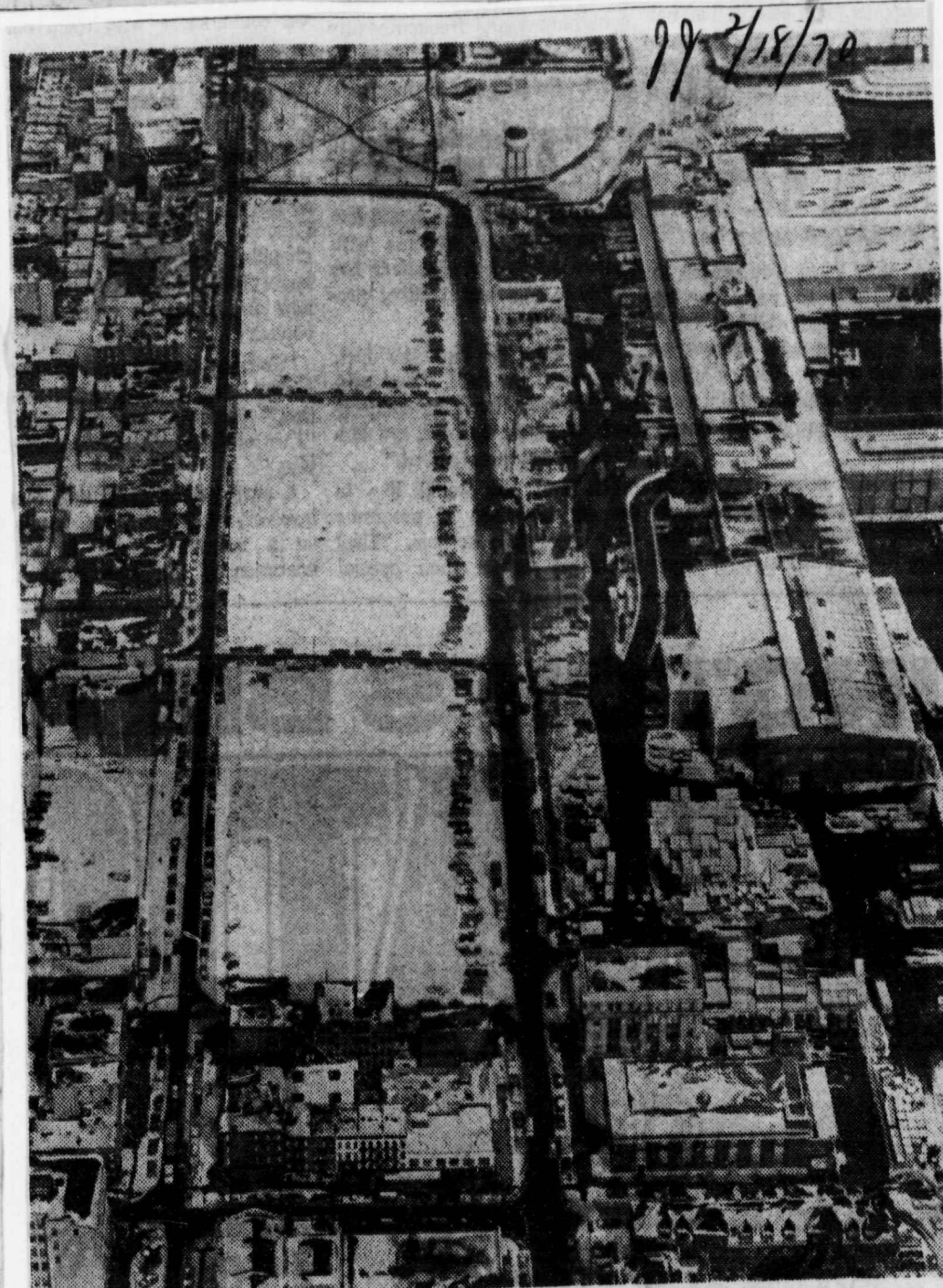
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Library Lists New Books

If you've been meaning to catch up on your reading now's the time. The Hoboken Free Public Library received 285 new books during February from "Mary Queen of Scots" by Antonia Fraser to "Culture and the Generation Gap" by Margaret Mead to "Peasant Wars of the Twentieth Century."

A partial list of the new books follows:

Mary Queen of Scots, Antonia Fraser; Ruffles and Flourishes, Liz Carpenter; The Best Families, Elizabeth Berlin; My Brother, London, Sam Houston Johnson; The Gimp That Couldn't Shoot Straight, Jimmy Breslin; Mr. Sommer's Planet, Saul Bellow; Books That Changed America, Robert B. Downs; A Beggar in Jerusalem, Elie Wiesel; Westward To Loughor, Colin MacInnes; A Horse and Two Goats, R.K. Narayan; The Body Has a Head, Gustav Eckstein; Blind Love and Other Stories, V.S. Pritchett; High On Foggy Bottom: An Outsider's Inside View of the Government, Charles Francis; The Emergence of Man, John Huxley; Tides of Fortune 1945-1955, Harold Macmillan; The Lonely Hunter, Boris Wilcox; The Short March, in Telephone, Michel Lornelli; The Dominion of the Future, Donald Loomer; A Fairly Honorable Death, Iris Murdoch; Love and Will, Rollo May; Rings Around Tomorrow, Hugh Downs; Movement and Reality, Peter A. Berger and Richard J. Neuhaus; Kinderarten, Elisabeth Ettlinger; Broad of Shoulders, Martin Stern; Marianne, Juliette Benzel; Culture and Commitment: A Study of the Generation Gap, Margaret Mead; When the War is Over, Stephen Becker; The Lovers, Edited by L.A. Scholman; In Quest of Quasars: An Introduction to Stars and Starlike Objects, Ben Bowe; Desperate Characters, Paula Fox; The New Antiquary: Knowing and Buying Victrolas, Furniture, George Groz; The Spellers, Desmond Bagley; An Unborn Flower, Gavin Trillix; In Transit, Iris Murdoch; Peasant Wars of the Twentieth Century, Eric R. Wolf.

Eye Form of City Rule Taxes Trigger Talk of Change

By JACK ECKHARDT

Reliable sources in Hoboken yesterday revealed there is a definite plan ready to be executed by organized tax and rent-payers to change the city's mayor-council form of government. The plan is to drastically reduce the \$10.2 million municipal budget before next Wednesday's council meeting.

Vincent J. Fuselli, head of Hoboken Tax and Rentpayers Assn., indicated this Wednesday at the budget hearing. Yesterday con-

cerned taxpayers, whether previously considered anti or pro administration, were pledging their support to a change in government, the same source explained.

"If our elected city officials, several of whom are due to seek reelection in May next year while others, including Mayor Louis DePascale, are entrenched until 1973, really want to prove they are for the people, they'll slash the proposed 1970 budget substantially," the Fuselli associate said.

Third War Councilman Steve Cappiello, a minority of one on Hoboken City Council, has voted against the \$10.2-million budget and has indicated he will again vote against its final adoption next Wednesday. Cappiello has been quoted as saying "The present budget is as phony as the 1968 and 1969 budgets. Small homeowners are being taxed into the poor house or being forced to try to sell their homes."

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Moves to change Hoboken's government are nothing new. The most successful came in 1951 when a Charter Study Commission headed by incumbent Councilman Stephen Mongiello favored the present mayor-council form (Faulkner Act) over the former five-man commission form of city government.

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Wilson Plea On 'Equitable' Salary Fails

An effort by Hoboken Law Director E. Norman Wilson to have his annual salary increased from \$14,000 to \$19,200 failed to bear fruit when the city council declined to take action on a proposed salary ordinance.

The ordinance, proposed by Third War Councilman Steve Cappiello, called for a reduction of \$2,000 in the present annual salaries of the mayor, councilmen and department directors. When City Clerk Anthony Amoroso called for action on the salary reduction ordinance, there was silence at the council table. The ordinance proposal defeated, Cappiello kept his hand to his forehead and his eight fellow council members kept the \$2,000 pay increases they had voted for themselves. The council salaries went up from \$2,000 to \$4,500, plus \$300 expenses.

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"I have prepared at the request of Councilman Steve Cappiello an ordinance which would nullify the salary increases granted to the council, mayor and directors for the year 1970."

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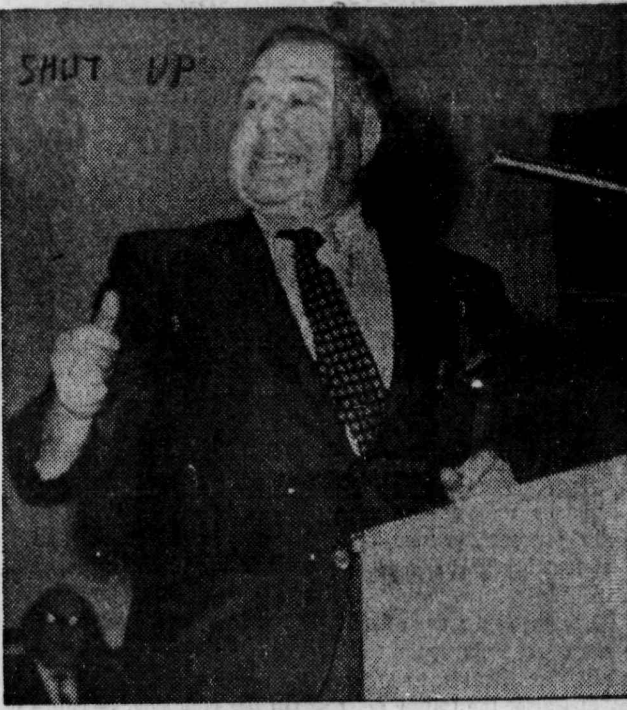
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Mayor Louis DePascale, visibly shaken following a vitriolic budget hearing last night at Hoboken High School where 350 spectators crowded the auditorium, said he and the city council will "seriously reconsider" every aspect of the proposed budget in an effort to "pare expenses right down the line."

DePASCALE and the nine city councilmen were the butt of often blistering attack as citizens lashed out at the administration for "complete insensitivity to taxpayers' plight" in the Mile Square City. Cries of "It's a political smokescreen," "Tear up the budget" and "We know what



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Cilento said that after a close, personal perusal of the budget he found \$250,000 appropriated for recreation. "I know of no town with 45,000 population that has ever had a higher budget for recreation. Just where is this recreation? Are the recreation centers hideouts for no-show employees?"

FRANK G. BOYE, president of the Hoboken Chamber of Commerce, said that, while he has faith in the mayor, "a tax increase at this time is going to force industry to leave our city."

Boye said that hefty pay increases for city employees "are out of line with nationwide trends — where the federal government, for instance, isn't increasing public salaries, but holding the line, and eliminating wasteful jobs."

THE BUSINESS leader said the new budget is "largely self-defeating, because a further tax increase will tend to drive present taxpayers from the city, and discourage new taxpayers from moving in."

Boye suggested the mayor follow an example set by the late Mayor John Grogan, who in the mid-fifties eliminated 92 non-productive, personnel jobs from the city payroll during the economy conscious Eisenhower years. "I think this is an opportunity for the mayor to truly distinguish himself, and gain political stature, I might add, in times necessitating a little belt tightening by all of us."

ALSO testifying was Edward McLaughlin, a local businessman who said administrators "had better face reality because our city is going bankrupt."

McLaughlin said he was saddened to note that city administrators have ignored a survey conducted by the Chamber of Commerce which recommended in 1967 the city budget trim 95 people from the payroll. The survey, conducted by the Wolz Co., a New York based research organization, said the move could save Hoboken a half million dollars annually.

"There has been no mention of this survey — not then — not now, because the city fathers just don't want to hear it," he said.

MRS. Gloria Mullins, who said she represented a group of hard pressed tenants in the city, noted the tax increase would hit those who are least able to pay it. "Every time taxes go up, the cost is passed on to the landlord and the tenant," she said, "in effect, the tax constitutes a double cost to the renter."

The woman said it was "beyond belief" the city increasing taxes at tenements lining Washington and 12th Street, in the city's "ghetto neighborhood."

DePASCALE said he has been giving increased attention to end problems and plans to meet later this month with rent strikers.

Chief source of discontent among taxpayers is a proposed \$657,000 increase in employee salaries requested by the city. Steve Cappiello, Third Ward Councilman, who has opposed the administration's budgetary moves, said, "realistically the figure could be cut in half."

"I was encouraged to see the turnout last night," Cappiello told reporters, "It was the largest crowd we've ever seen at a budget hearing and it goes to show the people here are fed up with an unresponsive city government."

DePascale Won't Drop 100 Workers

Hoboken will not eliminate 100 city employees as suggested by the Hoboken-North Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce as a means of reducing the city's 1970 record high municipal budget, Mayor Louis DePascale said today explaining that some city officials took exception to the chamber's figures.

"The reduction suggested by the chamber was a general statement and did not pinpoint specific areas where they could actually be made," the mayor said.

"AT THE SAME TIME my police officers are telling me they are understaffed, the firemen are saying the same thing and the other city departments claim they don't have enough men to keep up with the increasing demands for service being made by residents."

"The more services the city is required to offer the public the more money it is going to cost to provide them."

"Our directors have been given a free hand in cleaning out the dead wood in their departments. There have been firings and there will probably be more to come."

"WHILE THE CITY respects the chamber's opinion and interest in local government's efficient operation, it disagrees with the chamber's figures."

"Still, steps have been taken to eliminate, where possible, employees and jobs that are no longer necessary or can be assumed by other employees."

THE MAYOR said he has been in contact with Supermarine, the company which plans to build a \$40,000,000 oil storage and processing facility on the site of the Todd Shipyard, on the possibility of obtaining a deposit guaranteeing the company will bid a minimum of \$375,000 for Hoboken's portion of the old shipyard.

"If this can be accomplished within the next week there is a possibility the state division of local government will allow the city to include the \$375,000 in the 1970 budget as anticipated revenue."

THIS, HE SAID, would allow the city to reduce the 1970 tax rate by about \$6. However, the city council is expected to vote on the finalized budget at its March 18 meeting. State law requires the budget be given final approval no later than March 20.

If the transaction takes place, and DePascale is certain it will, but after the budget is finalized or the state refused to allow the city to show the guarantee as anticipated revenue the tax rate will stand.

The money Hoboken does get from Supermarine this year for the property will be cash on hand, but for taxpayers it won't mean anything until next year when the city can show it as surplus money and use it to reduce the 1971 tax rate.

Jersey City's Sliding Scale Adopted

Everyone's water bill in Hoboken will be more than doubled beginning April 1, when the city starts paying more for the water from its supplier, Jersey City. Hoboken officials confirmed today that they will pass the increase along to the consumers.

Austin Berman, head of Jersey City's water department, said that instead of the flat rate of \$110 per million gallons which it has been charging Hoboken, a sliding scale has been adopted that averages out to a little more than \$240 per million gallons over the course of the year.

HE SAID the scale would be as follows: \$320 per million gallons for the first 3,000,000 gallons; \$295 per million for the next three; \$265 per million for the next 12,000,000 gallons, and \$240 per million for everything over 18,000,000 gallons.

Last year, Hoboken purchased 4,392,200 gallons of water from Jersey City and paid approximately \$478,000 for it at the rate of \$110 for each 1,000,000 gallons used by the city.

ASSUMING the city's annual rate of consumption remains more or less steady, that same amount of water will now cost approximately \$1,053,000. But the amount Hoboken will pay Jersey City for this year's water will actually be something less than this figure since the old rate will be used to compute the charge for water delivered to Hoboken before April 1.

Hoboken bills property owners at the rate of \$1.80 for each 1,000 cubic feet of water used with a minimum charge of \$2. There are 7,500 gallons in 1,000 cubic feet of water.

AT THIS RATE, approximately \$130 profit is made by the city for each 1,000,000 gallons it sells to local customers. However, an annual average of between 30 and 40 per cent of the water the city buys from Jersey City is lost due to Hoboken's antiquated water lines.

Undiscovered water leaks and major water breaks take a high toll of city water. Since the water is lost before it passes through a meter in an individual's building no one can be billed for it and the city takes the financial loss.

EVEN WITH the loss of thousands of gallons of water the amount realized by the city in payment for water used by customers is more than enough to cover what Hoboken must pay to Jersey City.

Officials in Hoboken's water department estimate that the average family in the city uses somewhere between 1,000 and 1,500 cubic feet of water each quarter or roughly about 5,500

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Sewer Lines Sabotaged In Hoboken

Hoboken's sewage system is under siege from unknown forces who are doing their best to foul it up, Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today.

"There is a person or persons who are deliberately throwing things into our corner catchbasins for the purpose of clogging them up," the director said. "Our sewer crew is having a hard time keeping up with calls to check clogged sewer lines, and all in the same area."

VITALE SAID the problem has been centered on Park Avenue, Garden and Bloomfield Streets, 9th Street, 12th Street and 14th Street.

"My crew has been pulling out items from the catchbasins that couldn't possibly have gotten in by themselves," he continued.

"Pillows, a large doll carriage, not to mention assorted pieces of lumber and building materials have been found. About a dozen large chunks of concrete were taken out of the catch basin at 7th Street and Park Avenue."

"We considered ourselves lucky on that one. If it had been dumped in there while it was still soft the city would have had to put in a whole new catch basin."

HE EXPLAINED the soft cement, even though under water, would still harden, thus sealing off the line between the catchbasin and the main sewer line.

"These things all had one thing in common," he said. "They were too large to pass through the grid or the mouth of the basins. Someone had to open the manhole above the catch basin and dump the stuff in through the opening. To me, this is deliberate."

VITALE SAID he suspected the problem was the work of children. However, some adults may also be responsible. He asked residents to report anyone seen opening a catchbasin manhole to his department, if during the regular working day, or the police department at night or on weekends.

"By doing so, they may save themselves some problems," he continued. "A clogged catchbasin can lead to a flooded street corner and that can result in a flooded basement."

