

Two Hoboken Piers Facing Foreclosure

Hoboken's 5th and 6th Streets Piers, which were for many years the steamship terminal of the Holland-America Lines, may get a new owner in the near future. Hoboken will institute foreclosure proceedings this week against Irving Maidman, the owner, for non-payment of \$651,945 in taxes on the two piers, Mayor Louis DePascale said today.

"Hoboken has given the owner ample opportunity to pay the back taxes but he did not take advantage of it," the mayor said.

In addition to the back taxes, the interest penalties and costs will boost the total well over the \$700,000 mark, according to a spokesman for the city tax department. Included in the amount owed are the taxes for 1968 through the current billing period. The property has been under a city tax lien since 1968.

UNTIL 1965, the two piers had been considered separate properties, each carrying its own assessment and individually taxed. But they were lumped together as one property under a re-evaluation which was completed that year.

The mayor said John A. Traynor, assistant city attorney, will handle the case for the city.

The Holland-America Line left Hoboken in the early 1960s after

it built a new larger terminal of its own on the Manhattan side of the Hudson.

THE 5th Street Pier was subsequently rented out to sundry tenants but has been vacant for several years and has accumulated numerous violations of the city's ordinances.

Maidman has been leasing the smaller 6th, Street Pier to the Hudson Engineering Company, a Hoboken ship repair firm, on a short-term basis.



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SENIOR CITIZEN PROJECT SITE—The square-block area in Hoboken soon to be demolished to make way for a new Senior Citizen apartment project is located between 12th and 13th sts., bounded by Willow av. and Clinton st. The area comprises four residential buildings and seven industrial structures. It is being purchased by Hoboken Housing Authority to make way for the 200-unit Senior Citizen apartments. The cost of the project, estimated at \$4 million, supported entirely by federal funds, is expected to be under construction by next June.

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\$7-Million Project

Stevens Tech Planning New Six-Story Campus Building

Plans for a new six-story building on the campus of Stevens Tech in Hoboken, one of the priorities of the college's centennial fund program, have been announced by Dr. Jess H. Davis, president of the college.

The building, which is the first to be constructed under the centennial fund program, will provide facilities for the chemistry-chemical engineering department and

the department of metallurgy. It will be located at the corner of River and Fifth sts., opposite the 'A' building. Its cost is estimated at approximately \$7 million with an additional \$1 million for equipment.

The building is being partially financed by a grant from the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Funds from this department are at the present time "frozen," but it is expected that they will be available reasonably soon. The beginning of actual construction of the building will depend on a successful arrangement for funding the cost through New Jersey Facility Authority tax-exempt bonds.

When it is completed, Davis said, the building will be one of the most modern facilities of its kind in the nation. Containing a total of 150,000 square feet, it will be fully air-conditioned and will feature an extensive fume hood exhaust and ventilating system.

The building will contain a large lecture hall to seat 300 students and a general chemistry laboratory which will accommodate 106

students. Other areas of the building will house numerous research and teaching laboratories, classrooms, conference rooms, and faculty and departmental offices.

Other features of the building will include a 50-by-80-foot study-lounge terrace overlooking the Hudson River and a special ramp area for access by handicapped persons. Extensive window areas will provide views of the Hudson River and New York harbor.

Architects for the building are John J. McNamara & Associates and the firm of Hamby, Kennerly, Slomanson & Smith. To make certain that the new building will meet the specific needs of the departments which will occupy it, extensive studies were conducted by the architects, faculty members and Stevens construction engineers.

As soon as arrangements for funding have been completed, a request for bids from construction firms will be sent out. It is expected that the building will require about two years for construction.

The Bayliss building, used by the college's building-and-grounds department, presently stands on the site of the new building. Construction of a new building-and-grounds facility has begun along the Sixth st. pier and demolition of the Bayliss building will begin as the pier facility is constructed.

Cuba Native to Seek Office

By JACK ECKHART

A native of Cuba employed since 1967 on the Hoboken city payroll as a \$5,600 laborer in the public works department, has announced he intends to be a candidate for councilman in the city's First Ward next May.

Santo Della Torre whose home address is listed at 97 Washington st. has long been active in Hoboken's Spanish-American affairs, and conducts his own insurance firm at 131 Washington st.

Until now, Della Torre was considered a supporter of Mayor Louis DePascale's administration. Should he go ahead with his plan to seek public office in defying DePascale, Della Torre will oppose incumbent First Ward Councilman Anthony Romano.

Romano, a police officer on leave of absence since elected to office, also holds down a post as assistant business manager on the Hoboken board of education payroll. His First Ward voters are predominately Spanish-American residents.

Della Torre becomes the second Hoboken resident to make known intentions of running for City Council in next May elections. The other potential candidate is Edward McLoughlin, a Sixth Ward resident, who plans to oppose incumbent Councilman John J. Palmieri.

In that uptown voting district headed by Palmieri, who is a supporter of DePascale and often mentioned as a county freeholder should DePascale replace State Sen. Frederick Hauser next year, still another possible candidate is Nunzio Malfetti, a Hoboken dock worker.

Malfetti, who heads a political organization in the Sixth Ward, has recently denied that he will join the DePascale administration, and further denied reports he may soon be part of the city payroll. Should Malfetti really decide to buck city hall, he would be the third potential candidate six months from now.

Asked to comment on the announcement of Della Torre seeking election in the First Ward, Mayor DePascale said yesterday, "Somebody's got to be kidding." He did not elaborate.

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Hoboken Drug Study Late

By PETER LAVILLA

A New York City-based firm, commissioned by Hoboken to conduct a comprehensive survey of the drug problem in that city, has failed to submit a report of its findings according to the deadline in their contract with the city, it was learned yesterday.

The firm, Metropolitan Regional Council, Inc., of 155 East 71st st., signed an agreement with Hoboken on Feb. 16, and charged the city \$50,000.

The sum of \$25,000 was paid in advance while the balance was held by the city until the survey was completed by MRC.

The contract expired June 30. As of now the survey is still underway with an invalid contract between the city and its contractor.

The money for this survey was supplied to the city on a grant from the New Jersey State Law Enforcement Agency in Trenton. A spokesman for the Law Enforcement agency said yesterday he knows of "no request for additional time by MRC, and as a result the contract between MRC and the city of Hoboken has expired."

He did not say whether his agency would take legal action or step in and ask for a show-cause why MRC has not fulfilled its obligations.

Law Director E. Norman Wilson, when asked if he intended to take legal steps said, "No,

not at this time. I will, however, ask for a reasonable explanation for the delay when the survey has been completed."

According to Wilson, he was told by a member of MRC that the delay resulted from schools in Hoboken being closed.

Concept for Survey

The concept of the survey came about on Oct. 20, 1969, when a discussion was held in Public School 4 between Wilson, members of the school system

police department, clergymen, the medical profession, and members of the city administration, to discuss the drug problem in that city.

When N.J. Law Enforcement Agency supplied the money, the city signed a contract with MRC. That contract reads as follows:

"MRC will render the following services to the City of Hoboken between the date this agreement takes effect and June 30, 1970 when the planning subgrant shall expire."

"Comprehensive Narcotics Planning Program"

1. To ascertain the dimensions of the drug problem in the city of Hoboken.

2. Identify those issues and forces contributing to the rising use of harmful drugs.

3. Identify all existing resources (not confined to law enforcement) capable of being utilized against drug abuse in and around the city.

4. Formulate a plan, for immediate and long-range, consisting of recommendations, and priorities toward reducing the incidence of drug abuse.

5. Construct, as a result of the plan toward implementation, programs and projects dedicated to solving the problem of drug abuse.

Last night Hudson Dispatch contacted Ronald R. Mikesell, an executive with MRC who conducted the survey. He said the survey has been completed, and he will have the final results on Director Wilson's desk some time next week.

The reason for the delay he said was a result of the delay in signing the contract, and because of the schools being closed. He added, "To do a good and thorough job we felt we needed at least six months time."

Holding Up Crimmins
Police Chief George Crimmins, who has stepped up his war against drug pushers, said this survey is holding him up. "I've called Mr. Mikesell on numerous occasions," Crimmins said, "and got nothing but excuses. He told me I would have the report of his survey sometime in September. I called his office again he told me I would definitely have it by October. Now he says he'll have it for me by next week."

Crimmins was quoted in yesterday's Hudson Dispatch as saying he needed more money to recruit more men into the narcotics department to help curb the heavy flow of drugs into the city.

He said the results of this survey would help him apply for a federal grant under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Act of 1968.

DePascale, Banks Talk

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale yesterday met with representatives of four banking institutions in that city to discuss the possibility of home owners in the western area of the city being considered for mortgage loans.

The meeting at city hall, arranged by Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello, was attended by Edward J. Borrono of Elysian Savings & Loan Assn.; John H. Wessling, president of Haven Savings & Loan Assn.; and Joseph Tighe, president of Hoboken Bank for Savings.

While the details of such a conference were not immediately spelled out by Mayor DePascale, it was learned that another session will be held next week, at which time additional representatives of banking institutions will be on hand to express their ideas on the proposal of easing up on mortgage loans.

State Jury Sits Today

Hoboken, Bayonne Mayors Called

By VINCENT MORAN

The state grand jury probing organized crime and racketeering in Hudson County meets today in Trenton with Hudson officials listed for appearances.

Hoboken Mayor and Hudson Freeholder Louis DePascale, Bayonne Mayor Francis Fitzpatrick and West New York Public Safety Commissioner Raymond Gabriel will be present for the 10 a. m. session at the State House Annex.

Peter R. Richards and Edwin H. Sider, deputy attorney generals, who appear before the grand jury which has produced 20 indictments to date were not available for comment yesterday on the grand jury meeting.

The earlier grand jury which handed down the indictments has been dismissed and a new jury has been sworn in to continue to investigate allegations of corruption and racketeering in Hudson County. Zicarelli, now in detention at Yardville, has been named in all of the indictments except one.

Also awaiting the grand jury call will be John (Johnny Scooch)

Squicciarini, 57, of 1048 Avenue C, Bayonne, termed one of the largest gaming bankers in the city of Bayonne. Squicciarini thought to be close to associate Joseph (Joe Bayonne) Zicarelli, 57, of Cliffside Park was arrested in Bayonne in March of this year by Detective Stanley Walczak of the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office.

Squicciarini was charged with running one of the largest gaming banks ever uncovered in Hudson. In 1968 he was arrested in company with Jake Zax, often mentioned in a five-year period on organized crime figures.

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He has been identified as racketeer czar of Hudson County.

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Parks Nearly Ready, But Program Is Over

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still outstanding and the funds that remain is to contact either Clayton Anderson (Melton's cousin) or Armando Figueroa, he said, "or wait until Model Cities can audit their bills and records."

FIGUEROA, who works for the city, said he did not know how much money had been spent to date in the program but did know that the two supervisors had been hired and paid for "eight or nine weeks" although they didn't have any parks to supervise, and a bookkeeper had been hired for a similar period.

"They're not being paid anymore," he asserted. "The supervisors have not been paid since September and the bookkeeper quit after a few weeks."

Figueroa did not remember the name of the bookkeeper, but said the two supervisors were Alphonse Anderson and Ray Monagas.

ARMSTRONG said Alphonse Anderson is a student at Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

Monagas was located at the Garden Street park. He said he was getting \$93 a week, and that Alphonse Anderson, the son of Clayton Anderson, with whom he lives, was receiving \$100, and he indicated both were still getting paid although Figueroa had said he hadn't signed any checks for several weeks and both his and Anderson's signature were needed before the bank would honor such checks.

Clayton Anderson could not be located. The model Cities officials and others said they had no way of reaching him directly inasmuch as he has no telephone.

Armstrong told The Jersey Journal that in addition to their

duties as supervisors, Alphonse Anderson and Monagas were also to contact manufacturers of play equipment and arrange for the purchase.

BUT AFTER further questioning he conceded this portion of their job description outlined in the contract. Armstrong added that the job description was "very loosely worded," but was approved by the state.

Armstrong said Model Cities had asked the NAACP-Welcome group to hold off using any further funds in September and it was his impression that no

further pay checks were given to the two supervisors since then.

HOWEVER, he said Model Cities had no way of enforcing the request except to put a hold on the \$2,300 it still had, and had no way of knowing the request had been honored until the books were checked.

Both Melton Anderson and Armstrong blamed the program's failure on repeated delays by other agencies who although not directly involved in the contract with the NAACP and Welcome, played a part in the program.

THEY EXPLAINED that the city-owned lots could not be used

for the program until they were surfaced with asphalt, a job that the Hoboken Urban Rodent and Insect Control Program had agreed to do.

"But cost became a factor and by the time a reasonable price had been obtained and the work done the period of time specified in the program contract was just about over," said Anderson.

Armstrong said some of the equipment ordered for the project was also to blame.

"WHEN IT ARRIVED, it was learned that it was a lot more difficult to assemble than first expected," he said. "The city was supposed to put the play equipment in, but it didn't have the machines and equipment needed to do it readily available."

He said the city's machinery and men were committed to other jobs and couldn't be pulled off to work on the parks.

Most of the equipment has been sitting in the public works department garage on Observer Highway since August.

Hoboken Board Okays \$6,505 for Tech Work

Recommendations for vocational training projects in Hoboken schools were favorably received at last night's board of education meeting.

The board unanimously approved funds requested by School Supt. Thomas M. McFeely. An allotment for \$4,778 will be used to support vocational projects in chemical technology while a \$1,727 sum will go toward surveyor technology for the present school year.

Additional business at the meeting included the authorization of first installment, one-fourth, of

total current school board expenses for 1970-71 year as \$505,535.

During the portion of the meeting reserved for comments or questions from citizens, Donald Singleton of Bloomfield st., Hoboken, asked for reasons why his three grade-school age children were enrolled in overcrowded classes and unable to participate in music, science and art programs.

Singleton's question was answered by Harry Galinsky, coordinator of federal projects for the school system.

"A shortage of federal funds which support the enrichment programs has temporarily limited enrollment," said Galinsky.

School board president Melvin Christie spoke on the question of overcrowding, claiming that once the new Wallace School is completed, overcrowding will be on its way out. Eighteen months was the maximum projected figure for date of completion.

Going in Hoboken

Another landmark that made the name of Hoboken known throughout the civilized world — the dock complex comprising the Fifth and Sixth Street Piers — is on the way to oblivion. Last tenanted regularly by the Holland-America Steamship Line, the piers were a point of embarkation or arrival for hundreds of thousands of passengers to and from Europe, or aboard cruise ships, from the early 1900s.

Now they are going under the auctioneer's hammer, as a forfeit for unpaid city taxes in 1966 and 1967. If no one bids, the city will take them over. Since obviously their useful days are ended, they will have to be torn down and the site made available for some more advantageous use.

As it happens, there is already someone next door who could very well move in. The Stevens Tech campus already extends to the boundary of the Sixth Street Pier, in the form of a student parking lot, and Stevens is expanding its facilities on its present waterfront. What an opportunity to pick up a desirable location as an enlargement of the college campus.

Colleagues Honor Retiring Librarian

Mrs. Helen Osienski, director of the West Hudson Public Library for the past 12 years, was honored on her retirement by Hudson County librarians at a dinner held recently at the Casino-in-the-Park, Jersey City.

Lucille R. Cunningham, director of the Hoboken Public Library, served as chairman of the affair and presented a corsage and gift to the honored guest.

THOSE ATTENDING included William J. Roehrenbeck and Mrs. Mary Duffy, director and assistant director of the Jersey City Public Library, Mrs. Marion D. Howes and Vivien Moersdorf of their staff; Erika Schurmann, director of the Kearny Public Library; Mary E. O'Connor, director of the Bayonne Public Library, and Mrs. Margaret Grazioli, director of the Secaucus Public Library.

Mrs. Osienski is a past president of the Hudson County Library Association and was active in civic affairs. She expects to live in Clark after her retirement.

The Kearny Public Library will be host to the library association, Dec. 2 meeting at the Kearny main library. Member libraries and neighboring libraries have been invited to attend.

MISS SCHURMANN, library director and vice-president of the county association, will be in charge of the program entitled "New Jersey: Your State: What materials are available and where."

Guest speakers will be Susan Roomfort, reference librarian of the general reference bureau of the New Jersey division of the Newark Public Library.

Mrs. Grazioli, Secaucus library director, is president of the county library association. Robert Lagerstrom of the Jersey City Public Library, secretary and Mrs. Veronica Cloud of the Hoboken Public Library, treasurer.

Hoboken PBA Fights Civilian Aides

Hoboken police have issued a formal protest against that city's law director and other city officials who are contemplating the removal of all policemen on clerical duties replacing them with civilians.

James Peck, president of Hoboken P. B. A. Local 1, made that announcement yesterday, following a lengthy meeting with members of the force Tuesday night.

Peck said his organization will take whatever legal steps are necessary to prevent such a move by the city. He also hinted that should legal steps fail, he would use whatever other means are available with the consent of the rank and file members.

Peck called the proposal of replacing civilians to the positions now held by members of the police force as "unfeasible and impractical." Such jobs would replace policemen who now operate the switchboard, handle the clerical work in Police Chief George Carmmins office, radio dispatching and other functions along those lines.

A statement to the press Tuesday follows:

"Hoboken PBA Local 2 is hereby issuing a formal protest against the shortening of manpower in superior ranks and the hiring of civilians to utilizing policemen. The nature of the jobs is such that it is essential for a policeman with years of experience and knowledge be available for quick action. To put a civilian in Chief Crimmins office at the switchboard or in any position within the department is not feasible and is impractical.

An Unwritten Law

"First of all there is the unwritten law of brotherhood among policemen, a special code of ethics. When a situation so demands absolute allegiance to each other this code is brought into full play. Civilians, no matter how dedicated, relish nothing more than spreading news, especially about one minority, seemingly about to be lost to the masses, the policemen.

"Impractical — there are men in the department with years of service behind them, still waiting for retirement, still alert and capable. But with today's criminal, speed and agility are all important for apprehension. Why not use the talent of these older men in the jobs being considered for the civilians?

"By using veteran policemen the necessity of training civilians in elementary police work and procedure would be eliminated. As these men retire the depletion in the ranks should automatically be filled by young men on an annual test basis. Thus you have first class police work in all segments for the department with no increase in the Department of Public Safety budget.

"In order to attract qualified young men to make police work a career there must be incentive for advancement. If the present rumor, of lowering the number of men in superior rank, proves to be true, be assured, not only the morale for the department will be lowered but there shall also be a lack of enthusiasm and initiative. Incentive will be lost and good police work will be at an all time low.

"Recently, Chief Crimmins made a comparative analysis of the crimes and results in Hudson County. You could readily assess the tremendous amount of work in Hoboken as compared with towns two to five times larger.

"Therefore, Hoboken must have every phase of police work clearly defined and supervised by able superiors. To eliminate the supervisory authority in any organization results in a loss of efficiency, the same applies to the police department."

Peck also pointed out that the city had tried to replace policemen with civilians several years ago, but that it had failed. He said the civilians couldn't adjust to the hours and as a result there was chronic absenteeism and policemen ultimately had to go back to work.

Hoboken Ready to Hire a Bus For Yule Crosstown Service

By PETER HALLAM

Hoboken will hire a bus and operate it on its crosstown route if the city experiences any further delay in the delivery of its own vehicle from Adam Black and Sons of Jersey City, Business Administrator Herman Bier said today.

The director said there would be bus service for the city's Christmas shoppers if Black was unable to deliver the city's bus for several more weeks or if the city wasn't able to get the bus in service should the company deliver it within the next few days.

"If we have to rent a bus or buses for the route on a temporary basis, we'll do so," said Bier, "but there will be bus service one way or the other."

ONLY A FEW WEEKS AGO, the Jersey City company had promised delivery of the vehicle by Nov. 20. It was one of several such promises which started with delivery in the beginning of October, according to Bier.

Hoboken bought the bus chassis from the Ford Motor Co. and contracted with Black to

build the body and fit it on the chassis. However, it was learned last week that the company wasn't doing the work itself and was actually acting as the agent for an Indiana company which had the bus. The vehicle had been completed and was in transit to Jersey City but hadn't arrived yet.

"THE CITY didn't know this," said Bier. "In all our talks with Black no one ever mentioned that the bus wouldn't be worked on in Jersey City or that Black wouldn't be doing it."

"I admit I never asked where the work would be done, but I never had any reason to."

Bier added that in view of the time factor there didn't appear to be anything the city could or should do about the situation. He

said the finished bus should be delivered to Hoboken any day now and it would be foolish at this stage to think about cancelling the order.

The director said the city had one driver fully licensed to operate the bus and several more ready to take their written and road tests so there shouldn't be any problems putting the bus into service.

Wilson to Study Plan on Drug War

Hoboken Law Director E. Norman Wilson today is studying a report from Metropolitan Regional Council of New York recommending a comprehensive program for combatting illegal use of narcotics in the city.

Wilson, who received the long awaited report yesterday, would not comment on it he said until he had a chance to study it fully.

HE SAID HE will consult with the mayor, members of the city council and police chief on the survey.

Ronald R. Mikesell, an executive with MRC, said the survey

was well planned and carefully worked out. He said it should prove interesting for Hoboken.

The firm was engaged by the city for a complete survey and to submit a five-point detailed program.

The survey will include the scope of the drug problem in Hoboken; identify reasons for increasing use of harmful drugs; identify resources, other than law enforcement, to be used to fight drug abuse; plan immediate and long range programs for reducing drug abuse and recommend programs for solving the drug problem.

Mayor Studies Playground Requests

The Hoboken People's Park Committee has asked Mayor DePascale to install flood-lighting and an asphalted basketball court, and plant trees and shrubbery on the site of a projected playground on Willow Avenue next door to the American Legion clubrooms at 13th Street.

Mrs. Sue Newman, president of the civic group, said the mayor said he will consider their requests. He already has agreed to have trash baskets placed at the playground, and has directed

Anthony F. Damata, health, welfare and recreation director, to install them, she said.

MRS. NEWMAN said the committee asked the mayor whether it could be assured that the 50-by-100-foot lot would be permitted to continue to serve as a playground, and not be sold off to a builder. She said the mayor replied he had no other plans in mind, and that he was under the impression the deed which the city holds designates the tract as a play area.

The People's Park Committee has received promises that all its requests for donations of supplies and equipment for the projected Willow Avenue playground will be met, Mrs. Newman said.

The committee was contacted by prospective donors after an appeal for the contributions was published in The Jersey Journal.

migrant families with many children.

In the last few days a lifeboat capable of floating 40 persons has been installed there as a piece of playground apparatus, largely through the labor of Stevens Institute fraternity members. They have given the boat a coat of primer paint and will complete the job, according to Mrs. Newman.

SHE SAID Guggenheim International Inc. of Jersey City

has promised strap steel and large nuts and bolts needed for equipping the play area, and the City Paint and Hardware Store of Hoboken has promised paint brushes, chains for swings, nails and other supplies needed.

St. Joseph's Church in Hoboken is donating \$25 toward the cost of the supplies to be obtained from the store, Mrs. Newman said.

Another organization has promised 100 cubic feet of wood chips to strew on the floor of the playground.

Grogan Plaza Start by March?

By WILLIAM H. TAFT

Construction of Hoboken's \$45,000,000 Grogan Marine View Plaza will start by March 1, it was predicted today by Bernard F. Kenny, chairman of the developers' syndicate.

Kenny said he was fixing this target date on the strength of a letter he has received from the state Housing Finance Agency, the agency from which the developers are seeking a mortgage loan for the four 25-story apartment houses in the project.

THE LETTER states that the

agency has approved the design concept and anticipates granting the loan within the next 90 to 120 days. It also authorizes him to proceed with preliminary working drawings.

The letter was signed by George Feddich, the agency's director of technical services.

Kenny said representatives of the developers would meet with the agency's technical staff, probably in a month, to go over the preliminary working drawings, and he hoped they would be given the go-ahead to start the final working drawings at that time.

THE AGENCY'S letter laid down one requirement which is not actually within the power of the developers' to bring about, but Kenny said he believes it will be met. The agency is insisting the developers change their contract with the Hoboken parking authority under which they have guaranteed that tenants of the project's apartment houses will rent at least 750 of the parking garage spaces, failing which the developers will pay the authority the difference.

The agency's objection is that this agreement, at least in theory, could bankrupt the

developers. Kenny said he has asked the parking authority to agree to strike out the guarantee. If the authority refuses, and the agency stands firm, there will be no state mortgage loan for the project. Attorneys for the parking authority and the state are to get together on the matter, Kenny said.

THE AGENCY is also requiring the developers to change their corporate setup so as to make theirs a limited dividend corporation under a state law, restricting their profits to 8 percent of their investment. At present they are what is known as an urban renewal corporation, under an older state law, permitting them to make in the neighborhood of 11 per cent.

Kenny said this requirement could be complied with immediately.

THE PRESENT corporation is the Taylor, Woodrow, Blitman, Hoboken Urban Renewal Corp. Kenny disclosed today that there are four major stockholders, with equal holdings. These, he said, are himself, Joseph Comporetto, his partner in an architectural firm; Paul Hanly, former administrator of Pollak Hospital, and the firm of Taylor, Woodrow, Blitman.

He said Bernard Rodetsky, former Jersey City banker, is a minor stockholder; and, so far as he knows, there are no other stockholders, unless Taylor, Woodrow, Blitman have been required by law to release a minor part of their shares to an individual.



IN AT LAST — Fifty-foot lot on Garden Street, just west of Observer Highway, marked for use as playground since early summer, at last has equipment. Seen are

toboggan slide, Jet Star rocket to climb on, swinging gate and two hobby horse swings. Merry-go-round is to be added. There is also a sand box, not shown in picture.

Supervision, Not More Guards, Urged for Playgrounds

The view that vandalism in Hoboken's playgrounds can't be checked without round-the-clock guards, as expressed by Recreation Director Anthony F. Damata, was disputed today by Mrs. Sue Newman, chairman of the Hoboken People's Park Committee.

"This solution reflects a lack of imagination and creativity," Mrs. Newman declared. "Merely to put on more policemen is not dealing with the problem of vandalism. Other cities have been more imaginative."

said, it has been the practice to replace playground apparatus year after year with the same type of equipment, and this fails to challenge the ingenuity of the children who use it.

"It is pointless to repair and put back the same equipment," she asserted. "It ignores the fact that the equipment is not meeting the need."

"Hoboken used to provide programs at the parks and playgrounds, but nowadays there are very few programs for junior high school and high school kids. There is very little there for a kid over 9 years old to do."

MRS. NEWMAN said the People's Park Committee appreciated the fact that Mayor DePascale asked it to recommend new types of equipment instead of just repairing and replacing the old equipment.

"But we also feel strongly," she continued, "that there needs to be supervision at the parks—people who have more rapport, games and are more friendly, rather than just act as policemen to shoo the children away if they get on a swing too small for them."

NEW YORK CITY, she went on, is using other methods to combat vandalism. There the city has introduced "adventure playgrounds," where the children plant trees and shrubs, paint the equipment, and help with the construction.

"Those children feel that the playground belongs to them," she declared. "They have a commitment to it, because they contributed to its development. The answer to vandalism is not higher fences and more police protection. The children must have a stake in the playground, to make them feel it is theirs."

IN HOBOKEN, Mrs. Newman



MORE GUARDS NEEDED? — Kids are having a whale of a time with a football in play area on Willow Avenue near 13th Street where People's Park Committee has received go-

ahead from mayor to put in equipment. Once a playground, the 50-foot lot had been allowed to run down. American Legion clubhouse is in background.



Hoboken's crosstown bus—ready for the holidays.

Request to Resign Denied By Vecchio

A request that Peter Vecchio of Hoboken, the \$17,000-a-year director of the state's bi-lingual education program, has been asked to resign, is not correct as far as Vecchio himself knows, though he said today he does not have all the facts.

Hoboken's board of education in September voted to relinquish its position of leadership in the program, and the Lakewood board agreed — at least informally — to take over. It was understood at the time that Lakewood would want to name a new director, especially since the state had asked Hoboken to rescind Vecchio's appointment.

Vecchio told The Jersey Journal today that Hoboken School Superintendent McFeely met with representatives of the four other participating cities in Trenton last Wednesday and that he was not invited to attend

inasmuch as he was to be the subject of the meeting. He said he talked to McFeely yesterday and the latter did not indicate that he had been asked to resign.

"I didn't get any inkling of that at all," he declared, "though it could be so I didn't get the whole story, as the superintendent had to hurry away to attend a meeting with the county school superintendent. I'm anxious to know, too."

McFeely could not be reached. Vecchio said that as far as he knows, Lakewood has never actually taken over the sponsorship of the program. The other cities in it are Elizabeth, Paterson and Camden.

PUC Scans Hoboken Bus Line

Following an inspection of independent buses operating along Washington st. in Hoboken yesterday by the chairman of Public Utility Commission, it was announced by Mayor Louis DePascale that he is still dissatisfied with the transportation afforded the public.

The PUC head, former Sen. William E. Ozzard, made the tour in DePascale's car, accompanied by State Sen. Frederick H. Hauser and Hoboken Law Dir. E. Norman Wilson, who is responsible for bus operations.

Ozzard withheld his decision about granting the bus owners a fare hike to 25 cents. The present charge is 15-cents on some lines and 20-cents on others along the same route.

"I feel there are too many franchises in operation, and a lack of bus service for the general public after normal morning and evening rush hours," said DePascale. "And I think it's about time the present franchises are either consolidated or eliminated to just one or possibly two owner-operators to insure service."

Actually, the only positive action taken by Ozzard was to order one bus out of service, due to its having faulty stop lights. Ozzard inspected buses at 14th and Washington st. and at the Public Service terminal area downtown. There have been numerous complaints about poor service on the line.

During yesterday's on the spot bus inspection, Ozzard was also accompanied by the city's part-time transportation supervisor, Detective Richard Carroll, who is responsible for checking bus service and taxicabs in Hoboken.

Wilson had the last say about the latest public play by all officials involved to improve Washington st. bus service.

"The city opposed a requested fare hike sought by the present owner-operators. Scores of complaints over the years about poor service and deplorable conditions of some buses were taken up at several public hearings before the PUC. Bus owners have not lived up to terms of their individual franchise. Now it's up to the PUC to make a determination."

Senior Housing Gets Go-Ahead In Hoboken

The go-ahead for a \$4,000,000 senior citizen housing project was given today by Hoboken's housing authority.

The authority ordered its lawyer, Dominick J. Marrone, to press the condemnation of property needed for the planned 200-apartment development to occupy the block bounded by 12th, 13th and Clinton Streets and Willow Avenue.

Condemnation proceedings, although already authorized, had been held in abeyance while the authority attempted to acquire the tract by private negotiations. It was not successful in closing a deal with owners of all the parcels involved.

Raymond G. Clyons, authority chairman, said the money for construction was available and the project would be pushed.

PUC Head Saw 'All I Needed'

By PETER HALLAM

William E. Ozzard, president of the state Public Utility Commission, said today he saw "all that was needed" during his personal one-hour inspection yesterday of the buses operating on the Washington Street line in order for the PUC to reach a decision by Thursday on the petition for an increase in fare submitted last year by 12 of the 13 bus companies working the route.

He refused to disclose exactly what he was looking for, or what the commission's decision would be now that he had personally seen whatever it was. However, he did call attention to and comment on several things he saw along the 16-block route.

OZZARD OBSERVED numerous double-parked cars along most of Washington Street, which in some cases allowed only single-lane traffic, and almost an equal number of vehicles illegally parked in bus stops.

"These are perfectly valid reasons for the bus companies to complain, and situations which could cause the buses to fall behind their schedule," he observed. "But these are things for the city to contend with, and aren't within the realm of the PUC."

OZZARD AND TWO SIDES, Albert Lawrick, assistant director of the division of motor carriers, and John Cronshey, supervising inspector, began their inspection at the Erie Lackawanna terminal bus stop, where they were joined by Mayor Louis DePascale, state Sen. Frederick Hauser, Law and

Public Safety Director E. Norman Wilson, Sixth Ward Councilman John J. Palmieri, and Patrolman Richard Carroll, the city's part-time bus inspector. After checking two buses at the terminal, Ozzard joined the mayor and Hauser in the mayor's car and drove to the 14th Street parking area or bus farm using the same route taken by the buses.

AT THE FARM, he inspected seven or eight vehicles laying over there between trips, talking with their drivers or owners.

One bus, number 33 belonging to Paul Errico's Hoboken Transportation Co., was knocked out of service because its stop lights weren't working. The bus was taken out of service and Errico told to keep it until the repairs were made.

OZZARD'S INSPECTION was set up because the commission had been receiving conflicting reports on whether or not the bus companies were complying with the PUC's recommendations which would have to be followed if the commission was to review their request for a fare increase. The raise — from 15 to 25 cents for adults and 5 to 20 cents for students — had been rejected once by the PUC but the companies were given a chance to have their case reviewed if they met the commission's suggestions.

The commission's inspectors had reported that the companies were giving "reasonable compliance" and would be able to give "fuller compliance" if they got their increase. But the commission was also getting reports from local residents, including Hauser, that the companies weren't complying.

OZZARD SAID the two problem areas appeared to be a schedule that no one could understand or make sense out of except the companies themselves, and meeting the schedule during the night hours when the buses are on a half-hour headway.

"Even I can't make heads or tails out of these things," said Ozzard after looking at one of the schedules posted in a bus.

The schedules are changed weekly so that all of the bus companies get a chance to work the line during the peak passenger hours as well as during the slack periods. Headways remain the same from week to week, only the companies differ from schedule to schedule.

