

Hoboken's Rent Control Board Resumes Operations

For the first time in two months, Hoboken's Rent Control Board resumed active operations yesterday.

Three of the original 15 volunteers, recruited a few weeks ago by Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri to man the board during its daytime hours, showed up yesterday to answer telephones, type form

letters and handle routine office business.

A different set of three volunteers will be on hand Thursday to continue the board's twice weekly operation.

During the summer, one volunteer said, when rent increases are expected to be given out by landlords to cover a \$5 tax rate increase, the board will probably be open five days a week.

Members of the board, who all asked to remain anonymous, said they felt it would be relatively easy to handle the board's regular business on a twice a week basis.

"So far," one volunteer said, "most of the work seems to be routine and rather simple."

Board chairman, Joseph Hottendorf, who was on hand to supervise and assist the volunteers on their first day

of the job, praised them "as really nice people who seem to have a grasp of what they're doing."

Hottendorf said the volunteers were unanimously eager to do a good job for the city while saving the \$12,500 a year salary the city would otherwise have had to pay for a full-time secretary.

Hottendorf said that, since the board was now moving back into a full-time

operation, form letters were being prepared to inform tenants and landlord of the board's availability and services.

Arrangements have already been made with the city's tax department, he said, to stuff some 8,000 form letters addressed to landlords in the tax bills that must be mailed out by July 1.

The letters inform the landlords of the existence of

the board, which was created in January, 1973, and advise them to report any rent increase made during the years 1973-74.

Hottendorf said that, after the board has finished contacting the city's landlords, it will begin notifying the city's tenants of the board's availability.

The form letters for tenants are still "great numbers of persons, both landlords and tenants in the city who have

never heard of the board's existence."

"The board has been battling 1,000," "in all the cases it's handled since last year, but we still haven't skimmed the surface of the violations and problems that exist in the city."

Volunteers will be available in the board's city hall office on Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Can Seek Deduction

The letter also explains to tenants that they have a right to apply for a reduction in rent if there has been "a decline in services, care or maintenance in their buildings."

Hottendorf said the letters were necessary because there are still "great numbers of persons, both landlords and tenants in the city who have

Hoboken plays out hand on sewage

Hoboken will comply with the request of the Weehawken-Union City Sewer Board for a copy of the city's 1959 ordinance which Hoboken claims is being violated by Weehawken and Union City and as a result of which Hoboken is threatening to stop treating their sewage.

A spokesman for the city's Public Works Department said today that a copy of the ordinance will be sent to Abner Farber, attorney for the sewer board. But he said, the city will not back down from its an-

nounced intention of closing off the pipes carrying Weehawken and Union City sewage into Hoboken's treatment plant next month if the amounts of suspended solids and Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) aren't lowered.

Carmen Cutillo, deputy Public Works director, said the sewage Hoboken is processing for Weehawken and Union City contains double the amounts of BOD and suspended solids authorized in the ordinance.

Director Raphael P. Vitale

wrote to the two communities two weeks ago, giving them a month to comply.

The dispute is an outgrowth of a controversy between Hoboken and the two other towns over the city's proposed sewage surcharge which is destined to cost industry in Weehawken and Union City more than \$1 million a year.

Weehawken and Union City officials argue that they have a contract with Hoboken to treat their sewage for \$60,000 a year and they won't pay any additional charges.

Hoboken officials say the surcharge was made necessary by an order from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The surcharge is to be paid by industrial plants not by the municipalities themselves. The money is to be used to update the sewage treatment facility as required by the federal agency they assert.

According to Vitale, the only reason Weehawken and Union City are being brought into the situation is that Hoboken doesn't have any right to collect fees

directly from the industries in the two municipalities.

"The additional money isn't going to be coming out of the municipal treasuries but from the industries themselves," he said. "This can be done by collecting from them directly and then paying Hoboken, or paying us first and then collecting from them."

"This new surcharge is going to go through regardless of what Weehawken, Union City or Hoboken do. The federal government wants it and is going to get it, sooner or later."



PROGRAM PLANNERS — George Maier, left, manager of special services for Hoboken Board of Education, shows three of the seven-member advisory board the structure of the new Career Education Program. With him, from left, are Richard F. Carroll, executive vice president of Hoboken-North Hudson Chamber of Commerce; Paul C. Rotondi of Dan Dee Belt and Bag Co. and Howard Winkemeier, community relations supervisor for New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. Board will advise on what technical training is needed in business and industry.



Super salesgirl
Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello buys first poppy to launch the annual poppy drive in Hoboken. With him is 5-year-old Barbara Pinto, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 107 "Poppy Girl."

Crimmins proudly hails 911's first year—only 1 complaint

Hoboken's emergency police telephone number — 911 — recently celebrated its first anniversary — and only one complaint had been made against it during the entire year, according to Chief George W. Crimmins.

"And that one wasn't a serious complaint but resulted from a minor technicality in which judgment was involved," Crimmins said. "It was easily corrected with the cooperation of the Jersey City Police Department."

Calls made to the 911 number actually go to the Jersey City police headquarters which serves

as the central communications center for all 911 calls in Bayonne, Hoboken and Jersey City. The dispatcher there passes the information along to the appropriate department.

The chief said that the '911 number hasn't reduced the load of calls being taken by the department's regular telephone operator — but it wasn't supposed to.

"It's designed to help the department improve its response time to emergency situations," he explained. "A person calling on the regular phone line (659-2500) to report a fire or holdup

takes the chance that the call might be delayed. The operator has no way of distinguishing a routine call from an emergency until he has answered the call and heard what the person making it has to say."

"But when the call is made through the 911 number it is automatically treated as an emergency. I feel that our response time has been improved by it."

The chief said that one of the problems has been the use of the 911 number for other than emergency calls. But as residents got used to the system, the problem decreased.

Officials Will Inspect Park

By ELIZABETH PARKS

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and Public Works Director Raphael Vitale have agreed to tour a rundown playground at Fifth and Madison sts. to see what can be done to refurbish it.

Arrangements for the tour were made after yesterday's council meeting by Third Ward Councilman Salvatore Cemelli, who has been urging the city to clean up the playground, which is located in his district.

Cemelli said that Cappiello and Vitale will meet with him "sometime before the end of the week" for the tour. The rundown condition of the park was the subject of a story in yesterday's Dispatch.

Cemelli said what he could to improve conditions at the playground, but the director said that severe cutbacks in the public works budget for this year limited what he could do.

Residents in the area, Cemelli said, are reporting increased acts of vandalism and wild behavior by teenagers who use the playground after dark.

Equipment has been damaged, swings have been twisted around their overhanging bars, seesaws have been broken, and the fence surrounding the playground has been left torn and jagged.

Cemelli estimated that \$800 to \$1,000 worth of damage has been done.

The councilman had asked that the fences and equipment be repaired, that a supervisor be assigned to the playground and that the area be locked and closed after dark.

Vitale said yesterday that he would try to assign an aide to the playground on a rotating basis "as soon as possible," but repeated that it would be difficult to assign a supervisor because "the city doesn't have either the money or manpower for it."

Vitale said the city has eight playgrounds, three parks and two recreation buildings and only six workers assigned full time to the recreation department.

Dilemma Cited

"If I assign someone to the Fifth st. playground," he said, "that only means something else is going to go unsupervised."

Vitale also said he had asked James Caulfield, city building inspector, to look at the fence and estimate the cost of tearing it down and replacing it.

Vitale also said that, when erected, the fence will be locked after dark, but he added, "I doubt if that will stop the kids. They're good climbers and all the lock will do is encourage them to break the fence all over again."

"I'd rather leave the playground open," he said, "and save the fence."

Vitale said the city is also considering again installing a basketball court on the playground. A tennis court is another possibility.

Cemelli said he was glad the city was finally taking action on the playground because the alternative was to close it. "I didn't want that," he said. "I was only considering it as a last resort."

Mayor hints at battle plan on Washington Street crime

Once Hoboken's Washington Street was a bustling shopping area for the city's thousands of residents. Most stores were open several nights a week to 9 o'clock and some were open every night.

But now, night shopping is avoided and even if it weren't most of the stores wouldn't be open anyway. The shoppers fear walking the streets at night, and the shop owners fear being held up. The result is a loss of trade and a decline in the overall economy of the city.

Several recent holdups, robberies and burglaries along Washington Street have again underscored the problem and have resulted in pressure on city officials to take steps to correct the situation and reverse the trend.

"We are not standing still," Mayor Steve Cappiello asserted today.

"The city does have a plan and will implement it. However, I am not at liberty to reveal what it is. That would be tantamount to giving the enemy the plans for your next attack, and this is one war we want to win."

"Chief Crimmins and I have been in constant contact over the last few weeks on this matter.

We now feel that we have come up with a workable plan that should help the Washington Street shopping area."

According to Cappiello, the real culprit behind the decline of the shopping district is "fear" and not the number of muggings, holdups or burglaries.

"In spite of our population, Hoboken in many ways is like a small town," he explained. "News travels fast, and it doesn't take long for word to get around about this holdup or that robbery."

"Often the word is only rumor, not based on fact. The telling and re-telling often makes the story sound better but seldom helps to curtail the fear that results."

"Nobody wants to be held up or burglarized, but it does happen. But sometimes the fear of being the victim greatly exceeds the actual threat. I think this is the case in Hoboken."

Cappiello said he wasn't belittling the fear some merchants and shopper have. To them it is "very real and very valid."

"The city's responsibility is to reverse this fear," the mayor continued. "It is more than a responsibility — it is a duty and a necessity. If we allow our shopping district to die out it will

have adverse effects on other areas of the city. It can start a chain reaction."

Cappiello added the city's efforts could start to materialize within a few weeks.

Electrical System Destroyed Blaze Strikes Hoboken City Hall, Kayos Phones

By ELIZABETH PARKS

A smoky fire caused by faulty electrical wiring in Hoboken City Hall yesterday caused severe damage to the hall's communications systems shutting off telephone access to police headquarters for more than 90 minutes.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, who had left city hall shortly before the 4:17 p.m. fire broke out and who returned when the blaze was at its peak, ordered all calls for police rerouted through fire department headquarters.

A police officer was dispatched to fire headquarters to relay calls to police through a walkie talkie.

The most dramatic moment in what firemen often describe as "a routine blaze" came when flames began breaking through the door of

the electrical control room, situated only a few feet from the police locker room on the ground floor of city hall. It aroused fears that ammunition stored in the lockers might explode.

Most city employees had left before the fire started.

Deputy Chief Edward Fitzsimmons, who commanded the operation, said firemen's initial efforts in fighting the blaze were hampered by the live electricity.

It took Public Service electric and Gas workers approximately half an hour to reach the scene and shut off the power.

As soon as the power was off, firemen broke into the control room and sprayed the electrical circuits with streams of water.

Cappiello, meanwhile, made temporary arrangements with Model Cities personnel to have police shift their working operation over the ground floor of the Model Cities building across the street from city hall.

Cappiello ordered an emergency repair crew to restore power to police headquarters as soon as possible and arranged for a public work crew to begin a mopping up operation as soon as the fire was declared under control at 5:30 p.m.

The mayor said he was considering the possibility of closing city hall until the electrical power could be fully restored.

The city's electrical inspector, Paul Mazurka, said he would examine the wiring this morning to determine the extent of the damage, but said it appears that the entire system will have to be replaced.

Public Works Director Raphael Vitale, who with his aides Joseph Noble and John Marotta was one of the last to leave the building after checking to make certain it was empty, said the fire was partly the fault of the city council due to "cutting the \$25,000 appropriation he had included in his budget to rewire the hall."

"What would have cost only \$15,000 to \$25,000 then," he said, "is going to cost the city twice as much now."

The only councilman to oppose the cut, Louis Francone, also blasted his fellow councilmen or what he called their "shortsightedness."



READY TO ROLL — William Matthews, right, president of the Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps, inspects equipment of new ambulance, a second, that is being put into service. With him are Jan Blom, left, a lieutenant in the corps and Nelson Chanfrau, captain. The corps also has a large disaster unit capable of carrying several litter cases at one time.

Eckhardt Memorialized

Two books on journalism have been donated to the Hoboken Free Public Library by Mrs. Ruth E. Hardy, director of public relations for St. Mary Hospital in memory of the late Jack Eckhardt, Hoboken bureau chief of The Dispatch for 17 years.

"I thought they would be appropriate for the activities in journalism today," Mrs. Hardy said of the books. "And I thought it would be a wonderful tribute to Jack."

Mr. Eckhardt, 57, died Mar. 18 in the hospital from lung

cancer following a nine-month illness. He joined The Dispatch in September, 1956, after overseas service with the Army in World War 2 and a tour as a recruiting sergeant in the North Hudson area.

Journalism, often 24 hours a day, was Mr. Eckhardt's life in the Mile-Square City.

"I think he had the very special gift that is necessary for the field of journalism," Mrs. Hardy said. "He had a deep understanding of people and their problems."

"He made a significant contribution to the life of this community," she continued, "and he almost wrote a history of Hoboken in the work that he did."

The two books, "Journalism Tomorrow," edited by Wesley C. Clark, and "Journalism in a Free Society," by Verne E. Edwards, Jr., are ready for circulation.

Nameplates in the front of each book state simply: "In Memory of Jack Eckhardt, 1917-1974. Donated by Ruth E. Hardy."

Maybe This Time... H.D.

Maybe this time the pattern will change.

Mrs. Patricia Sheehan, state commissioner of community affairs, toured Hoboken the other day and promised her department will do all it can to aid the city's much-needed capital improvement program.

For too long, state officials have come into Hudson County, looked at problems, promised to help, and then did nothing. All they have done is to make promises that later would be broken.

Mrs. Sheehan reminded Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello that she was once mayor of New Brunswick. "I greatly understand the problems of the cities and I like what I have seen so far of Hoboken's rehabilitation projects," she declared.

Great. But let's hope that something is done for Hoboken. Hudson communities have been burned too often by promises. They're still waiting for actual movement on important projects. It's definitely time for work.

Hoboken gets gas supply

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello today had high praise for the state's Energy Office after it solved a potential crisis that would have left the city without any gasoline for its cars and trucks from May 1 to July 31.

"Through the efforts of John Kozak and his assistants in Trenton, the city is going to get supplied with at least 30,000 gallons of gas," Cappiello said. "That should be enough to carry through until Aug. 1 when our new contract with Standard Oil of New Jersey (Exxon) begins."

"The problem resulted from some miscalculations and oversights on the part of the city resulting from the recent gas shortage."

"We had signed a contract with Exxon but that was voided when the state ordered all of the major companies to continue servicing the companies they had under contract and not to accept any new contracts."

The mayor said that at that time the city was getting its gas from British Petroleum (BP) but the contract had expired.

Nevertheless, BP continued to service Hoboken and the new contract with Exxon was voided.

A few days ago, BP notified the city that it was ending service to Hoboken as of April 30. Nothing was done about it, in the belief that the contract with Exxon would go into effect. It didn't.

With the help of the state, BP has agreed to continue supplying Hoboken until the end of July. The mayor said BP was going to cut off Hoboken because its gas allocation had been cut back. The state is seeing to it that the company gets its allocations, at least enough to continue supplying Hoboken with gas.

Firemen spotlight 150 handicapped

Some 150 Hoboken residents now stand a better chance of escaping from a burning building without injury as a result of the new decal program started by the fire department's community relations bureau.

A department spokesman said that decals have been given to about 150 residents who, because

of illness, handicaps, or age, would normally experience difficulty in getting out of a burning building.

The decals serve as a notice to firemen when they arrive on the scene to give apartments with decals immediate attention because the person in it will need assistance.

Each person who applies for the decal is issued four. One goes on the front door of the building or over it, the second on the vestibule door or over it in case the front door is left open and the first decal can't be seen. The third goes on the apartment door, and the fourth on the outside window of the apartment.

However, he said that the decals simplified the system by making those buildings and apartments readily visible to firemen.

The decals are available from fire headquarters, 124 Hudson St. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or through the fire community relations bureau.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello will try to bring his concept of a Public Safety Officer closer to reality today by requesting the state Department of Community Affairs to broaden its Safe and Clean Streets program so that patrolmen can perform firefighting duties.

Cappiello to Air Cop, Fire Merger Presses Dual Role Concept

Cappiello said yesterday that he intends to ask Patricia Sheehan, commissioner of Community Affairs, at a meeting in her office in Trenton today to expand the requirements of the Safe and Clean Streets program so the men can be assigned to "more flexible duties."

A public safety officer is someone who performs the duties both of police and firemen.

The mayor said it is necessary for Hoboken to begin consolidating the two departments because "the city cannot afford to continue paying for as many men as both departments now have."

Hoboken police and firemen have come out strongly against the idea of a consolidated public safety department and a single officer saying it "threatens the welfare and stability of the whole community."

The idea has been tried in several American cities with varying success. Cappiello has said that the idea worked very well in Durham, N.C., and could succeed here.

Alternatives to towaway plan studied

Hoboken officials are holding off on a decision on revamping the city's alternate-side-of-the-street sweeping and tow away program. They're also holding up a pending contract with the Hoboken Auto Body Company to provide the towing for a year until they reach some conclusion.

Hoboken Auto Body has submitted a bid of \$20,000 to do the towing, but the council has tabled the proposal until the city can reach a decision on how the existing program can be improved — if it can.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said he will enlist the assistance of the city's municipal court, law department, city council and business administrator, and Hoboken Auto Body to see what alternatives are available.

Cappiello met yesterday with Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri to discuss the program which they, and Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale, feel may have become discriminatory against some motorists as the result of anti-theft equipment installed by auto manufacturers in recent years.

The equipment, according to Vitale, includes steering wheels and transmissions that lock, making towing more difficult and longer to accomplish. As a result, cars equipped with the devices aren't being towed in for blocking the city's sweeper truck as frequently as cars that don't have them.

"We have several alternatives but they all have flaws that make them less than desirable," said the mayor. "Stiff fines and the elimination of towing is one. The problem with that is that our streets may easily become cluttered up with abandoned cars."

The mayor added that of the alternatives the high fine and elimination of towing was "the fairest."

Some of the other proposals include a fine for owners of new cars that can't be towed that is equal to what the owners of old cars pay in towing costs and storage, high fines and a sweeping program in which the streets are swept once every two weeks instead of once a week, and a takeover by the city of the towing operation with a stiff fine for all and no charge for the towing.

The mayor said he didn't think any of these would work or they would be "too expensive" because the city would have to assume too many additional costs and responsibilities.

Cappiello will brace state on further funding for Plaza

Mayor Steve Cappiello will be meeting with officials of the State Department of Community Affairs Monday in another effort to get a financial commitment for the construction of the third and fourth building in the John J. Grogan Marine View Plaza Project.

"This will be the prime matter to be discussed," said the mayor, adding there were several other matters he planned to take up

during their tour of the city and luncheon at Stevens Institute of Technology.

"I am very anxious to see the completion of the Grogan Plaza Project," continued the mayor. "And the only way we can hope to see an early completion is to get the state to agree to release its financial commitment for the remaining two buildings."

The construction of the first two 25-story apartment houses along Hudson and River Streets

is already well under way. The State Housing Finance Agency (HFA), a division of the Community Affairs Department, is financing the work.