He added that, even if the culprit isn't caught at the time a resident calls, it will at least alert the department to the fact that someone was tampering with the catchbasin manhole cover and allow it to check the basin before a problem develops.

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cubic feet a year. The charge is about \$10.

If the new rate is prorated and passed along to local consumers the same amount of water will now cost somewhere between \$22 and \$25.

MAYOR Louis DePascale said today that he and Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale have anticipated the rate increase but received official notification of it from Jersey City only yesterday.

"We should be able to determine what Hoboken water users will be paying sometime today," he said. "The director and I have started going over the rates and how they affect the 70 budget, the funds we anticipated to pay the water bills and if we can expect the same percentage of collections now that there will have to be a higher rate?"

Cappiello Asks Hoboken Council To Cancel \$2,000 Pay Raise

A Hoboken councilman has introduced an ordinance to the city council which, if approved, will cost him and the eight other councilmen, and mayor and all city directors \$2,000 a year each.

Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello last night. The amendment to the city's salary ordinance at the councilmen's caucus last night. The amendment cancels out the \$2,000 raises for the mayor, department directors and the councilmen approved a few months ago over Cappiello's objections.

DIRECTORS would go back to the \$10,000-a-year mark except E. Norman Wilson.

As an attorney, Wilson is at a scale \$3,400 higher than the other directors. He is head of the law and public safety departments.

The ordinance which granted the increases was passed by a margin of 8 to 1 with Cappiello casting the lone dissenting vote. He expects his amendment to be disapproved by the margin.



STEVE CAPPIELLO
Tries Again

"I want to give them a second chance to reconsider their initial actions which passed," Cappiello said. "The increase was not needed and completely un-

justifiable, especially at this time when we are worrying about increased costs of operating the city."

"THERE isn't one member of the council who doesn't work for a living at some other job and make a sufficient salary to maintain his family. This is gravy at the expense of the taxpayers."

"The mayor has an additional salary coming in as a freeholder and should be able to live on what he is paid by the county and the city."

"As for the directors, their old salaries were adequate for the amount of time some of them put in on the job."

Cappiello said he blamed the council for the increase in salaries more than the mayor or the directors. He said his information led him to believe that the mayor was more or less passive to the proposal but that one or two councilmen had pushed for it.

PBA to Fete Crimmins, Two Captains

The Hoboken Patrolmen's Benevolent Association will honor Chief George Crimmins and retiring Captains Walter F. Fallon and Patrick Ricciardi tomorrow night at an affair in the Clam Broth House, Patrolman Ernest O. Brissette, president, said today.

Also to be honored are two civilians who assisted local police in making arrests. They are Fred Neuschwanter of West-New York and George Harris of Brooklyn.

Mayor Louis DePascale, Public Safety Director E. Norman Wilson and all members of the city council have been invited to attend and are expected to attend. Jerry Molly will be toastmaster.

Patrolman Angelo Catalano is chairman for the affair.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—Martin J. Brennan (left), former Hoboken city clerk, questions item in city budget at public hearing last night in Hoboken High School. At right Councilman Thomas A. Gallo, president of the city council, explains the questioned items. The budget was passed after a two-hour hearing.

Residents, Businessmen Agree

Say Rising Taxes Drive People Out of Hoboken

By JACK ECKHARDT

An estimated 800 persons last night braved a steady downpour of rain to attend a spirited public hearing on the city's 1970 municipal budget in the auditorium of the high school. The session saw taxpayers and rentpayers echo the sentiments

of industry that increased taxes are forcing them to seek homes and business sites elsewhere.

The two-hour hearing was a far cry from budget hearings held during municipal election years. Mayor Louis DePascale and the nine-member city council were called upon to answer less than a dozen detailed questions about the \$10.2 million appropriations.

But the rainy night failed to dampen spirits of speakers and the audience, which applauded, laughed, and booed at intervals when Hoboken officials were taken to task about specific budget items. The main attack centered around charges that Hoboken's payroll of city employees is over-stuffed. City councilmen were sharply criticized for voting themselves and department directors 80 percent pay hikes this year.

Frank G. Boyle, vice president of United States Testing Co., and president of Hoboken-North Hudson Chamber of Commerce, expressed the chamber's appreciation of Mayor DePascale's energetic efforts to revive the city through several federal projects.

Voices Alarm

But Boyle criticized the DePascale Administration for what he termed an alarmingly high tax rate and proposed further tax increases on already overburdened property owners. "The proposed 1970 municipal budget," Boyle said, "threatens to be self-defeating, and such tax increases will tend to drive present property owners out of the city. It will also discourage potential new taxpayers, such as new industry and business places, from moving business places, from moving

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here, or new residents from living here."

Holding that the Hoboken city payroll is overstaffed at the expense of private homeowners, rentpayers and both business and industrial firms, Boyle demanded that at least 100 employees be dropped from the city payroll.

A Hoboken housewife, Mrs. Gloria Mullins of 1212 Washington st., mother of five, succeeded in getting a positive commitment from DePascale and Second Ward Councilman William Matthews that action will be taken against an out-of-town landlord.

On Her Side

To the applause of the audience, Mrs. Mullins demanded: "How the hell can you hike the taxes of our landlord, who has already increased our rent due to 100 percent assessment and your high budget?"

Mayor DePascale assured the irate mother that he will meet today on the problem of so many families in the same apartments on upper Washington st. regarding lack of hot water and other comforts in the face of already increased rents.

Mrs. Mullins shouted: "It's within your power to increase our taxes, and within your power to hike your own salaries. But we suffer the brunt of it. We can't vote our husbands a salary hike. I warn you, gentlemen, if there isn't something done about our increased taxes and rents, you'll face a residents' revolt in the city."

The Hoboken land holding of Stevens Tech also came under fire at the hearing, with the top executive of Bethlehem Shipyard, Douglas Mansell, demanding the city do something about one-third of the city's area while only paying a specific sum in lieu of taxes.

Mansell, Bethlehem Shipyard general manager, said: "I'm speaking for myself, not for the officials of Bethlehem Steel Corp. At the rate of taxes on top of taxes, there is a very definite chance that Bethlehem will pull out of Hoboken." He reiterated that he spoke as an individual, not for the Bethlehem trustees.

Mansell said "Stevens has too much untaxed property. I feel they should pay their share. It's a damnable situation. I charge you to do something about it."

Urges Reconsideration

Charles J. Tiedemann, chairman of Hoboken-North Hudson Chamber of Commerce budget study committee, also spoke, saying: "At the rate we are forced

to pay during recent years, we're working for Hoboken, not for Bethlehem Shipyard. It's getting to be an impossible situation. We can't afford to pay additional taxes. You must reconsider the budget in its present form. It must be reduced drastically."

Vincent J. Fuselli, chairman of Hoboken Tax and Rentpayers Assn., criticized the city's procedure for assessing properties at 100 percent valuation, saying he heard nine out of 10 property owners say an assessor never visited their homes.

Charging present Hoboken officials with blaming the increased taxes on 100 per cent assessment, Fuselli said: "The increased budget is the real villain, not the 100 per cent assessment. Financial chaos exists in Hoboken. Since 1965 costs have increased some \$4 million. If the city goes bankrupt, you are responsible. And if you don't cut the present expenditures, and if the present type of government continues to function, we'll do something to change it."

Martin J. Brennan of 1118 Park av., the city's former city clerk and one-time deputy county clerk, questioned Council President Thomas A. Gallo about officials voting themselves a \$2,000 increase.

"Why did you do it?" Brennan demanded of Gallo. The latter replied: "It was the opinion of council members that they deserve it." The remark drew extended boos from the audience. Brennan also demanded that the council do something about increased water charges which home owners will face this summer.

Records on file show the 1969 Hoboken tax rate was \$162.36 for each \$1,000 valuation. That year the total assessed property valuation was \$59,403,200.

When Mayor DePascale took office in 1965, the tax rate was \$119.31. The following year DePascale reduced the rate to \$110.59. In 1967 the rate went to \$110.31. Then, in 1968, the tax rate increased to \$135.34, the budget explanation citing increased salaries for all city employees as the major reason for the hike.

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Supermarine Dashes Hopes Of Last-Minute Tax Cut

Hoboken's hopes for a last-minute property tax cut of \$375,000 were dashed today with the news that Supermarine Inc. cannot commit itself to buying the defunct Todd Shipyard from the city for that or any other amount.

Mayor Louis DePascale had hoped to insert the \$375,000 as anticipated revenue in the already-completed 1970 budget, and then persuade the state to allow him to reduce the tax levy by that amount.

DEPASCALE and Charles F. Krause, attorney for Supermarine and former Weehawken mayor, met again yesterday in a last-ditch effort to work out a written guarantee from the company assuring the city it will make a minimum bid of \$375,000 on the property when the city puts it up for public auction in the near future.

"It is very unlikely we will be able to reach a formal written agreement before the city's budget is approved," the mayor said following the session. "The company is still waiting for formal approval from the federal government on several engineering aspects of the project."

FOR the mayor, it is the second time he has been disappointed in his efforts to include the money Hoboken expects to get from the company as anticipated revenue for this year.

Last Friday, he had been told that Supermarine wouldn't agree to the guarantee until the engineering problems had been ironed out and approved by the federal government. His spirits were bolstered a few hours later when the president of the company contacted him to say he had just received a call from Washington giving verbal approval.

However, verbal approval isn't good enough for Supermarine. It wants it formally in writing and still isn't going to give Hoboken a guarantee on the bid until it gets it.

ONCE he had the guarantee, DePascale planned to ask the state Division of Local Government for permission to include the anticipated \$375,000 in the budget. If permission had been granted the city's 1970 tax rate could have been dropped about \$6 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Since state statutes require

the municipal budget be approved by the city council by no later than Friday (March 20), it is very unlikely there will be enough time for the city to complete all arrangements by then should Supermarine's written approval come in today or tomorrow.

THERE is still one outside chance of acquiring additional time on the budget but it rests entirely on the city council's ability to cut the budget by at least 10 per cent.

Under the same statute which requires the budget be approved by March 20, that requirement is suspended if the budget is changed by increase or decrease of 10 per cent or more. If such changes are made, the city will have to re-advertise the budget and hold another public hearing on the changed items.

Any changes will have to be made in what the council already has in front of it. The transaction with Supermarine can't be considered.

The council is to take action on the budget at tomorrow's meeting if it is unable to cut enough to postpone the final vote.

Hoboken Budget Attacked Overstaffing Charged to City by C. of C.

By JACK ECKHARDT

The elimination of 100 employees from the Hoboken municipal payroll was demanded yesterday during a meeting between Mayor Louis DePascale and representatives of Hoboken-North Hudson Chamber of Commerce.

According to Charles J. Tiedemann, chairman of the chamber's budget study committee, such elimination of over-stuffed departments could result in more than a \$500,000 saving to city taxpayers. Tomorrow night, the 1970 Hoboken budget will be open for public discussion at eight o'clock in the high school auditorium.

During yesterday's discussion in DePascale's office, chamber spokesman Frank Boyle, Tiedemann and other representatives of Hoboken industry, said "The situation of over-stuffed departments in Hoboken in parallel with recent findings of the Hudson County Tax Research Council. The findings Feb. 12 declared the county government is over-stuffed by perhaps as many as 530 employees, representing a yearly excess payroll of \$1,750,000."

It was further stated by chamber officials that an analysis made by the group two years ago, relative to Hoboken's municipal operations, is still relevant in general and appropriate in detail. The study at that time indicated 582 city employees is a reasonable number needed for the various departments.

The 1970 Hoboken budget calls for 682 employees, which is the same amount budgeted for in 1969. Neither figure includes personnel working for the water utility and sewer utility, budgeted separately.

The chamber officials say their estimate of 582 employees needed to operate all departments is the result of a comparison with Union City and North Bergen, which the chamber says have populations equal to Hoboken.

The chamber also is critical of Hoboken's departmental heads, regarding the many employees who shun the "full day's work for a full day's pay" rule, the chamber feels that if responsible directors would tighten up on the time off with pay practices, as is done in industry, a reduction well below the recommended 582 employees figure would be feasible.

"With the recent substantial wage increases for all city employees, Hoboken officials should demand better production from the city employees," the chamber says.

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key employees," the chamber spokesman said.

At the same time yesterday, the chamber admitted inefficiency in all city government—but to a larger degree where there is overstaffing, as in Hoboken, and to a lesser degree where there is no surplus personnel.

"If the present Hoboken officials really want to provide tax relief for city home owners, businessmen and industry, they must take positive action in eliminating excess personnel. Such a move will make for improved employee performance and more effective municipal operation."

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Ceiling Through Roof Higher Hoboken Budget Expected

Hoboken City Council tomorrow is expected to amend the 1970 municipal budget calling for \$10.2 million appropriations, but the amendment will mean adding to the budget rather than reducing it as demanded by rentpayers.

Following a private council caucus last night at city hall, it was revealed taxpayers will share an \$80,000 appropriation needed for administration of the city's welfare cases this year. A council spokesman said the current budget appropriates only \$67,682 for administration of the city's welfare cases, and the state requires \$13,163 additional be included in the budget.

An eleventh hour effort yesterday by Mayor Louis DePascale to include a \$375,000 item in the budget involving sale of Todd Shipyard to Supermarine Corp. apparently has not materialized. The same council source last night indicated city efforts to get the oil processing firm plans off the drawing boards into reality are hampered by red tape and high financing.

Despite objections to the budget voiced at a public hearing March 4 by private homeowners, rentpayers and representatives of industry, it was reportedly the plan of the city council to adopt the budget tomorrow without slashing (Turn to Page 4, Column 5)

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a Chamber of Commerce "overloaded city payroll."

However, now that state welfare authorities insist the added \$13,163 be included in the budget, it will mean re-advertising the amendment and holding a public hearing on it before the budget may be legally adopted.

But DePascale, in submitting his budget to the council, insists current appropriations are necessary.

Street and sidewalk salt accounts for the most elusive figure. Last year the public works budget allowed \$450 for calcium chloride used to melt ice on sidewalks and \$6,000 for rock salt for a total of \$6,450. This year the calcium chloride will run \$1,000, the rock salt \$8,087 and a new item, rockite, added to salt for its superior melting qualities, will cost \$1,850. Public Works Director Raphael Vitale accounts for the cost of the rock salt by pointing out an increase of almost \$2 a ton. But what about the other increases?

BROOMS? Public works will provide brooms for an undetermined number of Hoboken children engaging in a clean-up program sponsored by HOPE, Hoboken's anti-poverty program, this summer. Does anyone doubt that this will cost public works an additional \$1,000?

Plaza Project Advanced Firm in Newark to Sell Hoboken Garage Bonds

Hoboken's \$35 million Grogan Marineview Plaza apartment and commercial complex moved toward the ground breaking stage yesterday, with announcement by Mayor Louis DePascale's office that a Newark investment firm has agreed to sell \$8.5 million in bonds to finance the parking facility for some 2,000 cars.

Such news was further confirmed by a spokesman for the Hoboken Housing Authority, which in cooperation with the city's Parking Authority had sought the required bond sale for the past few months. The same source said the Parking Authority has accepted the bond sale offer at a 7.75 per cent interest rate.

Thus, the underwriter, J.B. Hanover Investment Co., will draw up the necessary agreement for turning over the \$8.5 million to the Hoboken parking agency. Such an agreement is expected to be completed within a three week period.

According to Nicholas J. Caruso, who is chairman of the Hoboken Parking Authority, guaranteed funding of the ground level parking and garage facilities was a condition set for the entire Marineview Plaza project by the complex developer.

Taylor-Woodrow (a Blitman of New York City, the developer plans to erect a 25-story Plaza Office Tower, to be located 65 include an adjoining swimming pool and house individual modern offices for rent. It is planned that Hoboken's municipal offices (Turn to Page 6, Column 3)

Water Rate Fight Jersey City Drains Us Dry: Hoboken

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale yesterday turned to the city's legal staff in one of two efforts to fight a proposed 100 per cent or more hike in the water rates as officials in an effort to renegotiate the present water contract, DePascale said he will explore the possibility of buying water from Hackensack Water Co. as an alternative if Jersey City does not cooperate in lowering the proposed 100 per cent hike.

It was stressed yesterday that despite such a proposed hike in the potable water rates, the sewerage charges levied presently on resident property owners will not be increased.

At present, Hoboken buys water from Jersey City at the rate of \$110 per million gallons. The new rate which Jersey City plans to charge as of Apr. 1 is set at \$320 million gallons for the first three million gallons; \$295 for the next three million gallons; \$265 for the next 12 million gallons, and (Turn to Page 20, Column 1)

Saying the new rate is much too high at this time, DePascale ordered Law Director E. Norman Wilson to meet with Jersey City officials in an effort to renegotiate the present water contract. DePascale said he will explore the possibility of buying water from Hackensack Water Co. as an alternative if Jersey City does not cooperate in lowering the proposed 100 per cent hike.

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\$240 each over 18 million gallons. "The rate is too high at this time," commented DePascale, adding, "Our resident property owners have enough problems as it is now without increasing the price of potable water." He reiterated, "I'll do everything in my power to modify the proposed rate hike."

Records show that during 1968, Hoboken paid Jersey City \$228,560 for water (a total 3,896,000 gallons) and in turn, metered out the water to resident homes and industry for \$545,876, realizing a profit of \$117,316.

Of that profit, funds are used to pay salaries and wages, purchase equipment for the water department, upkeep of mains and fire hydrants, and overall operation of the city water department. Records on file show that Hoboken residents and business firms use on an average between 10 and 15 million gallons of water daily, including operations at Maxwell House Coffee plant, where a 24-hour coffee processing operation is the city's largest user.

And despite efforts to correct faulty conditions, the city admits losing at least 40 per cent of the total water purchased each year, due to main breaks, whether privately or in part of the city's water main structure.