Ozzard would not say what was being done to check out the complaints about poor service at night, but he did say it was being looked into.

MEANWHILE, it was learned that Hoboken is unnecessarily



William Ozzard checks interior of Washington St. bus.

After They Spent All That Money...

By WILLIAM H. TAFT

The sudden pullout of the American Export-Isbrandtsen Line from Hoboken's three big Port Authority piers 11 days ago cost the Hoboken Shore Railroad "upwards of 20 to 30 thousand dollars," John Rees, the road's president, said today.

Rees said the shipping line had encouraged the road to rehabilitate its tracks into the docks in the expectation of getting freight business.

"They did us an injustice," Rees asserted. "They had no right to just walk out on people. We took a big loss. We intend to pursue the matter, but I don't know whether we have any recourse."

Rees said he had had an all-day conference with top executives of the line on Nov. 20 at which final arrangements for the railroad to handle freight for the piers were worked out — and the next day American-Export

Isbrandtsen sailed away to Bush Terminal in Brooklyn, apparently upon the lone decision of Jacob Isbrandtsen, who controls the company.

This was not due to deception on the part of the executives he had been dealing with, Rees said — it was simply that they had been kept in the dark as to what was coming.

Rees said the improvements the railroad made on its right-of-way in River Road were needed

in order for it to accept the larger loads American Export-Isbrandtsen was to furnish. The higher and wider loads, he said, made it necessary to move the tracks farther from the cliff at Stevens Point which the railroad hugs as it goes around a bend.

A system was worked out for routing the line's cargo over the shore railroad rather than by the existing lighterage method, he added, and maps of the road's trackage were copied for sending

out to the line's clients.

Rees said the rehabilitation of the River Road tracks, more than half done, will have to be completed.

He said he would try to interest the four small steamship lines that are going to continue to use the Hoboken piers as there terminals as sub-tenants of American Export-Isbrandtsen, whose lease from the Port Authority on the three city-owned piers has a year to run,

CLEARING SITE FOR NEW SCHOOL — After demolition of factory at left and other adjacent factories is completed, new school will be built at 11th and Clinton streets, Hoboken. Then ancient Wallace School, at right in photo, will be torn down, for a school yard.

Bi-Lingual Director Stays ... How Long?

By WILLIAM H. TAFT

The Puerto Rican faction opposing Mayor DePascale's administration in Hoboken appeared to be defeated today in its effort to remove the \$17,000-a-year director of the New Jersey bi-lingual education program.

The federal government has ruled that the appointment of Peter Vecchio by the Hoboken board of education (the sponsoring agency for the program) was valid and is binding even if Hoboken withdraws as the sponsoring agency.

At the same time, the federal officials indicated that unless the dissension over the directorship is resolved, permitting the program to function effectively, the government will terminate the program at the end of the school year. It had been planned as a five-year project.

The Hoboken Spanish Advisory Council headed by Jesus Padilla, a travel agency proprietor, has been opposing Vecchio, a local educator, on the ground that he was improperly appointed and

should be replaced by someone who is Spanish-speaking.

When the state department of education indicated sympathy for the council's view, Hoboken's board of education offered to withdraw as the sponsor — technically the local education agency — for the project. Thereupon Lakewood, one of the other four cities in the program, was invited to take over.

Lakewood has been considering but has never accepted, insisting first on having a free hand, including the right to replace Vecchio if it so chooses.

Albar Pena, in charge of all federal bi-lingual education programs, has now ruled that Vecchio cannot be fired.

At a meeting of all parties, including representatives of Elizabeth, Paterson and Camden, **12/29/70** Padilla proposed three alternative solutions to the dispute:

1. **APPOINT A co-director** with status equal to Vecchio.

2. **APPOINT A new overall director** and relegate Vecchio to the status of coordinator for Hoboken alone.

3. **LET VECCHIO remain** as director for the rest of the school year with the understanding that he would then retire.

Diego Castellanos, director of Hispanic Affairs for the state department of education, told

New Books Added By Library

A total of 225 new books was bought by the Hoboken public library last month, Lucille Cunningham, library director, announced today.

Some of the titles, and the authors, are:

The Approach To Kings, Patrick Anderson; Islands in the Stream, Ernest Hemingway; The Wheel of Love, Joyce Carol Oates; A White House Diary, Lady Bird Johnson; Broadway, Brooks Atkinson; I Remember It Well, Maurice Chevalier; Melbury Square, A. N. W. Douglas; The Troubled American, Richard Lemon; A Guest of Honour, A. N. W. Douglas; Counting Sheep, Ari Buchwald; My Father's House, Philip V. Kimbrell, Jr.

Mary: A Novel, Vladimir Nabokov; Pushkin: A Biography, Henri Troyat; Crisis in the Classroom: The Remaking of American Education, Charles E. Silberman; Q & V, Leon Uris; The War-time Journals of Charles A. Lindbergh; Future Shock, Alvin Toffler; Standing Fast, Harvey Swados; The Sounds of Rescue, the Signs of Hope, Robert Flyn; The Complete Short Stories of Ambrose Bierce, compiled by Ernest Jerome Hopkins.

Royal Flash, George MacDonald Fraser; Mrs. Wallop, Peter DeVries; The New Religions, Jacob Needleman; How a People Dies: A Documentary Novel, Alan Fray; Ordeal of Ambition: Jefferson, Hamilton, Burr, Jonathan Daniels; Environment: A Challenge or Modern Society, Lynton Keith Caldwell; Etruria's Book, Alfred Andersch; Homestead Condo, Edited by Neil B. Nichols; Alienation, Richard Schickel.

Do You Have E.S.P.? Thirty Tests to Determine Your Abilities, Daniel Ligon; The Abstract Society, Anton C. Zilberstein; Spend Yourself Right, Eileen Williamson; The Dollar Squeeze and How to Beat It, George Sullivan; American and Catholic: A Narrative of Their Role in American History, Robert Lecker; The Right College: How to Get In, Stay In, or Get Back In, Loren Pope; All Men Are Mad, Philippe Thy-Marcin and Pierre Marcellin.

DePascale to Study Computer Survey

No decision will be made on whether Hoboken will continue to use a Clifton computer service to handle part of the processing of overdue parking tickets until Mayor Louis DePascale has had a chance to study a comparative survey covering returns under the new process since August and the old system since August, 1968.

The mayor said today he will meet with a representative of the computer service company sometime this week, when the survey is expected to be finished. The four-month survey covers

the period between Aug. 8 and today.

"I haven't seen the report yet or talked with Mrs. (Marion) Roland about her findings to date so I'm unable to make any comment at this time," the mayor continued. "If the company hasn't been able to produce the results it said it would it is easy enough for the city to terminate the agreement."

"However, I should review the survey first and then go over it with the company before making any decision."

Cappiello Proposes Council Pay Cuts

Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello, who stunned his political opponents last night by suggesting pay cuts for municipal officials, may be renewing his efforts for a change of government in Hoboken.

Cappiello suggested that salaries for Mayor Louis DePascale and department heads be slashed by \$1,000 and city councilmen take a \$500 cut during the city council caucus. He made his suggestion to an amendment to a new salary proposal of \$400 for all non-uniformed employees. He said he

checked the original salary ordinance which provides for a salary increase for the mayor from \$17,000 to \$18,000 a year and increase for department heads of \$1,000 to \$13,000. City councilmen were in line for a \$500 raise.

He said he would propose an amendment asking his colleagues to take a \$500 out of their annual \$4,500 salary. Later Cappiello said that five officials at \$12,000 to \$13,000 a year would save the taxpayers money, indicating he would move again for a change of government plan.

Computerized Scofflaw Drive May Be Failing in Hoboken

By PETER HALLAM

A computer process for handling overdue parking tickets, which was supposed to increase Hoboken's returns while decreasing the number of scofflaws, has apparently failed to do so in the four months it has been operating, according to a comparative survey now being taken by the city's violations bureau.

Mrs. Marion Roland, head violations clerk, refused to disclose any figures but said that the total amount of money returned to the city in parking fines since the computer service started last Aug. 8 is running "neck and neck" with the same period in 1969 when the tickets were handled without the computer.

If the trend should continue until the Aug. 8 to Dec. 8 survey is completed, Hoboken will be out several thousand dollars even though the amount of money paid to the city in parking fines with and without the computer service are relatively close.

Under its contract with the computer company, the Management Data Processing Systems Inc. of Clifton, Hoboken

pays a 30 cent service charge for every overdue parking ticket processed, regardless of whether the fine is paid or not.

Two bills from the company — one for \$1,368 and the other for \$2,710 — were approved for payment at Wednesday's city council meeting over the strong objections of Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello.

THE councilman asked why the bills were being submitted in December when they were for work done in September and October and questioned whether the company was operating with the approval of the State Division of Motor Vehicles.

"I've been asking for information on this company's qualifications and something to show that it's been approved by the state since it first started," Cappiello said. "Officials of the Division of Motor Vehicles have told me that the company doesn't have the latest information to work with and that there are other companies providing this same service who do have it, charge less and are operating with the approval of the state."

SECOND WARD Councilman

William Matthews defended the company, saying all of this had been covered by the council to its satisfaction when it first began considering using the computer service earlier this year.

Cappiello was alone in voting against paying the company and went on record as officially asking Law Director E. Norman Wilson for his written opinion on the company's qualifications.

According to Mrs. Roland, she was asked to make the four-month comparative survey by the company with instructions to give it to Mayor Louis DePascale when completed. She said she did not know why the company asked for it or what it hoped to show.

WHEN asked for the portion of the survey that had been completed, Mrs. Roland said, "That's not for me to give out," adding that the company or the mayor should be contacted for permission.

Asked if she thought the computer service had been beneficial in the handling of overdue parking tickets since it started, she said, "Not especially."

"The work load has been just as heavy, maybe even heavier because of the backlog of tickets," she explained. "This will probably improve once the backlog has been eliminated. The computer is doing only part of the work. We still have to process everything before it is turned over to the company and then mail out all the notices after the computer has printed them up."

INFORMED sources close to the mayor reported that he isn't happy with the company's performance to date and is considering either putting the company on notice that it must show a vast improvement, and soon, or terminating the contract altogether.

In the agreement, Hoboken has the right to cancel at any time but must give the company 30 days prior notification in writing. Such notification hasn't been sent to the company.

Hoboken's Crosstown Bus Ready to Roll — at Long Last

The long-awaited Hoboken crosstown bus was all set to go into service at last today.

In an all-out effort to surmount delays, at the insistence of Mayor DePascale, the city government yesterday put five people to work to clear the way for the bus to roll.

Insurance, which had been holding up the project, was obtained in a maneuver by City Business Administrator Herman Bier. That accomplished, Bier prevailed upon the state Public Utility Commission to forego its

customary scheduling of inspections so as to send a man to inspect the city's bus at once.

The bus was inspected — and passed — at the Gray Lines yard at 15th and Jefferson Streets, Hoboken, where it had been brought from the Adam Black and Sons paint shop in Jersey City.

At the outset, Bier said, the municipal bus line will operate only from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The limited service is due to the fact that the city has been able to hire only one driver.

He said he would advertise for drivers in The Jersey Journal today.

As soon as he gets one more driver, Bier said, Sunday service will be instituted, and the weekday hours extended.

HE INTENDS to hire a total of three licensed bus drivers. The third will be put to work in the Public Works Department and will serve as a standby to be given the wheel when needed.

The pay is \$3 an hour. The municipal bus service was authorized in a non-binding referendum by Hoboken voters two years ago last month. Hoboken is the only New Jersey municipality to own a bus, though East New Brunswick recently started a service with rented buses.

THE LINE starts on 4th Street at Hudson Street and runs to Jackson Street, to 5th Street, to Madison Street, to 7th Street, to Hudson and back to 4th.

DePascale Backs Playground Needs

Mayor DePascale is in favor of trying to find new types of playground equipment to meet the needs of today's young age groups.

The mayor gave this assurance to a delegation from the Hoboken People's Park Committee.

He asked the committee to get up a detailed list of apparatus it would suggest for the city's parks and playgrounds.

MEANWHILE, at the mayor's direction, Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale has had men clean up the site of the play area the committee is developing on Willow Avenue near 13th Street, and was to place trash cans in it and have an asphalt pavement laid on the 50-by-100-foot tract. The mayor also directed Vitale to install a basketball backboard bought by the committee.

DePascale was given an estimate of \$400 as the cost of trees and shrubbery the committee proposes for the playground, and he said he would compare it with other figures.

THE MAYOR said he would ask the city's recreation head, Anthony F. Damato, to restore swings taken down in playgrounds for the winter, after the committee argued that the weather has not yet turned cold enough to warrant removing them.

The committee asked DePascale to include in the city's 1971 budget a breakdown indicating the amounts of money allotted respectively for upkeep of existing equipment and for purchase of new equipment. The mayor said he would see to it that this is done.

Crosstown Bus Goes On 15-Hour Schedule

Starting today and continuing until after Christmas, Hoboken's crosstown bus goes on its regular 15-hour schedule, Hoboken Business Administrator Herman Bier said today.

"The bus will be operating from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily except for Saturdays and Sundays," Bier said. "On weekends

the bus will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m."

BIER said the regular schedule may be rearranged after Christmas week until the city has the three drivers it needs to operate it. Two drivers have been hired and agreed to work without days off until after Christmas.

"If we get the third driver in the meantime we'll continue with the regular schedule," he added. Bier said the bus would be operating Christmas day on the weekend schedule.

Board Backs Vecchio Reaffirms School Appointment

Hoboken School Board is "standing by the appointment" of Peter Vecchio as director of the Local Education Agency, according to Superintendent of Schools Thomas P. McFeeley at the regular meeting last night at Hoboken High School.

LEA is part of the elementary secondary education act the bilingual program designed to bring the bilingual method into the school curriculum.

Abraham Lao, alternate representative to the advisory committee of LEA, asked the board about Vecchio's status. Wednesday at which McFeeley was given 10 days to resolve the problem.

McFeeley said, "Our position now is the same as when the appointment was made." He

pointed out that both the department of education in Trenton and education officials in Washington have upheld Vecchio's appointment as "proper and legal."

Lao said there are many members of the Spanish-speaking community who would not be good choices, and that "Vecchio is not bilingual." Lao added that the Spanish community believes the program will collapse.

While admitting that Vecchio is not bilingual, McFeeley said that he is fully qualified. "If the program folds, we did our duty, according to our contract with the government."

About the current status of the bilingual program, McFeeley said at the meeting that "the loss of the program would be the fault of individuals who seek to undermine it."

Three new teachers were appointed by the board at the meeting, Jose Baez, Title I ESEA; Suzanne Wright, home economics; and Anthony Quaglietti to the elementary staff. Francis McGorty was appointed director of Title ESEA by the board at a salary of \$15,750, as of Dec. 1.

Hoboken Woman To Be Judge

Channa Tanz, one of three Hoboken residents recognized as female attorneys, will be temporarily appointed acting court judge in that city to preside on Thursday and Friday.

Miss Tanz, who conducts her own private law practice at 70 Hudson st., will sit in the absence of both Judge Rudolph R. Nadeau and Acting Judge Chris G. Pappas. Last summer, Miss Tanz also acted as temporary court judge in Hoboken.

Hoboken Anti-Drug Plan Urged in Secret Report

By PETER HALLAM

A survey on the extent of Hoboken's drug problem compiled by the Metropolitan Regional Council but not yet released by the city to the general public, recommends establishing a city-wide prevention program through a special Narcotics Advisory Committee. The Jersey Journal learned exclusively today.

Copies of the report and recommendations, marked "confidential" were distributed yesterday by Law and Public Safety

Director E. Norman Wilson to most high-ranking city officials.

According to Wilson, a special meeting will be called by the mayor late next month to discuss the report and decide whether the recommendations should be followed. Wilson said the meeting will be open to everyone.

As the result of its investigation into drug use in Hoboken the Metropolitan Regional Council has made the following observations.

Hoboken does have a drug problem, which the council found

to be "complex, pervasive and growing." It said the Hoboken police were doing "a good job" but their efforts were not enough and it was time for community action on the problem.

It felt that most Hoboken residents "were not keenly aware of all facets of the problem" but were highly "anxious" because of it. It said many residents characterized Hoboken High School as being "infested with drugs and drug-users." The report said it was not able to justify this opinion after formal and informal discussions with

teachers, principal and students. While unable to determine any percentage of high school students using drugs, the report said there was a minimal amount of usage which actually occurred in the school.

It said drug abuses were for the most part confined to persons between the ages of 18 and 24. Persons in this group make up approximately nine per cent of the city's population yet they account for 78 per cent of the arrests made by police on drug charges.

Hoboken has no recreation facilities for persons in this age group, the report continued, pointing out that there was no theater in the city or place for teenagers to go except to "walk the avenue," as they referred to Washington Street.

But the city is on the way towards meeting the needs of drug users through the opening of the Outreach Center at 107 Jefferson St., and the use of facilities at Liberty Park in Jersey City.

Hoboken could "do more" in the field of drug abuse prevention the report said.

It concluded the city's drug problem "was manageable" by the police department but the time had come to involve the total community.

THE COUNCIL'S recommendations are for the establishment of a city-wide prevention program covering all aspects of the drug problem and the opening of a youth center for persons between the ages of 18 and 24 which they could operate as their own with the guidance and advice of volunteers.

The Narcotics Advisory Committee would consist of a steering committee composed of the mayor, the law and public safety director, police chief, superintendent of schools, city council president and an impartial clergyman to serve as chairman.

This committee will serve as the administrative and controlling branch of the program for four other committees — legal, medical educational and community action. The steering committee will have six members while the other subcommittees will have from 10 to 15 members.

THE REPORT recommends that a coordinator be appointed for the program, stressing that he have at least a bachelor of arts degree while being youth-oriented enough to be trusted by both the young and the "establishment" with whom he will be dealing.

It suggests establishing a city-wide rehabilitation program using the existing facilities offered by the Storefront Outreach Center at 104 Jefferson St., Liberty Village, and offer a service for funneling rehabilitated persons back into society.

Recommended for the city-wide prevention program is a 24-hour referral service for addicts seeking help, a speakers' bureau to obtain qualified speakers on drugs and arrange for speaking engagements, and the youth center.

Hike Hoboken Heads' Pay

Hoboken's city councilmen last night passed an ordinance approving pay raises of \$1,000 each for the mayor, six city directors and other city employees, although there was strong opposition from several city taxpayers.

Of the nine councilmen present, only Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello voiced objections to the pay increases.

"I don't want to deny a meager wage increase to the street cleaners and the working class," said Cappiello, "but I do want to cast a negative vote against the mayor and his directors."

The raise in salary will affect all city employees except city councilmen and board of education employees.

Voicing strong opposition were Vincent J. Fusilli, chairman of Hoboken's Rent and Taxpayers Assn., Maurice DeGennaro and Edward McLaughlin, a potential

council opponent in next year's election in the sixth ward.

Fusilli and DeGennaro both asked the councilmen to reconsider the wage increase, in view of the recent pullout of the American Export Isbrandtsen Lines. They declared, "We have lost too much industry in our city and too many people are out of work. We are a dying city and you people want to give out raises!"

Existing salaries are, for the mayor, \$17,000; director of department of administration, \$12,000; director of health and welfare, \$12,000; director of public works, \$12,000; director of law and safety, \$14,000; director of revenue and finance, \$12,000, and director of planning and development, \$12,000.

It was also learned last night that Davis Baking Powder Co., which employs 50 to 100 workers, will close its Hoboken production line in February and move to Illinois.

This disclosure was brought to light for the first time by Fusilli and later confirmed by Cappiello. The council also received bids and proposals for the demolition of buildings at 72 Jefferson st. and 311 Madison st.

Other bids were received for the general construction, plumbing and electrical work for the south and north wings of the Jefferson st. recreation center.

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A bright spot in Hoboken's rather gray image at the moment is the fine new elementary school the city is building to replace the 80-year-old Wallace School.

Not only is the Wallace School overcrowded but so is the next nearest one, the Joseph F. Brandt School.

The new building on which construction is starting at 11th and Clinton streets will do more than relieve the crowding at these two schools. It will offer the boys and girls who attend it the latest in modern educational facilities and equipment.

This first elementary school to be built in Hoboken in the last 50 years will be a visible step ahead for a city that has suffered setbacks from changing economic and social conditions.

PUC Postpones Decision On Bus Company's Status

The state Public Utility Commission has again postponed decision on the status of the Maria Transportation Co. of Hoboken, a Washington Street bus company.

The company was given a hearing last summer on a PUC order to show cause why it shouldn't have its franchises revoked or its fares reduced to their former level (10 cents for adults and 5 cents for student)

for failing to meet the conditions set by the PUC in its authorization allowing the company to charge 20 cents and 15 cents for students.

Maria was ordered to show cause because the PUC had called for the company to operate six buses as part of the fare increase. But the company wasn't able to get more than three buses on the road at any given time.

Crosstown Bus Is Expected On Schedule by Thursday

By PETER HALLAM

The Hoboken crosstown bus, which began limited service yesterday, should be operating on its regular schedule by next Wednesday or Thursday, Business Administrator Herman Bier said today.

"We should have resolved our driver problem by then," said Bier. "Out of 23 men we sent for their state license to operate the bus, only one passed. We now have a second man interested in the job who already has a license, and we should have him checked out and ready to work by next week."

Until then, the bus will be working from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The regular hours are from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

THE DIRECTOR added that the city's bus would have to be taken out of service for one day within the next week or two for the installation of the locked coin box. However, bus service would not be interrupted.

"I'm told that the coin box installation will take most of the day to do," Bier continued. "So in order to keep things going the city will hire a bus for that one day."

Whether the service will be financially successful remains to be seen, but members of the Hoboken Retail Bureau plan to help as much as possible.

A SPOKESMAN for the bureau, on hand yesterday



Mayor Louis DePascale, at the wheel of Hoboken's new city-owned crosstown bus, accepts the line's first fare from Charles Heitner, president of the Hoboken Retail Bureau.

morning with city officials for the bus' first crosstown run, said several promotional campaigns are in the works, including one which will offer free rides at the expenses of the merchants belonging to the bureau.

"We're thinking about including coupons in our advertisements which could be redeemed at any of the participating stores," he said. "The coupon would be stamped or punched by the bus driver after he has collected the person's 15 cents. A

participating merchant accept the stamped or punched coupons and give the bearer 15 cents."

He added that the merchants were very glad to see the bus finally operating and that everyone who played a part in the project should be commended.

Hoboken to emerge as the first "A lot of state red tape had to be overcome in order for Hoboken to have its own bus service," he said.

Hoboken Getting 3 Ice Rinks

Sharpen your skates children of Hoboken because three ice skating rinks are now being installed on sites located throughout the city, Mayor Louis DePascale and recreation director Anthony Damato announced today.

"Since we can't bus all of Hoboken's young people to ice skating rinks outside of town," Mayor DePascale said, "we have brought the rinks to Hoboken's young people."

Starting today after school hours, two rinks will be opened officially for use. One 33 by 70 foot rink will be located behind the Jefferson Recreation Center on Jefferson st. Lights, already installed behind the center, will make skating possible after dark.

Another 60 by 100 foot rink will be opened for use at the Little League Field on Fourth and Hudson sts. At the site enough light is available from street lamps so the rink can be used at night.

Dec. 31, will herald the opening of the third rink, 60 by 100 feet, to be located at Kennedy Stadium on the tennis courts. It is possible to skate in this rink during the day.

Funds for the rinks have been granted by the Hoboken Model

Cities Agency and the New Jersey Environmental Protection. The state provided 50 per cent of the funds and Model Cities funded the additional 50 per cent.

Milton Anderson, director of the Model Cities recreation project, said, "The cooperation extended to us by the recreation Department has made these ice skating rinks a reality. We hope that this cooperation will continue so that Hoboken youth can have finer quality of recreation."

Developed by Staff Industries of Michigan, the rinks are made of vinyl and are practically indestructible. They have

already been sent to Hoboken and will be placed upon wood frames. Construction of the frames is underway by T & M Contracting Co., Inc. under the supervision of local contractor, Philip Seriale.

Supervision and maintenance of the rinks will be handled by Hoboken Department of Parks and Recreation. "We are trying to bring better recreational facilities to Hoboken," said Damato, "and these large ice skating rinks are only the beginning. To continue to better our facilities is only possible if the young people of Hoboken help us keep what we have by not destroying what we put in for them."



CHRISTMAS BONUS — Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale awards Christmas bonuses to school crossing guards Joseph Cipriano, Police Chief George Crimmins, left, Norman Wilson, director of public safety and Patrolman Angelo Catalano.

Lib Comes to the Lab Stevens Tech to Admit Coed in '71

The monastic halls at Stevens Tech in Hoboken next year will be invaded by female undergraduate students for the first time in the 100 year history of the engineering college that now caters to some 1,400 male students.

Admission of women students in the undergraduate class of college was approved last week by the Stevens Tech board of Trustees, faculty members voting overwhelmingly on Dec. 2 to admit women to sit side by side with male students in classes at the engineering and science college.

Dr. Jess H. Davis, president, said: "We believe women will become a more important factor in engineering and science in the future. The admission of highly qualified women to Stevens should help the engineering and scientific professions to continue to fulfill their commitment to society. It should also be of definite benefit to the Institute itself."

Residence facilities will be provided for women in a building presently used by the college as a guest house.

The general sentiment of many of the students queried last night was "bring on the girls."

Joe Mitro, a sophomore, said, "I think by having females on the campus and in the

classrooms, it may improve the atmosphere around Stevens. Of course we will lose some of our informalities in the classroom, but it will offer some changes."

Mike Louvis, a junior, said, "I'm definitely for females in Stevens." Joe Bucalo, a freshman said, "I don't mind."

As a matter of fact, I welcome Only one student voiced his objections against female students at the college. He is Felipe Yanes, a sophomore. "I'm against it," he said, "because it's going to upset the whole balance of the school. Some of our guest houses will now have to be turned into girls dormitories. And there's a thing called tradition that will be mildly upset, too."

Hoboken Will Add 5 Police, 2 Firemen

Five new patrolmen and two firemen will be added to the Hoboken public safety department next Wednesday, Public Safety Director E. Norman Wilson said today. The men would be sworn in that day and start working the following day.

Wilson said four men have notified him they will accept appointment to the police force. A fifth has yet to tell the department of his decision.

THE FOUR scheduled for police appointments are Carmen LaBruno of 338 Park Ave., Hector Montanez of 113 Willow Ave., Charles Kosbab of 15 Church Towers, and James Mancuso of 1212 Hudson St.

The two firemen to be appointed are James T. Monaco of 423 Madison St. and Edward Hodges of 10 Church Towers.

Wilson said the police appointments are made possible by the retirement on Jan. 1 of Patrolman Walter Sogliuzzo and a \$57,484 grant from the state for a highway safety program. The grant will pay the salaries of four men, cover the cost of buy-

ing two new police cars and help pay for assorted equipment.

FOR THE FIRE department, Wilson continued, Monaco is being hired to replace Fireman Gerard Dargan who recently resigned. Hodges will replace Fireman Arthur Wehrhahn who will shortly be elevated to head the city's traffic and signal division, replacing Capt. George Baumann currently on terminal leave.

The director said he also will appoint Thomas Vecchione of 320 Jefferson St. to the position of permanent repairman in the police and fire department signal system. Vecchione is currently a temporary employee.

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Cuts in Aid to Working Poor Blasted by Hoboken Officials

Word that the state would be reducing welfare payments to families falling into the category of the working poor was greeted with mixed reaction today by Hoboken welfare officials.

Anthony Damato, city director of health and welfare whose department oversees the city's welfare department, said he agreed with state officials that the welfare system was in need of an overhaul but not in the area of the working poor.

IT'S LIKE punishing the peo-

ple who are really trying to better themselves," Damato said. "Obviously, there are going to be families who will be hurt by the cuts and find themselves wondering why they should work when they will be getting just as much, maybe even more, by staying home."

Edward Roeder, city welfare director, said the cut in payments to working families was one of several changes that had been made by the state in welfare requirements aimed at standardizing the state system with federal guidelines.

"Overall, the changes are for the better, at least in my opinion they are," he said. "But I don't like the idea of taking money away from working families."

"It's bound to encourage some families not to work at all," Roeder added that the cut in payments to working families would affect some Hoboken residents but he didn't know how many since regular welfare recipients receive payments from the county, not the city. Roeder explained that the city handled only emergency cases.

Vitale Lists Grounds for Firing

Without warning or explanation, Hoboken Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale has quietly notified employees of his department that they are not immune to being fired for breaking rules. He has posted a list of 12 causes considered sufficient grounds for removal.

Asked what prompted him to post the list, Vitale said: "I don't have any specific reasons. I just want all my people to know that there are certain things which aren't going to be tolerated."

"YOU MIGHT say this is an advance warning," he continued,

"but not to anyone in particular. Everyone should know what to expect if they are brought up on charges on one of these causes and are found guilty."

Vitale added that all 12 were considered to be valid reasons for dismissal by Civil Service.

The causes for removal are: neglect of duty; incompetency or insufficiency; incapacity due to mental or physical disability; insubordination or serious breach of discipline; intoxication while on duty; chronic or excessive absenteeism; disorderly or immoral conduct; willful

violation of any provisions of the civil service statutes, rules or regulations or other statutes relating to the employment of public employees; conviction for any criminal act or offense; negligence or willful damage to public property or waste of public supplies; conduct unbecoming an employee in the public service; or the use or attempt to use one's authority or official influence to control or modify the political action of any person or any engaging in political activity during working hours.

Retirements Spur Need for Manpower

Hoboken Cop Looks Back

By JACK ECKHARDT

Hoboken Police Chief George W. Crimmins was thinking through pages of an official record in his office file that presented a nostalgic atmosphere.

Seeking to convince elected city officials that he needs manpower in the face of retirement-age police officers, Crimmins hesitated to reveal

This is the first of two articles on the police department of the City of Hoboken, looking back 25 years.

facts of the folder marked "Dec. 1945—Then and Now."

About 25 years ago, Hoboken families were celebrating Christmas with their loved ones from the World War 2 battlefield.

But for Chief Crimmins, a U. S. Navy hero of the same war, it meant his decision on Dec. 20, 1945 to join the Hoboken police department.

This week, W. Crimmins who rose from recruit in 1945 to Hoboken police chief last Jan. 7, penned his signature to the retirement approval of Patrolman Walter Sogliuzzo.

In the year 1945, unlike the movie "Dial M for Murder," it was a case in Hoboken of "Dial M for McFeely."

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Chief Crimmins checked off the 1945 roster of assigned

police personnel — 44 supervisors and 59 patrolmen. Glancing over another official folder on his desk, Crimmins studied the present complement of manpower, which lists one chief, three captains, 15 lieutenants, 23 sergeants, and 99 patrolmen.

"It's a long way from the police department strength 25 years ago, and it makes a big difference in coping with crime," said Chief Crimmins, pointing out that the still authorized table of organization for the force calls for one chief, eight captains, 17 lieutenants, 23 sergeants and 166 patrolmen.

Mayor McFeely, Chief "Ed" McFeely and Inspector Bernard McFeely have since died. The commanding captains who interviewed Crimmins included now retired Capt. Edgar Scott, Bill Christie and Eddie Kearns. The police signal superintendent, George Bauman, has also retired. Police photographer "Rudy" Magnus and police surgeon Dr. Richard Buckley are deceased, as is then police matron Anne Carroll.

Police lieutenants who issued orders to "Rookie" Crimmins 25 years ago this month included Lts. James Callaghan, Walter Fallon, Arthur Marotta, John McKenna and Frederick Westendorf, all since retired with exception of Marotta who is expected to submit his papers next month.

The other lieutenants included now deceased Lts. Bill Hanrahn, Bill Hussey, John Kelly, James Lavezzo, Florence McCarthy, Bob McKen, John Reynolds, Ambrose A. Ryan and George Soller. Reynolds and Ryan later became chiefs of the Hoboken police force.

And sergeants who 25 years ago were standing by to school the rookie cops back from the war included Sgts. Tony Biggio, Bill Burke, John Flishe, Tom Kiely, Walter Lebrink, Ed O'Brien, George Otten Sr., Dominick Policastro, Pat Ricciardi, all now living in retirement except Lebrink, who is a police captain in charge of the uniform division.

Sergeants since deceased include Frank Caperino, Frank Cappelli, Ed Fitzgerald, Maurice Fitzgibbons, George Haefner, Walter

Havens Sr., Martin Kelly, John Link, William O'Brien, Charles Smith, Bernard Walker, Frank White and Charles Winters.



CHEERING HOSPITAL PATIENTS—Candy Strippers sing carols at St. Mary Hospital, Hoboken, as they do every Christmas season. The girls, from 14 to 17 years old, are

from various schools in Hudson and Bergen counties. They volunteer their services to the hospital in a variety of ways.

Hoboken Library Adds 373 Books

A total of 373 new books were ordered by the Hoboken Public Library last month, Lucille Cunningham, director, said today. Many of the new volumes have been delivered, catalogued and are now available to library members.

Some of the new books are: The Americans, by David Frost; Doctor Cobb's Game, a novel by R. V. Cassill; Passenger To Frankfurt by Agatha Christie; One Generation After, by Elie Wiesel; Constant Reader, by Dorothy Parker; The

Ghost of Henry James, by David Fairbairn; Royal Cousin: The Life of Henri IV of France, by Irene Mahoney; A Life's Full Summer, a novel by Andree Martinerie; and Don't You Know There's A War On, by Richard R. Lingeman.

