

Council Berated on \$20 Tax Raise

Hoboken property owners, ed with a tax rate increase of \$20, today found their only solation in the hopes of eral councilmen that a close ck on spending would blster year-end surplus.

"Let's keep our fingers crossed for a surplus at the end of the year," said Councilman Martin Brennan at the conclusion of the stormy session. "We've heard a good number of reasons for cutting the budget and I suggest we put department directors on notice to tighten up."

While some of the speakers praised the council for refusing to fire a host of city employees, including some police and firemen, most condemned the lawmakers for not making bigger cuts in the original \$12.9 million proposal submitted by Mayor Louis DePascale.

The confused session also saw charges hurled back and forth between council members and a full discussion of the Grogan Marine Plaza, which had nothing to do with the budget.

"This budget should have been cut much more extensively," said Donald Singleton who said he wondered how effective various departments could be when their supplies and other expenses were cut but workers were kept on.

Budget Cuts Cost 21 Jobs

Twenty-one Hoboken employees will have to be laid off under budget cuts made by the city council, city records showed today.

In addition, 10 other jobs are being eliminated — eight of them during the year through retirements and the other two by not filling vacancies.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today that he would lose nine men in his department while eight men would go from the health and welfare division. Further savings will come from dropping the position of recreation supervisor, he said.

Vitale gave the following breakdown of his working force loss: five from the streets and roads division, including a heavy equipment operator, truck driver and three laborers; three from building maintenance; and one from the water department. He said he would also lose two of his office staff through transfers.

The director said that five recreation administrative employees would be dropped from the payroll along with two from the parks division and one laborer.

City Business Administrator Herman Bier said he would lose four library workers through layoffs, including two temporary administrative employees, one building maintenance worker and one temporary maintenance worker.

50 P.C. of Those Queried Want to Leave Survey Bares Hoboken's Makeup

By PETER LA VILLA

A survey conducted last year by Resource Management Corp. of Maryland for the Hoboken Model Cities agency has revealed that of the city's 39,329 residents, 49 per cent are white, 37 per cent are Spanish-speaking, 11 per cent are black, and three per cent are of other races.

Those living in the Model Cities area, the survey estimated, are 48 per cent Spanish-speaking, 39 per cent white, 8.8 black, and 4.2 per cent of other races.

According to the 93-page report, more than half the population surveyed expressed a desire to leave Hoboken. The three problems mentioned frequently were drugs, crime and sub-standard housing.

However, it should be pointed out that the report does not reveal just how many people were surveyed, only the percentage amounts are given. (A case in point would be, if 10 people were asked what color the sky is, and five

were to say blue, it appears that 50 per cent were right.)

The survey is vague on another point. When it uses the term citywide it is not referring to the city as a whole, but only to areas comparable to the model cities neighborhood.

Still, the survey offers an abundance of information pertaining to model cities and Hoboken as a whole.

According to the report, approximately one-third of the households surveyed in the model neighborhood are headed by women. Outside the model neighborhood, it differs by mere fractions.

Black women have been found to lead the household (43 per cent), Spanish-speaking (35 per cent), whites (22 per cent).

In the model neighborhood, the income for the female household head is under \$3,000, while very few have incomes of \$7,500 or more.

However, with families with the male as the head, the survey reveals that the incomes are higher, but not significantly.

In the area of education, the survey revealed that a majority of adults surveyed in the model neighborhood do not have a high school diploma, although the level of education is somewhat higher outside the model neighborhood.

13.2% Jobless Rate
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The survey revealed that Hoboken has an unemployment rate of 13.2 per cent. In the model neighborhood, 28.5 per cent whites are unemployed, 25.2 Spanish-speaking, and 17.3 blacks. More than 50 per cent of those surveyed stated they work outside of Hoboken.

Less than 20 per cent of those surveyed said they had never heard of the employment training programs offered by the Model Cities agency. And, less than 20 per cent said they are unfamiliar with the education programs and the Day Care 100 program the agency offers.

In the areas of housing, the survey reveals that between 80 and 95 per cent rent apartments, while the balance own their own homes. The median rent (including utilities) paid for by those surveyed falls between \$100 and \$119 a month.

Median Rent \$80
In 1968, the survey stated that the median rent was approximately \$80. However, in the Spanish-speaking community today, the rent ranges between \$120 to \$139 a month, the survey states.

In the area of health care, the survey revealed that most people in Hoboken seem to be able to get medical and dental care when they need it. Most of the bills are paid by cash (61 per cent), by welfare (17 per cent), by Medicare (10 per cent), and by insurance (10 per cent).

In the area of drugs, the general opinion of those surveyed revealed that there is a serious drug problem in the city. Yet, less than 35 per cent surveyed knew of any programs available in the city to help drug addicts.

In the area of social services, of the 40 per cent surveyed, only half of them take advantage of food stamps, welfare, social security and unemployment insurance.

Public Safety
In the area of recreation, more than 50 per cent surveyed stated they use no recreational facilities. In addition, more than 50 per cent expressed interest in a movie house; a bowling alley; additional library facilities; recreational facilities for senior citizens, and arts and crafts specifically for children.

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Council Still Stalls On Cops' Back Pay

Approval of back pay claims by four police officers would open a "Pandora's box" according to Councilman Steve Cappiello.

At last night's city council meeting, the lawmakers again tabled a resolution that would have authorized payment of \$3,100 to four lieutenants who served as acting captains last year.

One of the four, Lt. Daniel Kiely, demanded action on his claim for \$1,028 which he said was the difference between his lieutenant's pay and a captain's pay for a four-month period when he was an acting captain.

The four requests were tabled at a previous meeting without explanation.

Kiely said he did not submit a claim until several months after he returned to his regular duties, because he was not aware that he was entitled to the extra money.

Cappiello said Kiely's claim was not really in dispute but that the resolution was tabled on advice of public safety director E. Norman Wilson. He said Wilson told the council similar claims from other policemen, one dating back six years, also were starting to come in.

Council president Thomas Gallo told Kiely he would have to wait another two weeks before the council could take the matter up again at a regular meeting.

In other business, the councilmen approved a resolution authorizing an auction of the Fifth, Sixth and 18th Street piers, as well as the Todd Shipyard at 11 a.m. May 17 in the council chambers.

The council refused to approve payment of \$267 for Christmas cards sent out by Mayor Louis DePascale last year and refused to second a motion by Councilman Edward McLaughlin to hold all council meetings at night.

McLaughlin and Councilman James Fusilli were voted down in their bid to have all department directors present at each council session to answer questions. Most of the other councilmen said they would rather see a resolution requiring the directors to be available, rather than physically present, during the sessions.

The third-year plan for the Hoboken Model Cities program was approved as well as an ordinance establishing a consumer protection agency and an ordinance requiring the chief housing inspector to make inspection reports available to "interested parties."

A third ordinance, also approved, increases the salaries of the city's carpenters and the superintendent of weights and measures.

Hoboken to Test Paper Drive Days

The Hoboken Environmental Committee and the city's public works department will join next month in an attempt to start a paper-recycling program in the city.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said that Mrs. Helen Manogue, chairman of the environmental committee, has been handling most of the arrangements and will be in charge of the publicity campaign aimed at alerting citizens to the paper drive.

"Mrs. Manogue has contacted a local scrap paper dealer who is willing to pay the city 60 cents a hundred weight, \$12 a ton, for all newspapers brought in," the director said.

"The city will use one of its trucks to make the collections on May 31 starting at 8 a.m."

Vitale said that since the program is a trial to see if it would be worthwhile holding a scrap day once a month, only half the city will be participating.

The area for the drive will be between Willow Avenue and Castle Point Terrace-River Street, and from 5th Street to 14th Street.

The papers must be bundled and tied, and left at curbside before 8 a.m.



TUNED IN — Hoboken Police Officer Thomas Donnelly gets set to receive first call on switchboard at new Police Communications Center in City Hall.



SUPER SNORKEL

Hoboken's new-type bigger and better vacuum cleaner promises to clean out the city's catch basins more efficiently. Giving a helping hand to heavy equipment operator Roy Haack, right, on trial run is Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale.

47 of 49 Non-Salary Items Cut

Forty-seven of the 49 appropriations for "other-than-salaries" expenditures in Mayor DePascale's 1972 budget have been slashed in the final version of the budget adopted by Hoboken's city council.

These are appropriations for materials, equipment and miscellaneous expenses.

Appropriations for such items as youth activity coordination, fees for labor negotiations and the city's contribution for on-the-job training programs were wiped out altogether.

The biggest slash came in the Public Safety Department, which was cut by \$29,350. The police department lost \$10,000 in general expenses, while the fire department was cut by \$8,000.

Other deductions are: Municipal court, \$2,000; building inspection, \$750; civil defense and disaster control, \$1,000; traffic and signal system, \$1,000; police auto maintenance, \$2,000; fire auto maintenance, \$3,000; hospitalization and treatment of prisoners, \$1,000; and police and fire clothing allowance, \$2,800.

DePascale's Pick Yields To Dowden

The expected appointment of James H. Dowden of Jersey City as a Hudson County judge won't upset the Democratic political applecart in Hoboken even though Mayor Louis DePascale had been backing Maurice Gottlieb for the post.

Gottlieb has withdrawn his name from consideration and by doing so eliminated the possibility of forcing the mayor into an internal power play with other county Democratic leaders.

The judgeship was considered to be a Hoboken post, last held by Benedict Beronio who retired in December.

Gottlieb was DePascale's choice as a replacement and on several occasions, when others were rumored to be in line for the bench over Gottlieb, the mayor vowed an all-out fight to get his choice the job.

But Gottlieb, apparently disenchanted by the haggling and jockeying for position by party leaders had second thoughts.

"I just don't want it anymore," Gottlieb told The Jersey Journal "I plan to attend to my law business. I'll stick with that."

the people of Hoboken gave a mandate to the council by signing petitions in behalf of the public works employees."

Vitale insisted that no public services would have to be shut down as a result of the cuts, but he warned that his department would be "understaffed soon because we are now going into the five-week vacation period to which some of our men are entitled through civil service."

Director Bier, alluding to the library's cutbacks, said he had reservations about the building's maintenance. "It's going to be very difficult to keep up our standards with only one man and one cleaning woman."

"I would certainly like the council to know that several years ago there was quite a disturbance over a shortage of manpower for our cleaning staff and I would not like to see a repetition of this," he added.

Bier was certain, however, that there would be no cutback in the library's hours. He said the layoffs would affect services in each of the library's departments, juvenile, adult, reference, cataloging and administration operating over three floors.

"Every year," he said, "there's more information that has to be compiled and you need an adequately-sized staff to do this justice. I'd have liked to fill the post of assistant to the director with a Puerto Rican, but now what can I do?"

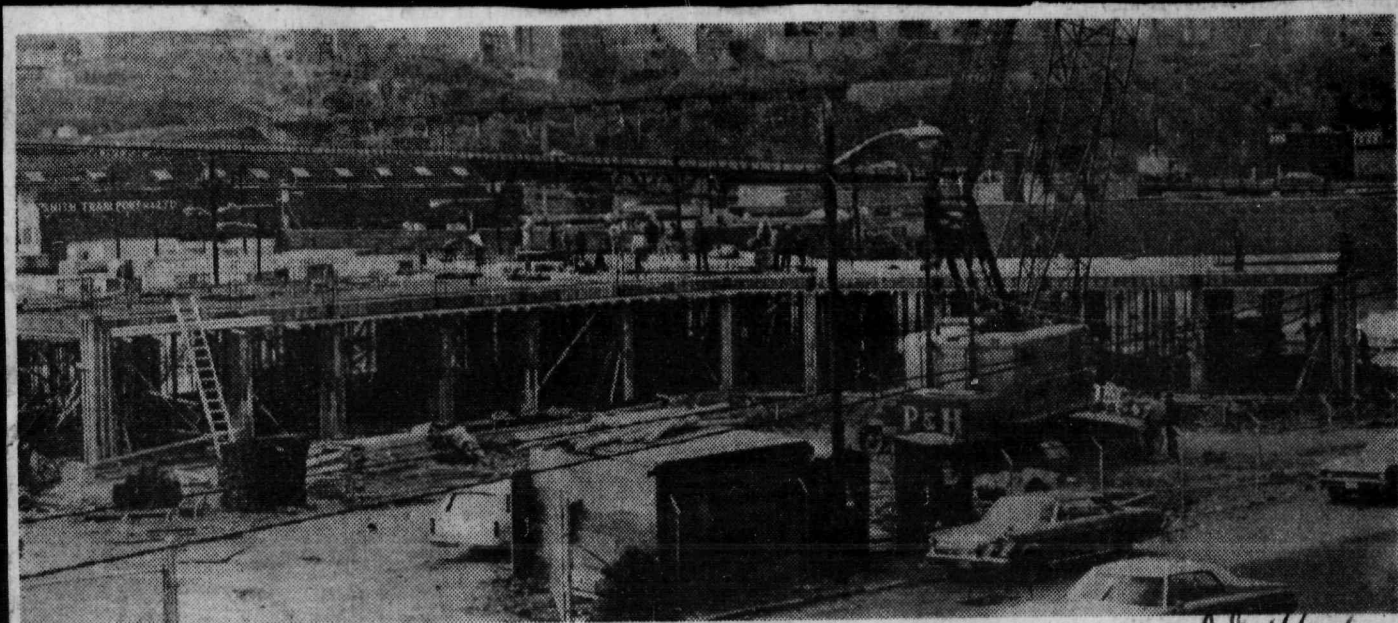


THE TICKET—Candidates on the Regular Democratic Organization ticket for the June 6 primary get together last night at dinner in Bruno's Restaurant, Jersey City, after the announcement of their candidacy. Seated are incumbent freeholders, Mrs. Luba T. Zlonczewski of Jersey City and Louis DePascale of Hoboken. At rear are Rep. Dominick V. Daniels, who will try for his eighth Washington term; Congressional Medal of Honor winner John Meagher, sheriff candidate; and incumbent supervisor John M. Deegan who will stand for reelection.



GOING DOWN

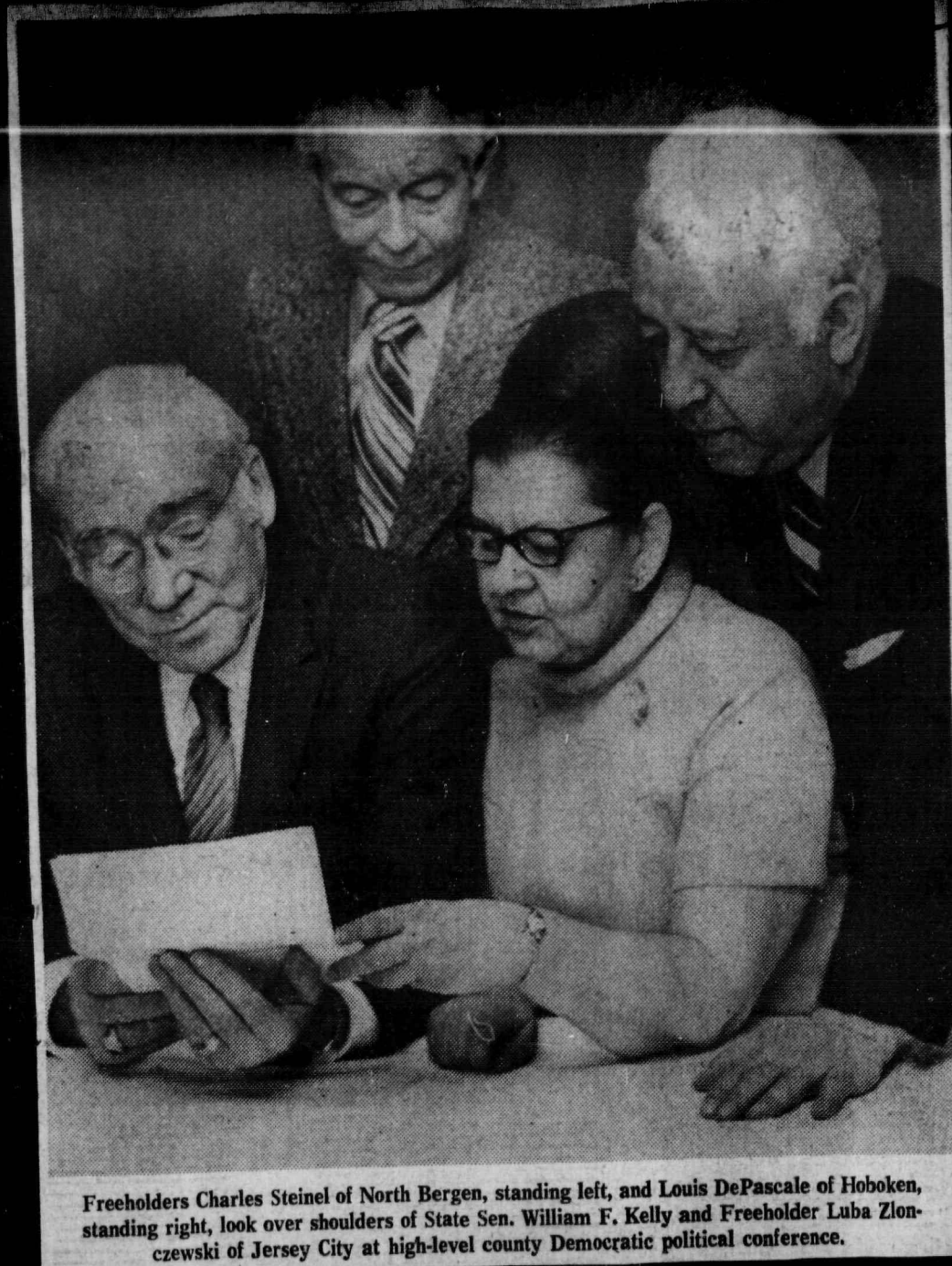
Wrecking crew begins the job of demolishing condemned building at 50 Park Ave., Hoboken, after constant criticism of the city administration the past few months by The Jersey Journal for not beginning the work sooner. The city is paying for the work.



SENIOR HOUSING GOING UP

Foundation work is largely completed and workmen are beginning construction of the flooring for the new 'Fox'.

Hill's Gardens' senior citizen's housing project in Hoboken. Swift completion is predicated on good weather.



Freeholders Charles Steinel of North Bergen, standing left, and Louis DePascale of Hoboken, standing right, look over shoulders of State Sen. William F. Kelly and Freeholder Luba Zlenczowski of Jersey City at high-level county Democratic political conference.

Poor 1971 Tax Collections Add to City's Fiscal Woes

A good part of Hoboken's financial problems in 1972 are caused by the poor collection of 1971 taxes, which dropped by 4.4 per cent from the collection in 1970, descending to the lowest percentage figure in many years. In preparing the city's 1971 budget, the administration estimated that it was going to collect 88.8 per cent of the taxes levied based on that percentage actually collected the previous year. It collected only 84.4 per cent.

The tax levy for 1971 was \$10,898,435, of which only \$9,205,255 was collected. For 1970, levy was \$10,338,944, of which \$9,167,848 was collected.

Since 1969, when the collections took a sudden upswing with 89.77 per cent collected, the percentage of collections has been steadily dropping.

What does the whole thing mean to Hoboken taxpayers? Essentially, that those who do pay their taxes will be expected to make up the difference this year for those who didn't pay last year.

Under the prescribed formula used to figure out the budget the city must anticipate that it will

collect taxes at no greater a rate than the preceding year.

Consequently, if the city needs to raise, say \$10,000,000 in taxes to operate for the current year it must figure that it is going to collect only 84.4 of that figure.

This would leave a deficit. To prevent this the budget must be increased to a point where collections of only 84.4 per cent will equal the \$10,000,000 needed. This

increase is called reserve for uncollected taxes.

Hoboken has set aside \$1,899,481 for uncollected taxes in 1972 compared to \$1,264,744 in 1971.

Hoboken actually needs \$10,276,683 to operate this year. But because of the poor tax collections last year it must levy a total tax of \$12,176,165 in anticipation of collecting only 84.4 per cent of that amount — the \$10,276,683.

Fusilli Vows Not to Hold Two Jobs

Hoboken may be getting a new freeholder next November but it could also be losing a councilman.

Second Ward Councilman Vincent J. Fusilli, who has been selected to run on the Hudson Mayors Coalition ticket for freeholder in the Democratic primary June 6 against Mayor Louis DePascale, said today that if and when elected freeholder he would resign as councilman.

"I am not a hypocrite," said the councilman. "I am against

dual job holding by elected officials and I always have been.

"If the people have enough faith in the ticket and me to get us through the primary in June and the general election in November, my very first act as councilman will be to resign as councilman."

And what about Mayor DePascale? How does he feel about facing the first serious challenge to his seat on the board of freeholders?

"I'm looking forward to it," said the mayor. "I think this

campaign is going to do us all some good. People, including politicians, become complacent about life and everything else if there isn't some kind of challenge."

DePascale said that he didn't view the upcoming primary campaign as a battle of ideals. It will be, he said, a power play for control of the county Democratic organization.

"I still feel that the regular organization has the confidence of a majority of the Democratic

voters in Hudson County," DePascale added.

The decision to accept the coalition's offer for him to run for freeholder was a difficult one for Fusilli to make.

"Good, honest and efficient government is needed badly in Hoboken and we have been able to take steps to bring it about," the councilman said, "but having good government in Hoboken isn't enough."

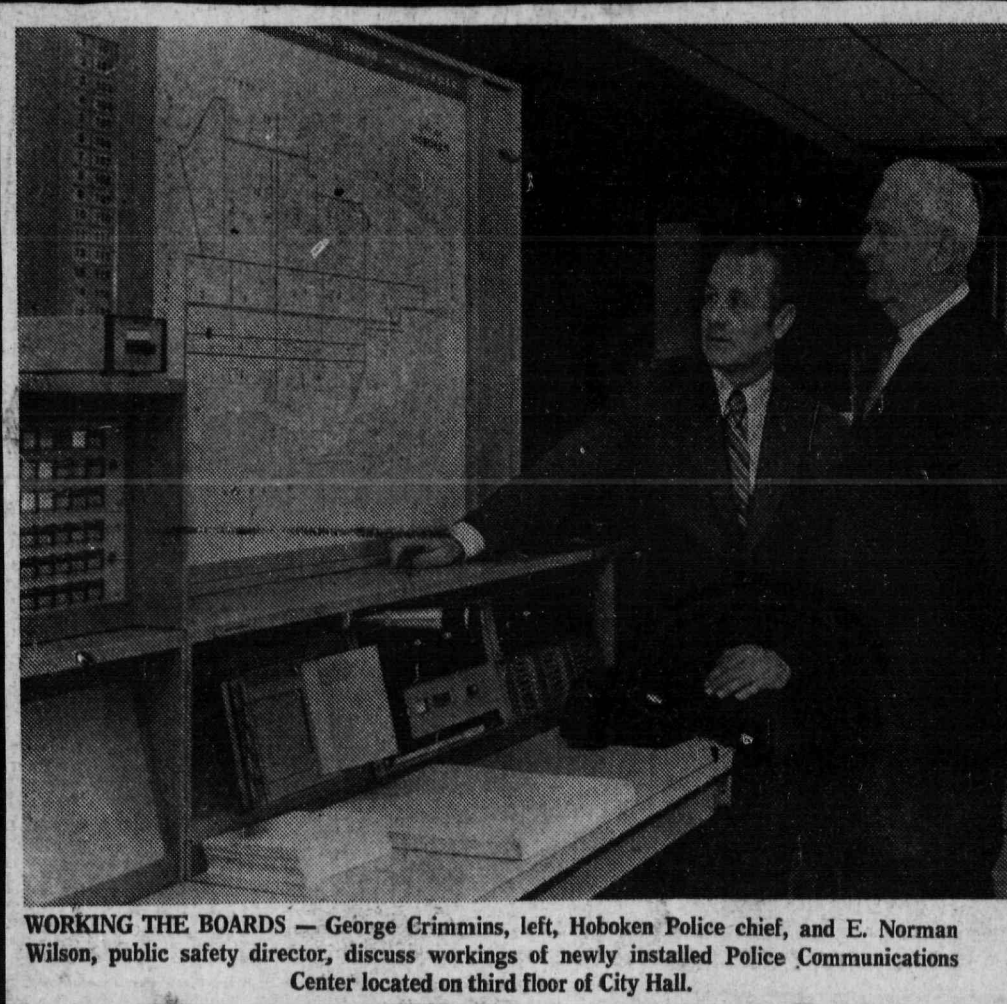
"A large percentage of Hoboken's problems are being caused by an extravagant county

government that has little, if any, interest in the difficulties of the municipalities in meeting its ever-growing operational costs.

"I don't think anyone's campaign workers worked harder than mine during the 1971 race in Hoboken because they knew what I stood for and that I would do my best to fulfill my obligations to them."

"My decision to run in the primary for the Democratic freeholders spot came about because I feel that I can still fulfill those obligations to Second Ward residents as well as the rest of Hoboken."

"I am proud to have the opportunity to associate with men of the caliber of Mayors Jordan, Fitzpatrick, Rogers and DeFino. Together we shall eliminate the bossism of John V. Kenny and bring government back to the people of Hudson County."



WORKING THE BOARDS — George Crimmins, left, Hoboken Police chief, and E. Norman Wilson, public safety director, discuss workings of newly installed Police Communications Center located on third floor of City Hall.

Hoboken Determined to Sell Three Piers and Shipyard

Four pieces of valuable Hoboken waterfront real estate will go on the auction block again next month. The city is now in the process of getting ready to auction off the Fifth and Sixth Street Piers, the 16th Street Pier and the Todd Shipyard.

A resolution authorizing the sale of the property is on the agenda for tonight's council meeting at 7 p.m. in city hall, and is expected to receive council approval.

The sale is tentatively scheduled for May 17 at 7 p.m. in the council chambers.

For the Fifth and Sixth Street piers, the former Holland American Lines headquarters before the company moved to New York City, it will be the second time within a year that Hoboken has tried to sell them.

At the last sale, Samuel Tuttle offered to buy the piers for a price of \$65,000 and put down a \$6,500 deposit. However, the city rejected his offer. Tuttle may decide to try again.

Currently, Hoboken has leased the Fifth Street pier to a Newark firm importing raw salt, sugar and pumice. The company, Latas International, also has expressed an interest in buying the piers.

Hoboken has been holding on to its portion of the Todd Shipyard for several years, most of that during the period when it was thought that Supermarine Inc. would buy it and build an oil desulfurization plant.

Supermarine has left the area — it's now eyeing South Amboy but is again encountering difficulties with environmental groups opposed to the plant — and Hoboken is holding the bag.

The shipyard has been put up for sale once before also, but there weren't any bidders — including Supermarine.

For the 16th Street Pier, it is the first time in recent years that the city will try to sell the property.

Public hearings will be given to three ordinances being considered by the council.

The first establishes a department of Consumer Protection with the city's superintendent of weights and measures as director. The second authorizes the city's housing squad to supply copies of its inspection status reports to concerned parties for a fixed fee. And the third increases the salary ranges for the city's carpenters and the superintendent of weights and measures.

The jobs of building inspector and city engineer have turned into a "family affair." Mayor Louis DePascale has notified the council that he is appointing James Caulfield city engineer.

Caulfield, the city's current building inspector, is the son of Patrick L. Caulfield who held both Hoboken jobs for many years before resigning to become county engineer.

Also up for consideration by the council is a resolution authorizing payments to four police lieutenants for hours they put in last year in duties normally performed by captains.

They are Lt. Daniel Kiely, Lt. Walter Drew, Lt. August Ricciardi and Acting Capt. Russell Sweeten.

Kiely has submitted a claim for \$1,028; Sweeten, \$1,302; Drew and Ricciardi, \$298 each.

2 Committee Fights Slated in Hoboken

Only two committeemen seats, both Democratic, are being contested in Hoboken for the June 6 primary.

Maria S. Finnerty of 1117 Park Ave., a regular Democrat, will be seeking one of the Democratic spots in the fourth district of the Fifth Ward, now held by the organization.

Marcella E. Stupin of 1106

district: Max J. Gobbo, Olympia DePalma, second; Edwin A. Kerrigan, Margaret McCarthy, third; Rafael Soler, Vera Ricciardi, fourth.

Third Ward
Libero A. Gugliemelli, Florence DeVincentis, first district; Peter J. Miele, Margaret Miele, second; Edward Cunniff, Grace A. Earl, third; Joseph T. Liso, Ann Del Boccio, fourth.

Fourth Ward
Corrado DePinto, Anne Aurigemma, first district; Peter Marcuso, Margaret Traficanti, second; Peter Frongillo, Ethel F. O'Connor, third; Nicholas Sansavere, Nancy Preston, fourth.

Fifth Ward
Walter F. Dunn, Elsie Kelly, first district; Arthur J. Burkhardt, Barbara Morry, second; John Danducci, Maria Salvetti, third; William T. Rutherford, Agnes M. Hannagan, Maria S. Finnerty, fourth; John P. Butler, Angie Liso, Marcella E. Stupin, fifth.

Sixth Ward
John F. Barry, Jean Sinigaglia, first district; Joseph Carr, Carol Greeley, second; George Walter, Juan Pili, third.

REPUBLICANS
First Ward
Amadeo Ferando, Anna Eordly, first district; Frank Caporino, Anna Marie Caporino, second; Bernard Selvi, John Curci, third; John Veser, Susan Slonich, fourth.

Second Ward
Frank J. Barletta, Anna Fontana, first district; Alfonso Guzzi, Camille Salinaro,

Book to Aid City's Fight On Pollution

The Hoboken Environmental Committee tomorrow will start distributing 2,500 booklets telling what each individual can do in the pollution fight and giving phone numbers and addresses of governmental agencies that can be contacted when help is needed.

The four page booklet, "Knock Here for a Solution to Pollution," was prepared for the committee by the Poggi Press on 100 per cent recycled paper.

The booklet will be distributed at churches throughout the city, said Mrs. Helen Manogue, committee chairman.

Although it has only a few pages, they are crammed with valuable information.

One section tells what the individual can do at home, in the neighborhood and in stores to reduce the pollution problem.

Another covers the recycling of paper, glass and cans and tells what and how it should be done.

Yet another covers the addresses and phone numbers of government agencies that should be called for reporting possible air pollution, water pollution, diesel engine emissions, noise pollution, pot holes, abandoned cars, over flowing catch basins, rate and insects, littering.

Assisting in the preparation of the booklet were Mrs. Alice Genese, Mrs. Shirley Ondrick, Mrs. Carol Schell, Mrs. Maureen Singleton, Mrs. Elizabeth Whelan.

Mrs. Manogue extended the committee's thanks to Hoboken Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale for his assistance in the booklet's preparation.

DePascale Wants Youth As Delegate

Youth hasn't had much representation on the Hudson County delegation to national Democratic conventions in the past, but Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale hopes to play a part in changing that this year.

"My personal recommendation for a seat in the delegation is James Farina," said the mayor. "As president of the Hoboken Young Democrats he has helped build the organization of young men into a valuable political, social and civic force in the community."

"For too long the youth of America and Hoboken have been ignored. It is time to give them a chance to voice their opinions."

Whether or not Farina makes the delegation remains to be decided by a county mini-convention for the purpose of selecting a cross-section of delegates representing the Democratic voters and then the June primary when the voters make their decision.

The convention this year is scheduled for July in Miami Beach.

State Cool on Funds for Police Unit

By PETER HALLAM

The State Law Enforcement Planning Agency (SLEPA) will be taking a close look at the Hoboken Police Community Relations Bureau before deciding whether it should refinance the program for another year, The Jersey Journal learned today.

Current funding for the \$100,000 program ends June 1. Through the program, Hoboken was able to hire six additional police officers to replace the of-

ficers staffing the bureau at 200 Willow Ave.

Hoboken Police Chief George W. Crimmins recently met with SLEPA representatives in Trenton to discuss the city's application for refinancing. The chief said that as a result of that meeting, the agency plans to visit the bureau and evaluate the overall program.

The main objective of the community relations bureau was the establishment of better rapport and understanding between

the police department and the city's minority groups. It has not been entirely successful.

One major problem — and still unsolved — is the makeup of the 10-member advisory board.

The Neighborhood Planning Council of the Hoboken Model Cities Program organized the board with five whites, three Puerto Ricans and two blacks, based on the population figures for Hoboken's Model Cities area.

But some members of the Puerto Rican community felt

that they should have as many board members as the white community and refused to serve on the board until this was done.

The NPC refused to change its mind and the situation remains unresolved.

This lack of participation on the part of the Puerto Rican community appears to be the main stumbling block as far as SLEPA is concerned. If the situation can't be resolved to everyone's satisfaction so that there is no more Puerto Rican

participation, refinancing is doubtful, according to informed sources.

Loss of the program would cost a \$60,000 disaster for Hoboken since the city would be forced to pick up the salaries for the six officers that staff the bureau.

Chief Crimmins would not go into detail on his conversation with SLEPA officials but did say that participation in the program by the Puerto Rican community was one of the areas of prime concern.



THE LADY'S STEPPING DOWN

Mrs. Eugene Macri, seated, is presented with a floral piece of roses during dinner given in her honor by Hoboken Women's Republican Club. Making presentation is Mrs. Frank Riondillo, co-chairman, while Mrs. Bernard Scrivani, left, new president, and Mrs. Harold Lisa, co-chairman, look on. Mrs. Macri served as president of the group for 12 years.