TO an extent, the directors of Hoboken's departments are glad to account for the differences. But in the end even inflation isn't the only answer.

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will relocate within the new office building.

Apartment Buildings

In addition, the proposed \$85 million project will include four high rise apartment buildings, providing modern living quarters for some 750 families overlooking the Hudson River. The entrance to the modern complex will be from Hudson st., between First and Fourth sts.

The commercial office building, which will include a ground level lobby, will also include a modern restaurant on the fifth floor. The lobby will be restricted to specific square footage for such shops as hair dresser, barber shop, news and tobacco stand, and the like. It is not planned for any of the shops to provide competition for nearby Washington st. merchants.

Tackling first things first, Mayor DePascale said the bonding of the off-street level garage will be a self-liquidating operation. It is planned the garage operation will be leased out for the first few years to a professional garage attendant.

Tentative plans call for garage space for the prospective 750 tenants, another 300 spaces for the commercial building tenants and the balance for transients. According to Mayor DePascale, the commercial building may still become the new home of the city's police and fire headquarters. It was further indicated yesterday that long vacant properties directly west of the Marineview Plaza at First and Hudson sts. will soon be activated as the proposed site of an international Longshoremen's Assn. (ILA) hospital clinic. Eventually, other existing properties to the north of the proposed clinic along the west side of Hudson st. will also be demolished, including the present fire headquarters building.

Members of the Hoboken Parking Authority with Caruso are Dominick Casulli, Robert Corea, Richard Everson and Daniel Manobianco.

Hoboken's Bad News Itemized

Inflation may be hitting you hard this year, but it's as if the Hoboken city is set for 1970 was hit hardest.

The cost of feeding prisoners' arrangement, for example, skyrocketed from \$2,200 in 1969 budget to \$6,000 for 1970. Likewise, the cost of towing and storing abandoned cars jumped from \$9,000 to \$14,000.

SALTING streets and sidewalks, budgeted at about \$6,450 in 1969, will run the taxpayers \$10,947 this year. Replacement of collapsed sewer lines, an item not mentioned at all in the 1969 budget, will cost \$6,875 in 1970. Even brooms for Hoboken's 25 public works employees, trucks and a clean-up program this summer, which cost a mere \$1,125 last year, will cost \$2,215 this year.

Another curious jump is from \$1,000 for street and parking signs in 1969 to \$3,025 for the same this year. And uniforms for public works employees will cost \$2,800 this year. Last year employees made do with their own clothes.

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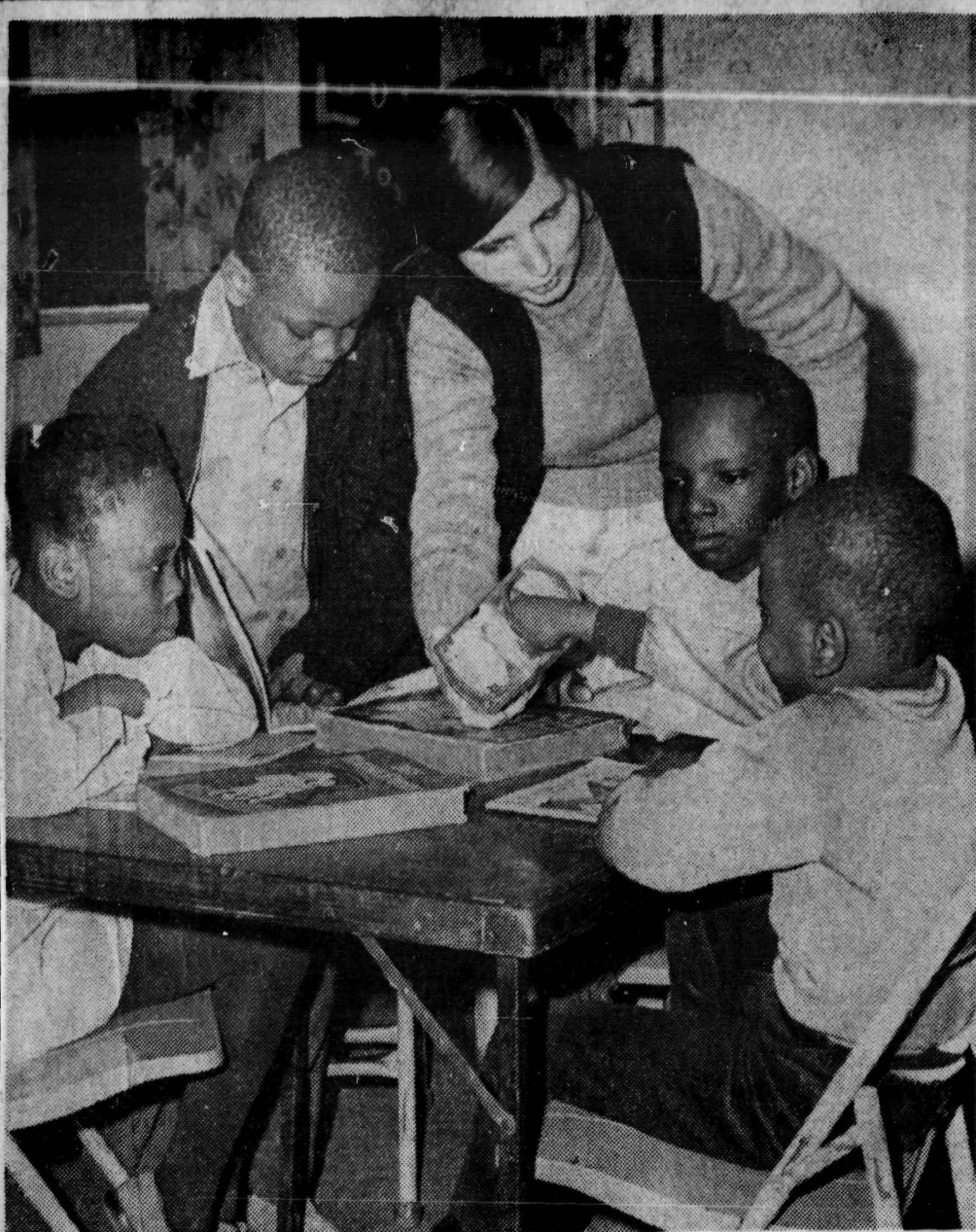
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Building Unity in Hoboken



In the tutorial classroom in Hoboken, Margaret Wedlake teaches her students a new game. Reaching into the bowl is Robert

Chapman 5, while Wesley Johnson Jr., 8, Thomas Chapman, 8, and Charlotte Chapman, 7, listen to the instructions.

Communication — the key to successful urban living — is being observed more and more every day in a little corner of Hoboken.

Talking of the 60 Garden Street Association and what its acquisition has accomplished in the short time it has been in existence, one of its prime movers said this:

"IT HAS BROUGHT together people of different backgrounds and has given them pride in their community," declared Margaret Wedlake, who has been closely associated with the project since its inception.

"We see a marked difference even in the way the children cooperate with each other, play together and share things. Previously black and Puerto Rican children had almost nothing to do with each other. Now it is a delight to see how those youngsters have managed to bridge both the language barrier and a cultural gap in order to get along together."

THE ASSOCIATION has reason to be proud of its achievements. The most recent project is the renovation of a tenement house into 10 four-room apartments. The tenants in the building have been selected according to financial

need, family size and proximity to the house. They are primarily black and Puerto Rican.

The unique neighborhood spirit in this apartment building may be a result of the pride the tenants have in their property. This spirit allows for the individuality and cultural differences of the families but it clearly emphasizes their unity in purpose.

MISS WEDLAKE, one of the major contributors to the Association, has high expectations for the continued success of the project. "You know you've accomplished something when you hear black children trying to explain something in broken Spanish to a Puerto Rican playmate who doesn't speak English," she said.

Most of the children in the building attend the tutorial and recreational classes offered by the Association. The teachers are volunteers from the neighborhood and students from Hoboken high school. The tutorial program allows one half hour of individual instruction for each child. There are currently 40 children from age 5 to 12 enrolled in this program.

The special summer program expects an enrollment of 70 or more children. In addition, the Association hopes to sponsor a program specifically directed towards teenagers.

THE TENANTS are actively cooperating to maintain the present improvements and have decided to make additional changes as well. They all cooperate with the janitor whom they selected from amongst themselves in keeping the premises clean. They voted for themselves a five-dollar increase to buy storm windows for the building and in addition they have arranged for coin-operated washers and dryers to be installed in the basement.

"Being surrounded by an aesthetically pleasing environment is generally more conducive to taking care of one's own apartment," said Miss Wedlake. The residents of the renovated building are obviously encouraged by the improvements in their environment and they have already proven their ability to organize and initiate improvements on their own.

THE EFFECTS of environment on an individual are deep and far reaching. The pressures of urban life are heightened by the congested conditions of the ghetto. The children involved in the 60 Garden Street Association project may need to develop a new idea of "home." Now it will mean an attractive, spacious apartment in a clean building with friendly neighbors.

In an annual report given by the Council of Churches to its members the following was stated: "The 60 Garden Street Association is attempting to lessen the plight of the ghetto areas in Hoboken. It is attempting to do something for the inhabitants of the ghettos."

It is not an organization of unmet promises, of unending planning, of profiteering. It is a small volunteer organization with limited finances but with unlimited dedication and determination, two very important factors for success. It is a doing organization. It is effective."



Believing that every litter bit hurts, Lorenzo Johnson, 7, and Mike Johnson, 4, sweep the front of their home at 69 Park Ave. in Hoboken.

POLICE TO CHARGE FEES FOR SERVICE

DePascale, Committee Meet On Day Care Center Hassle

The Hoboken Day Care 100 Policy Committee and Mayor Louis DePascale are meeting today to try to straighten out their differences over the hiring of non-professional instructors for the program and the question of whether or not the mayor will force a reorganization of the policy committee.

Several members of the policy committee, including chairman Luis Lopez of 801 Washington St., marched into De Pascale's office yesterday to protest the

mayor's reported notice that the committee had been disbanded. However, the mayor said he hadn't ordered the committee to disband.

ACCORDING to Lopez, the committee's personnel screening committee had selected 13 persons for the 12 jobs soon to be open when the center is ready to begin operations.

"The selections were approved by the policy committee and forwarded to the mayor's with

its recommendation to hire them," Lopez continued.

"On Monday the policy received a memo from the mayor saying that two Puerto Ricans would have to be eliminated and replaced with two whites. That night the committee met, reviewed the selections and decided that the people already decided on were best suited for the jobs. We then informed Michael Coleman (director of the Model Cities Program) that we were sticking with our original 13."

DE PASCALE said he did have the committee advised that two selections should be replaced, but the fact that they were Puerto Rican or Spanish-speaking had nothing to do with it.

"One of those recommended for the job comes from Jersey City and another comes from Union City," the mayor said. "With close to 100 local residents applying for the posts there is no reason why the committee had to pick non-residents."

LOPEZ SAID nine of those selected for the jobs were Spanish-speaking, one was black and three were white.

He added that after the committee had told Coleman of its decision, Coleman reported to the mayor.

"Coleman then told us that the mayor instructed him to tell the committee it had been disbanded and a new committee would be formed," said Wedlake, another member.

"ALE said he hadn't disbanded the committee as he was concerned it was still a functioning body. However, he said there appeared to be some imbalance on the committee and there was a possibility of a reorganization."

The policy committee is set to have 25 members, but there are only 14 persons on it.

"The committee is supposed to reflect a cross section of the community," the mayor explained. "There is a question of whether it is meeting this requirement."

After meeting for more than 15 minutes, neither the mayor nor committee members would comment on what took place except to say another meeting had been scheduled for today.

BY MONITORING the police and fire calls we will frequently be able to determine if men or equipment from public works are needed before either public safety unit puts out a request for them."

Vitale said his men and equipment are often needed at fires as well as Public Works Department emergencies. These would include street cave ins, water main breaks and flooding during rain or snow storms among others.

The director said the radio cost the department about \$80 and was a worthy addition to its other radio equipment. Public Works recently installed two-way radios in all of its trucks and directs their activities from a central dispatch station in Vitale's city hall office.

Will Apply To Clerical Functions

By PETER HALLAM

A variety of clerical functions and services which Hoboken police have been performing without charge are soon to have price tags attached under a new ordinance scheduled to be introduced to the city council tonight for its first reading.

E. Norman Wilson, city law and public safety director, said the fees are being imposed in an effort to offset some of the cost to the city to perform the services.

AMONG the services which will now carry a fee are preparing copies of non-criminal reports, record searching, preparing photographs of accident scenes and processing applicants for permits other than firearms. Permits to purchase or carry firearms are already covered by a fee.

Wilson said the fees have been broken down into three categories for which there will be a charge of \$1, \$2 or \$5 depending on what the service is.

"This covers only those services which the police are now performing free of charge," he continued. "If there is already a fee involved for a service falling into any of the three categories that fee will not be changed or increased."

THE DIRECTOR gave the following breakdown: alien registrations will now cost \$1; non-criminal reports, record searching, fingerprinting for gun permits and photographs will cost \$2; letters of good conduct, viewing photographs, and processing of permits other than for firearms will now cost \$5.

Wilson added that the fees would not apply to governmental agencies on the municipal, county, state or federal levels.

ACCORDING to the director, almost all of the services involved are performed by the police department's central record bureau and account for

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a healthy percentage of that division's activities.

"To my knowledge Hoboken is one of the few, if not the only community in the area still to provide these services without charging for them," he said. "However, I must point out that we aren't seeking the fees just because other communities have them."

"Each service requires a man or men to perform them, men who are being paid by the city as police officers and also have regular police work to do. Doing one detracts from the time spent on the other and requires more men for the job and additional cost to the city."

Wilson added that the fees were not necessarily firm and could be changed at a later date if it was found that they were too low.

THE CITY council is also expected to give its final approval to the ordinance authorizing the city to float a \$4.4 million bond issue to build a new school at 11th Street and Willow Avenue. The ordinance will be given a public hearing tonight and then be taken up for final reading. Favorable action is anticipated on the resolution granting Patrolman Stephen L. Darago another six-month leave of absence. Darago is currently working for the Hoboken Code Enforcement Program as an estimator of building repairs.

The Madonna Dei Martiri Society has notified the city that it will hold its annual religious feast on the nights of Sept. 5, 6 and 7 this year and is asking the city council for permission to close off several streets in the vicinity of the society headquarters at 4th and Adams Streets on those nights.

Angel Roman Appointed Library Post

Angel Roman of 231 Madison St., Hoboken, has been appointed to the Hoboken Board of Library Trustees to fill Jose Hernandez' unexpired term. The appointment, announced yesterday by Mayor Louis DePascale, was effective immediately. Hernandez resigned from the board of trustees following his appointment to the Hoboken Board of Education in February.

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Tax Assessment Audit Nears End in Hudson

An audit of the tax assessment books of Hudson County's 12 municipalities is being completed today in preparation for the setting of tax rates by the statutory date of April 10. The assessment books and the municipal budgets from all the county's communities, including an amended Jersey City budget providing for an extra \$6.8 million for school purposes, were filed with the Hudson County board of taxation by yesterday deadline.

JOHN P. BOTTI, president of the board, said the entire county has revalued property on a 100 per cent basis. Jersey City, Bayonne, Guttenberg, Harrison and Hoboken are the latest communities to adopt court-ordered 100 per cent "true value" assessments.

After checking the assessments and budgets of the 12 municipalities, plus the Hudson County government's budget, the way will be clear for the tax board to set the rates. **JERSEY CITY'S** budget now includes an additional \$6.8 million for school purposes for the second half of this year. (Some \$3.3 million was already appropriated for a so-called caretaker budget for that term. Originally, the overall school budget's total to be raised by taxation was \$15.1 million, but the addition lists the total as \$21.9 million.)

The additional amount was ordered placed in the budget by Carl T. Marburger, state education commissioner, and Superior Court Judge Theodore I. Botter agreed.

However, the city's suit to compel the state to pay the full cost of operating public schools is still pending before Botter. He emphasized last week that he was ruling on an emergency situation, but that did not prejudice the city's main suit.

Head Start Refunded In Hoboken

Hoboken today was assured of a Head Start program this summer for pre-school children with the announcement by Rep. Dominick V. Daniels that \$61,132 has been awarded for the project by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Daniels' announcement said the funds will provide training for 284 pre-school children from low income families and will include medical, dental and psychological services. It will be the sixth year that Hoboken has had a Head Start program in six of its grammar schools. This year's program will accommodate the same number of children who were enrolled last year.

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Rail Crossing Repairs May Face Fight

By PETER HALLAM

The Penn Central Railroad has notified Hoboken that it intends to make major repairs at heavily traveled railroad grade crossing on Paterson Plankroad sometime between now and the fall. But first a hassle is expected with Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale over the way the railroad wants to do the job.

In a letter sent to Vitale by the head of the railroad's maintenance department, the city was notified that the railroad wants to shut down the crossing completely for the duration of the work.

"If the job is going to take more than a few hours — and I know it will — then I'm against closing down the crossing completely," Vitale said.

"THIS IS an extremely busy thoroughfare handling a large amount of traffic. Closing it for even one day would put a tremendous burden on existing alternate routes which are already heavily congested."

"In addition, this is part of the truck route which trucks use to get around Hoboken when going to either the Lincoln or Holland Tunnels and bypass city streets."

"Hoboken has enough problems with trucks that don't use the route when they are supposed to. If the crossing was closed it would add to the problem."

VITALE SAID he favored having only half the crossing blocked off while the repair crews worked on the section. When that was finished the other side could be blocked off while they repaired it and the completed side reopened to traffic.

"This is the way it has been done in the past," he explained. "It reduced the flow of traffic but at least the road was kept open."

However, the decision on whether the road is closed or not must be made by the county. According to Vitale, the letter was sent to Hoboken by mistake since Paterson Plankroad is a county road.