Diary Of A Harlem Schoolteacher, by Jim Haskins; A Pagan Place, a novel by Edna O'Brien; Crime In America, by Ramsey Clark; Lord of Dark Places, a novel by Hal Bennett; The Making of A Surgeon, by William A. Nolen, M.C.; That

Man Cartwright, a novel by Ann Fairbairn; and Clarita's Cocina: Great Traditional Recipes from a Spanish Kitchen, by Clarita Garcia.

E Pluribus Bang! a novel by David Lippincott; Quiet Pilgrimage, an autobiography by Elizabeth Gray Vining; Three Years to Play, a novel by Colin MacInnes; Nightmare In Athens, by Margaret Papandreu; St. Thomas's Eve, Historical novel by Jean Plaidy; Kinds of Love, a novel by Mary Sarton; and Peo-

ple I Have Loved, Known or Admired, by Leo Rosten.

A Part of Myself: Portrait of an Epoch, by Carl Zuckmayer; Yankee Doodle, a novel by Peter Farb; Latin America: Its People and Institutions, by Joseph A. Ellis, P.H. D.; The Man in the Sycamore Tree: The Good Times and Hard Life of Thomas Merton, by Edward Rice; and Nebula Award Stories Five, edited by James Blish.

The Emerging Japanese Superstate: Challenge and Res-

ponse, by Herman Kahn; The Passion of Robert Branson, a novel by J. M. Alonso; Man and the Sea: Classic Accounts of Marine Explorations, edited by Richard L. Gordon; The Aleph and Other Stories 1933-1969, by Jorge Luis Borges; "Busy Times": Human Documents of the Age of the Forsytes, by E. Royston Pike; The Bombardier, a novel by John William Corrington, and Scene of the Battle: Group Behavior in Urban Classrooms, by Joan I. Roberts.

Hoboken Gets Citizens' Environment Group

A group of citizens concerned about the over-all quality of life in Hoboken have formed a Hoboken Environment Committee. Mrs. David Goldstein, a 1970 Jersey Journal Woman of Achievement, and Mrs. Joseph Manogue, the initiators of the group, are chairman and secretary respectively. Mrs. Leo Genese is treasurer.

The new committee plans to work closely with both municipal and state agencies in its quest for clean air, pure water and a general improvement in the Hoboken environment.

The group is composed of people who live, work or attend school in Hoboken. Joining the new committee is the Hoboken Citizens for Clean Air, an

association of local residents, that was instrumental last year in obtaining an order from the state Department of Environmental Protection that requires that the Maxwell House plant eliminate pollution emission by July 1. David Hansen was chairman of the Clean Air group, which has now

disbanded in favor of participation in the new committee.

Charles Gallanter, president of SMITE (Stevens Men Interested in the Environment), an ecologically-concerned student group at Stevens Institute of Technology, also has involved his organization in the Hoboken Environment Committee while

continuing its own campus-based activities.

Membership in the Hoboken committee is open to anyone living, working or studying in the city who wishes to participate in efforts to obtain a better environment. Information may be sought from Mrs. Goldstein at 656-3084 or from Mrs. Manogue at 792-0353.

Bluecoats Putting Pressure on Wilson?



Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale, top left, E. Norman Wilson, public safety director, and George Crimmins, police chief, look on as newly sworn in police officers James Man-

cuso, Charles Kosbab, Hector Montanez and Carmen LaBruno display badges.

The decision by Hoboken Public Safety Director E. Norman Wilson against appointing Antonio Rentas Jr. of 805 Willow Ave. to the city's police force is based on factors other than Wilson's public explanation, it was learned today.

Wilson had explained that he is able to meet the city's needs for bi-lingual (Spanish-speaking) patrolmen from the regular list of civil service eligibles.

BUT AN INFORMED city source said today that Wilson has been under heavy pressure from organizations representing both Hoboken police and firemen to refrain from appointing anyone to either department except from the regular list. Rentas passed the same written test as those on the regular list, but he was placed on a special eligi-

ble list because he was allowed to be shorter than the normal five foot seven inch height requirement in consideration of the fact that he also took and passed a Spanish language exam.

The objection by the police and firemen is to the lowering of the height requirement.

Rentas is five feet five inches tall.

APPLICANTS WHO pass the Spanish test are also permitted to weigh as little as 125 pounds instead of the regular 135. This does not affect Rentas, however, as he weighs about 185.

Officials of the police and fire organization have publicly promised court action against the city if it went ahead and made any appointments from the bi-lingual examination list. They said today that there hasn't been

any change in their position.

A city spokesman said he had there been a dire shortage of patrolmen or firemen, Rentas probably would have been appointed over the objections of the police and fire organizations. Since there isn't such a shortage there wasn't any reason to make the appointment and face the possibility of forcing the organization to take court actions, even if it was only to save face, he said.

MEANWHILE, WILSON appointed four new patrolmen to the force and two new firemen to the fire department.

Sworn in as patrolmen were Carmen LaBruno of 838 Park Ave., Hector Montanez of 113 Willow Ave., Charles Kosbab of 15 Church Towers, and James Mancuso of 1212 Hudson St. The

two firemen were James T. Monaco of 423 Madison St. and Edward Hodges of 10 Church Towers.

A fifth patrolman was also to have been sworn in, but someone forgot that he had already accepted appointment to the fire department and has been on the job since October. Pasquale Sarnella was the fifth man. He declined to switch from the fire department to the police department.

Although that fifth vacancy on the police department is still open and Wilson could possibly appoint Rentas—since there are no more men on the regular list—Wilson said he wouldn't make the appointment.

"I've asked Civil Service to call another examination for patrolman and I will make the appointment from among the men who pass it," he said.

DePascale Asked to Report on Supermarine

Mayor Louis DePascale has been challenged to appear before the city council and give "a full and thorough report" on Supermarine Inc. and how it plans to build a multi-million dollar oil processing facility in Hoboken and the steps it will take to prevent further pollution of the air and water in the local area.

The challenge was issued by Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappelletto at yesterday's council meeting after he said Supermarine was "nothing more than a paper outfit with not enough money to build a small garage, much less a \$40,000,000 processing plant."

I'VE CHECKED this com-

pany's financial situation out very thoroughly and found that it has very little money of its own," the councilman continued. "It's trying to borrow what it needs to get the job done; and while it's making the arrangements which it thinks are in its best interest and at the lowest interest rates, we've got a \$900,000 piece of real estate sitting doing nothing."

The Metropolitan Regional Council on Air Pollution has been against letting this company build in Hoboken since the very beginning because of the potential for pollution of our air and water. I tend to agree with the council.

"There are a lot of other companies interested in that prop-

erty who could put it to just as good use as Supermarine and bring some jobs back to Hoboken."

COUNCIL PRESIDENT Thomas A. Gallo challenged Cappelletto to name one.

"Like Seatrain," replied Cappelletto. "I'm sure it would be interested in the property if there was a possibility of getting it and it wasn't set aside for Supermarine."

Cappelletto said his biggest concern with Supermarine was whether or not it would live up to all the promises that had been made for it, like making a large number of jobs available for local residents.

"WE'VE BEN TOLD that one before and gave up a whole street so one company could build a new plant," he continued. "But it turned out that the plant was fully automated and only a very small number of jobs materialized."

"What kind of jobs will be available through Supermarine and how many people do we have in Hoboken who will be capable of filling them?"

"We know what Seatrain would be able to do with the property and the kind of jobs it would open up, jobs for longshoremen like the 800 who have been out of work since American Export left."

Cappelletto instructed the city clerk to notify DePascale he wanted the mayor to appear before the council and present a full report on Supermarine.

Mayor, Crimmins Meeting On Protecting the Elderly

By PETER HALLAM

Mayor Louis DePascale, Police Chief George Crimmins and representatives of the Hoboken housing authority will meet today to discuss steps to be taken to provide better police protection for Adams and Monroe Gardens, two senior citizens projects, where elderly residents claim they are "living in fear" of groups of youngsters who have been entering the building.

The meeting is the result of the appearance at yesterday's session of the city council of a dozen or so residents from the two projects which are operated by the city's housing authority.

MRS. ROSE FUSILLI, president of the Adams Gardens Senior Citizens Club at 220 Adams St., and Mrs. Florence Rockmaker, president of the Monroe Gardens Senior Citizens Club at 229 Jackson St., both told the council of acts of vandalism in their buildings and the fear the residents had of teenagers who have been entering the building.

Following the council meeting, Fifth Ward Councilman Francis Finnerty, First Ward Councilman Anthony H. Romano and representatives of the senior citizens met with Crimmins and discussed several possible solutions to the problem.

The chief said the seniors

wanted patrolmen actually to patrol the inside of the building but this isn't possible. They also complained about the length of response time by police to calls for assistance made from the two projects.

"ALTHOUGH the housing authority pays the salaries of six patrolmen, the men can't go into the buildings unless it is to investigate a possible criminal act or in response to a call," the chief said.

"We may be able to get around this by installing telephones in the lobby which are hooked up

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DePascale Gets Two Cars As Mayor and Freeholder

Louis DePascale, as Hudson freeholder and Hoboken mayor, has two official cars—one for each position. But while this puts him one car ahead of each of the other eight freeholders, DePascale said he uses the vehicles only for official business, and one at a time.

According to DePascale, the city car, which was purchased before he took office, is used by other members of his administration for city business. He emphasized that the car is the only one available for city officials and said it was kept in the city garage overnight.

DePascale said the county vehicle was kept, at least last night, at his home for use on county business. He said that as

a freeholder he was "on call 24 hours a day."

He added that he owns a family car and that one of his sons also has a car. DePascale stressed that neither of the official vehicles was used for family purposes.

Former freeholder John Armellino, West New York mayor, also used a county car until he resigned from the board recently. But the Town of West New York does not provide any official vehicles for its commissioners.

Unlike Bergen and Essex, the other first class counties in New Jersey, all Hudson freeholders get county cars. The county services the autos, provides gas and oil, and pays for insurance.

Looking Ahead in Hoboken

One thing you have to say about Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken is that he gives the impression of confidence. Despite the problems in the city, the erosion of the economy, the loss of work on the downtown waterfront and the employment drop at the Bethlehem yards uptown, he feels the outlook for the community is bright.

Maybe this is so. He is facing an important election in May and is not going to try and give his foes too much room in which to maneuver. But, in painting a picture that perhaps is too rosy even for the average Hoboken resident to believe he stands the danger of inadvertently creating a credibility gap.

The mayor has been subject to criticism, for instance, over that so-called three-block-long "parking lot" along River st. that's the site for the long-delayed John J. Grogan Marineview Plaza. On this he says: "We definitely feel that ground breaking and construction will start early this year, possibly by Mar. 1, barring unforeseen circumstances." Let's hope he's right.

Then there is the question of the Spanish-speaking community, an issue that flared up twice last year and caused Mayor DePascale deep concern. How is this all being resolved? Then there is the problem of city costs, that bugaboo for every chief executive, and the need for federal and state aid for actual survival.

Mr. DePascale does not face an enviable future and already the barbs are starting to come in the municipal campaign—one in which the mayor himself is not running but six of the ward councilmen are. In each of the wards there are specific problems and on these the overall outcome of the election will in great measure rest.

In Mr. DePascale's favor, however, is the point that at this moment no major opposition force has yet arisen to seriously challenge his administration—there is no Focus '71 as in West New York or groupings of candidates as anticipated in North Bergen on the "anti" side. On this point—right now—he is lucky.

He may exude confidence on the outside, but we'll bet that he's worried, quite a bit, on the inside. Every mayor is, especially one whose administration is up for endorsement in four months. Mr. DePascale is trying—he's been in there working. And, if he may at times seem too optimistic let's write it off as just that and nothing else.

DePascale To Rename 3 to Board

The three Hoboken board of education members whose terms expire Jan. 31 will be reappointed, Mayor DePascale announced today.

They are Rocco Gratale, Otto Hottendorf and Fred Bado. Each has served more than 20 years, DePascale said.

"They have given much of their time and experience for the welfare of our children," the mayor declared.

He said he had notified the City Council of his intention to swear them in for new three-year terms.

Hoboken: A Trip Into Yesterday

With talk of a new movie house in Hoboken—a city without a motion picture theater since the demolition of the Fabian—one cannot help but go back in memory to boyhood times in the Mile-Square City when theaters abounded. You never had to look far for a silent and, later, "the talkies."

Those were the days of the Tom Mix movies and those soft drink signs with the fellow in the white coat pointing at you. They were times more innocent than today, probably more naive, too. Hoboken was different then, it seemed quieter, with fewer problems—but then we were just looking at the surface.

Many years ago, going back to the late 1920s or so, Hoboken was a veritable mecca for theater-goers, both those interested in films and those who liked stock. We well recall when they were building the Fabian and then its opening in August, 1928. Today it is the site of a busy, modern supermarket right across from city hall.

Then there was Bishop's, just opposite the city hall on First st., and the Rivoli, on Washington st., just north of First. Then, the Palace—or "the little show" as some called it—on the west side of Washington between First and Second. That showhouse didn't have permanent seats and the kids had great fun right in the middle of a very dramatic silent scene of knocking over a bunch of chairs.

Who, then, could forget the Lyric, with its balconies stretching upward, on lower Hudson st., just off Hudson pl.? Perhaps the most intriguing part there was the vaudeville and the piano player who led the pit orchestra. He kept shaking his head up and down to keep time—he was a show in himself.

Then, of course, there was the Rialto, on Hudson st.; the old Strand, on the east side of Washington st., just north of the Elks Club between 10th and 11th sts. On First st., too, there was the Liberty downtown and at one time a showplace at First and Jackson and the Eureka. And, on 14th st., there was a playhouse, too.

And, who can really forget, later in the 1930s, those continued pictures on Saturday afternoons to get the young crowd into the showhouse? The U. S., on Washington between Sixth and Seventh, was one of the meccas and you had better not miss the latest episode or you'd not be with the "in" crowd.

This has been going back in memory and recalling a past of a city that is still there but, somehow, is different. It has gone through so many changes that those who come in for a quick trip after being away for years are sometimes shocked. Maybe there will be a new movie house in Hoboken—but most of us will never forget the old ones. Remember?

D. Bright Outlook Ahead, DePascale Says

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale, looking forward to months just ahead, which will involve his support of incumbent city councilmen seeking reelection in the six wards citywide, points to a 12-point projected program on which he bases continued municipal progress.

While admitting the city administration is doing everything possible to interest various shipping firms to make use of the almost idle American Export Line piers along the waterfront, DePascale contends Hoboken has a bright outlook for 1971, and possibly a brighter outlook in 1972.

In the field of education, Hoboken this year is expected to enjoy the addition of a new elementary school at 11th and Willow av. with construction of a modern school building to replace the present Wallace School, DePascale said. Cost of the new school building and demolition of the present structure is estimated at \$4.5 million.

And despite the daily criticism of Hoboken residents relative to the long delay in starting construction of the John J. Grogan Marineview Plaza, a multi-high rise apartment and commercial complex on lower Hudson and River sts., the Hoboken chief executive says, "We definitely feel ground breaking and construction will start early this year, possibly by Mar. 1 barring unforeseen difficulties."

Mayor DePascale places cost of the proposed project at \$35 million. Thus far, the Hoboken Parking Authority has received \$8.5 million to finance accommodations for some 2,000 motor vehicles that will be connected with private apartment occupants and the persons using the proposed commercial building at First and Hudson sts.

Project to Start
Looking forward to 1971 and his reelection promise of "Progress" in Hoboken, Mayor DePascale says the proposed Senior Citizen Apartment project at 12th st. and Willow av. will definitely begin this coming summer. Designed to accommodate 205 senior citizen families in the uptown area, DePascale estimates the cost of the new building at "Either \$4 or \$5 million."

A \$2 million "Multi-Purpose Civic Center," to be constructed within Church Square Park directly opposite Our Lady of

Faces Election Effort Confidently

Grace Church at Fourth st. and Willow av. will become a reality in construction about June or July, the Hoboken mayor predicts.

Avoiding criticism of his political opponents about so called "Pies in the Sky" DePascale contends also the long idle Todd Shipyard in the northern area of the city bordering Weehawken will soon become the property of Supermarine Co. Inc., where the latter firm is expected to engage in the process of oil refinery.

"Such a project at Todd Shipyard, once buildings are demolished and new ones constructed, will mean a \$20 million investment in our city of Hoboken," DePascale stressed. And in painting a bright picture for Hoboken during 1971, the mayor claims the Catholic Archdiocese of Newark is now interested in home development in downtown areas, with approval of the federal government and Urban Development Agency.

The areas encompassed by Bloomfield st. to Garden st., bounded by Newark and Observer hwy. and First and Second sts. from Grand to Adams sts. Mayor DePascale says such a home improvement project, once reportedly to be sponsored by an electrical union welfare fund, is considered a \$14 million project.

Definite improvement on the drawing boards in this 1971 election year for DePascale's six ward councilmen, is predicted for construction of a \$6 million bank building at Third and Washington sts. by Trust Company of New Jersey, and

the completion of a \$1.5 million ILLA-N.Y. Shipping Assn. Medical Center on lower Hudson st. directly opposite the proposed Grogan Marineview Plaza.

In his evaluation of 1971 and progress being made within city boundaries, DePascale points to the new wing at St. Mary Hospital, costing \$5 million, and the start of new construction at Stevens Tech of an added educational building costing approximately \$8 million.

'Immediate Future'
Admitting that many of his political critics will point out the forementioned projects are long on the drawing board or that other are not exactly city-

sponsored, Mayor DePascale said, "Let's look to the immediate future in 1971. We've moved such projects into being, and now they'll become real. Problems facing municipal and state officials all over the country are not foreign to Hoboken's problem. We're pushing to improve and to receive state and federal help from a financial standpoint. We are definitely going ahead."

Mayor DePascale's 12-point plan for overall improvement of Hoboken also includes an application for several hundred thousand dollars to be made available for housing our intent is not primarily rehabilitation, including ex-election day results in the present Code future. It should prove we are

And he adds, "We are pushing in both Trenton and Washington for an application with HUD for a new type grant that will be used for local residents relative to scatter-type housing and new construction."

Asked if such programs and projects are aimed at his six ward councilmen seeking reelection five months from now, Mayor DePascale said, "The chips are already down. We've made contact, application and received approval for a major part of the listed projects. Such action should prove that our intent is not primarily rehabilitation, including ex-election day results in the present Code future. It should prove we are

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The job invested in us as a result of past elections by residents of Hoboken whom we serve."

Exact-Fare System For Crosstown Bus

Effective immediately Hoboken's crosstown bus will be operating on an exact-fare system in which riders must have the proper change to get on the vehicle, Hoboken Business Administrator Herman Bier said today.

The exact-fare system is necessary now that the city has installed a locked fare box in the bus which the drivers aren't able to open.

Bier said that the drivers can't carry an unlimited amount of change since this would defeat one of the purposes for having the locked fare box installed in the first place — to prevent hold-ups.

"The drivers can't open the coin containers although they can open the boxes," Bier explained. "However, the only time they have the key is when they

are changing shifts and the full container is removed for an empty one."

Bier said there are two keys involved in the locked box system. One opens the coin container and the second opens the fare box so the coin container can be put in and taken out. "The key opening the coin containers stays at the bank the city deposits the money with," he continued.

The director added the drivers will carry a few dollars in change for a couple of days until the public becomes used to the idea of having the exact fare.

Meanwhile, Bier has had to replace two drivers who quit unexpectedly with only one day's notice. Both drivers quit yesterday and were replaced within hours without disrupting service.

Hoboken to Acquire Title to Two Piers

Hoboken expects to have title to the Fifth and Sixth Street piers by the end of next month as the result of filing for foreclosure through a summary judgment against Irving Maidman, the current owner, for more than \$700,000 in back taxes.

Maidman, a large-scale New York real estate broker, hasn't paid any taxes on the two piers since 1965. Two years ago the city placed tax liens on both, culminating in its current action.

Informed city sources report that if Hoboken does take title to the properties it may not have to keep them for long. It was learned that two large real estate companies, one in Hoboken, the other in Newark, already have several potential customers interested in buying

the pier tract for possible high-rise developments.

Stevens Institute of Technology has denied any interest in the property but might reconsider its position when the time comes for a public sale.

The college now owns and uses the stripped-down Eighth Street Pier — or Long Dock — and the site of the burned-out Seventh Street pier. Picking up the Fifth and Sixth Street piers would add to its waterfront holdings and potential for future growth.

College officials, in the past, have not been pleased by talk of high-rise type construction along the waterfront which would block its commanding view of the Hudson River and the New York skyline.

Community Relations Squad For Police Wins State Nod

By WILLIAM H. TAFT

Six Hoboken policemen will be permanently assigned to community relations if the state approves an application by Mayor DePascale to establish a community relations project.

The state has sent the application back to the city, saying it likes the basic idea but wants more details.

The police community relations bureau would comprise a sergeant and five patrolmen all members of the force, under the

overall direction of Chief George Crimmins.

THE city would appoint six new policemen to replace the six assigned to the bureau.

The community relations men would work out of a mobile unit in the model cities program (where the Model Cities program operates) and move around from time to time. They would also have an office in Police Headquarters. The bureau would work mainly in the model neighborhood, but some of its activities would take in the rest of the city.

The six officers would be trained in community relations and Puerto Rican culture.

ALSO, they would receive continuing training for the first few months of the operations. The bureau would operate from Mondays through Saturdays, primarily from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. the hours of highest activity in the neighborhood.

The primary goal of the program is to improve relations between the police department and community residents, by increasing police understanding of community problems and

conditions and increasing community understanding of the operations of the police department.

The neighborhood office in the mobile unit would have an officer on duty at all times when the unit is working. The other officers would be patrolling the streets, primarily on foot, getting to know the residents of the neighborhood, listening to complaints and suggestions, and trying to establish an understanding between themselves and the residents.

THE state agency considering the city's application is the State Law Enforcement Planning Agency (SLEPA).

The cost of the project in the first year would be \$115,849, of which SLEPA aided by federal funds, would contribute \$69,509. The remaining \$46,340 would be the responsibility of the City of Hoboken, and much of it would

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come from funds of the city's federally financed Model Cities agency.

The project funds would pay the salaries of the patrolmen and sergeant and their fringe benefits, and would also reimburse the city for two percent of the \$22,029 salary and the fringe benefits of Chief Crimmins.

Each policeman would be provided with a Spanish-English phrase book. Training in conversational Spanish would be given to the officers in the unit who do not speak Spanish and to other key personnel of the police department, such as desk officers and switchboard operators.

SOME training in community relations would also be given to all other members of the police department.

The proposed project is an outgrowth of a summer program operated by the Neighborhood Planning Committee of Hoboken's Model Cities agency and financed by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. This ran from Aug. 12 to Oct. 3. Six officers served, but on an overtime basis as an extra assignment.

They worked Wednesday through Saturday evenings from 4:30 to 11:30.

They officiated at sports events, patrolled the neighborhood on foot, talking to residents and explaining the program; met with neighborhood groups, sponsored trips for various age groups, and sponsored a block party.

'ON THE WHOLE,' the city's new application to the state declares, "the program was a successful beginning to improving relations between the police and the community. Some

Robbery, Murder, Rape Rise

Hoboken Crime Up, Down

By PETER LA VILLA

Crime in the city of Hoboken in the year 1970 rose higher in some areas and dropped in some, a comparison with 1969 statistics shows.

Unofficial reports indicate that breaking, entry and

This is the first of a four part series on crime in Hoboken.

larceny were still the most frequent offenses, although reports show there were far fewer than reported in 1969.

In 1969, statistics showed that there were 716 cases of BE&L reported. In 1970, there were some 646 cases, which would indicate a substantial curtailment in that category of crime.

Persons arrested for BE&L in both years equalled about 10 per cent of the gross crime committed.

According to Police Chief

George Crimmins, BE&L averages out to about 50 reports a month. The most hard hit area in that city, according to Crimmins, is the Model Cities area.

An area that runs from the East River to the Jersey City line, and from Fourth st. to Observer Hwy., is covered. One street in particular, according to Crimmins, is First st. where merchants and apartment houses are closely assembled.

Bulk of Burglaries
First st., he said, has seen the bulk of burglaries, more than any one area of the city. However, not for long. Because sometime this year Hoboken will become the first city to enlist the use of television on First st. to watch for handouts on a 24-hour basis.

"The program has been approved," said Crimmins, "and the money has been allocated. All we are awaiting,

is for the bidding on the televisions to start."

Sharing the lead in crime is Auto Theft. Unofficial reports indicate that some 628 cars have been stolen in that city in 1970.

Although reports are not available on the number of cars reported found and returned to the owners, arrest records show that only 45 persons were arrested for stealing cars.

In 1969, 584 auto thefts were reported, with only 35 arrests made. The money value was estimated at \$436,500. With an increase in 1970, it is certain that the monetary value will be somewhat higher than last year's figure.

Aggravated Assault and non-Aggravated Assaults, dropped drastically in 1970 as compared to 1969. In 1969, it was reported that there were (Turn to Page 8, Column 8)

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460 cases of AA, with 337 persons arrested. In 1970, there were 140 cases with 84 or 60 per cent of arrests.

Robbery on Rise
Robbery and Armed Robbery rose compared to 1969. Police records indicate that there were 97 cases of robbery in 1970, as compared to 52 in 1969. Total arrests equal 20 per cent of the gross crime committed.

As for Murder, Manslaughter and Rape, in 1969, there were four murders with four arrests; five reports of manslaughter with four arrests; two charges of rape and two arrests.

In 1970, there were five murders and five arrests; one report of manslaughter and one arrest; four charges of rape and four arrests.

In 1969, the value of property stolen and recovered totalled slightly more than \$1 million, the bulk of which was due to the high rate of auto theft.

In 1970, with the record of auto thefts surpassing last year's record, the value of property stolen and recovered should amount to more than last year's figure.

In view of crimes committed in 1970, Police Chief George Crimmins will look to increase his 140 man police force by asking the city government for 20 additional policemen. Whether he gets them or not remains to be seen.

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Hoboken political observers regard the city's present crisis as the biggest test yet on Mayor DePascale's political career. They predict that the decisions he makes in the next few days will determine his political future.

City workers have already started to break down the list of city jobs into two categories — working positions and political positions.

THOSE WHO regard themselves as workers will be watching to see that those whom they consider to be in political jobs get laid off. Employees in "political" jobs — jobs obtained as rewards for support of and service to the administration — are watching to see whether they will be among those to go, and thinking about what they will do if they are.

Even with the reduction in the number of city and board of education employees, plus proposal reductions in other city spending, the mayor does not expect to hold the 1970 tax rate of \$94.02 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

TAXPAYERS who complained bitterly about the 1970 rate are going to find 1971's figures harder to take, even if the increase is only a few dollars.

For the head of an administration which will seek to reelect its ward councilmen in four months, it is not an enviable position. Besides losing votes from the general public, the mayor stands to have troubles from within the ranks of his organization.

"I'll be losing a lot of friends," DePascale said. "It's to be expected at times like these. They call it paying the price."

THE MAYOR has said that all layoffs will be made in accordance with civil service rules and regulations, based on seniority. The association will carry out to see that this policy is carried out.

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Hoboken Gives Senior Citizens Free Eye Test

Some 30 Hoboken senior citizens were afforded free eye testing Wednesday at both Harrison and Andrew Jackson Garden Apartments in that city, sponsored by Model Cities Project and Mayor Louis DePascale's office.

Project spokesmen said that encouraging the senior citizens were two of Hoboken's Family Health Workers who were impressed by the surprisingly large turnout of elderly folks and who were instrumental in launching and coordinating the project. "Encouragement, however, is only a small part of their job," it was reported by the project.

Early in October, while still in the early phases of their training, two Hoboken Family Health Workers suggested that the aged be included in an eye screening project that was being planned for residents of the Model Neighborhood, they said.

Sponsored and funded by the New Jersey Health Department and the Hoboken Health Department, this project is actually for "all people" in the Model Neighborhood. However, the Family Health Workers decided to work first with children of school age and with senior citizens.

public office this has been one of the most painful and difficult decisions I've ever had to make," he declared.

"IT ISN'T easy to tell a friend who's been working for the city for 15 years that he will have to go. A lot of these people have been working for the city board of education for a long time.

"But there just isn't any other

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way. The city's 1971 budget stood to go up some \$2,000,000 from 1970. The only way we could hope to keep the tax rate anywhere near the 1970 rate was to cut everything, including a lot of city workers."

DePascale confirmed reports that steps will be taken to make cuts in the police and fire departments as well as others.

"THE CITY is even going to try to reduce the number of police and fire department personnel —

Pink Slips Next Week For 100 City Workers

By PETER HALLAM

The "pink slips" will start going out next week, for Hoboken's municipal and board of education employees who are to be laid off to cut the budget. Mayor Louis DePascale said today.

Eventually more than 100 city employees will be without work as the result of the city's austerity measures.

City employees in positions protected by civil service will be given 45 days' notice. Board of education employees and other municipal employees not covered by civil service aren't entitled to any advance notice of the layoff.

HOWEVER, Mayor DePascale said everyone would be given "a minimum of a few weeks notice before they will be taken off the payroll."

The mayor had originally estimated that between 85 and 115 would be laid off. Yesterday he revised that figure to say it would be "more than 100."

"In all my years in politics and

TV Will Battle Crimes

Hoboken Focuses on First Street

HOBOKEN, N.J. (AP) — This densely populated community across the Hudson River from New York City is enlisting television in its war against crime. Police departments everywhere will be watching.

Around-the-clock programming will focus on First Street, a stretch of 14 blocks on the south side harboring the city's highest rate of muggings, burglaries, purse snatchings and even murder.

"Foot patrolmen are luxuries we cannot afford," said Chief of Police William Crimmins. "They are your most expensive form of police protection. We feel that television has tremendous potential."

Crimmins persuaded the Justice Department in Washington

to issue a grant financing a closed circuit system zooming in on areas having the greatest

More than 50 of the 700 burglaries in Hoboken in 1970 were on First Street where apartments and small stores are so close they seem to stumble over each other. Four of the five murders this year have been in the vicinity of First Street.

Seek to Aid Little Fellow.

"We want to help the little John Q. Citizen who is a victim of muggers, the little storeowner whose life savings are invested in that store. We want to prevent him from being robbed," said Crimmins.

Three cameras will be stationed

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tioned strategically along First Street, feeding back pictures to a monitor at police headquarters. When a burglary or other suspect is brought into focus the man at the monitor will turn on a videotape machine and record the scene.

"We feel this will be an important psychological deterrent. People will know the area is under surveillance," said Crimmins. "It will be an obvious aid in apprehending suspects. It's much easier to make an arrest when you have some sort of physical description, even a silhouette showing height, build and clothing."

Crimmins said the system "will also afford a measure of fire protection which is a side benefit we hadn't even planned on." The idea is that police or firemen could be sent to the scene much quicker than through normal means of communication.

Bids for the cameras and allied equipment are being advertised now and Crimmins hopes that the system will be in operation shortly.

Some members of the community have complained that the system will be a step toward a "big brother" community with privacy being unduly invaded. "Most of the people want it," said Crimmins. "The people who run the Model Neighborhood program approve. They feel the additional protection is worth it."

The cameras will not "see" into houses or stores. The pictures will only cover outside areas.

DePascale and Iacono Seek Approval of Rail Settlement

Whether Hoboken and Weehawken owe the Erie Lackawanna Railroad millions of dollars in tax refunds, or whether the state will help bail out the two municipalities may be decided today by Gov. Cahill.

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale and Weehawken Mayor Stanley C. Iacono and their tax lawyers went to Trenton today to get the state's approval of a settlement between the municipalities and the railroad. The railroad had claimed that its property and buildings were over-assessed by Hoboken and Weehawken from

1954 to 1966, and so deserves rebates.

None of the parties involved would give the exact amounts involved or the details of the potential settlement they want Cahill to approve. But Herbert Fine, Hoboken's tax attorney, said the cost "runs into millions of dollars."

DePascale said the state wouldn't have to pay anything in the settlement if the governor rules with the municipalities. But Thomas Venino, Weehawken's tax lawyer, said one possible settlement that may come out of today's meeting would be Hoboken and Weehawken

receiving refunds from the state and then paying out to the railroads.

Public Backs City Layoffs, Says DePascale

While the city employees who know they will be laid off are "screaming," the general reaction to Hoboken's impending economy layoffs is favorable, Mayor DePascale said today.

"By and large, people realize something had to be done," the mayor said. "I've talked to people in the street and landlords and businessmen, the chamber of commerce, and most of them

think what we are doing is a very sincere move which will be helpful to the whole city.

"I hope it will be for the overall good of the greatest number. I can understand that those who are going to be dismissed from their jobs are unhappy. I will continue to pursue as many avenues of economy as I can.

"My aim is to reduce the tax load at least to the point where it

is not going to drive anybody away," DePascale continued. "If some of our main taxpayers left the city, it would be disastrous. I am trying to hold on to what we have, rather than risk losing everything.

"I'm really not happy about doing this. But it's better to drop 100 or 125 people now than to have to drop 250 a month from now.

"I'm striving to cut the 1971 budget by at least an absolute minimum of \$1,000,000, through laying off employees and curtailing other expenses.

"People whom I've talked to were surprised at what I am doing, and hadn't believed that I would take the risk I personally am taking."

The mayor said he was still accumulating information from

his department heads to guide him in ordering layoffs. "By Wednesday I should have the list completed," he said, "and then I will ask the state Civil Service Department to send over a representative to make sure we are making no mistakes, that we will be following civil service rules and regulations."