Makes Tour of Site DePascale Sees Play Area on Waterfront

By JACK ECKHARDT

Between \$50,000 and \$75,000 is all that's needed from state or federal sources to make possible an outdoor play area along part of Hoboken's waterfront area in the shadow of Stevens Tech campus, it was announced yesterday by Mayor Louis DePascale.

DePascale, with other local officials and a representative of Model Cities, toured the River rd. section to the north of Stevens Ship dormitory on the Hudson River. The fenced-in area, approximately 1,000 feet long and 300 feet wide, which was once owned by the city, is now Stevens Tech property.

"We are studying the possibility of converting the now-empty waterfront area into a summer picnic ground, complete with pavilion for music, basketball court, roller hockey and outdoor ping-pong," DePascale said after the tour.

Accompanied by Public Works Director Raphael Vitale, Councilmen Martin Brennan and Vincent Fusilli, and School Business Manager Joseph Bartletta, the Hoboken mayor said, "We may promote such a play area on the waterfront with financial support of the State Department of Community Affairs and the planning support of Model Cities."

Pointing out the need to install higher fences for safety, DePascale said the section has potential of being an ideal facility to get hundreds of youths off the hot city streets this summer. He indicated that action will be taken next week to arrive at preliminary costs.

In a further effort yesterday to meet the increasing demands for youth recreation in Hoboken, the same group of officials accompanied DePascale to the northern area of the city, where it is also planned to expand outdoor play areas.

Pointing out the need to the city's sewer treatment plant and is used by members of the police and fire departments as a playing field for touch football. It is to be decided whether the section may be top soiled and a cinder block building erected as a toilet for ball players this summer.

"We have set the plans in motion with representatives of the Model Cities area, and hope to have a favorable report on progress in both areas in the near future. Hoboken's present outdoor recreation facilities are limited to Hoboken High School Stadium and the Little League Field at Stevens Park," DePascale said.

Tax Policy Group Report For Hoboken

What does the future hold in store for Hoboken taxpayers?

They can get a good idea of what may be coming from the state in the way of new taxes and revisions in the current system through the six-volume report of Gov. Cahill's New Jersey Tax Policy Committee now available in the Hoboken city clerk's office.

The first five volumes cover "The Revenue Gap and Tax Burden, The Property Tax, State Aids and Service Levels, the uses and Costs of Public Credit, and Non-Profit Taxes in a Fair and Equitable Tax System."

The sixth book is the overall summary containing the committee's suggestions and recommendations for changes in the existing tax system.

Residents may review the books daily between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Clerk's office in Hoboken City Hall.

Wilson, Cappiello in Agreement On Delay in Extra Police Pay

Public Safety Director E. Norman Wilson and Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello are agreed that Wilson never told the councilman that more policemen are planning to file claims for pay differentials.

Police Lt. Daniel Kiely and three other lieutenants have filed for extra pay for performing duties normally assigned to higher-ranking officers.

Cappiello had asked for delay when the matter came before the council last Wednesday because he understood more claims were coming in. But Cappiello said he never intended to quote Wilson as telling him that, and Wilson said today he still approves of the payments.

"To set the record straight," Wilson said, "Chief George Crimmins approved the payment. I checked and examined the same and I approved payment and sent the payroll resolution to the council in January."

"The council tabled the matter and it was only after Lt. Kiely appeared before the council that the resolution was revived."

"Councilman Edward McLaughlin spoke to me on Tuesday, April 18, the day before the meeting and stated that he was going to move the resolution for payment, but he would like to know if any other requests for back pay differentials are pending."

"I told the councilman I knew of none and referred him to Chief Crimmins, who likewise informed Councilman McLaughlin that there were none."

"On Wednesday morning, April 19, the day of the council meeting, Councilman Cappiello spoke to me in the main corridor of the City Hall and said he was concerned about whether there were any other pending claims and what the cost would be."

"I told Councilman Cappiello that I knew of none, nor did the chief. Councilman Cappiello stated that he had received information that there were other claims."

"I told Councilman Cappiello that if he was concerned, that he should ask Councilman McLaughlin to lay the matter over until the next council meeting so that I could confer with Chief Crimmins and ascertain if Councilman Cappiello's information was correct."

"At no time did I tell Councilman Cappiello or any other councilman that other claims were starting to come in, dating back six years. This was Councilman Cappiello's assertion, not mine, as I have no knowledge to this effect."

"I still approve the payment of the differential to Lt. Kiely and the other three lieutenants (Walter Drew, August Riccardi, and Russell Sweeten) as the same is in keeping with the contract with the Policemen's Benevolent Association which the council approved."

Cappiello, when told of Wilson's statement, said that it was for all intents and purposes correct.

"I think I was misunderstood," the councilman added. "I never said that Wilson said that other claims were coming in. But I did ask that the director look into report that have reached me that others will be coming."

"A number of PBA members have already made inquiries. I am told, concerning the possibility of filing claims. I'm anxious to know just how many have actually done so or are planning to."

But Wilson said that since the matter was covered in the city's contract with the PBA, there wasn't any way of getting out of paying the claims if and when they are submitted.

Wilson said the contract signed by the council provides for paying all police department members a differential when they are required to perform duties normally assigned to ranks higher than the one they hold.

Bus Inspector's Spot Check Fails to Find Anything Wrong

Hoboken's acting transportation inspector has been unable to come up with any major violations or problems following a random inspection of Washington Street buses during a two hour period Wednesday morning.

According to his written report submitted to Public Safety Director E. Norman Wilson, Detective Richard Carroll had only one complaint and that was with a Washington Street bus that had dirty windows.

Carroll said the buses were clean, passengers were not smoking while on the buses, and during the period he rode the buses they were actually four minutes ahead of their regular schedule.

"I cautioned the drivers about pulling into the curb, told them to inform passengers about the 'no smoking' regulation, and reminded the drivers to be courteous," said Carroll in his report.

"On some of the buses I introduced myself to the passengers and asked them if there were any complaints about the drivers, schedules or condition of the buses."

Of the few who did complain the most frequent gripe was with the length of time it takes the buses to make their run from 14th Street to the PATH terminal on Hudson Place.

Another complaint was that drivers often wait for passengers running up from Bloomfield Street thus causing a delay for other passengers.

Carroll suggested that since buses were running on a four-minute headway during the rush hours, that the drivers pull out and let the person wait for the next bus.

The detective also informed Wilson that he has been in contact with the state Public Utility Commission and was informed that its inspectors are already making on-the-spot checks of the Hoboken buses.

Fox Hill Gardens Ahead of Schedule

Fox Hill Gardens, Hoboken's newest senior citizen housing project, is several weeks ahead of its construction schedule, the city's housing authority announced today as it picked the colors for the outer walls of the building.

The project is expected to be in an advanced construction phase by June, Raymond G. Clyons, housing authority chairman, declared.

The 10-story steel-and-concrete structure is being erected at 12th Street and Willow Avenue.

"The contractor has just about finished pouring the concrete for the fifth floor," said Clyons.

"Barring any prolonged periods of bad weather, the 10th floor and roof should be poured sometime in June."

"We calculate the project to be slightly ahead of schedule at this moment. However, it will be a few weeks ahead if the current construction rate continues."

Clyons added that even after the concrete pouring has been completed there would still be a great deal of work to be done. However, the main structure itself would be up.

Fox Hill Gardens will be light beige with blue trim on the balconies. These were the colors picked out by the authority commissioners last Friday.

Plan crackdown on parking at senior citizens project

The Hoboken Parking Authority has taken a preliminary step towards eliminating the use of parking spaces at the Adams Gardens senior citizens project by unauthorized drivers.

Raymond G. Clyons, authority chairman, said today that he has instructed the maintenance personnel at the project to keep a close check on the parking lot for unauthorized vehicles and to call police whenever any are noticed.

"The police will be expected to issue a ticket for parking in a restricted area," he continued. "Meanwhile, we will attempt to find out who these motorists are and who told them they could park there in the first place."

Clyons was responding to a complaint voiced by Fourth Ward Councilman Louis Francione at Wednesday's council meeting.

The councilman said that there are 25 parking spaces at the project but only five of the tenants have cars. However, these five are frequently required to park on the streets blocks away from their apartments because the project's lot is filled.

According to Clyons, he was not aware of the problem. "No complaints about the parking have been brought to my attention until now," he said. "Of course that doesn't mean the residents weren't having problems."

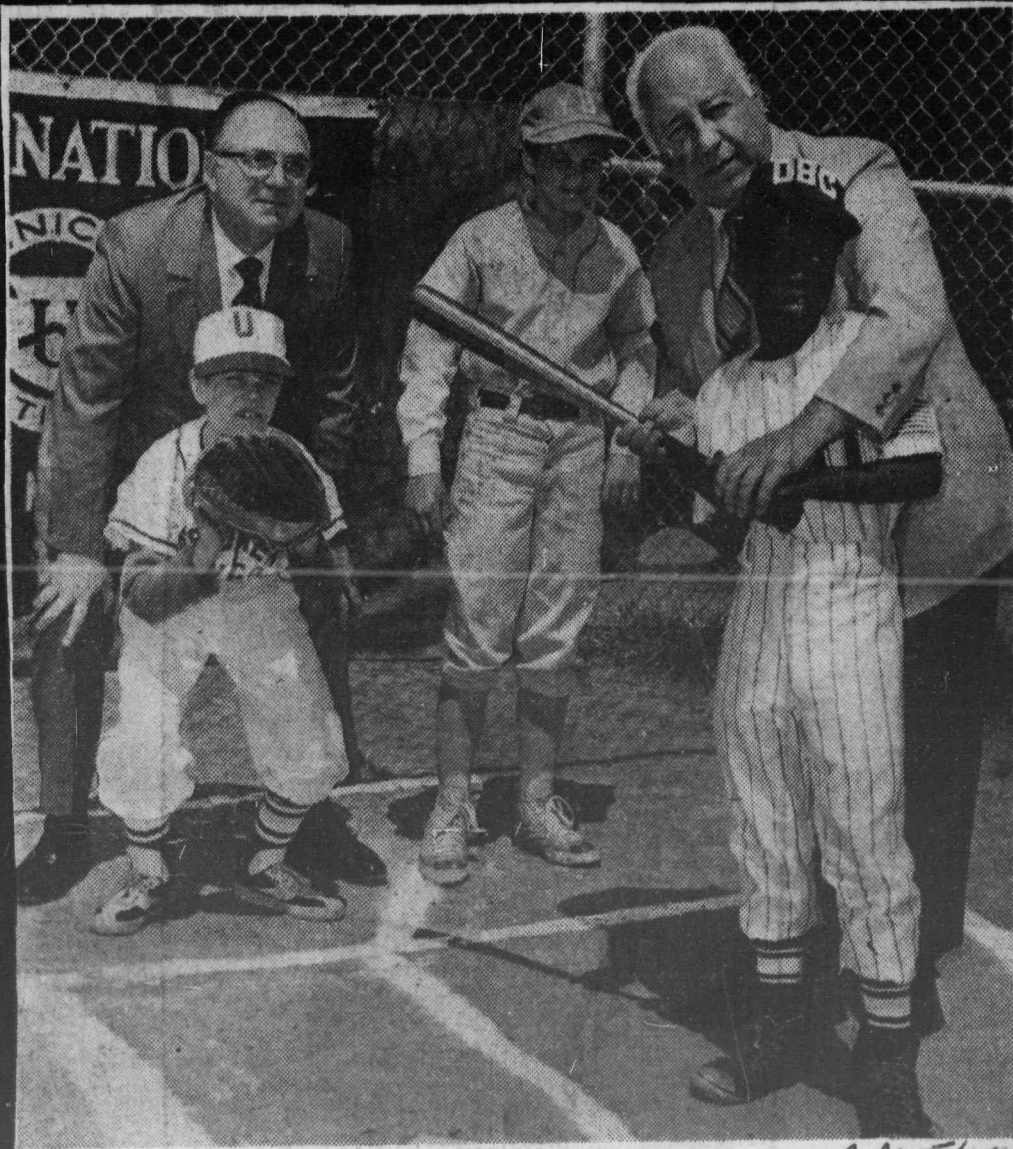
Francione said that he wanted the illegally-parked cars ticketed and if that didn't discourage the practice of using the lot, he wants them towed away.

Towing wasn't ruled out by Clyons, but he said that for the time being he wanted to see if less drastic action would clear up the situation.

The councilman also suggested that the housing authority start using some kind of identification system for cars belonging to tenants.

"Some kind of bumper or windshield sticker would make it a lot easier to tell who belonged in the lot and who didn't," the councilman said.

Clyons said that he didn't think anything like that was necessary at the moment since only five tenants had cars and that was not too many to account for by the maintenance staff.



LET'S PLAY BALL!

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale gives William Bates a hand at bat during opening day ceremonies of Little League at Stevens Park. That's Public Works Director Raphael Vitale calling the balls and strikes behind catcher Alan Lambiase while Naria Pepe waits his turn at bat.

A day to remember



Examining information on drug problem are, from left, Easter Bincent, Thomas Olivieri, acting director of Hoboken Out Reach Center, and Nat Buonnorta, vice chairman of N.J. Regional Drug Abuse Agency.



AHEAD OF SCHEDULE—Construction of the new Hoboken senior citizen apartment project to be known as Fox Hill Gardens, located at 13th st. and Willow av., is progressing ahead of schedule. City officials are predicting the project of 200 units will be occupied late this year. The uptown dwelling is estimated to cost \$4.5 million.



MAKING PLANS — Mrs. Roger Grazioli, left, director of the Secaucus Public Library; Lucille Cunningham, who holds the same post with the Hoboken Library, and Erika Schurmann, right, Kearny Library director, finalize plans for the Hudson County Library Association's first annual dinner-dance to be held at the Casino-In-The-Park, Jersey City.



SWORN—Hoboken Fifth Ward Councilman Martin J. Brennan (second from left), takes oath yesterday as a housing authority commissioner administered by Hoboken City Clerk Anthony J. Amoroso, while Mrs. Regina Brennan holds the Bible and their son, James Brennan looks on. The appointment of Brennan by the city council last week to the unsalaried post established a precedent in Hoboken, executed without approval of Mayor Louis DePascale.



THEIR WEEK — Francine Florio, president of the senior class at St. Mary Hospital School of Nursing, places pin on lapel of Mayor Louis DePascale as he proclaimed National Hospital Week in Hoboken. Looking on are Sue Schavia, junior class president, and Cathy McPolin, president of the freshman class.

Brennan Ties \$14 Tax Hike To DePascale Leadership

Hoboken Fifth Ward Councilman Martin J. Brennan yesterday blamed the city's \$14 tax rate rise this year on what he called poor leadership by Mayor Louis DePascale in recent years.

"Mayor DePascale is patting himself on the back, but the people of Hoboken are not fooled. We (members of the city council) cut his 1972 budget that would have called for a \$20 tax rate hike. He's hiding behind a bush again, painting a 'rosy' picture for next year," Brennan said.

The rate rise boosted the Mile-Square City's tax rate to \$104 per \$1,000 valuation.

Second Ward Councilman Vincent J. Fusilli and Sixth Ward Councilman Edward McLaughlin supported Brennan in his criticism of the tax rate boost.

DePascale earlier this week attributed the rise to poor collections of taxes last year and to emergency appropriations passed by the council.

"The probable reason for poor tax collections last year in 1971 was due to property owners being unable to pay the ever-increasing rate," Brennan said.

Mayor DePascale tried to

blame the city council, while it is actually his bad debts catching up with him. He's trying to paint a rosy picture for next year, but we are obligated to city employees seeking a pay increase next year. And we must pick up the interest costs on the Grogan Marine Plaza parking garage," he added.

"Representation Poor"

Referring to DePascale's role as a Hudson County freeholder during recent years, Brennan stated, "Residents of Hoboken have had poor representation on the freeholder board and we've

had no voice on that body through Mayor DePascale."

Fusilli said, "Mayor DePascale said, 'In our making all major decisions in recent years, so the increased taxes must also rest at his doorstep. He never did allow members of city council to make major decisions, which we are making now in the interest of all city residents, both rent and taxpayers.'"

Asked to comment on Brennan's charges, DePascale said, "In our democratic form of government, everyone has the right to be heard. I've explained my reason for the tax increase and my hopes for a better condition next year. Mr. Brennan has explained his side of the story. I leave it up to the residents of Hoboken to decide who is right and who is wrong."

In another development, the council yesterday unanimously named Brennan a member of the city's housing authority without DePascale's approval.

Set Brennan Swearing To Housing Post

By JACK ECKHARDT

Hoboken Fifth Ward Councilman Martin J. Brennan will be sworn Monday as a member of the city's Housing Authority.

The appointment is the first step in an announced plan by the nine-member council to place councilmen on the boards of all city agencies. The council said it will act with or without the approval of Mayor Louis DePascale.

Brennan, one time deputy Hudson County clerk and one time Hoboken City Clerk, was appointed to the unsalaried post of Hoboken Housing commissioner this week by unanimous vote of the City Council.

Yesterday, Brennan, who expects to take the oath of his new office at 10 a.m. Monday, said "This is only the beginning of a new era for Hoboken residents to have proper representation on all city committees, boards, commissions and antipoverty trustee boards to insure our Hoboken residents know what's going on at all times."

A professional printer by trade and long active in Hoboken politics both as an administration then antiadministration supporter, Brennan expressed the opinion "It's about time all of the residents of Hoboken have a proper say in what's going on in all phases of our city government."

The appointment of Brennan by the council to be a member of the Housing Authority is considered a precedent.

Asked if his new assignment will mean the naming of other elected officials to Hoboken boards and commissions, Brennan said, "I sincerely believe and hope so. I feel there should be an elected member of the council appointed to the Hoboken Board of Education, and a member appointed to all of the responsible antipoverty project trusteeships. It will serve as a feeling of security to all residents in their right to have a say in operation of such programs."

Referring to the candidacy of Second Ward Councilman Vincent Fusilli seeking election as a Hudson County freeholder in the June 6 Primary Day election, Brennan said, "At present we have Mayor Louis DePascale serving in that dual capacity of mayor and county freeholder, and he has done nothing to benefit the taxpayers of Hoboken. If Fusilli is successful in being elected to the freeholder post, he will resign his Second Ward council post, and devote full time to protecting the interests of Hoboken taxpayers."

Asked about a member of City Council serving on the Hoboken board of education, Brennan said "Members of City Council are studying such a move in the interest of proper representation."

Tighter rein on emergency hiring plan

The Hoboken City Council is preparing to tighten the reins on the Emergency Employment program's hiring procedures after receiving a number of complaints about some personnel hired through the program for city employment.

Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello said today that the council has begun looking into complaints that some personnel may have criminal records, were not doing their jobs or their conduct was questionable.

"At the moment we are concerned with the guards hired through the program," he he said. "There have been reports of schools left open, parks unattended, and guards drinking while they are supposed to be on duty."

"It has also been brought to our attention that some of the people hired through the program have questionable backgrounds, possibly even criminal records."

"This leads us to wonder exactly what the program does in the way of screening the people it is considering for employment."

Marino DeGennaro, director of the program's office in Hoboken, said that it leaves all of the screening up to Civil Service.

"Job applicants fill out their C.S. 6 forms and they are sent to Civil Service," he said. "It is up to Civil Service to certify them eligible or ineligible for appointment, not the program office."

DeGennaro said that he had no knowledge of anyone on the program who had a criminal record or who was facing criminal charges.

However, he added that this didn't mean that there weren't any.

"I know of no one working for the city through the program who has a criminal record, but this doesn't mean there aren't any," he said, "just that I don't know about it."

It was learned that the council plans to call DeGennaro in for a caucus meeting.

DeGennaro said that he would attend if asked to do so, but the responsibility for employees hired by the program was not his.

"If someone is doing something wrong now that they are employed, it is the job of their supervisors to find out what and take the necessary action," he continued.

"Although hired through the program, they are city employees and subject to supervision from the city agency they are working for."

Hoboken tests new device to purify drinking water

A new type of water filtration system is currently being tested in Hoboken as a prelude to the presentation of a proposal for the construction of a major filtering plant.

The system is called "Philco-Ford Reverse Osmosis," developed by the corporation's research and development laboratories in California, and is currently being tested on a small scale at the Hoboken sewage treatment plant.

A spokesman for the corporation said that pending the outcome of the preliminary tests in Hoboken in order to determine what the city's needs are, a proposal will be made for the construction of a 1,000,000-gallon-a-day plant.

While the proposed filtering plant would not be able to handle the water supply for the entire city, the design of the primary facility would allow expansion at a later date with little difficulty.

"The spokesman said the initial facility would cost in the neighborhood of \$500,000 and

would hopefully be incorporated into the city's plans to install new water mains throughout the southern half of the city.

The process is relatively simple. Tubes of membrane, covered by a flexible braided support, are coiled like garden hose on a plastic spool and encased in a plastic container. Polluted or brackish water is forced under various pressures through the membrane to achieve purity.

Numbers of these modules can be interconnected to build purification systems capable of

economically producing from thousands to millions of gallons of water a day.

And the finished product is crystal clear, dramatically reduced in hardness and nearly bacteria-free.

Henry Maier, Hoboken's chemist, was impressed with the results of tests he performed on the first few gallons of water processed by the mobile unit.

"Close to 75 per cent of the dissolved solids were removed and discoloration was down 10 fold," he said. "This was the results from the first samples

taken. However, the system doesn't reach its peak until it has been running several hours and the membrane has been coated."

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale was also impressed with the system, but somewhat hesitant about how the city would finance any construction.

"If we decide to go ahead with a test plant, the funds will have to come from either the state or federal governments," he said, "maybe a combination of both. But the city itself doesn't have the money for it."

Ties Tax Hike To Collection

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale yesterday blamed a \$14 hike per \$1,000 assessment for local property owners, from \$90 to \$104, on poor 1971 city tax collections, cash deficiencies and emergency appropriations passed by City Council last year.

Stressing that "next year will be a good year" for resident rent and taxpayers, DePascale said, "I don't think the present tax hike will be a recurring situation." Talking of the poor tax collections last year, DePascale said, "We only collected 84 per cent of the monies due the city treasury, which resulted in an \$800,000 reserve being established for uncollected taxes in the present budget."

Avoiding direct comment as a county freeholder, DePascale did not indicate how the Hudson County budget affected the new tax hike.

In addition to the \$800,000 reserve for uncollected Hoboken taxes in the present budget the mayor admitted cash deficiencies last year amount to another \$350,000 in the Hoboken budget, plus an estimated \$300,000 for emergency appropriations was passed by City Council in 1971.

Defending his individual status in the \$14 hike, DePascale said, "I was forced to deny any pay hikes to schoolteachers, police and firemen and all other city employees in an effort to hold the tax line as it is now. I feel next year will be a good year for the same city rent and taxpayers."

Meanwhile, in Hoboken yesterday, it was reported members of the Hoboken Rent and Taxpayers Assn. are looking to Second Ward Councilman Vincent J. Fusilli for guidance in what is to be done about the new tax hike. Fusilli, the self-proclaimed head of rent and taxpayers, is now seeking office as a Hudson County freeholder in the coming June 6 primary elections.

A spot check of property owners indicates the \$14 hike will force private home owners and corporations leasing apartment units, to consider a rent hike to meet increased costs. At the same time, it is reported, a move is in progress to ask Councilman Fusilli's aid in the establishment of some type of rent control to protect tenants from unfair demands by property owners.



CHECKING IN — Cynthia Smith, treasurer of Hoboken High School's Future Nurse Association, presents check to William J. Matthews, president of the Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

Higher fees urged for Plaza parking

The Hoboken Parking Authority will have to renegotiate its contract for the leasing of more than 700 parking spaces to the developers of the John J. Grogan Marine View Plaza apartment project, a spokesman for the Hoboken Retail Bureau said today.

William Roth, a member of the bureau's executive board, said that failure to do so by the authority would result in a breach of its agreement with the city.

"The parking authority has an agreement with the city calling for it to rent spaces in its three yet-to-be-constructed parking garages to the developer of the Grogan Plaza at a fee that would cover carrying charges," Roth said. "The current agreement with the developer for \$25 a space falls far short of covering the anticipated carrying charges."

The four apartment buildings in the Grogan Plaza will contain 792 dwelling units, the parking authority to supply the developers one parking space for each unit.

Richard Eversen, vice-chairman of the authority, said that the authority's agreement was for \$25 for every space unrented by the developer and that the developer would pay the authority a higher fee for the rented spaces that would cover carrying charges.

Eversen added that the authority would also retain the use of unrented spaces and could derive income from them over and above the \$25 by renting them.

At the same time, the authority will be operating some 1,000 other parking spaces in the three garages.

"It is still a poor agreement," said Roth. "The developer should pay the authority the monthly carrying charges for each space whether it is rented or not."

Roth added that the bureau expected the City Council to look into the matter.

"The council is the guardian of the people's interests," Roth continued. "The bureau believes the council should look into this matter very closely to make sure the people of Hoboken aren't saddled with paying off the parking authority's bonds."

DePascale labels land bids insulting; suggests reduction

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale today came out against accepting any of the offers made for the purchase of three city-owned waterfront properties which were put on the auction block last week.

"Insulting," said the mayor. "They were downright insulting. Those properties are worth many times what has been offered for them."

"I will strongly recommend to the city council that it reject all three proposals, regardless of what future plans the bidders might have for them."

DePascale said he felt Hoboken could do much better if it didn't rush into any agreements.

"It is most important that these properties are again put on the tax rolls," he continued.

"But at what price? Not if we have to give them away, and I don't believe we have to."

"Hoboken's waterfront area has great potential, just as New York's. It is publicize the fact that we are interested in having it developed and actually go out and look for concerns and corporations doing this kind of work we would surely do better."

"It has both residential and industrial potential," he added.

The properties offered for sale by the city were the 16th Street Pier, the city's portion of the Todd Shipyard, and the Fifth and Sixth Street Piers.

Cosmopolitan Terminal Co. of New York submitted bids of \$50,000 each on the Todd Property and the 16th Street Pier. It plans to fill in the area and use it for storage of commercial and residential grade fuel oil.

River Towing of Hoboken submitted a bid of \$65,000 for the Fifth and Sixth Street Pier which it hopes to use for a marine towing operation.

Whether the city accepts any of the bids is up to the city council. A decision might be reached in time for the next council meeting on June 7.

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Another community service

Examining the new emergency van acquired from City of Hoboken by the Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps are, from left, Capt. Nelson Shanfrau, Edward F. McIntyre, corps vice-president, and John Mack. The van, which Hoboken received from the state last year, was converted to an emergency vehicle by the corps members.

Grogan Plaza In New Snag

By JACK ECKHARDT

Hoboken's \$50-million Grogan Marineview Plaza Apartment complex hit another snag yesterday when it was revealed that the project's developers are seeking a hike from \$25 to \$35 monthly for private car parking space.

The extra \$10 will go to the developer to expedite and insure a long-delayed FHA mortgage approval.

Mayor Louis DePascale, contended the \$10 hike is a problem to be decided between Hoboken Housing Authority and parking authority officials.

In confirming the report, he indicated it would be necessary for the city agencies involved to re-advertise for bids to build garages for some 1,676 private cars. An increase in the number of dwelling units necessitates an additional 92 parking spaces.

This is one of the roadblocks holding up the start of construction on the project since original plans were changed for some three-bedroom apartments to be converted in the contract League Stanley Cup champion to efficiency and one-bedroom apartments.

Hoboken residents, incensed at the excuses for delay in start of the project, have during recent weeks demanded council explanations for the "real reason" for the continued delays. Others are pressuring officials to take positive action to correct the high-rise "snafu."

Were Notified

According to Laurence Reich of the Newark law firm, the Hoboken Parking Authority was notified of the \$10 monthly garage space hike by Max Feldman, vice president of Taylor, Woodrow and Blitman, referred to as Hoboken Urban Renewal Corp. with headquarters at 101 Park av., New York City. Feldman is vice president of the renewal agency developing the area.

The Urban Renewal Corp. advised Parking Authority officials that "we are in the final stages of completing the processing of new applications for the mortgage commitment and expect that the approval will be forthcoming momentarily."

New plans call for the elimination of three-bedroom apartments in each of the proposed Marineview Plaza buildings with efficiency and one-bedroom units substituted. The change is due to lack of "marketability" of large apartments," HURC officials said.

The change in plans will create 92 additional units, raising the original count of 775 to 867, thus necessitating the extra parking spaces.



Beaten DePascale looks to '73 race

May, 1973, is nearly a year away — and in politics a year is a long time, Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken observed today as he reflected on the setback he received in a bid for a second term as county freeholder.

May is the month of the city's next mayoral election and last St. Patrick's Day, when thousands greeted him at a spur-of-the-moment reception he sponsored, DePascale let it be known that he would be seeking a third term. That reception, he said, was his barometer.

Meanwhile, DePascale chose the Regular Democratic Organization as the organization and a rival party slate clashed in one of the bitterest primary fights in generations. "I have always been part of the organization," he said as sides were being drawn.

The mayor's bid for a second

term appeared to many to develop into a more local fight when Councilman Vincent Fusilli — who opposes the DePascale administration — became a freeholder candidate on the rival slate.

Although they weren't running head-to-head, since the voters must choose three candidates, some felt it was a test of strength. Fusilli, as part of the Democratic Mayors' Coalition, got support from that faction; DePascale depended on the old line organization ranks.

Although he showed surprising strength in several areas, the mayor and his running mates on the organization slate failed to carry the city. DePascale trailed Fusilli 3,330 to 2,589. Hoboken voters, however gave their support to Rep. Dominick V. Daniels.

Yesterday's primary loss was

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the latest in a series of setbacks for the busy, white-haired executive. Six member of the City Council had been elected on opposition slates and the mayor broke with the other three members over the handling of the budget. For the past three months he has had no control over the governing body.

The mayor said today he'll analyze the returns and take stock of his political future. Should he continue with his present plans to seek a third term next May, he will have nearly a year to build and adjust, he said.

"There are several programs now on the drawing boards that should be developing in the months ahead for Hoboken," he said, citing new housing and improved waterfront facilities.

"I intend to continue to pursue these programs," said the mayor. "The next year should be an exciting one for Hoboken — and I intend to be part of it."



FETE GOLD STAR MOTHERS—Ten of Hoboken's Gold Star Mothers who took part in that city's Memorial Day parade Saturday were personal guests of Mayor Louis DePascale (at rear) at a luncheon in Helmer's Restaurant following the traditional Elysian Park ceremonies. From left are, Mrs. Mary Kuehns, Mrs. Gertrude Maat, Mrs. Ida Cummings, Mrs. Catherine Ochelli, Mrs. Margaret Buerger, (president of the unit); Mrs. Mary Meehan, Mrs. Laura High, Mrs. Marie Smircic, Mrs. Constance Cooke and Mrs. Helen Collins.



FRATERNAL TOUCH — Mrs. Vincent Piscopo of the Association of the Sons of Poland, smiles her approval as Mayor Louis DePascale signs proclamation setting aside next week as Fraternal Week and designating June 14 as Flag Day. Looking on at Hoboken City Hall are Joseph Lesawyer, left, president of the Ukrainian National Association and Patrick J. Coyle of the Knights of Columbus.

First Street gets better lighting

Members of the Hoboken Improvement Merchants (HIM) will soon have a brighter outlook on life.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale has given the Public Service Electric and Gas Co. the go-ahead to begin installing 35 new high-intensity street lights on First Street between Washington and Jefferson Streets.

The new lighting is a direct result of discussions between the merchants, group and city officials on means of revitalizing the First Street area.

"We're very pleased with the response we've received from the city," said Vincent Moder, a spokesman for the merchants.

"There appears to be more visible police activity in the area at night, and the area is generally cleaner."

Better police protection in the area was one of the groups major concerns. Some of the members cited a 75 per cent drop in business in the last few years because shoppers were afraid to come to First Street because of the unruly gangs that congregate on the street corners creating disturbances.

Moder said it was too early to tell if police activity in the area was having any effect on business.

"It's only been a few weeks so we can't tell," he said. "But if it keeps up it will surely help the situation."

The lighting will also help. Vitale said that the 35 new lights almost doubles the number now on poles in the area and each light has an output that is almost double the existing output from the old lights.

However, police and new lighting are only part of the merchants' concern. They want some stimulation to encourage growth along First Street.

"We have a meeting with

Model Cities on June 6," said Moder, "to discuss housing, business and the general economic growth of the neighborhood."

Vitale sees some relief for Castle Point residents

Hoboken Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale today predicted an improvement in conditions at Elysian Park and some relief for residents of Castle Point Terrace.

"A city guard has been assigned to the park daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. when he is relieved by a Civil Defense patrolman to midnight," said Vitale.

"They have been given instructions to keep a tight rein. No one is being allowed in the park carrying alcoholic beverages, including beer. Large gangs of youngsters are being broken up before they can become loud, and trouble makers are being chased at the first sign of problems."

"While this might not provide immediate relief for residents of Castle Point Terrace, it should eventually help them by keeping trouble makers out of the area."

Residents of the terrace have been complaining to the city that youngsters, teens and others using the park pass through their block on the way out causing damage to their property. They believe a fence across the Castle Point Terrace exit from the park would help, but the city says the fence could be illegal.

"If we can discourage troublemakers from using the park in the first place, then we'll have gone a long way towards eliminating the problem on Castle Point Terrace," said Vitale.

Hoboken Speculates

DePascale Loss Fans Politicking

A post-Primary Day election note was sounded in Hoboken yesterday at a meeting of the City Council when Madison Hotel owner Thomas Vezzetti said he expects to be considered for the Second Ward council seat if and when incumbent Councilman Vincent J. Fusilli moves up to the post of Hudson County freeholder.