THE letter asked Hoboken to clean out two catch-basins at Hope Street and Paterson Plankroad which have been filled with sand and debris for more than six months.

The letter went on to report that flooding conditions caused by the clogged catch-basins were responsible for the erosion of the asphalt at the railroad crossing and that the resurfacing job would not begin until

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the condition had been corrected.

Vitale said Hope Street wasn't in Hoboken and was either a Jersey City or Hudson County responsibility, adding that he didn't think cleaning out the catch-basin was going to solve the problem of flooding in that area.

"IT WILL help to some degree but there is still going to be a problem around the crossing whenever there is a heavy rainfall," he said. "It acts as a natural catchbasin for the water running down the hill from Jersey City and it's been that way every since they first put a street there."

Vitale suggested the railroad solve its own problem by using better materials when the repairs are made.

"Instead of doing it again with asphalt, cement should be used," he said. "It will cost them more and take a little longer to do the job but cement will last a lot longer than asphalt and cause a lot less problems for the railroad and motorists using the crossing."

THE director said he has discussed the letter with Mayor Louis DePascale and the railroad's proposal to close down the crossing while the repairs are being made.

He added the letter has now been forwarded to the county.

City Demands Bus Route 40 Continuation

Hoboken manufacturers, city officials and residents today are protesting the proposed abandonment of Public Service's Number 40 bus line.

The bus company's intention to discontinue service on the line met strong opposition from several Hoboken manufacturing concerns whose employees use the Number 40 bus.

BUSINESS executives aired their concern last night at a meeting of the state Public Utility Commission held in Hoboken City Hall.

Several executives, including representatives of Alco Gravure, U.S. Testing Co. and Levolor-Lorentzen Co., protested Public Service Coordinated Transport's plans to end the line on the basis that several hundred employees use it to go to and from their jobs.

AT LEAST two firms, Vikoa, Inc. at 9th and Monroe Streets, and the Universal Folding Co. at 134 Madison St., said they may be forced to move from Hoboken if the line is abandoned by Public Service.

James N. Daly of the Kierman Hughes Co., a box manufacturer at 1100 Adams St., told Public Utility Commission hearing officer, John Cronsey, that 75 of the 140 persons employed by his firm use the Number 40 line and, "If these people are not able to get to work it might be such a hardship that Kierman Hughes might have to move at a future date."

AMONG those who gave testimony were three Hoboken Councilmen and the president of the Hoboken-North Hudson Chamber of Commerce, Frank G. Boye. Councilmen Thomas Gallo, Anthony Romano, and John Palmieri, through whose wards the bus makes its rounds, protested the abandonment for a variety of reasons.

Gallo and Palmieri lodged protests that cessation of service would handicap much of

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Hoboken's industrial workers, while Romano said the line's discontinuance would dissuade many women, who comprise the bulk of the employment force, and "whose husbands are afraid to let them walk any distances after dark through fear of crime," from working in Hoboken.

BOYE, who also represented St. Mary Hospital where he is treasurer of the board of trustees, said that a sizeable number of technicians and dietary staff members would be affected by the removal.

Residents who spoke complained that loss of the line would greatly hamper means of getting to PATH facilities and their New York jobs. Final speaker was a young student from St. Michael's High School in Jersey City who said the bus takes him and 10 classmates to and from school each day. Timothy Callidy of 1019 Willow Ave., told the hearing officer that the bus is a necessary means of transportation to his school.

The Public Utility Commission hearings are scheduled to continue Monday at 10 a.m. at commission offices in Newark.

Hoboken Will Ask SLEPA Aid

An application will be made by Hoboken's police department to the State Law Enforcement Planning Agency for an additional \$5,000 in planning funds which it notified the city was available for program planning, Public Safety Director E. Norman Wilson said today.

The director said that the application was discussed with Chief George Crimmins and Patrolman Eugene McKenna, the department's planning officer, and agreed that it would be in line with the use of the first \$5,000 the city received from SLEPA.

THAT MONEY is being used to finance a survey of Hoboken's narcotics situation by the Metropolitan Regional Council. The additional funds would be used to underwrite the cost of some form of training program for Hoboken policemen based on recommendations of the survey.

Chief Crimmins said that McKenna has begun working on the preliminary application.

Hoboken Gets Grant for Head Start

Senator Clifford P. Case has announced a summer Head Start program grant in the amount of \$61,132 to the Hoboken organization against poverty and economic stress in Hoboken. Jay Norman Wilson, Jr. will head the program. The program will be for 284 children and will be for a period of two months in Hudson County.

McFEELY GETTING TOUGH ON ADDICTS

No Expulsion But Special School Time

Hoboken school officials today disagreed in part with a proposal made by Mayor Angelo Sarubbi of North Bergen for that community's schools which would make expulsion automatic for any student arrested on drug charges.

"While I agree with the purpose behind Mayor Sarubbi's proposal—the separation of the accused student from his fellow students—I don't believe his proposal goes far enough," said Thomas McFeely, superintendent of schools.

"Expulsion will help prevent a student drug user from contaminating other students, at least during school hours, but it doesn't help the student who is using drugs."

"WE ARE preparing to initiate a similar program in our school system but with several differences."

"The students arrested for but yet to be convicted of drug charges will be withdrawn from all regular classes. However, they will not be expelled."

"Instead, they will be expected to report each morning to the school psychologist and the social services team for guidance and counseling. The student can keep up his studies through tutoring by the psychologist or teacher members of the social service team, depending on the number of students."

"WE WILL primarily be interested in their medical and social needs rather than the educational for the time being. However, if the student is able to continue his studies he will be tutored by the staff within its limitations."

McFeely added that the program has not yet been adopted as official policy by the board of education. He said the board reacted favorably to preliminary briefings.

Melvin Christie, president of the board of education, said he agreed with McFeely and favored Hoboken's plan over the proposal of Mayor Sarubbi.

"THE NORTH Bergen proposal could very well magnify the students reasons for turning to drugs in the first place, if he has indeed been using them," Christie said. "How is the time going to be made up if the courts find the student innocent?"

"Our responsibilities go beyond protecting the other students from exposure. I think the superintendent of schools plan takes this into account and is at much better because of it."

According to McFeely, the program should be ready to get underway in a few weeks but he actual starting day would depend on whether Hoboken students were in trouble over the issue.

Aim to Lease Air Rights Over School

The Edward A. McLaughlin Association today asked Mayor DePascale to look into the possibility of leasing the air rights above the projected new Wallace elementary school at 11th and Clinton Streets for business or residential floors.

The group said it is possible the school could thus be put up without cost to the city, and at the same time turn on otherwise exempt property into a tax rateable.

The school will cost \$4,400,000, Hoboken paying \$2,600,000, the state the rest.

The association said that if the \$2,600,000 city's share is financed through 40-year municipal bonds, the interest alone at current rates will add almost \$200,000 to the tax budget every year for 40 years.

In New York City four schools are being built in connection with commercial or residential floors above them, and others are in the planning stage, the association said.

It urged DePascale to delay the sale of municipal bonds until he can investigate the possibility of doing this at the Wallace

Hoboken's Library Adds 240 Books

The Hoboken Public Library ordered 240 new books in March, it was announced today by Lucille Cunningham, the library's director.

Among them are the following:

The Eavesdropper: A Novel, by Peter Boynton; Fiona, by Catherine Gaskin; Since Silent Spring, by Frank Graham, Jr.; A Great Fall, by Mildred Savage; The Curtis-Culligan Story: From Cyrus to Horace to Joe, by Matthew J. Culligan; Jefferson the President, First Term 1801-1805, by Dumas Malone; Points of Rebellion, by William O. Douglas; The Glass Virgin, by Catherine Cookson; The Seminarian: A Novel, by Michel Del Castillo; This Perfect Day, by Ira Levin; Cumboto, by Ramon Diaz Sanchez; Take What You Want, by Faith Baldwin; The Hired Man: A Novel, by Melvyn Bragg; The Complete Beginner's Guide to Water Skiing, by Al Tyl; Knitting Made Easy, by Barbara Aytes.

Play Like the Devil: A Great Gutter Tells How to Cut Strokes Off Every Round You Play, by Bruce Devlin; The Long Reconnaissance, by John Murphy; My Mother, the Doctor, by Joy Hahnel Singer; The First Hurrah, by Richard O'Connor; Rosa, by Margery Sharp; Reflections Upon a Sinking Ship, by Gore Vidal; And Not to Yield: A Novel, by James Ramsey Ullman; The Royal House: A Biography of the Royal Stewards, by Eric Linklater; The Blond Knight of Germany: A Biography of Erich Hartmann, Greatest Fighter Pilot of All Time, by Col. Raymond F. Toliver and Trevor J. Constable.

The Italics Are Mine, by Nina Berberova; Going Places, by Leonard Michaels; The Big Dream: A Novel, by Steve Fisher; Waiting for Willa, by Dorothy Eden; A Degree of Difference, by George Barry Ford; A Day of Pleasure, by Isaac Bashevis Singer; Something in Disguise: A Novel by Elizabeth Jane Howard; The Creation of the American Republic, 1776-1787, by Gordon S. Wood; The Best and Last of Edwin O'Connor, edited by Arthur Schlesinger, Jr.; America's Best Vegetable Recipes, by the Farm Journal; The Phantom Cottage: A Novel of Suspense, by Velda Johnston; The Weedkiller's Daughter, by Harriette Simpson Arnow.

Subsidy 'News' to Bus Company

A report that Public Service would be willing to continue operating the 40 Willow Avenue and 40 Jefferson Street bus routes in Hoboken if Hudson County and the city would subsidize the operation came as news today to officials of the bus company.

John E. Barry, eastern division manager for Public Service, said he has not been advised of any proposal for a subsidy and hadn't even heard rumors along those lines reported in a morning newspaper.

"Of course, if someone is willing to pay the 35-cent fare and gets on a New York-bound bus at the Hudson Place terminal or anywhere on Washington Street there is nothing the driver can do to stop them from getting off again while the bus is still in Hoboken."

"However, the bus doesn't and won't make any pickups in Hoboken when it is coming from New York."

A REPORT that Public Service was going to seek PUC approval to start service on the 19, 26, 21 and the 17 Grove and Passaic routes was also denied by Barry.

"The Grove already has been approved for discontinuance of Sunday service by the PUC," he said, "and we had been considering the elimination of Saturday service on the 17 Summit route but have now decided against it."

"But none of the other routes will be changed nor is being considered for ending some of the service."

BARRY SAID the Public Service was still planning to take the same stand for ending the service at the special public hearing tonight in Hoboken City Hall. The Public Utility Commission set the 8 p.m. continuation which had started in Newark several weeks ago to give local residents a chance to voice their objections.

Barry also denied reports that Public Service was willing to start picking up local Washington Street bus riders on their number 63 bus between Hoboken and New York.

"TO BEGIN WITH, Public Service now has only interstate passenger rights on that run and couldn't pick up passengers for discharge in Hoboken," he said.

Hoboken is receiving \$250,000 in federal aid to create a bi-lingual resource center that would supplement public schools by giving Spanish speaking children programs in language study, cultural and social orientation, and guidance.

Facilities of the center also will be available to private and parochial school children on a referral basis, and the education programs could be extended to cover a broad range from preschool youngsters to adults.

A meeting is being held tomorrow in the city board of education office to begin planning the center.

Hoboken to Get \$250,000 For Bi-Lingual Center

HONORED IN HOBOKEN — Samuel Schickorn, second from left, president of United Synagogue of Hoboken, receives plaque honoring him as 'Man of the Year' for many years of service and achievements.

From left to right are Rabbi Samuel Tabak, Schickorn, Maurice Gottlieb, Hoboken Business Administrator Herman Bier, chairman of the affair, and Mayor Louis De Pascale.

HOBOKEN TAX RATE HOLDS LINE AT \$84

By PETER HALLAM

Hoboken has managed to just about hold the line with its 1970 tax rate of \$84.02 while absorbing close to \$1,000,000 in salary increases for all city and school employees.

And the future is even brighter, according to Mayor Louis DePascale, with the distinct possibility of a tax reduction for 1971.

THE NEW tax rate is slightly more than half last year's rate,

which was \$162.36 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. But because the city started assessing at full value this year, the total value of the city's taxable property more than doubled, going from roughly \$55,000,000 to about \$120,000,000.

As a result, a taxpayer whose assessed valuation was doubled will find that with the new tax rate his tax bill will be close to last year's bill.

Had the city's 1970 budget been identical to last year's the new tax rate would be between

\$80 and \$81. But increased costs forced the budget up, though not anywhere near the \$90 to \$100 tax rate which administration critics were forecasting.

THE INCREASE in the budget accounted for an additional \$3 or \$4 on the new rate. This would equal roughly a \$6 to \$8 increase at the 1969 tax rate.

For the city as a whole, the tax bill is not going up much, on an average. But individual taxpayers whose assessed valuations more than doubled

will feel the increase proportionately more.

Dealing in averages, property that doubled in assessed value will have a minimal increase of .96 per cent.

FOR EXAMPLE, property valued at \$5,000 last year and taxed at \$162.36 per \$1,000 produced \$811.80 in tax revenue for the city. Now taxed at \$84.02 but assessed at \$10,000, the same property produced \$840.20 in revenue, an increase of \$28.40

over what that property owner paid the city last year.

Many Hoboken property owners who were already assessed close to true value before the 100 per cent assessing started will wind up paying less this year.

Those whose values tripled or quadrupled — and there were some such — will be getting big increases.

RELIEF, however, is in sight

See TAX RATE—Page 36.

Study Hoboken School Aid

By Special Correspondent

TRENTON — The State Local Finance Board scheduled a public hearing at 11 a.m. Monday, April 23, on \$11.8 million in emergency building aid for a new elementary school and administration building in Hoboken.

The hearing and board

authorization to proceed with bond funding is necessary under the 1968 State emergency aid measure.

On Wednesday the State Education Board approved the allocation it previously authorized to provide \$3,837,000 for the new elementary school at 11th and Willow and \$563,000 for the administration facility.

The State pays the debt service, principal and interest, on the \$1.8 million in school bonds for the two projects which would cover school site acquisition, and purchase of equipment for both projects.

DePascale, Care Panel Agree

The Hoboken Day Care Center Policy Committee and Mayor Louis DePascale have reached middle ground in their dispute over the hiring of non-professional instructors for the soon to start day care program.

DePascale and several committee members met for 45 minutes yesterday morning after which it was announced that agreement had been reached.

The spokesman said the mayor wants the committee to reconsider its selection of four persons — three non-professional instructors and one social worker aide — from among the Spanish-speaking applicants recommended by the committee.

OF the 13 persons recommended nine were Spanish-speaking.

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Failure to Change Budget Cited

Hoboken's Mayor, Council Attract Chamber's Fire

Hoboken-North Hudson Chamber of Commerce yesterday made public a letter criticizing Mayor Louis DePascale and Hoboken City Council for failure to modify the 1970 municipal budget calling for expenditures of \$10.2 million.

Chamber spokesman, Charles J. Tiedemann, who is assistant superintendent at Bethlehem Shipyard, one of the city's largest taxpayers and chairman of the chamber's government affairs group, also referred to Hoboken elected officials as "Rubber-stamp or me-too" officials.

The letter from Tiedemann, who is past president of Hoboken's Chamber of Commerce, reads in part:

"Speaking for Hoboken's business and industry taxpayers, who furnish the bulk of Hoboken's taxes, we are severely disturbed that the city council and the administration have apparently given insufficient heed to our pleas for modifying the 1970 Hoboken municipal budget and to

binding and will go along with their selections of personnel for the program. The committee agreed to hold a full meeting with the personnel committee and reconsider its selections.

The spokesman pointed out that if it should decide to make a change or changes in its selections, it will not be as a result of recommendations made by the mayor.

"The mayor has not in any way tried to tell us who to hire or recommended who should be replaced," she added. "The decision is ours alone."

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Will County Go Ahead On Project?

Hoboken City engineer Patrick Caulfield announced today he has issued permits for Seatrain Inc. to build an access road to its Weehawken plant on the Hoboken border — a route different from the one to be built by Hudson County on Hoboken Shore Railroad property alongside Hoboken's Park Avenue viaduct.

Caulfield said the permits authorize Seatrain to extend the pavement of Clinton Street north from 16th Street (where it now ends) to 17th Street, where it runs into the Penn Central Railroad. From there the new road would swing east to the Seatrain yard entrance, utilizing a marginal part of the railroad right-of-way, and passing under the Park Avenue viaduct. Seatrain would pay the entire cost, Caulfield said.

NOW THAT Seatrain has arranged to provide its own approach via Clinton Street, there was some doubt today as to whether the county will abandon or go ahead with its projected county road alongside the viaduct.

Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken, chairman of the roads committee of the county board of freeholders, which has condemned two tracks of the Hoboken Shore Railroad to provide space for the county road, said today:

"I think they're going to abandon that."

But, the mayor added, "it's up to Seatrain."

THOMAS DURKIN, Seatrain attorney, designated by Seatrain as its spokesman, told The Jersey Journal he "doubted very much" that Seatrain wants the county to drop the county road project.

"I have had no conversation with anyone from Seatrain to that effect, and know nothing about it," Durkin said.

He said that, on the contrary, the Clinton Street route was simply an auxiliary access to the Seatrain tract.

HE SAID it would be especially useful because it could be built more quickly than the county road, which is involved in litigation, and thus could more immediately serve Seatrain's need of an entrance-way for its hundreds of trailer-trucks which will converge on the new plant upon its completion.

John Rees, president of the Hoboken Shore Railroad, said today he will be "delighted" if it is true that the county is dropping its plan to take his two "main line" tracks.

The county let a \$81,000 contract for the paving last fall, but only a little incidental work has been done.

COMMENTING on the impact of 100 per cent assessment on some property owners, DePascale said, "I don't agree with all the assessment figures. There are some I feel aren't correct."