However, the HFA, which plans to finance the remaining two buildings as well, won't give its financial commitment until it has facts and figures to show that the remaining two structures will be feasible. The HFA has already indicated that it doesn't plan to move until it has a pretty good idea of how apartments in the first two buildings are renting.

The developers haven't been able to get firm figures from the state on what the rent schedule should be so they haven't been able to open a renting office.

"These are just some of the things I'm hoping we will be able to clear up," the mayor asserted.

Another matter the mayor hopes to discuss with the state officials is the \$8.5 million parking authority parking garage bond issue.

He said he wanted to see if there is a possibility of the state's taking it over or refinancing the authority, relieving the city paying the principal and interest on the bond issue because of the authority's "questionable" lack of funds.

The authority has more than \$1 million that it earned by reinvesting the bonds when building the garages lagged behind schedule. However, the trustee for the bond holders, the Franklin National Bank of New York, has refused to allow the authority to use the money to pay the interest. It insists that the money must be held as a buffer against unexpected construction costs or added protection against default for the bond holders.

Bare Senior Project Plan

By MARY ANN SHERMAN
Special to The Dispatch
NEWARK — Blueprints for a \$5 million senior citizen housing project proposed for the urban renewal area of Hoboken were unveiled yesterday by the Mount Carmel Guild.

Mayor Steve Cappiello and Edward DeFazio, executive director of the Hoboken Urban Renewal Agency, met with representatives of the Pike Construction Corp. of Paterson, contractors for the project, and Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Dooling, executive director of the guild, at the guild's offices here.

Groundbreaking is expected to take place in August at First and Adams sts. with the complex opening in January, 1976. The 12-story building will include 22 efficiency units, 121 one-bedroom and 11 two-bedroom apartments. Ground floor apartments will be available for the handicapped and another floor will be used as a meeting place and for services the guild will provide for the senior residents.

Such services will include a nutrition program of one meal and possibly two meals — a day paid for by Hoboken revenue sharing funds; psychiatric and social counselling, and a clinic staffed with a doctor twice a week.

Mayor Concerned
Hoboken approached the Guild Development Corp. four years ago with the proposal for the project and while most parties involved seemed enthusiastic and certain that there would be no problems involved, Mayor Cappiello did express a few doubts.

"We still have some things to work out," said the mayor. "We are concerned that the site is small for a building that given priority for apartments and jobs at the project."

"I am quite adamant about this," Cappiello continued, adding that while he has received "no assurances" they (the guild) have indicated that they will fill out those desires."

In lieu of taxes, the Guild Development Corp. will pay Hoboken 15 per cent of the gross shelter rent received.

The New Jersey Housing Finance Agency will supply mortgage funds and the U.S. department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will also provide a subsidy for the building.

Rents for the apartments have been set at \$160 for the efficiency units; \$190 for a one-bedroom apartment, and \$206 for a two-bedroom apartment. Joseph A. Brown, director of the Guild Development Corp., explained that the corporation builds "non-profit" housing and that if it shows a profit, "rents will be reduced."

Two rent subsidy programs are already available for 20 per cent of the project's residents. One is the Least Housing Program paid for by the Hoboken Housing Authority through which a qualifying applicant will pay only a fifth of his or her income for rent, the balance being paid for by the authority.

The other subsidy, from the Federal Housing Administration will pay the balance after a tenant pays a quarter of his or her income to the corporation.

Cappiello's Hispanic panel set

Twelve persons took the oath to serve on Hoboken's Mayor's Advisory Council on Spanish Affairs as the group entered its second summer of operations.

Armando Figueroa, chairman, said at last night's ceremonies the group would try to "detect any problems in the city, discuss those problems and analyze them. We'll recommend a solution to him. We're here to help him achieve the best results of his administration."

In addition to Figueroa, George Guzman will serve as first vice chairman; Angel Luis Rivera, second vice chairman; Confesor Batista, secretary; Ruth Nieves, treasurer, and Christino Diaz, sergeant at arms. Trustees and the city wards they represent are Jerry Foreman, First; Elsa Nieves, Second; Mirta Mojica, Third; Gregorio Plaza, Fourth; Antonio Ortiz, Fifth; and Aurelio Lugo, Sixth.

Mayor Steve Cappiello who swore the group's members in, said "I want to have an amiable term with all people in Hoboken brought together. I want to bring each of the different groups in the city into the government of the city."

Cop Sub In Welfare Is Denied

Hoboken Police Chief George Crimmins' request to the state to allow two tactical patrolmen to work in the city's welfare bureau has been turned down, Mayor Steve Cappiello revealed yesterday.

Cappiello said that Crimmins' request, made at the mayor's suggestion, was denied because the tactical patrolmen are not intended for any duties other than foot patrol.

Cappiello, who had been hoping that the tactical policemen could be used to satisfy a mandate from the state's department of Institutions and Agencies to put two Spanish speaking investigators in the city's welfare department or face the loss of \$325,000 in state support for the bureau, said he would now turn to the City Council for money to satisfy the mandate.

Cappiello said he would meet with the council at its next caucus May 27 to explain the situation to them. He indicated that he might seek an emergency appropriation for the bureau.

Council President Martin Brennan said that the welfare bureau may have to spend all the money it now has in its budget before the council will be legally able to pass a resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation.

He explained that the mayor may have to hire the two Spanish speaking investigators with whatever money is left in the welfare appropriation.

"When that money runs out," he said, "in however much time it takes, the council can legally consider the situation an emergency and pass a resolution authorizing a special appropriation."

A few weeks ago, a representative of the state's Department of Institutions and Agencies, Mrs. Dorothy Goldman, visited the mayor and warned him that the welfare bureau had to have at least two Spanish speaking workers to adequately satisfy the needs of the city's large Spanish speaking community.

She told the mayor that if the city didn't hire Spanish speaking workers, the state would cancel its financial support of the bureau. The state pays 75 cent or \$375,000 of the bureau's operating costs.

own greedy purposes," Farber said.

When asked what action the board was contemplating, Farber said he didn't want to "telegraph our punches, but we are going to fight it. We have complied with the agreement, they are the ones who have violated it by not showing us any plans."

Sees Sewer Loss Threat to Health

By RICHARD VEZZA

Abner A. Farber, legal counsel to the Weehawken-Union City Trunk Sewer Board, said yesterday that Hoboken would be "recklessly endangering the health and lives of our residents if they follow through with their threat to cut off our sewage treatment."

Hoboken has asked the two towns to pay \$1,117,598 towards the expansion of its sewage treatment plant. Hoboken claims that the expansion is needed to meet federal standards on water pollution.

An ordinance requiring Hoboken industries as well as Union City and Weehawken to pay a sewerage surtax is expected to be adopted by the council shortly.

Farber said that the board would not be intimidated by the threats to cut off sewage treatment, but would come to a decision that was "best for the residents of Union City and Weehawken."

Hoboken Public Works Director Raphael Vitale explained in a letter to the sewer board, that the surcharge was necessary because Union City and Weehawken are exceeding the limit of composite biochemical oxygen demand (BOD'S) pumped into the Hoboken plant.

Have Seen No Test

Farber said that neither he nor the board have seen the results of any tests that would substantiate such a claim. "Besides we are asked to pay for the expansion when we haven't seen any plans or specifications, and our contract with Hoboken calls for us to see such plans," Farber said.

According to Farber, he has sent a letter to Vitale stating that Weehawken and Union City have lived up to their contract, which requires the two municipalities to pay \$60,000 per year to Hoboken for the use of the plant.

"We are prepared to take whatever action is necessary, but they are not going to turn off any valves on us. They are not going to endanger the lives of our residents for their

Everyone to know about back taxes

The Hoboken City Council will receive a written opinion from the city's law department saying there isn't any reason why the council can't publicize the names and addresses of local property owners who are delinquent in their taxes.

Dudley A. Schlosser, city attorney, said today that a written legal opinion will be sent to the council in time for its next meeting even though he wasn't aware that the council wanted one.

Schlosser said he had already told the council that there wasn't anything in the law that would prevent it from making public names and addresses of delinquent taxpayers and didn't know that it wanted a written opinion.

The council at a recent meeting had discussed taking such action — but hasn't moved on it.

When asked why, City Council President Martin J. Brennan said it was because the council was waiting for the law department to rule on it.

The suggestion was made by Second Ward Councilman Walter S. Cramer in the hope of encouraging taxpayers to keep up their payments. Last year only 84 per cent of the taxes were collected.

Saved Man at Risk of Life Fire Hero Wins Top Award

Capt. Larry Wallington of the Hoboken Fire Department has been awarded the state's highest award for courage, the New Jersey International Assn. of Firefighters Valor award, for rescuing a man trapped in the 11th st. fires last September.

Eleven people, including the rescued man's wife and three children, died in the blaze that broke out in a row of Hoboken tenements.

Wallington was the association's unanimous choice on its first ballot last week. He will receive the award at the firefighters convention this Saturday in McAfee.

A 15-year veteran of the Hoboken Fire Department, Wallington braved thick smoke and intense heat to mount a fire escape to the fifth floor where the man was trapped.

Father of Three
Wallington dragged and half carried the victim, dazed and in a state of shock, to the roof of the building where other firemen waited to pull them to safety.

Hoboken fire officials have said that without Wallington's action, the fire would definitely have claimed 12 victims.

Last Saturday Wallington,

married and the father of three children, was honored with a gold plaque from the Hoboken Fire Department for "courage above and beyond the call of duty."

Capt. William Bergin, who presented the plaque, praised Wallington as "a fireman's fireman." He said that in each stage of the rescue maneuver,

Wallington was in imminent danger of being trapped on the fire escape by flames threatening to explode through the windows and cut off his approaches either to the street or the roof.

Along with the valor award, Wallington will also receive \$500 from the Schaefer Brewing Co. which funds the affair.

Hoboken Bonds Secure

Approximately \$8.5 million in Hoboken Parking Authority bonds kept under the trusteeship of the Franklin National Bank remained secure yesterday, despite a financial crisis presently threatening the bank's stability.

Both Council President Martin Brennan and Parking Authority Chairman Nicholas Caruso said that after checking on Franklin National's troubles in New York, they were convinced that Hoboken

was in "no danger of losing any of its money."

Caruso said, "Franklin National's present situation doesn't affect us at all. We have no funds deposited in the bank, except for a few thousand dollars kept in a transfer account."

"In addition," he added, "all our investments are outside of Franklin National. Our money is invested and reinvested in banks all over the country."

Brennan said that early

reports of Franklin National's troubles had alarmed him, but after checking on the security of the \$8.5 million, which is money raised for the construction of three garages at the Grogan Marineview Plaza site, he was satisfied that the situation held no danger for Hoboken.

"The bank is only a trustee of the money," he explained. "The money is neither deposited there nor invested there."

"In any event," he continued, "the bank is secure enough to work its way out of its present troubles."

On Friday, Harold V. Gleason, chairman and chief executive officer of the bank and its parent, the Franklin New York Co., disclosed that since Mar. 31, the bank has suffered losses of \$14 million plus a possible additional \$25 million in foreign currency trading.

The losses were blamed on an employee in the bank's foreign currency exchange department "operating beyond his authority and without the bank's knowledge."

The bank has said that its insurance will cover a "substantial" part of the loss.

Also on Friday, the bank's common stock dropped from 9 1/2 to 8 3/4 while its preferred stock fell 9 points to a low 10 bid.

To offset the situation, however, the Federal Reserve Board has given the bank a "wide open" pledge of funds to help it offset its "unusual liquidity pressures."

School board member backs Ranieri on conflict probe

A member of the Hoboken Board of Education has joined Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri in seeking a legal ruling on whether or not elected city officials who are non-tenured employees of the school board should vote on matters dealing with the board.

Donald Singleton, who was elected to the board in February, said he agreed with Ranieri that official clarification was needed.

According to Singleton, he and

Ranieri are preparing letters which will be sent to the state commissioner of education and the attorney general asking for their opinions.

The action is aimed at Louis Francone, Fourth Ward councilman and head of the school system's maintenance department, and Anthony H. Romano, First Ward councilman and the school board's business manager.

Ranieri insists, however, that it is the situation that he wants clarified and that his actions are not designed to embarrass the two other councilmen.

"There isn't anything personnel involved," he said. "The situation exists and there is still a question. Unless it is answered there will always be that cloud of doubt."

both the council and the board of education refused to seek a declaratory judgment. Both have refused, but Ranieri is still trying to avoid going to court.

"It is a last resort," he said.

First woman gets Stevens degree

5/28/74 J.J.

"There is not time in the world for many more mistakes," Mrs. Millicent Fenwick, former director of the state Division of Consumer Affairs, told the 102nd graduating class of Stevens Institute of Technology during commencement exercises Saturday.

Mrs. Fenwick added that further mistakes can be avoided only through greater communication between science, engineering and other disciplines working to solve mankind's problems.

Too often, she commented, specialists such as urban planners and economists fail to consult experts in psychology, politics and other fields.

"It's a complex world and nothing is pure," Mrs. Fenwick, a trustee of the Hoboken science and engineering school, remarked. "One part of life must not be separated from others."

The former state assemblywoman was awarded an honorary doctor of engineering degree by Dr. Kenneth C. Rogers, president of Stevens, "in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the State of New Jersey, her interest and assistance in the activities of our educational institutions, and the example of fairness and dedication to the public interest which she has displayed for all citizens."

During the ceremonies, Lenore Schupak of Bergenfield became the first woman to receive a bachelor's degree from the Castle Point Institute.

Awarded a bachelor of science degree, which she earned in three years, Miss Schupak majored in solid waste management



Lenore H. Schupak, the first woman to earn a bachelor of science degree from Stevens Institute of Technology, receives her diploma from Dr. Kenneth C. Rogers, president of the college. The first woman graduate of the school completed her studies in three years.

and has developed a process for converting solid waste into bricks. Of the 256 males who also received bachelor's degrees, Donald Sebastian of Wilton,

Conn., was awarded the Honor Medal for first in class.

In his class address, the engineering student advised his classmates that they must be able to perform outside their own areas of expertise, in tasks they may not enjoy.

The medal for second in class was presented to Philip Shorer of Union City.

Ronald J. Zjawin of Jersey City was one of five graduating seniors winning both the bachelor's and master's degrees in four years. Other students

were Wallace Rutkowski of Elizabeth; Harvey Greenberg of Cranford; Dustin Huntington of Stamford, Conn.; and Donald Fitch Jr. of Dix Hills, N.Y.

Dr. Frederick L. Bissinger, chairman of the Stevens board of trustees, also conferred 188 master's and 15 doctorates during the ceremony.

In his address to the graduating class, Dr. Rogers warned of the loss of initiative and originality that can result when an individual becomes a member of a group.

Hoboken works to up credit rating

5/13/74

Hoboken may not be able to persuade Moody's Investors Service to reinstate its "Ba" credit rating on the city's bonds but it has been given the opportunity to do so, according to Mayor Steve Cappiello.

The mayor and John Erbeck, city comptroller, have met with Moody officials and are now gathering more data which the company asked for to support the city's claim that the rating shouldn't have been dropped.

"The people at Moody's have been very nice about the whole

thing," said the mayor. "They heard us out and gave us the chance to show them material substantiating our claim."

"In the end, we may still be stuck with the same 'Ba' credit rating we have now," Cappiello said. "But it won't be because the people at Moody's didn't hear us out and give us every opportunity to show them where they were wrong."

Last year Moody's dropped Hoboken from the "Ba" rating to "Ba." To prospective

purchasers of municipal bonds it meant that Hoboken was considered "risky." No explanation of the rating drop was given.

However, Hoboken officials believe that the reason stemmed from the city's refusal — for several weeks — to pay the interest due March 1, 1973, on the parking authority's \$8.5 million bond issue.

Eventually, the \$320,000 was paid, and the city has met all other payments since.

The mayor and Erbeck con-

tend that the payment was withheld as a matter of principle and not because the city didn't have the money to pay. The city felt the parking authority should make the payment, since the authority had over \$1 million stashed away.

The parking authority made the money as a windfall by re-investing most of the bond proceeds when construction of its planned parking garages in the John J. Grogan Marine View Plaza Project was stalled.

The \$320,000 interest payment had been provided for in the city's 1973 budget and the money was available. But the council held off approving the payment while it argued with the parking authority and the Franklin National Bank, the trustee for the bond issue, which prevented the authority from spending the windfall.

Since then, the council has asked the authority to sue the bank to get the windfall released. The authority hasn't done so.

Cappiello appeals for HUD revisions

5/5/74

Tenants of the Church Towers middle income housing project in Hoboken who face eviction because their incomes surpass government-imposed limits will probably have to move even if Mayor Steve Cappiello is successful in getting the federal government to increase its

range. "We are working in that direction," said the mayor, "but I doubt if it is going to provide any immediate relief for those people facing eviction."

"The income limitations are set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

(HUD) and already include provisions for additional rent payments when a person's income goes above the limit they have set for the size of the apartment the tenant has.

"But the amount of additional income allowed is minimal," he continued. "I have contacted HUD and have asked that the limitations be reviewed and possibly increased."

"As they are now set they actually serve to discourage people from trying to better themselves."

According to a spokesman at the Church Towers, they are holding their annual review of tenant income and have found that a number of tenants greatly exceed the limitations set by the

federal government. These families are being notified that they have to move.

Mayor Cappiello said that federal agencies do not have the reputation for moving swiftly in situations such as this and if the limitations are changed it probably would be in time to help any of those families at Church Towers.

The mayor added that there was always the possibility changes would be made in a relatively short time, but he didn't want anyone to have his hopes up and then be disappointed.

The spokesman for the middle income housing development added that there is only one tenant who must move because

her income exceeds the limitations. She has had more than two years to find another apartment.

He said there were several other tenants who were in the same category but they haven't been ordered to move. However, they have been advised that their income exceeds the legal limitations and if that situation remains unchanged at the time of the next income review they will have to find new apartments.

According to the spokesman, the income limitations were set by an act of Congress and changing them would also require congressional action. That, he added, could take a long, long time.

Hoboken warns it may cut off sewage flow

5/5/74

Hoboken isn't waiting until its new ordinance imposing a surcharge for the treatment of industrial waste to become city law to put the pressure on Union City and Weehawken.

A letter has been sent to officials in the two communities by Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale advising them that they

have 30 days to reduce the amounts of suspended solids and BOD (biological oxygen demand) to the levels prescribed in Hoboken's 1959 ordinance or be disconnected from the system.

According to Vitale, the sewage treated by Hoboken for Weehawken and Union City is supposed to contain no more than 300 parts BOD per million and 350 parts per million of suspended solids.

"The BOD stands at 748, more than double the acceptable amount, and the suspended solids are at over 515 parts per million," Vitale said.

He added that the Weehawken-Union City Trunk Line Authority also violated the city's ordinance a few years ago when it built a new pumping station without getting the approval of Hoboken.

The director's move is seen as a counter attack on the part of the city to the decision of Union City and Weehawken officials that they won't honor the new surcharge when the city adopts it by ordinance.

The surcharge will boost the amount the two municipalities are paying Hoboken each year for treating their sewage from \$60,000 to more than \$1,177,000.