Vezzetti, who is a recognized critic of the local municipal administration in Hoboken and a frequent spectator at the county freeholder meetings, told city officials yesterday, "I've heard that Mrs. Mary Stack Gaspar is being considered as Fusilli's replacement. I feel I should be the man for the job, and I intend to talk to Fusilli about it privately."

Fusilli, in public office as a Hoboken official just one year, defeated Mayor Louis DePascale on Tuesday in the Primary Day election by 741

votes as a county freeholder candidate on the victorious Column A slate.

And while Mayor DePascale was not available at city hall yesterday for comment on his recent political defeat, Fusilli said "I feel the residents of Hoboken have spoken. They are interested in a change, a change for the benefit of both rent payers, taxpayers and representatives of industry. I pledge myself to those wishes of the voting public."

Back Resolution

And while the Hoboken Democratic factions appeared far apart in their split between DePascale as mayor and heretofore Democratic leader, and Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello and members of City Council who defected from DePascale ranks, all City officials yesterday approved a resolution by Mayor DePascale designating today through June 14 as "Fraternal Week" in Hoboken.

Following yesterday's City Council meeting, which was concentrated on normal petitions, reports and resolutions of administrative nature, a Hoboken official of the Republican party inquired as to why GOP congressional candidate Richard Bozzone's vote was not published in the local press.

It was later learned that Bozzone tallied 234 votes, as compared to 88 votes for Democratic Congressman Cornelius Gallagher; 3,797 votes for Congressman Dominick Daniels and 2,752 ballots cast for West New York Mayor Anthony DeFino.

A spot survey of Hoboken voters about Tuesday's election results showed a majority of interested voters saying "It looks like Louie (DePascale) has had his day in the sun. Now it looks like Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello is holding the reins, and one of his first real winners is Councilman Fusilli."

Primed for Post

Previous to Tuesday's election, it was common gossip in Hoboken that Councilman Fusilli was being primed to run for the post of mayor in May next year, opposing the re-election of Mayor DePascale.

Now, with Fusilli being tapped for the county freeholder post at a \$12,000 annual salary over his present \$4,500 pay (plus expenses) it is a general feeling in Hoboken that Councilman Cappiello will have to enter the race next May as a candidate for mayor, opposing incumbent Council President Thomas A. Gallo, Mayor DePascale and whoever the city's Spanish-speaking population places in contest.

And as a result of the defeat of DePascale forces on Tuesday, there is speculation whether or not Hudson County Clerk James F. Quinn will next year be favored with the nod for re-election to that post by the victorious Column A top brass in Jersey City, Bayonne and Kearny. Hoboken residents feel Quinn may also be a candidate for the Hoboken mayor post in May next year.

Hoboken Library lists 402 new books

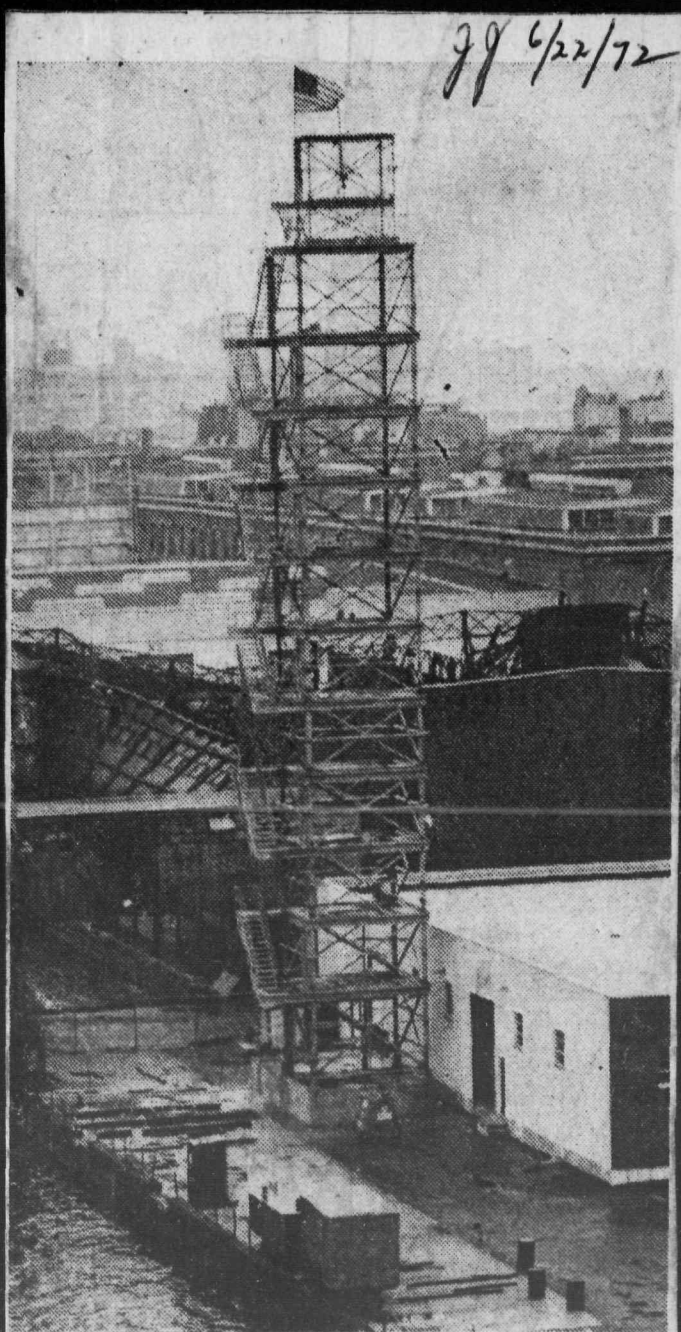
A total of 402 books were purchased by the Hoboken Public Library last month, Lucille Cunningham, director, said today. Many of the new volumes have been delivered and may now be borrowed by library members.

Some of the new books include:

11 Harrowhouse: A Novel, by Gerald A. Brown; The Identity Society, by William Glasser, M.D.; Open Marriage: A New Life Style for Couples, by Mena O'Neill; Inheritance: A Novel, by Evelyn Anthony; The Malcontent: A Novel, by C. P. Snow; The Limits of Growth, by Donella H. Meadows, et al.; On Doing Good: The Quaker Experiment, by Gerald Jones; The Terminal Man: A Novel, by Michael Crichton; Alcoholism in America, by Harrison M. Trice; Glenn Curtiss: Pioneer of Flight: A Biography, by C. R. Rosenberg; Report From Engine No. 2, by Dennis Smith; The Comprehensive Diabetic Cookbook, by Dorothy Kaplan; The Rise of the Unmeltable Ethnics: The New Political Force of the Seventies, by Michael Novak; Be Not Afraid: A Novel, by Robin White; The Crown of Mexico: Maximilian and His Empress, Carlota, by John Heilip; The Art of Writing Effective Letters, by Rosemary T. Fruening and Sharon Reischard; The Grand Defiance: A Novel, Bernard Prizell; The Center of

the Cyclone: An Autobiography of Inner Space, by John C. Lilly, M.D.; A Portion For Foxes: A Novel, by Jane McIlvaine McCarty; How To Live Cheap But Good: A Primer For People With High Taxes And Low Incomes, by Martin Poriss; Midnight Oil, by V. S. Pritchett; Heart Attack: You Don't Have To Die, by Christian N. Bernard; James McNeill Whistler: A Novel, by Lawrence Williams; Columbus Was Chinese: Discoveries and Inventions of the Far East, by Hans Bruer.

Handmade Rug From Practically Anything, by Jean Ray Leary and Joyce Aiken; When Parents Fail: The Low's Response To Family Breakdown, by Sanford N. Katz; The White Queen: A Novel About Mary, Queen of Scots, by Frederic Folton; Painting With A Needle, by Nettie Yanoff Brudner; Nuclear Power and the Public: Edited by Harry Foreman, M.D.; Man and the Sea: Classic Accounts of Marine Explorations, Edited by Bernard L. Gordon; The Limits of Power: The World and United States Foreign Policy, 1945-1954, by Joyce and Gabriel Kolko; New England Men of Letters, by Wilson Sullivan; and A Circle of Quiet: A Novel, by Madeline L'Engle.



One of a kind

Eleven-story tower which will be used to test plumbing systems stands tall along the Hoboken waterfront near the Stevens Tech campus. The tower, which is the only one of its kind in this country, is being financed by American Standard, a bathroom facilities manufacturer, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The program, including construction and studies, will cost about \$500,000.

HUD funds better wiring for two Hoboken projects

Air conditioning was once only a wish for tenants of the Hoboken Housing Authority's Andrew Jackson and Christopher Columbus Gardens housing project. But soon it will be a reality.

Raymond G. Clyons, authority chairman, disclosed today that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded Hoboken \$966,000 for modernization of the electrical wiring in the two projects.

There are 696 dwelling units in the two low income projects with more than 1,000 tenants.

Jackson and Columbus Gardens both are 20 years old — the two oldest buildings operated by the authority.

Clyons said that future electrical needs of the two were apparently underestimated when they first were built. For several years now, the buildings have experienced blackouts whenever additional demands were made on the electrical system.

During the Christmas season blackouts were frequent because of the Christmas trees put up by

almost every family. Summer with its hot weather and fans also presented blackout problems.

Clyons said the authority was notified late yesterday afternoon by U.S. Senator Harrison A. Williams of the federal grant.

The modernization program, which will include new lighting within and outside the buildings, should get under way sometime later this summer.

A day care program being operated out of the Andrew Jackson Gardens Community room by the Hoboken Concentrated Employment Program (CEP) may soon be looking for a new location.

A group of tenants from the Tenants Association attended yesterday's authority meeting and asked that the community room be returned to them for their use.

Blight Plan In Hoboken Is Delayed

By GARY STASSE

A long-awaited decision on declaring 21 blocks of Hoboken blighted will have to wait until residents can learn more about HUD-City Planning Board-Housing Authority plans and another hearing can be scheduled.

The packed hearing last night was to get citizen approval to declare the area blighted so HUD money could begin to flow and building started. Joshua Siegal, a New York City planning consultant to the Housing Authority, said the hearing is the final step before federal approval can be had to begin the project.

Angry citizens and property owners repeatedly interrupted board members, Siegal and one another with questions about cost, relocation, number of housing units and proposed rents in the new apartment complex.

The crowd wanted to know why they were not told about plans and one man, John Orstein, property owner on Grand st., twice demanded that the meeting be adjourned until they could be fully informed about their future in the district.

No Decision Reached

A 24-page statement by the absent M. Edward DeFazio, executive director of the city housing authority, was begun to be read but nobody included board members understood it. The board received the statement an hour before the meeting and did not have time to study it.

City Councilman Steve Cappiello said there was no point to the reading "if people are read something they don't understand." He also recognized the large number of Puerto Ricans present and said there should be a translation.

Herman Bier, city administrator and board member, said that the planning board has not voted on the project and did not know when it would.

The two and one-half hour meeting ended with no decision reached, but it was announced copies of DeFazio's statement will be available at the City clerk's office.

Charges of political vengeance flew again at the Neighborhood Planning Council meeting in Hoboken Wednesday night when Director Joann Jackson announced that some delegates on the council were not eligible because they were also employed in other Model Cities programs.

Mrs. Jackson read a letter from Model Cities Director Michael Coleman saying that certain delegates would not be allowed to sit on the council with other ties in Model Cities, but Phyllis Herzik, a delegate, said that the announcement was an act of political vengeance.

Mrs. Jackson said that new elections would soon come up and that she had no intentions of firing anyone because they were too valuable to let go.



Mayor Louis DePascale discusses First Street redevelopment plans with Shao-Kang Pai, center, Model Cities planner, and Michael Coleman, Model Cities director.

Losing freeholder bid fails to daunt Mayor DePascale

The defeat of Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale as a candidate for Hudson County freeholder in last week's Democratic primary is seen by many political observers as a sign that the mayor's star has started to fall. DePascale thinks otherwise.

"There's a big difference between a county primary election and a local election," commented the mayor on his chances for reelection next year as Hoboken's chief executive.

"What we witnessed last week was a fight for the control of the Democratic Organization in Hudson County, nothing more, nothing less. I remained a true Democrat to the bitter end and I'm not the least bit sorry that I did.

"At the very beginning of the campaign I said that I would rather lose than switch, and I meant it. I can hold my head up and look anyone in the eye knowing that I did not run away when the going got tough."

Disappointed by defeat, DePascale is not discouraged.

"Next year will mark my 20th year as an elected official," continued the mayor. "In that time I have never lost a local election. I don't intend to start now."

"The people of Hoboken have traditionally voted for the candidates they think are best suited to represent them. I don't believe they are going to change their approach to politics at this stage of the game.

"It hasn't all been success after success. My administration has had its share of setbacks like the Grogan Marine View Plaza housing development.

"But there have been accomplishments, too, such as Model Cities, which should really be going strong in the housing field by the end of the year, the new Wallace School, and various other federal programs that have brought millions of dollars into the city. I don't think these ac-



Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale smiles broadly, sure that his loss in last week's Democratic primary is only a temporary setback.

complishments will be completely forgotten."

DePascale expects a large field to be in the running next May. The mayor, who is very likely to run alone without a slate of councilmen-at-large candidates to back him up, believes this will enhance his chances for reelection.

"At the very worst I expect to be in a run-off," he said. "And in Hoboken, that's where elections are won or lost. Most of it will depend on who can make what political alliances between the

May election and the June runoff and gain the support of the candidates who were eliminated."

The mayor is certain that his main competition will come from within the ranks of the city council.

Up until last year, he had the support of eight of the nine councilmen. Then he lost three council seats held by backers of his administration to Vincent J. Fusilli in the Second Ward, Martin J. Brennan in the Fifth and Edward A. McLaughlin in the Sixth.

Later First Ward Councilman Anthony H. Romano and Fourth Ward Councilman Louis Francione joined forces with the newly elected councilmen to wrest control away from DePascale by a 5-3 margin, with McLaughlin remaining independent.

The tiff within the administration family — or what was left of it — continued, and earlier this year Councilmen-at-large Thomas A. Gallo, council president, Bernard Scrivani and Stephen E. Mongiello also broke away from the mayor.

Although confident that he will

win again next year, DePascale is enough of a political realist to know that it is going to be one of his more difficult campaigns.

"If I'm going to be re-elected I'm going to have to work for it," he asserted. "And I plan to do just that."

A tank commander during World War II, DePascale holds both the Silver Star with two citations and the Bronze Star. He and his wife, Mary, live at 1233 Garden St., with their four sons, Edward, 24, a senior at Seton Hall law school; Paul, 22, also attending Seton Hall law school; Joseph, 21, a senior at St. Peter's College; and Thomas, 17, a senior at St. Joseph's High School, West New York.

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No instant solutions, but city's trying

By PETER HALLAM
(Last in a Series)

The plight of Hoboken's First Street merchants and residents did not come about overnight. The cure — and there is one — isn't going to be an overnight process either.

"We are dealing with the problems of the entire area, but just those affecting local merchants and store owners," said Mayor Louis DePascale.

"And I might add that it will be at a faster rate than anything we've seen before in Hoboken. In all probability, it won't be fast enough for some and that will be unfortunate. But it is the best we can do."

Some 40 merchants of the First

Street area, represented by the Hoboken Improvement Merchants (HIM) Association, recently charged that conditions in the area were forcing many of them out of business.

They cited the overall deterioration of the neighborhood, and the departure of middle income shoppers as their main problems. Also mentioned were inadequate street lighting, better police protection, repair of streets, and cleanliness of the area.

"We have long term and immediate plans for the redevelopment and improvement of the First Street commercial area," said Michael Coleman, director of the Hoboken Model Cities Agency.

Coleman pointed out that most of the First Street area fell into a 20-block district which will be the target of a number of Development Programs.

"The first program is aimed at the block between First and Second Street, from Grand to Adams Streets," he said. "Two separate projects will be built on this block, a neighborhood facility center and a moderate income apartment building for approximately 150 families.

"And most important for the merchants of that block along First Street will be commercial space in the apartment building."

Coleman estimated that the apartment project should get

underway sometime within the fiscal year ending July 1, 1973.

"The eventual building of the K and E Project (Keuffel and Esser) at Third and Adams Streets should also help the area by bringing more customers into the area," he continued. "We don't have approval for this development yet, but we are getting close."

He added that a number of Neighborhood Development Programs were planned for the 20-block area and it wouldn't be at all unlikely to see several projects going on at the same time, although in various stages of completion.

"This should help bring people

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back into the area," Coleman said, "and people mean more customers."

As for immediate help, the Model Cities director said steps were being taken through the TOPICS program to help with the repair of streets and sidewalks, provide better traffic circulation, and possibly some off-street parking.

Coleman said that police protection and the cleanliness of the area were local matters which could be solved locally without seeking outside assistance, and added that steps were already being taken in these directions.

Merchants confirmed Coleman's statement to a degree saying that police surveillance in the area has improved over the last month or so.

Can the merchants participate in the Neighborhood Development Program?

"Yes," says Shao-Kang Pai, a Model Cities planner.

"A development program doesn't necessarily have to be all redevelopment involving condemnation, demolition and construction of new buildings," he explained. "Rehabilitation and renovations will also play a major part in the program."

"This is where Model Cities and the Hoboken Development Corp. can be of service to them (the merchants). If their plans conform with the plans for the area — and most of First Street has been designated a commercial area — we can help them get low interest rehabilitation loans."

Harvey Steinberg, director of the Hoboken Development Program, said his agency is already working on two ways to help the merchants — hard to come by insurance through the state's special urban risk pool, and a number of surveys in the area to give the merchants an idea of what their market is and how it is developing.

"We have the insurance applications available for the merchants," Steinberg said. "This seemed to be one of the areas where they were experiencing difficulties."

"The surveys will help them understand their market and give them some idea of the direction they should be going in. When completed, we will discuss the results with individual merchants to find out what they have to do to make the most of the business that's available to them."

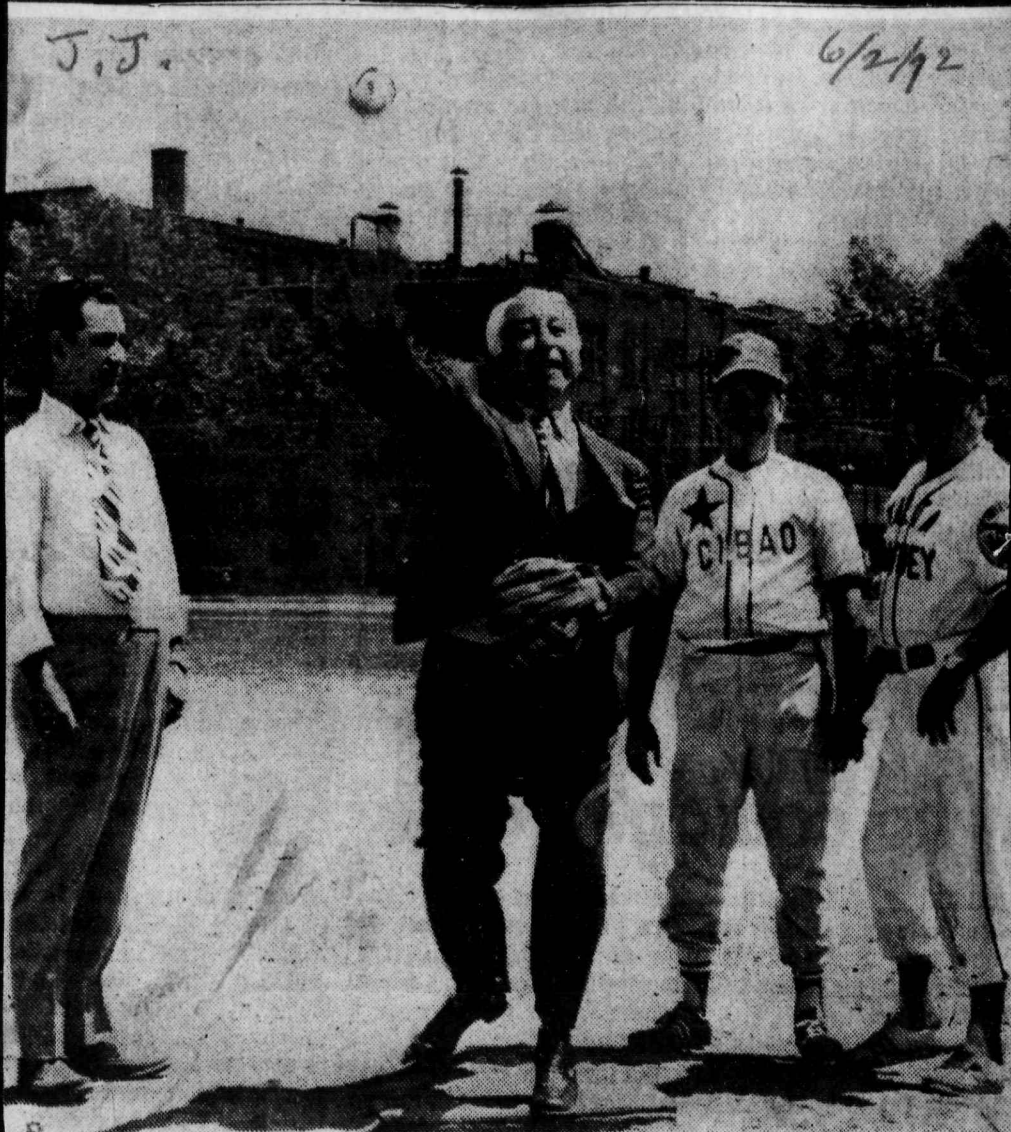
Steinberg added that there was also the possibility of securing business loans through the Small Business Administration to help the merchants.

Will Hoboken's efforts be enough to reverse the trend in the First Street area?

"I believe we have a well rounded plan of attack," ventured the mayor.

"The means to once again make First Street a vital and thriving part of the community are or will be available within the very near future."

"Whether the individual members of the First Street business community take advantage of them remains to be seen."



PLAY BALL—Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken got the Dominican Baseball League off to a flying start when he threw out the first ball at John F. Kennedy Stadium. Joining in the ceremony are president Thomas G. Lake, manager Rafael Monagas of Cibo and Rafael (Baby) Rodriguez of the L&X combine.

A full year of reading only proposed in Hoboken school

A proposal that would see the pupils of one Hoboken school receive a full year's instruction in nothing but reading is now being studied by Superintendent of Schools Thomas F. McFeely, it was learned today.

The proposal, made by Frank

Duroy Jr. in a recent letter to the superintendent, is aimed at bringing the pupils up to their grade levels in reading and allow them to compete adequately in their other subjects.

McFeely, who has been ill since last week, was not available for comment.

However, Mayor Louis DePascale thinks the idea has some merit and is willing to go along with it if McFeely thinks it is necessary and passes the proposal along to the Board of Education with his approval.

"I've spoken with Duroy about the idea," said the mayor, "and it is my understanding that it has been already tried successfully in other communities."

"I am certainly willing to go along with the idea if Superintendent McFeely approves. I am all in favor of anything that will help the school children of Hoboken."

The contents of Duroy's letter to McFeely follows:

"In the past academic year I have had the opportunity to study first hand the urban schools in the metropolitan area.

It is interesting to note that the theme that most administrators and professionals repeated was the woefully deficient reading abilities of their students.

"As a result of this and other research I make the following proposal to be considered by you and the Board of Education. As you read this proposal please bear in mind that I make it not as a criticism of the Hoboken school system or its personnel, but as an individual who is interested in seeing that all the students attending the Hoboken school system have the necessary educational tools to compete equally."

"I propose that the Board of Education select a school whose students have been tested and found deficient in their reading abilities, and that the normal curriculum in this school be dropped for a period of half a school year or preferably a full school year and all the resources of that school be used toward the goal of raising the reading level of the students (Key grades are from the third to the eighth)."

"During this reading mobilization year the total school program should be geared towards the improvement of reading. All other school work should be temporarily postponed for those children who are handicapped their reading until they are brought up to grade level."

"In conclusion, I do not by any stretch of the imagination advocate this proposal as an educational panacea. However, I do not want to see the schools of Hoboken become an arena of the clash of cultures like the schools of other urban centers, due to the fact that the students cannot learn because they cannot read."

Duroy, an instructor at Essex County Community College, was recently awarded his masters degree in education.

Hoboken retailers organize advisory group for plaza

The Hoboken Retail Bureau is in the process of organizing a citizens advisory committee which will work with the City Council and other city agencies on any future plans for the development of the John J. Grogan Marine View Plaza, it was learned today.

"The Retail Bureau has no intention of letting the Grogan project die altogether," said William Roth, a spokesman for the bureau and member of the executive board. "But we are interested in seeing it developed in its original form — luxury housing."

"Because the City Council appears intent on ending or terminating the contracts with the current developer for non-compliance, doesn't mean that the project has to die. There are other developers."

Roth said that the bureau and its attorney, Thomas Calligy, were trying to get a committee of concerned and qualified citizens together for the purpose of working with and advising the City Council and other city officials on the selection of a new developer and the project as it is being planned and built.

He added that the bureau was looking for someone with professional experience in planning or engineering, possibly retired or semi-retired, to head the committee.

Meanwhile, the city's law department has begun gathering information for the City Council on what would have to be done to terminate the contracts with the current project developers.

The information is to be presented to the council at 5 p.m. next Wednesday, prior to the council meeting.



Looking ahead

Mrs. Terri Patti, left, Hoboken Model Cities planner, pauses outside the newly opened Hoboken Senior Citizen Center at 511 Washington St. with William Schneider, Council of Elders chairman, and Mrs. John Lamendola, council first vice president. The new center is sponsored by the Council of Elders and Model Cities.

Hoboken Indians in Economic Trap

By GARY STASSE

Hoboken's East Indian community, pressured by the economic downturn in a new land, is taking steps to insure some measure of prosperity for at least a small portion of them.

Toward this end, Mrs. James Mancuso, wife of a Hoboken police officer, has joined Bawa Singh in preparing to open a shop at 234 Washington st. that will carry goods from the entire subcontinent including India, Nepal and Pakistan. The shop will open on Tuesday.

The idea for the store came as the result of the shaky American economy. Singh is an economist with a masters degree who came to this country with many of his fellow Indians when the state department promised them the opportunity to share America's wealth.

For many of the more than 1,800 Indians living in Hoboken, that promise has not been kept. Engineers are working as cashiers; metals specialists are employed as machinists, and computer experts are unemployed.

The Hudson Dispatch interviewed six Indians who are all having the same problems, housing, employment, and lack of acceptance by local residents. All of them have college degrees and some have masters and doctorates. They all want to work.

They experienced the problems immigrants face, but they have also confronted a fact of American life that was not mentioned in state department literature, prejudice.

Must Change Dress

Rekha Shah has a master in mathematics and eight years of college teaching behind her, but she cannot even find work as a substitute teacher. She was told she must change her style of dress before she would be considered for any position. In India, dress is a matter of religion, but as with some of her friends, prospective employers told her her dress, a sari, would be a distraction to others.

In order to enter the country, the Indians had to present letters of intent, which included their qualifications and a resume of their backgrounds. More than 90 per cent are professionals, and 60 per cent intend to become citizens.

They realize that opportunities for professionals are limited and are taking any kind of work they find. No one is willing to accept welfare, and the suggestion received hostile stares as a response.

When asked about leaving Hoboken to seek employment, Singh said, "It's the same all over. We've tried." He said companies want experienced people, American experience. "I worked for a newspaper in India, but I can't find a job here because I don't have American experience," he stated.



ORIENTAL ART—Rekha Shah (second from left), shows Hoboken Patrolman James Mancuso, an example of Indian sculpture at the Punjab Shop, 234 Washington st., Hoboken. Helping display wares are, S. P. Singh (left), and Bawa Singh.

Hoboken gets state fund to fight vermin

Hoboken has been awarded \$170,159 by the state for the fourth year of its Urban Rodent and Insect Control Program, it was announced today. The amount is almost \$100,000 less than what the city had asked for.

George Guzman, program director, said the reduction in funds was due to the fact that the state's allocation for the program had been cut by the federal government. It had asked for more than \$2 million but received only \$1.7.

Last year the Hoboken program had \$221,000 for a 10-month period to work with. Since its duties for the fourth year will cover the entire city, a total of \$263,000 was sought.

With the start of the fourth year, the program has now taken into its jurisdiction the area bounded by Eighth Street on the south, 16th Street on the north, Clinton on the east, and the Jersey City line on the west.

The area is about evenly divided between residential and industrial or commercial properties.

Although the reduction in operating funds will have some effect on the program, Guzman said that it shouldn't be felt in the new portion of the program's target area. However, it will have an impact on previously inspected areas.

"We had to let some employees go because of the reduction in funds, which is going to prevent us from paying as much attention as we'd like to areas of the city that have already been checked," Guzman continued.

"But this isn't the main idea of the program. Rodent and Insect Control is not a public extermination agency. It is designed to show residents what they should be doing to control rodent and insect infestations.

"Our job is to show them what to use and how to use it, as well as the precautions to be taken to prevent infestations in the first place.

"This is only a demonstration program and was never meant to continue on and on. The residents are supposed to pick up the slack themselves once the program has covered their areas."

Grogan Plaza Loan Okayed

It looks as though Hoboken's Grogan Marineview Plaza will finally be getting under way with yesterday's announcement by the State Housing Finance Agency that a \$12.5 million loan has been awarded to the Taylor Woodrow-Biltman Urban Renewal Corp.

The money is to be used for construction of 433 housing units in the downtown apartment complex.

"This is a big day for Hoboken," said Mayor Louis DePascale, contacted at his home last night. "I am very happy to say that now that the mortgage commitments have been obtained, construction possibly can begin early next month," the mayor stated.

Hoboken's Parking Authority has already floated an \$8.5 million bond issue to cover construction of parking garages at the lower Hudson and River sts. site. Chairman Nicholas J. Caruso could not be reached for comment last night, but he stressed Friday at a meeting of the Hoboken Kiwanis Club that his agency was ready to go ahead with building plans at a moment's notice.

Pays Clyons Tribute

Mayor De Pascale also expressed regret over the untimely passing of housing authority chairman Raymond G. Clyons, who died on Sunday.

"He worked so hard for this program and devoted much of his time and energy to it. It is a shame that he will not be able to witness the fruition of the project," the chief executive explained.

Hoboken taxpayers have been increasingly upset over the long delay created by the complex financing for the downtown housing development. Caruso has been under fire recently by taxpayers, rentpayers, the Chamber of Commerce and businessmen, who accused the Parking Authority of burdening them with paying off interest debts on the \$8.5 million bond loan for the proposed garages at the site.

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) representatives are reportedly ready to meet this week on the subject of further mortgage guarantees for the apartment and commercial complex.

City Clerk Anthony J. Amoroso was instructed Thursday by members of the city council to request Law Director E. Norman Wilson to initiate suit against the developers, Taylor-Woodrow-Biltman of New York, for failure to start construction 90 days after acquiring property title from the Hoboken Housing Authority.

"Now that the financial picture is getting straightened out," the mayor remarked, "it looks as though that lawsuit will never materialize."

Hoboken plans 260 homes on old Keufel & Esser site

An application for funds for the construction of 260 new dwelling units on the site of the old Keufel and Esser plant in Hoboken has been filed with the state Housing Finance Agency, it was announced today.

The site, which occupies the southern half of the city block between Adams and Jefferson Streets, Third to Fourth Streets, will be developed into relocation housing which will be used for residents of other housing projects in the city.

A spokesman for the Hoboken Model Cities program, which

filed the application for the private developer, said it would probably be several weeks before anything further is heard on the application.

He said the plan calls for the housing to be used as temporary dwellings for those who have had to vacate their regular dwellings because they were scheduled for rehabilitation. When completed, the families would be given first preference at moving back to their original apartments.

The breakthrough project originally consisted of four basic plans. Three called for the use of the existing building which

would be gutted and then renovated with additional apartment units to be constructed on top. The fourth, the one reportedly preferred, calls for the structure to be demolished and all new buildings to be constructed.

"Project Rehab," another housing project being pushed by Model Cities, also is progressing, the spokesman said.

All of the necessary paper work has been completed and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a feasibility statement, he said.

Housing funds available

The federal government has set aside \$1,800,000 for Hoboken and the rehabilitation of 95 apartments in the buildings at 1203-1219 Willow Avenue under the Project Rehab program, it was announced today by the Hoboken Model Cities program.

"Applied Housing Inc., of 84 Washington St., the developer for Project Rehab, has received a letter from the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) advising that the money has been set aside," a spokesman said.

"The letter authorizes final working drawings and final processing of papers necessary to secure the needed FHA-HUD loan guarantee."

Robert Armstrong, director of the housing services department of Hoboken Model Cities, added that the letter is no foolproof guarantee of federal approval of

the work remaining to be done.

"However, given prompt action by them (the developer) and HUD-FHA, Hoboken can expect to see its first rehabilitated units under construction by late

August or early September," Armstrong added.

Plans for the nine apartment buildings on Willow Avenue include the complete gutting of the buildings and replacement with a totally modern interior including elevators, new plumbing, heating and electrical systems.

After rehabilitation the distribution of the completed apartments will consist of one, two and three bedroom units with former tenants getting first priority in re-renting.

Model Cities is currently in discussions with Applied Housing Inc. on a plan to provide jobs for Hoboken residents in the construction work generated by the rehabilitation.