He added that dismissal

notices would start going out by next Friday.

The city's board of education, which has been told by the mayor to institute a similar massive layoff, will start sending out its dismissal slips next week, he said.

DePascale volunteered the statement that police and firemen may be laid off as well as anyone else.

He referred to the fact that the police and firemen are unhappy with his refusal yesterday to increase their fringe benefits in any new contract.

"If the situation warrants it, I may have to take some drastic action," he said. "There might very well be a possibility of actual layoffs of police and firemen."

DePascale Assailed

1st Blasts of May Bloom in Hoboken

Hoboken's 1971 campaign for the municipal election in May was officially launched yesterday, with independent candidate Edward A. McLaughlin of the Sixth Ward urging Mayor Louis DePascale's administration to inform the public of the city's present financial plight.

McLaughlin, a 29-year-old ex-GI who lives at No. 2 Willowter, plans to oppose incumbent Sixth Ward Councilman John J. Palmieri next May. His campaign statement yesterday said:

"I am asking the Mayor to admit that we have serious financial problems; to declare a State of fiscal emergency and then to immediately initiate programs that will return order to what is now Economic Chaos.

"We can begin at once by establishing a complete freeze on all City hiring for any reason, and as positions become available through retirements, they should be incorporated with other duties now being performed by city employees.

"He should also declare a halt to all contracts and purchasing to which the City is not already totally committed. Above all, under no circumstances should our citizens be committed to any projects which will be paid for by the sale of Municipal bonds. We are already paying enough principal and interest on Bonds to last through our lifetime.

"The next point is a sore spot with most of our citizens. This is the out of City travel by City employees on junkets to various conventions around the country at taxpayers' expense. It's obvious by the serious trouble our City is in, that nothing was learned at these conventions.

"Lastly, I believe the Mayor should take a realistic look at the increases in salary recently granted to himself and the Department Directors in his Administration. It's obvious that the increases were a political move aimed at keeping everyone happy for another year. They certainly weren't granted on merit.

"Surely the Mayor

Hoboken, State Clash on Cop Test

The bi-lingual examination for Hoboken patrolmen and firemen which the state Civil Service Department held for the city last September wasn't exactly what local officials had in mind when they originally asked for it and doesn't satisfy the city's needs for calling it, Mayor Louis DePascale said today.

"We weren't aware that civil service would reduce the physical standards for the examination," the mayor said in

connection with the controversy over the city's failure to appoint to the police force the one man who passed the special examination.

"THE CITY wasn't satisfied at all with what civil service came up with," he continued. "Civil service was asked by the city to cancel the test after the organizations representing our police and firemen expressed opposition to it. However, the

city would still have asked for the cancellation even if they hadn't objected."

DePascale met last June 26 with representatives of the city's Puerto Rican community who presented him with a list of demands, the fulfillment of which they felt would promote better relations with Spanish-speaking residents. One of these was for civil service to hold an examination for patrolmen and firemen in Spanish.

"THIS WAS not practical, since such a test might have resulted in situations where men who spoke no English but took and passed such an examination would be appointed and find themselves working with and

other men who spoke no Spanish," the mayor said today.

"We wrote to civil service and asked for an examination combining English and Spanish for those men who met all of the other requirements of eligibility. Our purpose was to overcome the language barrier yet maintain some proficiency in English for communication purposes with fellow officers."

THE LETTER to civil service was sent last June by Public Safety Director E. Norman Wilson. I asked that the examination be held "in English and Spanish" so that men "not fluent in English but meeting all other requirements" would be eligible to compete for appoint-

ment. The letter did not ask for a reduction in the height or weight requirements.

The examination and eligibility requirements eventually announced by civil service didn't even come close to meeting the city's expressed objectives.

INSTEAD of preparing either a completely new examination in Spanish or a combination of English and Spanish, civil service gave the Spanish-speaking applicants the identical examination given to all police and fire applicants — plus an oral examination in Spanish. In addition, for those who took and passed the latter exam, it reduced the height requirement

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English examination, or a written test in both Spanish and English, utilizing any ratio of Spanish questions to English questions the city might want," he explained. "But the city wasn't specific as to what it wanted."

He added that Hoboken has had ample time to express dissatisfaction with the bi-lingual examination civil service offered and to tell civil service exactly what it had in mind, and what it hoped to accomplish, and to suggest an examination to its liking, but the city has not done this.

A spokesman for the Examinations Division of the Civil Service Department retorted today that Hoboken should have known it would reduce the height and weight requirements since this had been standard practice on other bi-lingual examinations throughout the state for about three years.

"Even with the reduced physical requirements, there haven't been many persons taking such examinations," he added.

"AS FOR the type of test offered, Hoboken left that decision up to civil service," he continued. "It asked for an English-Spanish test but it didn't specify any special procedure it wished us to follow."

"The result was a standardized bi-lingual examination which has been given in several other communities."

The spokesman said the examination would have been set up almost any way the city wanted, if it had specified or inquired about a definite type of test in its letter.

Cappiello Charges Politics in Layoffs

Will the Hoboken municipal and board of education employees who get laid off in the city's current austerity program be selected on the basis of their abilities as workers or as politicians?

Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello claims it will be the latter.

"IT HAS come to my attention that the people who will soon be out of work aren't being selected because they are bad workers or no-shows, but are being picked on the basis of their political worth to the administration," Cappiello said.

"The handwriting is on the wall," he continued. "Instead of getting rid of the goof-offs and political hangers-on, we'll be losing a lot of good people — people who actually work for the city and do the little bit that manages to get done."

"The dogs got on the pay-roll because of their political connections and worth in the first

place," he continued. "And it appears that this is the way they are going to stay on it."

CAPPIELLO said that the lists of those being considered for the lay-off have already been prepared and are in the hands of the "politicians" who are now screening them.

Mayor Louis DePascale, has said he doesn't yet have any lists from his department directors, although he had asked them to get the lists to him by Wednesday of last week.

DePascale said only one director complied with his request — Health and Welfare Director Anthony Damato — but took his list back later for additional study. He added that all the other directors — E. Norman Wilson, Raphael P. Vitale, Frank Bartletta, and Herman Bier — had problems compiling their lists within the two days given them to do so.

The mayor asked last Monday that the lists be delivered to him by Wednesday.

Hoboken Children Get to Skate

Hoboken children have finally gotten some use from the three portable ice skating rinks purchased by the Model Cities Agency, but not much. This time the weather is at fault, according to a spokesman for the city's parks and recreation department.

"We actually had kids skating

at the Little League field rink (Fourth and River Streets) on both Saturday and Sunday," he said. "And there were children using the rink at the Downtown Recreation Center (117 Jefferson St.) but I didn't see any of them wearing skates."

"They were running and sliding but there wasn't anyone using skates that I saw."

He added that the third rink at the tennis courts next to Hoboken High School field, 10th and Grand Streets, was still too pitted for use. As of yesterday, all three rinks were not fit for use.

"THE WEEKEND was too warm to maintain good skating conditions," he explained. "We only had about three inches of

ice to start with. That has melted to about an inch and a half, not enough to hold up under a gang of kids."

He added that it was an advantage in one respect since the coating of water now on top of the ice would insure a smooth surface once the temperatures dropped and the rinks froze again.

THE SPOKESMAN said both the rinks at the Little League field and the recreation center were being watched to make sure no one started using them until they had a chance to refreeze.

He said the third rink at the high school field could not be used until it had been emptied

out and all the debris removed from it.

"It's loaded with all kinds of junk," he continued. "Pieces of wood, stones, bricks and whatever else kids can pick up and throw in. A lot of it is frozen right into the ice and prevents us from trying to groom it without actually emptying the rink out."

Hoboken Fights Narcotics

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the dimension of the drug problem; (2) those issues and forces contributing to the rising use of harmful drugs; (3) all existing resources (not confined to law enforcement) capable of being utilized against drug abuse in and around the city; (4) a plan, for immediate and long-range use, consisting of recommendations and priorities toward reducing the incidence of drug abuse; (5) a plan toward implementing programs and projects dedicated to solving the problem of drug abuse.

Findings Presented

In November of the past year, the New York firm presented the city with its findings. In part, this is what the 27-page report disclosed:

"The drug problem in Hoboken is complex, pervasive and growing. Hoboken's problem is peculiar (1) because of the availability of drugs that flows in from New York City; (2) because many adults are not keenly

aware of the drug problem; (3) because often both parents work and are away from their children for long periods of time and (4) because Hoboken lacks recreational facilities for its youth.

"Most young people in the drug scene," the report goes on to say, "find drugs to be glamorous and exciting."

The report continued, "We did not find any incidence of drug abuse in the elementary or junior high schools. Elementary pupils have virtually no awareness of the drug scene." (Authors note: the 48 juveniles arrested in 1970 ranged in ages of seven to 17 years according to the arrest sheets).

The report points out that the drug problem is more apparent in Hoboken High School, but most incidents of drug use take place outside school rather than inside. As for private industry and municipal government employees, the report states there is little or no drug problem in these areas.

Involve Community

The Narcotics Survey concludes that the drug problem in Hoboken is manageable, and that the police are doing their job well. "But it is now time to involve the total community in a drug awareness and prevention program."

The report offers many recommendations on coping with the drug problem, and a program that offers preventive measures. Known as the Hoboken Narcotics Program, the city would have a Steering Committee, a Narcotics Coordinator, a Legal subcommittee, a Medical committee, an Educational subcommittee, and a community action subcommittee. These committees would be comprised of the Mayor, Law Directors, Chief of Police, the Superintendent of Schools, the President of the City Council, members of the clergy and medical professions, and community-minded persons.

It also recommends that the public schools open at least one night a week for lectures on the drug situation, with a similar procedure used in industry.

Most emphatically, the report concludes its findings

and recommendations with a suggestion that the city establish a youth recreational center, centrally located, for citizens between the ages of 16 and 24 years of age.

Most Important

Lastly, and probably the most important step the city has taken in its fight against the drug problem is its relatively new store-front drug center known as Liberty House 111, located at 104 Jefferson st.

The anti-drug center comes under the auspices of the New Jersey Regional Drug Council, in conjunction with the Jersey

The store-front center does not treat drug addicts, but acts as a referral agency. What it does is screen "hard-core" addicts, induce them to City Liberty Village, rehabilitate themselves, prepare the necessary paper work, and then refer them to Liberty Village where they will undergo treatment.

Running the store-front center are five men. Three are former drug addicts, the other two are not, and act as an administrator and social worker.

Although no reports were given as to the number of persons they've helped since the center opened on Oct. 17, it was revealed by reliable sources that the figure is upwards of 30.

Return to Commission Urged

DePascale Under Fire of Taxpayer

By PETER LAVILLA
Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale and his council form of government came under sharp criticism last night when James Fusilli, president of that city's Rent and Taxpayers Assn., told some 100 residents that the city is "on the way to a disaster."

Fusilli, joined by Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello, told the taxpayers at a session at Hoboken High School that "this type of city government we have today is the reason we are in a financial crisis."

Cappiello stated that the city could save half a million dollars alone with a five-man commission, which he and Fusilli strongly advocate, because, they said, the city would have less political patronage to contend with.

DePascale, in addition to being the mayor of Hoboken, is a county freeholder.

Fusilli again used North Bergen as an example when he talked about taxes and employment. He said the tax rate on property in that township is \$50 per thousand. Hoboken, he said, is \$84 per thousand.

North Bergen, he said, is five square miles, as compared to Hoboken's 1.8 square miles, and with a population of some 4,000 persons greater than Hoboken's.

"There are some 350 people

employed by the city in that township as compared to some 700 people on our city payroll. Why are we twice as high as them when it comes to jobs?

Because we have too many political appointees on our city's payroll. And who has to pay for their salaries? We do, the taxpayers of this city and the homeowners."

Cappiello made a plea to DePascale to "Come forward and join with us to eliminate

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this waste in city spending by changing over to the old form of government, the five-man commission city government."

A taxpayer asked Cappiello why the mayor is laying off 100 city employees soon, when the mayor, as a county freeholder, voted to grant raises two weeks ago for several county employees?

Cappiello told that person, "the reason the mayor is doing that is, it is at the request of six of his councilmen who are running for reelection this May. If he doesn't cut the spending, it'll be used against them. However, after the May election, look for more people to go back on the city's payroll."

At the close of the meeting, petitions were circulated around calling for a change from the present form of government to a five-man commission government.

Bluecoats to Keep Working, Talking

The contract between Hoboken and its police and firemen expires at midnight tonight with no settlement in sight on their demands for new fringe benefits.

But officials of the police and firemen's organizations are planning to use mediation and fact-finding before resorting to any "job action" or work slowdown, they said today.

Accusing the city and Mayor Louis DePascale of "failing to negotiate in good faith," representatives of Locals 1076 and 1078 of the International Association of Fire Fighters and Officers, and Local 2 of the

Patrolmen's Benevolent Association said they have asked the state Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) to step in and mediate.

"WE HAVE been negotiating with the city for several months for increased fringe benefits," said Capt. Ray M. Falco, president of Local 1076. "During the last seven meetings since Oct. 27 we were led to believe by the mayor that some small gains could be made."

"But yesterday we were informed that everything was out, including some of the things which they had indicated pre-

viously were likely to be approved."

DePascale denied emphatically that the city had not been negotiating in good faith or that he had any idea before Monday just how bad the city's financial situation would be.

"THE CITY didn't get all of its information together until Monday, and it was then that we learned the seriousness of the situation," DePascale said.

"The city isn't asking the police and firemen to give up anything they already have."

"After totaling everything up, Hoboken found that it would

have to add somewhere around \$2,000,000 to the 1971 budget to pay for everything. The only way to cut this is to let some people go and to refrain from buying or spending — as much as possible."

SOME OF the fringe benefits being sought by the policemen and firemen were 12 paid holidays, a paid dental health plan for the employee and his family, and a 10 per cent longevity plan over a 15-year period instead of the current 25 years.

A spokesman for the police and fire groups said they will not resort to job action or other

means of putting pressure on the city until all other methods have been tried.

This would include mediation by PERC, fact-finding if the mediation didn't work out, and then binding arbitration.

PAY INCREASES do not figure in the current contract talks. Both police and ex-firefighters won a minimum annual salary of \$10,000 a year after three years on the job in negotiations 25 months ago. The final step of that agreement went into effect on Jan. 1 last.

Salaries for the years ahead will be negotiated at the end of this year.

\$40 Million Sewer Plan Wins Federal Approval

After several years of submitting plans, revising them, and resubmitting them, Hoboken has finally received the approval of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for its plans to revise the sewerage system of the entire city — a project that will eventually cost more than \$40 million.

This opens the way for Hoboken to apply for federal money to begin submitting its applications for funds to both the federal and state governments.

Now that HUD has approved the project, estimated to take

15 to 20 years, HUD is expected to act shortly on the city's request for about \$2,750,000 for sewerage work in the Hoboken Model Cities' area.

Hoboken Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today that HUD approval opens the

way for the city to start submitting application for funds to cover the cost of other sewerage improvements in other parts of the city. It also clears the way for Hoboken to get some cash back for planning costs already incurred.

DePascale Sees Tax Rise Despite Cost Cuts, Layoffs

By PETER HALLAM
Even though Hoboken will lay off at least 100 city employees and make sharp cuts in other spending in 1971, it is unlikely the city will be able to avoid an increase in its 1971 tax rate, Mayor Louis DePascale declared today.

"In spite of the reduction in the number of city employees and other drastic steps aimed at trimming city expenditures to the bone, in all probability we will still have an increase in the rate," the mayor said.

A sizeable portion of the increase in '71 over last year results from mandatory pay increases which the city is already committed to," he continued. "They were granted to keep Hoboken on a comparable standard with other communities."

"We can't go back on the increases when we are being held to them by formal agreements. But some of them can be overturned, such as the pay raises for myself and the city directors."

"I've recommended to the directors and the city council that the \$1,000 increases be eliminated."

The decision to begin laying off employees, including some who have civil service status, was made yesterday, at a long meeting between DePascale and the city's five department directors after it was learned that a tax rate of approximately \$105 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation would have to be struck in order to pay for the expenditures in the directors' proposed 1971 budgets.

Hoboken's tax rate for 1970 was \$84.02. This was approximately half the 1969 rate, but that was because 100 per cent assessed valuation was implemented between 1969 and 1970.

Most property owners found that while their rate of taxation had decreased, the amount of money they were actually paying to the city had increased, because the new value of their property had more than doubled that of the previous year.

City sources indicate that even with the mayors emergency action, the 1971 tax rate is going to be somewhere between \$90 and \$100.

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Hoboken Layoffs Will Hit 47 From Library Schools

Of the 100 or so employees who will be laid off by Hoboken and its board of education, five will be from the city's Public Library and 42 from the school system, it was learned today.

Four temporary library aides will be told soon that their services will be terminated in two weeks. Each will be given a full week's pay, a city spokesman said. A fifth library employee, in a position covered by Civil Service, has agreed to file for retirement.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION is reported to have decided on

laying off 20 teachers and 22 members of the maintenance staff for a total of 42 in all. However, board members are said to be still working on deciding who will go.

Especially difficult has been the selection of the teachers to be terminated on the basis of seniority.

It is reported that some teachers with little or no seniority will have to be kept on the payroll because they are teaching special education courses to mentally retarded or handicapped children, an area that is already understaffed.

Others with little or no seniority who may stay are kindergarten teachers, also in short supply.

The city spokesman said that because of their specialized work and the existing shortage in their numbers, teachers with more seniority will be laid off in their place.

Nevertheless, he added, all of the lay-offs within the teacher ranks will be from among the 33 new teachers hired for the current school year which began last September. Teachers who were hired for the last school year — the one that ended last

June — could not be affected by the dismissals.

According to sources within the board of education and school system, the only way to eliminate teachers is to do away with their positions.

Teachers sign a contract with the board of education which protects them from dismissal unless their conduct as teachers is questionable or they are brought up on criminal charges. But the board of education has one way of eliminating staff

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20 Teachers Must Go Hoboken Says 'Crisis' Forces Cut

Hoboken Board of Education President Melvin W. Christie said last night that 20 teachers in that city's school system will be cut from the payroll because of a serious economic condition exists.

Christie then announced that although the teachers will be given official notice terminating their services under the local

board, they will remain in the school system as a result of a recent federal grant.

Christie said as of Monday the board was to receive an additional \$300,000 in federal funds.

Christie explained that in order for the 20 teachers to be eligible for work under the federally funded program, they must first be out of work for two weeks following termination.

At last night's board meeting one resident asked Christie, "Who made the political decision of letting teachers go? Why couldn't they just raise taxes in order to keep those teachers?"

Point Dispute
Christie asked the question, "Who gave you the idea it was a political decision? We, the members of the board of education, made the decision."

Another resident complained that her child's classroom was overcrowded. She asked what would become of those children previously being taught by the 20 teachers facing dismissal.

Superintendent of Schools Thomas McFeely replied that overcrowding in the classroom will be relieved although he said he didn't know exactly how it would come about because they were in the process of devising a new work formula.

Edward Duff, president of the Teachers Assn., expressed gratitude when he learned that 20 teachers would not be permanently out of work. He added, "But should we hear of excessive overcrowding in classrooms as a result of the 20 teachers departure, we will take drastic action."

Last Thursday night the board announced that it had laid off 54 non-professionals working for it in an effort to save the city money. The termination of the 20 teachers will amount to a \$60,000 saving now, Christie said.

the local administration and in the revival of the city."

THE MAYOR explained today that the city's action is prompted by a combination of situations which resulted in a \$2,000,000 increase in the city's 1971 proposed budget as compared to the 1970 budget.

They included pay increases to policemen, firemen and other city workers which had been promised by the city prior to learning of the city's tight financial condition; inflationary increases in the normal supplies, equipment and materials used by the city, and a \$585,000 surplus which the city doesn't have to work with this year, but did have in 1970.

City Directors Provide List Of Expendable Employees

By PETER HALLAM
Hoboken's five department directors have delivered to the mayor lists of employees considered by them to be expendable. Law and Public Safety Director E. Norman Wilson, Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale, Health and Welfare Director Anthony Damato, Revenue and Finance Director Frank Bartlett and Business Administrator Herman Bier turned the lists over to Mayor Louis DePascale yesterday.

The mayor said today it will still be several days before any decisions are made on who will be cut and who will stay. He added that the state Civil Service Department will have to be brought in or contacted to make sure all its rules and regulations are followed.

MEANWHILE, the mayor's action was lauded by the Hoboken-North Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce today as one that is "courageous" and "difficult" but which can only result in "increased confidence

of the part of Hoboken businessmen and taxpayers."

Additional names will be turned in to the mayor following tomorrow night's meeting of the Hoboken board of education, which was asked by the mayor to take the same austerity measures as the city.

It had been reported that as many as 30 teachers may be in line for dismissal as the board abolishes their jobs and increases the sizes of classes for the remaining educators.

However, a board spokesman said employees will be considered for dismissal only after every possible corner has been cut.

"THESE ARE drastic times and they require drastic measures," he said, "but the dismissal of any personnel will be a last resort. We don't want to hurt anyone. If we have to, then let it be as few as possible."

He added that the board has an additional consequence that it must consider if it fires any teachers. "This is an extremely bad time

Fire Singed Pier Sale Hopes—Mayor

The general alarm fire which gutted the front portion of the 5th and 6th Street Piers in Hoboken Monday will make it more difficult for the city to sell the property or get a reasonable price for it after the city takes title to it next month, according to Mayor Louis DePascale.

"Hoboken stood to lose money to begin with," he said. "The current owner (Irving Maidman) owes more than \$700,000 in back taxes, just about twice what the property cost him 10 years ago when he bought it from the Holland-America Line."

"IN THAT TIME it has continued to deteriorate. It was doubtful if the city could have gotten a bid close to the \$375,000 the piers were purchased for if there hadn't been a fire. Now that most of the building at the bulkhead has been destroyed the property's value has been reduced even further."

The mayor added that the fire may also have eliminated some potential buyers.

"The piers were usable," he continued. "They did need a lot

of work to get them back in shape but it all fell into the category of repairs."

"NOW the buildings are just so much junk which will have to be cleared away before any new owner, if we get one, will be able to do anything with them."

DePascale added that the only potential buyers who might have benefited from the fire would be those whose plans called for demolishing the office structure, but he didn't know of any.

The mayor said the city will

sell the piers, as is, as quickly as possible after taking title.

MEANWHILE, city officials have determined that the fire was started by a person or persons unknown and believe children were the culprits.

"All services to the building had been turned off sometime ago," said a department spokesman, "so its very unlikely that the fire was caused by a short circuit."

"We're finally sure that someone started the fire, either kids or a wanderer. The question

is whether they started the fire to keep warm and it got out of hand or was it started deliberately for the purpose of seeing the building burn down. We'll probably never know the answer."

City fire units are no longer standing fire watch at the gutted structure but regular checks are being made by the deputy chiefs to make sure the area is secure and the fire isn't rekindled by a smoldering piece of wood somewhere beneath the rubble.

Hoboken Sends Notices to 12 in Civil Service Posts

Notices have been sent out to 12 Hoboken city employees that their services will be terminated as of early March. They are the first city employees in positions protected by civil service to be given notice in the city's austerity program.

As many as 70 in all may be taken off the payroll of the city government — plus at least 57 already laid off by the city's school system.

Mayor Louis DePascale said today that the employees are evenly divided between the public works department and the health and welfare department. The notices were mailed to them yesterday and gives them 45 days advance warning of their termination.

"These are not the first employees to go," the mayor continued. "Six temporary

employees have already been sent their notice, five from the public library and one from the public safety department."

"In addition, a list of 19 temporary employees from public works and health and welfare has been sent to Civil Service for approval."

The mayor added that it will probably take a few weeks for the city to complete sending out

the notices. He said that the notices would be sent out as the city received clearance from Civil Service to terminate the employees services.

In response to reports that there was growing dissatisfaction with the board of education's selection of employees to be laid off and that several members of the mayor's administration hadn't been included — Sixth

Ward Councilman John J. Palmieri, First Ward Councilman Anthony H. Romano and board attorney Robert Taylor, a close friend and advisor to the mayor — DePascale said they were being considered also.

"Everybody is being considered," the mayor added, "without regard to political affiliations, family ties or friendships."

HOBOKEN BLACKOUT City to Drop Care of Welcome Sign

By PETER HALLAM

The large sign on top of the 14-story former Lipton Tea building which has been telling the world for the last five years "Hoboken Welcomes Industry—Come on Over" will soon be a thing of the past, a victim of the city's current economy drive.

Herman Bier, city business administrator, said today the city is not going to renew its

contract with the company that has been maintaining the sign, as part of the city's effort to cut down expenses for 1971. The savings will amount to \$550.

In another economy move, the Hoboken board of education has agreed to purchase all its gasoline from the city instead of buying it from local gas stations at the regular consumer price," Bier said.

The board currently has five vehicles, a bus, three station wagons and a jeep.

Bier said the board should save a substantial amount by buying gas from the city, since Hoboken is under contract with one of the larger petroleum companies to supply the city with gasoline at the rate of 17.99 cents a gallon.

"The city will sell the gas to the board of education at the same rate," Bier continued. "This is approximately half the going rate for gas at most service stations."

2 Lose Acting Captain Title

Two Hoboken police lieutenants who have had the status of acting captains for several years will lose the higher titles as of Feb. 1, it was learned today.

Acting Capts. August Ricciardi, night detective commander and head of the city's anti-vice operations, and Walter Drew, daytime detective commander, were notified yesterday of the pending switch in a letter from Public Safety Director E. Norman Wilson. No reasons were disclosed for reverting the two men to their regular grades.

HOBOKEN police chief George W. Crimmins today confirmed the report, adding that both Ricciardi and Drew would continue in their present assignments, but as lieutenants instead of captains.

It is reported the move was prompted by the recent signing of a labor contract with the Hoboken Patrolmen's Benevolent Association.

Under the contract, men appointed to a temporary or acting grade are to be paid the salary for that grade. Both Ricciardi and Drew are getting

lieutenant's pay as acting captains. By reverting them to the rank of lieutenant the city hopes to avoid increasing their salaries.

HOWEVER, some police officials' interpretation of the contract indicates that the situation hasn't been cleared up. They claim the positions held by Ricciardi and Drew require a captain's rank. Since the two men are still doing the same job—a captain's job—they are entitled to captain's pay.

Capt. Edward Sheehy was the last regular captain to head the

detective bureau. Drew took over about three years ago when Sheehy was made acting chief. When Crimmins took over as permanent chief, Sheehy was reassigned to the uniform division and Drew remained in the detective bureau.

Sources within the public safety department report that officials are currently working on the reorganization of the police department. It is said to include the elimination of the rank of captain for the detective bureau, replacing it with the rank of lieutenant.

Hoboken Fights Narcotics

By PETER LAVILLA
Hoboken, like most cities in America, has had its share of the drug problem in 1970. The only distinction between Hoboken and other cities was in the number of arrests. As for the charges, it was the familiar heroin, marijuana, amphetamines, barbiturates, and sniffling glue, that popped up constantly on the arrest blotter.

Here's how things looked in Hoboken last year. Unofficially, there were 224 persons arrested on drug charges. Adults arrested totaled 176, while juvenile arrests reached 48.

In 1969, statistics showed 131 adults were arrested on assorted drug charges, and only nine juveniles.

Hoboken police are concerned over the increase of drug use, particularly among juveniles.

Of the 48 juveniles arrested, almost half were charged with illegal use of heroin, followed by the consumption of barbiturates and synthetic narcotics, and the smoking of

marijuana. It's the heroin that police look upon with watchful eyes.

As for adults, heroin leads all other charges. Of the 176 adults arrested, 152 were charged with illegal use of heroin; while other charges consisted of illegal use of marijuana, synthetic narcotics and barbiturates.

With 2 New Men
What have police and city officials of Hoboken done about the drug problem? Well, the police department has beefed up its narcotics squad by adding two new men to the squad, with the emphasis from Police Chief George Crimmins to get the pushers.

Since mid-September when the two men joined the squad, there have been 71 narcotics arrests, many of which were said to involve major narcotics pushers.

And the push to get the pushers is still on, according to Crimmins, "until we rid this city of these disease-makers."

The mayor of Hoboken and his city officials have taken a

giant step forward in trying to combat the drug problem.

The first step the mayor took was to have an outside firm come into the city and make a "comprehensive narcotics survey" on the city's drug problem.

On March 12, 1970, the Metropolitan Regional Council of New York, agreed to undertake the city's drug study, and report back on (1) (Turn to Page 8, Column 2)

Recognizes "Necessity" C of C Backs DePascale On Slashing City Payroll

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale yesterday was complimented by representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, at a meeting in the Union Club, with the businessmen supporting his intended slash of some 100 employees from the city payroll.

Frank Boye, vice-president of U.S. Testing Co. and president of Hoboken-North Hudson Chamber of Commerce, said:

"The Hoboken-North Hudson Chamber of Commerce recognizes as necessary the layoffs of a large number of Hoboken city employees announced by Mayor Louis DePascale. The chamber feels the mayor has no other choice under the city's present fiscal condition, and although the move is difficult, it is for the benefit of the majority of the people who live and work in Hoboken."

Some eight years ago, the mayor's predecessor, John Grogan, at the recommendation of the then Hoboken Chamber, laid off 94 of the least productive city pay recipients.

"The chamber reasons that the present courageous action of DePascale can only result in increased confidence on the part of Hoboken businessmen and taxpayers in the local administration and in the revival of the city."

Water Bill Will Be Paid—DePascale

By PETER HALLAM

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale today assured Jersey City officials that Hoboken will make good the \$479,639 it owes for water, and expressed surprise that representatives of Jersey City had doubted the debt would be settled.

"The city's reasons for paying or not paying are governed by one thing — whether or not we have the money available to do it," DePascale declared. "Hoboken pays its water bills with the money it receives from local water users. If they pay on time, then the city is on time with its payment; but if they're late or delinquent, so is Hoboken."

"Apparently our collections are a little behind, resulting in the city's being behind in its payments to Jersey City. This isn't the first time this has happened to either Hoboken or Jersey City."

"But we've always made good in the past and will continue to do so in the future."

At Jersey City's City Hall today Anthony Ferrara, city finance director, revealed that four other North Jersey municipalities owe the city \$269,288 in back 1970 water payments.

He gave the breakdown as Lyndhurst, \$159,000; North Arlington, \$63,000; Montville Township, \$24,788 and West Caldwell, \$22,500.

PHILIPP KUNZ, city business administrator, said Ferrara would write Vitale today asking what Hoboken's intentions are on paying the bill. "Jersey City's action will be determined by Vitale's reply," said Kunz.

"I believe this debt can be settled amicably," he added.

According to DePascale, Hoboken owes Jersey City \$380,636 in water bills and testing fees for the months of November

and December 1970. The difference between the city's figure and Jersey City's was \$91,000 for the month of October, payment of which has been authorized by the City Council and has either been sent out or will be in a matter of days, plus \$8,000 owed for monthly water testing.

THE mayor said he didn't know why the testing fees hadn't been paid but that Public Works Director Vitale should know.

Vitale said: "I was under the impression that Jersey City had agreed to forego the testing fee as the result of our discussions last April. I must have misunderstood."

Vitale added that he should have checked back with Jersey City when it continued to bill Hoboken each month for the testing, but he figured it was "just an oversight" on Jersey City's part and allowed it to slide.

"It will have to be paid," Vitale added. "It's in the contract."

ACCORDING to Vitale, whose department oversees the water department, a period of several weeks elapsed between the time Jersey City implemented its new higher water rate and the time Hoboken could increase the rate it was charging its customers and started collecting from them at the new higher rate. This, he said, helped get Hoboken in the hole.

"The new Jersey City rate of \$320 for the first three million gallons we use — the city had been paying a flat rate of \$110 a million for the last 22 years — went into effect April 1 of last year," Vitale continued. "However, it wasn't until June that the city was able to figure out the increase it would have to pass on to its customers."

"OUR increase was from \$2 for 1,000 cubic feet to \$4.50 per 1,000, retroactive to April 1. However, there were local water users who weren't billed the new city rate until June, July and August."

Vitale said that although property owners are billed every three months for their water, the three-month meter-reading periods differ from property owner to property owner. As a result, some were billed for readings taken after Jersey City had imposed its higher rate but before Hoboken had increased its rate.

"So some adjustments had to be made in their next bills," the director said. "Meanwhile, the city was still being billed by Jersey City at the new rate, which we weren't getting the revenue to meet, and Hoboken fell behind."

City Owes \$479,639, Not \$12,000

By THOMAS J. HESTER

Hoboken Councilman Steve Cappiello was correct when he announced that the city owes Jersey City money for uncollected 1970 water payments but he was wrong on the amount. It's \$479,639, not \$12,000.

Two high ranking Jersey City municipal officials, Philipp Kunz, business administrator, and Anthony Ferrara, finance director, apparently angry over the city being mentioned in a

"Hoboken political squabble," revealed the actual amount today.

Hoboken owes Jersey City \$471,639 in water supply payments for last year and an additional \$8,000 for daily state-ordered water tests.

Ferrara said the debt is the largest Hoboken has ever owed Jersey City. He did note that as of Dec. 29, Hoboken had paid Jersey City \$564,000,

including \$4,000 for the water testing. Kunz said that in the wake of Jersey City's tight money problem, he plans to seek a meeting with Mayor Louis DePascale's administration "to learn its intention about paying the bill."