Vitale said today letters concerning the violations were sent to Mayors Stanley Iacono of Weehawken, William Meehan of Union City, and to the head of the sewerage authority, attorney Abner Farber.

When asked if he really planned to shut down the lines from Weehawken and Union City into the Hoboken treatment plant, Vitale said, "I do."

"Weehawken and Union City are insistent upon keeping the terms of the contract they have with Hoboken," he said. "So be it. That contract is directly related to the city's ordinance adopted on May 22, 1959."

"In it, it spells out what Hoboken is entitled to do if anyone exceeds the acceptable standards for BOD and suspended solids," he continued. "I might add that those standards set in 1959 were quite reasonable by today's standards when everyone is very pollution conscious."

Both Meehan and Iacono have said they feel the old contract is binding on Hoboken and that if Hoboken wants to impose the new surcharge it will have to take them to court to get it.

Vitale said if neither Weehawken nor Union City take some counter action, he will have the lines shut down sometime during the first week of next month. However, he expected they would go to court to get some kind of stay or show cause order to prevent the shut-down.

"As I stated previously, I expect Weehawken and Union City to wind up in court before we do," he added.

Weehawken Mayor Stanley D. Iacono said he will refer the letter to Township Attorney George Moser Sr. "I don't understand why Hoboken is panicking and worrying about a tiny little town like Weehawken," said Iacono.

Union City Mayor William Meehan said he will turn the letter over to Corporation Counsel Libero Marotta, "whom I'm sure will defend the interest of the taxpayers of our city to the utmost of his ability."

Hoboken busy repairing its City Hall

5/25/74 J.J.

With a little luck it will be almost business as usual Tuesday morning at Hoboken City Hall in spite of the serious fire that knocked out electrical and telephone service late Thursday afternoon.

Mayor Steve Cappiello and City Council members have authorized M. and V. Electrical Contractors, 816 Bloomfield St., to work around the clock, if needed, at least restoring electrical temporary service.

Full service requires hooking up to an 800-ampere service that was brought in last year and that will require a week or two.

For most city employees the three-day Memorial weekend holiday wound up being a four-day holiday instead. Those whose jobs require electricity, and most do, were allowed to go home at lunchtime.

NOT as fortunate were public works department workers who were responsible for cleaning up the building. While the fire was confined to one small area on the ground level, next to the City Hall elevator, soot from the fire was found throughout the building. Windows were covered with it.

Throughout yesterday, the public works crews swept and mopped up, washed windows and tried to air the building out to get rid of the strong smell of charred wood and burnt insulation.

Mayor Cappiello has declared an emergency.

Reports that Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale and Fourth Ward Councilman Louis Francane blamed the rest of the City Council for the fire — the council took more than \$25,000 out of Vitale's 1974 budget which had been earmarked for electrical repairs — were "greatly exaggerated," both said today.

"I did say that the council had taken the money out of my budget for new wiring," said Vitale. "But even if it had left the money alone the fire probably would have happened anyway since I wasn't planning to start the electrical work until the second half of the year."

"BESIDES, there still was enough money in my budget to do the job. The council had just given me tentative approval to get it started. But since there has been a fire, the job will probably be more costly than I had anticipated."

Francane said he was thinking out loud when he said the council had been shortsighted in taking the money out of the public works budget and actually wasn't blaming anyone.

"We don't know what started it," he said. "Maybe we would have had a fire even if there was new wiring. Who knows?"

By early afternoon, the city's telephones were working again but since the telephone operators had been allowed to go home there wasn't anyone to answer incoming calls. Several private lines to the various directors' office were working.

Emergency lighting had been strung on the ground floor, keeping the police department in business.

IF ANYONE benefitted from the fire it was the one prisoner in the city's jail — and the same will go for anyone who might be arrested over the long weekend. The prisoner has been sent to the county jail which will be taking all Hoboken prisoners until police superiors feel the city's jail is again secure. The jail is next to the area in which the fire was confined. It is still without lights.

The mayor said arrangements have been made with the Hoboken Model Cities to use its facilities at 80 Washington St. as a City Hall annex for any offices which can't perform their duties at City Hall.

"We have to play it by ear," he said. "We'll know Tuesday morning how we stand and decide then what services will have to be handled from the Model Cities office."

ANOTHER VICTIM of the fire was the City Hall elevator. It is completely out of service and will have to be rewired if it is to be used again.

The city expects to pay for the repairs with some \$75,000 that Vitale has in his budget for building repairs and whatever it gets back from its insurance company.

Bluecoats get tougher rules on sick leave

5/9/74

Hoboken police and fire departments have adopted a new "get tough" policy by issuing a set of new procedures for sick leave and the promise of disciplinary action for those who violate them.

Both Fire Chief Patrick J. Carmody and Police Chief George W. Crimmins have issued special orders for their men setting new requirements and standards for taking sick leave and what will be expected of the men when they are on it.

Although the two special orders are worded slightly differently their basic points are the same.

1) Any man who reports sick will be required to remain at home, with the exception of visits to his doctor or the hospital.

2) Prior to leaving his home for the doctor's office or to the hospital, the man is to call in to his department and submit the doctor's name, the hospital's name, the address and the telephone number.

3) All men will obtain certificates substantiating their doctor or hospital visit and submit it to the chief's office for file.

4) All men on sick leave should expect a visit from the department physician or an officer of the department during their sick leave. They should also expect to be called at home by department personnel at various times during their sick leave.

Although the new procedures were issued by the two department chiefs, they are believed to have been originated by Mayor Steve Cappiello, who is also the public safety director for the city.

For the first time in several months, it appears that officials of the unions representing the members of the two departments and the mayor have found something that they can agree on.

William Lemp, president of the Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA), said his organization would go along with the order.

"The PBA doesn't want to see anyone abusing the sick leave procedures any more than the city does," he said. "If a man is really sick, the new procedures shouldn't hamper him in any way."

"But they should cause considerable problems for anyone, who is looking for a day off and calls in sick."

Michael Bavaro, president of the Fire Fighters Association, said his organization didn't plan any counter action because of the new sick leave order.

William Bergin, president of the Fire Officers Association, was not available for comment.

Must Hire Bilingual Aides Hoboken Faces Relief Cut

5/2/74 H.D.

By ELIZABETH PARKS Unless Hoboken's Welfare Board hires bilingual Spanish-speaking persons to serve as case workers, it faces loss of approximately \$325,000 state funding covering 75 per cent of its operating costs, Mayor Steve Cappiello was warned yesterday.

The ultimatum to either hire the extra case workers or lose the state's backing was delivered to the mayor by Mrs. Dorothy Goldman, a representative of the state's Department of Institutions and Agencies.

Mrs. Goldman told the mayor that the city's hispanic

population, which makes up a significant percentage of the cases handled by the board, was not being served adequately because there are no Spanish-speaking case workers to assist them.

Mrs. Goldman said the city would either have to hire two

Spanish-speaking workers to serve the community or lose the \$325,000 the state provides.

The mayor said after the meeting that the city is operating on a tightly pruned budget and does not have the money to hire the two extra case workers this year.

He said he will write the director of Institutions and Agencies Anne Klein requesting her to provide Hoboken with supplemental aid so the city can afford to employ the two workers.

In the meantime, the mayor said he would order 11 special Hoboken patrolmen who are Spanish-speaking to take special courses in welfare, training so they can assist the welfare workers upon request.

The special policemen have been assigned to Hoboken through the state Civil Service Commission to augment the city's present police force.

The mayor added he intends to schedule future meetings with Mrs. Goldman to inform her of Hoboken's status in complying with the demand for Spanish-speaking workers.

Solution Sought On Teacher Pay

4/10/74

By ELIZABETH PARKS Representatives of the Hoboken Board of Education will meet with the mayor and other city officials at city hall Monday to discuss alternatives to the city's borrowing \$2 million to pay for teachers' summer vacations.

The money, which would be borrowed in short term notes, could cost the city nearly \$50,000 in interest.

Mayor Steve Cappiello, who returned from California yesterday set the meeting, which will be attended by the mayor, Council President Martin Brennan, city attorney Dudley Schlosser, Comptroller John Erbeck, school board President Otto Hotendorf, school secretary Thomas Gallo and board negotiator Louis DePascale.

A city hall source said the mayor may agree to take out the short term notes for this year, but will warn the board

that in the future it will be the board's responsibility to make provisions for providing the money.

The source said that under the law, the school board is required to set up a trust fund for the teachers with the money that is deducted bi-monthly from their pay checks.

"Hoboken is the only community in New Jersey which finds itself with this problem year after year," the source said. "It has to stop."

Under an arrangement teachers have with the board of education, 10 per cent of their bi-monthly paychecks is deducted during the school year so a lump sum of four pay checks can be made to the teachers in mid-July.

The board of education admits that it makes no provisions for putting the money deducted into a trust fund.

Consequently the city finds itself each year with a lump sum of cash to be paid out at mid-summer and no money at hand to do so. The city won't have enough money to pay the teachers with until August when its third tax quarter begins.

Asks PUC review bus firm's franchise

5/4/74

Hoboken has formally asked the state Public Utility Commission to review the franchise of the Maria Transportation Co. for failing to provide adequate service along Washington Street on Memorial Day.

The city's Law Department, on the request of Sgt. Gabriel Ferraiuolo, the city's transportation inspector, has written to the PUC asking it to look into the complaint against the company and review its franchise and their possible revocation.

A spokesman for the department said that the letter also reminded the PUC that it has put the full blame for inadequate bus

service along Washington Street on the local operators and of its promise to review their franchises if they fail to provide and maintain proper service.

"We are asking the PUC to do what it said it would do," he said.

According to Sgt. Ferraiuolo, Maria Transportation failed to provide service for almost two hours on the afternoon of May 27. He said the city has signed statements from several residents asserting that they waited that long for a Washington Street bus and finally wound up taking Transport of New Jersey's No. 24 bus when the local bus failed to appear.

Right Move

5/13/74 H.D.

The children of the inner city deserve as much in the way of recreational facilities—and even more—than those lucky youngsters who reside elsewhere in the Hudson area or in East Bergen. They should have their "place in the sun" as much as anyone.

Hence, it's encouraging to note that in Hoboken, which is certainly no suburban paradise, work is scheduled to upgrade the playground at Fifth and Madison sts., in the western downtown section, a play area which has been a virtual disgrace due to so much vandalism.

A woman attendant has been assigned by Public Works Director Raphael Vitale and this should make Councilman Salvatore Cemel-li, who has been pushing for work at the playground, happy. We simply cannot let these things languish

and deteriorate without fighting.

Mayor Steve Cappiello has visited the play area and he, too, is interested. He should be, for it is essential to provide those proper facilities for the city's young people. Now, let's hope these youngsters appreciate what is being done for them.

Dangerous

5/29/74

The fire in those electrical circuits in Hoboken's antiquated city hall points up once again the problems the Cappiello administration faces in operating from an old building. Some day the whole thing could go up in flame and smoke.

This time the city was lucky that the fire was confined to a small area on the ground floor of the structure. However, it caused enough damage. The city hall elevator was knocked out and has to be rewired and soot was all over.

Mayor Steve Cappiello is endeavoring to have things upgraded in the municipality and there is little doubt that the city hall is one of the major problem areas. He's simply got to make the state understand what's wrong in Hoboken and then help out.

Lower School Eyed

4/8/74

Propose School For Stevens Unit

By MARY ANN SHERMAN

A school patterned on the "free" method of teaching may open shortly after Labor Day in the lower school building of Stevens Academy in Hoboken, it was announced last night.

Following a meeting it was disclosed that a temporary board of directors composed of seven parents of former Stevens students and a former Stevens teacher will bid shortly to rent or purchase the lower school building on Park av. North of Fifth st.

Stevens Academy closed its upper and lower schools this week, ending an academic career that spanned 114 years.

Students at the proposed Hoboken Alternate School would range in age from 3 to 7 and would be divided into three class groups: A preschool for three and 4 year olds; kindergarten for 5 year olds; and a combined first and second grade for 6 and 7 year olds.

The proposed school would occupy only the building that housed Stevens Academy's lower school.

Run by Cooperative Paul Goodberg of Jersey city, one of the directors of the group, said they will attempt to open the school because "Stevens had what we considered to be essentially a fine curriculum."

"We would like to continue that curriculum, modifying it to a certain extent, and insure that the parents and teachers

have control over the education of the children," Goodberg continued.

Goodberg said the school would be run by a "parent-teacher cooperative" board of directors, consisting of the school's full staff of teachers and the students' parents.

Goodberg also said that the "open classroom" system which was used at Stevens' lower school since it reopened in 1969 would continue.

In broad terms, Goodberg defined the open classroom as one which "provides both an individual and a group learning atmosphere."

Students will be encouraged to direct themselves and take action," said Goodberg. "They will be taught at both cognitive and affectual levels. They will be taught the requisite cognitive skills while their curiosity isn't stifled."

Goodberg said that the number of students at the school would be determined by the school's budget which would come from a combination of tuition and foundation funds.

Whether the parents buy or lease the lower school will depend on the amount the Academy gets for the upper school building. "If they sell high enough," said Goodberg, "they should be able to sell the lower school at a reasonably good price. If not, we may have to lease."

Final decision is up to Stevens Academy Board of Trustees.

Academy Says Last Goodby

Stevens Academy in Hoboken graduated its 114th and last class of 12th graders last night. The school that was started in 1860 by German settlers who wanted a private school for their children and the school that put Hoboken on the map making it the first city in the country to have a kindergarten as an integral part of its school system last night closed its doors on more than a century of quality education.

The "beginning of the end" was Wednesday night when the academy acquiesced to the requests of parents to hold one of its infrequent eighth-grade graduations.

But last night was indeed the end and many referred to it as a "bittersweet" occasion. Salutatorian Charles Rickmers of Jersey City told the audience of faculty, families and friends that at Stevens, "the feeling of being one big family always ex-

isted." Headmaster Howard H. Bennett, who has been at Stevens for 26 years, refused to let the evening end on a sad note. "How wrong they are who think that the best years of our lives lie behind us," he said confidently. "Ladies and gentlemen, the best years of our lives lie ahead. Of that I am thoroughly convinced."

Then, after saying "goodbye" in five different languages, Bennett added, "I wish with all my heart that the words did not mean 'farewell.'"

And turning alternately to the audience and the 19 students on the stage, Bennett said wistfully, "Farewell, Farewell."

Mei-Ling Yee, of Jersey City, the only girl in the Class of 1974 and the last girl to graduate from Stevens Academy, was valedictorian. Miss Yee, whose father is

from Canton, China, received six awards and a \$500 scholarship. She will enter Colgate University in the fall as a pre-med student.

The poised young scholar said that it was "unique and thrilling" to be the last girl graduate and added that the position also posed the challenge to live up to the academy's fine academic reputation.

Miss Yee received the English medal, Alumni Medal, Bausch and Lomb Science Award, mathematics and history awards, and the Benjamin Franklin Carter Essay Contest Award for her essay "How does the closing of a private school affect American life?"

Rickmers received the Erwin F. Grove Achievement Award, the Caroline H. Clinch Memorial Language Award for German, and the American Legion Achievement Award.

The Caroline H. Clinch Memorial Language Awards for French and Spanish were given to Daniel H. Temkin and George Pena, respectively.

George C. Brummer was awarded the Headmaster and Faculty Citizenship Award. Robert Suchocki was given the William Neumann Sr. Memorial Athletic Award.

Other members of Stevens' last graduating class were Ted H. Abers, Isaac Braverman, Edward A. Cipkowski Jr., Joseph V. Del Forno, Robert L. A. Demick, Peter A. DeStefano, Kevin C. Hamel, William J. Jurgensen, Andrew J. Landis, John A. Prespe Jr., Mark F. Roda, William F. D. Roda, and Anthony J. Zazzarino.

A reception sponsored by the parents of the senior class followed the commencement at the Union Club, Hoboken, and was attended by several hundred people.

4/4/74 No Argument Possible H.D.

Hoboken Board of Education is under fire to get more bilingual teachers into its school system. In view of the makeup of the student body, there is no doubt they are needed.

According to Rev. Jose Gonzales, the dropout rate for Spanish-speaking pupils runs over 50 per cent. That is a horrendous total, and every step possible to rectify it should be taken immediately.

Admittedly, coping with the problem of bilingual education is a difficult one. It is one the city has been faced with for a number of years, and should have some expertise in by now. There is no sign that the necessity is going to ease in the near future, so there is no reason for delay in making the necessary adjustments. That there is even a question at this late date is not a good reflection on the awareness of the school officials.

Superintendent Thomas McFeely agrees that more bilingual instructors are needed, but avers he has been unsuccessful in hiring them. Yet he balks at extending the advertising for those teachers even though he admits the need.

The Hoboken school system had a rather undistinguished rating in the recent statewide testing. One of the glaring problems was the multi-language nature of the student body. The problem is on the record. It is up to the school board and Superintendent McFeely to solve it.

The dropout rate, if it is anywhere near that claimed by the Citizens for Better Education, must be of concern to every facet of the city. That number of children forsaking education is a clear mark that something is wrong. It must be acted upon immediately.

6/12/74 Not Neighborly H.D.

There appears to be a wrong note creeping into the dilemma involving the Hoboken sewage disposal plant, and how its costs are to be met. It's a problem involving Union City and Weehawken, as well as the Mile-Square City. It should be solved on that level.

A federal order that the sewage treatment must be upgraded poses a terrific problem for Hoboken, and it is entirely correct in thinking that its neighbors should bear some of the added costs. That is only equitable. How it is to be accomplished is another matter.

On the table is a sewage surcharge which Hoboken wishes to impose amounting to \$1,177,000 per year for the other communities. Public Works Director Raphael Vitale says he's adamant that the amount is not negotiable for Weehawken and Union City taxpayers.

Weehawken's Mayor Stanley Iacono appears equally determined that his community is not going to be saddled with an added costs in view of the 20-year contract now in force. Mayor William V. Musto of Union City says he would be willing to talk with the Hoboken officials.

The real bone in the throat of all concerned is the federal order that Hoboken's treatment must be upgraded by 1977, at the cost of millions of dollars. That was not in the cards when the three communities agreed on their contract.

It appears that a meeting among the three communities is certainly in order. Perhaps Mayors Iacono, Musto and Steve Cappiello of Hoboken could then journey to Washington with a single question: "Where is the money going to come from?"



6/6/74 H.D. FINAL GRADUATION—Howard H. Bennett (second from left), headmaster of Stevens Academy, Hoboken, presents diploma to Mark Muiyken, valedictorian of the last eighth grade class of the academy at commencement exercises yesterday. Looking on are, Neal Rickmers (left), salutatorian, and William J. K. Stevens, associate headmaster. (Story Page 4)

Fill library's bookshelves with variety of new books

A total of 438 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 are: Go East, Young Man: The Early Years: An Autobiography, by William O. Douglas; Enormous Changes at the Last Minute, by Grace Paley; Cashelmarra: A Novel, by Susan Howatch; Lincoln Steffens: A biography, by Justin Kaplan; Dragonmede: A Novel, by Rona Randall; Strictly Personal: A Memoir, by John S.D. Eisenhower; Uri: A Journal of the Mystery of Uri Geller, by Andrija Puharick; The Black Moon: An Historical Novel of Cornwall, by Winston Graham; The Goldsmith's Wife: A Novel

by Jean Plaidy; Who Was Roberto? A Biography of Roberto Clemente, by Phil Musick; Come Swing With Me: My Life On And Off The Tour, by Doug Sanders; 10,000 Garden Questions: Answered by 20 Experts, by Marjorie J. Dietz; Editor: Fashion Sewing For Everyone, by Adele P. Margolis; The Jews In Their Land, by Concealed and Edited by David Ben-Gurion.