CITED FOR SERVICE—Anthony J. Cilento of Hoboken, a Hudson County tax commissioner (second from right), is honored last night by receiving the rank of cavalier in the Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity from Republic of Italy. From left are Frank Acinapura, chairman of the dinner for Cilento in Union City; Italian Vice Consul Dr. Turrido Simoni, and Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken.



OPEN SENIOR CITIZEN HEADQUARTERS—Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale accepts a cup of coffee from Mrs. Theresa Risel at the opening yesterday of a senior citizen headquarters at 511 Washington st. with William Schneider (left) and senior residents in attendance. The store headquarters will be open Monday through Fridays between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. for general activity and relaxation of all Hoboken senior citizens.

Fusilli Wins Freeholder Test

Hoboken Shuns DePascale

By JACK ECKHARDT

An estimated 8,200 Hoboken voters went to the polls yesterday, bringing about Mayor Louis DePascale's defeat by freshman City Council member Vincent J. Fusilli as a freeholder candidate by 741 votes. Fusilli won in five of the city's six wards.

And while Congressman Dominick Daniels polled a total 3,797 votes citywide as top vote getter, Hoboken voters cast 3,065 more votes for the Column A county candidates than they did for the Column B slate.

Still unofficial tallies in Hoboken show Mayor DePascale won his home Second Ward by only five votes, Fusilli getting 576 to DePascale's 581 ballots.

Asked to comment on the election results and how it

might affect his plans to seek reelection as Hoboken mayor in May next year, DePascale said, "Every election is a new election. The voters have spoken now and they will speak again in a future election. I congratulated Mr. Fusilli on his local victory."

According to a spokesman in the Hoboken city clerk's office, yesterday's turnout of voters was a sort of record for a primary election. Records show there were some 17,798 eligible voters in the city's six wards, comprised of 24 individual districts. At 3 p.m. yesterday, some 3,500 voters had cast their ballots, compared with a total of 3,900 in the overall Primary Day election last year.

Not including a absentee ballots, Hoboken election results show the following tallies:

First Ward, Fusilli 559 and DePascale 277; Second Ward, DePascale 581 and Fusilli 576; Third Ward, Fusilli 451 and DePascale 445; Fourth Ward, Fusilli won by a 688-468 vote. In the Fifth Ward, it was Fusilli 675 to DePascale's 576. And in the Sixth Ward, DePascale lost by a 381-302 vote.

Hoboken voters further expressed their disapproval of Mayor DePascale as a Hudson County freeholder candidate up for reelection along with other Column B candidates.

They gave Councilman Fusilli a total 3,330 votes, second only to Daniels who polled a total 3,797 votes. Final results of the Hoboken election showed evidence that supporters of the Column A candidates were urged to support Daniels and no one else on the Row B slate.

Today, the political experts in Hoboken will start to analyze overall election results, pointing to DePascale's winning in his home fourth district of the Second Ward by a 167-121 vote.

In the home district of Hoboken Democratic Chairman James F. Quinn, first district of the same Second Ward, DePascale won by a 185-125 vote. In the home voting district of Fusilli, second district of the Second Ward, he won by a 136-107

vote. It's pointed out that the first district of the Second Ward is also the home district of Hoboken City Council President Thomas A. Gallo who was supporting the election of Column A candidates.

The defeat of DePascale by Fusilli in Hoboken last night led to immediate speculation as to who will replace Fusilli as Second Ward councilman if he is elected to the freeholder post in November. It was Fusilli who said publicly three weeks ago that he does not believe in any official holding down two jobs.

In the event Fusilli is elevated to freeholder, his post on City Council will be assumed in an interim capacity by Mrs. Mary Stack Gaspar, his campaign manager when he first ran for public office last year, it has been learned.

All-Hoboken Model City?

The possibility of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), designating the entire city of Hoboken as a Model City is just two steps away, it was learned today.

The first step will be taken on Wednesday when the city council holds its regular meeting.

According to Councilman Steve Cappelletti, he will introduce a resolution that will request HUD to designate Hoboken as a Model City.

Cappelletti told The Jersey

Journal that he met with Hoboken Model Cities director Michael Coleman, and Coleman informed him that HUD officials would consider the city's application for city-wide designation if the mayor and council make a formal request.

In addition to the mayor and council, HUD officials requested that people now living in the model cities area were to be given a say in the city-wide proposal.

Mrs. Joanne Jackson, chair-

man of the Hoboken Neighborhood Planning Council (NPC), which is an arm of the Model Cities community action programs, said her organization voted in favor of the designation at a meeting last Wednesday and submitted it to Coleman.

According to Mrs. Jackson, the approval is a resolution they adopted in 1970, which called for a city-wide Model City. She said members of her staff talked recently with members of the

community and they expressed the opinion which favors the proposal.

At present, 16 blocks designate the present Model Cities structure, and affects 15,000 residents. The model cities area encompasses Observer Highway to Fourth Street, from River Street to Marshall Drive.

The second step of the proposal is up to HUD. They would have to determine whether the other half of the mile square city is

eligible for federal subsidies. Federal funds are usually for blighted areas.

This would mean that HUD would set the guidelines on the distribution of funds for the entire city.

In addition to that, it would open all the present Model Cities programs for city-wide use. Some of those programs include Day Care Center, home loans, Tops training programs and many others.

Summertime fun begins in Hoboken

Summertime fun begins today for the children of Hoboken with the start of the board of education's summer recreation program at five public schools and the city high school.

Frank Scott, Hoboken High's director of athletics and the program's director, says that swimming will be provided at three locations during the summer months.

Besides pool activities, he said, there will be a rigorous physical education program and organized games.

"Most of the kids in the program will be going to remedial

reading classes at the schools over the summer," Scott reported. "But no child who comes to a center just for recreation will be turned away."

He said the majority of youngsters in program activities will be from grades two through six.

An "olympic day," for children from the entire city, will be held at the end of the eight-week program. "We may even have a mid-summer olympic day, but right now only one is planned," the director stated.

Scott said he hoped to continue the recreation department's

drive of last summer, which was highly successful. "Last year, we gave kids a good chance to get recreation centers, no matter where in the city they lived. The idea was to keep them active in recreation in their own neighborhoods," he said.

The centers are at the Rue, Brandt, Kealy, Leinkau and Connors grammar schools, and at Hoboken High School. They are open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Registration for the program can be completed at any of the centers. "There is a head teacher for the summer pro-

gram at each of the schools, as well as three or four other people from recreation," the director reported.

Scott's program has plenty of room for girls as well as boys. "Girls usually stay clear of the rec program, but we hope to have a large turnout of girls this year. We'll have arts and crafts for them, but we'll try to develop their athletic skills as well."

"If we have enough of a turnout, we'll even have girls field hockey. All in all, we're trying to develop enthusiasm in girls' sports."

The program will conclude Aug. 4.

Hoboken will open videotape workshop

A videotape workshop will be offered in Hoboken this summer to give citizens an understanding of "Public Access" cable television and the necessary skills required to produce their own community programming, it was announced today by Mayor Louis DePascale.

The program is being sponsored by the Town Band project of Model Cities, DePascale said, with Jane Chambers, band director, in charge. Classes will be held four times a week free of charge to local residents.

"Cable television will be a reality in Hoboken this fall," Miss Chambers explained.

"While cable television offers subscribers better reception, major sports events and first run movies, it is also required by law to provide a free channel called

"Public Access" for use by the community.

"We want to make sure that Hoboken citizens will have the necessary knowledge to use this channel to their advantage."

Hoboken has no radio or TV station of its own, so the Town Band project was formed by Model Cities' Department of Information with the belief that the free "Public Access" channel will serve a pressing need for communication within the town.

"The public access channel will be open to all responsible citizens and groups to produce programs about their activities," continued Miss Chambers, "or about issues of interest to Hoboken. There are many important ways the system can be used and the summer workshop will explore these ways and teach citizens the necessary

skills needed to use the system in the most professional manner possible."

The project has the support of Donald Aisenbery, general manager of Cablevision of New Jersey.

"We expect to be transmitting to Hoboken subscribers this fall," he said. "We are pleased that the community is showing interest in using the public access channel which we will provide."

The workshop will begin June 20 at 7 p.m. in a storefront at 304 Hudson St. which has been donated to the project by the Christian Reformed Church.

Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Wednesday and Saturday afternoons through July 29. Students may choose to attend any

two sessions a week with a minimum age limit of 14.

To be covered are such areas as how to use public access community TV, how to make a TV program, instructions in the use of the equipment and TV studio.

Participants in the workshop program will be encouraged to produce their own videotape program which possibly may be aired over the public access channel this fall.

The workshop will be conducted by Miss Chambers; Sam Fiedler, also with the Town Band project; and Eileen Conell of the Alternate Media Center of New York University.

Persons interested in attending can register for the workshop by calling 792-6700, extension 70 at the Hoboken Model City office.

Library orders 434 books

A total of 434 books were purchased by the Hoboken Public Library last month, Lucille Cunningham, director, said today. Many of the new volumes have been delivered and are now available to library members.

Some of the new books are:

Socialism, by Michael Harrington; The Late John Marquand: A Biography, by Stephen Birmingham; A Falcon For A

Queen: A Novel, by Catherine Cookson; From Resistance to Revolution, by Pauline Maier; Geronimo Rex: A Novel, by Barry Hannah; The General Was A Lady, by Helen Hobbs and Hermann Zilling; The Settlers: A Novel, by Meyer Levin; No Name in the Street, by James Baldwin; My Brother Paul, by Richard L. Rubenstein; Malpractice: A Novel, by Eleanor Lasky and Tim O'Keefe; You're OK: A Practical Guide to Transactional Analysis, by Thomas A. Harris, M.D.; The Age of the Family, and the Community, by Milton Field; Dark Horse: A Novel, by Fletcher Knebel; Muskie of Maine, by David Newlin; The American Family, by Edwin P. Hoyt; McGovern: A Biography, by Robert Som Anson; Private Places/Public Places, by Abigail McCarthy; The Fabulous

Catwalk: O Jerusalem, by Harry Collins and Dominique Laperriere; Freedom Is A Word, by Eric Gordon; Wasp No More, My Lady, by Mickey Deans and Ann Pinchot; Filled Gals: Conversation With DeGaulle, by Andre Malraux, and The Trouble With Wall Street, by Lewis A. Bracker with Walter Wooner; Famous Mexican-Americans, by Clarke Arendt; Before the Deluge: A Portrait of Berlin in the 1920's, by Otto Friedrich; Crisis of the Republic, by Hannah Arendt; O Congress, by Donald Reisle and Trevor Armistead; No Fault: What You Save, Gain, and Lose with the New Union Mutual Insurance; The Duet: DeGaulle and Pompidou, by Philippe Alexandre; Fault Lines: A Novel of Ecological Nightmare, by Alvaro Roldo; Journeys, by Edmund S. Muckler; The Crowding Syndrome: Learning to Live with Too Much and Too Many, by Caroline Bird; The Party's Over: The Failure of Politics in America, by David S. Broder; A Populist Manifesto: The Making of A New Majority, by Jack Newfield and Jeff Greenfield, and Collector's Choice: A Novel by Peter Marks.

City willing to take over Shore Road

If the Hoboken Shore Railroad is willing to give up its responsibility and ownership of Shore Road, Hoboken is willing to take it over.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale has made an informal offer to the railroad and is now waiting to hear how directors of the company react to the proposal.

"I think the city would be willing to take over the responsibility of maintaining the road if the company is willing to turn it over to the city," Vitale said. "As it now stands, it is private property and they are responsible for keeping it in order — which they haven't been doing for sometime."

"I see no reason why the city can't take over ownership of the roadway at the same time guaranteeing the company's right of way alongside," he added.

Vitale said he recently spoke with a company representative and made the proposal.

"He expressed interest and said that he would relay the message to the railroad's board of directors," the director added.

According to Vitale, acquisition of the road which runs from Fourth to 11th Streets won't cost the city anything and maintenance would also be slight.

"Most of our funds for resurfacing come from the state," he said. "Seven blocks more or less won't make that much difference."

The road, in very poor condition, has been the subject of action by the fire department and public works to get abutting property owners to clean up the area.

Vitale said that the railroad has agreed to clean up its area and is hiring a contractor to do the job.

Plaza block to be paved for parking

The Hoboken Parking Authority has awarded a contract to a West New York firm for the construction of a \$17,000 temporary off-street parking lot on Hudson Street, between First and Second Streets, it was announced today by Nicholas J. Caruso, authority chairman.

The Inglesse Paving Co. of 599 57th St. will be responsible for paving most of the square block which has been vacant for almost two years in anticipation of the John J. Grogan Marineview Plaza apartment project and office building.

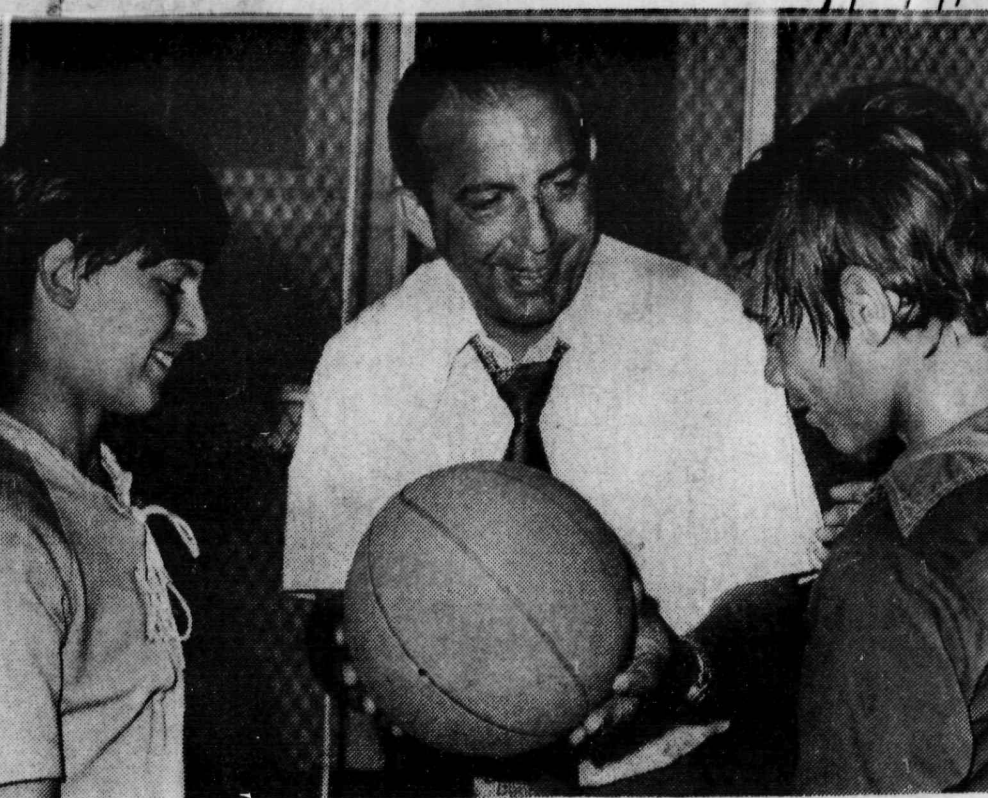
According to Caruso, the contract has been sent to the firm to sign.

"Once the company signs the contract and returns it to our attorney, it can start working on the lot," Caruso said.

The lot will be operated by an attendant who will collect the fees from motorists. The hourly and daily charges have not been set as yet.

"We should resolve this within the next two weeks or so," said Caruso. "Since the lot will be able to accommodate a fairly large number of cars, the authority will probably be accepting monthly lease agreements from motorists who do not want to be bothered with paying a daily fee."

Summer fun in Hoboken



Hoboken Councilman Vincent J. Fusilli gets set to toss up basketball as James King, left, and Louis Blonco prepare to jump center during basketball game at the Hoboken-North Hudson YMCA. Fusilli has been the driving force behind organizing the city's summer recreation program and gaining state funds for it.

Plan board delay seen no problem

A two-week delay in action by the Hoboken Planning Board on the Neighborhood Development Program and the designation of a 20-block area of the city as blighted is not expected to endanger the project, a spokesman for a New York consulting firm said today.

"The reasons for postponing the hearing are perfectly valid," said Joshua Siegel of Community Housing and Planning Inc., which is planning the project for the Hoboken Housing Authority.

"Many of the persons and businessmen who attended the recent planning board meeting were Spanish-speaking. It is only right that the detailed explanation and description of what is planned for the 20-block area be translated into Spanish."

There is no reason to believe the next meeting is going to be any less stormy than the first; and there are fears it will be more so, since the high school auditorium holds more than 800 persons and may be filled to capacity. For the first time, police may be in attendance at a planning board meeting.

"The man who could have answered all of their questions about the project was there (Siegel), but they (people in the audience) wouldn't give him a chance," said one member of the planning board.

The greatest concern among those at the last meeting was that the project would become stalled in the manner of the John J. Grogan Marine View Plaza redevelopment project on Hudson Street.

"There is actually very little similarity between the two," said the Model Cities spokesman. "The Grogan project is all urban renewal, which encompasses demolition of the entire area and building of all new structures."

"This project includes some urban renewal but there will also be the rehabilitation of many existing buildings and renovation work on others."

"Unlike urban renewal, which covers one large area at one time, this project will be dealing with smaller areas over a period of several years."

He pointed out that the plans make provisions for the relocation of any tenants, when needed, including businesses, and that those relocated have first priority at moving back when the work is done.

Council Sits Days, Nights In Hoboken

By JACK ECKHARDT

The Hoboken City Council yesterday rejected a bid that all its meetings be held at night.

The proposal was made by Thomas Vezzetti, a frequent critic of city and county administrations, at an 11 a.m. meeting of the governing body. A majority of the nine-member council expressed the opinion that the present staggered system of meetings it favored by most residents.

Following the meeting, Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello said, "I feel the present system of staggering day and night meetings is fair to all parties concerned."

Council President Thomas A. Gallo, who presided at the 11 a.m. meeting, (only First Ward Councilman Anthony Romane was absent) voted in favor of an estimated 28 resolutions on the meeting agenda without voiced disfavor by other members of council.

Such resolutions included amending the city's Planning Board ordinance to add alternate members; an ordinance to adopt a revised plumbing code plan and other resolutions approving a six-month leave of absence for Attorney Charles DeFazio Jr.;

payment of \$32,200 to La Ferra Contracting for collection of city garbage; payment of \$2,765 to Jack A. Mark for services rendered in conducting a police community relations program.

Other Actions

During the same public meeting, officials voted in favor of granting a deed of conveyance for property at 54 Monroe St. to city ownership; a contract to demolish 76-78 Bloomfield St. and 54-56 Monroe St.; payment of \$1,117.50 to Hudson Municipal Air Pollution Commission; and payment of \$74,024 to Jersey City for water delivered to Hoboken residents during the month of May.

City officials also approved an agreement between Hoboken Model Cities and Ralph Seligman as consultant for Hoboken City Council to advise and evaluate the programs of planning and development. The same session also approved an agreement between Model Cities and St. Mary Hospital to implement and carry out a third action year project known as Community Health Center.

Hoboken Gets Grant to Test Lead in Paint

Hoboken will receive \$84,000 in federal funds to test local children for lead poisoning. It was announced in Washington yesterday by U.S. Sen. Clifford P. Case.

Case is the sponsor of recently enacted legislation that will increase funds for testing programs. In addition, a similar grant will go to Newark.

Case is the sponsor of recently George Null, spokesman for the State Regional Medical program, said that the Hoboken detection operation municipal department of health and welfare. Staff appointments for the program will be made in September, he said.

The grant will be matched with \$43,000 from Model Cities. A nine-member staff will be hired including a part-time medical director, family health workers and a secretary.

Treatment Planned
Tests will be made on children between the ages of one and five years to determine the lead content of their blood. Treatment will be given to those children registering an exceptionally high lead count, he said.

In addition, the program will also mount a campaign of public education. Inspectors will visit homes throughout the city seeking evidence of paints with high lead content. In extreme emergencies, the city will make repairs or cover peeling walls with vinyl.

A preliminary survey of 60 apartments within the city showed many units painted with high-lead content paint. Null estimated that up to 90 per cent of Hoboken's housing units might be covered with dangerous material.

urge suit over Grogan Plaza

"Hoboken has shown the developers more than adequate good faith by waiting as long as it has for them to actually do something besides giving out with a lot of conversation," he continued.

"Since the legal process of filing suit to void the contracts will take some time, the developers will have additional

time to either get the project started or pack it in.

"The city can always drop the legal proceedings if the developers manage to get the buildings underway," he added.

Last week the state Housing Finance Agency announced that it was approving a \$12,549,377 mortgage to the developers for the construction of two 25-story

apartment buildings which would be built on the block between Third and Fourth Streets, Hudson to River Streets.

The money represents approximately 90 per cent of the total construction costs.

Plans also call for the construction of two more apartment buildings and one commercial office structure on the blocks between First and Third Streets.

However, the developers — Joseph Comporetto, Bernard Rodetsky and Charles Blitman — have yet to apply for financing for their two additional buildings, and the construction of the commercial building by yet other developers is still up in the air.

Meetings help keep lid on in city

Hoboken municipal officials and civic leaders are doing their best to make sure the lid stays on Hoboken this summer, even if it means meeting on weekends for hours at a time.

Such a meeting was held Saturday to discuss the sprinklers and activities planned for city youngsters, and lasted for close to five hours.

Attending were Mayor Louis DePascale; Councilmen Martin J. Brennan, Louis Francane and Edward A. McLaughlin; Hudson County Prosecutor Geoffrey Gaulkin; the Rev. Edison Lewis;

the Rev. Roy Carter; Pedro Milan, the mayor's Puerto Rican Aide; Frank Duroy Jr. and other representatives of the Puerto Rican community; Nicholas Borg; Police Chief George W. Crimmins, and Public Safety Director E. Norman Wilson.

The meeting got underway at approximately 6 p.m. in the Model Cities office, 80 Washington St. Nicholas Borg, associated with Self-Help, was credited with calling the session for getting community gripes out in the open before they resulted in any civic disorders.

The mission was accomplished. In spite of temperatures that soared well into the 90's over the weekend, police reported no major incidents.

Fire hydrant openings were still reported but at a lesser rate than during the last two weekends, thanks to self-service sprinklers installed by the city at four locations — Monroe Street, between Second and Third Streets; Madison Street, between Second and Third Streets; Fifth and Monroe Streets, and 12th Street and Willow Avenue.

The city has rush orders for a dozen of the sprinklers from

Bethlehem Steel's Hoboken shipyard and expects to have the remaining eight before the end of the week.

The Public Works and Recreation departments have opened all three of the city's wading pools nightly until 9 p.m. and are keeping the one functioning portable swimming pool at the Jefferson Street Recreation Center open to 11 p.m.

Director Raphael P. Vitale said that he has a commitment from the Model Cities program to buy a new liner for the pool at A.J. Demarest Junior High if the

old liner can't be repaired. A service company was to check the damage to the liner today.

Mayor Louis DePascale announced that starting tomorrow evening the pool at Hoboken High School would be open from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. to teenagers and adults.

"We are playing it by ear for the moment," said the mayor. "The high school pool will be open a minimum of five days a week — Monday through Friday. But if we can get some additional personnel we'll open it on weekends, too."

Move on to keep Fusilli on council

A grass roots campaign is underway in Hoboken's Second Ward aimed at convincing Councilman Vincent J. Fusilli not to resign from the council if he is elected freeholder in November. They want him to stay on and, if it will ease his conscience — without pay.

But the councilman says the only way he'd stay on is if it is an overwhelming mandate of the people.

Fusilli, a Democratic candidate on the ticket backed by the Mayor's Coalition, has vowed

not to hold two elective offices at the same time and promised to resign as councilman upon being sworn in as freeholder.

Though many of his constituents feel the gesture would be a noble one, they don't agree with his thinking.

"I don't care if he's a freeholder or not, remarked one sympathizer. "It isn't fair to all the people of the ward who elected him their representative to the council if he resigns after less than two years on the job."

"If he's concerned about what

people will say because he is a councilman and a freeholder, then let him serve as councilman without pay or donate that money to a worthy charity. The important thing is that he remain as councilman."

Fusilli may have to make up his mind sooner than November if reports coming from the county are true.

Bayonne Mayor Francis Fitzpatrick, the county's new Democratic chairman, next week is expected to name Freeholder Director Edward Clark the new

county superintendent replacing John Deegan, found guilty of illegally granting one pension in the recent pension fund trial.

One of the freeholders will be named acting director to replace Clark, leaving one opening on the board. Fusilli is rumored to be the top contender for that vacancy.

How does the councilman feel about the movement among his Second Ward supporters?

"I have mixed emotions," said Fusilli. "I regret the prospect of resigning as councilman but I do

feel that I will be able to serve the people of the Second Ward and Hoboken much more efficiently as a freeholder."

Will the councilman stay on?

"I don't think so," he replied. "A man is only as good as his word. I am against dual job-holding in any form. The only way I might even consider it would be if I had an overwhelming mandate from the residents of the ward. And even then it would have to be without pay."

However, Fusilli added that he didn't feel he would be able to do justice to both jobs.

City gets aid for resurfacing streets

Hoboken has received funds from the state with which to resurface sections of more than a dozen streets, and it isn't wasting any time putting the job out for bids.

Interested contractors are expected to submit their proposals to the City Council at its Aug. 2 meeting. They will be required to provide an estimated 7,246 tons of asphalt for the overall job.

It will be the first time in several years, according to

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale, that the city has been able to do any large scale resurfacing. Some was done last summer but it only amounted to six or seven blocks.

Vitale said that getting the funds from the state had been the big problem. All of the city's applications had been approved by the state but when it came time to dole the funds out, they weren't available.

The streets scheduled for resurfacing this summer are:

Fifth Street, from Grand to Adams Street; Sixth Street, from Garden Street to Park Avenue; Eighth Street, from Park Avenue to Clinton Street; Ninth Street, from Hudson to Washington Street; Jackson Street, from First to Fourth Street; Grand Street, from Fourth to Sixth Street; Clinton Street, from Fourth to Sixth Street; Park Avenue, from Fifth to Eighth Street and from Newark to First Street; Washington Street, from Second to Third Street; Bloom-

field Street, from Eighth to Ninth Street; Adams Street, from Seventh to Eighth Street; Madison Street, from Eighth to Ninth Street; and First Street, from Bloomfield to Madison Street.

Vitale said that he hoped to select a contractor in time for the council's Aug. 16 meeting.

The director added that he wanted to get the job started as quickly as possible due to the poor condition of most of the streets involved in the resurfacing program.

Hoboken to sell 1948 pumper

Interested in an old fire engine? Hoboken has one and is planning to sell it at public auction on Aug. 23.

The Ahrens-Fox pumper was purchased by the city in 1948 and is the last of the fire department's older equipment to be disposed of.

No longer in running order, the pumper can be seen at the Observer Highway and Madison Street firehouse any weekday, according to Fire Chief Patrick J. Carmody.

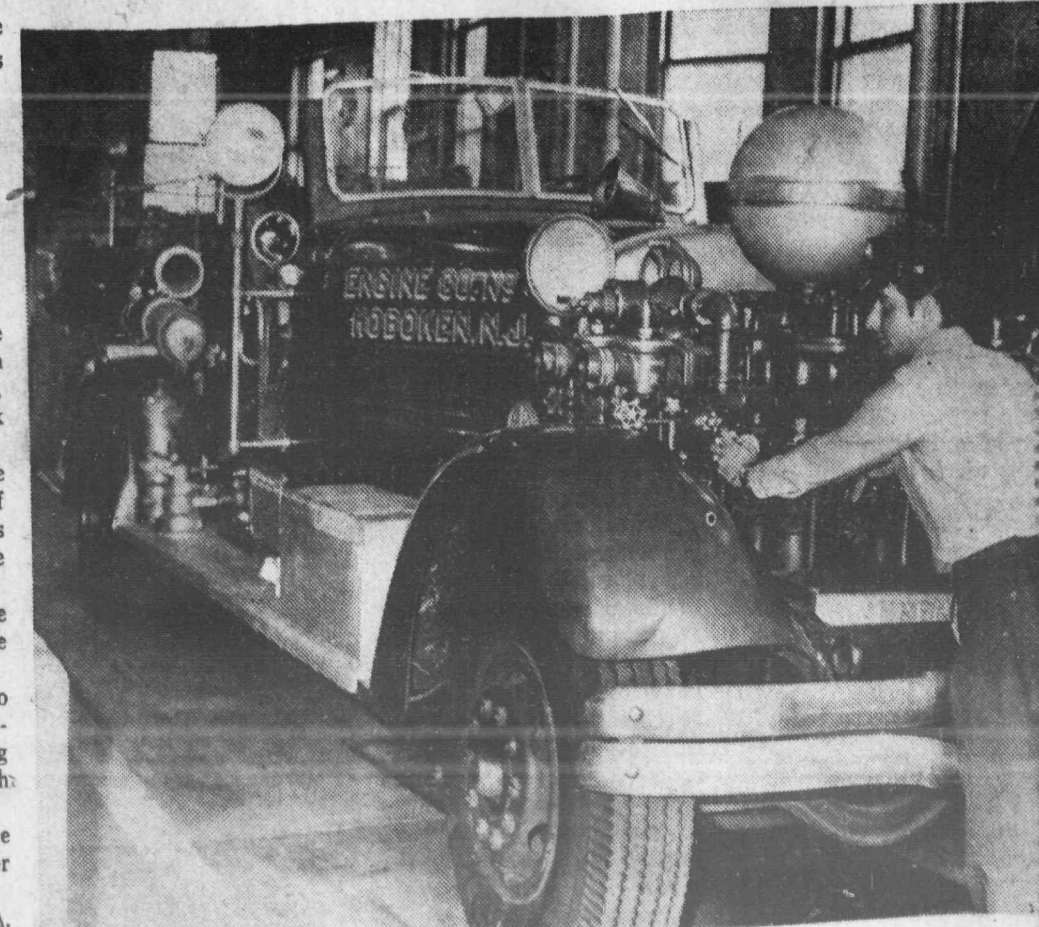
The city is bolstering its fire equipment with the purchase of two new hook and ladder trucks which should be delivered before the end of next January.

But the fire engine isn't the only thing the city will put on the auction block.

There also is a dozen or so bicycles that police have collected in the last year, including two relatively new English racers in excellent condition.

The two racing bikes were stolen property and never reclaimed by the owner.

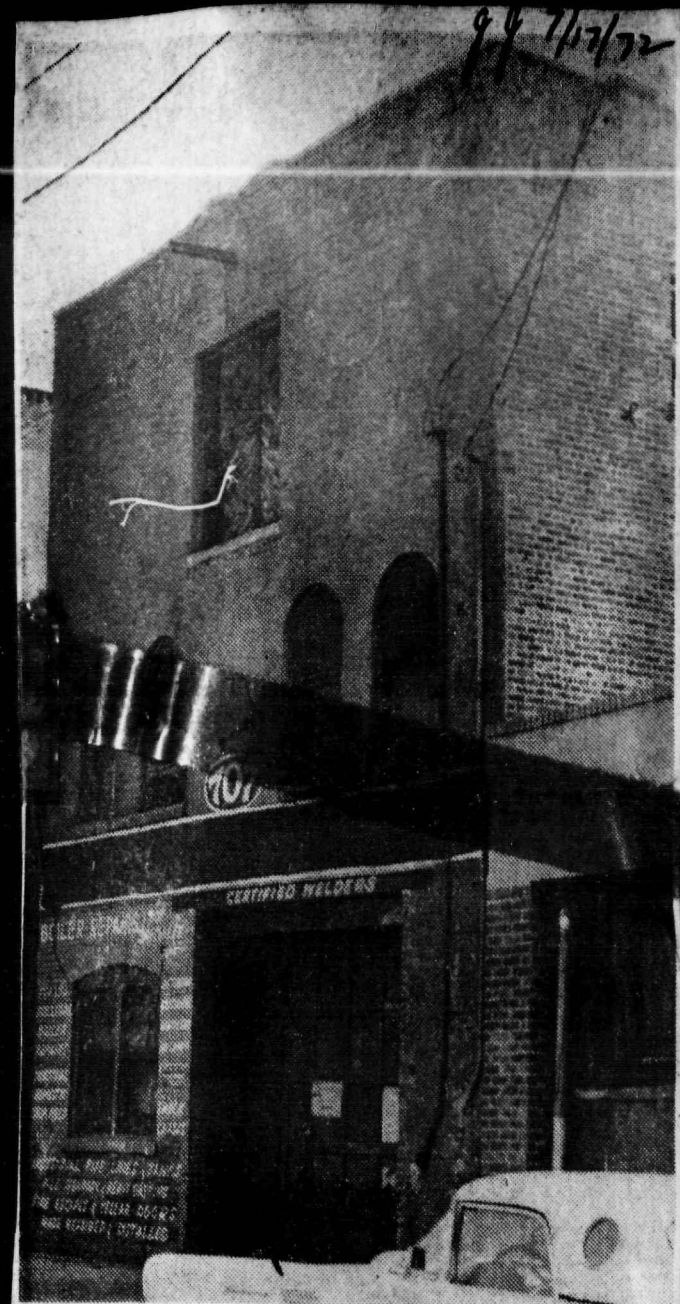
Asst. City Atty. John A. Traynor also will attempt to sell more than 70 abandoned automobiles taken in by the city in its alternate side of the street sweeping program.



Hoboken Fireman John Lisa inspects 1948 fire engine at Observer Highway firehouse which the city fire department intends to auction.