Cappiello, who represents Hoboken's Third Ward, warned yesterday that the city owed Jersey City \$12,000 for the water testing service, according to a signed contract which states the

city must pay \$1,000 a month. He expressed fear that Jersey City would move to collect and that the city would not have the money to pay.

Raphael P. Vitale, Hoboken public works director, had replied that the city had not paid the bill because an arrangement was made last year with Jersey City to drop the charges for water testing.

Kunz said no such arrangement was ever made, add-

ing "If Hoboken will look on page five of the water contract we signed Nov. 1, 1970, it will see the section calling for \$1,000 per month for water testing." Hoboken did pay \$4,000 for water testing covering the first four months of the year and then for reasons unknown to Jersey City stopped paying.

Kunz conceded that during a meeting last year on the water contract, Vitale had proposed that the water testing charge be dropped, but Jersey City would not agree.

Hoboken, according to Ferrara, uses about 350 million gallons of water a month which comes from Jersey City's reservoirs at Bonton and Split Rock. It is one of six North Jersey municipalities which purchases water from Jersey City.

Hoboken Fires 40 in Registered Mail DePascale Denies Plan to Eliminate Departments

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale yesterday announced that registered letters have been mailed to more than 40 employees, telling them employment has been terminated, but refused to divulge names until such time as the employees have been personally notified.

Following a morning long session with his various department directors, with the exception of City Business Administrator Herman Bier, DePascale denied that he plans to eliminate any city departments in his austerity program.

It had been previously indicated the department of planning and urban development, headed by Hoboken's director Silvio Failla, and the city weights and measures department headed by Joseph Iverlino, might be abolished in the interest of municipal economy.

The shutdown of city employees, which has already included five temporary employees in the free public library and more than 50 workers in the board of education, is seen as a self imposed headache ordered by DePascale in an effort to curb an expected substantial hike in the current tax rate.

Said DePascale, "The scrutiny of the city payroll is not a one-day affair. We have notified some regular and some temporary employees of their termination. There will be others, including those on extended sick leave. We must abide by Civil Service rules in such a lay-off. There will be other moves to cut down where possible without curtailing services. It is a retrenching period, a real necessity at this time."

DePascale scoffed at rumors he plans to order the removal of both First Ward

Councilman Anthony Romano and Sixth Ward Councilman John J. Palmieri from their board of education jobs, both posts created after DePascale took office.

Critics of DePascale's administration had pointed out that Thomas A. Gallo, who is both secretary of the education board and president of City Council, has such administrative assistants as former Sixth Ward Councilman Joseph Bartletta as business manager; First Ward Councilman Romano as

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Firings Stir Criticism Assail Hoboken School Board Move

Hoboken political circles on both sides of the fence buzzed with excitement yesterday, as reports circulated that demands are being made on Mayor Louis DePascale and board of education officials to remove two city councilmen from the school board payroll.

Unofficially, it is now the contention of anti-administration critics that if DePascale is really sincere in cutting expenses to keep the 1971 tax rate in line, he will remove both First Ward Councilman Anthony Romano and Sixth Ward Councilman John J. Palmieri from the education board payroll.

Both city officials with dual jobs are up for reelection in May this year.

And the same anti-DePascale spokesman yesterday indicated the mayor is being urged to dismiss Robert Taylor as the Hoboken school board legal advisor, his duties relegated to the five-man Hoboken law department.

Romano also Cop The removal of Romano from the more than \$10,000 job he holds as assistant school business manager is not seen creating any hardship for Romano by DePascale's critics. They point out

he is a Hoboken patrolman on leave of absence since elected in 1963 and he returned to police duties where his services are more than needed because of police manpower shortage.

As for Palmieri, the critics point out that his wife is also on the board of education payroll, their combined annual salaries amounting to more than \$16,000 in addition to Palmieri's salary as a councilman.

This past weekend, Hoboken board of education secretary Thomas A. Gallo did not hesitate to release all of the names of school employees who are to be dropped from the payroll as part of DePascale's order to cut down expenses.

Gallo, who also serves in the dual capacity of Hoboken council spokesman and education board (asst.) secretary, said the following personnel have been notified (Turn to Page 4, Column 8)

Fired by Mail Continued from Page 4/1/71 assistant business manager, and veteran board of education employee James Bostick as another administrative aide in the same education board business office.

Referring to his possible elimination of both Romano and Palmieri's jobs, DePascale said, "It appears to be the figment of somebody's imagination or speculation. I've never entertained the thought."

Tax Cut Benefits 296 in Hoboken

Approximately 296 Hoboken property owners will benefit from the bill just signed by Gov. William T. Cahill which doubles the \$80 exemption they were formerly allowed on their real estate taxes, Dominic Spinetto, city assessor, said today.

Spinetto said there were that many senior citizen exemptions in 1970 but the 296 figure might vary for 1971 as properties are bought and sold.

With the old exemption, elderly

property owners who met the qualifications on income, were allowed to take \$80 off the amount they had to pay the city for their annual property taxes. This realized a saving to them of \$23.680.

According to Spinetto, this figure would now double but it would not mean the city will be getting that much less in taxes. He said that the state is to reimburse the city for a portion of the \$160 for each exemption, but he wasn't sure of the exact amount.

DePascale Picks Three to Keep Education Posts

Confirming reports published in Hudson Dispatch last month (Hoboken Happenings) Mayor Louis DePascale yesterday revealed he has recommended reappointment of three veteran education board members, effective today.

The educators include Fred Bado, Rocco Gratale and Otto Hottendorf. DePascale made his announcement following a consultation with education board President Melvin Christie.

"I've taken into consideration the many years of faithful service by these three mne, and feel they are justly deserving of reappointment," DePascale said.

DePascale's Pension OK'd By Assembly

TRENTON — The New Jersey Assembly yesterday, following suit of the senate, passed what is generally considered around the legislature a "tailor-made" pension bill for Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale.

Hudson County Democratic Sen. Frederick Hauser, sponsor of the measure, who had some weeks back introduced it to the senate with Bergen County Republican Joseph C. Woodcock Jr., denied that the bill was made to fit only the Hoboken mayor.

"That's all that I've been hearing for weeks. I must have had at least seven calls from the press asking who it is for — DePascale, or other Hudson people. It's a pension bill for public employees, that's all," he said.

At the many press tables, however, minutes before the bill's 40-0 passage, DePascale's name was the only one spoken and it was spoken loud enough to attract the ear of Hudson County Assemblyman Chris Jackman, who was presenting the measure.

"I'm just introducing the bill," Jackman said. "I don't know if it's for DePascale or whom," he replied.

The measure passed without one comment from the assembly membership, and it was conceded among many of those present that "Chris has done his homework well."

Why was the mayor, a former tank-commander war hero, the chief suspect for prospective aid under the bill?

For one thing, it stipulates that to qualify, the public employee must "twice" have been awarded the Silver Star, which DePascale was.

It stipulates further that the same applicant must hold "two" Purple Hearts, which DePascale also earned. Neither of the medals is easy to come by, it must be admitted. Who else in Hudson County has won both, no one seems to know.

The bill also calls for the applicant to have served 17 years or more in official employment of a municipality "and its school district" upon application. DePascale has served as mayor, freeholder and secretary to the Hoboken Board of Education.

The bill, among other things, calls for retirement at a pension rate equal to three-fourths of the pensioner's annual salary at the time of his retirement.

The opinion expressed by one assemblyman was, "It's not costing the state anything, so why any objections?" Half the pension will be paid by his employer and one-quarter by the federal government, it was explained.

Hoboken Employees Seniority Rights Hold Up Layoffs

Hoboken is having a difficult time eliminating between 60 and 70 employees from the city's payroll. The state Civil Service Commission has bounced back at least a dozen names so far of persons selected by the various department directors and Mayor Louis DePascale for dismissal.

The problem, according to Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale, is that while the employee doesn't have seniority in the position considered he does have it in another lesser job.

A CASE IN POINT, said Vitale, is that of Justo Della Torre, 38, of 97 Washington St. Della Torre, who plans to run for councilman in the First Ward against Councilman Anthony H. Romano and the DePascale administration, has been working in the public works department as a sanitation inspector for more than a year.

"He was notified on Jan. 26 that his services would be terminated as of March 11," Vitale explained, "and a copy of the notification was sent to Civil Service."

NOW CIVIL SERVICE has come back to us with notification that Della Torre can be removed from the position of sanitation inspector, but still has seniority as a laborer and can't be dismissed from that status until all other laborers with less

seniority than he has are dismissed first.

"So in spite of the notification the city sent to the man, he hasn't lost his job — just the position of sanitation inspector."

A REPORT in a morning newspaper that a 19-year-old had taken over Della Torre's job as public works dispatcher was scoffed at by Vitale.

"I don't know where that information came from, but Della Torre was never the public works dispatcher," said Vitale. "He did fill in for a few days when the man who had been dispatcher was transferred back to outside duties at his request. But then so did six or seven other public works employees, including two women."

"Everyone else knew that it was just a temporary thing until we found someone to handle it full-time. Now that we have someone, the others went back to regular duties."

VITALE ADDED the new operator, Michael Schaffer, is 20 years old, a Navy veteran, and well qualified to operate the radio network.

The director said that Schaffer is in a new position classified by civil service and will have to take and pass a civil service examination if he is to keep the job.

Vitale said Della Torre was told Tuesday of the situation and advised that he was to report back to his laborer's job as of today.

Rap Economy, Mayor's Pension Bill Hoboken Citizens Fuming

Hoboken's City Council was on the receiving end of a barrage of verbal brickbats on the state of the city economy and the controversial pension for Mayor Louis DePascale from an outpouring of irate citizens last night.

At one point, the criticism grew so heated and loud that a patrolman was called in to restrain several of the protestors and order them to return to their seats.

Speaker after speaker hit at the DePascale pension, which he would receive for his 17 years service as secretary to Hoboken Board of Education.

The council was challenged to urge Gov. William T. Cahill to veto the DePascale measure, and then heard itself called "political pawns" for the mayor and the department directors.

Again and again, the cry

was that the city was on the verge of bankruptcy, and could afford no additional expenditures.

It was also said that the nine councilmen should take a \$500 a year cut in salary. That proposal was announced by Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello. At present, the councilmen earn \$4,500 a year.

Cappiello declared that an ordinance should be passed at the meeting that would cut the councilmen's salary by that amount. Council president Thomas Gallo ruled that it was illegal, that it had to be brought up at a council caucus.

The audience reacted to that in a noisy fashion and had to be quieted down by the police officer.

The council managed to pass some resolutions and heard bids and proposals on

the agenda. Payment of \$7,000 to Jersey City for water tests taken during the months of May, June, July, August, September, October and November of last year was approved.

Payment of \$63,360.05 to Mayo, Lynch & Associates as final payment in accordance with an agreement dated Jan. 1, 1970, relative to the existing sewer system in Hoboken, was passed.

An ordinance to amend an ordinance regulating the control of traffic at Jackson st. North, one-way, was tabled for further discussion.

And, bids for the construction of a park and playground at 119-23 Madison st. were received from Milbrook Landscape Co. at \$37,880, and from Farm Harvesting Co. at \$34,876.

Firemen Eye Council Race In Hoboken

By PETER HALLAM

Will there be a fireman or firemen in the thick of Hoboken's upcoming battle for six city council seats?

Informed sources within Locals 1076 and 1078, the two labor organizations representing Hoboken's firemen and fire officers, told The Jersey Journal today that both are discussing the possibility of running members for councilman in May. The platform would be based on economy and efficiency in government with higher pay for city employees made possible through careful spending.

THE SUBJECT was brought up last week at the meeting of the fire officers, Local 1076, and again Tuesday night when the firemen belonging to Local 1078 held their meeting.

The information was further substantiated Tuesday when Capt. Ray M. Falco, president of the fire officers local, and Fireman Michael Wladich, firemen's local president, were observed in the city clerk's office seeking information on the procedure for qualifying someone as an official candidate.

When asked if they were going to enter candidates in the May council race, they replied that a decision hadn't been reached but the matter was being discussed by executives of the two locals.

"WE'RE JUST GETTING additional information on the procedure that has to be followed to get a candidate on the ballot in the event our local officers and membership decide to pursue the matter," said Falco.

They were told by Frank Lally, assistant city clerk, that in order

Layoffs Loom For Hoboken School Aides

One-third of the non-teaching staff of the Hoboken school system is being laid off indefinitely today by the school board while the teachers are preparing to ratify a new contract calling for raises of \$800 to \$1,600 per year.

But, says the board, it may have to ax some of the teachers too, very soon.

THE NAMES and specified jobs of the 60 (out of 170) non-teachers laid off will not be available to the public until the individuals are notified today; but it is known that janitors, maintenance men, doctors, dentists and others are included.

The board of education made the drastic cut at its meeting last night in Hoboken High School where it also was revealed that a new contract with the Hudson Teachers Association (HTA) has been agreed on.

HTA President Edward Duff said the new contract calls for salaries for teachers ranging from \$8,200 to \$13,000 in 11 steps. The present scale is \$7,400 to \$11,400 in 11 steps. The contract runs for one year for salaries and two years for non-economic aspects.

IN MAKING the slash in non-teaching employees, the board said the schools' financial

"plight" is so bad that they had no choice. The layoff is designed to save \$325,000 to \$350,000.

Board president Melvin Christie went to Trenton yesterday and saw Governor Cahill and representatives of the state education agency to plead for "any kind of state aid we can get." Christie said he told them of today's layoffs and that the board would have to begin considering teacher cutbacks soon.

"Trenton requested that we hold off any action affecting teachers until next week so they could have time to see if they can do anything — so there is some hope," Christie said. "But," he added, "they made no promises."

MEANWHILE Mayor Louis DePascale said today the dismissal of city and board of education employees will not be accomplished in one quick and easy stroke of the pen.

"The city is moving as swiftly as it can to terminate the services of these people," he said. "At the same time, the city has to live up to and abide by the accepted procedures for terminating employment."

"This means that we will be well into March before all of the city and board of education employees being dismissed have

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Continued from Page 1 actually been taken off the payrolls."

DePascale said that Hoboken school teachers require 60 days notice prior to termination of their services, while city employees in positions covered by Civil Service must get at least 45 days advance notice.

He added that employees in temporary positions could be taken off the payroll without any prior notice. However, the city plans to give everyone in this category two weeks notice, if possible.

The mayor and his five directors — Herman Bier, business administrator; E. Norman Wilson, law and public safety departments; Frank Bartletta, revenue and finance department; Anthony Damato, health and welfare department; and Raphael P. Vitale, public works — have just about decided who is going to be taken off the city payroll.

THEY MET for more than an hour yesterday for the purpose of completing the dismissals from the lists compiled by the individual directors for each department.

DePascale said the number of personnel terminated will be about 125, including those let go by the board of education.

Firemen May Field Council Candidate

Continued from Page 1 to get a candidate on the ballot in any of the six wards, the candidate must get the signatures of one per cent of the people registered to vote in that ward in the last election.

It is reported that the discussions on the possibility of running candidates stem from dissatisfaction by the firemen with the city's stand in their current contract negotiations. Both Hoboken policemen and firemen are now working without

a contract. The 1970 contracts expired last Thursday.

THE FIREMEN claim they were granted several items by the mayor during their negotiations since October. But last week, following the announcement by Mayor DePascale that 100 or more city and board of education employees would have to be dismissed for economy reasons, they were told that the city couldn't keep its end of the bargain, they said. However, the official stand of

the firemen is that the city can still honor those items previously agreed to and they are willing to show city officials how it can be done. If the city is unwilling to listen, possibly the voting public will.

Wladich and Falco confirmed a portion of the report, saying that they believed there were several areas where the city could economize without affecting essential services and use these savings to cover the cost of the agreed-to contract items.

"WE CAN SHOW them (the mayor and his advisors) how it can be done if they wish," said Wladich. "But we haven't been given the opportunity. We were called in for a meeting with the mayor, told about the situation and just what the city could and couldn't do. It was take it or leave it."

Although officials of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association and the fire organizations, including the Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association, aren't happy with

the present contract status, job actions, work slowdowns or other tactics won't be used, at least not for the time being.

PBA members decided at their meeting Tuesday night to resume negotiations with the city and hope for the best or a break in the financial crisis before the year is over.

FIREMEN and fire officers have also decided to hold off on any job action but have written to the Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) asking for mediation. The police have decided against this at this time.

Hoboken, Weehawken Get State Help in Erie Tax Fight

Gov. William T. Cahill has promised Hoboken and Weehawken the help of state attorneys in their quest to reach a settlement out of court with the Erie Lackawanna Railroad, which claims it has been over-assessed "millions and millions of dollars" by the two communities between 1953 and 1966.

The railroad has filed appeals with the state Division of Tax Appeals claiming that the two municipalities both overassessed railroad property during the 13

year period and should now pay back the railroad. Both communities have filed counter appeals.

HERBERT FINE, Hoboken's tax lawyer, said the main reason for asking the State and Governor Cahill for help was the general feeling that the matter could be settled out of court to the mutual satisfaction of all concerned parties.

Mayor DePascale of Hoboken and Mayor Iacono of Weehawken, accompanied by

their tax experts, saw Cahill on the matter last week.

"The governor was most helpful and has instructed state attorneys to do what they can within the scope of the law," Fine said.

DURING the administration of former Mayor Thomas Gangemi, Jersey City settled a similar claim with the railroad out of court in which the city agreed to refund several millions of dollars to the railroad spread over a period of years.

Crosstown Bus 'Going Over Big'

Hoboken's crosstown bus line, inaugurated as a municipal service Dec. 10, "is going over big," in the estimation of Washington Street merchants.

William Roth, chairman of the transportation committee of the Hoboken Retail Bureau, said today: "From what I hear, the businessmen are very pleased."

"Some of them have been getting some extra business out of it."

The bureau is waiting for City Business Administrator Herman Bier to deliver schedules and route maps to distribute, according to Roth. Once these have been obtained, they will be given out to customers and prospective business patrons, he said. That in turn should boost the patronage of the bus line, he added and make it more of a revenue-producing operation.

Montrone to Be Mayor Boy Scouts to Take Over Hoboken Positions for Day

Hoboken city officials, looking forward to a citywide election next May, today will turn over their elective and appointed positions to several Boy Scouts of America, just for the day.

Mayor Louis DePascale will relinquish his chair to Eagle Scout David Montrone of Troop 20, and other Scouts will assume the role of city leaders in the following jobs:

Anthony Uva, St. Ann's School, confidential aide; Fred Behnke, Demarest Jr. High School, business manager; Timothy Hanberry, Keasley School, city clerk; Richard Gromann, Brandt School, city comptroller; Michael Gribin, Stevens Academy, director of law and public safety, and Dominick Theresa, Leinkauf School, chief housing inspector.

Also, John Wassman, St. Peter and Paul School, director of finance; Kevin Gallagher, St. Ann's School, director of public works; Edward B. Johnson, Connors School, deputy director of public works, and Roger Barnstead, Leinkauf School, director of health and welfare.

Also, Richard Kearns, Sts. Peter and Paul, police chief; Jeffrey Thompsons, Our Lady of Grace School, deputy police chief; Andrew Savitsky, Brandt School; fire chief; Jose Alvarado, Keasley School, deputy fire chief; James Fitzgibbons, Connors School, fire marshal; Michael Augustine, Our Lady of Grace School, judge, and John Taglione, St. Joseph's School, judge.

DePascale Sees '71 as Better Than '70

Last year was not a very good one for Hoboken. Will this year be any better? Mayor Louis DePascale is expressing guarded optimism that 1971 will show improvements in all areas including banking, business, industry and construction.

"Reports I have received indicate there have already been signs of increased activity among our financial institutions," he said. "The number of depositors is said to be going up."

"One of our local banks, the Trust Company of New Jersey, has enough faith in the community to build a new branch office at Third and Washington Streets which will cost an estimated \$500,000 to \$600,000. The work should start sometime in March."

DEPASCALE SAID he didn't anticipate a worsening of the industrial picture which suffered a severe setback in 1970 with the sudden departure of American

Export-Isbrandtsen Lines from the Hoboken waterfront and the loss of close to 800 jobs.

"One of my prime concerns is to see activity resumed along the Hoboken waterfront," the mayor continued. "I'm not at liberty to disclose any names but the city and the International Longshoremen's Association are both contracting some of the larger shipping companies in the hope of getting a long term agreement."

IT HAS BEEN reported that the American President Lines has been contacted about the possibility of using the Hoboken piers formerly used by American Export and has expressed some interest in the proposition.

DePascale declined to confirm or deny the report.

Although irked by the efforts of New York's Mayor John Lindsay to entice New Jersey industry and business to his city, DePascale is of the opinion that it is better to get even than get

mad, and Hoboken is doing just that.

THE LOSS of American Export will be hard to make up," he said. "Directly, it was not a taxpayer. But it employed a lot of people who are. Now they are out of work or must travel a good ways to their new jobs."

"But we haven't been standing still either. Hoboken is rapidly becoming New Jersey's 'Garment District,' and at New York's expense. Many clothing manufacturers have become fed up with the city (New York). "Traffic congestion is the biggest problem, but they're also bothered by taxes and a high-priced labor market. Many firms have moved to Hoboken in the last few years and more are coming."

"THEY'RE BUILDING new buildings for their operations or rehabilitating old ones to suit their needs. They're also hiring local people meaning more job possibilities for Hoboken."

DePascale said that local businesses and merchants should have greater potential this year or next, depending on the influx of new residents to the city and the overall national economic situation.

"If people are working and making money they'll spend it," he explained.

BUT THE CITY'S biggest and brightest hope for the year, the mayor says, is in the construction field, where no less than 12 projects involving millions and millions of dollars will be completed or started.

They are:

1) NEW WALLACE SCHOOL currently under construction at an approximate cost of four and one-half million dollars.

2) John J. Grogan Marineview Plaza which will provide about 750 apartments and a parking

facility to accommodate 2,000 cars. Construction will begin March 1, or sooner, at an approximate cost of thirty-five to forty million dollars.

3) Senior Citizen facility to accommodate 205 families at Twelfth Street and Willow Avenue — construction should begin sometime during the summer at an approximate cost of \$2,000,000.

5) It is expected that the federal government will approve the application of the city for an urban development project which encompasses a three-block area — Bloomfield Street to Garden Street to be bounded by Newark and Observer Highways, and First to Second Streets from Grand to Adams Street, with an approximate expenditure of \$12,000,000 to \$14,000,000.

6) Construction of a new Bank at Third and Washington Streets by the Trust Company of New

Jersey, to be started in March, 1971, at a cost of \$500,000 to \$600,000.

7) Completion of the new I.L.A. Medical Center currently under construction at an approximate cost of \$1,500,000.

8) Completion of construction of new wing at St. Mary Hospital during the summer of 1971 at an approximate cost of \$5,000,000.

9) Construction to begin in March of new educational facility at Stevens Institute at an approximate cost of \$8,000,000.

10) All indications are that the sale of the Todd Shipyard property should take place sometime during the months of February or March, 1971, to Supermarine Inc., wherein the city intends to make its sale contingent upon the erection of a facility on the property. Cost of same is estimated to be in the area of \$20,000,000.

11) The application of the city to HUD for the enlargement of



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its code enforcement area should be approved in early Spring. If approved, several hundred thousand dollars will be made available for rehabilitation.

We expect favorable action on our application with HUD for a grant to be used for "scattered-type housing — new construction," DePascale said.

Hoboken Cuts Budget On Safety

Fifteen of Hoboken's 40 school crossing guards will be going on part time as the result of the city's current austerity program, a spokesman for the city's Public Safety Department said today, adding that contrary to previous reports they have not been dismissed.

"The 15 newest women on the job will become substitutes and fill in for the 25 regulars when the regulars are ill or can't work," the spokesman said. "An effort will be made to try to balance out the schedule so that all 15 get an equal opportunity to work, when work is available."

The layoff as it affects the schools will mean there will be guards only at the four intersections nearest each school.

Urges Veto Of DePascale Pension Bill

Martin J. Brennan, former Hoboken city clerk, a possible candidate for councilman in the fifth ward, yesterday sent a telegram to Gov. Cahill asking him to veto the special bill passed Thursday by the state assembly that would allow Mayor Louis DePascale to retire at a pension rate equal to three-fourths of his annual salary.

Brennan, in his telegram to the governor said, "The city is close to bankruptcy, business are leaving the city, employees are being laid off including many widows. Taxes are strangling the people. We can't afford this luxury bill."

Brennan also requested being allowed to meet with the governor or with one of his representatives. The bill stipulates that the applicant must be the recipient of two Silver Stars and two Purple Hearts, and must have served in municipal government for at least 17 years. DePascale qualifies in all three respects.

DePascale Pension Held Discriminatory to Veterans

By Special Correspondent

TRENTON — William J. Joseph, division of pensions director, wrote Gov. Cahill that the bill seemingly intended to permit Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale to retire at three-fourths his annual salary would discriminate against 65,000 veterans in New Jersey, The Jersey Journal learned today.

Joseph also estimated it would cost Hoboken \$210,000 to set up the retirement benefits for DePascale and his wife.

"There is nothing in the act which explains the reason this particular individual should be treated differently than the thousands of other veterans, many of whom have rendered more years of service and have many more decorations," Joseph said in his letter dated Oct. 15.

This was only 10 days after it was introduced in the Senate by Sen. Frederick H. Hauser, Hoboken Democrat. It passed the Senate last Oct. 8 and the Assembly Jan. 28.

JOSEPH quoted his letter to

Cahill as saying "there are very generous benefits now provided to veterans and other employees in the several systems. I am confident that 65,000 veterans will wonder why one, particularly with only 17 years' service, is entitled to such extraordinary benefits. The result is discrimination among all veterans."

Joseph acknowledged that his recommendations on pension legislation are not always heeded by the governors, but his comments would appear to make it difficult for Cahill to approve the bill.

"This is obviously a special bill," Joseph's letter to Cahill began.

HAUSER last fall estimated only six or eight persons in New Jersey would qualify under the bill's provisions. Joseph estimated, however, as many as 100 could qualify.

The measure states that any public employee who has twice been awarded both the Silver Star and the Purple Heart, who has served 17 or more years in

office or positions of employment in a municipality AND its school district, can apply for retirement and pension the remainder of his life at three quarters his annual salary at the time of retirement.

His wife would receive one-half his salary on his death, whether before or after retirement.

JOSEPH wrote Cahill that the veterans in various systems must wait until age 60 or 62 to qualify for special benefits which are for one-half rather than the three-fourths salary mandated in the Hauser bill.

Moreover, Joseph continued, there are no survivor benefits under existing veterans systems unless the employee takes reductions in his own half-half pay to provide such benefits, Cahill was advised.

THE EMPLOYEE contribution and interest on his money would



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amount to about \$12,000. The employer would have normally contributed \$68,000, "so the resulting deficit this legislation would require would be an additional \$130,000," Joseph explained.

The bill requires that the pension granted be provided in the Hoboken budget.

Joseph described himself as a personal friend of DePascale but conceded he was not aware if it was intended for his benefit in drafting his comments to the governor.

Hoboken Testing Police Television

The Hoboken police department, well on its way to becoming the first police department in the country to use closed circuit television for surveillance of high crime areas, will get its second demonstration of the TV system today from the General Broadcasting Co. (GBC).

City and police officials had the first demonstration yesterday from the Motorola Co. and expressed enthusiasm with both the demonstration and the potential of the overall system.

Sales and service representatives of Motorola set up two different types of television cameras on First Street, just outside the side entrance to City Hall between Bloomfield and Washington Streets. The monitoring station was installed in a small office just off the entrance.

THE basic system proposed for the city by Motorola would consist of the camera with a 10 to 1 zoom for close-ups, a monitor and remote controls for the camera. The camera can pan a field of 280 degrees as well as going up and down, all by remote control.

Hoboken has been given a grant of \$54,000 by the State Law Enforcement Planning Agency with which to purchase three such systems, all for the First Street area.

The main difference between the two systems were the cameras and their cost. The first camera tested was of the standard variety, similar to those used in home TV systems but of professional studio quality.

THE second camera is called a "low light level" model and has the added ability of being able to adjust itself according to the amount of light available.

John Myer, a product consultant for Motorola, said the low light level differed from the standard model in that it actually gave better night vision than the human eye.

Both cameras were set up at

ground level. The cameras the city finally decides upon will be placed on light or telephone poles slightly by elevating the cameras. However, the height of the cameras would increase greatly their ability to see within that three or four block area.

THE long dark shadows of an early winter evening had already ascended on First Street when the demonstration started. Black to the human eye was black on the standard camera. But on the low light level model the darkened areas became only lightly shadowed and pedestrians could be plainly seen.

With the cameras at ground

level approximately three blocks could be taken in clearly.

Myer said this would increase slightly by elevating the cameras. However, the height of the cameras would increase greatly their ability to see within that three or four block area.

"AT FRONT level we can see the front of an oncoming car but not what's behind it," he explained. "But mounted 75 feet or so in the air we have added to our field of vision. We can see what's behind the car."

Myer said the low light level system would cost approx-



FIRST TICKET—Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale (seated) yesterday buys first ticket for benefit reception to aid the fund drive of Hoboken-North Hudson YMCA to be held in Clam Broth House, Hoboken, Friday, Mar. 26. Mrs. Max Klimkeit, publicity chairman, presents the ticket. At rear is Thomas O. Bernheim, and drive chairman. The Stevens Concert Band and Glee Club will entertain at the reception.

State OKs List For City Layoffs By Seniority

By PETER HALLAM

A list establishing the seniority of employees in Hoboken's public works department and health and welfare department, enabling the city to lay off about 35 of them for economy, has been approved by the state Civil Service Department.

But proposed layoffs of teachers appear to be headed for a clash.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale and Health and Welfare Director Anthony Damato met with civil service officials in Newark yesterday for a general discussion of the dismissals proposed by the city.

VITALE SAID that through layoffs, leaves of absence and retirements he will be able to reduce his department's payroll by approximately 25 employees. He added that he might have to make additional cuts in personnel at a later date.

"I'm still working on the other expenses portion of my budget," Vitale explained. "If I'm able to make significant reductions and cuts in this area I won't have to take any more employees off the payroll. But if after making these cuts I should find that my economy measures are still short of their goal, I'll have to go back to screening employees and make further reductions in the overall staff."

DAMATO SAID he expected to trim about 20 employees from his department, 16 or 17 through dismissals and the rest through retirements or leaves of absence. "I have 14 who have been approved for the layoff, two who are in the process of retiring, one on a six-month leave and I've lost one additional member of the department who died," Damato said.

He, too, said he was trimming other expenses from his budget but may have to let another two

or three go before he is finished.

MEANWHILE, it was learned that the Hoboken board of education may have problems on its hands come next Tuesday when the 20 teachers it has dismissed are no longer in their classrooms.

EDWARD DUFF, president of the Hoboken Teachers Association, said today this would be a violation of the association's contract with the board of education and that the association would file a grievance against the board.

"The board didn't agree to any specific classroom size," said Duff, "but it did agree to make every effort to reduce the number of pupils in each class. If the class size is increased it will violate our agreement."

THE 20 TEACHERS will be out of work for approximately two weeks. All have been given the opportunity to sign on for a special education program at the current salaries. This program, See STATE—Page 8.

Name Hoboken Committees Officials Open Drug Battle

Hoboken Law Director E. Norman Wilson met yesterday with several city councilmen, the mayor, police chief, public school officials, representatives of Stevens Tech and members of the clergy to open war on the city's drug problem.

The meeting was called by Mayor Louis DePascale and was held in the offices of the Model Cities Project to find means of implementing recommendations made by the Metropolitan Regional Council in a report filed with the city last Nov. 24.

Wilson, defending his position as head of the city's public safety department responsible for dealing with the ever increasing narcotic problem in Hoboken, said he does not know how much the cost will be to city residents to follow the Regional Council's recommendations.

Admitting his responsibility to the Hoboken public to stem increasing narcotic traffic, both among addicts and pushers, Wilson said, "We are not intent on deciding which facet to attack first: 'the prevention of illegal drug use, the enforcement of laws against offenders or the rehabilitation of addicts.'" Wilson said a representative of the Hoboken NAACP was also present at the session.

On Mar. 12, 1970, Metropolitan Regional Council agreed to study the city's drug

problem and report back to the city the following data:

(1) the dimension of the drug problem in the city of Hoboken; (2) the issues and forces contributing to the rising use of harmful drugs; (3) all existing resources (not confined to law enforcement) capable of being utilized against drug abuse in and around the city; (4) a plan, for immediate and long-range use, consisting of recommendations and priorities toward reducing the incidence of drug abuse; (5) programs and proj-

ects dedicated to solving the problem of drug abuse.

The report pointed out that the drug problem is more apparent in Hoboken High School, but most incidents of drug use takes place outside the school rather than inside the school.

However, neither the full contents of the report nor its recommendations has been made public.

Hoboken Rehires Ousted 34

With some shuffling to please the federal government, Hoboken has been able to rehire the 34 employees fired by the board of education in a recent austerity move.

The rehiring was possible through the redesigning and expansion of the current Title One program in operation in the city plus an emergency grant of

\$72,000 from Washington. This brings the total Title One funds in the city to \$392,000.

AS A RESULT, the 20 teachers, ten matrons, and four clerks fired last month will fill positions in the redeveloped program. The teachers, however, will not return to the city classrooms, making the planned

redistribution of students still necessary.

According to Thomas McFeely, superintendent of schools, the teachers must fill new posts in the title program if the funds are to be used to pay their salaries. If they returned to their classrooms, the city would be responsible for paying them.

The move was necessary, he

said, because local funds could not support the employees. The cut resulted in an annual savings of about \$210,000 for the city, and the city is assured of the program's continuation through the next school year, he claimed.