A Silence In Bilbao: A Contemporary Novel Of The Basques In Spain, by Margaret Shedd; In Spain, by Margaret Shedd; Emergency: A Documentary Novel About An Emergency Room, by W.C. Heinz; 365 Ways To Cook Pasta, by Jacques Harvey; Dimensions of a New Identity: The 1973 Jefferson Lectures in the Humanities, by Erick H. Erikson; A Member of the Family: A Novel, by Mary Carter; How To Make Money In

Wall Street, by Louis Rukeyser; The Art of Ragtime: Form and Meaning of an Original Black American Art, by William J. Schafer and Johannes Riedel.

American Fried: Adventures of a Happy Eater, by Calvin Trillin; To Barbara With Love: Prayers and Reflections by Joan Bel Geddes; A Hill of Many Dreams: A Novel, by Richard Llewellyn; The Cliffs of Night: A Novel of Romantic Suspense, by Beatrice Branden; The Guiltless: A Novel in Eleven Stories, by Hermann Broch; The Memory of Old Jack: A Novel, by Wendell Berry; Seduction And Betrayal, by Elizabeth Hardwick; Executive Privilege: A Constitutional Myth, by Raoul Berger; Count Julian: A Novel, by Juan Goytisolo; The Half-Sisters: A Novel, by Cynthia Propper Seton, and Thomas Jefferson, by Fawn M. Brodie.

Mayor urges filling parking post with tool firm head, 27

The 27-year-old president of a Hoboken tool and manufacturing company has been tapped to become a member of the city's parking authority replacing Daniel Manobianco who recently resigned.

David P. Pascale of 720 Grand St., the president of the Majada Tool and Manufacturing Co. of 732 Grand St., has been recommended to the City Council for appointment to the parking authority by Mayor Steve Cappiello.

Pascale is the son of John Pascale, owner of the Quality Tool and Die Co. of Hoboken, and a long time political and sports figure in Hoboken and Hudson County.

The council is the appointing authority to the parking authority, not the mayor, though he can make recommendations. The council has the right to pick its own replacement for Manobianco without going through the mayor.

Several members of the council are planning to refrain from

taking any action on the mayor's candidate unless they learn more about him. One pointed out that he knew the Pascale name but didn't know anything about the nominee or his qualifications.

Pascale is a 1971 graduate of Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute with a degree in mechanical engineering. He is married to the former Sherrill Pilop who teaches biology in Hoboken High School.

In other business, the council will be accepting bids on a special summer food program for children and for furnishing the police department with 30 FM two-way radios under the Safe and Clean Streets program.

Bids received at a previous meeting for furnishing the police department with 25,000 rounds of .38 caliber ammunition, the towing of abandoned automobiles and the rehabilitation of the 16th Street baseball field are to be rejected and new bids sought. The council meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the council chambers.

Mayor, firemen make issue of larger crews vs. overtime

Will Hoboken again start bringing in off-duty firemen on overtime to fill in for men on vacation in order to keep the department at full strength on all tours of duty? Or will Mayor Steve Cappiello start closing firehouses and reassign the men who manned them to fill the gap at the houses that stay open?

The answer should be announced today following a meeting between the mayor and Fire Chief Patrick J. Carmody on the question of manpower and safety.

Carmody was given the "temporary authority" to bring in men on overtime over the weekend by the mayor Friday and did so, starting with the 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. shift Saturday. Two additional men have been brought in every shift since then, but it may end today.

Following the meeting with the mayor, Carmody has another meeting with Capt. William Bergin, president of the Fire Officers Association, and Michael Bavaro, president of the Fire Fighters Association.

The two associations, along with the Policemen's Benevolent Association, have been taking a "wait and see" approach to current disagreements and the lack

of contracts with the city since a rank and file meeting with the mayor last Thursday night.

A spokesman for the three unions said that their course would be based on what the city does next, even if the city stands pat and doesn't do anything.

"The manpower problem has become critical in the fire department and serious in the police department," he said. "If the mayor and council do nothing, the consequences will amount to a course of action and the fire organizations and PBA will react accordingly."

"We do intend to take the city, the mayor and the council to court if one man in either the police department or the fire department is injured or killed because they didn't have adequate help to perform their jobs," he asserted.

He added that demonstrations might also resume but a decision on that would have to be made with the general membership of the unions when the time came.

Both police and firemen demonstrated for three days last week until the city went to court. Thursday and obtained a temporary restraining order against all picketing except that done in front of city buildings. A hearing in Hudson County Superior Court

will be held Friday to determine if the order should be made permanent.

According to Mayor Cappiello, overtime for the firemen as a means of keeping all of the city's firehouses (six in all) open during the department's summer vacation period will be a "last resort."

"Before I will allow any mass overtime I will close down firehouses and reassign the men who manned them to stations that are kept open," he said. "I don't see any reason why the city can't operate with three houses and beefed-up crews."

"I hope to work out the particulars of a summer schedule with the chief this morning."

cial firemen would receive the same training as regular men, they would not be hired on the same basis and would receive a lower salary.

Prior Understanding He added that the men, perhaps as many as 10, would be hired with the understanding that they might become the first members of the department to become public safety officers.

"I would particularly like to see," he said, "men familiar with this area hired for these jobs. I would like them to be as culturally representative of the people of Hoboken as possible."

Both the hiring of special men and the giving of discretionary powers of overtime to the chief are moves to improve what firemen have called "a potentially hazardous situation threatening the fire department and citizens of Hoboken."

Firemen warned the mayor at Thursday's meeting that a vacation schedule beginning now and lasting through September will leave the department eight men short every day of the week for the next four months.

They complained that without the use of overtime, men would be riding with only two men and a captain on a truck instead of three and a captain, a situation they called "dangerous in the extreme."

Mayor Cappiello said that he is currently trying to work out with Civil Service personnel the conditions under which the special men could be hired.

Latins Urge Hiring Of Bilinguals

A local citizens group last night pressured the Hoboken Board of Education to hire more bilingual teachers as one Hispanic parent, pastor of the First Baptist Church, charged that Hoboken's dropout rate for Spanish speaking students exceeds 54 per cent.

The undisputed case came from Rev. Jose Gonzales in the midst of the public session of the board.

Members of the Citizens For Better Education Assn. repeatedly asked board members to broaden their advertising procedures so they could attract more bilingual teachers as well as teachers who specialize in open classroom techniques.

Board member Donald Singleton said he was "not surprised" that the dropout rate was so high. "The school system," he said, "has failed to provide Spanish speaking students with enough bilingual teachers and programs."

System Trying He said "every student who can't speak English is entitled to a teacher who can speak his language. If I had my way every teacher we hired would be bilingual."

School Supt. Thomas McFeely said the system is attempting to hire bilingual teachers but is having trouble finding them.

When members of the Better Education group asked him to broaden job advertisements, however, McFeely said, "that will be done if it becomes necessary. Right now we do have applications that must be gone through."

Heroism rewarded

Mayor Steve Cappiello, left, and Hoboken Police Chief George Crimmins present civilian citation to Martin Piccinich, right, who assisted police and firemen in evacuating 14 persons from a burning building at 233 Washington St. last month.

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It was Hoboken's Public Works Director Raphael Vitale who made it clear that a traditional summer hazard is with us again. It's the practice of illegally turning on fire hydrants, as neighborhood kids seek to beat the heat.

While it's understandable that the youngsters want some relief from the sweltering sidewalks, what is not sanctioned is the public safety emergency it creates. While hundreds of gallons of water spew from the hydrants, firemen fighting a blaze nearby can find themselves low on water pressure.

That certainly is a problem, and nobody wants to see the lack of water end up in tragedy. So it would seem imperative that the involved officials in every community work up a list of all the possible legal showers they can provide, and then crack down hard on the violators.

Life in the inner city is difficult for kids, particularly in the summer months when there is little relief. Adults turning on the hydrants illegally, though, is certainly not the way to break the monotony.

Hoboken police group elects Spanish-speaking president

With the election of Mario Mercado, the Hoboken Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA) Local 2 today has its first Spanish-speaking president.

Mercado was elected last night. He ran without opposition. The only contest was for

sergeant-at-arms. Robert Edgar defeated William Gohde.

Other new officers are William Lemp, vice president; Cecil Vincent, recording secretary and Donald Olsen, financial secretary. Vincent Lombardi was reelected treasurer.

James Peck resigned as state delegate. August Sutura will replace him.

The membership presented Sutura with a gold card, the highest honor it can bestow, for his 20 years of service to the local.

Bicentennial panel to meet

The recently formed Hoboken American Revolution Bicentennial Committee will hold its first regular meeting Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Public Library, 500 Park Ave., it was announced today by Vincent J. Wassman, chairman. Also serving on the committee are Dr. Silvio Lacetti, vice chairman; Thomas F. McFeely, superintendent of schools; Ms. Mary Stack-Gasper, secretary; Mrs. Terry A. Sasso, treasurer; Lucille Cunningham, coordinator; Mrs. Angela Servello, corresponding secretary; John J. Heaney, historian; and Mrs. Julia Reilly, publicity. Mayor Steve Cappiello is honorary chairman.

Seminars urged in Hudson

The Citizenship Institute, a newly announced project of the Hudson County Bicentennial Committee, is seeking cooperation of civic groups in developing a nine-month program of seminars on public issues beginning in September.

Proposed as a step toward greater public involvement in local government, the weekly "Democracy in Action" seminars would focus on the issue of equality in five areas and would feature panels of teachers and professionals, according to Dr. Silvio Lacetti, co-chairman

of the bicentennial committee.

Announcing the program last night before a meeting of the Women's Grand Jury Association of Hudson County, Lacetti said the seminars are intended to stimulate public discussion on equality in education, employment, political participation and social justice as well as the history of the ideal of equality in the United States.

Lacetti said that the Citizenship Institute, which is modeled on a similar program sponsored last fall by Stevens Institute, is applying for federal and private foundation grants to fund the seminars, which he hopes will occasionally feature well-known speakers.

The proposed seminars, including introductory presentations and audience discussion, would be held in public and private buildings in each municipality and will be designed for small audiences of some 50 persons in order to encourage "interaction," according to Richard Roscitt, director of the institute.



His Irish Eyes Were Smiling

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A 35-year-old Jerry Molloy accepts the greetings of Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and Mrs. Florence Molloy stands beside her husband. The guy at left is Freddie Mwell of the Dispatch sports staff. Freddie was the mastermind behind the Jerry Molloy Testimonial which turned out to be the biggest gala in Hoboken since Barney McFeeley stopped countballots.

High court gives Cappiello green light on fire strength

There were no temporary legal roadblocks in the way today to prevent Mayor Steve Cappiello from determining the manpower needs of the Hoboken fire department.

The State Supreme Court has denied a request by the International Firefighters Association for a hearing on whether an injunction should be issued, restraining Cappiello from determining fireman manpower strength.

Before the court decision was

announced, however, Cappiello and the firemen already had reached a temporary agreement on the number of men who will be working at any one time during the summer vacation period.

Although the injunction issue is disposed of, the Superior Court's appellate division must still rule on the heart of the dispute whether the number of men on an engine is a matter for contract negotiations.

The firemen maintain that it is but the city's labor attorney, Francis X. Hayes, contends that the number of men on an engine

is an administrative prerogative. The firemen had obtained a temporary injunction against Cappiello but this was later lifted by the appellate court that will hear the issue.

The firemen's union also talked to Justice Mark Sullivan at his home in Jersey City but he declined to issue an injunction until the full Supreme Court decided whether or not to hear the matter. The court turned down the firemen last Thursday. The agreement worked out by Cappiello and the firemen will keep 22 men on every shift but

the Grand Street firehouse will be closed, probably for the rest of the summer. The firehouse is located on the west side of Grand between 4th and 5th Streets. Men from that house will be transferred to the house at 8th and Clinton Streets.

Cappiello took exception to a report that he has given Fire Chief Patrick J. Carmody discretionary powers to bring in on overtime as many firemen and officers as needed to maintain 22 firefighters and 5 captains on duty at all times.

"The chief has been given the authority to bring no more than two men in on overtime for each shift and those two men will be replacing men who are on vacation," the mayor said. "And overtime will be assigned only if the replacements are needed."

"I still will not replace men who call in sick," he added, "and I haven't given the chief authority to replace men who call in sick."

According to the report published in another newspaper, Cappiello had given Carmody the authority to hire as many men on overtime as he needed. The mayor asserted the limit is two per shift.

Michael Bavaro, president of the firefighters' union said he could "live" with the mayor's decision for the time being but the manpower problem was "far from being resolved."

Cappiello said he is ready to go ahead with his plan to start hiring public safety officers, men who will be a combination patrolman and fireman and perform the duties of both.

Hoboken will lose 150 summer jobs

The number of jobs to be made available in Hudson County under the U.S. Department of Labor's Neighborhood Youth Corps (NYC) summer program, starting July 1, is expected to drop sharply.

Edward Farrelly, director of the countywide program excluding Jersey City, said a higher rate of pay — \$2.00 an hour — was responsible for the drop in jobs.

The overall county program is funded for approximately \$650,000, the county Manpower Agency director said. He noted that the inclusion of West Hudson communities also influenced the reduction of job slots in communities which had the program last year.

The six North Hudson communities will be funded to provide

350 job slots, 150 less than last year. Hoboken, with 325 job slots allotted for the program, will have 150 less than last year.

In Bayonne, where NYC officials expected to be cut from 350 job slots to 300, the number of jobs available has been set at 250.

Seventy-five job slots were approved for the West Hudson communities of Kearny, Harrison and East Newark, which were not included in last year's program.

Farrelly said financial commitments to the participating communities had not yet been worked out. The county official, whose office operates under the Hudson Board of Freeholders, said hours of work will be standardized at 25 a week.

Forum Urged On Politics

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The chairman of Hudson County's bicentennial congress last night urged cooperation for the establishment of a citizen institute to improve local politics during the coming years.

Dr. Silvio Laccetti, speaking before the Hudson County Women's Grand Jury Assn., said that he hoped that the citizen institute would encourage progress within the county throughout the country's bicentennial year.

The citizen institute, anticipated to consist of a 16 to 18 week seminar series focusing on human equality. He said that he hopes the seminar will begin in September.

Dr. Laccetti, an associate professor of humanities at Stevens Tech in Hoboken, emphasized the need for citizens to work for the good of their community in an attempt to combat evil within local government.

Also in attendance at the meeting at the Hotel Plaza in Jersey City, were Dr. Laccetti's aides, Richard Rosciti, senior engineer with American Telephone and Telegraph and Alfred Spiro, attorney with the U.S. Treasury Department; and Mrs. Edward Spiegelthal, program chairman for the bicentennial.



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HEAR BICENTENNIAL PLANS—Dr. Silvio Laccetti (right), chairman of Hudson County Bicentennial Celebration Committee, chats with members of the Woman's Grand Jury Assn. of Hudson County Bicentennial Committee prior to meeting last night at Hotel Plaza, Jersey City. From left are, Mrs. Edward Spiegelthal, chairman; Mrs. Estelle Berry, president, and Richard Rosciti, director of the Citizen's Institute. (Story, Page 13)

Unify Is an Essential

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After three elections in which Hispanic candidates were running, in North Hudson and Hoboken, the Spanish-speaking people of the area have not yet shown a solidarity of purpose behind their nominees. The voting has not given evidence of strength.

The latest demonstration of the apparent apolitical stance of the bulk of the Hispanic residents in the section came with the Union City Commission election last month. In that contest a Hispanic ticket was entered and it made a number of good points.

However, when the votes were counted, the ticket was beaten very easily, running far behind both the YOU slate and the Project '70-Unity nominees. Many Hispanic votes apparently were siphoned off by either of the two major slates.

Romilio C. Cepero, a leader of the Spanish-speaking slate, says he will continue to seek proper political representation for his community and he is taking a legitimate stance. A lot more work is necessary though to make an effective dent.

Before the Union City test, the Hispanic community had a chance to elect an attractive Cuban candidate running for Assembly on the Republican ticket and a ticket in the Hoboken municipal balloting. Both times the nominees went on to defeat.

It is essential, if the Spanish-speaking people want to run their own tickets, to get more strength together, be more determined and unified. Only through coordination and a sense of oneness can anything be done. This should be evident by now.

Hoboken aide in the middle

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The Hoboken City Council and Law Department are having a minor difference of opinion over whether or not the council had the right to appoint a council aide without first creating the post by ordinance and funding it in the 1974 budget.

According to City Council President Martin J. Brennan, the council did check with Civil Service before taking any action and was told what procedure to follow by the state Civil Service Commission.

Brennan added that the position is now a temporary one but is subject to a test which Civil Service will call. Those who take and pass the examination will be eligible for permanent appointment. In the meantime, the council can amend the city's ordinance to include the job.

However, according to Dudley A. Schlosser, the city's law director, all jobs must be created by ordinance before anyone can be appointed to them, either as a temporary employee or a permanent one.

"There are no funds appropriated for the post and it was never created by ordinance," Schlosser said, "as far as I'm concerned the council can't fill it."

The post is held by Edwin Chius. He was put on the city's temporary payroll approximately eight weeks ago at an annual salary of \$7,500.

"I think the world of Eddy Chius but the mayor and council have to go back and adopt an ordinance and make the proper budget allocations to cover his salary," Schlosser continued. He added that he could have the

necessary paper work ready for the July 3 meeting.

Schlosser said that the next move in the matter was up to the council. But he planned to meet with Revenue and Finance Director Frank J. Bartlett today to discuss the matter.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said that he wants to transfer Chius to the Model Cities program where his full talents and ability could be used.

"Here's a young man who holds a bachelor of science degree from Stevens Institute and we're paying him \$7,500 a year," said Cappiello. "That's an insult. He's worth much more than that. But the city was lucky that he was concerned and interested in helping Hoboken and money was of secondary consideration."

Teachers Vote Okay On Hoboken Contract

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By ELIZABETH PARKS
Hoboken teachers yesterday voted "overwhelmingly" to approve a 1974-75 contract with the board of education ending seven months of tense negotiations.

Some 200 teachers assembled yesterday afternoon in the Hoboken High School gym and voted within half an hour to approve the new contract presented to them by Hoboken Teachers Assn. president Gulph Stewart.

The teachers called the contract, which gives them the "indefinite" sick leave provision which they had demanded, "a fair one."

Under the old contract, teachers who used up their accumulated sick leave and began taking, at the discretion of the board, indefinite sick leave were docked \$12.50 a day, half of the \$25 a day pay for the substitute who replaced them.

The new contract gives the teachers the right to take ip-

definite sick leaves but they will be docked for a substitute's full day's pay which ranges from \$25 to \$30.