The list could be increased to more than 80 cars by the time of the sale. All of the vehicles are stored at Hoboken Auto Body, 7th and Jackson Streets, and may be inspected by potential buyers during the week at regular business hours.

The auction is scheduled to start at 11 a.m. in the city council chambers.



New headquarters for ambulance volunteers.

Ambulance corps will get new home

The Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps will have a new headquarters when it comes time to move out of the building it now uses on the campus of Stevens Institute of Technology.

A spokesman for the corps said today that it is buying the building at 707 Clinton St. and will close on the property on July 28.

Currently, the corps is located in a garage at 2 Fifth Street, which is owned by the college. Stevens has given the corps notice to vacate the premises by Nov. 1 because it plans to build on the site. However, college officials have not yet disclosed exactly what will be constructed.

According to Edward MacIntyre, corps vice president, an estimated \$25,000 to \$30,000 will be needed to put the building in shape for the corps.

"The first level of the three-story brick building will be used for garage space," MacIntyre said. "There will be enough room for four vehicles."

"The second floor will have sleeping quarters, a communications room and showers for the members. And the third will be a disaster headquarters," MacIntyre said that the corps has a number of cots which it can use for families or persons forced out of their homes by fires or other emergencies. He added that the corps would ask the Red Cross to supply it with a kitchen for the disaster center. The corps also has blankets for the families to use.

"But there is still a problem of funds," he added. "The corps doesn't have enough to pay for all of the work needed on the building."

"We are going to have to go to the public for some help," he continued. "Local industry and businesses will also be contacted for their support."

PATH treats kiddies to tour and lunch

The summer remedial program at Sadie Leinikoff School No. 8, received a free tour of the PATH subway system yesterday.

Linda Erbe, director of the program, said 30 children went on the trip. They were taken on the air-conditioned trains by PATH guides and shown the motorman's booth and other parts of the train.

Stops were made at Newark and Journal Square where the children enjoyed a short sight-seeing tour. The lunch tab was picked up by PATH. Miss Erbe said that the first trip was taken last week and the response was so good that PATH allowed them to do it again.

Denies Bid for Hydrant Aides 4.0. 7/20/72

Council 'Cool' to Plea

By JACK ECKHARDT
Hoboken City Council last night ignored a request by city police for \$35,000 in emergency funds to pay regular patrolmen and officers

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overtime pay in the face of a wave of bodily harm to residents by youths and adults turning on fire hydrants.

And despite a repeat of the same type incidents yesterday that necessitated both police and firemen being dispatched to citywide locations where hydrants were illegally turned on, Fifth Ward Councilman Martin J. Brennan said last night, "We don't intend to turn our city of Hoboken into the same condition now going on in Northern Ireland where police are getting shot down in performance of their duty."

Referring to the fund sought by Law Director E. Norman Wilson for overtime pay to compensate some 20 regular policemen on duty at night to stem the hydrant vandalism and injury to residents, Councilman Brennan said, "this is nothing more than Mayor DePascale recommending a hike in budget expenditures to make the council look foolish."

It was later explained that Wilson not only asked for \$35,000 overtime pay for city patrolmen, but is asking for \$50,000 overtime pay that may eventually be paid city firemen this year.

Contacted at his home, Mayor DePascale said, "It is really alarming that members of the council are making a political issue out of what our city's Police Chief George Crimmins considers an emergency. We need police on the street at night now, and due to the present shortage of personnel, we must employ the regular men on an overtime basis. If the council is denying the residents of Hoboken such protection, that decision may be laid at their

doorstep in event of a potential confrontation."

Following the council's public meeting members of the police department downstairs were in complete amazement at the council action.

It was also learned late yesterday that Hudson County Prosecutor Geoffrey Gaulkin visited Hoboken city hall, apparently concerned over reports of fire hydrant vandalism and bodily harm dealt out to motorists, where gangs of youths and adults on upper Willow av. and at Third and Madison sts. were defying law and order.

Gaulkin, who met with Mayor DePascale, Chief Crimmins, Fire Marshal James Halloran, two local members of the Human Rights Commission (one Patrolman Cecil Vincent) and Councilmen Steve Cappiello, James Fusilli and Louis Francione, reportedly told the Hoboken officials he also is not in favor of mass policing the fire hydrant areas. Following the Hoboken meeting with Gaulkin and city officials, it was reported a program of "police understanding" and "community relations" he pressed to alleviate the present tense situation.

Meanwhile, police said that an 18-year-old spary painter was the only person arrested for tampering with a Hoboken fire hydrant during a spell of minor disturbances and disorder which stretched early into Tuesday morning in that city.

Angel Abron, the painter, resides at 503 Jefferson st., Hoboken. He was arrested at 12:15 a.m. Tuesday at Second and Madison sts. where he was allegedly trying to wrench open one of the city's hydrants.

A special force of city policemen sent out to quell the disturbances said Abron had two wrenches in his possession when he was arrested.

Abron was charged with being a disorderly person. He became the third adult arrested for tampering with a hydrant since Saturday. He will be arraigned today in Hoboken Municipal Court.

At the same time last night, it was reported that uniformed members of the Hoboken fire department have refused to go out of their nearby stations to close off illegally opened hydrants unless accompanied by uniformed members of the police department. And when Hoboken firemen do go on such missions, they wear riot helmets.

It was also a citywide matter of discussion last night that city firemen are no longer required to implement sprinkler systems at fire hydrants during hot spells the firemen claiming such an agreement is in their signed contract with the city.

With both the police and firemen tight lipped about the real problem of who is responsible, it was learned after yesterday's city hall conference with Prosecutor Gaulkin that Hoboken officials were told to get more sprinkler systems around the city at once.

The suggestion was made to Public Works Director Raphael Vitale, who was also present at the meeting with Gaulkin.

Meanwhile, Hoboken police and firemen were busy last night with the continued residents opening fire hydrants. Each time such a report is telephoned to headquarters, it requires the radio patrol to go the nearest fire station, pick up firemen and turn off the



Almost ready for September opening in new Wallace School.

Hoboken library offers activities for younger set

Hoboken Public Library offers a host of children's activities and new collections for adults during the summer months.

The library building at Fifth St. and Park Ave. opens daily at 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday closing time is 6 p.m. On Tuesday and Thursday, the library remains open until 8 p.m. The juvenile division closes at 6 p.m. every day. The library is closed Saturdays in the summer.

Story hours, held throughout the morning every weekday in the top floor juvenile division, are open to all groups of city children, according to library director Lucille Cunningham.

"All supervised groups and children accompanied by parents are welcome," the director said. She recommends story hours particularly for children age 6 to 8.

New to the juvenile section is a

collection of recordings of children's classics, 50 winners of the Newberry awards presented and a collection of stories in folk songs available for use by parents and groups.

Miss Cunningham announced that a group of slides from the private collection of Dr. Brandt school principal John Garth Coleman recounting New Jersey historical events will be available to readers in a week. The oversize slides, now being catalogued, will need a special projector which has to be purchased, said the director.

The slide collection will be augmented by pamphlets and handout sheets on the George Washington bicentennial celebration and the 1976 bicentennial celebration of the nation's founding.

Also available to library patrons is the official handbook of bicentennial events, Miss Cunningham added.

The library is supplying summer positions to 19 Neighborhood Youth Corps students and senior citizens.

Performing related library tasks of processing new books, shelving, mending, and assisting in the story hours are 13 NYC students employed part-time.

Six senior citizens are working at the library this summer, said the director. The workers greet the public at the checkout and information desks, process new books and file and pull catalog cards.

Though not air-conditioned, the library is cooled with pedestal fans. "It is comfortable for all persons," said Miss Cunningham.

To update cops' manual in Hoboken

William Miller, an assistant Hoboken city attorney and former municipal court judge, has been assigned by Law and Public Safety Director E. Norman Wilson to work with Police Chief George W. Crimmins on the creation of an all new police manual.

The department's current handbook was put out in 1926 and although revised and changed from time to time, it is still considered to be outdated.

According to Chief Crimmins, the new manual will be based primarily on the results of a survey of the department and its operations recently completed by the state Police Training Commission.

As the new book takes shape, it will be Miller's responsibility to research existing state, federal and local laws to make sure the manual does not conflict with them. Also to be taken into consideration is the contract with the Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA).

"The manual will be the foundation for other changes and procedures recommended by the state in its report on the department," said Crimmins.

"This includes the department's table of organization."

The table of organization determines the overall size of the department and the number of men in each grade from chief down to patrolmen.

Wallace School will open in fall

The construction of Hoboken's new Wallace School at 11th Street and Willow Avenue has been completed, a spokesman for the city's board of education said today.

"Barring any major difficulties at the last minute, the school should be open for the fall term and help eliminate some of the overcrowding in the elementary schools," he said.

Built at a cost of slightly over \$4.2 million, the new school will house approximately 1,500 pupils in 50 classrooms. The school it will be replacing was designed to handle about 1,000 students but has been over that mark by several hundred for the last few years.

Besides a brand new gym, pupils also will have kitchen and cafeteria facilities on the basement level.

The entire northwest wing of the building, all three floors of it, will be devoted to the new offices of the board of education. Currently, the board is located at 524 Park Ave. That building is scheduled for renovation into a mini-school.

According to the board spokesman, all construction work on the Wallace school has been finished; however, painting and some interior finishing are still in process.

"There is one minor problem but it shouldn't prevent the use of the building in the fall," he continued. "The men who installed the elevators are on strike. The building plans call for two elevators, one for the teachers and the other for students who can't climb stairs."

"While the lack of elevator service will cause some minor problems, the school will still be suitable for use without them."

The new school occupies the northern portion of the block between 11th and 12th Streets, Willow Avenue to Clinton Street.

"As soon as we are 100 per cent sure that the new school will open, demolition will start on the old school," the spokesman added.

The old school is in the southern section of the same block. The land area it now occupies will be developed into a parking lot for faculty members and a playground for pupils.

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DePascale slams Cappiello on hint of city bankruptcy

Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken today called Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello "highly irresponsible" for even hinting that the city may be on the verge of bankruptcy.

"It is careless and misleading statements like this that can help ruin a city and, yes, even see to it that it does go bankrupt," said the mayor.

"Certainly, Hoboken is having its financial problems. But so is

every other urban area. We have never tried to hide this fact or tried to make light of it. A great deal of effort is being expended to try to reverse this trend, both locally and on the state and federal levels.

"The word bankruptcy is an alarming one, even on an if basis. It chases away prospective business, industry and home owners. And it creates fear in those that are already here."

"Hoboken has never been near the stage of bankruptcy, even during the depression. When things were really bad the city managed to get by."

DePascale added that he also thought Cappiello was "premature" in predicting a major tax increase for next year.

"There are just too many factors that remain to be decided before any judgement can be made on how taxes will range for 1973," continued the mayor.

"No one knows what is going to happen to Governor Cahill's tax package. Parts of it are sure to be in trouble, but the Legislature has to come up with suitable substitutes since the state is under judicial mandate to take over the cost of operating the schools."

"The councilman is using scare tactics, possibly in anticipation of next May's municipal election."

Cappiello made the statement that Hoboken was facing a major tax increase or bankruptcy for 1973 while in the process of announcing that the council wanted the Hoboken-North Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce to begin meeting with the council and department directors as soon as possible on the budget for next year.

"In that respect, I agree with the councilman," the mayor said. "It is never too early to start working on the budget. But it is too early to make any final determinations."



Saying thanks

Sgt. Joseph Gagliastro, left, head of Hoboken Police Community Relations Bureau and coordinator for recent San Juan Bautista parade, receives plaque in appreciation of his services from Jamie Munoz, right, president of organization. Looking on are Elsie Nieves, Puerto Rican Queen; Mario Rivera, a Hoboken policeman; and Mayor Louis DePascale.



Hoboken's Second Ward Councilman Vincent J. Fusilli, right, takes the oath of a county freeholder as County Judge Frank A. Verga, left, and Mrs. Fusilli, the newly-appointed freeholder's wife, looks on.

New Freeholder Fusilli says he won't collect his city pay

As a new member of the Hudson County board of freeholders, Hoboken Second Ward Councilman Vincent J. Fusilli should be making close to \$17,000 a year between his two salaries—but he's not, or at least he won't be.

Fusilli said today that he would not accept his \$4,500 a year salary as councilman as long as he was serving as freeholder.

"I consider the freeholder ap-

pointment temporary until November and the general election," he said. "However, I did make a promise not to hold two elective offices at the same time."

"Since the November election or any election is not a sure thing, I am not about to give up my seat on the council, not for four months on the board of freeholders. But if I am successful in November I do intend to resign as councilman."

Fusilli said that he would

either donate his council salary to charity or turn it back to the city for use in the recreation department.

"I plan to check with the city's law department today to see what procedures have to be set up or what papers I have to sign to have the money go towards recreation," he continued. "If this can't be done or the process is too complicated then I'll donate the money to a worthy charity."

New Wallace School opens in Hoboken

The 1972-73 school year will see a number of advancements for the Hoboken school system including the opening of one new school, the start of construction on another, and the introduction of an experimental teaching project.

With the start of classes on Wednesday, Sept. 6, the doors to the new Wallace Elementary School at 11th Street and Willow Avenue are to be opened to pupils for the first time, according to Thomas Gaynor, assistant superintendent of schools.

And while the children are busy with their lessons, workmen will be busy tearing down the old school next door. Once cleared, the site will be landscaped and used for park and school recreational activities.

The new school building will also house the new offices of the Hoboken Board of Education. The entrance will be on Clinton Street, between 11th and 12th Streets.

The new school is expected to relieve overcrowding in the elementary schools, at least for the time being.

The total school population for the 1971-72 school year was 7,900. School officials estimate another increase for the coming year, putting enrollment figures somewhere around the 8,100 mark.

A faculty of 381 was required for the students' educational needs last year, Gaynor said. That figure is expected to remain the same for the 1972-73 school year.

Sometime between September and next June, the board of education hopes to see construction start on the city's new "mini-school" at 524 Park Ave. The building is now the home of the board of education, the Police Athletic League and the city welfare office.

It will be renovated and rehabilitated for classroom use. For children at the David E. Rue School, the old school house will take on a new look as the walls come tumbling down. Gone will be the classrooms with row upon row of desks neatly lined up one behind the other.

In their stead will be open classrooms with a number of study centers located in each. The walls are being broken down to expand the traditional classrooms to accommodate the program.

Desks are arranged in circular patterns in the room, and several teachers will be at work at one time, giving groups of students their instructions. While one group is working on math, another will be doing its English, and another its science work.

Gaynor said the program was "experimental" in Hoboken although the concept has been adopted in several other communities in the state.

Pupils in grades five through nine, will be stressing ecology in their studies Gaynor added.

"It will not be a separate course but blended into existing courses such as science, geography, art history," he said. "We will be stressing both the negative and positive aspects of ecology. Such as what man has done to foul his environment and what he can do to correct his mistakes."

The program will include field trips as well as planting experiments in the city's parks.

For high school students, a

special course on film making as a means of mass communications is planned. Details for the course are still being worked out.

Another new concept will be a team teaching approach to the history, economy and literature of the United States. Three high school teachers have been awarded a \$1,000 grant from the state to conduct the experiment.

An intensified stenography course has been added to the school's vocational training program for Spanish-speaking students through another \$5,000 grant from the state.

The course will have three periods for every two in the regular stenography course, the extra period being devoted to an intensified course in English.

Registration of pupils will take place during the first week of school. However, Gaynor added that some clerical staff will be on duty approximately a week before schools open officially for any parents interested in registering their children ahead of the crowd.

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A total of 392 new books were purchased by the Hoboken Public Library last month, Lucille Cunningham, library director, said today. Many of the new volumes have been delivered and may now be borrowed by library members.

Some of the books are:

The Coming of Age, by Simone de Beauvoir; In Hiding: The Life of Manuel Cortes, by Ronald Fraser; The Optimist's Daughter: A Novel by Eudora Welty; The Summer Game, by Roger Angell; The Girls in the Office, by Jack Olsen; Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas, by Hunter Thompson; Jesuit Child, by Macdonald Hastings; The Levanter: A Mystery by Eric Ambler; A Theory of Justice, by John Rawls; Divine Right's Trip: A Folk Tale by Gurney Norman; We: A Novel of the Future, by Yevgeny Zamyatin; The New Anatomy of Britain, by Anthony Sampson.

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MODERNIZATION DUE—The apartment buildings between 12th and 13th sts. on Willow av. in Hoboken will be vacated in preparation for a \$2 million modernization project initiated by the Hoboken Model Cities Project headed by Director Michael Coleman. It is estimated here will be 125 new apartments in the structures across the street from Hoboken's Fox Hill Senior Citizen Project and the newly constructed Wallace School. Model Cities is planning to designate 1,100 more apartments for similar renovation.

Bids for 3 Hoboken piers accepted

Before the end of October, Hoboken should have three large piers added to its tax rolls — the city's portion of the Todd Shipyard, the 16th Street Pier — and the Fifth and Sixth Street Piers.

The city council made up its mind yesterday and agreed to accept the bids submitted by Cosmopolitan Terminal Corp. of New York for the Todd property and 16th Street Pier, and the River Towing Co. of Hoboken

for the Fifth and Sixth Street Piers. Cosmopolitan's bid was \$151,000 for the Todd area and \$51,000 for the 16th Street Pier. River Towing, a tug boat operation, bid \$71,000 for the Fifth and Sixth Street Piers, once owned by the Holland American Lines.

The council unanimously approved acceptance of the bids on the Todd and 16th Street Pier. But there was one lone dissenter

on the sale of the other two piers.

Fourth Ward Councilman Louis Francone objected to the sale because he felt the city could get a better offer. He pointed out that the city is now getting \$1,000 a month from Latas Terminal Corp. for the use of the piers.

"That's \$52,000 a year as compared to \$71,000 for the sale of the entire property," he said. "We're giving the city away," Francone added.

But the other councilmen disagreed. They said the city property Hoboken was liable for must clean the areas. While it federal government might do so, there is no telling when the federal government might order it.

"We just can't afford something like that," said Councilman Steve Cappiello.

Councilman Edward A. McLaughlin added that the land area was still evaluated at more than \$600,000, but the improvements were worthless and could cost a great deal of money to demolish.

Cappiello said conditions at the Todd and 16th Street piers were almost identical.

Cosmopolitan, represented in the sale by Richard D. Milano, a Union City real estate broker, plans to build an oil storage and distribution facility on its property.

Plans also call for the acquisition of property adjoining in Weehawken. Once this has been done a large landfill operation will start reclaiming close to 20 acres of property now under water.

According to Kenneth McGuire, director of the corporation, property underwater is usually assessed at about \$11,000 an acre as compared to upland property assessments of about \$50,000 an acre.

McGuire said the company would comply with all federal and state pollution control standards and make every effort to make the operation as pollution-free as possible.

"Once we take title to the properties we will immediately fence the entire area in to prevent unauthorized persons from using it," he continued. "Demolition of existing structures also will start immediately."

Both companies are required to comply with a number of conditions included in the sale. Cleaning up the areas and making them relatively safe are two of them.

The council said it was satisfied that neither company would add to or compound Hoboken's current pollution problems, following yesterday's meeting at which the sales were confirmed.

But several citizens were still against the sales.

Ignatius Camporeale and Thomas Vezzetti both voiced objections.



MEET ON GROGAN PLAZA—Principals in the development of Grogan Plaza, Hoboken, met yesterday at Stevens Tech. Attending the closed meeting are, from left, Andrew H. Scherer, chairman, Hoboken Housing Authority; Howard Blitman of Taylor-Woodrow and Blitman, developers; Nicholas Caruso, chairman, Hoboken Parking Authority; and Mayor Louis DePascale.

Grogan Unit Will Be Built, Mayor Insists

By JACK ECKHARDT

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale yesterday admitted he has abandoned plans to move the present city hall into a modern office building complex at the proposed Grogan Marineview Plaza site. At the same time he continued to insist the long delayed Grogan Plaza will become a reality.

Referring to this week's comments of Sixth Ward Councilman Edward McLaughlin, who labeled the proposed Grogan Marineview Plaza project a farce, DePascale, who is planning to run for reelection in May next year said, "Certain remarks by Hoboken officials about the Grogan Marineview Plaza project only tend to delay the plans for construction."

Asked to comment on the progress of Grogan Plaza on lower Hudson and River sts., Mayor DePascale said yesterday:

"The State Housing and Finance Agency granted a mortgage to the developer for the Grogan Marineview Plaza, contingent upon the city-revising its tax abatement for the project, and that the developer be permitted to charge \$10 per guaranteed parking space to defray the cost of the construction necessary on the roofs of the garages.

Decision Imminent

"The attorneys representing the various governmental agencies and the developer are making every attempt to finalize the revised contractual amendments necessary to meet the State Housing and Finance Agency requirements. We have been informed by the developer that as soon as these items have been resolved the project will begin immediately. It is expected that a final determination of this situation is imminent."

Asked to comment on the "tax abatement" contingent, DePascale admitted it was for a 50 year period. And when questioned about the \$10 charge sought by the Grogan Marineview Plaza developer, DePascale said:

"It means the developer is seeking a \$10 fee in addition to the already set fee of \$25 monthly for garage of cars in the overall project, requiring tenants to pay \$35 monthly for garage of cars in the overall project, requiring tenants to pay \$35 monthly for garage of private cars, of which \$10 goes to the developer.

"I intend to expedite the project of Grogan Marineview Plaza and feel it will become a realization just as soon as the tax abatement problem is resolved."

Asked just who is to decide on the reported 50 year tax abatement problem, DePascale said it is a matter for city council to decide.

Explaining his stand in the long delayed Grogan Marineview Plaza project, DePascale said:

"Let's clear the air on the 50 year tax abatement proposal for developers of the Grogan project. This is a requirement of the N.J. State Finance Department in order that mortgage funds be approved. It's not the decision of myself or city council, or of the Hoboken Housing Authority or of the local Parking Authority."

Gris Explanation

In an apparent last ditch explanation, DePascale said: "When actual operation of the proposed Grogan Marineview Plaza is constructed and erected, the income on the tax rolls will be four to five times as much as we originally received from the same properties in that area." He did not comment on the loss of ratables in the same three square block area demolished several years ago.

Referring to the developers asking \$10 over the original \$25 cost for individual parking of cars, DePascale said: "The parking fee hike is necessitated to offset the cost of development of dwellings over the garages. I feel it is a fair asking price."

Asked if he thought the project would ever get to the construction stage, the mayor said: "I will continue to expedite the project no matter what members of Hoboken City Council say or think. My office is open to the developers at all times."

Admitting that McLaughlin is a potential candidate for office of mayor in May elections next year, DePascale said:

"I think Mr. McLaughlin and all other members of city council should put aside politics and interest themselves in promoting Grogan Marineview Plaza, rather than attacking the administrative delays in its eventual construction."

Model City Boosted By DePascale

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale yesterday deplored the criticism leveled at Michael Coleman, director of the "Mile Square" city's Model Cities Program, by members of Hoboken Neighborhood Planning Council who demanded his resignation.

"The sincerity of these persons making false and misleading statements about the Model Cities program must be questionable, since they are the very persons who know the true facts about the program's progress," the mayor said.

The city's chief executive had reference to action initiated this past weekend by Mrs. Jennie Ventura and Mrs. Phyllis Herzlich, two members of the planning council which is dovetailed with Model Cities. The women charged "poor financial management and hiring of 'out of towners' on Model Cities project."

In disclaiming the charges, DePascale announced immediate plans for renovation to begin next month on an entire block of dilapidated tenements located on Willow av. between 12th and 13th sts. More than \$2 million of private funds is expected to go towards modernizing the buildings to create 125 new apartments.

According to DePascale, the city has approval for the renovation of 1,100 more apartments, thus insuring a continued housing rehabilitation program for the next few years.

A completely new water system is planned for construction for major sections of Hoboken in early 1973 with engineering work to be completed next month, the mayor stated. A \$3 million appropriation has been approved "thanks to the Model Cities planning team efforts in cooperation with the city's Department of Public Works."

In 10 to 12 weeks, construction is slated to begin on a new multi-purpose center to provide new and modern space for community meetings, classes and services, in addition to a new gymnasium for the entire city. Mayor DePascale said that \$1.5 million, or 100 per cent of the cost, has been granted the city through Model Cities staff planning.

Additional new housing development is also in advanced planning stages for the site of the Keuffel & Esser plant and certain vacant land sites throughout the city, and a timetable for construction is not far off.

On the issue of Model Cities "out-of-owners," Mayor DePascale was most adamant. "The records show that this is a 'phony' issue, which needs to be buried once and for all," he said.

"Today, right now, approximately 275 persons are receiving partial or complete salary from Model Cities-initiated projects. Only 19 of these persons live outside of Hoboken, and these are the same persons (planners and housing experts) who are working so hard to bring improvements to this city," the mayor pointed out.

He also said that Hoboken residents are always given first preference for every job, and each job opening is advertised in local newspapers for one week before applicants are sought elsewhere.

20-block city area 'blighted'

A 20-block area in the southern section of Hoboken has been designated "blighted" by the city's planning board following three public hearings and some short-lived controversy.

The planning board reached its decision on the blighted designation after several hours of deliberation Wednesday night which included a caucus dinner session at the Clam Broth House.

The vote was unanimous among those planning board members present.

By virtue of the designation, the Hoboken Housing Authority can begin an extensive Community Development Project to rehabilitate and redevelop the area.

An authority spokesman said that unlike urban renewal projects where an area is cleared of

all buildings and new ones are put up to replace those taken down, the CDP also will include remodeling and rehabilitation of existing buildings, provided they are in good structural condition.

The first project will be the redevelopment of one square block between First and Second Streets, Grand to Adams Streets.

A neighborhood facility center will be built on the north half of

the block and a moderate income apartment house on the southern half.

According to the spokesman, the overall project will be broken down into a series of "mini-projects" dealing with one or two blocks of the area at a time. Each would be an individual effort, separate from the others although possibly under way at the same time.

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DePascale Says "Best" Being Done

"You name it and we've got it," was the way Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale described the many federally-funded programs that the city is utilizing to better itself.

Speaking last night in the first segment of a WOR-TV community affairs program "Meet the Mayors," DePascale emphasized that although the city has one of the worst employment records in the area, "I know in my heart and soul that the best is being done for the poor and rich."

The mayor was joined by Model Cities Director Michael J. Coleman, who said that within the next few months the entire city will be designated as a "model city," bringing more federal money to a city which is over 300 years old.

According to DePascale, Hoboken was among the first cities in the United States to take advantage of the Model Cities anti-poverty program instituted under former President Johnson.

Today, he said, millions of dollars are being spent to improve the one square-mile area that houses 46,000 people, 40 per cent of which are Hispanic.

DePascale mentioned programs such as "Re-hab," where buildings that are structurally sound are being improved with federal money, and low cost home improvement loans available to Hoboken owner-occupants, as examples that the city administration is working, "not just planning."

Tests give city water 'better' rating

Hoboken Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale today gave the city's water a clean bill of health saying it was of better quality than it has been for a long time.

"I have had the city's chemist carefully double-check all his test results and the verdict is that the water is actually of better quality than it has been for some time," said the director.

Vitale's actions were in response to questions raised at Wednesday's council meeting by Ignazio Camporeale concerning the quality. He asked the council

to have the water checked because his two sons had become ill and the family doctor thought it might be due to the water.

"Although I have yet to receive any request from the council to double-check the daily testing results, I took the liberty of doing so anyway after reading Mr. Camporeale's remarks in The Jersey Journal," the director continued.

"Our chemist, Henry Maier, said that his tests yesterday show that the water is way above the minimum standards for potability and was of a better color with less sediment."

Vitale said there was a reason, and a costly one, for the improvement.

"For the first time in several years, every fire hydrant in the city was opened at one time or another during the summer," the director continued. "It cost the city more than \$20,000 in lost water but it served to clean out all the lines and get rid of most of the sediment."

July was an extremely bad month for the city's water department due to numerous unauthorized fire hydrant openings which lost thousands of

gallons of water and caused 13 major water line breaks. The July water bill from Jersey City was for \$102,000 which is \$20,000 more than the average monthly water charge.

Vitale said he wasn't going to continue the increased daily water tests.

"The testing we are doing now is more than adequate," said the director. "I don't see any reason for making additional tests in view of the recent results."

Vitale expressed the wish that doctors and persons connected with the medical profession

"would be a little more careful with remarks uttered in passing."

"People are very impressionable," he continued. "When a doctor says something patients listen but they don't always hear exactly what he said. The only person qualified to say whether our water is good or bad is the city chemist who tests it daily and knows what's in it and what isn't."

"No doctor, unless he has access to our daily test results or does his own testing is qualified to say what the condition of Hoboken's water is."

DePascale won't accept any deals

"No deals!" Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale proclaimed today laying to rest once and for all rumors that he was looking for an out from next year's local election.

"Come next May you can be assured that I'll be right in the thick of the battle for mayor," said DePascale who will be seeking his third consecutive four-year term as the city's chief executive.

It has been rumored in recent

weeks that DePascale and the new officials of the Hudson County Democratic organization had been discussing terms that might sway the mayor from seeking re-election. This would enhance the chances of a ticket supported by the organization.

Such a ticket is the one expected to be fielded by Third Ward Councilman Steve Capriello who will probably take another shot at the mayor's seat.

"There isn't going to be any

deals, said DePascale. "And if they're thinking about making one they shouldn't bother."

"The next four years in Hoboken are going to be years of fruition. They are going to be the years when many of the things I have worked for in the last eight years come to pass."

"I want to be around to see them happen."

DePascale added that he wasn't surprised by the rumors although he was caught short by

the fact that they had started so early.

"January is usually the earliest anyone starts campaigning," he said. "Someone must be anxious — or indulging in some wishful thinking."

While DePascale is certain that he will be running for reelection next year, the mayor is undecided about fielding a full slate. Besides the mayor's post, three councilmen-at-large seats are also up for grabs.

In the 1960 race, DePascale headed a successful ticket comprised of Thomas A. Gallo, Bernard J. Scrivani and Stephen E. Mongiello. But the mayor and his councilmen-at-large running mates have since had a falling out.

"At this time, I am not considering anyone for a running mate," said DePascale. "But it is only September and I could change my mind before the campaign starts."



A full house

Edwin Duroy, second from left, and Leo Smith Sr., second from right, are sworn in as commissioners of the Hoboken Housing Authority by Anthony Amoroso city clerk. Observing ceremony is Mrs. Manuela Duroy, mother of the new commissioner. Duroy, who is filling unexpired term of late Raymond G. Clyons becomes youngest member ever of the Housing Authority, while Smith will be serving his second five-year term.

Library has received many of 523 books bought recently

A total of 523 books were purchased by the Hoboken Public Library last month, Lucille Cunningham, director, said today. Many of the new volumes have arrived and may now be borrowed by library members.

Some of the new books: Camus and Sartre — Crisis and Commitment, by Germaine Bree; Fables of Wit and Elegance, edited by Louis Auchincloss; Best of Bicycling, edited by Harley M. Leete; G.S. Kaufman — An Intimate Portrait, by Howard Teichmann, and Welcome Eumenides — Poems, by E.A. Taylor.

Garvey — The Story of a Pioneer Black Nationalist, by Elton C. Fax; All That Glitters Is Not Gold — An Irreverent Look at the Olympic Games, by William O. Johnson, Jr.; The Politics of Heroin in Southeast Asia, by Alfred W. McCoy; and The Washington Pay-Off — A Lobbyists Own Story of Corruption in Government, by Ralph N. Winter-Berger.

The Little Red Schoolhouse — A Sketchbook of Early American Education, by Eric Sloane;

Worlds Apart — Travel Adventures in Russia, Latin America and Africa, by Ilka Chase; The New York Times Natural Foods Dieting Book — A Healthier Way To Lose Weight, by Yvonne Young Tarr; The Early Asimov or Eleven Years of Trying, by Isaac Asimov, and Eban — A Biography, by Robert St. John.

America Is Hard To Find — Notes from the Underground and Letters from Danbury Prison, by Daniel Berrigan; How the Government Breaks the Law, by Jethro K. Liberman; The Whale, by Jacques-Yves Cousteau and Philippe Diolé; Diabolical and Other Stories, by Mikhail Bulgakov, and Facts, Frauds, and Phantasms — Survey of the Spiritualist Movement, by Georgess McHargue.

Crewel Embroidery Made Easy, by Barbara C. McClennen; The World of Art, by Robert Payne; Hollering Sun, by Nancy Wood; Counterpoint — The Edgar Smith Case, by Ronald E. Calissi; One Hundred Years of Solitude, by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, and White House Ser-

mons — Introduction by President Richard Nixon, edited by Ben Hibbs; Why Conservative Churches Are Growing — A Study in Sociology of Religion, by Dean M. Kelley, and Easy Sewing With Knits, by Judy Lawrence.

Witchcraft in the Middle Ages, by Jeffrey Burton Russell; The Name for Your Baby, by Jane Wells and Cheryl Adkins; Society Pays — The High Costs of Minimal Brain Damage in America, by Camilla Anderson, M.D.; Lord's Pink Ocean — a novel by David Walker, and Binary, a novel by John Lange.

Any Minute I Can Split, a novel by Judith Rossner; The War Was Better, a novel by Miodrag Bulatovic; Sicilian Defense, a novel by John Nicholas Ianuzzi; A Dog's Ransom, a novel by Patricia Highsmith, and Mama Doll, a novel by Martin Woodhouse.