McFEELY SAID the teachers will be used in remedial capacities that will substantially

improve the educational standing of children in the system. An advantage, he said, would be in allowing the twenty teachers to work more closely with slower students who may be falling behind in regular classes.

McFeely claimed the phasing out of the twenty teachers will not affect the average class size in the city by more than one or two students. Although he admitted that there may be some classes with 30 to 35 students, he said that the 20 teachers and the matrons, who are being trained as teacher aides, will assist the regular classroom teacher in these situations.

McFeely said the teachers waived the usual two-month notice normally given teachers before contracts are terminated so they could participate in the program.

THE BOARD of education will not be faced with the construction of new classrooms.

Install Police Line To Elderly Projects

The installation of two hot line telephones between Adams and Monroe Gardens, two senior citizen housing projects, and the switchboard at Hoboken police headquarters has been completed and both phones are now operating, a spokesman for the New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. said today.

"The phones were both operating Wednesday afternoon but the actual installation and rewiring wasn't completed until yesterday," he said. "But the work is finished now and telephones operating both ways."

He explained that persons at the senior citizen projects can contact police by picking up a buzzer in the police switchboard.

And police can call the two projects by plugging into the outlets and ringing.

Although the phones are operational, Hoboken Police Chief George W. Crimmins said he isn't going to assign men to call in from them at regular intervals just yet.

"I'm waiting to find out what is going to happen with the guard service," the chief said. "Or until I'm told to do otherwise."

The phones were installed after residents of the two buildings had complained to the city council about groups of youngsters and teenagers who had started hanging out in the hallways. They claimed there had been several incidents and as a result they were "living in fear."



STAYING ON—Three members of Hoboken's board of education whose terms expired yesterday are starting new three-year terms

today, having been reappointed by Mayor DePascale. From left to right are Rocco Gratale, Otto Hotendorf and Fred Bado.

State Gives Nod on Layoffs

Continued from Page 1—programs now under way at night in several city schools.

With the reduction in its blue-collar staff, the board has to consider the possibility of eliminating the use of schools for night basketball leagues.

SOME reported additional economy measures on the board's part may have a drastic effect on several recreational

activities at the Downtown Recreation Center, 117 Jefferson St., also may be in jeopardy with the reported dismissal of Eugene Drayton by Damato. Drayton, a part-time city employee, is one of the few employees Damato has been able to count on to work nights at the Downtown Center.

An appeal was made to Mayor Louis DePascale yesterday to keep Drayton on if at all possible. But there is little the mayor can do, because of Drayton's low seniority.

DePascale Hails Increased State Aid Plan

Three of four Hudson mayors whose communities are included in Gov. William Cahill's "no strings attached" state urban aid program today expressed gratitude at further financial assistance.

Mayor Francis G. Fitzpatrick, however, noting that Bayonne would get \$118,416—the smallest amount—said he was not pleased with the formula. "It's way out of proportion and not nearly enough," he declared.

Under the program recommended to the legislature today by Cahill in his annual budget message, four Hudson communities will share \$5,354,304. The urban aid will be for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Jersey City is allocated \$3,861,840; Hoboken \$711,072 and Union City \$662,976. Jersey City's aid is increased by \$1,571,288 over the \$2,290,552 appropriated last year. This apparently reflects Cahill's "fair and just"

share promised to the nine Jersey City councilmen who met with him on Feb. 2.

Hoboken, Union City and Bayonne are incorporated in the enlarged 24-municipality program for the first time. In the old program expiring June 30 only the state's six largest cities received \$12 million in aid.

In Jersey City, Mayor Whelan said he was "happy with the additional funds." He added, however, that it represented "no

more than a drop in the bucket compared with Jersey City's real fiscal problems."

Mayor Louis De Pascale of

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Hoboken called Cahill's action "absolutely marvelous."

"If the budget is passed by the House and the amount for Hoboken remains the same, it should just about see us through

the city's current financial problems and avoid a tax increase. But it won't allow us to rehire any of the city employees that we had to let go."

DePascale explained that Hoboken had approximately a \$2,000,000 increase in the 1971 municipal budget from last year. Even with the firings and reduction in the city's other expenses, it was not enough to offset the entire increase and a tax

boost would be necessary without the funds from the state.

"Much credit goes to state Sen. Frederick Hauser (of Hoboken) who followed through on this with the governor," DePascale continued. "And to Cahill, himself, who has displayed a great understanding of the problems of the state's urban areas. It makes me glad he was elected. And glad I campaigned for him and voted for him," said the Hoboken Democrat.

Said Mayor William J. Meehan, Union City: "If this is true, we can go home and get some sleep, we won't have to spend any more sleepless nights (trying to hold the tax rate). We wish Cahill all the luck in the world in trying to get this approved."

Cahill said there will be "no strings attached" to the aid but he expressed hope it will be used to "hold the line" on local property taxes.

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erty tax rates, with only "minimal" increases necessary, with even some "reductions" in the rates.

He announced the urban aid measure will be introduced today in the legislature but he hasn't decided who will sponsor it or whether it will be bipartisan.

Cahill scrapped the old urban aid formula based on tax and crime rates for new criteria recommended by the community affairs department, municipal equalized tax rate greater than the state norm; equalized valuation per capita less than the state norm; existence of low and moderate income housing, 1970 census population in excess of 15,000, minimum of 350 ADC school children 5 to 17 years.

Pierre P. Garven, the governor's chief counsel, explained that aid to dependent children represented 60 per cent of the formula weight; the other 40 per cent "need factor" built on per capita and effective tax rate combination.

Thus, Jersey City's allocation is founded on 9,188 ADC and 10.22 need factor; Hoboken 2,340 ADC and 1.47 need factor; Union City 446 ADC and 2.48 need factor; Bayonne 546 ADC and 0.14 need factor.

Jersey City's share is exceeded only by the \$7,425,872 proposed for Newark but Hudson and Essex each have four municipalities, more than any other county. Essex also has Orange, East Orange and Irvington.

Also sharing are Atlantic City, Camden, Bridgeton, Millville, Vineland, Trenton, New Brunswick, Perth Amboy, Asbury Park, Long Branch, Neptune, Lakewood, Passaic, Paterson, Elizabeth, Plainfield.

Cahill said he expects criticism from legislators representing municipalities not included or from those dissatisfied with the aid allocations.

Nevertheless, the legislature is expected to enact the new urban aid program with relative ease. Hudson's four Democratic Senators and seven assemblymen are expected to give their votes.

Cahill's remarks on the program echoed those by Thomas M. Flaherty, City council president, in discussing the Feb. 2 meeting on Jersey City financial problems.

Flaherty had urged Cahill to take the lead and propose "block grants" for the cities, just as President Nixon recommended in the federal revenue sharing for the states under which New Jersey would receive \$154. Cahill did just that today.

Ambulance Corps Sets First-Aid Training Class

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Edward McIntyre, right, vice president of the Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps, administers oxygen to Mayor Louis De Pascale, seated. Looking on from left are Dr. Eli Seligman, first contributor to the corps

fund raising drive; George Paproth, corps treasurer; Councilman William Mathews, president; and Raphael Vitali, Hoboken's director of public works.

The Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps will begin first-aid training Tuesday night in its recently renovated headquarters at the Hoboken public works garage, 256 Observer Highway, it was announced today by Edward McIntyre, vice president.

The class in basic first-aid will have 10 members and be conducted by Thomas Mooney and Thomas Heller.

According to McIntyre, the corps' goal is to have 30 working volunteer members and 14 alternate members. So far, 10 men have been accepted for membership but 20 more applications are pending.

"We're still looking for more people interested in joining the corps," said McIntyre. "Persons interested can fill out applications every Tuesday or Thursday night between 7 and 9 at the corps headquarters."

The corps is currently sponsoring a fund-raising drive to cover the cost of equipment and a fully equipped ambulance. McIntyre said he expected it would take approximately six months for the corps to raise the necessary funds.

City officials and some contributors were given a tour of the corps office on the second floor of the public works garage.

Hoboken Salaries Cut But Council Balks at Own Slash

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Hoboken City Council yesterday voted in favor of an ordinance amendment that will reduce the annual salaries of Mayor Louis DePascale and all department directors by \$1,000 but refused to entertain an ordinance that would decrease their own salaries by \$500.

Tension was evident at the city hall meeting as Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello insisted his fellow council members entertain his ordinance calling for the \$500 decrease from \$4,500 to \$4,000.

"I'm accusing each and every one here of taking the law into his own hands. You vote for a reduction of the salaries paid to Mayor DePascale and all department directors because DePascale told you to vote that way. It looks good before

elections in May. But the public can not be fooled by your actions."

"What about my suggested ordinance amendment to lower your own annual salaries by \$500? I'm entitled to have the ordinance at this table," Cappiello shouted.

Hoboken Councilman-at-large Stephen Mongiello, who presided at the public meeting in the absence of vacationing Council President Thomas A. Gallo, informed Cappiello that his suggestion for a \$300 pay cut for city council members did not pass in private caucus.

Ironically, the salary ordinance amendment introduced yesterday to cut \$1,000 off DePascale's \$18,000 salary and the department directors' salaries of \$13,000, included the \$15,000 pay of Hoboken Law Director E. Norman Wilson who was instructed by DePascale to draw up the ordinance in his role as city law director.

Wilson, who heads the city law department and the police and fire departments in a dual capacity, has publicly expressed the opinion that he is underpaid in comparison to the other city directors, and has reportedly threatened to quit the public safety post unless paid a salary commensurate with his additional responsibilities.

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meeting, Mayor DePascale was asked if he has any particular person in mind to take over the public safety department in the event Wilson makes good his threat to resign if not properly compensated.

Mayor DePascale simply replied "I haven't been notified that Wilson plans to relinquish his public safety post."

Yesterday's public session on the controversial salaries of top city officials was topped off by Fourth Ward Councilman Louis Francone.

When Councilman Cappiello kept insisting that all City Councilmembers agree to a \$500 pay cut, "In order to provide funds for the rehiring of some poor cleaning woman or street cleaner," Francone shouted:

"I'll go for all or nothing at all. I propose that all members of City Council forego their \$4,500 annual salaries and become \$1 a year men. I'd like to be a \$1 a year man."

His fellow City Council members shifted in their seats, sipped a lily cup of ice water, and took up other Council business.

When the elected officials retreated to the city clerk's office after the meeting, it was confirmed by one always reliable source that the same salary ordinance introduced yesterday to decrease DePascale's and department directors' salaries, originally included the salaries paid both Judges Rudolph R. Nadeau and Chris G. Pappas, and both City Clerk Anthony Amoruso and Comptroller John F. Erbeck.

The same source said "Mayor DePascale would not go along with such a proposal, reportedly made by Wilson."

Jersey City Due to Renew Hoboken Water Supply Pact

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The Jersey City city council today was expected to approve a resolution permitting the city to renew a one-year contract to supply Hoboken with water.

The action would come although Hoboken still owes Jersey City \$288,335 in back payments for 1970 water consumption.

Two weeks ago, Jersey City and Hoboken municipal officials got into a verbal battle over the latter city's intention of paying last year's water bill which was then \$479,638. Late last week, Hoboken sent a \$191,304 check to Anthony Ferrara, Jersey City finance director.

The terms of the new contract are the same as last year's. Jersey City would supply water to Hoboken at the cost of:

\$320. PER MILLION gallons for the first 3 million gallons.

\$295. PER MILLION gallons for the next 3 million gallons.

\$285. PER MILLION gallons for the next 12 million gallons.

\$240. PER MILLION gallons for all consumption over 18 million gallons.

At an additional cost of \$12,000 a year, or \$1,000 a month, Jersey City will take 60 monthly samples of Hoboken's water as part of the state-ordered bacteriological and chemical testing program.

The contract emphasizes that Hoboken must pay Jersey City by the 15th of each month for the water it used the previous month.

Jersey City is required to supply Hoboken with between 15,000,000 and 20,000,000 gallons of water daily. The water will come from the city's reservoirs at Bonton and Split Rock in the mountains of Morris County.

The contract is retroactive to last Nov. 1 and will expire Oct. 31.

Hoboken is one of six North Jersey municipalities which purchases water from Jersey City.

DePascale: Hoboken's Offering Best Office Sites to Commerce

Hoboken can offer industrialists and shippers some of the choicest sites in the New York port area, Mayor Louis DePascale said today as he cited the advantages of the "Miracle Mile" on the Hudson River.

Hoboken's unique waterfront location is ideal for virtually all types of industry, he said, and excellent pier facilities are available at the Hoboken-Port Authority Marine Terminal.

"We are minutes away from bustling Manhattan and conveniently close to world markets by highways, railroads and marine shipping," said the mayor, "and we fully intend to exploit that advantage."

site for office buildings will be emphasized in the years ahead, the mayor said. "With PATH at our doorstep, we're just minutes away from the new World Trade Center," he said. The big difference, he felt, is that "office space in our city will be far more reasonable."

Several construction projects are already underway or in the planning stage that should have a marked effect on the Hoboken community in 1971, the mayor felt.

He pointed to the new Wallace School, an uptown senior citizens apartment complex, a modern clinic for dockworkers and their families, a new wing to St. Mary Hospital and a new

building for Stevens Institute.

Two huge developments are also on the horizon. The mayor said he expected the old Todd Shipyard property at the northern end of the city to be developed by an oil refining firm into a modern, \$40 million facility. This should not only bring new tax rates into the city, he pointed out, but should create employment and stimulate Hoboken's economic climate.

Grogan Plaza The mayor said he felt work will get underway early this year on a \$33 million residential and office complex on Hudson River sts. from First to (Turn to Page 40)

Wilson Won't Quit, Even if Pay Is Poor

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Has E. Norman Wilson threatened to resign as Hoboken public safety director, or law director, or both, as reported in another newspaper? "Absolutely not," said Wilson today.

"I was asked this, and I made it very clear then that I have no intention of resigning as public safety director," said Wilson, "or as law director. However, this didn't seem to prevent reports to the contrary from being published."

Wilson, who receives \$14,000-a-year as law and public safety director, not including 10 per cent longevity pay, added that he did feel he should receive a high salary for holding the two jobs.

"But that isn't anything new," he continued. "I've been advocating this since I took them both more than seven years ago. A director who is responsible for one department now gets \$12,000 a year plus longevity. I'm holding down two departments so I think I should be entitled to more than \$2,000 more than the men directing one department."

Mayor Louis DePascale, who is reported to have declined

comment on the situation, told The Jersey Journal that no one had contacted him or asked him about it.

"In essence I agree with Director Wilson," said the mayor. "But it wouldn't be fair to cut all the other directors \$1,000 and not Wilson. Hopefully, we'll be able to adjust the salary range in the near future, maybe next year."

"But at the moment it's out of the question. The city's financial condition prohibits this at this time."

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Fourth sts. The site already has been cleared. The four apartment buildings and office structure will carry the name of John J. Grogan Plaza in honor of the late Hoboken mayor.

Hoboken was one of the first communities in the nation to be designated as a "Model City" to make it eligible for federal funds. The goal is to improve an area equal to one-third the size of the entire city.

"This is more than just urban renewal," DePascale explained, "this is the total approach toward upgrading housing, services and community facilities for our fine, old city."

New Hoboken Test

88 2/15/71

The state's Civil Service Department has decided to junk its ill-conceived bilingual examination for appointment to the Hoboken police force and is setting up a new test in line with what was wanted all along both by the city administration and the Puerto Rican community, as we pointed out recently in this column.

Applicants whose native tongue is Spanish will still be required to pass an oral test in English but will be permitted to take the written part in Spanish, using a Spanish translation of the questions. They will have to meet the regular minimum height and weight requirements. The previous examination set-up had drastically lowered these physical standards. That pleased almost no one—not surprisingly, in view of the fact that men who want to be policemen in Puerto Rico must meet requirements that exceed even Hoboken's regular standards.

Civil Service is to be commended for undoing a mistake.



IN LIEU OF TAXES—Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale (center) is on the receiving end of a check payable to the city in the amount of \$55,408 from that city's Housing Authority, last Thursday. The payment was in lieu of taxes for last year. Andrew H. Scherer (right) vice chairman of the Housing Authority, presented the mayor with the check. M. Edward DeFazio, executive director of the Housing Authority looks on.

Hoboken's 1971 Tax Rate Will Go Up \$10... Unless

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By PETER HALLAM

Mayor Louis DePascale's 1971 Hoboken budget goes to the City Council today calling for a new tax rate of approximately \$94 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, an increase of almost \$10 over the 1970 rate of \$84.02. But the final figures are still far from being in.

Still to be reckoned with is the 1971 tax to be imposed by the county—which may boost the

Hoboken rate another \$2—and a \$711,000 grant to Hoboken from the State, proposed by Gov. Cahill, which, if it comes through the assembly and senate uncut, could subsequently reduce the tax rate by approximately \$5.85.

If the county tax rate goes up \$2, and the \$711,000 grant goes through, Hoboken taxpayers will be paying around \$90 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Mayor DePascale has rested on the formality of keeping the

budget in its entirety under wraps until it has been presented to the City Council. However, he has made one exception—the Hoboken-North Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce.

A delegation from the chamber, headed by Frank G. Boye, chamber president, met with the mayor yesterday for a briefing on the budget and is reported to have received a copy for study.

A spokesman said there wouldn't be any immediate comment on the proposed budget until the chamber members have had an opportunity to study it in detail.

However, a few members of the delegation were of the opinion that further economies could be made by additional reductions in the number of city employees.

The report that the chamber has been given a copy of the

budget before any of the City Council members have had a chance to see it has irked at least one councilman, Steve Cappiello of the Third Ward.

"I don't think the mayor has acted properly by doing this," said Cappiello. "Not that I object to letting the chamber see the budget, but the council should at least have had a briefing on it. We have a situation now where the council knows less about the budget than private citizens."

Council to Be Dollar-a-Year Men?

Hoboken's nine councilmen may have to vote on a resolution to make themselves dollar-a-year men . . . but it is deemed unlikely the resolution will get many "yes" votes.

The issue arose at yesterday's council meeting when Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello tried to introduce a bill to cut the councilmen's \$4,500 salary by \$500.

A majority voted against introducing the bill, and a hot argument was under way when

Fourth Ward Councilman Louis Francione interjected:

"What good is \$500 going to do? Let's do away with salaries and make us dollar-a-year men."

Cappiello replied: "You introduce that and I'll second it." Following the meeting Francione said he was going to "feel out" the other council members on the dollar-a-year proposition and if it looked as if he could get enough support he would have the ordinance amendment drawn up.

Since the other council mem-

bers, except for Cappiello, are against taking even a \$500 salary cut, Francione's proposal which would wipe out their entire salary but \$1 isn't expected to go far.

The council approved payment of \$793 to the Hudson Municipal Air Pollution Commission as Hoboken's share of the county assessment and will send a letter to the commission asking for a report on what it has accomplished so far.

The commission will also be asked for its opinion on the effect

Supermarine Inc. will have on air pollution in Hoboken. The company plans to build an oil processing plant on the site of the Todd Shipyard. Councilman Cappiello asked that the letter be sent.

Compensation awards to three policemen, five firemen and a public works employee were authorized by the council.

The payment will be made to Patrolmen Thomas Kennedy, Richard Werner, and James

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Tuminaro; Firemen Samuel Bartone, Edward J. McDonald, Thomas J. O'Brien, Damion Uva, and Vincent Marzocca; and James Murnane of public works. All were injured while working.

Two ordinances were introduced for their first readings. The first rescinds the \$1,000 pay increases granted Mayor Louis DePascale and the city's five department directors. The other authorizes the city to sell \$275,000 in municipal bonds to pay for two hook and ladder fire trucks and two pump engines the fire department ordered last year.

Hoboken's 1971 municipal budget was presented to the council with a minimum of comment.

At the conclusion of the meeting Councilman Cappiello told the other councilmen that they should seriously consider reducing their salaries by at least \$500.

"We've laid people off at the board of education who were making \$2,200 a year and have been working for the board for 25 years," he said. "If we all took a \$500 cut we'd be able to retire one or two of these people."

"And if everyone on the higher levels took a cut we'd be able to hire even more of these people back again."

Fred Mezzina, a candidate for councilman in the city's Fifth Ward, chided the Council for not considering a pay cut.

"You should be ashamed of yourselves," he said. "You can put a whole lot of people out of work but you won't think about cutting your own salaries any so that some of them can get their jobs back."

Mezzina said he has obtained a list of all the people still employed by the board of education and was in the process of getting a similar list of city employees.

"I intend to make them both public so that everyone will know who has been fired and who is still on the payroll," he added.

Mezzina suggested to the council that it take steps to do away with the towing program and instead increase the fines for motorists who block the street sweepers path from \$2 to \$5 or \$7.

Maurice DeGennaro, another potential candidate, also took the council to task for not cutting its salary, and pointed out that several of the councilmen had other jobs with the county or the board of education.

Pasquale DeStefano, a Hoboken fireman who ran against Cappiello for Third Ward Councilman in the 1967 ward elections, asked the Council why it didn't allow Cappiello's motions to be heard, instead of killing them in caucus.

"At least the public would learn how each one of you stood on things like taking salary cuts," he said.

Hoboken Drops 64 More Employees

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Robert Kieley, a health inspector, will not be replaced, bringing about a further savings in city salaries.

Police retiring include Patrolmen Walter Sogliuzzo, James Catsos (as of May 1); Joseph Pantalano (June 1); Matthew Brennan (next Oct. 1); Lieut. George Torpey (next Aug. 1); and Sgt. Joseph McGain (next Aug. 1). The services of George Intelle, auto mechanic for police and firemen, were terminated as of Feb. 4.

Other permanent health and welfare department employees dismissed include Stephen Moore, Marylou McGrath and Kathleen Barry.

Other temporary health and welfare employees dropped include Raymond Weber, John Smith, Beatrice Roderer, Salvatore LaBruno, Leonard Roosa, Jarvis Wall and Peter Fontana. A six-month leave of absence has been taken by Lorraine Romo.

In the Assessor's Office, Olympia Di Palma will be dropped as of March 31, and V. Prestin in the Tax Collector's Office, also as of that date.

In the public works department a leave of absence is being taken by Harold Milne. Dismissed with 12 days' notice are John McInerney, James Caulfield (he will be rehired as city building inspector, replacing his father, Patrick; Freddy Sanchez, Margaret Farina, Cosmo DeBari and Kevin Jeffery.

Dropped as of March 12 are Freda Casazza, Peter Miele, retired Patrolman George

Fitzpatrick (now a watchman); and Mauro Scardigno.

Dismissed as of March 11 are Margaret Duff, Theresa Polce and Louis Lubrano. Others already dismissed are James Breithaupt and Justodora Torre. Retiring on pension from the public works department are:

Anthony Cardillo, Mary Carbonaro, Edward Torpey, Joseph Daguanno, Raymond Cook, James Cimicata, John Hildemann and Joseph Siano.

In addition, the public safety department is dropping ten school crossing guards.

City Lists 64 Employees Hit By Layoffs

The names of 64 city employees in Hoboken who are being laid off or have been prevailed upon to retire or take leaves of absence, for economy, were announced today. They are in addition to 77 employees laid off by the city's board of education, including 20 teachers and six employees of the public library.

Nineteen of the 64 will be retired on pensions or are already retired; three have taken leaves of absence; one has resigned; the others are being discharged, in some cases with several weeks' dismissal notice.

BEST KNOWN among the retirees in Police Capt. Arthur Marotta, a former public safety director. He is retiring as of next July 1.

A public figure being summarily dismissed is Abben Maguire, a longtime temporary acting superintendent of recreation.

Still others include Walter Hartye, taking a leave of absence from the public works department as collector of delinquent accounts; and Emily Emery, daughter of a former Hudson County freeholder, dropped as a welfare investigator.

RECREATION department employees leaving include Anthony Callandriello, sports supervisor, retiring April 1; Salvatore Aceria, recreation leader, retired on a disability pension as of Jan. 1; Eugene Drayton and Patrick Rongo, classed as laborers, and Corrado DePinto, a part-time temporary laborer.

It was also learned today that City Planning Director Silvio Failla will be taken off the payroll as his position is to be abolished, although it is still listed in the tentative budget.

At the same time, it was learned that the office of superintendent of weights and measures, held by Joseph Iervolino, will not be abolished as was previously intended.

Two city employees who recently died, Frank Flynn, water superintendent, and

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Big Investment Firm to Study \$50 Million Plant in Hoboken

By WILLIAM H. TAFT

Supermarine Inc., the firm that intends to create a \$50,000,000 oil processing plant on the site of the abandoned Todd Shipyard in Hoboken and Weehawken, has signed a \$200,000 contract for a feasibility study with the engineering division of the Stone and Webster Securities Corporation, one of the largest investment banking houses in the country.

Supermarine has asked Stone and Webster to arrange the financing of the project. The feasibility study is a preliminary step. It covers both the engineering and financial aspects of the project.

A SPOKESMAN for Stone and Webster told The Jersey Journal that the firm's engineering division may also design and construct the development.

No final decision on Stone and Webster's participation has yet been reached, however, beyond the feasibility study which is underway.

"We have been investigating and reviewing the possible ways to finance this thing," the spokesman said.

He said the Stone and Webster Securities Corporation specializes primarily in "arranging financing," which involves "either private or public placing."

THE SPOKESMAN added that the Stone and Webster man in charge of evaluating the Supermarine project is "particularly concerned with private placement."

Asked about a report that Stone and Webster was asking to be taken in on the ownership of the oil plant as the price of its financial backing, the spokesman would only reply:

"There are numerous ways in which the financing of such a project could be worked out."

Supermarine is in a favorable position from an economic standpoint inasmuch as it has a federal allocation permitting it to import 46,000 barrels of crude oil a day from Venezuela for desulfurization and refining at the Hudson River site.

Hoboken Asks Aid To Tape Cop Calls

Hoboken today hopes to get \$8,000 to \$10,000 from the state for a device to record all telephone conversations between the city's police and the public.

A request for this device has been added to a revised application for community relations funds sent to Trenton today by Police Chief George Crimmins.

Crimmins said the device would tape-record all calls made through the police switchboard, the police desk and the police radio room.

THE chief said the primary purpose is to give the citizens greater confidence in their police protection.

Like the photos of the finish of a horse race, the taping would settle "complaints about late service and no service." These often occur when someone needs a radio car or an ambulance in a hurry, and "a minute seems like an hour," the chief added.

Crimmins said he is asking for a recorder with a timer on it, so a message cannot be erased without detection. The brand he has in mind marks down the time in seconds, he said.

THE TAPE can record up to 52 hours of conversation. Crimmins said the police department would keep the tape for 30 or 60 days before erasing what is on it and re-using the tape.

Hoboken is about the only Hudson County town that does not have some form of recording of the public's conversations with police, the chief said.

DePascale Talks Budget With C of C

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale yesterday held two top level conferences in his city hall office — one with chamber of commerce representatives on his 1971 municipal budget appropriations, the other with private engineers seeking to determine if Todd Shipyard property is a feasible location for Super Marine Corp. to locate.

Referring to his budget conference, DePascale said Hoboken-North Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce President Frank G. Boye and representatives of Bethlehem Shipyard were present, as were city department directors and Law Director E. Norman Wilson.

Avoiding direct comment on just how much his new budget may jibe the present \$84 tax rate per \$1,000 assessment on property, DePascale said another session with chamber officials is set for Feb. 16, the day before DePascale's budget is presented to the city council.

"I've delayed the budget in consistent efforts to cut down expenditures. I am also seeking additional rates in order to keep the current tax rate in line as much as possible in view of rising costs," DePascale said, repeating comments of other county municipal officials that increased wages for all city employees is a big factor in the potential tax hike.

By law, DePascale is scheduled to arrange a public hearing on the 1971 municipal budget by Mar. 17, a hearing normally held in the high school auditorium.

The on-again, off-again plan for Super Marine Corp. to construct a \$20 million processing plant within the long idle Todd Shipyard property was discussed in what DePascale termed "a progress talk." Former Weehawken Mayor Charles Krause was present, as the attorney representing Super Marine. DePascale said another meeting will be held in a few weeks.

Vow Start on Plaza by April 15

Construction of Grogan Marine View Plaza in Hoboken will start not later than April 15, it was promised today by Bernard F. Kenny, head of the development company.

"We hope to be doing work on the site before the end of March," Kenny said, "but we will definitely be in construction no later than April 15."

Earlier, Kenny had predicted a starting date of March 1. This could not be met, because the financing for the four apartment houses in the project has not been concluded.

Heads of the State Housing Finance Agency, which is planning to lend the money for the apartment houses, were to have met in Trenton yesterday to compare Kenny's latest construction cost figures with figures submitted by their own staff. Because the holiday weekend had not permitted sufficient time to study the figures, this meeting was postponed to next Tuesday.

Both Kenny and John P. Renna Jr., the agency's executive

director, said the delay in completing the mortgage loan agreement was due to a disparity in allowable construction costs between the two sets of figures. The amount of the mortgage loan must be based on the anticipated cost of the construction.

Kenny said construction costs have risen so much that he could not sign up contractors for the

amounts of money the agency was willing to approve. He said he was trying to convince the agency that its estimates were too low.

Renna told The Jersey Journal today that he hoped to meet with Kenny shortly to reconcile the conflicting figures. "After that is squared away," Renna said, "we should be able to finalize the agreement."

That could take place, Renna said, at the meeting next Tuesday.

The site of Grogan Marine View Plaza comprises three city blocks bounded by 1st, River, 4th and Hudson streets. The total cost has been estimated at \$45,000,000. The four 25-story apartment houses will total 775 apartments.

There will also be a 25-story

office building and three garages. The city's parking authority has \$8,500,000 from the sale of bonds to put up the garages. The financing of the office building must be arranged separately with private financiers by the Taylor, Woodrow Blitman Urban Renewal Corporation, the firm headed by Kenny.

DePascale Says Grant For Park Center Was Announced Last May

A \$962,666 grant to Hoboken for a neighborhood facility center in Church Square Park was announced from Washington today by U.S. Sen. Clifford P. Case . . . but Mayor DePascale promptly noted that the grant had already been announced by the federal Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) last May 23.

"Unless this is a final approval of the project, I don't know what's new about it," DePascale

said. The announcement last May was made through The Jersey Journal.

DePascale added today that an additional \$390,000 for the project would come from the Hoboken Model Cities agency, and \$100,000 is to come from the city. The city, however, is trying to get some money from the state, he said, to offset part of the \$100,000.

DePascale Is Driving Hard On Budget—To 'Cut the Cuts'

Hoboken's 1971 municipal operating budget, already cut drastically from its initial figure, is almost certain to be reduced even further before the March 17 public hearing at Hoboken High School, Mayor Louis DePascale said today.

"I fully intend to make additional cuts," said the mayor. "However, since I haven't made any definite decisions yet I'm not at liberty to disclose what they

will be or what departments will be effected by them.

"I will say this: I'm out to cut the cuts," he added.

DePascale said he will meet with the Hoboken-North Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce tomorrow and discuss some of his proposals with the chamber representatives.

The chamber may have some suggestions of its own. Its

members have been given the proposed city budget close scrutiny since getting a copy last week.

DePascale said all the cuts that are to be made will be accomplished by March 12. That day all of the councilmen, directors and the city comptroller will meet with DePascale for a final briefing on the budget and the cuts that are being made.

De Pascale's Job Conflict—Cappiello

Hoboken Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello today called on Mayor Louis DePascale to resign as either mayor or freeholder, charging DePascale had a "conflict of interests." But the mayor said he wouldn't, adding that the councilman was trying to grab pre-election publicity.

"I am asking the mayor to

resign because it is impossible to serve two masters," said Cappiello. "How can he possibly act in good faith in behalf of the city of Hoboken when it is his duty as a freeholder to prepare and vote on the county budget."

"The mayors of Hudson's other communities are going to meet with the freeholders and argue

strongly for further cuts in the county budget. How can DePascale give Hoboken that kind of representation when the budget is one that he helped prepare?"

"The mayor has an austerity program in Hoboken, but is he being just as austere on the county level? I'm asking him to prove it or resign."

DePascale said holding the jobs of mayor and freeholder was not a conflict of interests and added that Cappiello knew

very well that it wasn't. "He knows this question has been resolved already by the courts," said the mayor.

"As for the county budget, I'm out to see it cut in every area where it is possible to make reductions."

Recreation Center Gets New Look

More than \$100,000 is being spent on the renovation of the Jefferson Street Recreation Center at 117 Jefferson St., which will eventually have a day care center and an improved recreation area, Mayor Louis DePascale said today.

A total of \$66,000 is being spent to renovate the south wing, the day care center location. When

completed the center will house 60 pre-school children from the Model Cities area. The renovations being made on the north wing will cost \$35,000. It will house recreation programs and a "teen post" where Model Neighborhood youth can gather.

Both projects, according to the mayor are progressing rapidly.

Failla's Post Abolished In Hoboken Cut

By JACK ECKHARDT

The \$12,000-a-year post of planning and development director held the past five years by Silvio Failla is to be abolished, it was revealed in Hoboken yesterday.

Failla, longtime head of Failla Memorial Home, has announced he plans to retire from active political life, but has reportedly assured Mayor Louis DePascale he is ready, willing and able to help out if called upon in the future.

The abolishment of Failla's planning and development directorship was predicted recently in Hudson Dispatch (Hoboken Happenings) as a means of Mayor DePascale cutting down the 1971 municipal budget. At that time, it was speculated that Failla might replace E. Norman Wilson (Turn to Page 4, Column 6)

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as head of the city's public safety department.