The inclusion of the indefinite sick leave provision in the contract was the one item the teachers and the board of education couldn't agree on. Last month some teachers expressed the fear that there might have to be a strike before the contract could be settled.

The other major provision in the contract is an average \$900 a year raise plus increments. The new contract goes into effect July 1 and extends to June 30 of next year.

One teacher, who breathed a sigh of relief when the contract was ratified, said that this is the longest time the teachers have ever gone without approving a contract.

"Usually we have them settled in May," he said. "For a while it looked like we were really going to have trouble this time."

The contract now goes to the board of education for final approval, but board president Otto Hottendorf said there "should be no trouble with the board approving it" and added that the vote would probably be taken July 9 at the next board meeting.

Historical data sought

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The Hoboken American Revolution Bicentennial Committee is seeking local documents, booklets or any printed matter on the history of Hoboken. The information will be used in the committee's plans to observe the 200th anniversary of the United States and will either be reprinted or on display, or both. Persons with such information and material should contact Lucille Cunningham, coordinator, at the public library, Vincent J. Wassman is committee chairman.

Plans Stevens Academy Deal

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By ELIZABETH PARKS

Stevens Academy, a private school in Hoboken for 114 years, which closed recently, may become the new home of the North Hudson Jointure Commission's special education classes.

Yesterday, members of the Jointure Commission, an agency providing special education to multihandicapped North Hudson youngsters, polled members of the North Hudson Council of Mayors at their monthly meeting as to their "receptivity" to the plan.

John Powers, a member of the Jointure's Board of Trustees and president of the Union City Board of Education, who helped present the plan said he was "very optimistic" about the mayors' reactions.

"We need their help to raise money to buy the school," he said. "From their reaction yesterday, I think we'll get it." Powers said the mayors agreed that "everything possible should be done to help North Hudson students with

special education problems."

By law, he explained, the Commission is not allowed to raise money for capital improvements through a bond issue. Mayors whose com-

munities participate in the Commission would have to take the financial initiative.

Last week, Powers said, the president of the Commission Norris Coyle toured the upper

Amoruso takes mayor's spot second time

For the second time in less than a month, Hoboken's City Clerk has been named acting mayor while Mayor Steve Cappiello is out of the city.

Anthony J. Amoruso, the clerk, was sworn in as acting mayor by N.J. Superior Court Judge Robert F. McAlevy, a close friend. He will fill in for Cappiello until June 27.

At that time Cappiello is due back from the national conference of Mayors convention now under way in San Diego, Calif.

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and lower schools of Stevens Academy with Dr. H. Karl Springob, president of the Academy's Board of Trustees.

Powers confirmed that Springob offered to sell the school to the Commission for \$175,000.

"For what we'd be getting," Powers said, "the price is incredibly low. I think it was offered to us because the trustees and the people affiliated with Stevens care about children and education and they approve of what we want to do with the school."

Powers said the commission is presently using about eight available classrooms at the Anna Klein School in Gut-

tenberg.

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Cappiello to attend mayors' conference

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello leaves today for San Diego, Calif., and the national convention of the Conference of Mayors which opens today.

The mayor plans to return to the city late Thursday night.

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Press PUC on Hoboken Buses

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Hoboken Councilman Francis X. Leahy, not satisfied with a recent clean bill of health given by the state Public Utilities Commission to Washington st. bus operators, has written the agency to complain that the people of Hoboken "are very disgruntled with the PUC's handling of the matter."

Leahy, a councilman-at-large, wrote two letters to the commission in May urging it to investigate complaints of inadequate bus service by the Washington st. independents and to define what the PUC means by "safe, adequate and proper service."

Leahy said his letters requested an investigation dur-

ing the "non-rush hours of the Washington st. bus operators." The commission in a letter to Leahy last week said it had investigated the bus service during "rush hours" and found that "adequate and proper service was being maintained."

In yesterday's followup letter to the PUC, Leahy charged that its investigation has missed the main thrust of bus riders' complaints.

He called non-rush hour service to the people of Hoboken "haphazard" and said that most riders of the independent lines were "disgruntled" with the PUC handling of their complaints.

He advised the PUC to "check your files" to verify that "numerous complaints have been filed by the city's transportation officer, Sgt. Gabriel Ferraruto concerning bus service during non-rush hours."

The owner of the Maria Transportation Co., Joseph Sacco, admitted that there had been at least a two-hour gap in service Memorial Day afternoon but attributed it to "legitimate problems that could not be remedied at the time."

Sacco said he had notified the PUC of the break in service and the reasons for it the day after it happened.

Schlosser asked for the public hearings three weeks ago after the city's transportation officer supplied him with two affidavits from a couple who said they waited four hours for a bus on Memorial Day and eventually had to walk home.

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Hottendorf insists on paid rent staffer

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Joseph Hottendorf, chairman of the Hoboken Rent Control Board, said today that he will again press Hoboken City Council for funds with which to hire an administrator for the board's City Hall office.

"This seems to be the only way the board is going to be able to do its job in a business-like fashion," he said. "Someone has to be in the office to provide direction for the volunteer staff and handle business when the volunteers aren't there."

Hottendorf said that he wasn't being critical of the volunteers who have staffed the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"How can you be critical of people who are doing a job for nothing?" he asked. "If we were paying them it might be a different story. But they're giving the city their free time and they're doing a fairly good job of it."

The volunteers work two days a week from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This

past Tuesday there wasn't anyone in the office. However, a volunteer was on duty yesterday.

The volunteer program, the brain-child of Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri when the council cut some \$15,000 from the Rent Board's proposed 1974 budget, hasn't lived up to expectations.

Of the eight or nine volunteers who were briefed on the board's operation almost two months ago, only two women keep

showing up for Tuesday and Thursday — the same two.

According to Hottendorf, he would like a paid administrator and a paid full-time secretary, but he could manage with volunteer secretaries.

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"The important thing is an office manager or administrator to see that the board's everyday business isn't neglected and that there is someone with authority to act on the scene when needed," he said.

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8 evenings of music due

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Hoboken may have been forced to cancel its annual summer band concerts in Church Square Park but it will not entirely lack summer entertainment.

In cooperation with the Hoboken Model Cities Program, the city's Recreation Department and COCAMANIE (Council On Culture And Media and Miscellaneous Interesting Events), eight musical presentations have been lined up for eight consecutive Tuesday nights starting July 9.

The "Hoboken Summer Festival" will lead off with "The Evolution of Jazz," presented by the Jazz Impact.

On July 16, "Borinquen" will present "Music ala Latin-Soul" at the Andrew Jackson Gardens, Fourth and Jackson streets.

"The Collectives" will present the first half of a program called "Music Today" on July 23 at the William Feskin Memorial Field, Fourth and River streets. The following Tuesday, the second half of the program will be presented featuring several rock and soul groups and performers including Jealousy, David Lyons, James Solinsky.

For those who go for show tunes, a group of talented performers from New York will present a "Broadway Modern Musical Variety Show" at the field on Aug. 6. The following week the entertainment returns to Jackson Gardens with "Music a la Latin-Jazz" presented by The Combo, a group fusing latin and jazz.

On Aug. 20 a folk musical extravaganza will be staged at the field by the Folk Music Society of Jersey City. The next week a rock and roll concert will be held under the stars at the field with dancing to the music of some of the top groups in the area.

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3 Teachers Share Grant

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The annual \$1,000 "mini grant" awarded to the Hoboken school system by the Maxwell House Division of General Foods will be shared this year by three teachers who submitted winning proposals for stimulating classroom programs, Hoboken School Superintendent Thomas F. McFeely said yesterday.

McFeely said this year's winners will be Kathryn Garbarine of the Connors School faculty; Thomas Fitzgibbons, a teacher at the high school; and Bernard Zeigler of Joseph F. Brandt School. They were chosen by a committee of educators within the school system.

Miss Garbarine's project was "a listening center approach to teaching reading and related language arts to Spanish and non-standard English speaking students."

Fitzgibbons outlined an "employment orientation program for high school special education students," while Zeigler's project was "success through sign-making for special education students." The projects will be put into practice in September.

In announcing the names of the recipients, McFeely told George Burgers, plant manager of Maxwell House, that "the salutary effect of the Maxwell House grant upon teaching practice and techniques is evident in greater student involvement and achievement as a result of the innovative approaches to classroom instruction."

The committee which selected this year's winning projects consisted of Otto Hottendorf, president of the board of education; George Maier, manager of special services; Florence O'Brien, vice principal of Demarest Junior High School; Mrs. Catherine Hintelmann, supervisor of primary grades; Guelph Stuart, president of the Hoboken Teachers Assn.; and Max Gehler, teacher at Wallace School.

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Narcotics, tavern squads gain greater force in September

Plans to beef up Hoboken's narcotics and tavern squads have been tabled until September when the prime police department vacation period ends, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today.

The mayor, after conferring with Chief George W. Crimmins, said that approximately 25 percent of the available manpower in the police department will be on vacation between next week and the first week in September making reassignments of personnel to the two squads "impossible at this time."

"If emergency situations should arise in the meantime, appropriate action will be taken to increase the manpower of the

squads on a temporary basis," he continued. "But any men assigned to them will be returned to his previous duties as soon as the emergency has been taken care of."

The mayor wanted to increase the size of the squads to combat

reports of increased street corner drinking and the open use of drugs (mostly pills).

"We have had numerous complaints in these areas," he explained. "But for the time being, we'll just have to get by with the existing manpower."

Owner Defends 2-Hour Bus Stop

A manpower shortage coupled with car trouble led to a two hour gap in service on the Washington st. busline Memorial Day, one of the bus company owners claimed yesterday.

Joseph Sacco, owner of the Maria Transportation Co., one of approximately nine companies that run the line, said that the shut down was caused by legitimate problems and complained that "the city didn't even have the courtesy to call and check out what the problems might be before mailing complaints on the shut down to the state's Public Utilities Commission."

Sacco, emphasizing that he spoke for himself and not the other owners of buses on the Washington st. line, accused the city of "being prejudiced against the independents" and using the problems of the Washington st. bus lines as "a political football."

He said riders on his buses have told him that complaints about other buses such as

Transport of New Jersey's 21 line, which runs in Hoboken and other North Hudson communities, are ignored by the city.

Sacco, who could lose one of his 11 franchises if the state PUC finds him guilty of irresponsibility in the absence of Memorial Day of service, said that he had scheduled buses to run every half hour on Memorial Day but one of his drivers who commutes from Delaware on weekends, had an automotive breakdown on his way in.

"Normally," Sacco said, "I would have been here to cover him, but my daughter got married the night before and I stayed up late."

"When I got in around 3 p.m., I saw the bus hadn't been taken out and I rushed it out myself."

Sacco said the bus missed making four half hour runs from between 1:15 to 2:45 p.m. "I got my bus out at 3:15," he said, "and we covered the rest of the run."

Tour City On Safety Plan Need

The director of the state's Safe Neighborhoods and Clean Streets program yesterday gave Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello "the go-ahead to write up a proposal for consolidating the city's Public Safety Communications system."

Following an early morning tour of the city which included several fire houses, Barry Skowski, a member of the state's department of Community Affairs, told the mayor that it might be possible to make some of the funds in the safety part of the program available to Hoboken for consolidating the police and fire departments' communications systems.

The program brings \$27,789 a year in matching funds into Hoboken. The money is currently providing the city with 35 special foot patrolmen and various rehabilitative projects.

Main Problem
The mayor arranged the tour after several warnings from officials of the city's department of public safety, traffic and signal division that the city's fire alarm system is "nearing collapse."

The main problem with the system reportedly is that the electrical wiring which carries the alarms into fire headquarters is rotted and replacement parts are almost impossible to come by.

Although Cappiello said that Skowski yesterday gave no definite assurance that the money would be available.

The official, the mayor said, "was impressed with our problems and the condition of the present wiring and did indicate that a proposal might be successfully received."

The mayor said the city was still in the process of estimating exactly how much money is needed to consolidate the two systems.

Mayor Gives Chief Rule Of Overtime

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello yesterday announced that he has given Fire Chief Patrick Carmody the authority to continue "indefinitely to use his own discretion in deciding how much overtime to spend in bringing in men to replace those sick or on vacation."

The mayor, who said he has asked the chief to be as careful with the city's money as if it were his own, said he is taking the action so the efficiency of the city's fire department is not impaired.

In what he called a compromise solution, an effort to balance the city's current economic limitations against what the fire department calls "a critical manpower shortage," the mayor said he has told Carmody to adopt a temporary plan in which 22 firefighters and five captains are on call every day.

The firemen, who last week in conjunction with the Patrolmen's Benevolent Assn., picketed the city for three days in search of relief for their manpower shortages, called the mayor's plan "a solution we can live with. A workable alternative."

"It's a Big Plus"
The firemen had asked the mayor for 23 men plus six captains a day.

Michael Bavaro, president of the International Assn. of Firefighters, said the mayor's decision to set a limit on 22 men and five captains "at least lets the department know where it stands. It's a big plus over what we had before because before if three out of our 23 men reported out sick or on vacation, we had no one to replace them, while now at least we have two more men available."

Bavaro said, though, that the mayor's decision still doesn't dampen the fire department's desire to have the 14 men it is presently short of replaced.

"This is only a temporary solution," he said. "None of us still has any idea of what's going to happen in the future." Bavaro said Fire Officers Assn. president William Bergin, PBA President William Lemp and himself would meet with the mayor tomorrow to seek resumption of negotiations which broke down three weeks ago over the manpower issue.

Church Towers owes city \$36,465

Hoboken is expecting an additional in-lieu-of-taxes payment totaling \$36,465 from the Church Towers middle income housing project as a result of the recently completed audit of the project, it was learned today.

The audit, made by Vincent J. Indelicato, a registered municipal accountant who has been auditing the city's books for the last few years, covers the

financial condition of the project for 1971, 1972 and 1973.

In his report to the city council, Indelicato said that the city is entitled to an additional \$36,465 for the three years. The project pays the city 15 percent of the money it takes in annually in rents, less operating expenses.

Dudley Schlosser, city attorney, said today that he has written to the YAN Management Corp., the company that operates the buildings for their owners — Mercer County Council 4 of the New Jersey Civil Service Association — advising them of the audits results.

Roger Levy, vice president of YAN, said that the figures jibe with those of the company's accountant "within a few hundred dollars."

Why wasn't the money paid before the audit? According to Levy, the audit is supposed to be performed each year by an accountant for the city. But the city hasn't been having it done. As a result, the adjustment between what was paid in lieu of taxes and what should have been paid is being done every three years instead of once a year.

Levy said the money will come from the Federal National Mortgage Co., which holds the mortgage on the three 10-story apartment buildings. It is available in an escrow account and no problems are expected in making the payment.

City given \$10,000 for summer trips

The State Department of Environmental Protection has awarded Hoboken \$10,000 with which to provide summer bus trips for local groups and organizations, it was announced today. The amount is \$3,000 more than the city received last year.

A spokesman for the Hoboken Model Cities agency, which applied for the money and will be managing it, said that any organized group, club or association in Hoboken involved with children is eligible for a bus or buses for one-day trips within the metropolitan area.

The program starts July 1 and will run through Sept. 8, the spokesman said.

Included in the use of the buses will be all tolls and parking fees and box lunches for those groups that are selected for trips or outings.

"A trip could be a ride to one of the local big league baseball parks for a ball game, a trip to the museum or anything that will get kids between the ages of 5 and 21 out of the city for a day," he continued.

"Groups applying for bus transportation will be selected on merit and on a first come, first served basis by Model Cities. But every effort will be made to honor those groups that were provided with buses last year so that they will get at least the same assistance this summer."

The spokesman said that any groups wishing a bus or buses for an outing should contact Mrs. Phyllis Herzlich, office manager of the Model Cities City-wide Planning Council, at 792-6700, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and give her all the information concerning the proposed trip.

Health board secretary is appointed

Andrew Gugliemelli, Hoboken's deputy registrar of vital statistics, has been named secretary to the Hoboken Board of Health replacing the late Theodore Nashman, it was announced today by Mayor Steve Cappiello.

The appointment was made by Raphael P. Vitale, health and public works director, on the recommendation of Third Ward Councilman Salvatore Cemelli.

Gugliemelli will be getting \$7,700 a year in the post, \$500 more than he was making as deputy registrar. Nashman, who died last week, was getting \$9,000 a year.

According to Mayor Cappiello, the city had planned to keep Nashman's position open out of respect for the late board secretary. However, with the death this week of Dr. Milton Sion, the city's chief health officer, someone had to be appointed to one of the two posts to handle the administrative work.

"It was less difficult to find a replacement for the secretary than a new health officer," Cappiello added.

City to seek rather than wait for bids

Hoboken may be taking a new approach towards getting firms to submit bids to the city for supplying it with various materials and services.

Law Director Dudley A. Schlosser said today that he has recommended to the city's business administrator, Herman Bier, that he seek out the various suppliers and actually encourage them to submit bids to the city rather than waiting for the suppliers to come to the city in response to its legal advertisements.

"The legal advertisements are still required by state law," Schlosser said, "but I see no reason why the city can't contact those suppliers who provide the service or materials Hoboken is looking for and tell them that on such and such a date the city will be accepting bids on certain materials and it would like to see them submit an offer."

Schlosser said that the city is having a problem in that it is receiving too many single bids on items it needs. This does not afford the city much opportunity to compare prices or encourage competition among firms for the city's business.

As a rule, the city has been rejecting most single bids on items and has been re-advertising for what it needs. If the second advertisement also brings in only one bid the city has usually rejected that one too and then sought suppliers without bidding.

Two such bids are scheduled to be rejected at Wednesday's city council meeting. One is a bid of \$13,125 for supplying the city police with 25,000 rounds of .38 caliber ammunition, and the other is a bid on doing the city's towing of abandoned cars at a cost of \$20,000.

Levy's sporting goods stores of Jersey City was the only firm to bid on the bullets and Hoboken Auto Body was the only bidder in the towing. A resolution authorizing the city to advertise a second time for both is expected to be approved by the council.

Bier was not immediately available for comment on the suggestion.

City won't hold off accepting parking board resignations

The Hoboken city council has changed its mind about holding off on accepting the resignations of three members of the city's parking authority, a council source said today.

And as a result, it probably will accept the resignations at today's meeting — and name two replacements for Nicholas J. Caruso, Anthony C. Corea and Daniel Manobianco.

According to the source, the council plans to appoint Edward McMullin of the Garden State National Bank and Fred Bado

Jr., attorney for the Hoboken Model Cities program, to the authority. The third vacancy will be left unfilled for the time being.

Caruso and Manobianco said the duties of the authority were taking up too much of their time and this was the reason they resigned. However, Corea cited repeated harassment and lack of cooperation between the council and the authority as his reason for leaving and it is believed that Caruso and Manobianco shared his thinking.

The center of controversy between the council and the parking authority has been its \$8.5 million bond issue for the construction of parking garages in the John J. Grogan Marine View Plaza project, the fact that the council has had to make good on the bond issue's interest payments, and the council's claim that it seldom knew what the parking authority was doing until it needed council approval for some aspect of the project.

In another development, Mayor Steve Cappiello has almost convinced the council to approve the change in the overall project plan which will allow a motel to replace a portion of the originally planned commercial building.