I Came As A Thief, a novel by Louis Auchincloss; Daughter Buffalo, a novel by Janet Frame; Mirror, Mirror on the Wall, a novel by Stanley Ellin; and Paper Chase, a novel by Lesley Egan.

Vitale tells of test: Rusty water is safe

Hoboken residents today were assured by Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale that the city's water was "completely safe" in spite of some discoloration.

"It is sediment from the water lines and is harmless," said Vitale.

"Jersey City had a fairly large water main break last week

which we believe is responsible for the situation. The force of the water agitated the sediment from the bottom of the mains, causing a rust-colored discoloration of the water."

Vitale said he hadn't made any comment previously about the color of the water because he didn't want to get residents "excited" over what he considered to be a minor problem.

"No one complained about it, at least not that I know of," continued the director. "There wasn't much point in creating a commotion over something that we couldn't do anything about."

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Bond trustee gets Plaza plan

Hoboken Parking Authority officials are awaiting the verdict of their bond trustee on the feasibility of the newest proposed compromise to set the paralyzed Grogan Marine View Plaza in motion.

Dean Richard Eversen of Stevens Institute said the authority lawyers had presented the Franklin National Bank, Friday, with the developer's and architect's offers to delay major parking authority payments to them for an unspecified period in return for the authority's agreement to state demands.

The state Housing Finance Agency has demanded — in return for its crucial backing of the developer's plans — that the authority raise rentals for auto spaces by \$10 a month, give the increase to the developers and let drop a contract obligation that the developers guarantee to rent 550 spaces in the parking structures the authority will build.

The bank trustee's decision is mandatory for any compromise agreement. And, observers think, since its prime responsibility is to the holders of

the \$8.5 million in authority bonds, it will be quite hesitant to agree to any change in the contracts that might decrease the financial potential of the project.

The fundamental question facing the authority and the trustees appears to be the value of the deferred payments schedule offered by Bernard Kenny, the architect of the pro-

posed plaza complex, and the developer, Taylor Woodrow and Blitman, as opposed to the costs in decreased attractiveness of the parking spaces at the higher rates, and in the lack of guaranteed rentals.

In addition, as a grim backdrop to the critical decision, there is the possibility that if no compromise is hammered out, the project might founder totally.

City, parking panel to split bond debt

The Hoboken Parking Authority will pay close to half of the \$320,000 interest payments to holders of the \$8.5 million bond issue floated by the Authority for the construction of the Grogan Marine View Plaza parking garage on Hudson Street, Mayor Louis DePascale said today.

According to the mayor, the city is expected to pay the remainder after the City Council votes its approval of the move at its next session Wednesday. DePascale said it is expected to be on the council agenda.

Actually, according to the mayor, the exact fiscal breakdown is \$186,136.16 to be contributed by the city and \$133,863.84 to be paid by the Parking Authority.

Members of the Authority were not available for comment yesterday to confirm the mayor's statements, nor were any City Council members available for their reaction.

DePascale said the city was helping to make up the deficit in accordance with what he termed

a "technicality" worked into the city's contract with the Franklin National Bank of New York, the trustee for the bonds.

Franklin National wants the city to pay the interest since it guaranteed the payment of all indebtedness for the bond issue. But the mayor said the city was responsible only for the amount he said it would pay and that the Parking Authority would take care of the balance.

"We're not going to get into any arguments with the bank," the mayor said.

Asked when the Parking Authority would make their payment, DePascale replied: "I presume they have already made it."

But this could not be confirmed with the Authority's chairman Nicholas Caruso, who is on vacation from his job as postmaster.

A high city source said earlier this week that the Authority might decide to take the initiative and pay its share of the \$1 million earned by the reinvestment of the bonds.

New pupils swamp Wallace School

An increase in kindergarten and first grade pupils much sharper than was anticipated may "swamp" the classroom facilities at Hoboken's Wallace School, Superintendent of Schools Thomas E. McFeeley said today.

The school district has a heavy Spanish-speaking population. It had been estimated that 150 children would enroll for kindergarten, 100 of them by yesterday, which was only the second day of registration. But by yesterday 130 had already been brought to the school by their parents, McFeeley said.

Experience shows that in the

Spanish-speaking areas, new pupils keep arriving for several days after the start of the school term, he added.

Similarly, while the authorities calculated that 150 would enroll for first grade, the extra-heavy registration in the first two days has indicated a final first-grade figure as high as 250, the superintendent said.

The "surprising" increase is occurring in spite of the fact that one entire side of a city block containing 115 flats, a block from the school, has been vacated to make way for a rehabilitation project, McFeeley pointed out.

The late-enrollment difficulty wasn't helped any when a Spanish-language radio station broadcast the information that schools would open next week (they will in New York), the superintendent commented.

The problem of the burgeoning enrollment is aggravated by the

fact that the new Wallace school failed to open in time for the fall term, with the result that the children will have to be crowded into the old adjoining Wallace School on double sessions for several weeks until the new building is completed.

Survey set on eligibility for lunches

The Hoboken Board of Education will distribute survey forms to public school children at the end of this month to determine the eligibility of families to participate in the free lunch program at the Rue, Brandt and Kealey Schools.

John J. Palmieri, director of food services, said the free lunches will be available daily for children in the kindergarten through the sixth grades. In addition to the free lunch, free breakfast will be served daily for children in the same grades at the Leirkauf, Wallace and Connors Schools, Palmieri said. The same programs were carried out at the schools last year.

The school system has adopted the following family size and income scale as the eligibility criteria: family of two with a weekly income of \$83; three, \$94; four, \$106; five, \$117; six, \$129; seven, \$140; eight, \$152; nine, \$163; 10, \$175; 11, \$187; and 12, \$198.

Also eligible for free lunches are children from families receiving aid under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program or families who participate in the Food Stamp program.

Demand Their 'Rights' Spanish Group Hits Policies on Schools

By JOHN BUZZETTA
The Hoboken Board of Education came under severe criticism last night from a newly formed coalition of Puerto Rican groups, Puerto Rican Convention of Hoboken.

Continuing on the same line set by Rev. Jose Gonzalez, president of the coalition, who on Tuesday charged that Hoboken Puerto Ricans have "come of age" and "will demand what is rightfully ours," the new group charged the board yesterday with acting "cowardly" in being "fearful of meeting with the community."

In a prepared statement, the Puerto Rican group sharply criticized the action of the board which they claim cancelled a private session at the high school Tuesday when it was learned that Spanish-speaking parents were gathered outside to protest inadequate representation of Puerto Rican teachers and administrators in the school system.

Melvin Christie, board president, strongly denied the group's charges last night.

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"Rev. Gonzalez doesn't frighten me," he exclaimed in anger at one point, "I'll meet with him anytime and at any place."

In a statement released to the press the Spanish group said, "It was indeed the height of absurdity and an insult to the Puerto Rican community whose children comprise more than 55 per cent of the total

school population, when members of the board ran away."

Tuesday night more than 50 parents gathered outside the school on Clinton st. to protest at a private session scheduled for 8 p.m. When the meeting did not materialize, the group quietly dispersed.

According to Christie, the board meets publicly every second Tuesday of the month. Tuesday's meeting, he said, was a private session to discuss labor disputes expected in the near future between the board and the teachers' association over pay guidelines.

He said the meeting was never scheduled at the high school and was held somewhere else, "as it has been done many times in the past." He declined to disclose where the private session was held.

Christie said the session was attended by himself, Thomas Gaynor, assistant superintendent of schools, and Joel Fields, negotiator for labor relations.

According to Rev. Gonzalez the Spanish group seeks to have its proposals to be adopted in the school system including bi-lingual classes for Puerto Rican youths, Puerto Rican teachers hired on a permanent basis. Rev. Gonzalez last night claimed that the group have been hired only temporarily, and a Puerto Rican to be named successor to the board post held by slain Assemblyman Sylvio Failla.

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Hoboken Groups Favor Socialism

Hispanics Seek "Identity"

The Puerto Rican independence movement is based on the belief that the United States has imposed a colonial government on the Puerto Rican people much as the British monarchy imposed

This is the last in a four-part series on Puerto Ricans in Hoboken.

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Socialism is the primary political mode of the independence movement. The movement has gathered considerable steam since the Cuban revolution.

In Hoboken, the Puerto Rican Socialist Party at 97 Grand st. and the Coalition Party at 304 First st. are trying to mobilize support for the formation of a socialist regime in Puerto Rico.

Juan Carlos Garcia of the Coalition explains the purpose of his group as follows: "The primary goal of the Coalition is the liberation of Puerto Rico. We want Puerto Rico to be an independent country."

"We support any party that supports the independence of Puerto Rico, whether they are Marxists, communists, socialists, or the Puerto Rican Independent Party, or the

Nationalist Party, or so forth. We're a Coalition, and we accept anybody."

He continued, "Our secondary goal is helping people with problems. It makes no difference whether they're black, Puerto Rican or white. Most of the problems are centered around our people and our community."

Not Within System

He contends that "poor people are the way they are because they are oppressed by the government and the system." The Coalition does not seek government funds, he said, because it does not want to work within the system which it says oppresses it.

Garcia said Puerto Ricans have suffered for years from a lack of identity. "We have no identity. Our people have suffered colonization since 1505," he said.

He continued, "What pride could you have in saying 'I come from such-and-such a place' if that place belongs to somebody else?"

He claims the United States has been responsible for the systematic destruction of Puerto Rican thought and culture "because for many years the only history taught in Puerto Rico was American history."

"George Washington was not the father of Puerto Rico. Abraham Lincoln didn't free the slaves in Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico didn't even exist for the United States at the time of Lincoln. It didn't become a part of the United States until 1898."

He concluded, "How can we celebrate the Fourth of July as Independence Day when we have never been free?"

Garcia speculated on relations between the United States and Puerto Rico following the "liberation" of the island. He said, "Our being free does not preclude that we cannot trade with the United States or that the Republic of Puerto Rico cannot be friends with the United States."

He would not reveal the strength of the membership operating out of the Coalition storefront. He said regular meetings are held in various locations and that there are never more than a few people in the office at one time.

An apparent inconsistency is lodged in the Coalition policy toward the Hoboken administration. "The Puerto Rican people will have to have a greater voice in the government in Hoboken," he said. But he also said, "We don't believe in voting."

Garcia's explanation is that the Coalition is not as concerned with the Hoboken political scene as it is with politics in Puerto Rico.

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Fusilli backs City Hall parking project

Hoboken Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale has at least one ally in his efforts to improve parking facilities at Hoboken City Hall.

He is Second Ward Councilman Vincent J. Fusilli who said he is willing to support in next year's budgeting, Vitale's request for funds to do the job.

Vitale's plan is to remove most of the sidewalk area on the Bloomfield Street side of city hall and use the area for angle parking. The same idea is proposed for a section of First

Street, between Washington and Bloomfield Streets.

"I wanted to do something like this several years ago," said the director, "but for one reason or another, the money wasn't there when I needed it."

Vitale wanted to take a large chunk of sidewalk from around the entire city hall block and use the area for angle parking. The proposal would yield about three parking spaces for every two.

According to the director, the job would take about \$20,000 for the block, with his men doing

most of the work except laying the asphalt.

This would include taking out most sidewalks around the building, removing the large grass plots and leveling them off for paving.

"Parking for police and city officials is almost non-existent now," said the councilman. "The same applies for citizens who have official business at city hall."

Fusilli, who has promised to resign as councilman if elected freeholder in November, said

that while he might not be available to push for the funds next year he would try to lay the ground work now with the other council members, adding:

"The director feels that part of the project would cost between \$5,000 and \$10,000."

Fusilli said that he believed the money would be found for the job through economies in other areas of the department.

Meanwhile, the councilman added that he would go ahead with plans to change city or-

dinances and parking regulations to permit parking around city hall in areas now restricted.

"They should be posted for official business or restricted to official vehicles," Fusilli continued. "The areas on the Newark Street and First Street sides of city hall should be kept free for police cars only."

"The problem now is that everyone ignores the signs, officials and non-officials alike. The areas should be kept clear for official cars only."

Duroy, 21, joins Hoboken housing body

The board of commissioners of the Hoboken Housing Authority is again at full strength. A new commissioner, the youngest ever to serve on the board, and a reappointed commissioner were sworn in today by City Clerk Anthony J. Amoroso.

Edwin Duroy, 21, of 1208 Garden St., was sworn in to fill the unexpired term of Raymond G. Clynos, the authority's late chairman. The term expires May 3, 1976.

Leo Smith, whose status had been in doubt since his last term expired on May 2, was reappointed for another five years.

Besides being the housing authority's youngest member, Duroy is the first Puerto Rican to serve on that body. He was born in Puerto Rico but spent most of his young life in Hoboken.

Duroy holds a bachelor of arts degree in economics and is a full-time graduate student at Rutgers where he is pursuing his masters degree in business administration.

The city council was under great pressure to reappoint Smith to the authority as the representative of the city's black community. However, the council hedged at first because Smith was considered to be a supporter of Mayor Louis DePascale and the council majority was and still is at odds with the mayor.

Hostility Behind Hoboken Disorders Arrests Spark Riots

The worst rioting Hoboken ever experienced came during the confrontation in August, 1971, between police and the Puerto Rican residents.

These riots, as well as the 1970 disturbances, followed a pattern typical of the black riots in American cities in the past decade. The Kearner Report on civil disorders re-

vealed that riots often begin when an air of hostility and frustration is sparked by a relatively minor and routine police action. Confusion follows, and soon violent actions are taken in haste. The outcome is polarization, mistrust, governmental reports and pointless news articles.

The outcome of two summers of rioting in Hoboken has been the beginning of a dialogue between the city administration and various Spanish groups and individuals.

The 1970 riots flared up on the night of Aug. 25. The spark was the arrest of a young Puerto Rican activist named Luis Lopez on charges of interfering with an arrest. Lopez was arrested at Hoboken police headquarters where he was demanding information on the arrest earlier in the evening of a handful of suspected narcotics violators.

Violence flared on the streets and 27 persons were arrested during the disturbance.

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PRAC soon fell into a power struggle that curtailed its effectiveness when it was called upon to meet with state officials in Trenton later that month.

On Sept. 28, the splintered organization met again with the city administration. By this time the mayor and council felt safe in turning down PRAC's demands for more political control. PRAC's demands included the following: appointment of a committee of Spanish-speaking people from each ward to form a liaison with public officials; civil service police and firemen tests in Spanish; investigation of the summer's civil disorders, and appointment of a deputy mayor from the Spanish community.

The demands lost their immediacy when the weather cooled and PRAC fell apart. That winter a police and fire test was offered in Spanish. However, police and fire officials objected to tailoring their height and weight requirements to fit the Puerto Rican body. A political whirlpool ensued and the tests were tossed aside.

The spark that ignited the 1971 riots followed the arrest of two brothers on an assault charge on Saturday, Sept. 5. Lopez, accompanied by Puerto Rican leaders, including Jose "Duke" Gonzalez, Duroy and Victor Velazquez, walked into the police station and demanded the immediate release of the brothers.

The demand was met Sunday night in an emergency meeting with city officials. But on Saturday night the police did not have the jurisdiction to handle the situation. Violent rioting occurred before city hall mobilized itself to deal with the crisis.

Thirty persons were arrested in the rioting that ensued Saturday night and Sunday. At least seven police were injured amidst a barrage of bottles and bricks.

An emergency meeting was assembled between Puerto Rican spokesmen and city, county and state officials. At that all-night bargaining session in the Jersey City Holiday Inn, Hudson County Prosecutor Geoffrey Gaultkin recommended the immediate release, without bail, of the 30 persons arrested.

This act brought about a quick lessening of tensions. Joyous Puerto Ricans stormed city hall and cheered and applauded as their friends filed out of the municipal prison.

800 Demonstrators

Just as quickly, though, a "white backlash" was set up. On Sept. 7, about 800 residents of the Mile Square City paraded down Washington St. behind an American flag. They rallied on the steps of city hall in protest of the action. The Hoboken Young Democratic Club formed the core of the demonstration.

Councilman Edward McLaughlin stood up for the group at city hall. He blasted Gaultkin, saying, "Appeasement of rioters and cop fighters is more important to him than protection of all law abiding citizens in Hoboken."

Violence again swept the streets on Sept. 8. By mid-night, DePascale declared a state of emergency in the city in the wake of two firebombings, the stabbing of a 15-year-old boy, and 20 new arrests.

The emergency meetings continued in Jersey City chaired by a state mediator. On Thursday night Duroy demanded the arrest of Councilman Steve Cappiello on charges of inciting to riot. He claimed Cappiello was behind the Sept 7 backlash demonstration.

The emergency sessions con-

tinued. No one was reported injured.

The immediate outcome of the disturbances was the formation of a group known as Puerto Rican Advisory Committee (PRAC). PRAC was invested with the responsibility of representing the Puerto Rican community in meetings with city, county and state officials. Before PRAC destroyed itself through internal bickering, it held stormy meetings with Mayor Louis DePascale, the city or county and other top political and law enforcement officials.

On Sept. 8, 1970, PRAC met with the mayor and others to discuss the possibility of avoiding further confrontations such as the Aug. 25 riots. Among those representing PRAC were Chairman Jesus Padilla; Lopez, who was also chairman of Puerto Rican Youth Mobilization, and Frank Duroy, a Fourth Ward resident who tried to unseat Councilman Louis Francione in May of that year.

The press reported the meeting to be hectic and unproductive. Newsmen focused on Lopez' tactics of disruption and his charges that DePascale was stalling on a list of PRAC demands. Padilla apologized to the press for Lopez' behavior.

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cluded Thursday in relative accord after more than 30 hours of intensive negotiations.

At the end of the sessions, the state mediator said everyone agreed to "cool it, and keep it cool."

The mayor stated the agreement involved the creation of a human rights commission, the appointment of a mayor's aide on Spanish affairs, and the search for state funds to pay for better relations between the Spanish community and city hall.

Establish Grant

On Sept. 13 state officials visited the riot scene and announced a \$30,000 grant to establish community relations programs.

Since last summer, a police community relations bureau has been functioning under the direction of Sgt. Joseph Gagliastro.

A human rights commission was set up early this year at 210 First St. Manny Rivers, a wealthy businessman, was appointed its head.

Parking unit cool to latest offer

Reaction of the Hoboken Parking Authority to several new proposals from the developers of the John J. Grogan Marine View Plaza today were termed "lukewarm" by Nicholas J. Caruso, authority chairman.

Caruso, who is trying to arrange a meeting of the authority and the city council for sometime next week to discuss the proposals, aimed at getting the project started, said the

changes recommended by the developers "aren't that much of a departure from what has been offered in the past."

"It is still the opinion of the authority that the developers are primarily looking out for their own interests, leaving Hoboken and the authority to worry about the financial problems that have been caused by all the delays," Caruso added.

"Even with the new proposals from the developers, it is fairly certain that the parking authority isn't going to be able to meet its financial commitment on the bond issue and payment of the interest."

Although Caruso would not say what kind of commitment would satisfy the parking authority to the point where it would agree to a modification of its original

parking agreement with the developers, he indicated that some members leaned towards a performance bond similar to the one suggested by Fifth Ward Councilman Martin J. Brennan.

There are two developers involved in the project. One is the Taylor Woodrow Blittman Hoboken Urban Renewal Corp., which will build four 25-story apartment houses along Hudson and River Streets, between 2nd and 4th Streets. The second is a firm with plans to construct a commercial building-motel between 1st and 2nd Streets.

The developers say they can get the first two apartment buildings, between 3rd and 4th Streets, started immediately and the other three buildings under construction within a year of the start on the first two buildings.

They are willing to pay the city \$100,000 in penalties if they fail to start within one year after getting their 50-year tax abatement, and another \$100,000 pro-rated monthly after that for each month that passes without construction getting underway.

A number of professional fees will also be waived until the parking authority is showing a profit.

However, Councilman Brennan wants the developers to put up a sum of money equal to the amount the city and parking authority would have to expend if the project isn't started as promised. This would be used to pay any bills incurred by the two city agencies, such as interest and principal on the parking authority's \$8.5 million bond issue.

According to a council source, the proposal has been mentioned to the developers and received a "cool" reception.

DePascale to campaign for Fusilli

Mayor Louis DePascale of Hoboken plans to campaign actively for the Democratic ticket during the next few weeks and particularly for Freeholder Vincent Fusilli, who, according to DePascale, "has demonstrated he has the ability to work closely with the people and represent them on the county level."

The mayor and Fusilli, a city councilman, were on opposite sides during the primary last June, but the mayor said he has endorsed Fusilli and will campaign for his reelection.

"This is no time for dissension—it's the hour for all Democrats to work side by side to insure a great victory on Nov. 7," said the Hoboken mayor, who is also serving as freeholder.

"I ask the voters of Hoboken to join me in reelecting Vincent Fusilli and the entire Democratic slate of candidates. It's our insurance that Hudson County's government will remain in competent hands."

Safety, recreation top needs, young housing official says

Edwin Duroy, newest member of the Hoboken Housing Authority, said today his first official act will be to urge his five colleagues to beef up safety for senior citizens in the city's housing projects.

"They can't go out at night," the 21-year-old urban economics graduate student said, emphasizing that he would urge the autonomous body to strengthen security when he attends his first meeting this evening.

"Safety and recreation for youngsters are the biggest problems we face," he asserted, sandwiching an interview in between a full time study schedule at Rutgers graduate school and other local civic commitments.

"I know," he asserted, because in addition to being the youngest member ever appointed to the body, its first and only Puerto Rican, Duroy is the only member of the city authority to have lived in a city housing project.

"We lived there for eleven years," he continued. "I think I know what's going on." Other members of the Housing Authority "don't go home to city projects, I did," he said.

He called the City Council vote, 9-4 in favor of his appointment, a "vote of confidence," adding he intends to maintain a "non-political" stand on crucial housing issues.

Meeting with fellow commissioners yesterday afternoon, Duroy said he hoped to find out "exactly what my powers and

function" in the unsalaried post are.

"I've already had calls from residents about some problems," he said. "But they are under the jurisdiction of the project managers. I want people to call me when things that need repair don't get repaired."

A graduate of Hoboken High School and Jersey City State College, Duroy does not take responsibility lightly. He is running a tutoring program for school children at the Christian Reformed Church, 310 Hudson St.

Unmarried, he lives with his parents, Frank Sr. and Manuela; two brothers, Frank, 25, and Alex, 18, and two sisters, Edith, a counselor at Montclair State College and Alice, 7, at his parents home at 1208 Garden St.

Community Affairs director steps into Plaza stalemate

By PETE HALLAM

Lawrence P. Kramer, director of the state Department of Community Affairs, has agreed to try to help Hoboken eliminate two of the main stumbling blocks that have prolonged the delay in construction of the John J. Grogan Marine View Plaza.

Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello said today that Kramer, at the request of Gov. William T. Cahill, will meet with members of the Hoboken City Council to see if there is any way of getting around the 50-year tax abatement required by the state Housing Finance Agency before it will give a mortgage for the first two apartment buildings, and the possibility of obtaining a mortgage commitment on the third and fourth apartment houses.

Cappiello and Councilmen Thomas A. Gallo, Martin J. Brennan, Louis Francione and Vincent J. Fusilli saw the governor over the weekend at Schuetzen Park, North Bergen, and asked his help on the Grogan Project.

According to Cappiello, the governor was aware of Hoboken's problem on Grogan Plaza prior to their discussion. But the short talk helped emphasize the city's plight.

"We were attending a private affair while the Republicans were holding their affair," the councilman said. "Shortly after talking with the governor, Kramer showed up and joined us. He said the governor had called him at home. That's what I'd call action."

Cappiello said the councilmen

and Kramer discussed some preliminary portions of the project and the problems it has caused for the city. But a more definitive meeting would have to be held with all of the statistical information on the project available for study.

"Basically, the council would like to know if there is anything that can be done through either executive order from the governor or special legislation that will allow the state Housing Finance Agency to waive its requirement for a tax abatement to cover the length of the mortgage," the councilman continued.

"We would also like to know if there is any possibility of getting a mortgage commitment from that agency for the developers' See STATE—Page 8B

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third and fourth buildings before construction starts on the first two."

Cappiello said Kramer was not able to answer the questions "off the cuff" but did agree to meet further with the councilmen as soon as he got back from Texas.

The developers have a \$12.5 million mortgage commitment from the state for the first two 25-story apartment buildings which are planned for the block between Third and Fourth Streets, River to Hudson Streets.

However, it won't consider a mortgage for the second two apartment houses until it is satisfied there is going to be a suitable demand for apartments in the first two.

Cappiello said the theory behind the state's position is that if there aren't enough people interested in apartments in the first two buildings, there won't be that many interested in apartments in the second two.

The mortgage commitment is hinged upon the developers' ability to get the council to agree to a 50-year tax abatement which to date they have been unsuccessful in doing. A larger performance bond is being sought from the developers by the council before it will agree to the abatement.

Notification was to be sent out today to Max Feldman, executive director of the developing firm, stating the council's

new proposal for a performance bond.

It wants the developers to put up a \$600,000 bond to insure that the third and fourth apartment buildings are constructed within the time limitations set down by the developers and council through further negotiations. The apartment developers already have offered \$200,000 as a penalty for not meeting agreed-upon commitment, but it is unsatisfactory to the council.

The developers have offered to lend the Hoboken Parking Authority more than \$1,000,000 with which to pay the interest on the authority's \$8.5 million parking garage bond issue through March of 1974. The loan then would be repayable with interest over a period of time yet to be decided.

However, the council says that if the developers are willing to put up the \$600,000 performance bond, the council will assume the responsibility for paying the interest on the bonds and the \$1,000,000 loan to the parking authority would not be necessary.

By law, the council is responsible for the bonds and interest should the parking authority be deficient in funds and unable to make the payments itself. The developers' loan would only stall off assumption of that responsibility, said Cappiello.



TRIBUTE TO COLUMBUS—Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale (center) congratulates Frank D'Esposito (left), president of UNICO, and Robert Peck, grand knight of Hoboken Knights of Columbus Council 159, at ceremonies honoring Christopher Columbus yesterday in Columbus Park. Event was sponsored by UNICO. (Story on Page 4.)

DePascale Offers Welcome 100 Take Part In Columbus Fete

An estimated 100 Hoboken residents yesterday were part of a ceremony at Columbus Park in that city honoring Christopher Columbus as the discoverer of America.

Mayor Louis DePascale, who in raising the Italian flag over Hoboken city hall with other officials of city council, delivered a welcome address at the Columbus statue on Clinton St. citing excerpts from a Hudson Dispatch editorial on Saturday extolling the background of Columbus and Italian pioneers in this country.

And tradition was broken yesterday at the annual Columbus ceremony in the absence of Attorney Charles DeFazio Jr., who, dating back to 1937, has been the co-ordinator of such events of Italian-American origin. DeFazio, confined to his home by recent illness, was represented by his brother, Attorney M. Edward DeFazio, executive director of Hoboken Housing Authority and past UNICO president.

Rev. Achilles Cassiere, OFM, Cap. pastor at St. Ann's Church, delivered the invocation and benediction. George Paproth, delivered the salute to the American Flag, which was part of the Knights of Columbus General Assembly Color Guard. As of yesterday's ceremony, dating back to last Columbus Day, there is no American Flag on the pole in that Hudson County Commission park.

UNICO President Frank D'Esposito, together with Council 159 Grand Knight Robert Peck, Leonard Cannarozzi and Ruffino Rosario placed floral wreaths at the Columbus statue, surrounded by young girl baton twirlers from the Hoboken recreation department, Joseph Iervolino, Faithful Navigator of Knights of Columbus, and James Lanzetti were included among speakers, the latter addressing the audience in Italian.

Rocco Grakale, representing the Hoboken Board of Education, was on hand to award U. S. Savings Bonds to school students who were scheduled to read essays on the life of Christopher Columbus. However, a reported mixup in preparation and submission of the essays cancelled that part of the program.

Puerto Ricans get use of school hall

The Hoboken Puerto Rican Convention Committee has been given permission to use the facilities at Hoboken's A.J. Demarest Junior High School on Nov. 17, 18, and 19 for a citywide, non-political convention for the Puerto Rican community, it was announced today by a convention spokesman.

Further details on the starting times for each day's session and some of the subject matter that will be covered will be disclosed within the next few days.

"We will be trying to present to the Puerto Rican community a meaningful assessment of the programs that are available to them in the city," the spokesman said.

"This will include orientation and evaluation of what the Puerto Rican community can do to make Hoboken a better place to live for everyone."

Renewal On Today In Hoboken

The first phase of Project Re-Hab, a \$25 million federally sponsored program to rehabilitate obsolete and substandard buildings, has been given the green light in Hoboken by Model Cities, it was announced yesterday.

Work is scheduled to begin today on a \$2 million project that will convert 135 crumbling dwellings in nine five-story brick buildings on Willow St., between 12th and 13th Sts., into 95 completely furnished apartments.

Construction on the modern low to moderate income apartments should be completed by the end of next year, a spokesman for Model Cities said.

The program, which has been in the planning stages since January, aims to replace everything from plumbing to walls in houses that are structurally sound at a cost of \$10,000 to \$14,000 per unit.

Tenants Relocated

The developer for this project, which is financed by the United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) agency, is Applied Housing Associates, of 84 Washington St., Hoboken.

Only 98 apartments of the nine buildings that date back to the turn of the century were occupied, according to Model Cities, and tenants have been relocated to other parts of the city.

When work is completed, said the agency's spokesman, Ivan Silverman, these relocated tenants will get first preference in the new units.

The new dwellings will consist of 50 two-bedroom apartments, 40 three-bedroom apartments, and five one-bedroom units.

"It's usual to have three-bedroom apartments," said Silverman last night, "but Model Cities insisted upon it." The agency's main role is to coordinate the efforts of private developers and other non-profit organizations into completing plans for the rehabilitation of old dwellings and relocate tenants with subsidies available from various federal agencies.

Among the requirements for developers is a clause that states that they must own the buildings for at least 20 years.

Puerto Ricans want 2 school posts

The Hoboken Puerto Rican Convention Committee has asked Mayor Louis DePascale to fill two vacancies on the Hoboken Board of Education with representatives of the Puerto Rican community and has provided the mayor with the names of two persons acceptable to the committee.

But the mayor's position is complicated by a demand from the city's black community for board of education representation. It wants at least one black appointed to the board and points out that it has been pushing for this for more than three years.

The Rev. Jose Gonzalez, official spokesman for the convention committee, led a delegation to the mayor's office yesterday and conferred with DePascale on the board situation.

Following the meeting, Rev. Gonzalez said the committee had provided the mayor with the names of two persons it believes were well qualified to serve the community on the board. He declined, however, to name the candidates.

"We are interested in seeing qualified and interested persons serve on the board," he said. "The committee does not want rubber stamps on the board, but men or women who are interested only in what is best for the children of the community. And all of the children, not just those from Puerto Rican families."

"The committee has given the mayor two names of men who are well qualified to serve Hoboken and all of her residents."

DePascale acknowledged getting the two names but added they would not get any special consideration over others from the Puerto Rican community who were also being considered.

The mayor indicated that he would appoint only one Puerto Rican to the board and fill the

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Briefing Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale, standing, on Model Cities home improvement loan program are, from left, Richard Branda, Michael Erhmann, project director, and Edgar Sepulveda.

City may soon harvest effort to secure home repair loans

Since May, members of the Hoboken Model Cities home repair program have been shaking the money tree to get repair loans for local home-owners. Harvest time may now be at hand.

Mayor Louis DePascale said today that recent developments in the program may result in bringing "millions of dollars" into the city for home repairs.

DePascale met yesterday with Michael Erhmann, coordinator of the Municipal Home Improvement Project, and was informed that the program is going outside Hudson County to line up new sources of home repair dollars.

Erhmann said that details of a

major financial plan involving Larson Mortgage Co. and other participants are currently being ironed out. Larson is a major New Jersey mortgage banker.

Ehrmann, who is credited by the mayor with opening lines of communication with Larson, said the arrangements will substantially step up the amount of low-cost home repair money available to owner-occupants of Hoboken dwellings.

So far, the home improvement project has helped make available some \$150,000 to local property owners for home repairs and improvements.

"The program was already off to a fast start," said the mayor.

"Now, as a result of the latest developments, it will be moving into high gear in bringing funds to Hoboken homeowners."

Assisting Erhmann in the briefing with the mayor were Edgar Sepulveda and Richard Branda, two project staff members.

The private money for home repairs made available through the efforts of the program have come from banks and savings and loan associations in Hoboken and Hudson County.

They include the Washington Savings Bank, the Haven Savings and Loan Association, both in Hoboken, and the First Savings and Loan Association of Jersey City.

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second vacancy from another segment of the community.

There is currently one Puerto Rican serving on the board. She is Mrs. Candida Padin. She served with Fred Bado, Rocco Gratale, Otto Hottendorf, Robert Reany, George Connors and Anthony DeBari, and is the mayor's most recent appointment.

The two vacancies to be filled are the posts that were held by Melvin W. Christie, the former president who resigned last week, and the late Silvio J. Failla, the vice president.

While the mayor is remaining silent on whom he will appoint, informed sources say that a decision has already been reached on the Puerto Rican candidate and he is neither of the two recommended by the con-

vention committee. Meanwhile, representatives on the black community indicated that the mayor could count on a visit from them concerning an appointment to the board.

Mrs. Joanne Jackson, executive director of the Model Cities Neighborhood Planning Council and active in the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said black representation was needed, too.

"The black community has been asking the mayor on and off for more than three years now to appoint a black to the board," she said.