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JAMES F. QUINN

Quinn Marshal of Hoboken's Memorial Day Parade

James F. Quinn, Hudson County clerk and commander of Hoboken's Pope Pius XII Catholic War Veterans post, will be the grand marshal for Hoboken's annual Memorial Day parade sponsored by the Joint Memorial Committee, it was announced today by John Shelly, committee president.

A LIFETIME resident of Hoboken, Quinn, 55, is currently the chairman of Hoboken's Democratic Committee and has held that post since 1956. He is also a charter member of the Hoboken Regular Democratic Organization which he helped set up with the late John J. Grogan. The organization was then known as the John J. Grogan Association.

Quinn, who is also a member of the Mohr-Christie VFW Post and the Hoboken American Legion Post, is an Army veteran of World War II serving from September 1943 to January 1946.

He was discharged as a first sergeant and holds the Bronze Star for his actions during the Philippine Islands campaign.

Quinn served in various capacities with the city of Hoboken from 1949 to 1966 when he resigned as business administrator to serve as a Hudson County freeholder. Two years later, he resigned as freeholder to become county clerk, replacing his long time friend, Grogan.

HE IS ALSO active in charitable work serving as the county chairman for the Heart Association drive in 1965 and 1966 and is the 1970 chairman

for the Hoboken American Cancer Society drive. Quinn also belongs to the Hoboken Knights of Columbus and the Hoboken Elks Club.

He and his wife, the former Marguerite Burke, live at 72 10th St. with their five children, James Brian, 20; Robert 15; Patrick, 12; Terrance, 11, and Marguerite, 8.

WILLIAM VAN WIE, vice president of the committee and toastmaster for the planned activities honoring all veterans,

announced the schedule of events scheduled by the committee for May 23, 24 and 30.

On May 23, the committee and participating veterans groups will meet in front of Hoboken City Hall at 9 a.m. The group will then proceed to the shoreline of the Hudson River where it will be picked up by a U.S. Coast Guard ship which will take them to a point near the Statue of Liberty. A wreath will be placed on the water honoring veterans who lost their lives at sea.

Upon their return, the committee will decorate all veterans monuments in the city with wreaths.

ON SUNDAY, the committee will meet at the American Legion Post, 1229 Washington St., at 9:30 a.m. From there, they will go to Hoboken Cemetery in North Bergen, and decorate the graves of all veterans.

That night at 7, special church

services will be held at \$20 Hudson St.

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Remember the Jitneys? Hoboken Still Has Them!



All aboard for the ride up Hoboken's Washington Street. They gripe about service and equipment, but the bus is the only practicable way to get where they want to go.

(Hoboken's main bus route is along Washington Street. Fourteen bus companies are franchised to operate along that one route, little more than a mile long. But despite all those bus companies, service doesn't get better and fares keep going up. What's wrong? This five-part series, beginning today, examines the problems and seeks solutions.)

By PETER HALLAM

The 14 bus companies operating the Washington Street bus line in Hoboken span more than 50 years of the city's history, going back to a time when service meant a nickel fare to ride in someone's private pleasure car. The five-cent fare is gone, but many riders say it is still all the short ride is worth.

The early operation was catch-as-catch-can, unhampered by such modern restrictions as inspection, licenses, insurance or even a schedule.

THERE WERE no bus stops for Hoboken's jitneys — the name by which most long-time residents still call the

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Washington Street buses. Pickups were often made in the middle of the block, and U-turns were a regular occurrence when drivers spied a prospective passenger who wished to go the opposite direction.

If a passenger felt he had been treated unfairly or hadn't gotten his nickel's worth, there wasn't anyone he could go to. The state hadn't yet created the Public Utility Commission, and the city hadn't decided control was needed for the jitneys.

TODAY ALL this has changed. Or has it?

In spite of PUC rules, city regulations, vehicle inspections, state motor vehicle laws and licensing requirements there are many old-timers who insist the Washington Street bus riders are no better off today than they were 50 years ago.

The 14 bus companies are authorized to operate 29 buses on the line but are currently using only 13, seven more than the city feels are needed to provide adequate service on the route, little more than a mile long. Fares needed to keep these 14 companies and their buses going have risen 200 per cent in a little more than 15 years — 300 per cent in the case of some of them.

SCHOOL CHILDREN'S fares have gone up to 15 cents for one company. The other companies, still transporting pupils for a nickel, are asking the PUC to let them charge the children 20 cents.

For all this, riders complain they have received nothing in return.

Most of the buses in service are the same ones the companies were running when they were charging 5 cents, only older, slower, dirtier and more uncomfortable.

The Public Utility Commission is the ultimate authority in dealings with the bus companies. But veteran bus riders say the PUC has been satisfied with half-way measures which correct only immediate complaints of poor service. Nothing has been done, they complain, to eliminate the conditions which have resulted in the same complaints being lodged over and over again.

THE CITY government,

although powerless to take action against the bus companies on its own without involving the PUC, does have the right to press the state commission to act. The few moves it has made in that direction were not followed through.

Over the last few years bus riders have been treated to a variety of threats and promised crackdowns against the bus companies by the PUC and the city. Usually these warnings produced some promises — and even some improvement.

But too often the promises went unfulfilled and the improvements were only temporary, discarded until the next round of threats and "crackdowns."

HOBOKEN FIRST began licensing the jitneys and their owners in the early 1920's. City records show there were more than 150 operators. The PUC relieved Hoboken of this responsibility in 1921, but it wasn't until 1935 that the PUC began requiring annual inspections of the vehicles before it would renew a license — which by then had become a franchise.

The companies still in business today are the direct or indirect survivors of that first group of jitneys licensed by the city and later by the PUC.

BUS RIDERS started to become seriously dissatisfied with the operation in September of 1953 when the Public Utility Commission authorized the operators to increase their fares from 5 cents to 8 cents, while retaining the nickel fare for school children.

At 5 cents, riders could afford to be generous and overlook shortcomings or lapses in service. But 8 cents was a bus of another color.

When the PUC authorized a 10 cent adult fare on Jan. 25, 1955, there was little resentment on the part of the riders. They were almost happy that they no longer had to worry about bothersome pennies and making change for the 8 cent fare.

NOW THAT one bus company has obtained a 20-cent fare and a 15-cent school fare, and the others are on the verge of an increase which could bring them up to a maximum of 25 cents for adults and 20 cents for

pupils, the placid attitude of the bus riders has changed.

The erratic schedules, dirty buses, rude drivers and frequently poor service in general which have become part of the bus operation during the last 10 years or so are no longer amusing.

Public reaction to the most recent petitions for a fare increase has been strong, so strong that the PUC agreed to hold hearings in the city and give riders a chance to be heard.

ALTHOUGH THE hearings have been well attended by residents who expressed their opposition to any fare increase, the cause of better bus

some riders have resigned themselves to the increase.

They bring up the commission's past record and theorize that since the PUC always approves increases — usually less than what the bus operators asked — there is no reason to believe it will make an exception now. A uniform 20-cent adult and 15-cent pupil fare is anticipated.

Most bus operators admit there has been justification for the complaints, but quickly add that these cases are the exception rather than the rule.

MANY OF the most frequent complaints are the result of mechanical or human breakdowns, they say, and, although they are unable to anticipate these failures, they contend, they usually wind up being lumped together with the failures caused by carelessness.

Various Hoboken officials from time to time have championed the cause of better bus

service and reasonable fares but have achieved little lasting results.

The slightest sign of improvement was usually grounds for discontinuing the crusade. And soon the same old problems would return.

ANY INCREASE granted to the Washington Street bus owners will certainly not be the end of higher fares. In fact, the PUC expects the bus owners will probably submit a petition for another increase before the end of the year.

That expectation is based on

the fact that the big Public Service Bus Company is asking to increase its 25-cent fare on its Number 21 route which goes through Hoboken on Washington Street, encouraging the operators of the Washington Street bus line to up their bid again.

The beleaguered bus rider who has seen the 40-year-old nickel fare quadruple in the course of a little more than 15 years and four rate hikes is wondering: Where and when will it end?

(Next: Skyrocketing fares.)

Hoboken Water Aid 'Promising'

Hoboken appears to stand an excellent chance of obtaining more than the \$1.5 million it originally sought from the federal government to modernize the city's water supply system, primarily in the Model Cities area, officials felt today.

"It looks very promising," reported Raphael Vitale, public works director, who yesterday explained the problems of old water mains to officials of the federal Housing and Urban Development Agency.

"IN FACT," Vitale added, "we may get more than the \$1.5 million we were seeking."

Vitale met at the HUD office in Philadelphia with Jerome E. Parker, assistant regional developer and Katherine Kweit of the development staff. He was accompanied by Joseph Lynch of the Mayo Lynch consulting engineering firm, Joseph Tighe, planning consultant, and Louis Kulka of the Model Cities staff.

"I told them our system is old and is constantly being repaired and patched. Replacing these old lines is actually of an emergency nature," Vitale declared.

THE public works director said federal officials appeared sympathetic to Hoboken's problems and advised the city to submit a formal application as soon as possible. They pointed out that additional federal funds may become available on July 1 when the new fiscal year takes effect.

The total cost of modernizing the city's water lines has been estimated at \$3,563,000. Hoboken hopes to obtain other funds, in addition to the HUD grant, from

See WATER—Page 8.

PUC Holds Fate of No. 40 Bus Route

The fate of the Number 40 bus which runs the Public Service Willow Avenue, Hoboken, route, is now in the hands of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) board members.

The fourth and final hearing on the bus company's petition to end the Hoboken street service took less than a half-an-hour yesterday in PUC's Newark offices before the Commission's hearing officer, John Cronshy.

EVIDENCE was presented by Madison L. Edgerton, Public Service traffic manager, on the total number of hours the bus line ran for the past three years.

When Dudley Schlosser, attorney for the city of Hoboken, pointed out that bus service had decreased by over 4,000 hours in two years, Edgerton said service was cut out during the hours when the bus was least used.

"We cut it off because no one was using it at certain times," said Edgerton. "A reduction in hours means savings and less expense to the company."

HE ADDED that the expected cost for labor alone could run as high as \$8 million or \$9 million in the next two years for the Willow Avenue line.

Schlosser then asked if the Public Service bus company intended to raise its fares.

Edgerton replied in the affirmative pointing out that fares had recently gone up five cents on a temporary increase and that the company had asked for an additional permanent raise of another five cents.

THE HOBOKEN representative asked if there had been any change in the number of passengers using the bus since rates had gone up.

"The general trend this past week has been for fewer passengers," Edgerton answered. But he said because of the week's inclement weather, he could not give a fair estimate. He did add, however, that revenue was up.

The hearing ended shortly afterwards. Thomas J. McCluskey represented the Public Service Coordinated Transport.

MAYOR OPTIMISTIC ON MODEL CITIES

Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken said today he did not believe a proposed \$500,000,000 cutback in Model Cities funds by the federal government would have any bearing on Hoboken's participation in the program.

Official sources in Washington confirmed DePascale's opinion. "I have been in touch with several contacts in Washington

and Rep. Dominick V. Daniels, but no one seems to know exactly what the picture is," the mayor said.

"However, from what we've been able to piece together it appears that the \$500,000,000 isn't a cutback as much as it is a diversion of uncommitted first-year funds."

The mayor explained that the federal government had set

aside close to \$1 billion to cover the cost of the program's first year. But only \$300,000,000 to \$400,000,000 has actually been committed to communities leaving a surplus of around \$500,000,000.

DePascale added that if this was the case the impact would be greatest among the cities seeking to be designated Model

Cities rather than among those already in their first year and getting ready to enter their second in September.

"Hoboken's \$2,030,000 for the first year of the program is intact and our plans for the second year are well under way," he said. "I'm relatively certain that we will be funded for the second year as well."



PROUD PARENTS—Hoboken Mayor and Mrs. Louis De Pascale beam as sons Paul (second from right) and Edward show awards presented to them yesterday at annual St. Peter's College ROTC Brigade review in the Jersey City Armory. Twenty-eight ROTC cadets were honored for contributions to the college and the brigade during the past year. (Story on Page 14) 4/30/70

SLEPA Has \$5,000 If City Has Plan

The State Law Enforcement Planning Agency (SLEPA) has another \$5,000 available for Hoboken if the city will submit an application for it showing how it plans to use the funds, Public Safety Director E. Norman Wilson said today.

Hoboken has already received one \$5,000 grant from SLEPA which it used to hire the Metropolitan Regional Council to perform a thorough survey on the extent of the local drug problem. The survey is expected to be completed sometime in June.

WILSON SAID he didn't know exactly how the city would use the additional funds but it could do so in any of four authorized areas: Prevention, apprehension, adjudication or rehabilitation.

"My thought is to apply for the funds on the basis of using them to pay for additional training for some of our police officers in the narcotics field," Wilson said.

WILSON SAID that he has not discussed the additional money with Police Chief George Crimmins, Mayor Louis DePascale, the city council, or Patrolman Eugene McKenna, the police department's new planning coordinator. He added that this would be done before a decision was made on the application's form.

Wilson also disclosed that Capt. Edward Sheehy has asked for permission to attend the Federal Bureau of Investigation's regional re-training session which will be held from June 28 to July 1 at Wentworth-By-the-Sea. Mr. Sheehy is a graduate of the FBI's National Academy in Washington D.C.

HAIL THE CHIEF—Hoboken Police Chief George W. Crimmins has carnation pinned on by his wife, Phyllis, at last night's testimonial tribute to him in the Union Club. Awaiting their turn to greet the chief are Hoboken Mayor Louis and Mrs. Mary De Pascale. Crimmins, a member of the force for 25 years, became chief Jan. 7, succeeding the late Ambrose Ryan.

600 Honor Police Chief

An estimated 600 guests last night attended a testimonial dinner-dance in honor of Hoboken Police Chief George W. Crimmins at the Union Club in that city. Crimmins was named chief on Jan. 7. Tributes to him came from Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis X. Coyle of St. James Church in Springfield, and from Francis J. Finerty, a Hoboken councilman and dinner-dance chairman.

Honored guests, introduced by Toastmaster Gene S. Quinn, included the chief's mother, Mrs. Loreta Crimmins; Mayor Louis DePascale, Law Director Norman E. Wilson, Prof. John Marks and West New York Police Chief Anthony Casper. Chief Casper is president of Hudson County Police Chiefs' Assn.

FINAL DECISIONS on allocating the aid rest with Education Commissioner Carl L. Marburger and the State Board



Hudson Dispatch Photos

Hoboken to Get \$1.8 Million?

By Special Correspondent
TRENTON — Four Hudson County school districts — Jersey City, Union City, Hoboken and West New York — stand to gain as much as \$9.6 million under the \$30 million emergency school building aid Gov. Cahill proposed in his recent education message.

The legislature is expected to authorize the \$90 million before summer recess in mid-May.

THE FOUR Hudson districts were among 22 given 60 per cent of maximum entitlement

of Education but the criteria in the law they use to distribute the aid are urban-orientated favoring the Hudson municipalities under the original 1968 statute.

The law provides for annual payment by the state not to exceed \$25 per student in average daily enrollment with the state paying the debt service, principal and interest, over 30 years on bonds authorized by local councils.

under the 1968 law, resulting in board authorizations of \$9,202,000 for Jersey City; \$2,080,000 for Union City; \$1,852,000 for Hoboken; \$1,426,000 for West New York.

If the state board and commission decide to grant the additional 40 per cent to the top 22 districts, then Jersey City would receive an additional \$6,134,750 for a total \$15,336,750; Union City \$1,367,475 for a total \$3,087,150; West New York \$950,825 for a total \$2,376,825.

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other agencies, Vitale said the Philadelphia office contacted Washington during his visit yesterday to explain that Hoboken would be applying and to outline the case for modernizing the city's water supply system, which the Hoboken group had presented.

VITALE SAID he hopes to obtain enough funds to modernize additional mains outside the Model Cities area which embraces about one-third of Hoboken. At a recent convention of Model Cities communities, Mayor Louis DePascale reported that some had had success in obtaining additional funds from the federal government. These funds would be used for programs directly related to Model Cities plans.

DePascale's theory was that it was not logical to spend money on water and sewer lines in the Model Cities area without doing something about the lines in the rest of the city which are equally old and bad.

FEDERAL officials have apparently agreed with this reasoning and Hoboken is now hoping that revised plans — to include other sections of the city — will be approved.

As an example of the need for citywide modernization, Vitale said there have been constant complaints that residents of the Castle Point area,

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By Special Correspondent

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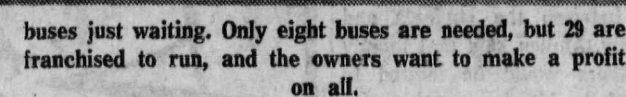
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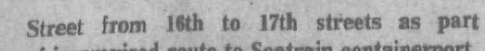
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Hoboken Educators Going to Capital on Bi-Lingual Program Grant

A task force of Hoboken educators, headed by Thomas F. McFeely, school superintendent, will meet in Washington, D.C., Monday with federal officials and representatives of four other school districts which will share a \$250,000 grant to expand bi-lingual educational programs.

Hoboken and the other communities will receive the funds to expand and develop current projects for educating Spanish-speaking students and to launch "innovative new programs."

McFEELY SAID Hoboken will work in cooperation with four other New Jersey districts, Paterson, Elizabeth, Lakewood and Camden, all of which have large Spanish-speaking populations. An estimated 45 per cent of Hoboken public school students come from families of Puerto Rican or Cuban backgrounds.

In addition to sharing the new federal grant, McFeely said Hoboken has been awarded \$16,000 in state funds to inaugurate a Spanish High School Equivalency Program.

UNDER THIS project Spanish-speaking adults in Hoboken may enroll in evening classes to prepare them for a state examination which can lead to an equivalency certificate. The certificate is recognized as the legal equivalent of a high school diploma.