The mayor strongly urged the council at Monday night's caucus to back the planning board, which approved the change last week. The council agreed to do so but then backed off when it was unable to find a copy of the contract between the parking authority and the Blitman Construction Co. for the construction of the garages.

Penn station study leaves Hoboken out

One of the questions in the proposed rail transit plan for the New York metropolitan area was whether or not Penn Station in New York could handle the extra trains that the plan would bring.

Preliminary study, the Port of New York and New Jersey Authority says, indicates that new methods of signaling and additional platforms could double the capacity of Penn Station.

Under the 1972 mass transit plan proposed by former Gov. William Cahill and then Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York, direct train connections would bring Erie-Lackawanna riders directly to New York through the existing mainline Penn Central Trans-Hudson tunnel — bypassing Hoboken entirely.

The entire rail plan is still in preliminary study stages complicated by the Penn Central's bankruptcy, the Erie-Lackawanna's financial problems, and the role of the quasi-public Amtrak rail agency will play.

The plan also envisions extension of PATH service west to Plainfield, and connections with Newark Airport. On the New York side, a rail link would be made between Penn Station and Kennedy Airport.

The rail hookup at Kearny connecting the Erie-Lackawanna to the Pennsylvania main line would eliminate Hoboken as a changeover point for commuters who now transfer there between the Erie-Lackawanna and PATH.

City grant could save YMCA camp

Save Camp Tamaqua? Consider it done — if the Hoboken City Council goes along with the Model Cities transitional proposal which calls for some \$15,000 to \$20,000 to be allocated to keep the YMCA's summer camp in Bear Mountain, N.Y., operating.

Between a Hoboken Board of Education grant under the Title I program, the Save Camp Tamaqua Committee's fund-raising events and the Model Cities money, the \$35,000 needed to keep the camp running all summer will have been reached.

According to a Model Cities spokesman, it already had agreed to help the Y financially by picking up whatever financial commitment was left over after the fund-raising events had been concluded. A final accounting is still not available but it is in the area of \$15,000.

This, coupled with more than \$25,000 from the Board of Education, brings the total to around \$40,000 with Model Cities to pick up the rest of the cost.

The spokesman said the agreement wasn't announced publicly because Model Cities didn't want to interfere with local fund-raising events planned by the Save Camp Tamaqua Committee, headed by First Ward Councilman Anthony H. Romano.

The committee raised \$13,000 and another \$2,000 was raised through the Commuter Drive conducted two weeks ago for a total of more than \$15,000.

The transitional proposal covers the final six months of the Model Cities operation while it is phased out and the new city Department of Community Development is phased in. Model Cities will be getting \$440,000 to cover this period plus whatever funds it has left over from existing programs. It is being prepared now and will have to be approved by the mayor and council.

Romano said he felt the city council will go along with the proposal, at least the portion of it that pertains to Camp Tamaqua.

Welfare unit quickens hunt for offices

With the Hoboken Board of Education ready to seek bids next month for the demolition of the old School 4 at 524 Park Ave., the city's welfare department, which operates out of the building, still has not found new quarters.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale, who also heads the welfare department, said that the board of education has informally notified Mayor Steve Cappiello that every effort should be made to have the welfare offices out of the building by July 1.

In spite of the deadline, Vitale says he still hasn't found a site suitable for the welfare operation, or even one that could serve as a temporary location.

Vitale said that he has discussed the matter with the mayor and they are considering renting space.

"There are several programs that will be moving out of their current facilities into more modest settings," he said. "As part of that move we may have to incorporate the welfare department. But no decision has been made yet."

The school board meets Tuesday night and is expected to announce at that meeting that the state Department of Education has approved the final plans for the construction of a \$1.4 million mini-school on the site now occupied by School 4.

The board will also approve the specifications for the construction of the new school and set a date in the early part of next month for receiving bids on the project.

A board spokesman said that if there aren't any last minute snags, the bids will probably be received by the board on July 2nd or 9th, and a contractor selected within a week or two.

City asks renewal of relocation funds

Hoboken is filing an application with the state Department of Community Affairs for \$129,828 for the refunding of its relocation program through June 30, 1975, Mayor Steve Cappiello announced today.

The funds will be used to help local families or businesses that are displaced by fire, emergencies or the enforcement of municipal codes to relocate. They will be used to pay for all reasonable moving expenses, or pay a fixed moving fee based on the number of rooms of furniture, plus a displacement payment, the mayor said.

Under the program, replacement housing is also available to eligible families, individuals and homeowners who are displaced.

The mayor said a homeowner could get up to \$15,000 and tenants as much as \$4,000 in rental assistance payments.

These payments would be made in cases where the new home or apartment costs more than the building or apartment it replaces.

The mayor added that businesses displaced by fires, emergencies or municipal code enforcement will be eligible only for reasonable moving expenses.

Mayor to honor citizen who helped to save lives

A Hoboken resident who helped police and firemen evacuate 14 persons from a burning building on May 29 will be honored tomorrow by Mayor Steve Cappiello.

Martin Piccinich of 120 Garden St. will be presented with a city citation in recognition of his bravery and disregard for his own personal safety in helping

tenants of a building at 233 Washington St. escape when the building caught fire.

Piccinich was one of the first persons at the scene of the fire and organized a human chain to help lead the buildings occupants to safety.

The citation will be presented in the office of Police Chief George W. Crimmins.

Historical data sought

The Hoboken American Revolution Bicentennial Committee is seeking local documents, booklets or any printed matter on the history of Hoboken. The information will be used in the committee's plans to observe the 200th anniversary of the United States and will either be reprinted or put on display, or both. Persons with such information and material should contact Lucille Cunningham, coordinator, at the public library. Vincent J. Wassman is committee chairman.

Ramada Inns OK Plaza site

The franchise for the Grogan Marine View Plaza Motel in Hoboken has been approved by Ramada Inns, it was announced today by Bernard F. Kenny of Compartment and Kenny, architects of the project.

The franchise, Kenny said, was approved by the hotel chain yesterday at its headquarters in

Phoenix, Ariz. The motel will have 198 rooms, a restaurant, banquet and meeting facilities and a health club including four enclosed tennis courts.

Sponsor in the development of the office building and motel complex is the Bekay Engineering and Development Co., Hoboken.

Cappiello, firemen agree on summer manning

Mayor Steve Cappiello and Hoboken's firemen have reached temporary accord on the number of men that will be working at any one time during the summer vacation period, the mayor said today.

Following a meeting with Fire Chief Patrick J. Carmody, it was announced that the number of firemen would be kept at 22 on

every shift — the fire fighters union wanted 23 — but the Grand Street fire house will be closed, probably for the rest of the summer.

The fire house is on the west side of Grand Street, midway between Fourth and Fifth Streets. The men who would normally man the house are being transferred to the fire

house at Eighth and Clinton Streets.

Michael Bavaro, president of the Fire Fighters Union, said that he could "live" with the mayor's decision for the time being but it still wasn't a permanent arrangement and the department's manpower problem was still "far from being resolved."

However, Capt. William

While the firemen question has been resolved for the time being, the number of fire officers working on any given shift may still be open to debate. The mayor and chief have settled on five — one for each working fire house and one less than the Fire Officers Association had been asking for.

Bergin, president of the association, was not immediately available for comment on the decision.

According to Bavaro, the firemen will not resume any picketing or demonstration until the City Council has had a reasonable opportunity to study a proposal the union has made for a gradual cutback in manpower over a two-year period.

The plan reduces the department's strength in firemen from 132 to 123. But it would actually require the city to hire several additional men since the number of men actually on hand is now at 118.

Mayor Cappiello says he does not favor the proposal and plans to go ahead with his proposal to start hiring public safety officers instead of firemen or policemen. The public safety officer will be a combination policeman-fireman and perform duties now done by both.

The mayor said that he is waiting to hear from Civil Service on whether or not he can start recruiting men from the existing list of some 250 men who took the recent examination for fireman. However, he was not too optimistic that even if he was given permission any of the men would be interested.

"I am going to offer a starting salary of approximately \$7,500 to \$8,000 and jump it to the maximum we now pay our police and firemen after a three or four-year period," he said. "Since most of the men on the list took the test for fireman, a job that pays more than \$10,000 a year, I don't expect too many of them will be interested in a job that starts at \$3,000 less."

"Nevertheless, if Civil Service gives its approval, I shall start contacting the local men on the list — there's about 28 of them from Hoboken — and see if they want to become public safety officers on a temporary basis."

"In the meantime, I am writing out the duties of the job, based on the city's needs, and plan to submit them to Civil Service for the purpose of calling an examination."



FOR A CLEAN CITY — Brett Kaplan, 6, and Mrs. Paul Blumberg of the Hoboken Environment Committee inspect poster which gives the message "it's time for you to help" at the "River City Fair," sponsored by the Hoboken Environment Committee, Hoboken Arts Council, Hudson County Cultural Council, Hoboken Model Cities and COCAMAMIE.

Cappiello wants one force to fight both crime, fires

By PETER HALLAM

The next man appointed to either the Hoboken police or fire departments may be neither a policeman nor fireman but a "public safety officer."

Mayor Steve Cappiello said today he has decided that the "public safety officer" concept is desirable for Hoboken and he is going ahead with plans to implement it.

At the same time, officials of the police and fire unions made public the contents of a letter sent to the mayor last week absolving themselves of any responsibility or liability for injuries or deaths to citizens resulting from the lack of adequate manpower and the city's refusal to correct the situation.

"I have already discussed the matter with Civil Service and I'm waiting to hear if it will have any objections to the public safety officer idea," the mayor said. "If it doesn't, we will take immediate steps to implement a public safety officer program. If it does, action will be taken to

meet whatever criteria Civil Service sets."

The public safety officer in theory is a cross between a policeman and a fireman. His duties result from a consolidation of the two jobs. The concept has been tried in a number of cities across the country and has met with varying degrees of success.

Cappiello said he believed that the success or failure of the idea would be determined by how it was managed by the city, not because of any inherent flaws.

"My reasons are strictly economical," the mayor said. "Hoboken just can't afford large police and fire departments. The city no longer has the tax base to provide the salaries and benefits that have already been granted and will be demanded in the future."

"The city has a taxable base of a little more than \$159 million. Our annual budget is at 10 per cent of that figure. No other municipality in the county, maybe even the state, has an annual budget that hits or exceeds 10 per cent of its taxable

base. The mayor said he is thinking about a salary range of from \$8,000 for a trainee to a maximum of \$12,000 after three or four years on the job.

He said the \$8,000 figure was reasonable enough for a man to live on for a while, but low enough to discourage men who were looking for something to do while they waited for a job elsewhere with another police or fire department. The \$12,000 maximum was enough to insure that men who took the job would be making a reasonable living within a short time, and encourage them to stay on the job.

Currently, the city has a Civil Service list of 248 men who are eligible for appointment to the fire department. The list of eligibles for the police department has been exhausted.

The mayor said he didn't know whether Civil Service would allow the city to appoint public safety officers from the firemen's list since it was called for firemen candidates, not the other.

Meanwhile, the mayor, who is also city public safety director, has decided to allow to stand his order not to replace firemen who call in sick by having other men work overtime. The order, issued earlier this year, is responsible for the current case the firemen initiated against the city on manpower.

Two engine companies and one truck company were each one man short for yesterday's 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. shift. According to the mayor, the three men—two firemen and one captain—took the day off under provisions of the last contract with the city.

Michael Bavaro, president of Local 1078 of the International Association of Fire Fighters, and Capt. William Bergin, president of Local 1076 of the Fire Officers Association, met with the mayor yesterday morning and advised him of the situation. The meeting lasted for only a few minutes. They left saying that "nothing had been accomplished."

According to Bavaro, by June 1 the city will need 27 additional firemen and five captains if it is to maintain proper strength and adequate protection for the city. He said the men were needed to replace other men who were on sick leave, vacation, terminal leave or have already retired.

Cappiello said that he didn't have any immediate plans to make any new fire appointments.

The joint statement from the Hoboken Patrolmen's Benevolent Association and the two fire locals said:

"At the current time there is a critical manpower shortage in both the police and fire departments representing a very severe potential hazard not only to the men in the departments but also to the citizens of Hoboken."

"We understand that as far as the Fire department is concerned the city has already received notice from the chief of the department concerning the vast shortage in manpower."

"We advise the city that should property be lost and citizens injured or killed in the City of Hoboken because the city failed and refused to provide adequate manpower in both departments to insure proper police and fire protection for the citizens, we are absolving ourselves of any liability and responsibility for the injuries and/or deaths."

"We feel that if any property is lost or any persons are injured or killed as a result of this manpower shortage, we are putting you on notice that we will advise the public, the police and fire organizations did everything in their power to compel the city to provide adequate manpower for the citizens' protection."

As the result of joint meeting yesterday between the police and firemen it was decided that every available policeman and fireman would take part in Monday's Memorial Day Parade as a show of unity and strength, a spokesman said.

Pre-school enrollment to be limited to 150

Pre-kindergarten classes will be conducted by the Hoboken board of education this September at four public schools and the new Multi-Service Center at 2nd and Grand Streets, Thomas F. McFeely, school superintendent, said today.

The program, which Hoboken school officials reported has been highly successful during the past few years, is being financed through federal funds under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. McFeely said the basic idea is to provide social and educational ad-

vantages for children during the year before they enter regular kindergarten classes.

In the past few years, teachers have reported that the "educational boost" which the pre-kindergarten classes have given children, has better prepared them for their social life.

The program is supervised by Francis McGorty, Title I director, and will be held this fall at the Connors, Rue, Wallace and Kealey Schools in addition to the new center. Enrollment will be limited to 30 children from each school area. They will be divided

into two groups of 15 pupils and will attend either morning or afternoon sessions.

To be eligible, children must live within the school area and reach their fifth birthday by Oct. 31, 1975. Because of the limited number of classroom spaces available, other criteria also will be considered to conform with Title I rules, McGorty said. Leaflets have been sent home by school officials notifying parents of the September classes. Information is also available at the principals' offices in the various schools, they said.

Teacher Pay Bugs City Anew

By ELIZABETH PARKS

The perennial problem of having to borrow money to pay Hoboken's teacher salaries over the summer months is now facing Mayor Steve Cappiello.

The amount Hoboken needs is estimated at \$1,200,000, and

city comptroller John Erbach has been instructed to contact various banks to secure the funds in short term notes.

The money is needed to pay teachers in advance for their summer vacation. Under an agreement with the board of education teachers get paid

less during the winter months so they can get their summer salary in one sum.

Cappiello said the city will be "out of cash" until tax funds start rolling in around Aug. 15. Not all of the borrowed funds will go to teachers' salaries, he said, noting other needs in city government to be met during the summer financial lull.

According to a city hall source in the finance and revenue department, Hoboken is the only Hudson County community which pays its teachers in advance for the summer's vacation.

The source who called the arrangement, which is included in their contract, an "unwise one," said it will cost

Hoboken over \$45,000 in interest to raise the money through short term notes.

Change Suggested

The source said that if the board of education could work out a different procedure for paying summer salaries, the city would not have to borrow as much at the end of the fiscal year as it now does.

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Hoboken Panel OKs Pay Notes

The Hoboken City Council yesterday voted to borrow \$500,000 in tax anticipation notes to meet payroll and other city expenses.

City Comptroller John Erbach was authorized to negotiate with the Trust Company of New Jersey for the notes at 5 1/2 per cent interest.

Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri, who voted against the action, said the city should develop a tighter budget system so the problem could be avoided in the future.

The notes will cost approximately \$25,000 in interest and are necessary because the city is presently out of cash and will not receive new funds until the beginning of the third tax quarter in August.

In other business, the council voted against an ordinance amending Fifth st., east from Hudson st. to River ter., and River ter., north from Fifth st. to Sixth st., from two-way to one-way streets.

The ordinance was defeated after Thomas Lockhardt, assistant to the president at Stevens Tech, asked that the ordinance be amended so that River ter. can continue as a two-way street.

Edward McLaughlin, who introduced the ordinance, agreed with the understanding that Stevens would not oppose the change in Fifth st.

McLaughlin said he would reintroduce the amended ordinance at the next council meeting.

The council also voted to authorize Mayor Steve Cappiello to apply to the state's Law Enforcement Planning Agency (SLEPA) for two \$30,000 grants.

The city is seeking \$30,000 for equipment to expand its police narcotics squad. The second \$30,000 would be used to continue funding the police community relations unit.

The council also confirmed that it has authorized Model Cities to transfer \$10,000 to the city's Narcotics Council and Drug Prevention Agency.

The money will continue the drug unit in existence until Aug. 30, giving it time to submit a \$100,000 proposal for funds to the state's Narcotics Division. The agency was due to phase out June 30.

Consider Job Changes Civilian to Replace Desk Firemen

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello intends to alleviate what firemen call "a critical manpower shortage in their department" by using federal funds for employment programs freeing four communications officers and two firemen working as secretaries.

A City Hall spokesman said yesterday that the mayor expects he will be able to return the six men to active duty as soon as the federal money comes into Hoboken within the month.

The source said that the mayor intends to create a new job for the communications division tentatively titled public safety communications workers.

The new workers would be paid considerably less than what the firemen presently receive and their presence would free the firemen to return to the jobs for which they were trained.

Last week, representatives of the Firemen's International Association of Firefighters, Local 1076 and Fire Officers, Local 1078, appealed to the city council for help in remedying

what they call "a deteriorating manpower situation."

Union leaders, Michael Bavaro and William Bergin told the council the men were working their daily shifts three to four men short and said that with vacations and injuries, the possibility that they would be forced to work five to six men short was "imminent."

Although the mayor was unavailable for comment, a spokesman said that he was "unwilling to spend the city's tax dollars in overtime." Using the employment program workers, under the new county supervised Emergency Employment Act (EEA) program, was seen as a "more practical solution."

Hoboken told it can't reclaim pier deeds before October

Efforts by the Hoboken City Council to take legal action against the owners of the Fifth and Sixth Street Piers to reclaim the deed to the property will have to wait until the end of October.

This is the advice the council will receive next week from the city's law department in response to an inquiry about action to reclaim the deed, according to a department source.

The council will also be advised that the deed to the piers was turned over to the owners by former Law Director E. Norman Wilson on the orders of former

Mayor Louis DePascale, the source said.

The council asked the law department to look into the matter in the hope of finding an explanation for the early turnover of the deed. The city could have retained the deed until the owners had shown proof that they had complied with the terms of 1973 city land sale, but it did not.

The piers were purchased from the city in February of 1973 by River Towing for \$70,000. A year later, it re-sold them for the same price to Mervyn's Midnight Waterfront Beauty Inc., the cur-

rent owner. Neither company has paid any taxes on the property and Mervyn is appealing the assessment on the property.

Under the conditions of the sale, Hoboken could have held onto the deed until the owners proved that all necessary repairs and clean-up operations had been completed and the city was satisfied that they had lived up to all sale conditions.

The law department source said that the council has already agreed to give the current owners until Oct. 31 to live up to those conditions and will have to wait until that time expires to take any legal action.

7,000 Jerseyans vote on bicentennial emblem

The New Jersey Bicentennial Commission has received 7,000 ballots during the first two weeks of competition for a bicentennial emblem, the commission said today. The contest to select an official symbol from among five finalists ends Aug. 31.