"While the black community makes up only a part of the city's total population it too is entitled to representation on the board. We do not plan to be overlooked now."

With Fabian Passing

Curtain Rings Down On Hoboken Movies

By JOHN BUZZETTA

"The glamor, excitement and thrills of the theatrical 'first night' held Hoboken in a throbbing clasp last night when the Fabian Theatre, resplendent costly temple of amusement, opened."

That night was not yesterday, but Aug. 2, 1928. The paper on which the Fabian's first night was recorded is now yellow and crumbling.

The Fabian is no longer a resplendent temple, a temple that cost more than a million dollars to build and which featured such modern equipment as a \$100,000 cooling system.

It crumbled under a demolition crew that moved in on June 10, 1968 to make way for an ultra modern super-market.

Faded Memories

The \$50,000 organ, the crystal chandeliers and the velvet carpet that saw thousands flock to the inaugural "of the greatest theatrical achievement the 'Mile Square City' has ever experienced," are only faded memories of another era and perhaps another Hoboken.

Nowdays there are no theaters in Hoboken. The Rivoli and the U.S. theaters are now parking

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lots. The sites on which the Rivoli stood, entertaining residents for many decades with stars such as Buster Keaton, Eddie Cantor and Sophie Tucker, is now the International Longshoremen Assn. (ILA) clinic on Hudson st.

A young girl recently observed as she asked the city council to do something about starting a movie theater that in Hoboken, "We have many banks, many bars, many supermarkets, but there are no movies for the handicapped, the elderly or the kids."

Gloria Conte asked the council if it would help her to start walking around town asking people to sign a petition.

Council President Thomas Gallo replied that although the council would like to see a new movie house open in a city whose population is well over 40,000, private concerns apparently are not interested.

"I'd be delighted to see a theater in Hoboken," says Mayor Louis DePascale, admitting, however, that the outlook is bleak.

As far as the city itself starting a theater is concerned, says DePascale, whose term expires in May, it is totally impossible. "Municipalities don't go into the movie business," he observed.

Councilman Anthony Romano says he has been fighting for more than five years for a movie, "but I haven't been able to get anywhere."

Romano said the council recently met with Harvey Steinberg, director of the Hoboken Redevelopment Corp., and asked him to look into the possibility of receiving federal funds so that a truly recreational program can be started in the city.

Model Cities has also been queried by Romano, but as he told Miss Conte at the meeting, "They tell me they see a need for it, but they delay, delay, delay any action."

But what about the people who live in Hoboken, would they like to have a theater?

Most of the older generation questioned opposed the idea. "People wouldn't patronize the theater," was the most frequent comment. "Only kids would go, and there would be nothing but fights and trouble."

to the north and west of the old one. They occupy the block bounded by 11th, 12th and Clinton Streets and Willow Avenue. When the old structure is torn down, the site will be used as a playground.

McFeely said the present Wallace School enrollment of 1,180 will not fill the new building, which has a maximum capacity of "close to 1,400." The Board of Education thus has some "flexibility" in arranging further relief for overcrowding in other schools, he said.

The Brandt elementary and junior high school, nearest to Wallace, has already been relieved of an over-load by shifting pupils to Wallace.

The Wallace School children were to have started attending classes in their new building at the opening of the fall term, but the contractors failed to finish in time, so that split sessions have been necessary because the old building was far too small for the 1,180 enrollment.

New Wallace School to get 500 desks

Five hundred new pupils' desk-and-seat units have been bought for the new Wallace Elementary School, Hoboken School Superintendent Thomas E. McFeely said today.

These and between 700 and 800 of the units in use at the old school will be moved into the adjacent new building next Thursday and Friday, starting at 8 a.m. Thursday, McFeely said.

The old equipment to be continued in use is "in good condition," according to the superintendent.

New desks and chairs for the teachers also have arrived, and they too will be moved in next week, he added.

The schedule change-over from the old to the new building is contingent upon the school board's receiving a certificate of occupancy from the state Education Department. A state inspector went through the new building yesterday but was unable to complete his inspection and had to return for a further look today.

McFeely said the inspector had not reported finding anything wrong yesterday.

"If there are any hazards, we would not want to open the new school, anyway," he observed. "But we are reasonably certain that we are going to receive certification."

McFeely said he expected that the inspector would give him an oral report—favorable—at the end of the inspection, to enable him to set the change-over in motion. The inspector would then make a report to his superiors, and formal certification would follow.

The inspector was looking at all "mechanical and educational" features of the new schoolhouse, including the adequacy of the lighting, heating and alarm systems, according to the superintendent.

He is being accompanied on the inspection by Peter Vecchio, the school principal, and representatives of the building contractor and Comparetto and Kenny, the architects.



Tony Salerno, construction superintendent, checks damage at the new Wallace School in Hoboken. The broken windows have held up the opening of the school at Clinton and 12th Streets.

Wallace School opens Nov. 8

Hoboken's new elementary school, the Wallace School, should finally open for classes Nov. 8, School Superintendent Thomas E. McFeely said today.

A state inspector finished a two-day inspection of the new building yesterday to see if it met state requirements, and reported that he had found a flaw in the heating system.

But according to McFeely, the architects say the object is a mechanical matter, "which can be corrected 'without any difficulty.'" He said he was expecting a call from the architects, Comparetto and Kenny, to tell

him that the difficulty was being straightened out.

Consequently, the superintendent said, orders are going out from the Board of Education to start the move from the old building to the new one next Thursday. On that day and the next, classes will be shut down, anyway, because the teachers will be away at a convention.

Then, on Monday, Nov. 6, McFeely continued, the 500 new desks with matching seats will be delivered and installed, and 700 of the desks in use in the old school will be moved over. This will require dismissing classes for the day.

The day following is Election Day, when schools are closed anyway.

Although Nov. 8 is the target date for opening the new building, the split sessions in effect in the old school may be continued in the new school for that one day, to help the children make the transition to their new surroundings, the superintendent said.

The new building is L-shaped,



Peanut drive

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale, seated, purchases the first bag of peanuts to kick off annual peanut campaign by the Kiwanis Club. Michael Terranova, president of Kiwanis, holds box of peanuts, while Ray Caterina, center, drive chairman, presents the mayor with the first bag.

Puerto Ricans plan appeal for voice on school board

A delegation from the Hoboken Puerto Rican Convention Committee is expected to meet with Mayor Louis DePascale this week to demand that a representative of the Puerto Rican community be appointed to fill one vacancy on the board of education, it was learned today.

Currently there are two vacancies — the post held by Melvin W. Christie, who has resigned, and the seat left vacant by the late Silvio J. Failla — and Mayor Louis DePascale expects to appoint at least one new board member this week.

"It will be someone from the Puerto Rican community in an attempt to better balance the board of education's makeup with that of the school enrollment," said the mayor.

When asked if he was relenting to pressure from the Puerto Rican Convention Committee, the mayor replied: "Not at all."

"As positions have opened on the board, the Puerto Rican enrollment balance problem has been given careful consideration. "But I can't arbitrarily remove someone from the board simply to appoint someone else because they are Puerto Rican or

because the Puerto Rican community wants more representation."

"That wouldn't be very fair to the person who accepted the appointment for a three-year term."

DePascale declined to discuss who he was considering for appointment as a representative of the Puerto Rican community.

"Further discussions will be needed with representatives of this group before a decision can be made," he explained. "But a decision should be made before the end of the week."

The appointment will be to fill either of the unexpired terms of Christie or Failla. Christie's term ends Feb. 28 of next year. Failla's ends Feb. 28, 1975.

The board of education has been under great pressure lately for more Puerto Rican representation although the board has no authority to make appointments.

Mayor DePascale is the sole appointing authority. Meanwhile, Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello took issue with criticism of Melvin W. Christie by the Rev. Jose Gonzalez, official spokesman for the Puerto Rican convention.

"Rev. Gonzalez' claim that Christie was running away from confrontation with the Puerto Rican community is ridiculous," the councilman said.

"Christie and I have been adversaries for many years. I have never known him to run away from anything. In all the years I have known him he has never failed to stand up and speak out for what he thought was right, even if he happened to be in the minority."

Cappiello added that he was "sorry" to see Christie resign.

"I feel he did a very sincere and capable job while on the board," he said.

Mayor DePascale said he had no idea who would fill the second spot on the board, but it probably would be someone other than a Puerto Rican.

DePascale, who makes the board appointments without approval of the city council, said he is considering several candidates but is still far from a final decision.

Plaza developer is 'shocked' by ban from council's parley

Bernard Kenny, sole owner of the Taylor Woodrow Blitman Hoboken Urban Renewal Corp., today expressed surprise that he and the other developer involved in the John J. Grogan Marine View Plaza project would not be allowed to attend Tuesday's meeting of the city council, housing and parking authorities.

"I am somewhat shocked by the council's approach to this matter, but it is the council's right to hold closed meetings if that's what it wants. Who knows, maybe they can reach a solution without having us there."

The recent tone and mood of

the council, parking and housing authorities, however, indicates that they are more interested in eliminating contractual obligations with the current developers and finding new developers to build the complex then solving the problems that have held up construction.

"The problems are not of our doing," said Fifth Ward Councilman Martin J. Brennan, who called the special meeting of the city agencies.

Basically the problems do not involve Kenny but the other developer — a limited dividend partnership consisting of Charles Blitman, whose construction company was to build the complex; the late Bernard Rodetsky of Jersey City, and Joseph Comparetto, Kenny's partner in a Jersey City architectural firm.

They are asking the city for a 50-year tax abatement on the

four apartment houses and a modification of their agreement with the parking authority to provide off street parking for tenants of the building.

"As far as I am concerned," said Brennan, "there is only one thing the developers can do if they wish to remain associated with the project."

"That is to put up a performance bond equal to the amount of money the city, parking authority and housing authority stand to lose next year if the developers don't get the project started."

"The very least I would be willing to accept in the way of a bond is \$60,000 since that is the amount the city will probably have to pay out next year in interest on the parking authority's \$3.5 million parking garage bond issue. But I don't expect the developers to put up the money."

"That leaves us with the problem of finding new developers and getting rid of the old."

Brennan pointed out that under the existing contract with the parking authority, the developers are required to pick up all financial deficiencies of the authority, beginning in March of next year.

"This would require the developers to pay any interest or principal due on the bonds that the authority couldn't," Brennan continued.

"However, the developers are trying to amend the contract and eliminate this portion. If they are trying to get out of this part of the contract, it is unlikely they will be willing to put up a performance bond."

Brennan said that the developers weren't invited to the meeting because parts of the discussion would be on what legal steps the city and the two authorities would have to take to get out of the contracts and find new developers.

Council will receive bids on rock salt

The Hoboken City Council today is accepting bids on 1,900 tons of rock salt in bulk and 85 100-pound bags of salt for the Department of Public Works, and a sewer and water analysis calculator for the sewage treatment plant. All bids are to be received by Nov. 1.

In other regular business during last night's council meeting, bids for the furnishing of six index cabinets to be used in the

public library, and for one 1973 Ford Pinto station wagon for the department of health and welfare, were received. The winner will be notified by mail.

A letter from Mayor Louis DePascale proclaiming Friday as Navy Day, was read by city clerk Anthony Amoroso.

During the public portion of the meeting, Frank DuRoy suggested council be given higher salaries but to give up their

other interests in an effort to concentrate on running the city. Council President Thomas Gallo informed DuRoy that the present form of government does not permit their salaries to be raised above what they currently are.

Michael DeLorenzo urged the council to investigate the Model Cities Agency, because, he said, the agency is giving most of the high paying jobs to out-of-towners. The council said they would take it under advisement.

Two Million Pounds Off Rock Salt Mistake Caught

Hoboken doesn't want to buy 3.8 million pounds of rock salt to prepare for the winter's snows — it only wants to buy 1.8 million.

Director of Public Works Rafael Vitale said the figure appearing in the original resolution, scheduled to be introduced at tonight's council meeting, "was way off course" and was apparently typed incorrectly.

Cost \$14,000

The resolution calls for the purchase of 1,900 tons of rock salt in bulk and 85 100-pound bags of salt. According to Vitale, however, his department is asking for 900 tons of salt and 85 100-pound bags. The total cost, Vitale said, should not exceed \$14,000.

"Every time it snows we use almost 100 tons of salt," said the public works director yesterday, emphasizing that he has to protect himself by ordering a little more than what he expects to use. "I can't foresee how much it's going to snow," he said.

Need 800 Tons

"We use between 700 and 800 tons of salt a year," said Vitale, "but we have to make sure we have an adequate supply should we get a severe winter."

Vitale said the salt will not be purchased all at once and that there is ample space for storage at the public works garage at Willow av. and Observer hwy.

Also on the agenda for tonight is a resolution calling for the purchase of an "advanced model calculator for sewer and water analysis."

Water Tester

Vitale yesterday said the calculator, which is expected

to cost \$2,500 and will be installed at the sewerage plant laboratory on 16th and Grand sts., is needed to insure the quality of the water and to meet state specifications.

If the two resolutions are adopted when the council meets at 7 p.m. tonight, bids will be accepted Nov. 1.

Senior bingo vote urged by Fusilli

Freeholder Vincent J. Fusilli of Hoboken today urged all voters to support Public Question Number 2, which will legalize bingo to benefit senior citizen organizations, on Nov. 7.

"For many of these groups, which provide so much in the way of activities for our older citizens, bingo would be a means of keeping the organizations go-

ing and help offset the costs that in many cases are being carried directly by the members themselves," said Fusilli.

"Senior citizen clubs are for many the only activities and outside interest the elderly have. These clubs deserve the right to raise funds to keep them going, and bingo is one way of doing it."

Discolored water good, Vitale assures

Hoboken residents who may notice a slight discoloration in their water during the next few days were today advised by Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale that it will be only a temporary situation and the water was still of good quality.

"The city's water department and the engineering firm of Mayo, Lynch and Associates are in the process of checking all of the hydrants in the city for pressure as part of the preliminary work needed for the upgrading of the entire water system," said Vitale.

"This can be done only by

turning the hydrants on and measuring the pressure. As a result sediment in the water lines will probably be kicked up and discolor the water."

Vitale insisted that the sediment was harmless.

"But if anyone has any qualms about drinking the water as it comes from the tap they can allow it to stand for awhile in a jug and the sediment will settle to the bottom," Vitale said.

The testing of the hydrants and water gates is the first step in a \$3,000,000 water line replacement program that is scheduled to start next spring.

Council OKs \$1,318,000 garbage pact

A three-year contract for the collection of Hoboken's garbage, amounting to \$1,318,000, has been approved by the city council. It is the first three-year pact the city has had for garbage collections in over five years.

The contract was awarded to the La Fera Contracting Co. of Newark at yesterday's council meeting. The company has been handling the city's garbage collections for many years and was the only company to submit bids for resumption of the service when the current contract expires on Dec. 15.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale lauded the council's action, saying "It took courage to approve a contract for over \$1,000,000 at a time when the city is having such great financial problems."

"However, it will be worth it in the long run since there will be a savings of close to \$40,000 for the three-year pact."

The council also accepted bids for the renovation of the Action Now Center at 210-218 First St., which will share its quarters with the city's Teen Post and Police Community Relations Bureau.

The bids were from DeMarco Construction Co., \$13,000; T and M Contracting, \$13,300; and V. Fontana and Sons, \$1,500 for the electrical work only.

All of the bids were referred for consideration to Model Cities, which is paying for the renovation work.

No bids were received for an advanced model calculator for the city's water and sewerage department. The calculator

would be used for performing tests on the city's water and sewerage.

The council unanimously agreed to allow the Italian flag to fly over city hall on Columbus day. It will be positioned below the American flag.

During the public portion of the meeting, Maurice DeGennaro criticized Mayor Louis DePascale and his recent appearance on television.

"He made Hoboken look like it was one big welfare community," DeGennaro said.

"Another thing, the mayor said that more than \$35,000,000 has been brought into the city by Model Cities in the last three or four years. Where is it? We have nothing to show for all that money."

"I suggest the council consider investigating the situation — and the mayor, too."

The council said it would take DeGennaro's request under consideration.

Thomas Vezzetti complained to the council of littering in the vicinity of 14th and Washington Streets. He told the council that he was given a ticket by a city sanitation inspector because his property at the south west corner was littered, but not by him.

"I can't sweep all day long," he said. "It is the people waiting for buses on the corner who do the littering."

The council suggested that a litter basket on the corner might help the situation and told Vezzetti to discuss it with Director Vitale of Public Works.

Residents of the west side of Hudson Street may get a break on parking if First Ward Councilman Anthony H. Romano can

get the rest of the council to go along with the amendment to the city's parking ordinance.

Ignazio (Iggy) Caporeale complained to Romano that the area is the only residential section in the city that has to put up with parking meters. As a result residents are constantly having their cars ticketed.

"We'd like the meters taken out," he asked.

William Roth of the Hoboken Retail Bureau added that meters on one side of the street and none on the other, with three open blocks used for free parking didn't make sense.

"One doesn't mitigate the other," asserted Roth.

Councilman Romano agreed and said he would have an ordinance introduced for the removal of them eters.

Hoboken Puerto Ricans split on police promotion pickets

Leaders and citizens of Hoboken's Puerto Rican community differ drastically over the demand by one segment of the community that a Puerto Rican patrolman be appointed to the rank of sergeant on the city's Police Department.

While the official spokesman for the city's Puerto Rican Convention Committee blasted the mayor and council for ending "any possibility for dialogue" on the question, the director of the city's Jefferson St. Recreation Center charged that last Wednesday's demonstration, in behalf of Patrolman Rafael Castillo, made "the Puerto Rican community look like fools."

Rev. Jose Gonzalez charged Mayor Louis DePascale has made any further dialogue on the subject "impossible," saying that at a recent meeting with the mayor, DePascale "acted like a chauvinist politician, playing the Almighty in his big chair."

He further charged that DePascale and the city council, normally opponents on most issues, "united for only one purpose — to keep the Puerto Rican community down."

Rev. Gonzalez's criticism was echoed by former city council candidate Frank Duray. Duray charged that the mayor's refusal to recognize the need for a Puerto Rican officer on the city's Police Department has "polarized the city, dividing it into two camps."

He characterized DePascale's refusal to appoint Castillo to the

rank of temporary sergeant "as directly ignoring the wish of 40 per cent of the city's population."

"There presently exists a wall of hatred and ignorance in this city and unfortunately the leadership of the Mayor and council has perpetuated rather than torn down this wall."

He labeled a criticism of the demonstration last week by Councilman Edward A. McLaughlin "hypocritical." He charged that McLaughlin and his council colleagues "have tried to stifle the demand by the Puerto Rican minority by publicly advocating the merit system."

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"Since they [city council] have been politically victorious they handed out jobs to unqualified people provided these individuals supported them. It wasn't too long ago that we had certain individuals holding high appointive offices who could hardly write their names but because they supported the victorious candidates they 'qualified'."

He charged that McLaughlin and the council were not advocating the "merit system," but rather the "spoils system."

Rufino Rosario, director of the Hoboken Model Cities Jefferson St. Recreation Center, disagreed

with Rev. Gonzalez' and Duray's stance.

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Vitale rejects mayoral race

Is Hoboken Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale thinking about running for mayor next year?

"Not on your life!" the director said today in response to a report in a morning newspaper.

"I have no intention of running for public office — at least not at this time," Vitale continued. "and I don't think I will in May."

Vitale, in addition to being public works director, is president of the Louis Francone Democratic Club in the city's Fourth Ward. Francone is Fourth Ward councilman.

Francone is part of the five-man council majority formed last November when he and First Ward Councilman Anthony H. Romano broke away from Mayor Louis DePascale and joined forces with Third Ward Councilman Steve Capiello, Second Ward Councilman Vincent J. Fusilli and Fifth Ward Councilman Martin J. Brennan.

By doing so, they took control of the council away from the DePascale forces.

Capiello has not kept it a secret that he plans to again run for mayor in May, although he has yet to make an official announcement. He ran against DePascale in 1969 and lost by several thousand votes.

According to sources within the Capiello camp, the councilman will be relying heavily on assistance in his campaign on the other four councilmen and their forces in their respective wards.

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City gets housing windfall

Hoboken will receive a \$10,000 windfall to help pay its housing inspectors.

The state has increased from \$20,000 to \$30,000 the annual amount it reimburses the city for making housing inspections under the state's housing code.

agreement between them, and including the higher figure, has been approved by the state and sent to the city to be ratified. It will come before the city council next Wednesday.

The year ending this month is the first year the city has been making housing inspections under the state code. There is little

difference between the requirements of the state and city codes, according to Michael Curcio, Hoboken's chief housing inspector.

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City shapes counter-offer on Plaza

By PETER HALLAM

The Hoboken City Council has come up with a counter-proposal for the developers of the long-delayed John J. Grogan Marine View Plaza — one that could see the project finally get under way, although some councilmen are still reluctant to give their full approval.

Seven of the nine members of the council met for more than two hours Saturday morning in the city clerk's office in City Hall

to hammer out their new offer to the developers.

Attending were Councilmen Thomas A. Gallo, Steve Capiello, Edward A. McLaughlin, Bernard Scrivani, Martin J. Brennan, Vincent J. Fusilli, and Louis Francone. Also on hand was Leo Smith, vice chairman of the Hoboken Housing Authority.

Details of the proposition will be worked out formally this week between the council and the city's law department, and a

copy sent to both Bernard Kenny, developer of the proposed commercial building-motel, and Max Feldman, a vice president of the partnership planning to build the four 25-story apartment houses.

In a joint statement, the council said that it would not disclose the formal wording of the counter-proposal until it had been worked out and was ready to submit to the developers.

However, a council source told

The Jersey Journal today that it dealt primarily with a penalty clause to guarantee that the developers performed as promised.

"Basically, the proposal is based on the developers' offer to lend the Hoboken Parking Authority enough money to pay the interest on its parking garage bonds until March of 1974," said the council source.

"Instead of lending the parking authority the money, the council

wants the developers to put up a bigger performance bond equal to what the city and parking authority will have to pay out if they don't meet the building schedule.

"The developers' proposal is interesting, but it has some catches to it. The money they are willing to lend the authority isn't interest free. It has to be paid back after March, 1974, with interest — interest that will prob-

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Navy's birthday

Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale assists three Navy reservists from Jersey City to cut the cake celebrating the 197th birthday of the U.S. Navy. From right are Cmdr. John G. Barden, Chief Robert King and Joseph Grossi.

Council bloc claims it pushed 2 school board appointments

The election of Otto Hottendorf as president of the Hoboken Board of Education and Mrs. Candita Padin as vice president last night could possibly effect who will control the board of school estimates.

Up until recently, Mayor Louis DePascale had a three-to-two majority. Melvin Christie, who resigned recently as board president, and the late Silvio Failla, who had been vice president, supported the mayor while Councilmen Steve Capiello and Vincent Fusilli made up the opposition on the five-member board.

A spokesman for the council majority bloc headed by Capiello said last night that Hottendorf and Mrs. Padin were its selection and that the bloc had worked behind the scenes to help get them elected.

DePascale said he met with members of the board just before the regular board meeting, but did not in any way try to influence them. He did say, however, he favored their choice.

A spokesman for the board said that the board was in no way influenced by either political power, that the choice was made by the board members alone.

What it could boil down to is the two appointees to the school board of estimate. That decision will be made by the board of



OTTO HOTTENDORF
Heads board



MRS. CANDITA PADIN
Vice president

education members and is expected to come about within the next two weeks when the board meets to appoint several school administrators.

Still open are the two seats on the board of education vacated by Christie's resignation and the death of Failla. Mayor DePascale has said he will fill those slots within the coming weeks, but he did not say when nor who would get the nod.

Hottendorf, 63, has been a member of the board of education since 1950. He said he was "tickled pink" by the vote of

confidence by his fellow board members.

Hottendorf said he has been studying Spanish for nearly 10 years and can hold his own when called upon to converse. He will hold the position of president until Feb. 1, 1973, when the board reorganizes.

Mrs. Padin is the former president of the Hoboken High School Parents Teachers Association. She was appointed to the board about six months ago to fill the unexpired term of Jose Hernandez, who resigned to return to his native Puerto Rico.

City acts on Plaza land suit

The Hoboken Housing Authority has taken the first step towards reclaiming the one parcel of land on Hudson Street now owned by the developers of the long-delayed John J. Grogan Marine View Plaza.

The six commissioners instructed their attorney Dominick Marrone, to serve notice on the developers that they must begin construction on that piece of property within 90 days or the housing authority

will file suit in court contending the developers to be in default in violation of their contract.

According to a spokesman for the housing authority, the 90-day notice, although giving the developers additional time, is a necessity for the authority if it is to remain within the framework for such legal action.

The parcel lies between First and Second Streets and Hudson and River Streets. The developer owns the southern half of the

block and had planned to build a 20-story commercial building-motel on the site. The remaining portion of the block is owned by the city Parking Authority.

In all, the project area encompasses three square blocks. The two remaining blocks between Second and Fourth Streets are still owned by the Housing Authority.

Ironically, the parcel of land the housing authority is seeking to reclaim is the one it has had

the least amount of trouble with. The prime concern and been with the development of the four apartment houses that were to have occupied the two blocks still owned by the authority.

The parcel of land is owned by a development corporation, headed by Bernard Kenny, principal architect for the entire project.

According to the housing authority spokesman there are

two liens on the property, one supposedly by the boring company, that made test drillings on the site almost two years ago and the other by the City of Hoboken for back taxes.

The developer of the entire site, the Taylor Woodrow Blitman Hoboken Urban Renewal Corp., has been given a number of extensions on the time limitations set for start of construction. This would be the last, said the spokesman.

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ably be higher than what the city could obtain.

"Most of the councilmen agree that it would be better for everyone concerned if the developers put up a bigger performance bond and forgot about the loan to the parking authority."

"As for the interest that will have to be paid on the parking authority's \$8.5 million bond issue, the city can probably get a better interest rate on any money needed than the developers. The interest is our responsibility, we'll accept it."

Most of the councilmen agree that their counter-offer isn't a cure-all for the problems that have plagued the project for the last two years. However, they hope it will be grounds for continued negotiations with the developers.

A lot may depend on the council's ability to give the developers some advance notice of their proposal before the formal written proposition is presented to them.

Feldman may release a position paper on the project today that may contain the announcement that the limited dividend partnership is withdrawing from the project for economic reasons.

The statement was ready last Tuesday when Feldman and Kenny met with Mayor Louis DePascale and council representatives in the Holiday Inn, Jersey City, for what they believed would be the final meeting on the project.

Feldman was prepared to make a final offer on a penalty bond for the construction of the project and had hoped that the council would be able to make a decision on it there and then.

But not enough of the councilmen were present and those that were did not want to speak for those who didn't attend. Although Feldman was disturbed by this fact, he agreed to allow the council until last Friday to consider the new offer.

It upped the penalty clause from approximately \$133,000 to almost \$250,000 for the development of the three blocks along Hudson and River Streets.

Friday came and went and the council took no formal action on the new proposal. This was not relayed to Feldman, but Capiello did call Kenny and told him that the council had not moved on the offer.

Feldman told The Jersey Journal Friday afternoon that he would release the company's position report on the project today. But in view of the new offer from the council, the report could remain in his briefcase for the time being.

Brennan, the author of the counter-proposal, is still somewhat reluctant to give his full support to the project although he wants to keep negotiations alive.

"I'm not against the project, but I don't feel the developers are concerned enough with the city's proposition," he said.

"Compared to what the city stands to lose, the developers are in relatively good shape. They can walk away and take their loss for the million they claim they have spent. But the city and parking authority still have that bond issue to deal with and that could cost us several million to settle."

Fusilli, however, is dead against going any further and says there is "no way I'm going to give them a 50-year tax abatement on the project."

"Hoboken is going to lose no matter what the council does," he continued. "I rather see us take the loss now than be saddled with a \$40 million white elephant."

"Everyone is talking about guarantees. We don't have any and we aren't going to get any that will hold water. The developer can't guarantee how many apartments are going to be rented. Full rental is the only way the city stands to benefit from the in lieu of taxes payments."

"And even if the project is completely rented, we aren't going to get anything to speak of in the way of taxes for the next 50 years."

Special meeting on Grogan Plaza closed to builders

The would-be developers of the John J. Grogan Marine View Plaza project in Hoboken will not be welcome at a special meeting Tuesday called by the City Council to discuss future action on the project with the housing and parking authorities.

Fifth Ward Councilman Martin J. Brennan told The Jersey Journal today that the meeting will be "closed to the developers" since the discussion will center on matters "pertinent only to the two authorities and the council."

"Notices for the meeting have

gone out to the mayor, the members of the council, and all the members of the parking and housing authorities," Brennan said. "None were sent to the developers."

Although he could not be reached today, Bernard Kenny, who owns all of the stock in the Taylor Woodrow Blitman Hoboken Urban Renewal Corp., one of the developers, had indicated earlier that he and the other developer expected to attend the session.

"We will be discussing matters that they have no business hearing," said Brennan. "They will include the best way to pool our thoughts and get the project off the ground as soon as possible."

"The council doesn't care who builds the project, as long as it is built — and as quickly as possible. The existing developers have had more than enough time to get started and have failed to do so."

Brennan added that also to be discussed would be such possibilities as filing suit against the developers for damages incurred by the city through the failure to get the project started, the recall of the parking authority's \$8.5 million bond issue, and the reclaiming of any contracts or commitments with the developers for the blocks between Second and Fourth Streets, River to Hudson Streets.

"Hoboken is being financially raped by the lack of activity on the part of the developers and their insistence on modifications of the original contracts with the city and parking authority," Brennan continued.

"The council can't be expected to idly sit by while the developers do nothing. And it isn't going to."

Developers reevaluating Grogan Plaza

The developers of the proposed Grogan Marine View Plaza, motor inn and commercial building complex today are reevaluating the project to see whether they can come up with some kind of formula to meet the new proposal recommended by the city council.

Following a council caucus last night, Council President Thomas Gallo said: "Before we consider the 50-year tax abatement we want a guarantee that the developers are going to go ahead and build four residential buildings and the motor inn complex."

Max Feldman, vice president of Blitman Taylor Woodrow Hoboken Urban Renewal Corp., the developers of the plaza, expressed "shock" when reached by phone and asked to offer a comment on the council's proposal.

"I'm shocked to say the least that the city council would come up with such a proposal," said Feldman, "and I don't think they have the best interest of the city at heart. But most of all," he continued, "the city doesn't have the right to make such a proposal because it is in conflict with our contract."

Feldman said he expects to meet with other members of his firm today to discuss the legal aspects of the contract and the recommendation of the city council. When asked whether he thought this latest proposal would in any way jeopardize the progress of the plaza, he said, "it certainly doesn't help it."

Bernard Kenny, the developer who wants to construct the \$10 million, 20-story motor inn complex, said he intends to build the complex but would not attempt to do it unless construction on the garages begins.

Councilman Martin Brennan said the council not only wants the developers to guarantee completion of plaza in writing, but also in the form of a performance bond. Brennan said the performance bond would protect the city against the developers completing only part of the plaza complex.

Feldman reiterated his company's position that the city cannot ask for this, while Kenny said he is covered by bonding and that he would have to discuss specifics with the council concerning bonding.

During caucus, Councilman-at-large Steve Mongiello offered to meet with representatives of the Housing Finance Agency to ascertain whether the 50-year tax abatement the developers say is a must, really is a must. Mongiello said he would like to find out also if the developers are entitled to \$10 from the rentals on the parking garages. Council agreed to take his offer under consideration.

At present, the picture shapes up with the developers able to secure financial backing from RFA for \$15.5 million to erect two buildings and parking garages on top of those two buildings.

The Parking Authority the other night at a special meeting tentatively agreed to return \$10 from the \$35 parking space rentals to the developers. In return, the developers agreed to defer payment of \$1 million it will cost them to construct recreational facilities atop the garages, with payments spread over 10 years.

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Hoboken PBA backs Fusilli election bid

The Hoboken Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (PBA) Local 2, is making one of those rare exceptions — it is endorsing the election of a candidate for public office.

John Howe, president of the local, said today the PBA is supporting the election of Vincent J. Fusilli to the Hudson County Board of Freeholders on Nov. 7. Fusilli is the city's Second Ward Councilman.

"The endorsement represents a departure from the local's usual stance on politics," said Howe. "We have seldom endorsed a candidate for election to either a county or state position, and we've never endorsed anyone for a local office."

Although Fusilli is running for office on the regular Democratic ticket, Howe said the endorsement did not include the rest of the slate.

"While we are concerned with the other public offices covered by the upcoming election, we are not as familiar with the other candidates as we are with Councilman Fusilli," said Howe.

"The local is making an exception in Fusilli's case by the endorsement but only because it feels that he is an exceptional choice for freeholder and deserves to serve a full term on the board."

Fusilli has been serving on the board of freeholders since this summer when he was appointed to fill an unexpired term created by the resignation of John Deegan.

Howe said the freeholder councilman has shown himself to be both sincere and concerned with the problems of Hoboken and the county.

"He is not afraid to stand alone on an issue, even if it means going against the position taken by other Democrats," added Howe.

Puerto Rican board names given mayor

If Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale intends to keep his promise to appoint at least one Puerto Rican to the city's Board of Education, he may have to settle for one of two candidates submitted by the city's Puerto Rican Convention Committee.

Leaders in the Puerto Rican community have made it plain that any other choice would be considered "unacceptable," and have contacted potential Puerto Rican candidates urging them to decline the post, should Mayor DePascale offer it.