Mayor DePascale says that Failla offered his voluntary resignation in the interest of providing the budget economy that DePascale is seeking before the public budget hearing on Mar. 17.

DePascale said yesterday, "I do not intend to fill the post vacated by Failla at this time." It is reported Failla's resignation took place on Thursday, when he, Mayor DePascale and Sixth Ward Councilman John J. Palmieri were luncheon guests at the Marlton Room.

Failla, recognized as one of DePascale's top financial supporters in previous Hoboken municipal elections, did not comment on his reported "voluntary" resignation on Thursday when confronted by newsmen.

Yesterday's action by Mayor DePascale to abolish the post held by Failla is seen as in keeping with his recent announcement that he hopes to cut \$100,000 from the 1971 budget in addition to cuts already suggested.



FULL INSTRUCTION—Dr. Eli Seligman (seated left), director of Hoboken's Volunteer Ambulance Corps, instructs other members of the organization in the practical use of a resuscitator. At rear from left are, George Paproth, treasurer; Mayor Louis DePascale, honorary chairman; Second Ward Councilman William Mathews, president; Director Raphael Vitale, vice president; and Edward McIntyre, ambulance corps treasurer. The Volunteer Ambulance Corps is the first of its kind in Hoboken, and will be put into use in the immediate future.

DePascale Lauds Federal Multi-Service Center Approval

Approval of Hoboken's proposed Multi-Service Center by Washington sets the stage for delivery of needed social, recreational, health and legal services to Hoboken's residents. Mayor Louis De Pascale said today.

"Perhaps the most significant accomplishment of this \$1,462,666 project will be its central location in Church Square Park," the mayor said. "And, even more important, it will localize many services that now exist only in other cities and towns in Hudson County."

"Though many social services

exist in Hudson County for the poor and medical and legal indigent, Hoboken has remained isolated from them."

The mayor added that, for people without cars, "transportation to these services, especially for working mothers with large families and senior citizens, is a complicated and time-consuming process for those Model Neighborhood and Hoboken residents who have trouble getting around."

The center will ease not only the problem of accessibility of services locally but will improve coordination of these services, the mayor continued.

"Besides housing services that do not exist at this time in Hoboken," he said, the center will be a referral point for the more essential services, including welfare. Currently, a Model Neighborhood resident must travel past Journal Square in Jersey City to get welfare information and aid, not to mention the near impossibility of contacting the welfare agency by phone — it is nearly always busy."

Also at the Multi-Service Center, the mayor added, will be art and recreation. The center will have a completely equipped gymnasium.

Hoboken's Newest Minority: Hindus

By WILLIAM H. TAFT

A new ethnic minority is springing up in Hoboken. Indians—not the American Indians mistakenly identified by Columbus, but real ones — from Hindu India.

More and more, the colorful saris worn by Indian women are being seen on the city's streets, as well as bindis, the red spot in the middle of their forehead, a "sign of happiness."

Indians have been flocking to America since the immigration laws were changed two years ago. They are clustering in Hoboken because there already was a nucleus there, chiefly made up of students at Stevens Institute. Many of the students were from Gujarat, so Hoboken became as well known in that Hindu state on India's west coast as Los Angeles or New York.

The Indians come by plane, some by way of England after a stop-over.

They have an advantage over immigrants from most other lands. Most of them already know English. At least, they can read it, and can speak it (with a slight British accent) well enough to make themselves understood, although they may have trouble grasping rapidly-spoken Americanese.

And they are enterprising — they want to get ahead.

Take Mukund Shah. He landed here with \$430 three and a half years ago. He has an ordinary job in a textile factory across the river in New York, and he works a regular five-day week there.

What else does he do? Evenings, Saturdays and Sundays, he operates a spice shop at Sixth



Mrs. Shah holds daughter, Parool.

and Bloomfield streets in Hoboken, which offers a large variety of Indian imports, and serves as a gathering place for the Indian community, pretty much bunched in the vicinity.

As if that were not enough, Mukund Shah attends to three

apartment houses across the street which he has bought with his Hoboken earnings!

Shah's relatives, his wife's relatives, their friends and neighbors from Gujarat, can easily find up Mukund Shah's

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apartments with reliable tenants. Those who located elsewhere during the growing swell of Indian immigration frequently visit the Hoboken colony. Mukund Jamanadas Desai, Mrs. Shah's brother, who graduated last month as a mechanical engineer from the University of New Haven, is a current visitor at the Shah residence at 521 Bloomfield St.

He is looking for a job. (He graduated at the wrong time for engineers.) He wants to work in this country for a couple of years, then go back to India.

Marriages? There have been only a few among Hoboken's Hindus. "I would only marry an Indian girl," confides Desai. Why? Well, just because it is the custom, and he would not feel right doing otherwise.

For a marriage they hire a hall. The ceremony is in Sanskrit.

Bipin Sheth, a nephew of Mukund Shah, is studying automotive engineering at a technical institute in Newark, and is living in Hoboken at 1122 Washington St. He wants to work here for four or five years, to get training, before going back to India. Both Desai and Sheth came to America because of "better opportunities to study."

Another nephew, Thanshyam Desai, has just arrived on a student visa to attend the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut.

Why do the women still drape their figures with saris (pieces of cloth up to 15 feet long or longer) even after several years here? Because it is the Indian woman's national dress, and Indians are

strongly imbued with the sense of custom.

And Hoboken's Hindus still cling to the patriarchal family ways. The wives do not venture forth into the street unescorted by their husbands or relatives any more than they have to. It is "custom."

The women do not resent this. Shah's wife, Madhu Kanta, still young, has to take care of three children, Parool, a girl, six months; and two boys, Vijay, 5, and Pradip, 14. But she also deals with the tenants and troubles of the three apartment houses during the day. And evenings and weekends she helps in the store (the only times it is open.) Wishal, she does not even look third.

The shop is known as Kumar Bros. Store. Who are the Kumar Brothers? They are the Shahs' sons, Vijay and Pradip. Their middle name is Kumar!

Indians seem rather limited in last names. Of the more than 400 residing in Hoboken, there are 33

Hoboken telephones listed in the name of "Patel."

Though the Stevens students are now a minority in Hoboken's Hindu population, Stevens is still a center for the Hindu community. There is an India Students Association, whose membership is open to non-Indians.

And every Friday and Saturday night an Indian movie with English subtitles is shown at the Stevens Center.

Announcements of what's showing are posted in the spice shop. Non-Indians are also welcome at the movies.

Hoboken Library Orders 239 Books

Hoboken's public library ordered 239 books last month, Lucille Cunningham, librarian, announced today.

Some of the titles, and the authors, are:

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The Merry Month of May: A Novel, James Jones; Lassiter's Folly, Nathaniel Benchley; The Black Aesthetic, Edited by Addison Gayle, Jr.; Farrington's Retreat: A Novel, Tom McElroy; Don't Say Yes Until: Finnish Talking: A Biography of Darryl F. Zanuck, Mel Gussow; Howells: A Natural History, Sherwin Carlquist; The Quest for Christa T. Christo Wolff; More Stories of the Great Operas, Milton Cross and Karl Kohrs; Lame Duck: A Novel, E.M. Beekman; Not Without The Americans: A Personal History, Keyes Beech; The Peragon: A Novel, John Knowles; Anti-Semitism Without Jews: Communism Eastern Europe, Paul Lendvai; The Sword and the Golem: A Novel, Abraham Rothberg; Of Course You Can Sew! Basics of Sewing for the Young

Beginner, Barbara Corrigan; The Angelica: A Novel, May Dikeman; Religions of India: Hinduism, Yoga, Buddhism, Thomas Berry; The Throne of Saturn: A Novel of Space and Politics, Allen Drury; The Trouble With Heroes: A Novel, Marjorie Dineen; The Middle East in Revolution, Humphrey Trevelyan; Single Again, Howard A. Lyman; Ph.D. Quotidian: Quotidian's Truth, Mark Gross; bourn's Truth, Mark Gross; The Stars in Their Courses, Isaac Asimov; Wild Animals As Pets, Richard K. Mathews; Feeling It: A Novel, L. H. Whittemore; Model City: One Town's Efforts to Rebuild Itself, Fred Powledge; The Crossing, Howard Fast; The Angel Inside Went Sour, Esther Rohman; The Truth About Drugs, Geoffrey Australian; Sons and Daughters of Adam, Philip Wylie; Bondage, Freedom and Beyond: The Pros and Cons of American Slavery, Addison Gayle Jr.; She'll Never Get Off The Ground, Robert J. Serling; The Golden Rock: A Novel, Eleanor Hecker; The Tuesday Cabinet: Deliberation and Decision on Peace and War Under Lyndon B. Johnson, Henry F. Graff; The Low Fat, Low Cholesterol Diet, Gloria Beth Young; Band: America and Russia in a Changing World, W. Averell Harriman; In Council Rooms, Apart: A Novel of Suspense, John Craig; Abyss: Two Novellas, Kate Wilhelm.

Hoboken to Sack Computer Handling Parking Tickets

Hoboken will terminate its agreement with a Clifton computer systems company which has been processing overdue parking tickets for the city since last August, Mayor Louis DePascale said today.

"I have asked the law department to draw up a resolution authorizing the city to give the company 30 days notice as required in the agreement the city currently has with the company," the mayor said.

"The company had definitely been of great assistance in helping to eliminate the backlog of

tickets in the violations bureau, but the additional revenues which we hoped would be forthcoming weren't."

DePascale said that a six-month survey of the company's operation did not show a substantial increase in violation bureau revenues.

A representative of the company, Management Data Processing Systems of Clifton, met with the mayor yesterday to discuss the figures revealed in the survey.

Meanwhile, it was learned

from Mrs. Marion Roland, head violations clerk, that part of a foul-up which saw tickets being mailed out after the date the motorists getting them were scheduled to appear in court was the city's responsibility.

"The violations bureau ran out of the special envelopes which are used to send out the supplemental notices," she said. "A requisition for a new supply was made out several weeks before the old supply ran out but was apparently misplaced upstairs and the order was delayed."

The situation was further complicated by an error made by the computer. It has stamped Feb. 24 on a large number of supplemental notices as the day the motorists were scheduled to appear in court. However, Feb. 24 was a Wednesday, a day when there is no court in Hoboken.

Mrs. Roland estimated that close to 500 persons called to inquire about the appearance date or to complain that they hadn't received the notice until after the scheduled court date had already passed.

Hoboken Gets 88.9% of '70 Realty Tax

With all the talk about property owners being bankrupted by high taxes, Hoboken managed to collect a respectable percentage of its 1970 real estate tax levy, The Jersey Journal learned today.

The city collected \$9,187,848 of the \$10,325,977 in taxes levied last year, or 88.96 per cent, a drop of less than one per cent from the 1969 collections.

This compares more than favorably with the experience of

Hoboken's neighboring municipality, Weehawken, a wealthier community. Weehawken collected about 93 percent of its taxes in 1969, but Mayor Iacono disclosed recently that the percentage nose-dived

five points to about 88 per cent in 1970.

Hoboken's 88.96 percentage figure for 1970, while lower than the 1969 figure, is still higher than the percentage the city collected in 1968 and 1967.

In 1969 the city collected \$8,804,331 of its \$9,807,186 levy, or 89.77 per cent.

In 1968 Hoboken collected only 86.85 per cent of its tax levy. In 1967 it was 88.18 per cent.

Hauser Says He's Leaving School Post

Satte Sen. Frederick H. Hauser, who will be 71 in May, has announced his intention of retiring as assistant to Hoboken School Superintendent Thomas F. McFeely, effective May 1.

Hauser's decision to leave his \$19,500 post as school system assistant was made known yesterday following a meeting of the Hoboken Board of Education Monday night. Hauser, in addition to his elected post as state senator, has held the school post since 1954.

Speculation in the Mile-Square-City began almost immediately as to Hauser's successor, most top echelon officials voicing the opinion that Raymond G. Clyons, now principal at Joseph F. Brandt School is in line for the job.

However, other top city hall sources and those within the Hoboken school system expressed the opinion that in view of Mayor Louis DePascale's austerity program and the firing of many school employees, including aged cleaning women and matrons, the job of assistant to the school superintendent held by Hauser may be abolished in a further economy move.

Records show that Sen. Hauser has been on the Hoboken public school system payroll since September 1921, when he was employed as a history teacher.

In 1945, he was elevated to the post of vice principal at David E. Rue School, and subsequently named to his present post of assistant to the school superintendent in September 1954, reportedly on recommendation of the late Hoboken Mayor John J. Grogan.

Mayor Queries Intentions Of Park Center Opponents

By PETER HALLAM

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale said today he "has to question the motivation" of any group or individual who is against the construction of a neighborhood facility center in Church Square Park without first knowing all the details.

"Anyone who moves to stir up discontent before knowing all of the facts isn't doing a service to the city of Hoboken," the mayor declared.

The mayor's response was to a group of local residents who want to "save Church Square

Park" from the planned construction because of what it will do to the appearance of the park, to the trees and to the play areas.

"If these people are truly interested in the park and finding out just what is really going to happen there, my door is open to them," the mayor continued. "They are welcome to come and discuss the facts, not what they think is going to happen."

One of the group's arguments is that there are other suitable locations in Hoboken — such as vacant city-owned lots — that

could accommodate the center without taking anything away from the park.

"While there are vacant lots available throughout the city, there aren't any with as central a location as Church Square Park," the mayor explained. "This center is designed for the use of all Hoboken residents and should be in a central location."

"As far as the beauty of the park is concerned, when this project is finished the park will be more suitable for use than it is now, and at a cost to the city

of about 10 cents on the dollar, maybe less."

The building is to be located on the east side of the park along Garden Street between Fourth and Fifth Streets.

Meanwhile, the Committee to Save Church Square Park has scheduled a co-ordinating meeting for tomorrow at 8 p.m. at 928 Bloomfield St. to discuss plans for continuing its petitions drive.

The committee began collecting signatures last weekend and reportedly gathered the names of some 600 persons in the park and

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along Washington Street who oppose the park project.

Mrs. Donald Singleton, a spokesman for the committee, said it was the committee's feeling that there were other sites in the city suitable for the center if the city looked for them.

She added that the city didn't have any money for anything but the construction of the center itself. There weren't any funds for reclaiming part of the sidewalks around the park which the city claims will offset the land it needs to build the center.

"At least 20 trees will be lost if the center is built there," she continued. "And there is no way of replacing a 100-year-old tree."

Mrs. Singleton pointed out that park space in Hoboken was at a premium.

No goal has been set in the petition campaign. She said the committee hoped to get as many signatures as possible before turning them over to the city.

According to Mrs. Singleton, the committee isn't limiting its efforts to the petitions campaign. She said that legal action might be taken if the city was unresponsive to the petitions.

The committee's cause got a boost today from Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello who said he is presenting a letter to Mayor DePascale and Model Cities asking the Church Square Park be withdrawn as the site for the center.

"There is much rundown property in the Model Cities area that could be used for the center," Cappiello said. "Church Square Park is not within the Model Cities area."

"I don't feel the center is in the best interest of the people of Hoboken if it means sacrificing even a small part of one of the few natural settings in the city."

Cappiello said he had questioned the use of Church Square Park since the inception of the project and was glad to find others who shared his sentiments.

"They can count on me for whatever assistance I can give, including going to court if that's what it takes to save the park," he added.



SENIOR DISCOUNT—Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale distributes discount shopping cards to senior citizens Rose Fusilli, left, and Margaret Curry yesterday at town hall. The

valuable cards are given out by Hoboken's Organization Against Poverty and Economic Stress.

Last Hoboken Ferry Faces Scrap Heap

The last Hoboken Ferry, the Elmira, sold three years ago and seemingly destined for a gay new life as a Perth Amboy restaurant and bar, is sailing toward another sale or the scrap heap.

The Erie Lackawanna's Elmira, which ended its half-century of plying the Hudson and New York Bay in 1967, was taken to Perth Amboy when it was bought by Edward O. Wichberg, the retired head of a Perth Amboy marine contracting firm that bears his name. But the city fathers there wouldn't go along with his floating restaurant scheme, ending Wichberg's interest in the boat which now sits untended at the dock.

Lee Stern, who works for Wichberg's firm, said the boat is

being advertised for sale in commercial publications "but nobody seem to have any money right now." And, Stern said, "if worse comes to worse we can scrap her and get the money out."

The railroad offered the ferry originally for "\$27,500 or any reasonable offer" but Stern wouldn't say how much Wichberg paid for it.

2 Industrial Plants to Be Built in Hoboken

Two new industrial plants will be erected in the northwest section of Hoboken at a cost of more than \$1,600,000.

Colabella Brothers, a New York City firm that reprocesses waste paper into fiber board, will put up buildings costing \$1,300,000, for offices, manufacturing facilities, garages and storage areas.

Part of these will take up the north half of the block bounded by Jefferson Street, 15th Street, the Penn Central Railroad and 16th Street.

The remainder will be on the west half of the block bounded by Jefferson Street, 16th Street, the

railroad and the line of the mapped 17th Street. The east half of this block is city-owned, reserved for possible expansion of the city's sewage treatment plant, and is used as a ball field.

The second industrial development is planned by the Englehardt Co. on the south half of the block bounded by Jefferson, 15th and 16th Streets and the railroad, at a cost of \$350,000.

Englehardt said it would lease the facility to a tenant whom it did not name. It is reported, however, that the prospective tenant is the New Jersey Bell Telephone Co., which would use the property for maintenance quarters.

Mayor DePascale said he was pleased at the spur in industrial development and was pleased to welcome the new Colabella industry to the city. He said it manufactures not only fiber board but insulation and a number of other products.

"With everyone ecology-minded and with the prevention of pollution uppermost in everyone's mind, I am happy to welcome a pioneer in the field of re-cycling," said the mayor.

DePascale said Andrew Colabella, president of the firm, estimated he will employ between 80 and 100 workers when the four buildings are completed.

The manufacturing plant is expected to be ready by the middle of next month, and ground-breaking for the other three buildings is scheduled for April 1.

The Colabella firm has a fleet of seven trucks and sub-contractors for others. They are used in Manhattan for the collection of the waste paper utilized in the re-cycling process. In addition the firm is in the demolition business in New York City.

Among its customers are the giant Tishman Realty Co., which it has served for 60 years, the Hotel Commodore, Port of New York Authority and many of the

New York skyscrapers.

The mayor said he was pleased with several phases of the firm's operations:

— Its trucks operate from 10 p.m. until 7 a.m. daily and will use streets only at the northern end of the city, thus posing no traffic problem.

— The new buildings will be completely equipped with automatic sprinkling equipment and will be of fire-resistant construction.

— The manufacturing process — turning out an estimated 125 tons of re-processed paper daily, will be completely free of smoke and dirt and cause no pollution problem.

— The firm has agreed to fence in the adjoining baseball field.

Colabella said he chose Hoboken for his new headquarters "because it has everything that a firm like ours could want." His trucks will be only minutes away from Midtown Manhattan, he explained, and his new plant will be served by a railroad siding at its doorstep to carry the finished products to customers as far away as the Midwest.

The company is now located at 33rd Street and Tenth Avenue, Manhattan, and its trucks serve the area between 20th and 50th Streets. Several years ago it

moved part of its operation to a building at 11th and Clinton Streets which it soon outgrew.

"In talks with DePascale we became convinced that Hoboken was the ideal place for us to locate, expand and centralize all of our facilities," said Colabella. "After looking around we agreed with the mayor that Hoboken, with its unique location, has a great future."

Colabella is now the third generation of his family to head the firm. It was started by his grandfather, Frank, who arrived here as an Italian immigrant and got a job as a laborer on the Brooklyn Bridge in the 1870s. After a few months on the bridge

job he went into his own business with a pushcart.

The re-processing of waste paper grew steadily into one of the nation's largest businesses and the Colabella firm expanded to meet the demand. Today, Andrew Colabella is president of the Greater New York City Waste Paper Association, a post he has held for 11 years. Twice yearly he confers with the mayor of New York on problems relating to the industry.

Andrew's brother, Joseph, is secretary-treasurer of the firm and Andrew's son, Frank, 27, is the fourth generation of the family to be associated with it.



IN THE RACE—Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale, seated right, with City Clerk Anthony Amoroso, seated left, yesterday issued candidate petitions to five incumbent councilmen who will seek reelection on May 11. The expected sixth candidate, Orlando Addeo, scheduled to run on DePascale's administration ticket in opposing Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappelletto, was not present.

They're Off, Running DePascale Slate Picks Up Petitions

Five of Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale's individual ward candidates who will seek reelection on May 11, yesterday picked up nominating petitions, but the traditional ceremony was not all serene despite the appearance of City Democratic Chairman James F. Quinn and Hoboken GOP Leader Frank J. Bartletta.

Orlando Addeo, a recently appointed member of the Hoboken Housing Authority, who was being groomed by Mayor DePascale to oppose incumbent Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappelletto, was absent from yesterday's ceremony.

Mayor DePascale said, "I'm told Mr. Addeo is undecided about running for office. It is not definite that he will not run, but at this time we may select another administration candidate in the Third Ward."

And a further cloud over the pretended unity of DePascale's forces was evidenced by Hoboken Democratic City Chairman James F. Quinn's

now Hudson County clerk, repeated "I'm here to support Mayor DePascale's candidates."

Politically Estranged
Records show that back in 1967, when incumbent Second Ward Councilman Matthews, running as an anti-DePascale candidate, was victorious over Quinn as a candidate in the same ward by a 163 vote margin, an election contest in which Quinn was the DePascale choice, both Councilman Matthews and Quinn became politically estranged. Yet Quinn, despite his home ward defeat, was advanced to the post of Hudson County clerk.

Politically experienced observers in Hoboken now look forward to the coming election campaign, wondering if Quinn as city Democratic chairman will go all out for reelection of Matthews.

Those same political experts are also watching closely the final election returns on May 11 in the Second Ward, Fifth District where Matthews in 1967 defeated Quinn by a 289-81 vote to decide Matthews' victory.

During yesterday's ceremony with DePascale candidates picking up voter petitions, it was announced that State Sen. Frederick Hauser will again be asked to act as overall campaign manager for the incumbent candidates. Individual candidates in each ward are expected to select "campaign coordinators."

In the First Ward, Councilman Anthony H. Romano indicated his coordinator will be Arthur Burkhardt. Councilman Matthews in the Second Ward indicated his on the scene manager will be George Paproth of the city finance department, who is a popular member of the city's Knights of Columbus.

Fourth Ward Councilman Louis Francome will have his brother-in-law, Raphael Vitale, director of the Hoboken public works department as his coordinator. Both Fifth Ward Councilman Francis J. Finnerty and Sixth Ward Councilman

John J. Palmieri have yet to select such a representative.

Following the pickup of nominating petitions, Mayor DePascale went into conference with both Democratic Chairman Quinn and Hoboken GOP Chairman Frank J. Bartletta, the latter director of revenue and finance in Hoboken.

DePascale said later "I am very pleased to support these ward councilmen who have worked as a team for Hoboken and its residents."

Budget Cut \$110,000; City to Hold New Hearing

Another public hearing on the 1971 Hoboken city budget is set for next Wednesday at 11 a.m. as a result of new cuts of \$110,000 made by the city council following last Wednesday's hearing . . . and still another hearing is in the offing for the following week.

Whenever a budget is amended after the regular hearing has been held, there must be a new hearing on the amended budget.

State Sen. Frederick H. Hauser of Hoboken, who is campaign manager for Mayor Louis DePascale's six ward council candidates, said today that Gov. Cahill's budget, which contains a \$711,000 grant for Hoboken, is

expected to be approved by both the Senate and Assembly next week.

"In order for Hoboken to be able to use the money in 1971, it must be anticipated in the budget," he explained. "This will require another amendment to the current city budget and an additional public hearing on the amendment."

The largest cut in the amendment to the budget which will be given a public hearing next week was for \$30,000 taken out of the city's share of the code enforcement program. The expenditure originally had been for \$37,500.

DePascale said the city was able to make the reduction

through a grant from the state for the \$30,000. He added there wouldn't be any reductions in the program as a result of the cut.

The department of the mayor and city council was reduced \$16,150 from \$108,815 to \$92,665. A large portion of this reduction was made by cutting the salary paid to the director of planning from \$12,000 for a full-time position to \$3,300 as a consultant fee.

Other cuts were \$2,000 from the city clerk's office, \$1,000 from the department of administration, \$6,625 from the department of health and welfare, \$5,100 from the revenue and finance department, and

\$18,000 from the public works department.

The public works cuts were made by taking \$10,000 of the amount budgeted for other expenses, \$3,000 for the telephone bills and \$5,000 from the \$30,000 the city had set aside for demolition of abandoned and dangerous buildings.

An additional \$23,000 was trimmed from the departments of law and public safety. The court budget was reduced by \$14,000, from \$30,450 to \$16,450, and the \$18,000 that had been budgeted for purchasing new police cars was reduced to \$9,000.

Save the Park Group Plans To Meet, Amass Petitions

The Committee to save Church Square Park will meet tomorrow night and amass its petitions which will be presented to Mayor Louis DePascale Friday when he meets with committee representatives.

Donald Singleton, a spokesman for the committee, said that ap-

proximately 1,600 signatures have been collected and turned in since the campaign started two weeks ago. He added that there are still numerous sheets out which are expected to be returned by tomorrow's meeting.

The committee staged a mass demonstration in Church Square

Park Saturday morning. Although the weather was unfavorable, more than 100 persons showed up to help the committee drape a number of trees in black in protest of plans by the city and the Hoboken Model Cities agency to eliminate 20 trees from a neighborhood facilities center.

"The campaign has been well received by the people of Hoboken," said Singleton. The general feeling so far has been that people want the center but they don't want it built in Church Square Park."

It is the committee's feeling that the center, regardless of the plans to reclaim part of the sidewalk which circles the two-square block park area, will not be enhanced by the construction of the building.

The two-story structure is to be built along the Garden Street side of the park, between Fourth and Fifth Streets.

Meanwhile, it is rumored that Hoboken's plans to build the center in Church Square Park may be in serious trouble as the result of several conditions in the deed to the property imposed by the Stevens Family which once owned it.

It is reported that the deed stipulates that the park must remain a park and any alterations or changes in this usage reverts the property back to the trustees of Stevens Institute of Technology.

City officials were unavailable for comment.



Hoboken teenagers wrap trees in Church Square Park in black crepe to protest city plans to take out 20 trees for a multi-service center.

Budget Tempered, Tempers Flare Hoboken Hassle Erupts

Hoboken's budget for 1971 was announced last night by Mayor Louis DePascale, as some 250 residents jammed Hoboken High School for the city's first hearing on it. Further discussion will be held today at a delayed council meeting in city hall.

The announced budget was placed at \$10,672,596, as compared to the 1970 budget which was \$10,367,669.

The tax rate for the year 1971 was assessed at \$89 per thousand assessed valuation, as compared to the 1970 figure of \$84 per thousand.

The announcement was received with boos and jeers as the audience thought that the tax rate would be higher and that the mayor was hiding the truth from them. The mayor assured the angered audience that he would do his best to keep that rate of \$89, and possibly lower it with further cutbacks from his austerity program.

Twelve residents addressed the mayor and his nine councilmen on the current budget, but most of their remarks were geared at that mayor and his deal role as Hudson County freeholder.

DePascale at times told the speakers to confine their remarks to the budget, and was again received with boos. Most of the speakers were announced candidates in this May's citywide council election.

Sixth Ward Councilman Steve Cappelletto confronted the mayor with a question about what the freeholders are doing with their budget.

The mayor angrily suggested that Cappelletto attend the meeting this Friday at the administration building to find out.

Fifth Ward council candidate Martin Brennan told the mayor that he should not be at the hearings because it was the job of his "hand-picked" councilmen.

Water Test Questioned
The mayor replied sharply that he had every right to attend the hearings. Brennan then asked the mayor why the city is paying Jersey City \$1,000 a month to test drinking water when Jersey City supplies the city with the water.

DePascale told him that the State Department of Health sets

the rules, not Hoboken or Jersey City.

Vincent J. Fusilli, president of Hoboken Rent and Taxpayers Assn. and candidate in the Second Ward, seemed to be the only speaker anxious to talk about the budget.

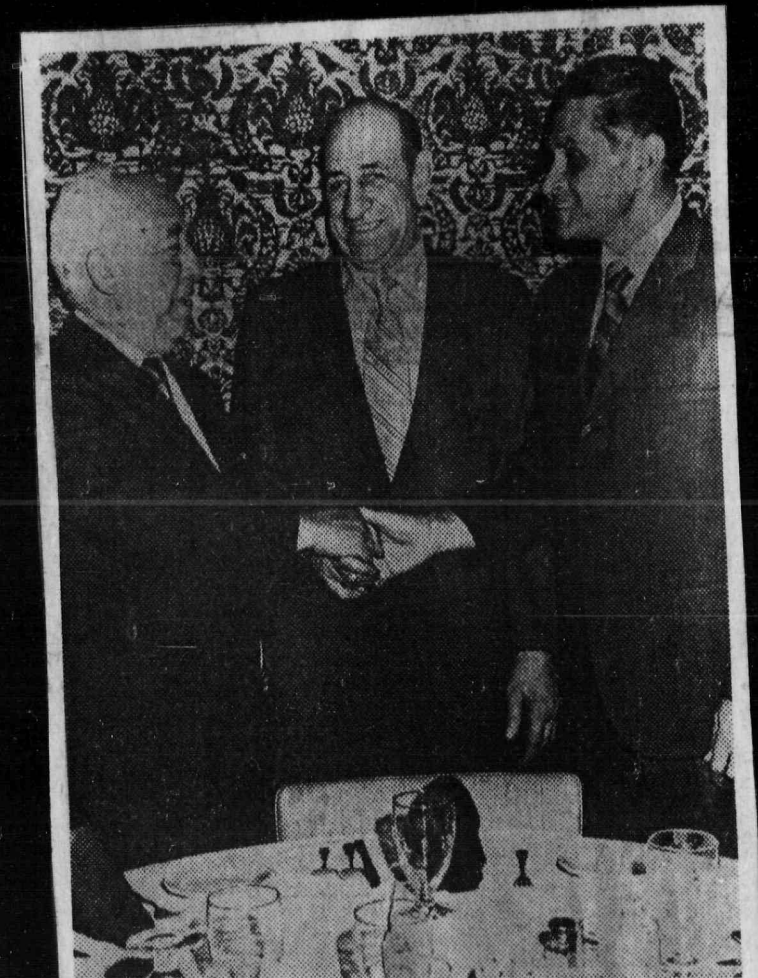
Fusilli questioned the mayor and council on some items pertaining to the Department of Parks and Recreation. He claimed the money appropriated to this year's budget equalled that of last year's, and wanted to know if anyone took inventory of supplies purchased.

Charges Mismanagement
He then accused the mayor and council of "outrageous mismanagement of the taxpayers' money," and stated that the taxpayers would not stand for it much longer.

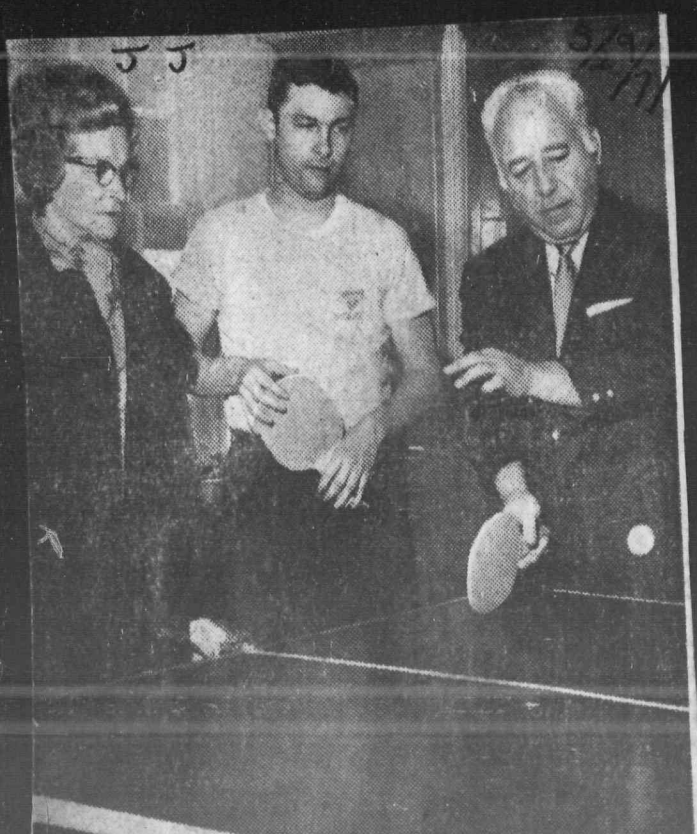
Frank Duroy, a candidate in the Fourth Ward, proposed to cut the budget by 20 per cent if the city fired all of Councilman Thomas Gallo's family from the city payroll. He further said the city would save 30 per cent if they dropped the mayor's family from the city payroll.

Edward McLaughlin, a candidate in the Sixth Ward, suggested an ordinance be drawn by the mayor banning any elected officials in the city from holding dual jobs, either in Hoboken or with the county. Michael Kennedy, a prime advocate for a change to a five-man form of government, suggested that the mayor consider such a move. Cappelletto, another advocate, asked that it be placed on the May ballots.