Thousands of school districts that are confronted with language problems applied for aid under the new ESEA program, McFeely said, including 18 from New Jersey.

HE POINTED OUT that Hoboken was in the forefront in developing programs to meet the needs of the increasing number of Spanish-speaking

children. He recalled that as far back as 1954 the Hoboken board of education independently launched an exchange program in which local teachers visited Puerto Rico to learn the language and customs of the island. Hoboken was also among the first to obtain federal funds three years ago to set up special bi-lingual programs, the superintendent said.

The new grant, McFeely explained, will enable Hoboken to expand and develop such present programs as:

— **THE HUMAN Resources Center**, which evaluates newly arrived Spanish-speaking students and places them at their

proper educational level through testing.

— **A TEACHER exchange** program, including visits by Hoboken teachers to the island and assigning Puerto Rican teachers to the Hoboken schools.

— **BI-LINGUAL classroom instruction**.

— **CONVERSATIONAL** Spanish courses for Hoboken teachers.

— **IN-SERVICE seminars** dealing with specific subjects and problems.

The superintendent pointed out that Hoboken's experience and success in dealing with Spanish-speaking students has, in effect,

set a pattern which is being followed by other communities and in some cases is being used as guidelines by government agencies.

THE NEW Spanish high school equivalency course will be part of the regular Hoboken Adult Evening School program conducted at Demarest Junior High School, the superintendent said.

Classes will be held five nights a week to prepare adult residents for the state-sponsored test which will be given in the Spanish language.

McFeely said a limited Spanish adult evening program has been conducted during the past year with volunteer instructors.

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— **ENCOURAGING** an existing legal provision that security deposits be placed in an escrow account with interest accruing to the tenant.

— **LIMITING** the amount of security deposits to the sum equivalent to one month's rent for the apartment.

— **PROTECTING** tenants who complain about conditions to their landlord or his agents, or organized tenant associations.

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Hoboken Plan Would Assist Disaster-Ridden Tenants

The Hoboken City Council will study a proposed resolution that if adopted, would give top priority to problems confronting what its supporters describe as the city's "disaster-ridden" tenants.

The resolution calls for a comprehensive effort on the part of all municipal services, agencies and departments to meet the needs of the building and health departments, as well as other departments dealing with the problem of landlord-tenant relationships.

IT WAS AUTHORED by Frank DuRoy, a Hoboken resident and instructor at Essex County Community College, who presented it at last night's council meeting.

The resolution, which Councilman, Steve Cappiello said "deserves every serious consideration," calls upon the council to "encourage, endorse, and recommend to tenants that they organize themselves into associations for the purpose of bargaining collectively with their landlords for a prompt,

effective and efficient amelioration of their collective problems."

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Continued from either eviction or a refusal of management to renew leases.

— **PROVIDING** for 90 days eviction notice to tenants who are on a month-to-month occupancy.

— **CREATING** guidelines setting forth a uniform lease which clearly spells out those obligations that a landlord must assume. Such leases shall require a maximum three-year duration. The lease will not contain an escalator clause except that which deals with tax increases and only to the exact percentage of tax increase.

— **REPEALING** all laws permitting the landlord to engage in self-help action without resorting to judicial procedures. Provide sanctions against those landlords who refuse to rent to a person solely because he is on public assistance and require all landlords to publish and maintain on file, open for inspection by prospective tenants, a waiting list for future appointments within the structure; and to require landlords to advise prospective tenants of a specific reason why the would-be tenant was ineligible for that building.

The brief meeting, largely attended by members of the Hoboken Tenants Organization, included about 80 spectators. The organization had urged its members throughout the week to attend the session in force.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT Thomas Gallo said the council is referring the DuRoy resolution to the law department and expects to have "some kind of legal determination on it within the week."

In the meantime members of the tenant's organization said they will picket City Hall this morning to dramatize their support of the resolution.

In other action councilmen approved a request from the Societa Madonna Dei Martiri requesting permission to conduct their annual feast Sept. 5-7.

Residents Not Biting At Rat Control Loans

A \$50,000 grant to Hoboken's Urban Rodent and Insect Control Program made by the federal government last July will be returned come this September, unused by any property owners in the Model Cities area, according to George Guzman, program director.

The program is supposed to lend the money to any qualified property owners in the Model Cities area for rodent proofing their buildings. The loans vary in amounts between \$250 and \$350 for a maximum period of 24 months.

TO DATE, only two applications have been received for a loan, Guzman said. Both are still pending but if granted would still leave the \$50,000 grant almost untouched.

Guzman said the loans carry a 3 per cent interest rate and are obtained from the First Jersey National Bank.

"We've been fortunate in being able to obtain a two-month extension on the grant," Guzman continued. "Normally, the program would have had to return the unused funds to the federal government at the beginning of July. However, since the rat proofing program hasn't had any applicants to speak of, we were given a two-month extension."

GUZMAN explained that by not taking advantage of the funds the rodent and insect control program was hindered in two ways.

"First, of course, there is the loss of the \$50,000 which would have gone a long way to eliminate rodent problems in several sections of the Model Cities area," he explained.

"Even more damaging is the fact that by not using the funds

it will be almost impossible for the program to get funds later for this kind of program. To federal officials, lack of use is a sign of lack of need," Guzman said.

"**THEY ASSUME** that since the funds haven't been used there is no great need for them. They then eliminate any funds included in our funding for the next fiscal year which had been earmarked for this purpose," he explained.

"We within the program know there is a need for this type of action to prevent rodent infestations in buildings. But we cannot force the building owners to take the loans if they don't want to or aren't interested."

H.D. 5/14/70 Mayor to Host Hoboken Event

Mayor Louis DePascale will host the Hoboken Regular Democratic Organization at tomorrow afternoon's reception in honor of the county candidates for surrogate, three freeholder posts, and U. S. Congress nomination at the Hoboken Elks Club.

James Quinn, Hudson County Clerk and president of the organization, said the reception will be held between 4 and 8 p.m.

DePascale will greet State Sen. Frank J. Guarini, seeking the nomination for U. S. Senator; Congressman Dominick Daniels, Surrogate Joseph H. Kenny, and freeholder candidates William J. Wolfe, Joseph N. Alviani and Angelo A. Cifelli.

County officials headed by Freeholder Walter W. Wolfe will be on hand as guests of the sponsors.

Legislators Rapped DePascale: Laxity on Money Bill

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale, aiding disadvantaged residents or increasing municipal salaries. Pointing out the urban aid bill, calling for a total of 1.5 million in financial aid to Bayonne, Union City, North Bergen and Hoboken, was dropped due to the need of only three votes required for its passage, DePascale said.

"At this time, I reserve strong thoughts against any who may have voted against such a bill, and equal thoughts of any who may have abstained in voting."

The Hoboken official, who is also a county freeholder, added, "And I don't think much of those assemblymen who were lax in not being present to vote in favor of the bill."

At his city hall office yesterday morning, DePascale met with Assemblyman Esposito, and later announced he will urge the assembly on June 8 to take up the urban aid bill issue. DePascale further indicated he will ask members of Hoboken City Council to support his efforts in the form of a resolution or proclamation regarding the loss of such funds.

City Can't Give Tax Aid—Mayor

Hoboken has yet to receive a formal request from the Hoboken Knights of Columbus Council for tax exemption on its property at 716 Hudson St., Mayor Louis DePascale said today.

"As far as I know, the city hasn't received anything from the Knights of Columbus asking for a tax exemption," he said.

"When it does it will take whatever action is necessary."

"Exemptions, however, are not determined by the city," he added. "They are governed by state and federal laws. If a group or organization falls into one of the categories included in these laws and is entitled to an exemption, it will get it."

"If it doesn't, there isn't anything the city can do to grant it one."

"We've got to let the rest of the state know that our votes count as much as the ones from Princeton or Monmouth or any other county."

DePascale, who expressed great confidence in the prospects of Hoboken Democratic hopefuls, later said, "Guarini will win without question. He's certain to carry Hudson County, and he'll definitely carry Hoboken."

John V. Kenny appeared briefly at the gathering and was introduced from the floor. He then made his way around the room to say hello to old friends.

Chairman of the event was James F. Quinn, county clerk and president of Hoboken Democratic club.



Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale, right, checks papers allowing Hoboken Housing Authority to sell land for redevelopment. Looking on is Bernard Kenny of Comparetto and Nicholas Caruso, parking authority chairman.

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\$250,000 to Be Spent for Fire Equipment

Hoboken plans to spend more than \$250,000 next year on new equipment for its fire department, Public Safety Director E. Norman Wilson disclosed today. Hopefully, state or federal funds will be available for part or all of the purchase.

The director said a resolution will probably be sent to the city council for consideration at Wednesday's meeting asking for approval to order four new fire trucks from the Mack Truck Co.

Wilson said the order will consist of two new pumper trucks which now sell for \$48,100 each and two new hook and ladder trucks currently going for \$81,700 a piece, for a total of \$239,600.

WILSON SAID that even though the order was to be placed as soon as the council approved the purchase, payment for them would be made when the company delivered the trucks next year.

"It has been taking roughly about 14 months to get delivery on fire trucks," the director continued. "This should give us

enough time to make the necessary arrangements to pay for them either through funds obtained from the state or federal governments, or at the city's own expense."

WILSON SAID he was placing the order now rather than waiting until the financing prospect were more definite for two reasons. First, the equipment

was needed to replace antiquated trucks which were becoming more and more difficult to repair and keep operational. Parts were hard to find and very costly when they were located, or had to be specially made.

Also, he said the prices of the trucks were increasing every few months and there was no indication this trend would reverse itself in the near future.

The director said he had discussed the purchase with Mayor Louis DePascale who felt the city would be able to get some assistance from the state or federal governments on the purchase.



Nicholas J. Caruso, left, chairman of Hoboken Parking Authority, presents \$8.5 million check to Mayor Louis De Pascale, right, signifying first funds for John Grogan Marine View Plaza development. Joining in presentation are Alfred J. Marcus, left, and Elliot Friedman of Hanauer and Co. investment firm.

Money 'Working' for Hoboken

The City of Hoboken has more money in the bank today than it ever had in the city's history — \$8,500,000, to be exact — and it is already "working" for the city, earning about \$1,746 a day, while it marks time, so to speak, until it can be used to start building the John J. Grogan Marine View Plaza development.

The \$8,500,000 is deposited in an account in the Franklin National Bank in Manhattan in the name of the Hoboken Parking Authority and is drawing interest at a rate of about 7 1/2 per cent a year.

Later, after final plans for the garages have been drawn, the rest of the money will be used to pay for their construction, possibly starting by the end of the summer.

MAYOR DEPASCALE said the \$8,500,000 was by far the biggest lump sum ever received by the city. "It is the first time in the United States that a little public agency (the parking authority) was able to do so much," he said.

It was DePascale who arranged to have the parking authority pay for the garages in order to save the city from paying out about \$1,000,000 as its contribution toward the Grogan Plaza project.

The parking authority's bonds that will pay a higher rate of interest.

FRIEDMAN said the armored car may really not have been necessary, but "people get wind of things," and "it's best to be 1,000 per cent safe."

The parking authority will dip into the account — to the extent of over \$300,000 — in a few days (or a few weeks, depending on which official one talks to) to pay for the land on which the authority is going to build three parking garages with spaces for about 1,980 cars.

At the same time, the \$8,500,000 is costing the city a little more than \$1,746 a day, because interest at a rate averaging 7 1/2 per cent is piling up against the bonds.

Elliot Friedman, president of Hanauer, said it is hoped that the parking authority will "break even," because the trustee — the bank — is trying to reinvest the \$8,500,000 in other

financial participation was accepted by the federal urban renewal agency in lieu of the city's paying a quarter of the cost of acquisition and clearing of the site — three city blocks bounded by 1st, 4th, Hudson and River streets.

THE CHECK actually was turned over to Nicholas J. Caruso, Hoboken's postmaster, who is chairman of the parking authority, and Richard Eversen, dean of men at Stevens Institute, the authority's treasurer.

There are to be three garages, each with five parking levels. One space will be set aside for each of the 750 tenants of the

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development's four 22-story apartment houses. Another 400 will be reserved each day for transient parkers. The rest can be leased out to the 300 business firms in the 25-story office building in the development. The rent on any lease is to be \$30 a month.

Friedman said the first interest payment on the bonds will have to be met by the trustee Sept. 1.

THE CITY is to be congratulated for the participation of its plans for Marine View Plaza, Friedman said. "I have seen too many cities plan facilities that were handicapped because they allowed parking to be an orphan in their planning."

Pointing to Hoboken's accessibility to river crossings, the World Trade Center and the Wall Street area, Friedman commented:

"The parking will enable future residents to make the most of this mobility and give New York-bound commuters an efficient and economical alternative to driving into New York."

200 Years of Hoboken in Prints

An exhibit of prints and photographs titled "Hoboken 1770-1970, The Paradise of Gotham" will open Friday, at 3 p.m. in the first-floor art gallery of the Stevens Institute Center. The public is invited. After the opening day, the retrospective will be accessible from Saturday through May 16 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

The Young Artists' Series of the Association of Stevens Dames, the distaff organization of the institute, is presenting the show, with the financial backing of the Stevens student council.

THE PRINTS and old photos utilized in the exhibit have been amassed from the files of The Jersey Journal, the Stevens Library, the Hoboken public library and the private collection of Mr. and Mrs. James

Hans, owners of the Calendar Shop, 52 Newark St., Hoboken. Mrs. Charles Redden, professional photographer and member of the Stevens community, has recorded on film Hoboken as it is today. These latter photographs round out the 200-year look at the city.

THE HANS private collection is also the source of phonograph records dating from 1900 through the 1930's which will be taped and piped into the art gallery by WCPB, the institute's radio station. Mrs. Robert Bartholomew, long-time active Hoboken resident, has provided records of the '40's and '50's as well as eyewitness background for several of the events featured in the exhibit.

The subtitle of the show, "The Paradise of Gotham" was taken from a clipping in Frank

Leslie's Illustrated weekly, circa 1850, which featured an engraving of Sybil's Cave, Hoboken, and a brief article extolling the joys of visiting this "wild, beautiful" resort of New Yorkers of the time. "You take the ferry at the foot of Barclay Street," the article instructs, "and in five minutes you are in the country. Thousands visit this 'Paradise of Gotham' daily."

The article continues: "The whole (town) is owned by W. L. Stevens, Esq., to whom belongs the immortality of not only making but keeping the finest spot adjacent to any city in the world."

The Hoboken display will be the eighth event to be presented by the Young Artists' Series, a program that has sought to bring the arts to both Stevens and the community. Mrs. Joseph F. Manogue is chairman of this event and of the series.



City Clerk Anthony Amoroso, right, reads oath of office for new Housing Authority members Joseph G. Gaingardella, left, and Orlando Addeo. Mayor DePascale looks on.

Hoboken Makes Food Stamp Mark

An all-time record for Hudson County was set by Hoboken in the number of persons made eligible for food stamps on the day set aside for new applicants this month, Dominick Rinaldi, in charge of the Hoboken applications, said today.

Rinaldi said 186 Hoboken residents were certified for the stamps in the one day, a number greater than was ever rolled up even in Jersey City.

Some of the applicants were certified as much as \$149 a month in stamps, Rinaldi said.

AT LEAST \$40,000 a month in food stamp value is being received by persons who applied through the Hoboken office, and through the Hoboken office, he added.

Persons on welfare do not apply for or receive their food stamps through the Hoboken office but through the county welfare office.

The next day for application will fall in the third week of June, Rinaldi said. Vincent Connors, director of the Concentrated Employment Program, is in overall charge.

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Andrew P. McGuire

Hoboken's Tomorrow Is Bright

President Andrew P. McGuire of Hoboken Board of Realtors declared yesterday that "Hoboken is now well on the road of progress toward a bright, new future of a modern city prosperous business, industry and good housing for all its citizens."

McGuire, who conducts his own real estate offices on lower Hudson st. and is a member of the city's tax assessor board, further declared; "1970 holds a great deal of promise for the city of Hoboken."

"Federal grants and other financial aid, once in the preliminary stages of formation, have now taken hold and are beginning to show the results predicted for them."

"Results are most evident in the educational and social areas, but also in the actual rehabilitation and updating of properties long neglected. The Model Cities Project has supplied both the direction and the financial assistance lacking in the past."

Said McGuire, "The complete overhaul of the building at Newark and Bloomfield sts., (Continued on Page 34)

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with its adjacent frontage on Washington st., once used as a newspaper building, is a consolidated outlay of capital and courage. The building is being modernized with air conditioning, elevator service to an overhead office complex, and underground parking facilities. This is indicative of what investors feel about Hoboken's potential."

"Investor Success"

"The recent completion of Singer Shoprite Food Market, and the more recent inclusion of a clothing department within the building on lower Washington st. is proof of local investors success. The furthering of plans for improvements at Stevens Tech, such as the proposed Research Center, and the progress of expansion at St. Mary Hospital wing is still further proof of confidence by investors in our Mile-Square-City," McGuire said.

Referring to plans for a new elementary school at 11th st. and Willow av. to replace the present antiquated Wallace School building, and the plan to build a drive-in bank operation by Trust Company of New Jersey at Third and Washington sts. "are an incentive for others to follow," he added.

Pointing to the major construction along lower Hudson st. as outstanding in Hoboken's recent history, McGuire said of the proposed John J. Grogan Marine Plaza Apartment complex, "The three high-rise apartments and a 28-story office building with parking space below for some 2,000 cars is sort of crowning glory of what Hoboken officials are doing to improve the Mile-Square-City."

While still unofficial, McGuire said it is expected the official ground breaking for the Grogan Marine Plaza will take place in July.

"Hoboken really deserves the title 'Miracle Mile,' for all that has been accomplished and for plans on the drawing boards in so short a period of time. The city's economy, tax-wise, is a stable one," McGuire concluded.