It was learned that DePascale has already offered one slot to Armando Figueroa, interpreter in the city's municipal court. Figueroa, however, refused the appointment.

The mayor's apparent difficulty in finding candidates for the two vacancies on the nine-member school governing body was reflected in his comments yesterday.

"If I had the two candidates I would have appointed them Tuesday. I just don't know yet," he said, amending his previous stand that both berths would be filled earlier this week.

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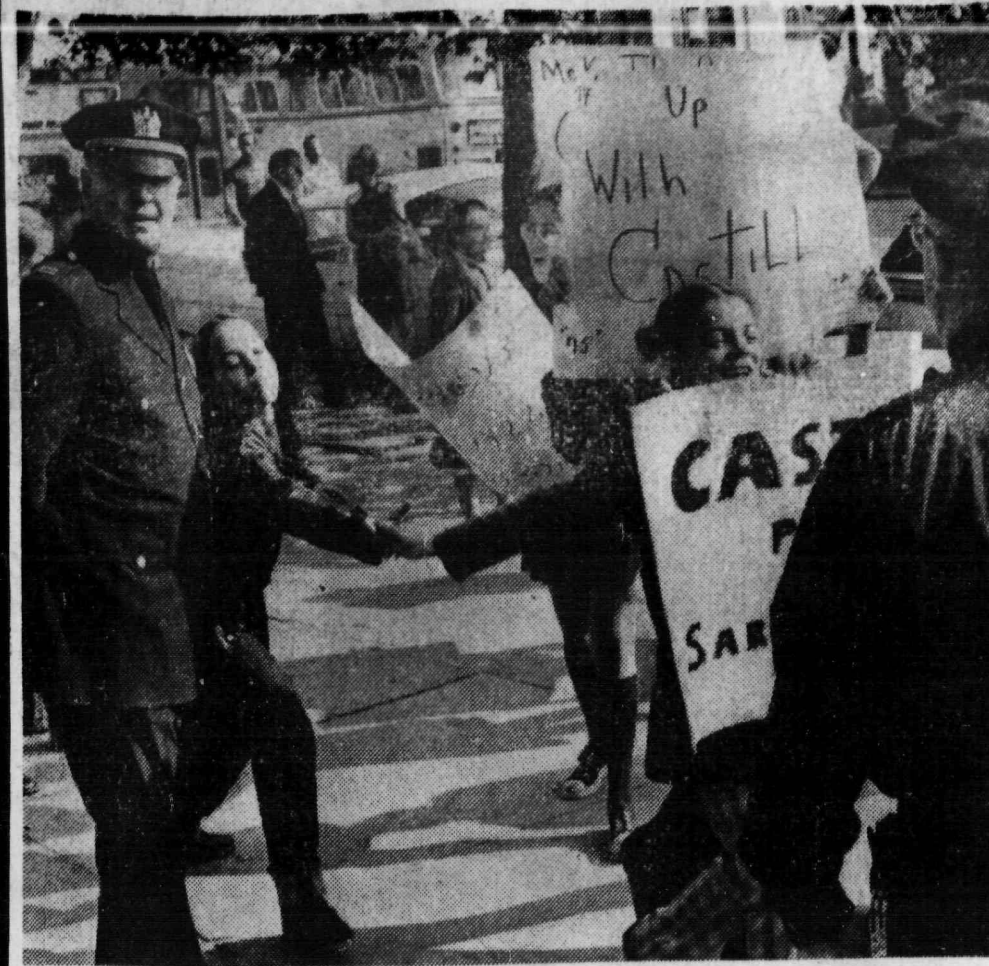
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Mrs. Joanne Jackson, executive director of the Hoboken Model Cities Neighborhood Planning Council says that while the mayor "hasn't" given me a definite commitment, I believe he will name one."

Mrs. Jackson recently called on DePascale to appoint the first black to the board of education. She subsequently submitted a list of three candidates drawn up by local church and civic leaders for DePascale's consideration.

Mayor 'can't promote' Puerto Rican



Residents of Hoboken's Puerto Rican community demonstrate outside City Hall for the appointment of Hoboken Patrolman Rafael Castillo to sergeant.

Despite mounting protests from leaders in Hoboken's Puerto Rican community, Mayor Louis DePascale stood firm on his stand that there is no legal way he can appoint an unqualified Puerto Rican patrolman to the rank of sergeant.

While Mayor DePascale presided over the promotion ceremony of 12 police officers yesterday, including five new sergeants, in the city council chambers, more than 100 pickets milled outside chanting slogans calling for the promotion of patrolman Rafael Castillo, a Puerto Rican, to sergeant.

DePascale assured the assembly of relatives and police in the council chamber that he will "keep with the procedure of the past, promoting men by ability and ability alone with no other considerations given, even to outside pressure groups."

Later, following an hour long meeting between Mayor DePascale and five representatives from local Puerto Rican organizations, Rev. Jose Gonzalez characterized DePascale's stance as "insensitive" to the needs of the city's Puerto Rican population.

Gonzalez, official spokesman for the Puerto Rican Convention Committee, accused DePascale of "playing directly into the hands of the advocates of violence," by neglecting their request.

Castillo, the ranking Puerto Rican member of the city's Police Department with five years service, failed the recent state Civil Service sergeant's examination. Twenty-nine patrolmen passed the test and are eligible for promotion as soon as vacancies occur.

Though police reported no incidents during the demonstration outside city hall, the tension was apparent as passers-by traded comments and epithets with the mostly teenage picketers.

The small crowd of less than 50 swelled to nearly three times that by noon. A sound car, blaring slogans and advice to the picketers in Spanish, circled city hall.

The three lieutenants promoted to captain are: Anthony Rinaldi; transferring from Narcotics Squad to the department's uniformed division and Daniel Kiely, and Russell Sweeten, both of whom will remain assigned to the uniformed division.

The four men promoted from Sergeant to lieutenant are: Harry Pinkman; who is slated to remain on the Bureau of Identification as a photographer; Thomas (Tex) Lewis, assigned to Squad 6, George Hove, assigned to Squad 11, Pasquale (patty) Donatacci, who will remain assigned to the Detective Bureau.

The five patrolman promoted to the rank of sergeant are: Joseph Bischer, assigned as rounds sergeant on Squad 21; Patrick Totaro, who will remain as temporary commander of the Narcotics Squad; Paul Tewespio, rounds sergeant on Squad 1; John Ferrante, rounds sergeant on Squad 6 and Frank Garrick, assigned as rounds sergeant on Squad 16.

The men will begin their new duties immediately.

Fusilli donates pay check to cut loss suffered by show

Artistically, last Sunday's special performance at Hoboken High School of Yugoslavian folk dances and songs by the Tambovians from Duquesne University, near Pittsburgh, was more than a success.

But financially, the show,

sponsored by the Hoboken People's Park Committee and the Jadran United Club, didn't quite make the guarantee. But help is on the way.

The sponsors had to guarantee \$2,000 for the performance but came up a little over \$100 short of the goal. Now, Second Ward Councilman Vincent J. Fusilli has helped reduce that shortage by donating one of his weekly pay checks to the sponsors.

The city check, totaling \$63.63, was turned over to Mrs. Sue Newman, chairman of the parks committee, yesterday.

Fusilli, since being appointed to the Hudson County Board of

Freeholders several months, has been turning over his city council pay checks to worthy causes, refusing to collect salaries from two governmental jobs at one time.

The freeholder-councilman also has promised to resign as councilman should he be elected

Fusilli joins Jordan in getting state to reduce tax lien time

A Hoboken councilman and county freeholder is joining the effort to get the state legislature to reduce the time a municipality must wait before it can institute foreclosure proceedings against property owners who don't pay their taxes or water bills.

Second Ward Councilman Vincent J. Fusilli, who is also a member of the Hudson County Board of Freeholders, said today that he will join with Mayor Paul T. Jordan of Jersey City in an attempt to get the county's legislative delegation to Trenton to introduce the necessary measures to reduce the restrictions.

"Currently, a municipality must wait a minimum of two years before it can institute foreclosure proceedings against a property owner, and then only after a tax lien has been placed on the property," Fusilli said.

"Between the time a property owner first stops paying his tax and water bills and the time the city can legally start foreclosing on the property as much as three or four years can elapse. That is entirely too much time in today's world."

"It forces an additional burden on every other property owner who must pay higher taxes to make up for those who aren't paying any taxes at all."

Fusilli said that he never approved of the two-year waiting period to begin with.

"The law as it now stands benefits those who have no intention of paying up," he continued. "They have two, three maybe even four years to play around with the property, milking it for everything it is worth."

"By the time, the city gets around to foreclosing on it, there isn't much left. And the chances of being able to sell it to someone at public auction are very slim, especially when prospective buyers know it is going to take a considerable sum to put the building back in shape—maybe even more than it is worth."

"I would like to see the time period reduced to one year or six months. That may sound harsh, but it isn't really. The law, even the one we now have says that the city must wait a minimum of two years. It doesn't say that after two years the community must take action. We are left with some leeway."

"In cases where the city knows the person is experiencing financial problems but is doing his best to even the score and keep his property up to existing standards, the city can wait."

"But in cases where the property is little more than a slum

and it is obvious that the landlord is milking it for what it is worth before foreclosure proceedings begin, the city would be able to move before the building passes the point where it can be rehabilitated."

Fusilli said that he would seek to enlist the support of the Hoboken City Council and the Board of Freeholders to get the county delegation to Trenton to present legislation along these lines.

Cappiello confident state will go along on Plaza tax plan

Hoboken councilman Steve Cappiello says he is "optimistic" that Monday's meeting in Trenton at the state Community Affairs Agency "will help" the city expedite the long delayed John J. Grogan Marine View Plaza complex.

Cappiello, fellow councilman and representative from the city's Housing Authority, Parking Authority and the private developers on the project will huddle with Department of Community Affairs officials, including director Lawrence P. Kramer, and representatives from the state Housing and Finance Agency.

The city delegation, Cappiello said, will ask the state to grant

the developers, the Taylor-Woodrow-Blitman Hoboken Development Corporation, short-term tax abatement on the project and state funds to guarantee mortgages for the third and fourth apartment buildings slated for construction on the site.

The state has insisted thus far that a 48-year tax abatement is necessary and that it would only guarantee mortgages on the first and second apartment buildings.

Cappiello said yesterday he expects "a favorable response" from the state adding "we have confidence that they are sympathetic to halting the downward trend in inner cities."

Puerto Ricans to elect officers

The Hoboken Puerto Rican Convention Committee and delegates to last weekend's session at A. J. Demarest Junior High School will meet next Thursday to elect officers and an executive board, the Rev. Jose Gonzalez, "president pro tem," said today.

The meeting will be held in a private club at 409 Second St. and will be open to the convention officials and the 125 delegates.

Rev. Gonzalez said the group also will finalize a series of resolutions passed at the convention dealing with improvements the Puerto Rican community would like to see in the fields of education, housing, community relations, drug prevention and education.

Judge Lerner ruled that by taking the leave, the councilman cleared himself of violating the common law prohibition against holding two incompatible public offices simultaneously.

"I was never really that concerned with it," said Romano. "But it is good to have the court reaffirm its position on policemen holding elective office."

Cappiello agreed. Both Romano and Cappiello took leaves of absence upon being sworn in as councilmen.

"Had the judge ruled that the leave of absence did not eliminate any possible conflict of interests, it would have been an altogether different matter," Cappiello continued.

"I was relatively sure that the judge would decide that the leave sufficed, but you never know what is going to happen in a court case so there was some doubt."

Hoboken councilmen hail two-job ruling

Two Hoboken councilmen were breathing easier today following the decision of Hudson County Judge Samuel Lerner that policemen did not have to resign from the force if they wished to hold elective offices.

First Ward Councilman Anthony H. Romano and Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello, both on leaves of absence from the police department, said today that they felt Judge Lerner's decision was "correct."

Cappiello's decision was rendered in a case involving Jersey City's Police Officer Dominick Pugliese, a police officer with the Jersey City department. Unlike the two Hoboken Councilmen, he did not take a leave from the police department after being appointed and was the subject of a civil suit filed by Eugene Bannon.

On Nov. 1 Pugliese applied for a leave of absence from the force effective today.

Don't waste U.S. aid on tax slash—Fusilli

A Hoboken councilman today urged his council colleagues and Mayor Louis DePascale to refrain from drastically cutting the city's 1973 tax rate simply on the strength of its anticipated federal revenue-sharing.

Second Ward Councilman Vincent J. Fusilli, who is also a freeholder, warned that the approximately \$1 million the city is to receive in federal revenue sharing would be "wasted if used for the sole purpose of reducing the tax rate."

"Hoboken has no guarantee that revenue sharing is going to last forever," the councilman continued. "We are assured of five years, that is all. But what about after the five years is over?"

"Say, for example, the tax rate is reduced by \$3 next year and for the following four years. That's a \$15 reduction. But for the sixth year, revenue sharing is out. Suddenly the city has to hike the rate up at least \$15 to make up for the lost outside revenue."

Fusilli asserted that he wasn't against reducing the budget for 1973 but he was against using the expected revenue sharing funds as the means to do it.

"It would be a false reduction," he said. "And in my opinion, it would be defeating the main purpose of revenue sharing — helping the city's acquire the items, either materials or manpower, that they need but can't afford to buy through funds raised locally."

"If the mayor and council can trim the budget with the federal funds excluded and still provide local residents with all of the essential service then by all means we should do so."

"The revenue sharing funds

are needed in other areas. Hoboken has almost nothing set aside for capital improvements and vitally needed replacement equipment such as crosstown buses."

"We needed new firehouses 20 years ago but we still don't have them. Other municipal buildings are in just as bad shape and could stand to be replaced or renovated. But the city just hasn't had the money."

"I'm sure every Hoboken property owner and tenant would like to see a substantial tax decrease. But if that decrease isn't based on our own ability to get the most out of what we ourselves have rather than outside financial help, then it is wasted."

"We would be fooling ourselves as well as the people who pay our local taxes."

Most of the other councilmen contacted by The Jersey Journal expressed interest in Fusilli's thinking and said they would "consider it" when working on the budget.

Removal of meters backed in Hoboken

First Ward Councilman Anthony H. Romano said today he will ask the Hoboken Parking Authority to make the 30-day trial removal of meters along portions of Hudson Street permanent.

"Since the trial ended a few weeks ago I've been talking with residents of the area and I have yet to have one ask that the meters be put back in," said the councilman.

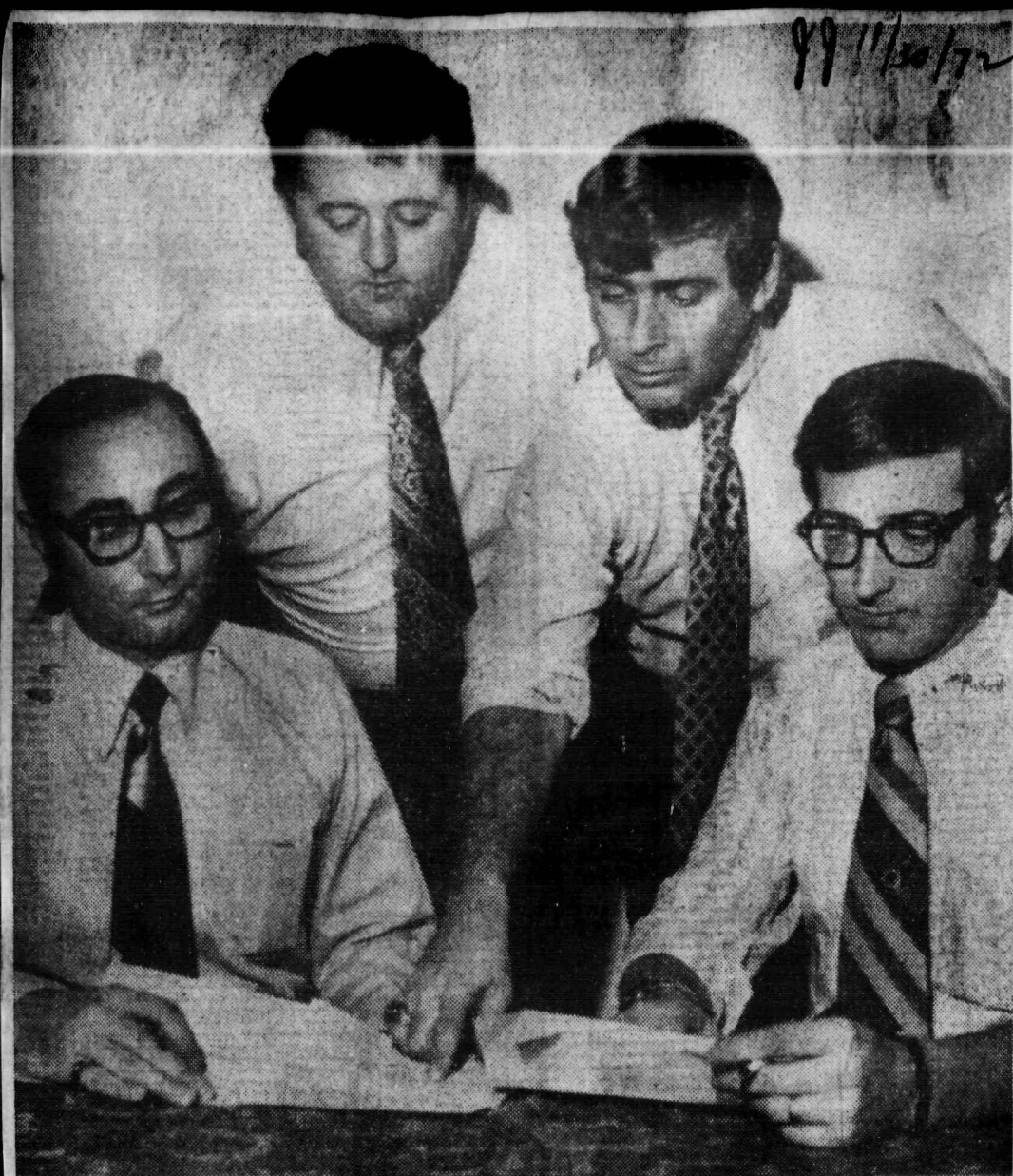
Romano said he would try to contact Nicholas J. Caruso, authority chairman, sometime this week.

The meters, which lined the west side of Hudson Street, from First to Fourth Streets, were

taken out on Oct. 11 at the request of the councilman after residents of the area complained that they were creating undue hardships for them and their families.

The argument was that commuters were coming into the area during the day and taking all of the free parking spaces on the other side of the street. This forced the residents to park at the metered spots and collect parking tickets for overtime parking.

Caruso said that although he hadn't received Romano's request to keep the street free of meters, he thought the authority would look favorably on it, at least for the time being.



Councilman Edward McLaughlin, seated right, seeking Hoboken mayor's post, meets with his running mates. From left are Ignatius De Palma, Peter J. Turso and Richard McAleer.



MAN OF YEAR—Samuel Schleikorn, left, chairman of annual dinner of United Synagogue of Hoboken, is assisted by Mayor Louis De Pascale as he presents "Man of the Year" award to David Schonhaut at Richfield Caterers, Verona. Mrs. Schonhaut takes part in the presentation.

City officials paying own way to convention in Atlantic City

A large delegation of Hoboken city officials is expected to be on hand today for the opening of the annual state League of Municipalities convention in Atlantic City — and most of them will be paying their own way.

With the exception of the city's nine-man planning board whose members will be getting \$150 each for expenses, all other local officials will be footing their own bills since the City Council voted out convention expenses.

The council was to act on four resolutions at yesterday's rescheduled meeting which would have given expenses to Law and Public Safety Director E. Norman Wilson, City Clerk Anthony Amoroso, Weights and Measures Superintendent

Joseph Iervolino and Housing Inspector Michael Curcio to attend the convention. But the resolutions were taken off the agenda.

The planning board resolution was allowed to stay on because its members are all unsalaried. However, even the planning board didn't get as much as it wanted to cover convention expenses.

Originally, the resolution called for \$250 for each member of the board. Before approving the resolution, the council cut that to \$150.

It also advised Mayor Louis DePascale, a member of the board, that if he attends the convention he should not expect to collect expenses from both the city and the county. DePascale is

also a freeholder and entitled to convention expenses in that capacity.

A council source said that the mayor has been told that he can collect from either the city or the county, but not from both.

The council received a number of bids for the furnishing of equipment for the Jefferson Recreation Program, 117 Jefferson St.

Stan's Sports Center of Hoboken bid \$1,923 for supplying the program with sporting equipment and games.

Business Furniture Inc. of Elizabeth bid \$1,879 to supply the program with desks, cabinets and chairs.

Gestener Corp. of Orange bid \$609 for a mimeograph and duplicating machines.

Wolsten Projector House of Irvington bid \$1,252 for supplying the project with movie cameras and other equipment for taking still and moving pictures.

All of the bids were referred to the Model Cities Agency, which is funding the program.

The council approved a resolution publicly congratulating Carol Anne Wilson, daughter of Director Wilson, on being selected New Jersey's Outstanding Young Woman of 1972 by Outstanding Young Women of America.

Ignazio Camporeale suggested hiring more policemen for the city's parks.

"My association recently sponsored an essay contest and I was appalled at some of the things the youngsters said they would like to see," said Camporeale.

"They didn't ask for better parks or programs but to be allowed to use what we have without fear."

"I think it would be a good idea to put more police in the parks. I realize the chief has a manpower problem, but couldn't the council consider hiring more men?"

Councilman-at-large Stephen E. Mongiello said that with planned increases in department manpower for 1973 he felt the department was "sufficiently constituted."

"If this is the case, then let's put one in every city park and make them safe again for our children to use," Camporeale replied.

He also suggested the council consider installing lights at the Little League Field, 4th and River Streets, and the John F. Kennedy Veterans Memorial Stadium so that youngsters could use the fields after dark.

First figures point to record budget

Hoboken's municipal department heads are shooting for another record financial outlay by local taxpayers in 1973, it is indicated by the individual budget requests now before Mayor Louis DePascale. But the mayor says he is preparing to make whatever cuts are necessary to "keep things within reason."

DePascale said the figures presented to him last Friday showed substantial increases in

all departments, although the exact totals aren't available.

"Since these are very preliminary figures I don't bother adding them all up," he said. "It just makes extra work since the total now is surely going to change before I'm ready to submit the budget to the City Council."

But before doing that some time during the early part of next year, the mayor is going to have a number of meetings with

his directors to see what and where their requirements for '73 can undergo surgery.

One big factor that hasn't been established yet will be the salaries the city will be paying next year to both uniform and civilian employees. Contract talks are under way with police and fire groups, as well as the Municipal Employees Association.

It is reported that police and firemen have already accepted an offer of \$800 across the board

for 1973 while the employees association is asking for a straight \$1,200 raise for all city workers to balance off the last three or four years when the pickings have been slim.

A brief review of the various budgets show that there are few new items being sought by the departments, but the cost of running the city with almost the same equipment and personnel has gone up.

In the Law and Public Safety

Department, Director E. Norman Wilson is seeking six civilians to replace policemen and firemen now doing clerical work.

The director wants three clerk typists at \$5,700 a year to replace patrolmen, and one stenographer at \$6,000 to serve as the police chief's secretary.

Wilson also wants additional clerk typists at \$5,700 to replace

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firemen now working in the chief's office.

The director is talking about a "substantial" salary increase for himself although he didn't mention a figure in his budget. However, he did point out that his salary is equal to that of a police sergeant while the chief, captains and lieutenants all make more than he does.

Wilson is asking for eight new cars for next year — six for the police department and two for the fire department. Six police cars will cost an estimated \$27,000; two fire cars, \$10,000.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale also plans on adding

some vehicles to his department for next year.

They include two five-cubic yard trucks at \$7,800 each, a panel truck at \$4,500 and a utility van at \$5,000.

With more than \$1,000,000 expected by the city in federal revenue sharing, DePascale said he feels the city can escape a tax increase this year and could possibly reduce the tax burden.

"It is still too early really to be optimistic or pessimistic," said the mayor. "Much discussion and study has to go into the budget before any final decisions are made. But offhand, I would say that I'm encouraged by the prospects."

Vitale blames state red tape for snafu on street repaving

A disgruntled and highly annoyed Hoboken Public Works director today charged the state Department of Transportation with "deliberately short-changing the residents and motorists of Hoboken by not coming through with the money the city needs to repave its streets."

Raphael P. Vitale said because of the state's delays in processing the city's applications for resurfacing funds, applications that have already been approved, there will not be resurfacing until next spring at the earliest.

"We have done everything the state has asked of us, we have bent over backwards to comply with each and every regulation and request," said Vitale, "but we still don't have the money for the job."

"And we don't have any explanations from the state why there isn't any money," Vitale said Hoboken needs ap-

proximately \$105,000 to resurface 31 sections of various city streets, all in desperate need of new asphalt.

"I'd like everyone to understand that the resurfacing of the streets is financed by the state, not the city," he continued. "We apply for state funds and use these funds to do the required work."

"The city has done its part by making application for the funds. The state has approved those applications but as yet has not given the city approval to go ahead with the job. Until it does, we can't sign any contracts. And without signed contracts there isn't going to be any resurfacing."

Vitale added it was his belief that the state had run out of funds for street resurfacing and was stalling the project until next year.

"That seems to be the only logical explanation for the treatment Hoboken has received," he said. "A lot of talk and promises, but no action."

"I would urge local motorists to be very careful this winter because of the condition of some streets. With the bad weather that we are sure to have before next spring, the conditions are sure to become worse and could present serious hazards to both motorists and pedestrians alike."

"The city will do whatever it can to keep the streets patched up, but when they are in such an advanced stage of disrepair patching doesn't help too much."

Vitale said all complaints received by the city about the conditions of the streets that were to have been resurfaced would be forwarded to the state Department of Transportation.

"Let them take the abuse," he added.

Library lists titles just in on shelves

A total of 468 new books were purchased by the Hoboken Public Library last month, Lucille Cunningham, director, said today. Many of the new volumes have been delivered and are now available to library members.

Some of the new books include: Fire In The Lake, by Frances Fitzgerald; Gentle Greaves: A Novel, by Ernest Raymond; The Randolphs of Virginia, by Jonathan Daniels; Attica — My Story, by (Warden) Russell G. Oswald; 5,000 Nights At The Opera: Memoirs, by Sir Rudolph Bing; The Life and Times of Edward VII, by Keith Middlemas; The Life and Times of Charles II, by Christopher Falkus; My Enemy's Friend, a novel by Helena Osborne; Paths In Spirituality, by John Macquarrie; Joey Adams' Speaker's Bible of Humor; Of Men and Angels, a novel by Joy Cowley; Great Cities of the Ancient World, by L. Sprague De Camp; and The Ravi Lancers, a novel by John Masters.

The Parents' Guide to Drugs, by Frederick Forsyth; The Odessa File, a novel by Frederick Forsyth.

The Parents' Guide to Drugs, by Matthew Andrews; The Odessa File, a novel by Frederick Forsyth; The Smart Money: How To Invest In The Stock Market Like An Insider, by William A. Kent; I Love You, Irene, by William A. Kent; The Campaign For Guadalcanal: A Battle That Made History, by

Jack Coggins; "G," a novel by John Berger; The Complete Ecology Fact Book, edited by Philip Noble and John Deedy; Celebrations: The Complete Book of American Holidays, by Robert J. Myers; Crochet: Discovery and Design, by Del Pitt Feldman and The Secrets of Winning Hockey, by Emile (Cat) Francis with Tim Moriarty.

John Thomas and Lady Jane (The Second Version of Lady Chatterley's Lover), by D.H. Lawrence; Society Pays: The High Casts of Minimal Brain Damage in America, by Camilla Anderson, M.D.; Women and Madness, by Phyllis Chesler; The United Nations: Past, Present, and Future, edited by James Barros; The Death of the Army: A Pre-Mortem, by Edward L. King; Con, by M.E. White; The Four Seasons of Success, by Budd Schulberg; Norman Mailer: A Collection of Critical Essays, edited by Leo Braudy; A Chronology of the People's Republic of China from October 1, 1949, by Peter Cheng; Guide to the Appalachian Trail in New York and New Jersey, by the N.Y. and N.J. Trail Conference, and Adhocracy: The Case for improvisation, by Charles Jencks and Nathan Silver.

Board takes over new offices Dec. 4

It will be at least three more weeks before the Hoboken Board of Education moves into its new offices at the recently opened Wallace School, Thomas F. McFeely, superintendent of Schools, said today.

Although the new office space is almost ready, McFeely said that because of the nature of the board's files and records, an elaborate system must be devised to insure that none are lost or misplaced in the process of

moving. And once the move has started, that each file has a predetermined place in the new office.

The board is currently located at 524 Park Ave. That building is scheduled to be turned into a mini-school once it has been vacated if the mini-school proposal has been approved by the state.

McFeely said the tentative moving date for the board is Dec. 4.

'Finally,' stop light at 14th in Hoboken

Hoboken pedestrians who have had their problems getting across the road at 14th and Washington Streets are due to get a break.

Second Ward Councilman Vincent J. Fusilli said today that within three weeks the Hudson County Police Department will install a new traffic light at the busy intersection to stop traffic in all directions, giving pedestrians time to cross.

"This is probably one of the busiest intersections, if not the busiest, in the city," said Fusilli. "A number of residents of the area have complained to me

about the problems they have in getting across the street."

"When the existing light turns green for the pedestrian it is also green for motor vehicles. Because it is such a busy traffic area, persons sometimes have to wait for a second or third green light before they can get across."

"The new light will give them the time needed to cross without worrying about oncoming traffic. It will be set up so that for approximately 30 seconds or so traffic heading in all directions will have a red light."

Fusilli said he appealed to the county police because 14th Street was a county road.

Gallo in Front for Assembly Set Stage for Election

By JACK HASBROUCK
Special to Hudson Dispatch

TRENTON—The stage for Hudson County's special election contest for the vacant Assembly seat in District 12C was set yesterday with a tentative agreement by the leadership of both houses on the primary and the actual election dates.

The dates, respectively, are Dec. 18 and Jan. 8. They will be officially acted upon Thursday by a joint Assembly-Senate resolution.

In the Hudson contest, meanwhile, Hoboken City Council president Thomas Gallo remains the front runner and Democratic organization choice to capture the seat, while at the same time contests appeared to be shaping up in both Morris and Ocean County over a pair of Assembly seats which may be vacated.

Word was strong on the Assembly floor that Benjamin H. Mabie (R-Ocean-Burlington) will be stepping

down from his post for "business reasons." He was unavailable for comment yesterday.

Some Speculation
At the same time, speculation on the floor was that Mrs. Josephine S. Margetta (R-Morris) may be seeking the Senate seat which is to be vacated by Morris County Republican Joseph J. Maraziti who is moving up to a congressional seat as a result of last Tuesday's election victory. This would create another Assembly vacancy.

House whip Assemblyman Chris Jackman of Hudson announced the setting up of the election dates after a meeting with the lower house leadership which later conferred with the Senate. The upper house must approve the schedule although it has no contests scheduled.

Jackman said that the swearing in of the newly elected assemblymen would be held on Jan. 9 which is reorganization day for both houses.

Meanwhile, speculation grew strong that Gallo would receive the Democratic organization support, including that of North Hudson leaders State Sen. William V. Musto and Jackman. Reliable sources said that Musto, Hoboken Mayor Louis DePascale and Hoboken Steven Capileo are in agreement on the choice as is Hudson County Democratic Chairman Mayor Francis G. Fitzpatrick of Bayonne.

DeFinio on Spot
Token opposition is still expected from North Bergen Mayor Peter Mocco, who wants a shot at the assembly seat, and Guttenberg Councilman and former assemblyman Robert Sabello who is also interested in it.

Reportedly "on the spot" in the matter is West New York Mayor Anthony DeFinio.

DeFinio, as a member of the mayors-coalition with Mayors Paul Jordan of Jersey City, Frank Rodgers of Bayonne and Fitzpatrick, is caught between going along with the county leadership in the choice of Gallo and paying attention to the cries of Mocco, Union City Mayor William J. Meehan, Sabello and other North Hudson Democrats who are non-coalition members.

Gallo Keeps 2nd School Board Job

The duties of the Hoboken Board of Education business manager will continue to be performed by Thomas Gallo, board secretary and president of the city council, the board decided last night.

Gallo, who is running for assemblyman to fill the seat vacated by slain Assemblyman Silvio Falla, has been acting business manager since Joseph Bartletta resigned last summer.

He said last night he is not being paid by the board for performing the duties of business manager and that he has agreed to hold that position "until and if the board decides on a successor."

The board meanwhile has officially appointed First Ward Councilman Anthony Romano as assistant business manager. The 40-year-old councilman has been acting assistant business manager for four years.

Board President Otto Hottendorf defended Gallo's holding of two positions on the board in addition to his duties as council president by saying that since he was elected president two months ago, he has carefully observed Gallo and is "amazed by the time and effort Tommy puts into the jobs."

Last week, and again yesterday, the board was urged by a local resident to seek Gallo's resignation claiming that his dual job holding as secretary and councilman represents conflict of interest and is illegal.

Hottendorf answered the charges saying he has consulted with the board's attorney and finds Gallo's situation "perfectly legal."

In other action the board also approved a resolution calling for a pre-school unit pilot program for about 30 children which will be instituted in January.

Other appointments were that of Helen Culhane, as head of the social studies department, and Nicholas Spina, as supervisor of language arts. Both high school appointments will become effective Dec. 1.