Among those who spoke last night was Frank G. Boye, (Turn to Page 17, Column 7)



H D 3/6/71 Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale (left) greets Joseph J. Petrosino (center) for 10 Church Towers, who will be candidate for Third Ward councilman on the DePascale ticket in the city's May 11 election. Lending his approval to the choice is Thomas Gallo, council president. Announcement was made yesterday at a luncheon in the Clam Broth House. (Story on Page 14)



LIVING MEMORY — Mrs. Gerard Vander Heide, formerly of Hoboken, watches Mayor Louis DePascale, left, and Michael Graneli, youth director at Hoboken North Hudson YMCA, engage in doubles game of table tennis. Mrs. Vander Heide was on hand for dedication of plaque in 'Y' youth room in honor of her late son, Gerard Walker, who was killed in Vietnam. Walker, a child, played at the 'Y' and later worked there.

DePascale Makes His Slate Known

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale announced last night that he is backing five of the six incumbent councilmen for reelection in the May 11 election.

The mayor made the statement at a buffet in the Union Club honoring the councilmen and the campaign workers in both the Democratic and Republican organizations.

Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappelletto is the lone councilman who does not have the administration backing. Joseph Petrosino will be supported in the Third Ward.

The slogan for this year's election is "Now, When It Matters Most," DePascale said. He said he will campaign for each of the candidates and sees "complete victory in all wards."

James Quinn, Hoboken Democratic chairman and Frank Bartletta, chairman of the city's Republican party, announced that they were backing DePascale's entire slate.

"A further way for the city to work out its tightened financial condition and avoid the imposition of evermore burdensome local tax increases is to consolidate municipal services with neighboring municipalities. Our mayor is aware of what has been done elsewhere in regard to this growing cooperative action for economizing.

"We feel we can count on him for leadership in the establishment of logical inter-local services, and hope he will call on the aid available for this purpose from the state's Department of Community Affairs. In addition, we urge him as a freeholder to press for an improved and less costly county government along the modern lines proposed by the Musto Commission."



HONORING THE MAYOR — Hoboken's Jewish War Veterans Post presents plaque to Mayor DePascale, who proclaimed Jewish War Veterans' Week, commemorating JWW's

75th anniversary. From left, Jerry Forman, past commander; the mayor; Don Etlin, commander; Max Yurman, New Jersey District aide.



OULD SOD FOR A DAY—Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale hoists the flag of Erin with the assistance of Michael Shannon of the Michael J. Shannon Erin Association of Jersey City

Council Candidate To Keep Post in Federal Program

Joseph J. Petrosino, picked by Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale to run in the Third Ward against Councilman Steve Cappiello on May 11, will not resign from his post with the Hoboken Concentrated Employment Program, the mayor said today.

Petrosino is recruiting supervisor in the federally financed program.

"As a federal employee, Petrosino falls under the Hatch Act which does prevent him from engaging in partisan politics, either as a candidate or campaign worker," the mayor explained.

"However, municipal elections in Hoboken are non-partisan, as the candidates are prevented by state law from running as either Republicans or Democrats. Since Petrosino isn't running as a member of either party, he is permitted to seek public office without having to give up his job with the Concentrated Employment Program."

The mayor added that the only restriction he could see for Petrosino would be that he couldn't campaign during working hours.

A former truck driver and delivery man for a citrus juice bottling firm, the 61-year-old Petrosino has been working at the CEP for over two years. He and his wife live at 10 Church Towers.

Following the announcement of Petrosino's selection as a candidate, which had been correctly predicted by The Jersey



Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale, right, announced his administration choice of Joseph Petrosino, center, as Third Ward candidate in May's elections. Sen. Fred Hauser looks on.

Journal, the Third Ward hopeful named Orlando Addeo as his campaign coordinator. Addeo is president of the

Joseph J. Petrosino Association in the Third Ward. Originally, Addeo had been the mayor's choice to run against Cappiello

but he withdrew from consideration claiming he did not have the time to conduct a campaign.

Redistrict Delay Asked

Hoboken, Jersey City, Bayonne

Hudson County Board of Elections is asking a delay until July 1 before redistricting ward lines in Hoboken, Jersey City and Bayonne.

Board of Elections has not received official census figures from Washington, although they were ordered and paid for 10 days ago.

At a meeting with Deputy Atty. Gen. Dennis J. Quinn yesterday, the board members pointed out that next week is the deadline for the filing of petitions for candidates for ward councilmen in Hoboken.

It is impossible to redesign ward lines in conformity with the new federal census figures at this time without confusion in the Hoboken election, especially since there is always the possibility of a run off there in addition to the regular May election, the county board contends.

The deputy attorney general asked the county board to set out its problems in writing for Atty. Gen. George E. Kugler.

May 1 was supposed to be the date for the redistricting to go into effect, yet the Hudson County

Possibility of recall elections in Jersey City also adds to the redistricting problem. The county board proposes to redistrict Hoboken first, then Jersey City and finally Bayonne. Population has dropped in those three cities.

Park Building Foes Slate Victory Fete

By PETER HALLAM

An "Earth Day" observance on April 24 in Church Square Park, Hoboken, sponsored by the Committee to Save Church Square Park, will serve a dual purpose. It will again draw attention to today's ecological problems, and it will celebrate the committee's success in keeping a proposed multi-service facility out of the park.

Donald Singleton, a spokesman for the committee, said today that the celebration will start at noon and continue on into the night. Several bands were being lined up for the event, he added. Refreshments will also be available.

The committee, which met yesterday with Mayor Louis DePascale and Michael Coleman, director of the Model Cities Agency, was virtually assured that the city will not build the long-talked about multi-service facility in Church Square Park.

Although the mayor would not give Singleton and six other committee members with him a definite commitment that the center would be located elsewhere, DePascale did say that the possibility of building the center in the park were about "two out of a hundred."

Public response to the committee. See PARK — Page 2

Mayor to Yield on Park?

The campaign to save Church Square Park in Hoboken from having a two-story multi-service facility built along the Garden Street side of the park may not have been in vain.

Mayor Louis DePascale told The Jersey Journal today that the city's plans for locating the center in the park were "flexible" and could be changed if "the people living in the park area are really against having the center there."

The mayor made the statement as a committee opposing a

building in the park was preparing to meet with him on Friday.

Donald Singleton, a spokesman for the group, said he felt about 4,000 signatures will have been collected by Friday on a petition to be presented to the mayor. He and six others will form a committee that will emphasize they want a service center but they don't want it in a park, he said.

He reported that 1,500 signatures have been collected so far by students of Hoboken Junior High School and Demarest Junior High School, while 2,400 have been turned in by adults.

"We have figured out six alternate plans of action in the event we fail in our appeal to the mayor," said Singleton. One of the alternatives, he said, would be a legal suit.

"We're going ahead on the basis that the worse is going to happen," Singleton said. "If it does we'll shift into high gear and go faster than we have been."

In emphasizing that the city's plans are flexible, DePascale pointed out that "when we first went into this project, time was very important."

"There were hundreds of other communities seeking funds from the federal government for similar purposes and all with the same thought in mind — whoever got there first with the best plan would be most likely to be the first community to receive money for the project.

"We felt the park was the most logical location for the facility and still do. However, if the people living in and around the area of the park are against having the center there, it would

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DePascale added that the city hadn't decided against using the park and wouldn't consider any positive action one way or the other until after he had met with representatives of the Save Church Square Park committee Friday morning.

"I will say that the city has been and is continuing to look for

alternate sites which would be suitable for the facility," he said.

Concerning reports that the city's plans to build the center in the park would violate conditions of the original deed from the Stevens family, DePascale said that he too had heard similar rumors.

"The city's been trying to check them out also but when you go back that far (the early

1800's) it becomes very difficult to locate records," he explained.

The talk was that the Stevens family insisted that the park remain a park and that any alterations would cause the property to revert to the trustees of Stevens Institute of Technology.

Efforts to preserve the park recently received support from an editorial in The Jersey Journal advocating locating the new building somewhere else.

DePascale and Cappiello in Hassle Over 'Mistake' in Grogan Plaza Listing

A Hoboken councilman is preparing to demand an investigation of the city's Model Cities Program and one of its projects, a Spanish-English newspaper titled "Hoboken Issues," which he said is presenting false and misleading information to the city's Spanish-speaking population.

Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello said today a Spanish translation of an English commentary by Mayor Louis DePascale tells the reader the John J. Grogan Marine View Plaza will be for low-income families.

"This is going to lead a lot of low-income families who are now living in some of the worst housing in the state to believe they will be able to get apartments in Grogan Plaza," Cappiello continued.

"With the low estimate for apartments now at \$50 a room

and very likely to go even higher before the project is completed and they actually start renting apartments, there won't be any low-income families who can afford that kind of money."

DePascale agreed a "mistake" had been made, but said he could not explain how it happened.

"The statement I prepared for the paper in English made no mention of low-income housing at Grogan Plaza," the mayor continued. "It would appear the error was made somewhere between the time my comments were translated into Spanish and the paper was printed."

"The Grogan Plaza certainly is not a low-income project and I have never tried to give the impression that it would be."

DePascale said the error would be corrected in the next edition of Hoboken Issues.

However, the councilman said

he could not believe the mistake was "just an accident."

"It's too convenient with the election a little more than a month away," he said.

"I intend to ask the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to investigate the entire matter."

According to the editorial box in the paper, it is listed as "another Model Cities project," with Phillip L. Danzig as project director.

All inquiries about the paper were referred by Model Cities to Danzig.

However, Danzig was not immediately able to explain what happened in the paper. He said all the copy and notes used to make up the paper were in his office in Montclair and he couldn't get to them until later today.

"But the commitment of the city to middle-income housing is well known and is illustrated by the page one article from the Hoboken housing authority," Danzig added.

"Any errors were a human mistake. Any confusion caused was regrettable."

Church Sq. Park to Be Spared

Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken is a practical enough politician to change signals when he realizes that a proposal is not popular or can cause some serious problems, especially on the eve of a councilmanic election campaign.

He was smart enough to yield to the group seeking to preserve the present Church Square Park and to decide not to go ahead with plans to construct a multi-service health and welfare center in a portion of the tract.

The "Save Church Square Park" group brought along petitions with several thousand signatures of residents, including Catholic and Protestant clergymen, when they visited the mayor. Specifically they want the park preserved.

And, they are eminently correct. There is little enough land in Hoboken put aside for parks and the Church Square tract sets right in the midtown section, bounded by Demarest Junior High School, Our

Lady of Grace Church, Stevens Academy and the public library.

Mr. DePascale backed down because he evaluated correctly that by forcing it through he would provide his opposition with a ready-made issue. And, these are not the days to get into a fight over taking park land. You'd come out second best.

It might be noted, too, that the two councilmen whose candidacies could have been harmed by a move against the park — John J. Palmieri and Anthony H. Romano — made sure they "got off the hook" and pointed up their opposition right along to the center proposal.

Certainly, Hoboken should be able to find some other site for this project without taking away what little green acres it has. Hoboken is unattractive enough without doing this. It's good Mayor DePascale appreciates this point. To have done otherwise would have been asinine.

Free Meals Plan Voted In Hoboken

3 Grammar Schools To Get Lunch, Others Will Have Breakfasts

By PETER LAVILLA

Hoboken's Board of Education passed a resolution last night giving free luncheon in three of the city's grammar schools.

Board president Melvin Christie said that Apr. 5 through June 23, all the students in Rue Brandt and Kealy schools will receive a cold lunch.

According to Christie the total cost is \$72,567, with the money being provided by the State Department of Education and the federal Title I program. The state will pay \$38,112 and the balance will come from Title I funds.

Christie pointed out that the taxpayers will not be affected by the expenditure for the lunch program.

The city's other three grammar schools — Connors, Leinhardt and Wallace — will not receive lunch but will have a free breakfast program.

Thomas McFeely, superintendent of schools said he is hopeful that when September rolls around, all of the city's six grammar schools will be receiving both breakfast and lunch and that the meals will be hot rather than cold.

McFeely pointed out that the schools system will have to hire 65 people to help with the program. Those people will be called "luncheon aides" and will, in effect, help serve the food to the students. Those aides will receive \$2 an hour for a three hour work day.

Those aides who will be hired will go through a training period of one week starting Mar. 29 and ending Apr. 2. The money for the aides will come from either the State or Title I program. McFeely said 15 alternates also will be hired in the event those 65 aides report in sick or cannot come to work for personal reasons. The alternates will be paid the same amount as the regulars when they work.

The free lunch will be served to the students in the classroom. The food will consist of cheese, meat, bread and butter, fruit and other high protein foods, according to McFeely.

The food will be supplied by Service Dynamics Co. of Saddle Brook. Equipment, such as (Turn to Page 18, Column 5)

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ovens, will be supplied by Foster Refrigerator Corp. of New York. Milk coolers will come from Nordon Associates of Pennsylvania. Jersey Paper Co. of New Brunswick will supply dollies and baskets.

McFeely concluded that the free lunch program will benefit 2000 students now and in the fall 4000 students. "No student," he said, "will be denied a free lunch."

'Change' Bid Draws Fire Of DePascale

A feud between neighboring mayors, Louis DePascale of Hoboken and William J. Meehan of Union City appears to be developing today.

DePascale yesterday criticized his Union City counterpart for appearing at a Hoboken rally Sunday night to urge support for a change of government in Hoboken.

"I feel Mr. Meehan should concentrate on trying to administer his own city government in North Hudson," said DePascale. He called Meehan's action "part of a plan to create confusion, not in the interest of local residents. It's not even in good taste as a courtesy between heads of neighboring municipalities."

DePascale is supporting five of the six incumbent ward councilmen in the May 11 election.

Meehan, along with Union City Commissioners James Lagomarsino, Paul Lombardo and Harry Calandrillo, attended an anti-DePascale political rally billed as, "Time for a change in Hoboken."

DePascale also assailed Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello, a critic of the mayor.

"It is certainly evident that Cappiello and his associates are seeking two chances at gaining public office," he said.

He pointed out that Cappiello and the others on his ticket are running for City Council seats and, if they fail May 11, will seek a change of government to a five-man commission.

Health-Rec Grant Hailed By DePascale

Announcement from the office of Sen. Clifford Case that Hoboken has been granted additional funds in the amount of \$962,666 to construct a multi-purpose health and recreation center within Church Square Park was hailed by Mayor Louis DePascale.

Said DePascale, "We've had the appropriation set aside during the past two years while the feasibility of such a project was completely studied. The city is pledged another \$400,000 (approximately) by the Model Cities Program toward construction of such a health and recreation center. It would mean a minimum cost of \$100,000 to the city should such a project materialize."

According to the spokesman in Sen. Case's office, the \$962,666 federal grant of funds is made to Hoboken Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. Such funds would be used to construct a two-story building within the present Church Square Park, occupying an estimated 29,000 square feet. No other details were immediately available.

Hoboken's Tax Raise 'Minimal'

The 1971 municipal budget for Hoboken may not be as hard to take as some taxpayers first anticipated. Mayor Louis DePascale said today there will be a minimal tax increase for this year as a result of the recent economy moves amounting to less than \$5 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation and possibly lower than that.

Hoboken's tax rate for 1970 was \$34.02 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

"Comparing the 1971 budget to last year's we find there is now an overall increase of less than two per cent," the mayor pointed out. "In view of the increasing cost of operating, I feel this is a great accomplishment."

The mayor added that there were several possible situations which might develop which could reduce the rate even further.

"If these possibilities become near realities I will hold off submitting the budget for final approval and ask the state for permission to anticipate the funds they will produce in the budget," the mayor continued.

Hoboken's budget get its public hearing tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of Hoboken High School.

Look to Early Start Of Elderly Project

Officials of the Hoboken housing authority are shooting for a summer groundbreaking on their new senior citizen project — Fox Hill Gardens — at 12th Street and Willow Avenue. M. Edward DeFazio, executive director, said today.

"We hope to have condemnation proceedings com-

pleted shortly," he said. "The authority already has four of the nine parcels of land in hand, with five in condemnation."

"If we can complete these proceedings before June and relocate all of the families living in the buildings, we should be able to start construction between then and August."



Clinical teacher Edward Stinson, standing left, looks over the work of his students in a federal education program for elementary students who need specialized personal at-

tenment. The class, at the Joseph Brandt school, Hoboken, is administered by Stinson with his aide Mildred Dargan, standing right, and has only seven members.

Extra Help Aiding Pupils

Nearly 600 Hoboken elementary school children who find it difficult keeping up with their classroom work are receiving 45 minutes a day of special, supplemental instruction under a federally funded program that is meeting with marked success in the city's school system.

Twenty teachers, 11 teacher aides and three clerks, working as teams in each of the six elementary schools, are giving the children additional aid in the three basics — reading, the languages and mathematics.

Since no extra-help group is composed of more than eight students, each child is receiving special attention in subjects in which he or she is weak.

"Hundreds of youngsters who ordinarily would fall behind in their classroom work are being helped by this program," said School Superintendent Thomas

F. McFeely. He emphasized that the extra help does not replace regular studies, but is in addition to them.

The project "appears to be living up to the high hopes we had for it," said the superintendent. At the end of this term, he explained, all aspects of the project will be evaluated. If it is decided it has fulfilled all of its aims, efforts will be made to have it again funded as part of the Title I program of the federal Elementary and Secondary

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Education Act. It is being coordinated by Francis McGorty.

Here is the way the program works:

When a classroom teacher feels a particular student is falling behind in a subject or generally is not keeping up with the other pupils, he or she is recommended for special help. Other students are also recommended if the classroom teacher feels it will be beneficial.

After a screening by the classroom and supplemental teacher — and with the approval of the school principal — the child is accepted into the program.

For 45 minutes daily the child becomes part of a small group receiving extra help in the special subjects. The group never exceeds eight and can be increased to 12 only when a teacher aide is present.

The board said it was pleased to make the unique teaching service available. It was pointed out that the opportunity presented itself when the board was forced by economic necessity to eliminate some teachers and other personnel from the payroll.

Faced with the problem of maintaining an adequate school program, McFeely and Harry Galinsky, administrative assistant for grants management, applied to the state department of education and received approval of the project to provide supplementary help to elementary schools.

Title I funds became available under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and were utilized less than any impact on the school system caused by the board's necessary action.

Utilizing about \$125,000 of the final allocation of \$200,000 in the Title I grant, the Hoboken school system was able to staff the program with some of the released personnel.

The requirement of a two-week severance from the board payroll before the staff was

City Aid OKd; Tax Cuts Sifted

Gov. William T. Cahill yesterday signed two bills giving Jersey City \$3,861,840; Union City, \$662,976; Hoboken, \$711,072 and Bayonne, \$118,416. Twenty other cities received similar grants.

Mayor William Meehan of Union City, who was the only Hudson County mayor at yesterday's signing in Trenton, said the city commissioners will discuss what to do with the money this week and will decide how much of it will be used to decrease taxes.

The 1971 budget, adopted last week, established a tax rate in Union City of \$89.50 per \$1,000 assessed value, still the highest in the county, but \$1.74 lower than last fall's and \$6.74 lower than the rate in effect when the Project '70 Administration took office last May.

Meehan said the money not used to lower taxes may be used to refurbish and repair some city-owned buildings, including city hall, and to initiate new programs in the city health department.

A spokesman for Mayor Thomas J. Whelan of Jersey City said the urban aid grant yesterday "is not a windfall for the city" and has already been included in this year's budget. If the money had not been voted

the city, however, Jersey City would have been hurt "to the tune of a couple of million dollars." It is getting about \$1,750,000 more in state aid than last year, the spokesman said.

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale said the grant had been taken into account partially when the 1971 budget was made up. The budget, however, does not show such an anticipated income.

DePascale would not say whether the grant will lower taxes, which are currently at the rate of \$84. "The Hudson County Board of Taxation strikes the local tax rate," he said.

The total amount of aid granted by the two bills yesterday is \$25 million. All but \$500,000 of the total was distributed under a formula devised by the Cahill Administration. Under the other bill, the \$500,000 is given as payment in lieu of taxes to Trenton in recognition of its role as state capital.

To qualify for a grant under the first, cities were required to have a population of at least 15,000 and some established public housing. Those meeting these requirements were evaluated according to relative property tax rates and by the number of aid to dependent children welfare cases on their books. On the basis of these factors, the aid was distributed.

The bill is a replacement for an emergency aid formula used for both of the past two years to help the state's six largest cities: Jersey City, Newark, Paterson, Elizabeth, Trenton and Camden. The new aid package guarantees the six cities: Jersey City, Newark, as much aid as it did the previous year. Newark, the state's largest city, got the largest grant, \$7.4 million.

A key provision of the plan gives the municipalities the authority to spend the aid money as they see fit. Cahill told representatives of the communities yesterday, "It doesn't matter what community you represent or what your politics are. You need money."

Cahill, a Republican, urged them to support President Nixon's revenue sharing plan, which is running into some

resistance from Democrats in Congress.

Assemblyman Majority Leader Thomas Kean, R-Essex, chief legislative sponsor of the urban aid program, said he had counted on support from legislators whose districts would not benefit from the bill. Cahill said he thought it "particularly difficult" for some of those legislators "to put aside the provincialism that sometimes is evident and recognize the plight of the cities."

DePascales Set

To Depart on Portugal Tour

Mayor Louis DePascale and most of his family will leave tonight for a 10-day vacation in Portugal. The mayor, his wife, and three of their four sons will depart on a plane chartered by representatives of the Hoboken board of education who are sponsoring the group trip.

Hoboken Health and Welfare Director Anthony Damato will be acting mayor until April 18, when Mayor DePascale is due back.

Also going on the trip are Joseph Bartletta, school business manager who made most of the arrangements, and Silvio J. Failla, a member of the board of education.

DePascale Hopes

On Oil Plant

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale today expressed optimism over his scheduled meeting Monday with officials of Supermarine Inc., the company which plans to build a multi-million dollar oil processing facility in the northeast section of the city on a site once occupied by Todd Shipyards.

"I believe we're going to make some progress," said the mayor. "However, I might add that this is only my opinion."

"I haven't discussed the situation with company officials for awhile so I don't really know which way they'll be going. Since they have asked for a meeting, it's logical to assume that they have something to say—something other than calling the project off. They could have done that with a phone call."

Hoboken Budget Cut

\$110,210 Reduction by City Council

Hoboken City Council yesterday cut \$110,210 in appropriations from the 1971 municipal budget during a special meeting that lasted only 10 minutes.

The 11 a. m. session, with Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello absent, lowered the overall budget appropriations from \$10,672,596 to a total of \$10,562,377, as recommended by Mayor Louis DePascale following Wednesday night's public hearing at Hoboken High School.

Following the special session, Council President Thomas A. Gallo announced another public hearing will be held on Wednesday at 11 a. m. in municipal court chambers at city hall, when the public will again be afforded the opportunity of voicing their opinion on the \$110,000 budget amendment.

The council lowered the amount to be raised by taxation from \$5,621,856 to \$5,511,637, DePascale repeated a statement made earlier this month that the present \$85 tax rate per \$1,000 assessed valuation will not go beyond \$90 for the current year.

Announce Cuts
The council yesterday voted the following department reductions in appropriations:

Mayor's office and city councilmen expenditures from \$104,815 to \$92,665; in the office of City Clerk Anthony Amoroso, expenditures reduced from \$96,226 to \$94,226; in the department headed by Business Administrator Herman Bier, appropriations were cut from \$203,066 to \$202,066. Miscellaneous expenditures list-

ed in the original budget of \$439,830 were reduced to \$404,830. In Health and Welfare Department, a reduction from \$674,691 to \$658,066 was voted, and in Revenue and Finance Department, appropriations were cut from \$279,269 to \$274,160.

Other amendments lowered expenditures in the Public Works Department from \$1,559,363 to \$1,546,363. In the law department, division of public safety, appropriations were cut from \$4,304,637 to \$4,291,637.

City Clerk Amoroso, who was shuffling the budget amendments yesterday afternoon, said a detailed breakdown of reduced appropriations will not be available to the public for a couple of days.



SET FOR LUNCH — These women, in training for their work as luncheon aides in Hoboken elementary schools, receive training during classes at Hoboken High School cafeteria. The program to start Monday will work in conjunction with breakfast programs already underway in three schools. By September school officials hope to have free breakfasts and lunches in all elementary schools.

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DePascale Asked to Quit One Job

Edward J. McLaughlin, a candidate for councilman in Hoboken's Sixth Ward, today called upon Mayor Louis DePascale immediately to press for an ordinance in both Hoboken and Hudson County which would prevent councilmen or the mayor from holding additional city or county jobs while still holding elective office.

"I strongly believe no man can handle two full-time jobs and do justice to both," said

McLaughlin. "I also believe a councilman should not hold another job in city or county government. After all, could a councilman honestly investigate possible wrongdoing in a department in which he is employed?"

McLaughlin said he also called upon the mayor to resign one of his two jobs as freeholder or mayor and devote his many talents to the other.

The Sixth Ward candidate pointed out that five of the nine men sitting on the city council and the mayor hold other governmental jobs either with the city, county or Hoboken board of education.

He added that although both the county, city and board of education were experiencing financial difficulties which forced them to cut their payrolls, none of the five dual job holders or the mayor has lost his position.

"Pro" Status Of DePascale Under Attack

Hoboken Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello, the lone anti-administration member of the city council, yesterday assailed Mayor Louis DePascale's "professional politician" status.

Cappiello challenged DePascale to select a group of people "who are community leaders to clear the air on just what type of government could best serve the needs of the city."

Cappiello declared:

"Such a group of people could consist of both editors of local papers, civic and religious leaders of the city who would in turn set ground rules for such an election which, when presented at the proper time, would entail no costs to the city."

Cappiello's proposal would also include the submission of petitions by a fixed date regardless of the outcome of the May election as had previously been stated by DePascale.

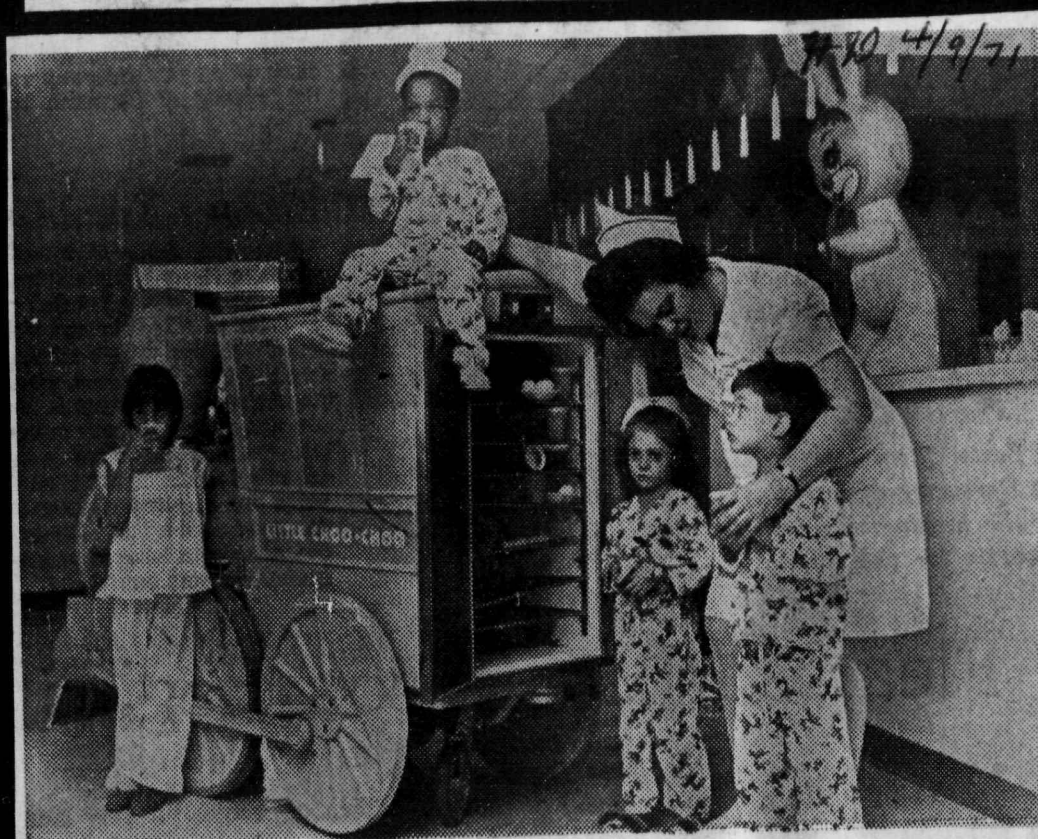
Cappiello said he does not

understand the mayor's statement criticizing other communities which are governed by the commission form of government, especially since all of them operate a lot more effectively for much less money per capita. "The longer this government stays as it is, the worse the situation will become," he said.

Cappiello said "I accuse the mayor of a fear of losing his strong dictatorial grip on the puppet council and directors who cannot act independently since they are appointed by the mayor. A member of a commission government of both a legislator and administrator must answer directly to the people."



OFFICIAL DRAWING—Hoboken City Clerk Anthony Amoroso (right) calls off names of candidates in the city's May 11 election and where their names will appear on the official ballot. Among those intent on hearing the results are Councilman William Matthews, Louis Francione, Frances J. Finnerty, Steve Cappiello, John J. Palmieri and candidates Vincent Wassman, Maurice De Gennaro, Martin J. Brennan, Edward McLaughlin and Andrew Pierro. The ballot position drawing was held yesterday at Hoboken City Hall.



"CHEW-CHEW" TRAIN—Children in the pediatrics wing at St. Mary Hospital, Hoboken will receive their meals from this "Choo-Choo" train. Already enjoying the service from left, are Nancy Ciatron, little David Cardenas, who prefers to be served while seated atop the train, Virginia Sharpe and John Bussanic. Miss Catherine Duffy, R.N., right, is supervisor of the pediatrics department.

DePascale Sees Sweep For Ticket

Mayor Louis DePascale predicted over the weekend that his six candidates will be elected on May 11 and claimed Hoboken gets more benefit from a strong mayor-council form of government than do municipalities now ruled by a five-man commission.

Asked if he was referring to Union City, where Mayor William Meehan and four commissioners rule the government, Mayor DePascale said:

"I'm referring to any municipality that has not graduated from the out-dated Walsh Act and its five commissioners to the modern Faulkner Act of a strong mayor and council. It's proven that all residents benefit by the mayor-council type government."

Last month, Union City Mayor Meehan at a political rally in the Lamp Post Tavern in Hoboken told political opponents of Mayor DePascale's administration that he is willing to lend a hand to a proposed change of government move in the Mile-Square-City.

It was later reported that Meehan visited the back room tavern rally on invitation of Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello, and by Vincent "Jimmy" Fusilli, head of Hoboken Rent and Taxpayer's Assn., who is opposing DePascale's candidate on May 11 in the Second Ward. Both Cappiello and Fusilli are recognized as the prime movers of a change in Hoboken's government, from the mayor-council back to a five man commission government.

"Such a move would be a step backward in the modern administration of municipal government for a city the size of Hoboken," DePascale said, adding, "A change of government move appears to me, and I'm sure to the intelligent voters of Hoboken, as simply a chance for Cappiello and his so-called candidates to get two whacks at the same prize."

A Simple Case
"If they win in ward contests on May 11, they'll stand pat. If they lose, which I feel they will, they'll seek a change in government. It's a simple case of outs looking to get in, but not with the public's interest at heart."

Since it is his position that Union City was behind the time in not graduating to a mayor-council form of government, Mayor DePascale, who also serves as a Hudson County freeholder, was asked if this was also his opinion of North Bergen and West Ne York, where elections of five man commissions will be held on May 11.

"Let's face it," he said, "I'm

2-Language Unit to Stay In Hoboken

Jose Hernandez, chairman of Hoboken's bilingual program and a member of the board of education, said that Hoboken will continue its bilingual program with or without sponsorship.

Hernandez scoffed at reports that the program is "very much up in the air," stating the program will continue as it has in the past. Where the money will come from, he would not elaborate, but he said, "We'll get it."

The program, which cost \$18,000 to the city, was to be divided between five cities — Hoboken, Lakewood, Camden, Elizabeth and Paterson.

Hoboken was to take over the sponsorship of the program, but after trouble started on the selection of program director, the sponsorship was to have been turned over to Lakewood.

Now, should Lakewood refuse sponsorship of the program, the program would be discontinued by the five cities, according to Hernandez.

Hoboken School Superintendent Thomas McFeely reportedly went to Trenton last Tuesday to turn over the sponsorship to Lakewood. It was reported that McFeely was the only official there for the signing, and the finalizing of the program could not be accomplished.

Group to Hold First Outdoor Art Exhibition

A two-block section of Washington Street in Hoboken will be turned into an outdoor art gallery next Friday and Saturday as the Hoboken Artists Association holds its first Sidewalk Art Show.

Robert Worden and John Segreto are co-chairmen for the event which will be held from Third to Fifth Streets through the cooperation of the city and local merchants.

Each exhibitor will be given an 18-foot section at curbside to show his works. On exhibition will be paintings, ceramics and other crafts. Some works can be purchased.

Worden said exhibitors will be responsible for keeping their areas clean during the show.

Persons interested in participating in the exhibition may contact him at 636 Washington St.



THE BEGINNING—Three Franciscan Sisters yesterday reenact the arrival of their predecessors in Jersey City 107 years ago from St. Mary Hospital, Hoboken, to start a hospital, now known as St. Francis Community Health Center. From left are, Sister Consalvo, SFP; Sister Ann Gertrude, SFP, and Sister Lucida, SFP. The event celebrated the hospital's birthday. The original hospital was founded at Coles and First sts., a half mile from its present location. Driver is Jersey City Police horse trainer Joseph Dougherty.