WATER BILLS SOAR

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Hoboken Doubling Rate Retroactively

By PETER HALLAM

Hoboken's failure to get Jersey City to scale down the increase in the price of water Jersey City sells it will at least double everyone's water bills, retroactive to April 1, Mayor DePascale said today.

The mayor said the exact rate still is being computed, but should be made known by the next meeting of the City Council on June 3, when a bill is to be introduced authorizing the retroactive increase in the city's charge to local residents.

HOBOKEN water customers now pay the city \$180 per 1,000 cubic feet of water they use.

There are about 748,000 gallons in 1,000 cubic feet.

Jersey City has been using flat rate billing systems for both its residents, who are charged a set rate for each 1,000 cubic feet, and for its customers—Hoboken now is billed \$110 for each million gallons it uses — but is switching to a scaled rate for its customers.

In Hoboken's case, the yearly charge will average out to a little more than \$240 a million gallons. The steps cover the first 20,000 gallons of water used and then goes into the flat rate of \$240 a million for everything over 20,000,000.

proximately 13,000,000 gallons of water a day, according to Frank Flynn, water department supervisor, it has been at the \$240 mark since April 2 when it went over the 20,000 mark. He added that Hoboken has yet to receive anything official from Jersey City explaining the new rates or even notifying Hoboken that new rates were going to be implemented.

For Hoboken residents the bad news of the higher water rate will be in the bills they are scheduled to get this July covering the months of April, May and June.

Mayor DePascale said a sin-

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cere effort was made on the part of city officials to negotiate a lower rate or break with Jersey City but authorities there were unable to come up with any alternate plans.

OUR ONLY possible course of action was with Jersey City," he continued. "Even at the increased rate they are lower than anyone else around this

area capable of providing us with water."

The mayor added that the new rate for Hoboken users must provide enough capital for the city to pay for the water it buys from Jersey City and maintain the water department. He said it would not be computed to make a profit for the city.

DePascale said that the increase in the water rate would not have any bearing on the sewer rate.

Grogan Plaza

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the Parking Authority pay \$132,176.47 while the private developer will pay \$89,823.53 for its share of the Parcel One land between First and Second sts. as required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Under contract agreements, Taylor-Woodrow-Blitman-Hoboken Urban Renewal Corp. will pay an over-cost for the three square blocks estimated at \$665,000. Today's transaction is the initial part of the agreement.

The now vacant land in lower Hoboken at one time housed some 90 buildings, including homes for 200 families and 85 business firms, plus 30 taverns and four one-time landmark hotels. The cost of demolishing all properties involved is estimated at \$161,000, while the cost of overall land acquisition and relocation of families is estimated at \$3½ million.

According to a Housing Authority spokesman, the 22-story apartment buildings will include one- two- and three-bedroom units, renting at \$65 to \$75 a room, at present figures. It is also expected there will be a restaurant on the fifth floor of the commercial building, which may also house city hall administrative offices.

Among city officials expected to be present today are City Council President Thomas A. Gallo, Urban Renewal Director Silvio Failla, Atty. M. Edward De Fazio, executive director of Hoboken Housing Authority and secretary of the Urban Renewal Corp. and members of the Housing Authority board.

Ceremonies Today

Title Transfer to Signal Launch of Grogan Plaza

Plans for a \$30 million groundbreaking will be initiated in Hoboken this morning when the city's Housing Authority will transfer title to a part of the three-square-block downtown area to make way for construction of the Grogan Marine View Plaza apartment complex.

At 11 a.m. in the office of Mayor Louis DePascale, a check for an estimated \$222,000 will be handed to Housing Authority Chairman Raymond G. Clyons, representing payments for the land located between 1st and 2nd sts. bounded by Hudson and River sts. The block, designated Parcel One, is to be the location of the 25-story office building.

The sale of Parcel Two and Parcel Three, located between 2nd and 4th sts., is expected to be completed this year, a Housing Authority spokesman indicated yesterday. The vacant area between 3rd and 4th sts. is next to be acquired from the city, referred to as Parcel Three, while the center area, Parcel Two, will be the final real estate transaction between the city and developer.

Expected to be present at the ceremony for the building of apartment units to accommodate

764 families will be the private developer, Taylor-Woodrow-Blitman-Hoboken Urban Renewal Corp. and Hoboken Parking Authority, who will share purchase costs of the land.

Bond Issue Floated

Earlier this year, the parking authority, headed by Hoboken Postmaster Nicholas J. Caruso as chairman, floated a bond issue receiving \$8.4 million to finance plans to build facilities for some 2,000 cars in three garages at the base of the complex.

Today's transaction will see (Turn to Page 20, Column 2)

Mayor Elated At \$1.4 Million Hoboken Grant

"This is a dream come true,"

Mayor Louis De Pascale said today, as he hailed the announcement that the federal government has granted Hoboken \$962,666 toward construction of a large neighborhood facility center in Church Square Park.

In addition to the \$962,666, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the mayor said, Hoboken expects another \$400,000 in construction funds from the Model Cities program.

THIS MEANS that our city will get a much needed \$1,500,000 center with the federal government paying \$1,400,000 of the cost," De Pascale explained. Tentative plans call for the center to be built on Garden Street, between Fourth and Fifth Streets.

The mayor said the two-story building, containing 34,000 square feet of space, will have recreation facilities, a combination gymnasium, auditorium, health and social services and some educational facilities.

THIS GREAT center will be a focal point for our teenage programs and for our senior citizens, providing the kind of wholesome and worthwhile projects that will be of great benefit to Hoboken residents.

"We're one of the first cities in the nation to receive federal assistance for this type of project," DePascale added.

THE MAYOR said he had envisioned such a neighborhood center when he was president of the council "but our city just couldn't afford it."

"I'm happy to see that after years of talking and working to bring the Model Cities program to Hoboken we're going to see tangible results.

OUR DREAMS are coming true," said De Pascale "but this is only the beginning of a great rebuilding program we have planned for the future."

Hoboken to Launch Summer Programs

Through the use of additional federal funds, the Hoboken Board of Education next month will launch the most diversified summer educational and recreational program it has ever undertaken, Melvin W. Christie, board president, said today.

Similar programs will be carried out at four centers in the city, Christie said, giving children of each neighborhood the opportunity to participate in the supervised projects. The centers will be in Hoboken High School, Demarest Junior High School, the Thomas Connors School and the Hoboken YMCA.

SWIMMING will be offered at all four centers and all of the children will be served lunch. In addition, approximately 170 boys and girls will attend the YMCA summer camp at various times. All of the programs will get under way on June 24 with the exception of recreation which will start on June 29. The latter will last for eight weeks, the other programs will be for six weeks.

The school activities will be part of a citywide recreation plan which Mayor Louis De Pascale has asked to be coordinated with the city recreation department and the Model Cities projects.

IN ADDITION, a special program will be carried on at the Leinhardt School where youngsters with emotional problems will receive psychological help and take part in field trips and other activities. The annual Head Start program for pre-school age children will also be carried out in the elementary schools.

A six-week accredited high school program will also be held, giving students who are lagging behind their class the opportunity

nity of earning credits and keeping up with their grade. While these programs are in progress, Thomas F. McFeely, school superintendent, said a committee of teachers will meet daily to draw up new curricula designs.

THE COMMITTEE will explore special reading projects, social studies, drug education and special education courses for children requiring extra attention because of social problems. The committee will make its recommendations to the superintendent and they will be considered for inclusion in future courses.

Harry Galinsky, coordinator of federal projects for the school system, said the expanded summer program was made possible through a \$180,000 increase in funds under Title I of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The increase brought Hoboken's share to \$522,000 for the 1969-70 school year.



Exclusive picture of bus identical to one being built for Hoboken crosstown line.

Crosstown Bus Run Faces More Delay

Hoboken residents who have been patiently waiting for the city's crosstown bus service to start will have to wait a while longer, Herman Bier, city business administrator, said today. The bus was scheduled to be delivered this month and put into service almost immediately after it arrived.

Bier disclosed that technical difficulties, which have plagued the construction of the \$14,000 vehicle since the city first committed itself to its purchase some four months ago, continue to be a problem.

THE BUS was purchased from Center Ford in North Bergen and is currently being worked on by Adam Black and Son of Jersey City, a firm which builds truck and bus bodies to specifications other than those usually

assembled by the vehicle manufacturer. "I find myself in the middle of this situation with nowhere to go and apparently nothing I can do to get the job done," he said. "The people of Hoboken who have been waiting a long time for the start of this service are going to hold me responsible."

BIER ADDED that from the latest information he had on the status of the bus it would be another month before it will be ready. The bus will carry no more than 16 passengers and charge a 25-cent fare.

Its route will be as follows: Starting at 4th and Hudson Streets it will head west on 4th Street to Jackson Street; north on Jackson to 5th Street; east on 5th to Madison Street; north on Madison to 7th Street; east on 7th to Hudson Street, and south on Hudson to the starting point at 4th Street.

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of try to, I have asked representatives of the car dealer, Adam Black and Charles Heitner (president of the Hoboken Retail Bureau) to me in my office today.

"I intend to stay out of it. Let the people from Center Ford and Adam Black explain the problem to Heitner and convince him they are doing their best to get the bus ready."

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Horan Wins Top Award

Biography of Hoboken Artist Cited

The 1970 Buffalo Award for the best book of western frontier history, presented by the New York Westerners, has been won by James D. Horan of Weehawken, a nationally known novelist and historian. It was announced yesterday by Edward W. Elliott, head of the organization.

Horan's book, "The Life and Art of Charles Schreyvogel, Painter-Historian of the Indian Fighting Army of the American West," a biography of the famous 19th century Hoboken artist who painted his masterpieces on the tin roof of his Garden street house, was selected in making the annual award.

The Westerners is a national organization of authors, artists, writers, editors and businessmen and "almost anyone who is interested in the American West."

The biography includes numerous color plates published for the first time, of Schreyvogel's works depicting the epic struggle between the tribes of the Great Plains and the Indian Fighting Army. "Mr. Horan's book is not only superbly written but is executed with impressive scholarship and presents many little-known facts of Schreyvogel's life, his struggles and his triumphs," Elliott told a news conference before presentation of the award to Horan at the Seventh Regiment Armory, 66th St. and Park av., New York.

Assisting in the presentation ceremonies were Mrs. Gertrude L. Horan, wife of the author and Nat Wartels, president of Crown Publishers, New York City, publishers of the book. Schreyvogel painted in obscurity until the turn of the century when he won the famous Clarke Award of the National Academy of Design. From 1893 to the early years of the near century he lived for long periods with Indian tribes

210 Books Added To Hoboken Library

The Hoboken public library ordered 210 new books in the month ending Sunday, Lucille Cunningham, the director, announced today. Some of the titles and the respective authors are:

City Life, Donald Barthelme; Vital Parts: A Novel, Thomas Berger; Hard Times: An Oral History of the Great Depression, Studs Terkel; Pluche Or The Love Of Art, Jean Dutourd; First One The Moon: A Voyage With Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and Edwin E. Aldrin, Written with Gene Farmer and Dora Jane Hamblin;

Journey To Tranquility: The Long Competitive Struggle To Reach The Moon, Hugo Young, Bryan Silcock and Peter Dunn; One Life, Christiana Barnard and Curtis Bill Pether.

Tramp In Armor, Colin Forbes; False Gods, Real Men: New Poems by Daniel Berrigan; The Fisherman's Almanac, Dan Morris and Norman Strung; The Daleth Effect: A Science Fiction Novel, Harry Harrison; Memoirs Of A Star, Pola Negri; The Flight of the Eagle, Per Olof Sydman; Strange Alphabet: A Novel Of Modern Greece, Alexis Lykiard; The Harlot Queen, Hilda Lewis; The Seamless Web, Stanley Burnshaw.

Termination: The Closing At Baker Plant, Alfred Slat; Stop, You're Killing Me: Three Short Plays, James Leo Herlihy; Last Plane Out: A Novel, John Ball; Jolie Andrew: A Biography, Robert Windler; No Time For Love, Emilie Loring; A Relative Stranger, Anne Stevenson; The Baders of Jacob Street, Henia Karmel-Wolfe; Treasure: A Novel, A.E. Hotchner.



BUFFALO AWARD — Edward W. Elliott (left), head of New York Westerners, presents the 1970 Annual Buffalo Award to James D. Horan, Weehawken novelist and historian, for his "The Life and Art of Charles Schreyvogel, Painter-Historian of the Indian Fighting Army of the American West" at recent ceremonies held at the 7th Regiment Armory, New York City.



Mayor Louis De Pascale

Mayors' Conference Invites DePascale

Hoboken Mayor Louis De Pascale has been invited to attend the U. S. Conference of Mayors at Denver, Colorado, starting next Friday.

The Hoboken executive who is also a Hudson County freeholder, said the conference will focus attention on development areas of cooperation among federal, state and local governments.

The invitation to Mayor De Pascale was extended by Jack D. Malster, president of the mayors' conference.

Baumann to Retire After 39 Years

Hoboken Police Capt. George Baumann, the department communications officer, will retire as of Feb. 1, 1971, ending a 39-year career, it was learned today. Although Baumann's official retirement date is still close to eight months away, his absence from the department will be felt a lot sooner. Starting next Friday, the captain will start taking 118 days in terminal leave, followed by 85 vacation days.

THE CONDITIONS of Baumann's retirement and leave are reported to have left some hard feelings between police superiors and city officials. The situation developed because of the refusal of city officials to give Baumann a six-month terminal leave and 85 vacation days, as had been done in the case of other policemen approaching retirement.

City officials contend that under current contract obligations with the fire department — which also covers policemen — a special clause giving them the same benefits negotiated by the firemen — they are required to give a retiring officer only three months' terminal leave and an additional two days' terminal leave for every year of service over the 25-year mark.

NO ANNOUNCEMENT has been made by department officials as to who they have selected to replace Baumann as communications officer.

CAPT. GEORGE BAUMANN Gets Only 203 Days Off

communications officer. However, it is known that Baumann holds a class "A" license from the Federal Communications Commission, highest rating it gives.

Several department men have lesser ratings from the and are limited by them functioning in only certain areas of the communications department. Baumann's classification has such limitations and allows to function in all areas.

Hoboken Firemen Set Reward For Leads on False Alarms

Officials of the three organizations representing Hoboken firemen announced as of today that a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond will be given to anyone giving police information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons who turn in false alarms of fire, but added that additional steps are being planned if this fails to reverse the trend and reduce the number of needless calls.

Michael Wladich, president of Local 1078 of the International Association of Fire Fighters; Capt. Ray M. Falco, president of Local 1078 of the International Association of Fire Officers, and John Smith, president of the Hoboken Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association, said one of the other possible steps would be the stake-out of the more troublesome alarm boxes by the firemen and officers themselves.

IT WILL MEAN giving up free time, but if this is what has to be done to reduce the chances of getting injured or possibly killed while responding to a false alarm, we will do it," said Wladich. "As of yesterday afternoon, the department had received a total of 40 false alarms," Falco said. "This doesn't count the 20 or so unnecessary alarms where there were no signs of a fire but the person who pulled the alarm stood by and claimed to have thought he saw or smelled smoke. "Every time a fireman answers an alarm he takes a gamble on being injured or even

killed. False alarms needlessly increase the chances he must normally take in the performance of his duty."

SMITH added that the situation had reached the stage where the firemen felt they had to take some kind of action to protect themselves while they are trying to protect the public.

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respective organizations would "press the issue" if anyone is caught turning in a false alarm by demanding the court impose the stiffest punishment possible under the law.

THEY ADDED that another possible course of action would be to have the three organizations demand the city install outside alarm devices on all alarm boxes which would go off whenever an alarm was turned in.

Wladich said the devices would be an extremely loud bell or siren coupled with a bright light. When the alarm was pulled the bell or siren would go off drawing attention to the person who pulled the handle. The light would also go on making it easier to identify the person should the incident occur at night.

He said systems similar to this



NEW SAFEGUARD — Hoboken Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale, right, inspects new fire hydrant locks designed so only a special wrench can open them. Making adjustments are Joseph Marnane, left, Water Department foreman, and Gilbert Bello, of the company which is supplying the locks. Aim is to prevent vandalism.

ON TOP OF HOBOKEN



Fourteen-story Stevens Center is city's highest building and on highest point of Stevens Tech campus, city's highest ground. Picture was taken from helicopter at edge of Hudson River. (Aerial photo by Eric Groethring)

Bartletta to Dispose Of Beverage Firm

Frank Bartletta, Hoboken's revenue and finance director and the city's Republican leader, is about to go into semi-retirement pending the sale of his Huxey Beverage Company at 503 Madison St., in existence more than 35 years.

Bartletta said the business is actually composed of two operations or distributorships, one of which has already been sold. His franchise to distribute a Philadelphia beer has been sold to the Trippi Corp. of Paterson. Another franchise to sell his particular brand of soda is for sale but negotiations are still underway and Bartletta is still operating that phase of the business.

ACCORDING TO Bartletta, George Politis, the former owner

of the Union Club at 600 Hudson St., is planning to take over the soda distribution end of the business.

"IT'S A little like losing an old friend," reflected Bartletta. "I've been in the business since beer came back with the end of Prohibition."

"Normally, I would have liked to keep it in the family," he continued. "But I have no children of my own and our relations aren't really interested in it."

When asked why he wanted to end the company's operation, Bartletta said he thought it was time for him to "slow down a little."

Parking Ticket Study Set

A resolution which would authorize Management Data Processing Systems of Clifton to computerize the processing of all Hoboken parking summonses is ready for submission to the city council but it still may take several weeks before the resolution is formally introduced for council action.

The delay will depend on how long it takes to make arrangements for a company official to attend a council caucus to answer questions the councilmen might have about the system and procedure that aren't included in its proposal to the city.