"It has been a demonstration of the pride and interest of New Jersey citizens in their national heritage," said Richard W. De Korte, commission chairman, about the response. The five finalists were selected from over 100 entries submitted by artists and designers.

The winning design will be announced after Labor Day and will be used as the trademark of the state's celebration of the country's 200th anniversary. The winner receives a prize of \$1,706.

Hoboken Leaders Rapped For Marking Bicentennial

Two members of the newly formed Hoboken chapter of the state Puerto Rican Solidarity Day Committee have criticized city leaders for accepting a Bicentennial Flag "while Puerto Rico remains a colony of the United States."

Tammy Gold and Elena Gensler of 816 Willow av. distributed pamphlets calling for the independence of Puerto Rico on the steps of city hall as the mayor and officials of the Hudson County Bicentennial Commission raised the Bicentennial Flag on the building's balcony.

Vincent Wassman, coordinator of the commission, said that Hoboken had been given the flag in response to her pledge to join in the bicentennial observances.

Miss Gold and Miss Gensler, however, members of the state Puerto Rican committee, while simultaneously announcing the formation of the Hoboken chapter, criticized celebrating America's 200th anniversary as a nation while "Puerto Rico is being deliberately denied its independence by the same people who now happily celebrate theirs."

In their pamphlet, the women said that they were asking Hoboken officials to respond to the needs of the 18,000 Puerto Ricans presently living in the city "in slums" and to join in the "demand for a bicentennial without colonies and independence for Puerto Rico."

They said that they are scheduling other events for the near future to dramatize Puerto Rico's plight. Persons interested in joining them can contact them through the N. J. Puerto Rican Solidarity Day Committee, P.O. Box M-209, Hoboken.

Widen blood tests for lead detection

The Hoboken Lead Base Paint Prevention and Detection Program has been awarded a \$12,146 grant from the U.S. Department of Health Education and Welfare (HEW) for its 1974-75 program which will include an expansion of the program to take in all of North Hudson as well as Hoboken.

Doris Liguori, program director, said that the grant represents a financial increase of \$22,000 over last year's funding but the project will have as much as \$40,000 more to work with than it did last year.

"Almost one fifth of last year's budget was spent on blood analyses which were performed by a New England firm," she said. "This year the state has taken over all of the testing and we do them without charge."

Miss Liguori explained that last year the program received approximately \$60,000 from HEW to operate for the year. Of this amount, more than \$16,000 was paid to the New England firm to analyze blood samples for lead content.

With the state doing the tests without charge the program can

reach more youngsters without worrying about whether or not it is going to have the funds to pay for testing.

Although Union City, Weehawken, North Bergen, West New York, and Guttenberg are now included in the program's area of jurisdiction, an agreement worked out with the North Hudson Council of Mayors of which Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello is a member, the program will continue to operate with its staff of 11, Miss Liguori added.

The program has three goals. First, to test youngsters for lead content in their blood. Secondly, to steer them to medical attention if the content is at a dangerous level. And last, to find out where the lead content came from and eliminate the source.

"Usually, the primary source is old paint that was never removed from apartment walls," the director continued.

"Over the years it chips and cracks. Small pieces find their way into the hands of young children, mostly toddlers and infants. They ingest it into their system through the mouth. The old paint chips have a faintly sweet taste, not at all unpleasant to a child."

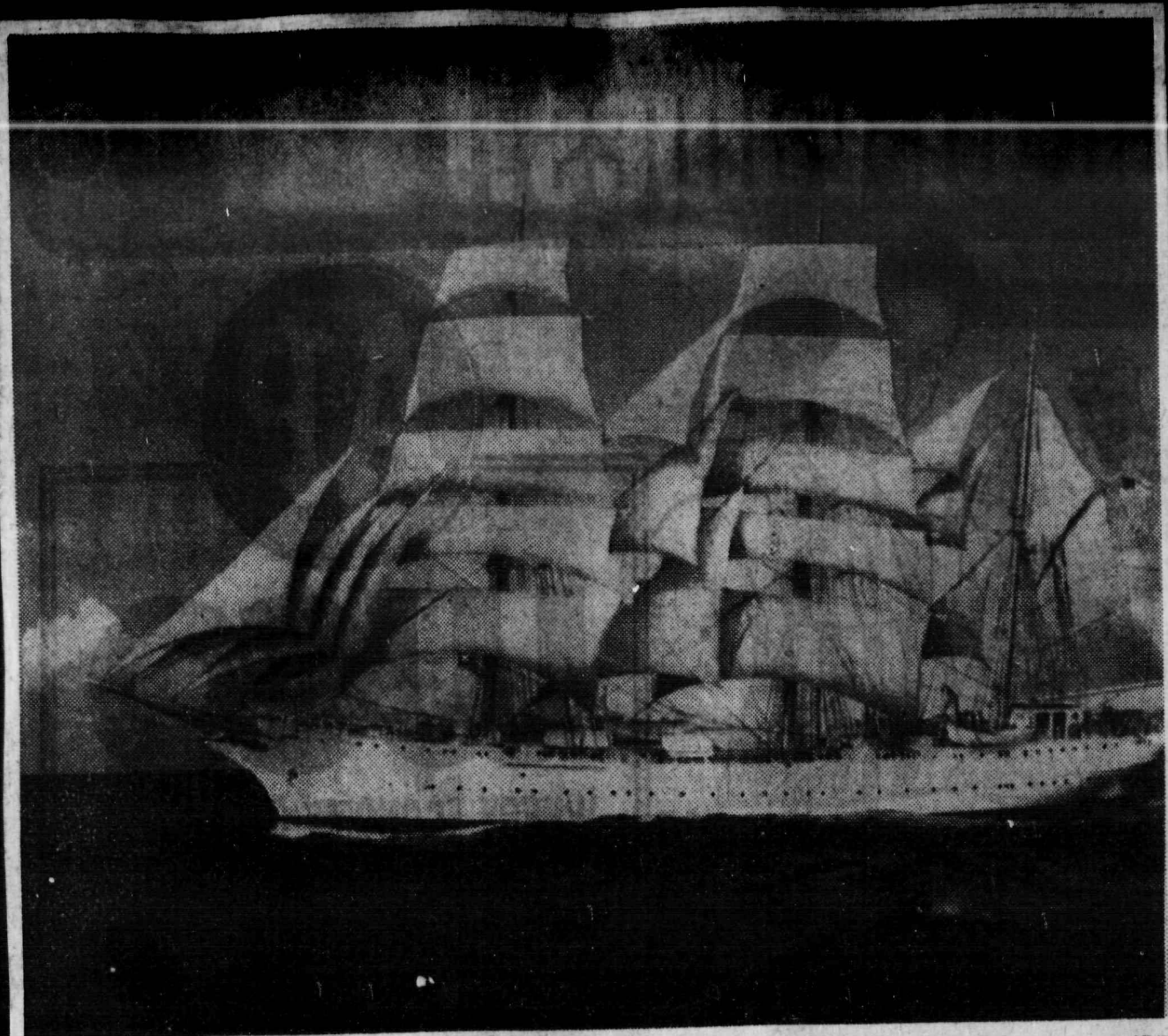
The long range effects of ingested lead based paint are many, including mental retardation and blindness.

Miss Liguori said the program started taking blood samples from Union City children this week.

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City to get bicentennial flag

Hoboken will be recognized officially as a U.S. bicentennial city Friday during ceremonies at Hoboken City Hall, it was announced today by Vincent J. Wassman, Richard Canisa of the state bicentennial committee will present Mayor Steve Cappiello with a certificate of recognition and the official bicentennial flag. The ceremonies will take place at 2 p.m.



BICENTENNIAL PREVIEW—The USS Eagle, a full-sized United States Coast Guard square-rigger training vessel, will appear off Sandy Hook Saturday as part of a preview for the off-shore bicentennial celebration in 1976.



Steel framework for the first five-story parking garage at Grogan Plaza is completed. Twin 25-story apartment houses flanking the garage already have been enclosed.



SENIORS' ARTS — Marion Kennedy shows Mrs. Frances Fuchs, 81, left, how to make an artificial flower during the senior citizens summer arts and crafts program at Monroe Gardens, Hoboken. The free program has just started and runs every Friday 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and includes movies on Tuesday with bingo on Thursday.

City won't pay prisoners' medical treatment costs

If you're arrested in Hoboken and need medical treatment, don't expect the city to pay the bill.

No more, says Mayor and Public Safety Director Steve Cappiello, who today announced a new policy whereby any prisoners charged with an undetectable crime (mostly disorderly person offenses) will be freed on bail or in their own custody so they can seek treatment on their own.

Normally, if someone arrested by city police is hurt, the prisoner is taken to St. Mary Hospital for treatment and the city is billed for that service.

Cappiello says that "some of these bills have run into the thousands of dollars and I see no

reason why the taxpayers of Hoboken should be forced to pay that kind of money."

Asserts the mayor: "That's not justice."

Yesterday Cappiello met with Municipal Judge Rudolph R. Nadeo and City Welfare Director Edward Roeder to discuss the new policy and alert them for possible alternate action.

Such action, said Cappiello, could mean that a prisoner released by the city who is on welfare could go to his local public assistance agency and make some arrangement to get money for his doctor's bills.

Besides the money involved in payment of medical expenses, added Cappiello, there is the city's outlay for the police officer assigned to "guard duty" at the

hospital to make certain that a prisoner doesn't escape.

"Apparently, even a person accused of a disorderly person offense must be secured," said Cappiello, "and we have a case of that now where a man with a broken jaw has been under guard since Saturday, because he's technically under the city's custody."

"So, we're going to try as quickly as we can to place these prisoners on bail or on their own recognizance," he said.

Prisoners charged with more serious crimes, such as atrocious assault and battery and so forth, will be referred to the hospital for treatment since it could be more hazardous to allow them immediate freedom, he said.

City to stop legal services, agencies to hire own lawyer

Hoboken will probably stop providing legal services for several city boards and recommend a per diem system as a means of avoiding possible conflicts of interest, it was learned today.

Affected by the decision will be boards whose actions are subject to City Council consideration such as the Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board, it is reported.

A per diem system, similar to

the one used by the city to hire public defenders to represent indigents in the city's police court, is being considered rather than appointing a full time attorney to represent the boards.

According to a high city source, situations could arise in which a city attorney acting as legal adviser to one of the boards could be drawn into a situation where he has to defend the board's action against a contrary decision from the city.

"It is not a frequent possibility but one that should not be overlooked," the source said. "It could be very embarrassing for the city as well as the attorney and the board."

Because the situation is not expected to come up too often, city officials favor authorizing the boards to hire a private attorney when they need legal representation in court cases and hearings.

Hoboken Due Library Aid From State

Fears that Hoboken Public Library may have to close before the end of the year due to lack of funds proved groundless yesterday when the city comptroller revealed that \$45,000 in state funds for the library are expected "momentarily."

Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri, who on Thursday said he feared that the library would have to close after September because money for salaries appropriated in the city budget would be gone by then said he was both "pleased and relieved that a happy solution to the problem has been found."

Ranieri, who based his pessimistic prediction on an encumbrance report from the comptroller's office earlier said he was misled because the report did not include mention of the expected state funds.

Ranieri calculated that the city had appropriated \$112,000 for the library, had spent \$70,000 for the first six months and had only \$42,000 left for the next six months.

Hoboken Gains \$117,000 In Sale of Firehouse, Land

Hoboken tax coffers swelled by approximately \$117,000 yesterday following a two hour auction of city owned buildings and lots in the City Hall courtroom.

The highest bid received was \$33,500 for a firehouse located at 128 Hudson st. The city stipulated that it would retain possession of the property until an alternate fire headquarters is ready for occupancy.

Emanuel Costello, who outbid councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri's brother, Rudolph for the firehouse, angrily accused Ranieri of being in conflict of interest for bidding on the public property.

A spokesman for the city's

Law Department later said that the charge was just a reflection of the "heat of the moment."

"It's a public auction of city owned lands," he said, "and Ranieri as a Hoboken citizen is entitled to participate."

In receiving the bids, city attorney Dudley Schlosser serving as auctioneer, varied a bit from the normal routine of the procedure. In one instance, Schlosser accepted a bid of \$1,500 on a building at 162 First st. after the bidder indicated that he did not intend to fulfill the conditions of sale.

The condition of sale stipulates that the successful bidder for this particular piece

of property must demolish it at his own expense within 60 days of confirmation of the bid.

In another instance, Schlosser accepted a bid of \$2,500 on 600 Adams st. structure after formally closing the bidding.

In the third instance, Schlosser permitted two partners who had unwittingly bid against each other to take back a \$1,200 bid for 313 Madison st. and to rebid for the property at \$800. The lower bid was accepted.

Schlosser must submit all bids to the city council which can now confirm or reject them.

250 enrolled for courses at Hoboken H.S.

Three summer programs went into their second week today at Hoboken High School featuring educational classes, vocational training and recreation.

With an enrollment of 250 students, an accredited summer high school is being offered with classes in basic subject areas. The courses require 60 hours of successful work for credit, enabling some students to earn a high school diploma and others to overcome failures and make up needed courses for promotion. The free summer school is directed by Kenneth Gallagher and has a staff of 12 regular high school teachers.

An innovation this year is the summer phase of the Governor's Career Program, coordinated by Joseph Colaneri. This program combines class work with vocational training and actual job experience.

About 130 students are active in this state-funded program. There are four work-study classes, three classes teaching basic skills and a job placement service.

School Superintendent Thomas F. McFeely said there has been a cooperative arrangement worked out with various public institutions and agencies to give students actual work experience. This on-the-job training is coupled with classroom programs related to various trades.

The skills training courses include introduction to surveying, carpentry and building maintenance. There are also graphic arts and commercial printing classes for special education students.

Students who might be looking to the field of engineering may still register for the surveying course, which is structured as an introduction to engineering, McFeely said.

Also at the high school is Anthony Kolich, vice principal who is job placement counselor. He is available to all high school students for consultation and guidance in exploring careers and obtaining job information, the superintendent said.

The summer project will be assessed by a planning task force in preparation for the continuance of the Governor's Career program in the fall.

In addition to classroom and vocational work, the high school pool is being used daily by youngsters enrolled in the summer education and recreation programs at the elementary schools. This program is being federally funded through the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Hoboken will seek Green Acre funds to improve parks

Although Hoboken doesn't have much in the way of open spaces and parks, the city will apply for funds under the state's Green Acres program, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today.

"Our main purpose will be to obtain state funds to update our parks and for the general beautification of the city," he said. "Hoboken doesn't have

much to offer its residents in the way of parks. What we do have we would like to improve, and possibly develop some new ones with the help of the state."

The mayor said that the application will be prepared by the city's public works department. He added that Freeholder Vincent J. Fusilli would be helping Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale with its preparation.

Latin Welfare Workers OK'd

Hoboken's Welfare Dept. has received "definite assurance" that federal money is available to pay for additional Spanish speaking workers, it was learned yesterday.

The assurance saves the city from losing \$525,000 in state money for the welfare program. A representative of the state's Department of Institutions and Agencies had warned the mayor a few months ago that Hoboken either had to hire two more Spanish speaking workers or lose the state's financial backing.

The state pays 75 per cent of the operating cost of the welfare program.

At the time of the state's warning, Mayor Steve Cappiello expressed concern for the program's future because Hoboken, he said, "is operating on a tightly pruned budget and doesn't have the money to hire two extra case workers."

The mayor asked the state to allow Safe and Clean Streets patrolmen to work as investigative aides, but was turned down.

At the mayor's request, Freeholder Vincent J. Fusilli began looking for federal funds to pay for the workers.

Fusilli said yesterday that he has been assured that money from the federal government's Concentrated Employment Training Act (CETA) will be available.

Fusilli said the two men could begin working in the Welfare Department "within the next two weeks."

"Their salaries," he said, "would be completely paid for by the federal government, but

they would work under the direction of Raphael Vitale, director of Public Works and Edward Roeder, director of the Welfare Bureau."

Roeder, who confirmed that he has received assurance from the freeholders that two workers will be available, said they will primarily be used as "investigative aides."

"It will be their responsibility," he said, "to assist the department's regular social workers with the needs and problems of Spanish-speaking clients."

Able Pilots

1015 Bloomfield st., Hoboken June 14

Editor The Dispatch:

I had the opportunity to attend the first meeting of Hoboken Bicentennial Committee the other evening at Hoboken Public Library. More than 40 private citizens gathered in the reading room in order to discuss their ideas concerning our national celebration in 1976.

This meeting was conducted in such a way that it captured the true meaning of a democracy and every suggestion made by the public was tentatively adopted. Our city's Bicentennial Committee is fortunate in having able and dedicated volunteers like Vincent Wassman, John Heaney, City Historian; Miss Lucille Cunningham, Directress of the Library and Mrs. Mary Stack Caspar.

After following the proceedings of this important meeting, I am confident that Hoboken Bicentennial celebration will be a tremendous success because this committee values the one thing that continues to make America great—the voice of the people.

Robert Peter King



PRESENT BICENTENNIAL FLAG—Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello (right), accepts Bicentennial flag from Richard L. Camisa (left), project officer of the State of New Jersey American Revolution Bicentennial Celebration Commission, Trenton, at ceremonies in city hall yesterday. Looking on are, Mrs. Terry Sasso, commission treasurer (second from left), and Mrs. Mary Stack Caspar, executive secretary.



Headmaster Howard H. Bennett of Stevens Academy, Hoboken, displays the reproduction of a Roman warrior's helmet and breastplate which will be offered to the public at a sale at the school Saturday.

Memorabilia sale At Stevens Academy

Memorabilia of Hoboken's Stevens Academy, which bowed out last month after 114 illustrious years, will be offered for sale to the public on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the academy at 5th Street and Willow Avenue.

Headmaster Howard H. Bennett said all proceeds will go to the pension fund to provide pensions to longtime faculty members.

Articles on sale will include such objects as the reproduction of a Roman warrior's helmet and breastplate which adorned the headmaster's office, a statue of Madame Pompadour, a Chinese coolie hat and other costume piece, as well as old prints, old yearbooks, old newspapers and the school's entire library, which Bennett said comprises about 3,000 books.

Except for the individual books and other small articles, each item in the sale will bear a separate price tag, but the prices may be negotiable, Bennett said.

Independence Day '74

Two years from now there will be the big celebration, when the nation will mark its Bicentennial. So, really, what is there to say on this 198th anniversary of our Declaration of Independence? What different theme can be used to make it all pertinent?

Perhaps, for a start, we might comment on the point, sometimes a bit obscured, that what we are celebrating is a revolution. For that is exactly what it was as residents of the colonies broke with the British government and King George 3rd.

For a second point it might be well to comment on the fact that everyone was not unanimous that the revolution was the right thing. There were those who felt they wanted to remain loyal to the crown; there were others who just didn't want to get involved at all.

Tying both of those factors together we have to come to the conclusion that what was happening in the colonies 200 years ago isn't so very different from what has been occurring in recent years. There is fighting, there is controversy, there is dissension.

The year 1774 was a year of political turmoil—just as is 1974. There was uneasiness with "the system," with the leaders and in December, 1773, there was that famous—or infamous, depending on which side you were on—"tea party" in Boston harbor.