THIRD WARD Councilman Steve Cappiello is the main figure in the search for more information about the system but says he is not alone and has support from some of the other council members.

ACCORDING TO the resolution, Hoboken police, meter maids and the meter maids for the city parking authority issued a total of 60,119 parking tickets in 1968 and 66,365 last year.

For 1969, 47,248 tickets were disposed of for a total revenue of \$63,308. Left outstanding were 19,117 summonses.

The company, which proposes to handle the processing of all tickets for a fee of 30 cents each, says the reason for the undischarged tickets and the loss of revenue — estimated to be a minimum of \$18,000 — is due to the manual sequential numerical sorting of all tickets by violations bureau personnel and the time lag by the state motor vehicle department in responding to ownership requests on vehicles with overdue and unpaid fines.

IN ITS more detailed proposal, the company says it can eliminate most of the manual

sorting by computerizing the system. It adds it does not have to depend on the state to establish the ownership of ticketed vehicles.

A company official told The Jersey Journal it had its own computer tapes on which were listed all the information — license numbers, year and make of vehicles, type of vehicle, color, owner's name and the address — needed to check out a registration and establish ownership.

"These are copies of the tapes the state uses and are supplied to use by the department of motor vehicles," he explained. "They are updated every three months or so by the state and turned over to us when we return the old tape."

BECAUSE of recent criticism of the computer company working with the department of motor vehicles for selling lists of names of persons with motor vehicles registered with New Jersey to companies with need of mailing lists, the official was asked if his company also could sell the lists of names it might have.

"No, we can't," he replied. "We can use the tapes for the issuing of summonses to court and nothing else."

"As I understand the situation, the company working for state had permission to sell the lists of names as part of its contract. We have no such authorization and are checked regularly by state representatives for security."



SECURE? — That's what Judge Chris G. Pappas, right, seems to be asking Hoboken Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale, far left, as inspection tour of city jail cell blocks, following renovations and painting. That's Hoboken's Public Safety Director E. Norman Wilson.

Council Approves \$1,500,000 Bonds

A bond anticipation note in the amount of \$1,500,000 has been approved by the Hoboken city council. It will be used to pay overdue pension system payments, teacher payrolls for the summer, city payrolls and city claims which the city couldn't pay with its own funds until sometime next month when property owners start paying their July tax bills.

The bonds are being purchased by the Trust Company of New Jersey and carry a 5 1/2 per cent interest rate. They will mature as of Dec. 22 of this year.

ACCORDING to John Erbeck, city comptroller, the procedure results from the fact that the city is operating on its 1970 budget and trying to pay for the operation with 1969 taxes. The first billing to city property owners of their 1970 taxes will be sent out next month and the payment due in August.

The payments received by the city in May were for the last quarter of 1969 but there is not enough of these funds on hand to pay the 1970 commitments that are now due or overdue, he added. The bond action was approved by the state division of local finance before being sent to the council for its approval.

Only Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello voted against the resolution authorizing the notes, but he did not give any explanation of why he voted against it.

BIDS FOR the resurfacing of several streets were accepted by the council at its meeting yesterday and referred to the law department and public works department for study.

Four bids were submitted with the Warren Brothers Co. of Prospect Park making the low offer of \$23,279.20. The next low bidder was the Turco Paving Co. of Kearny, with a bid of \$23,784. It was followed by the Gallo Asphalt Co. of Irvington, with a bid of \$24,570, and the Bellezza Co. of Jersey City, which bid \$35,360.

A REPRESENTATIVE of the state highway department interrupted the meeting after City Clerk Anthony Amoroso read off the bids to ask why four bids were read off when he had seen only three persons submit them to the clerk when called for at the beginning of the meeting. Amoroso replied that the Gallo company had dropped off its sealed bid at his office about a half hour before the meeting.

A RESOLUTION by Fourth Ward Councilman Louis Francione and Cappiello calling on Michael Coleman, director of the Model Cities Agency, to make the necessary applications to the federal government for the expansion of the Model Cities and Urban Rodent and Insect Control Program was unanimously approved by the council. If successful in the applications, the programs will cover the entire city instead of their current areas of concern which equal about one-third of the city.

The council agreed to accept bids at its July meeting for renovation work on the Jefferson Street Recreation Center's north wing and gym, and bids for a new garbage collection contract.

HOBOKEN'S Model Cities Program will pay for the work on the recreation center which prompted Cappiello to ask what Model Cities planned to do with the center once the work was done and if its plans would mean

children from outside the Model Cities area would be deprived of recreational facilities.

Council President Thomas A. Gallo and several other council members advised Cappiello that they knew of no plans for the center on the part of the Model Cities program and that the repairs were only part of the program's efforts to keep recreational facilities in a good state of repair so that they may be used.

BY AUTHORIZING bids to be accepted on the garbage contract at the July 1 meeting, the council will get a six-month head start on negotiations for the service. Its current \$385,000 one-year contract with the LaFera Contracting Co. of Newark doesn't expire until Dec. 15.

The current contract and the one-year contract with LaFera before that both caused the city considerable trouble before a formal agreement actually was signed. Both in 1968 and 1969 the city had to go to court to get an injunction against LaFera to prevent it from ending service when its old contract had expired and no agreement had been reached on a new one.

THE COURTS gave the city additional time to secure the services of someone else but attempts to do this were unsuccessful and it wound up taking LaFera's offer.

When the contract signed in 1968 ended last year and the council found itself fighting the same fight again, it was decided a council committee would be set up to investigate alternate solutions to the garbage collection problem and increasing costs in order to avoid going through the same hassle again this year.

The six-month period until the current contract ends is believed to have been set in order to give that committee time to get something under way along these lines.

THE Playground Corp. of America was awarded a contract to build two portable swimming pools for the Model Cities Program at a total cost of \$15,975. The pools will be located in the schoolyard on the north side of A. J. Demarest Junior High School at Pough and Garden Streets, and in the playground area next to the Downtown Recreation Center at 117 Jefferson St.

No date was set for the completion of the pools, however. Gallo said the portable above-ground pools took only one or two days to put up and this should be done within a week or so.

MODEL CITIES was authorized by the council to contract with Stevens Institute of Technology to provide tutoring and instructions for Hoboken High School students living within the Model Cities' model neighborhood. The tutoring will be available to students suitable and interested in an engineering career and will cover subjects related to the profession that did not or could not take in school.

A Model Cities spokesman said the program could cost roughly \$30,000 and would run for a full year beginning this summer. He said classes would probably be offered on a daily basis during the summer months and then weekly once the regular school year resumes in the fall.

Mayor Louis DePascale reappointed Samuel Schliekorn to the library board of trustees and the appointment was confirmed by the council. Schliekorn is board chairman.

Extend Student Work-Study Program

Draftsman... machinist... bookkeeper... stenographer... butcher... laboratory assistant — these are just some of the jobs which Hoboken High School seniors have handled so successfully that a work-study program has been extended through the summer months.

Principal Thomas F. Gaynor said today 95 seniors participated in the Cooperative Work Experience Program sponsored by the board of education during the 1969-70 term. They earned \$181,182 — a 53 per cent increase over the previous year.

THE PROGRAM is supervised by the state education department which for the first time has extended it to a 12-month basis for Hoboken, Gaynor reported.

Under the project, seniors spend their mornings in school handling their major subjects, and their afternoons in offices and industrial plants. While 65 students worked at office jobs, 30 were being introduced to the trades.

WILLIAM LATIERNO, who directs the industrial phase, said any senior may apply to take part in the program but must maintain passing grades in all subjects in order to continue.

Latierno seeks positions for boys in the industries, while Mrs. Ruth Waldron handles the office part of the program. "I knock on doors," Latierno said, "and industry has been most cooperative."

During the past year, Hoboken students have worked four hours each day in 40 firms in the city and in Manhattan. Many of them have been asked to stay on the job full-time, Gaynor reported.

"It's like a Head Start program for seniors entering the world of business," said the principal.



Rafael Cruz, left, and Jose Berdecia learn how to assemble cabinets.

THE STUDENTS in industry are covered by Workmen's Compensation and have been accepted by unions, Latierno said. Through an agreement between the state education and labor departments, the boys are permitted to work at machines under supervision. Ordinarily no one under 18 is permitted. La-

tierno and Mrs. Waldron also visits the employers at least once every two weeks to get a report on the student's progress.

Since the garment industry plays such a major role in the metropolitan area, a new vocational program will be introduced at the high school in September, Gaynor reported.



Madeline Crimmins, daughter of Police Chief Crimmins, works as a butcherette.

With the approval of the state, students will receive training on industrial-type sewing machines. Those who wish may take the course to prepare for a job in the many garment centers in the area.

WHILE MOST of the students in the work-study program took

it with the idea of not continuing their education, it hasn't worked out that way for everyone, Gaynor said.

"We had four students who started work with the American Telephone Co. who have now enrolled for night courses in college," he reported.

HOBOKEN TENSION

Puerto Ricans Fight in Streets

Eleven Puerto Rican youths were arrested by Hoboken police following a series of bottle-tossing, debris-pelting incidents late last night and early today.

A patrolman was injured during the sporadic outbursts that began about 10:30 p.m. and lasted until 1 a.m., when some 40 policemen cleared the streets.

THE OUTBURST started at Madison and Third Streets, when two patrolmen attempted to separate some youths in a street fight. Police said about a dozen friends of the combatants rushed to the officers and pelted them with bottles and debris.

Small bands of youths then

began to toss bottles and overturn garbage cans. Two store windows were shattered.

The groups moved as far east as Washington Street, striking police who pursued them as scores of other Spanish-speaking residents lined the streets.

BY 11:30 the disturbances appeared to have died down. But as the officers returned to headquarters, bottles once more began to fly.

Men who were scheduled to go off duty were held over. The beefed-up patrols, with the men wearing hard hats, began clearing the streets.

The after-midnight outburst

was centered at Second Street, between Monroe and Clinton Streets. But there also were incidents on First Street.

THE ONE REPORTED injury was sustained by Patrolman Robert DiStefano, who was hit on the right arm with a brick. He was treated at St. Mary Hospital.

Of the 11 persons arrested, one was charged with possession of narcotics and one, a 17-year-old, was held as a juvenile offender. The rest were charged as disorderly persons. All but one said they were Hoboken residents.

BOOKED ON the narcotics offense was Martin Torres, 24, who gave his address as 715 Clinton

St. Police said he was found to have nine decks of heroin in his possession after he initially was arrested on Monroe Street on a disorderly person charge.

The others, all charged as disorderly persons, identified themselves as Jorge Del Gado, 22, of 316 Marshall Dr.; Antonio Garcia, 24, of 213 1st St.; Jose Cabrera, 18, of 231 Grand St.; Samuel Flores, 23, of 128 Garden St.; Radmus Alicea, 20, of 56 Marshall Dr.; and Fernando De Leon, 22, of Mercer St., Jersey City.

Also, Jose Velez, 21, of 78 Garden St., Pedro Rivera, 19, of 606 1st St., Julio Vasquez, 18, of 231 Madison St.

Accord With Puerto Ricans Sought

Hoboken Eyes Peace

By ARTHUR FELSON

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale yesterday took several measures to increase his contact with the Puerto Rican community and involve its members in Hoboken's municipal affairs. His efforts followed a major disturbance Thursday night.

DePascale, in a lengthy interview in his city hall office, announced that he and Model Cities Director Michael Coleman had sent telegrams to the governor, legislators and the United States Department of Housing and Urban

Development for emergency funds for recreational facilities within the Model Cities' neighborhood which was the

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scene, during two nights, of rock and bottle throwing incidents by street mobs.

DePascale said he would start making personal visits within the Puerto Rican community, which he admitted he had not frequently done before. The mayor also instructed

Law Director E. Norman Wilson to notify the state Civil Service Commission to set a date for an examination for police and firemen to be given in Spanish and English. The examination, DePascale said, would be given within a month's time.

Optimistic View "I don't feel that there will be any repetition of Wednesday and Thursday evenings' demonstration. A safety valve committee has been established and dialog has been established with the Puerto

Rican community," the mayor said.

In contrast to the previous two nights, police said everything was quiet on Hoboken streets last night.

A Hudson Dispatch representative yesterday attended a special meeting of Puerto Rican residents and community leaders, including Luis Lopez, a former C.E.P. (Concentrated Employment Program) employee and leader of the demonstrations, in a club room at 432 Adams St.

At the meeting, several (Continued on Page 15, Col. 3)

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responsible citizens denounced the potential for violence and some of the actions of the demonstrators, but most agreed there is need for even more improvement in the dialogue with city officials.

Several raised questions and issues dealing with instances of alleged police brutality and inequities in minority representation on the police and fire departments and on Hoboken Board of Education.

Satisfied So Far Lopez said his group of dissidents does not have any additional demands, but asked for persons to volunteer as marshals "in the event there are any difficulties with police."

Lopez Thursday night agreed on three items in a meeting with Mayor DePascale, Police Chief George W. Crimmins and City Council president Thomas A. Gallo.

These items are: establishment of a seven-man community relations committee composed of one resident from each of the city's wards; an immediate investigation into the circumstances surrounding Wednesday night's outbreaks and police action; and a Civil Service examination for police and firemen in Spanish.

Thursday night some 500 demonstrators marched on Hoboken City Hall. Mayor DePascale declared a state of emergency at 9:05 p.m. and asked for assistance from state police. The state of emergency continued until 3 a.m.

After demonstrators demanded the release of five prisoners being held as the result of outbreaks Wednesday night, DePascale decided to have two of the prisoners released.

Yesterday the actions of the mayor precipitated a serious morale problem at police headquarters.

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THE NEW HOBOKEN

The three cleared blocks will be developed as Grogan Marine View Plaza. Nearest it to be occupied by 25-story office building (including City Hall) and five-level parking garage. Other two blocks will each have two 22-story apartment houses, each with its parking

garage. Work should start in September after final plans are completed. PATH station is at lower right corner, Port Authority piers upper right. River Street runs along right side of cleared tract, Hudson Street at left. (Aerial photo by Eric Groething)



THEY HAVE IT—What? Imagination. That's what it takes a little of to negotiate this new type play apparatus, called 'cubes,' in Hoboken's Church Square Park.

Contractor to Place Playground Blocks

Hoboken has hired a contractor to put up some new playground equipment that was recommended by the city's Peoples Parks Committee. He was to start the job today in Stevens Park at the corner of Fifth and Hudson Streets.

According to director Anthony J. Damato, preparing the spot where the large wood blocks will be located and the actual assembling of them amounts to a heavy construction job.

"I don't have the equipment needed to put up something like this and even if I did I don't think my men could handle it," Damato said. "You need skilled construction workers, not laborers."

THE DIRECTOR explained that the base of the wood-block structure was supposed to rest on a poured concrete slab measuring nine feet wide by nine feet long and four feet thick.

According to Damato he had hoped the city's public works department would be able to put up the cubes and pour the base for them since it had the equipment and skilled men to do the job.

"This meant waiting until the public works workers had a break in their own duties and nobody really knew when that was going to be," Damato continued. "Vital is having all kinds of emergencies with sewers. Making these repairs comes before putting up a piece of playground equipment and take the men and equipment I'd need to put the thing up."

The director said he expected it would take close to a week to put the blocks together. A few days of that would be wasted while the contractor waited for the concrete base to set.

Last month another type of playground equipment recommended by the committee, costing about \$1,800 was installed in Church Square Park. This was done by city workmen.

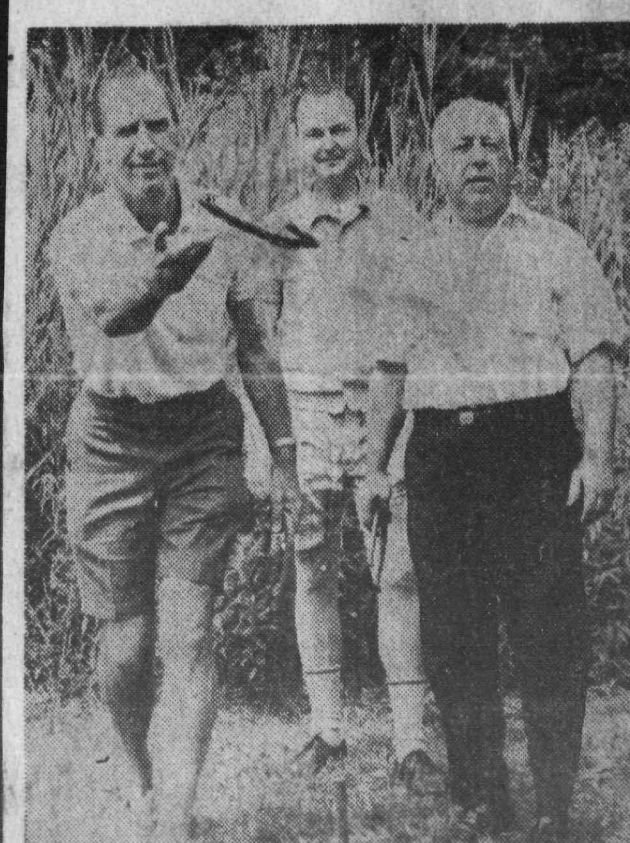
The new-type equipment is intended to help develop children's "creative imagination."



BUENAS DIAS, SENOR MAYOR DePascale is mobbed by jubilant adults during

Mayor Louis

Fiesta Festa Festival sponsored by Hoboken Recreation and Arts Council at Church Square. Other pictures on Page 18.



HORSESHOE PITCHER — Frank Boye (left), president of Hoboken Chamber of Commerce, shows winning form as he pitches horseshoes at annual outing of the chamber Wednesday at Sokol Camp, Bonton Township. Eyeing the toss are Richard Carroll (center), outgoing chairman, and Hoboken Mayor Louis De Pascale. More than 300 persons, including the city's political and business leaders, were on hand.