The people were dissatisfied, they were irritated and they were perplexed. There were arguments over a boycotting of British tea,

just as there are arguments today over Watergate. There was resentment over unfair taxation, just as there is today.

In so many ways the climate of '74 was similar to that of 1974. Except that no one is thinking of a revolution to overthrow the government. Things may be bad but certainly not that bad and no one is saying that it is despite all of the upheaval in Washington.

The spirit of '74 was the prelude to the Declaration of Independence and there are those who assert that this year, rather than 1776, was really the important year. It was the watershed year for the colonies, the time they realized that there had to be a break.

It was a time of confrontation, similar to the times in which we live. But, fortunately, everything was resolved through the Revolution and the Declaration of Independence and out of it all grew one of the most formidable nations ever conceived.

It is a nation that prides itself on many things, most of them good. It is a fine country in which to live—despite all of the problems, all of the dissension and all of the confusion. It is, at least today, a country that is not fighting any unpopular wars overseas.

Compare 1774 to 1974 and you'll find even more parallels than the ones we have mentioned. Then sit back and wonder about history and its course and how we got to this point. On Independence Day it's just the right time to do that. We'd learn a lot.

Contracts awarded for mini-school

The Hoboken Board of Education has awarded bids for a mini-school despite objections voiced by city Councilman Robert Ranieri.

School board officials said the demolition of the existing building at Fifth Street and Park Avenue should begin next month. They hope the mini-school, which will feature an open classroom environment, will be ready for use by September of 1975.

The building will be for kindergarten through third grade pupils.

Ranieri questioned whether the city really needs the new school.

"The enrollment trend has been downward for the last few years and there is every indication that it is going to continue," said Ranieri. "Across the country boards of education are being strapped with schools that they no longer need because of decreased enrollment."

"I wouldn't want to see Hoboken make that same mistake. I would rather see the school board use the money it has for the mini-school to refurbish some of our existing

schools, if the state Department of Education would allow it."

Ranieri said that he went to Monday's school board caucus to appeal to the board members to hold off awarding bids for the demolition of the old school and construction of the new one.

"I also pointed out to them that the open classroom technique that the new school will feature is on its way out in other school districts," he said. "In the long run, it has proven to be not as advantageous a system as originally thought."

According to Ranieri, he also

warned the board that if the construction of the new school should exceed what the board already has—close to \$2 million—it will not be able to get the additional funds from the city.

"The board has already had to get an additional \$200,000 which was defeated by local voters last February, from the city," he said. "This amount was approved by the council although it was contrary to the wishes of the public."

"But many of the councilman who voted for it went on the record at that time as being

against any further funds for the new school."

Last night the board awarded contracts of \$180,300 to Maupai Co. for heating and ventilation of the new school; \$142,500 to Central Plumbing and Heating for plumbing; \$874,098 to Pisani and DeBari for general construction, \$322,765 to J. G. Schmidt Inc. for structural steel and \$134,250 to Busch Brothers for electrical work.

The total comes to less than \$1,650,000 but the figure does not include architectural fees and other costs.

River City Fair Fun for 5,000

By STEPHEN PAYNE

About 5,000 people turned out over the weekend for Hoboken's River City Fair, which was highlighted by an appearance by the sloop "Clearwater," a symbol of the fight against water pollution.

Cosponsored by the Hoboken Environment Committee and Stevens Institute of Technology, the outdoor fair at the Sixth st. pier featured about 12 hours of music on Saturday, with a two-day flea market display of handmade artifacts, and exhibits concerned with the future of Hoboken.

Although folksinger Pete Seeger, whose name is most closely linked to the five-year-old "Clearwater," failed to show up at the festival, and several exhibitors stayed away because of the threat of rain, the mood of the weekend was not dampened.

Mrs. Helen Manogue, chairman of the Hoboken Environment Committee, said the purpose of the event was to get across the idea that the historic aspects of the city have to be preserved, which was partly done by a photo

exhibit of old Hoboken and its remaining historical structures.

Specter of an oil tank farm in the Weehawken cove was also aired along with an alternative picture of a proposed waterfront park, which would include a marina, a baseball field and an open area, instead of storage tanks.

There is presently no place in Hoboken where people can go to enjoy the Hudson River, Mrs. Manogue said, and the River City Fair was supposed to call attention to that and renew interest in the recreational possibilities of a waterfront park.

The day-long entertainment on Saturday was sponsored by the Hoboken Council on Culture and Media and Miscellaneous Interesting Events (COCAMIE), and lasted from 11 a.m. until 12:30 a.m. About 9 p.m., the crowd was at its peak, with almost 1,500 people on the pier.

Music was provided by almost 100 individuals at various times during the day, with one poet among the performers. Public Service Electric and Gas Co. supplied

extra electrical lines to the area, while the lighting itself was provided by the Hoboken Board of Education.

There were two arrests Saturday night at the fair. One man, George Lyons, 22, of 134 Garden st., Hoboken, was charged with indecent exposure and assaulting three auxiliary policemen.

Police said that while one of the rock bands was playing on stage, Lyons got up to dance and then completely disrobed. As he was being placed under arrest, he allegedly pushed auxiliary police officer James Mayer against the chain fence, struck auxiliary police officer Donna Li Butti over the head with a chair, and kicked

auxiliary Lt. Frank Thurston in the stomach. All three were treated at St. Mary Hospital for injuries and later discharged.

Lyons was being held in lieu of \$2,500 bail, and is scheduled to be arraigned this morning in Hoboken Municipal Court on three assault charges and one charge of indecent exposure.

The other arrest involved a soldier from Fort Dix, who was charged with punching a Stevens Tech patrolman in the chest as the officer tried to break up a fight at 10:45 p.m.

Patrolman Edward Maher said that Eric Papadopoulos, 28, was fighting with another man on the pier, and struck him when he intervened. The

suspect, being held in lieu of \$500 bail, will be arraigned this morning in Hoboken Municipal Court.

The festival, which officially ended late yesterday afternoon, centered around the "Clearwater," which has a permanent crew of six, with a rotating crew of about 10 volunteers.

Visitors were allowed to tour the 96-foot-long ship free of charge, and it was difficult to tell if the parents or the children enjoyed it more, according to crew member Steve Bobker of North Bergen. He joined the ship yesterday, he said, and will sail as a volunteer for a week, until they dock Saturday in Newburgh, N.Y.

Sees Cash Lack Closing Library

The Hoboken Public Library may have to close down by the end of the year due to "inefficient management" on the part of the city's business administrator, Councilman Robert Ranieri charged yesterday.

Ranieri said he has learned from a study of encumbrance sheets mailed out by the city comptroller's office that the library is "almost out of funds and may not be able to pay its approximately 19 employees after September." Business Administrator Herman Bier could not be reached for comment last night on the charges.

Bier, according to Ranieri, has allowed almost three-quarters of the library's \$112,000 appropriation for the year to be spent already. He said he intends to ask Bier, who is the overseer of the library, where the staff's salaries will come from when the remaining \$42,000 is gone.

"If \$70,000 goes in six months," Ranieri said, "it's reasonable to anticipate \$42,000 going in three or four. How do we keep the library open after that?"

Ranieri also said that \$6,000 appropriated for other expenses was completely gone. At the beginning of the year, he said, the

city's directors were told to exercise a "sense of responsibility toward the budget," he added, "some directors haven't done so."

The councilman said that although it is the job of the council to "provide the money" it is the director's job "to figure out how to use it," adding that it would be illegal to allow the directors to overextend the budget.

The public works and public safety departments, Ranieri said, have each spent about half of their year's appropriations, which "is where they should be."

Encumbrance sheets were first implemented 10 years ago by Ranieri's brother, Rudolph, who was then a councilman. Ranieri said they show how much money each department gets; how much it spends; how much is committed or encumbered and how much is still available.

Teacher Pay Loan

The Hoboken Board of Education last night voted five to one to borrow \$1.5 million in short term notes for teachers' summer vacation salaries.

However, they left open the possibility that they may sue the city to force it to pay the approximately \$20,000 in interest that will accumulate on the loan.

Board member Donald Singleton said the city was "clearly obligated to pay the board the more than \$20,000

it owes us." He said the city's refusal to pay the \$2,000,000, provided for in the city's budget, now when the board needs it involves "behaving irresponsibly toward the teachers."

Two weeks ago, the city council, which usually votes to have the city take out the loan, refused to do so this year in a move interpreted as an attempt to teach the board "budgetary responsibility."

Last night, a source close to the board of education said that if the city wants the board to set up a special interest-bearing account for the 10 per cent of teachers' salaries which are deducted from their pay checks during the school year, the city will have to begin giving the board \$120,000 a month more starting in September. The deductions amount to approximately \$1,200,000 yearly. The other money in the loan is for July and August expenses.

The source said, and Board President Otto Hottendorf confirmed it, that to meet such payments, the city would have to raise taxes to \$179 per \$1,000 of assessed value each year.

Hottendorf added, however, that he did not think such a tax hike was "likely."

"What the city needs to do," he said, "is establish a surplus fund for teachers' salaries, then this problem wouldn't arise each year."

Hottendorf said he was hopeful state funds would be available to help the situation next year.

In other business, the board also approved a 1974-75 teachers contract which gives most school employees a \$900 year raise with increments, unlimited sick leave with substitutes' pay deducted, and an answering service which teachers can use to alert the board to absences due to sicknesses the night before the day they will be absent.

Trouble predicted for library payroll

Hoboken's Public Library payroll may come up short by more than \$20,000 by the end of the year, according to the calculations of one Hoboken legislator.

Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri made this disclosure today after an analysis he says he made of the library budget and its expenditures through June 30.

Here is the way Ranieri says he reached his conclusion:

—THE 1974 proposed budget appropriation for the library was \$147,874, excluding state aid of \$15,000. The municipal appropriation for the library would therefore be the difference between the two figures, or \$32,874.

—HOWEVER, the City Council sliced \$20,000 from the budget request, dropping the voted city allocation to the library to the sum of \$12,874 for salaries and wages.

—ACCORDING to Ranieri's figures, the library has laid out \$89,898.82 for its payroll through the end of last month, leaving a balance of \$42,975.18 for the rest of the year.

—BUT, REASONS Ranieri, since the library spends about \$2,470 a week in salaries for its 14 employees (a \$15,620 director, a senior clerk typist, three senior library assistants, seven junior library aides and four janitors) and since there are 26 weeks left, the library should need a total of \$64,220 to cover that period.

—THAT LEAVES an apparent deficit of \$21,244.82, part of which may be reduced by some of the state aid. The budget actually carries the library through Nov. 21.

Safe, Clean Pact Given To Hoboken

By ANTHONY PETROVICH

A new contract for a continued Safe Neighborhoods and Clean Streets program in Hoboken has been issued for \$555,880 for the current fiscal year, from July 1 to June 30, 1975.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said yesterday he received a letter from Patricia Q. Sheehan, New Jersey commissioner of community affairs, approving the matching grant. Cappiello emphasized the overall total will be divided between public safety and clean streets.

"I am happy that the state's community affairs department approved the funds. It will allow all in Hoboken to continue improvements in public safety and the beautification of the city," Cappiello declared.

Cappiello explained that the city added 36 persons to the public safety department and was able to fund a cleanup campaign with last year's grant. He added that the matching funds are vital to the city's goal of revitalization.

Must Match Amount

Under the state law, according to Cappiello, the city must match the amount earmarked by the department of community affairs. He explained that without matching the state grant, the city would be without the necessary assistance.

"Since it is a continuing program, the city is fortunate to be in such a position. It allows us as leaders to provide and improve necessary services. The program also gives a lift to a city which is in financial doldrums," Cappiello said.

In a short letter, Mrs. Sheehan announced the approval of the amount. She also congratulated the city on its past efforts.

State defines combined bluecoat job

Mayor Steve Cappiello's plan to start hiring public safety officers for Hoboken rather than more policemen and firemen has moved another step closer to reality.

The mayor said today that the state Civil Service Department has sent the city specifications for the job which combines the duties and responsibilities of the two public safety jobs.

"The specifications outline the duties of the job," he said. "The next step is to present a proposal to the city council to create the position by ordinance and then appropriate funds with which to pay the men that are hired, if

and when the city begins hiring them."

"We must still resolve with Civil Service whether it will allow the city to approach men on existing lists of candidates for the police and fire departments to see if they will consent to appointment as public safety officers rather than police or firemen."

"If Civil Service won't allow this, then the city will ask that a formal examination be called for the position. As soon as the test has been taken and a list of eligibles made available by Civil Service, the city will start making appointments."

The mayor dismissed reports

that he was stalling on the public safety officer matter as "petty and uninformed."

"It is no secret that some members of both the police and fire departments are openly against the public safety officer concept and would like nothing better than to see it fall flat on its face," continued Cappiello.

"But I and others feel that it can work if it is implemented properly. And that entails deliberate action that has been well planned and thought out, not spur of the moment decisions that often result in confusion and failure. It takes time."

The mayor disclosed that he will start replacing desk and

other clerical personnel in both departments with civilians as soon as the federal government decides on whether it is going to keep the Public Employment Program (PEP) going under the Emergency Employment Act.

"This has been hanging since last February," he said. "Hopefully we should have some word any day now."

"I believe it is imperative we get the professional policeman and fireman back to the duties they were trained to perform and away from being high-priced clerks and typists."

Cappiello said preliminary figures indicate that a minimum of eight police and firemen could

be replaced by civilians, freeing them for regular duty, but the final figure could be much higher.

He added that the cost factor to the city would be minimal since most of the civilians salaries would be paid by the PEP program.

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3 patrolmen and 3 sergeants promoted today by Cappiello

Hoboken Mayor and Public Safety Director Steve Cappiello today was to promote three patrolmen to sergeant and three sergeants to lieutenant.

But the mayor said that rather than hire three "high-cost" patrolmen to fill the vacancies in the rank-and-file created by today's promotions, he is "hoping" to employ civilians to assume some of the clerical duties of the department.

Cappiello also said he is "giving consideration" to appointing a city fireman to a now empty captain post, vacated some months ago by the retirement of

Capt. Angelo Mai. The mayor said Fireman Michael Green is first on an existing Civil Service list for the post. He said the job carries a yearly wage of close to \$15,000.

In today's scheduled ceremonies, Cappiello was to swear in Sgts. John J. Ferrante, Joseph J. Bischer Jr. and Anthony L. Romano as new lieutenants. The men will earn \$14,900, said Cappiello.

Also to be sworn as sergeants are: Patrolmen James Peck, Michael Costello and Steve Darago. Their pay will be \$13,000, according to the public

safety chief. Costello has served since 1956, while Peck was appointed to the force in 1962, and Darago, in 1964.

Police Chief George Crimmins

said the appointments will bring up the department's complement of lieutenants to full strength at 17, and, of sergeants, likewise, to 23.

Bicentennial panel to meet

The recently formed Hoboken American Revolution Bicentennial Committee will hold its first regular meeting Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Public Library, 500 Park Ave., it was announced today by Vincent J. Wassman, chairman. Also serving on the committee are Dr. Silvio Lacetti, vice chairman; Thomas F. McFeely, superintendent of schools; Ms. Mary Stock Gaspar, secretary; Mrs. Terry A. Sasso, treasurer; Lucille Cunningham, coordinator; Mrs. Angela Servello, corresponding secretary; John J. Hoaney, historian; and Mrs. Julia Reilly, publicity. Mayor Steve Cappiello is honorary chairman.



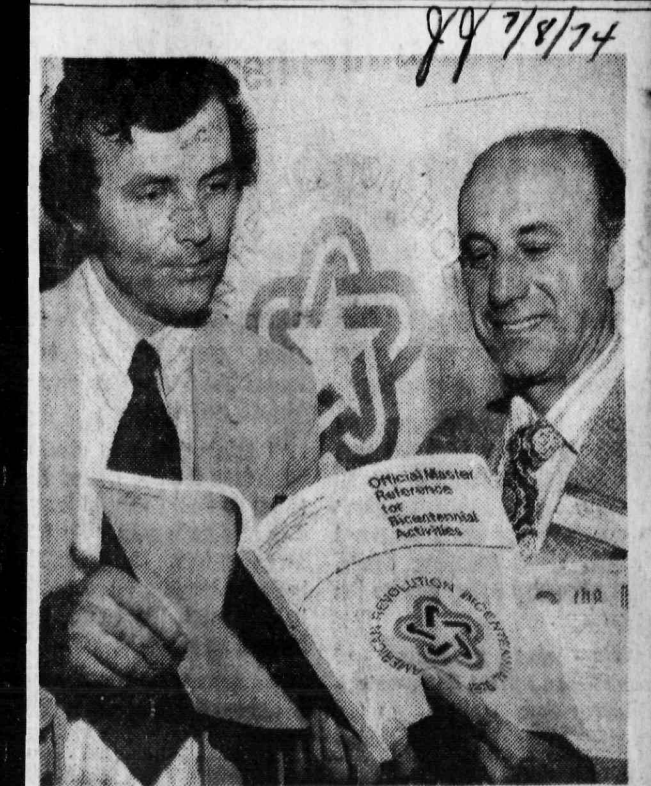
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Set to sail

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, second from left, greets some of the 450 senior citizens about to depart from Hoboken on a boat trip around Manhattan. Hoboken Model Cities sponsored the trip.



HER ASSIGNMENT — Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, right, congratulates Mrs. John Yacullo of Hoboken upon her appointment as chairman of the Hudson County Mental Health Fund's drive in Hoboken. Last year the group raised \$3,100.



A FESTIVE CONVERSATION — Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri of Hoboken, right, discusses his city's planned activities for the American Revolution Bicentennial with Ed Zimmerman, director of the master calendar division of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration. Discussion was held when Ranieri was attending the U.S. Conference of Mayors in San Diego, Calif.

Cappiello raps 2-job ruling

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said today he will appeal a ruling by the Hudson County Law Department that the city's weights and measures superintendent and consumer affairs director cannot voluntarily serve in those jobs.

The object of the ruling is Joseph Iervolino, who has a full time job as undersheriff for the county, but is spending his free time helping the city in the two posts he occupied before assuming his law enforcement duties.

A legal investigation of Iervolino's status was prompted by his boss, Sheriff William J. Wolfe, who, in a letter to Iervolino dated July 23, writes:

"Kindly be advised that it has been brought to my attention... from several Hoboken residents that you have been acting in the two posts on a non-salary basis. 'Because of the insistence of these Hoboken residents,' continues Wolfe, 'I asked the Hudson County Law Department for a legal opinion concerning this situation.'

The response, as Wolfe indicates in the letter, concludes "you are in direct conflict with your duties as undersheriff of the county of Hudson."

That opinion was handed down by Francis P. Morley, assistant county counsel, in a letter to Iervolino dated July 23, which reads, in part: "(N)(w) (J)(r)sey) S(tatute) 40A:9-108 prohibits the Sheriff from holding any other civil office during the time he holds and exercises the office of Sheriff."

"This statute, by case law, has been construed also to prohibit an undersheriff from holding any other civil office," Morley continues.

"He goes on to say 'Iervolino could also become involved in court cases which might well lead to a conflict with his duties as undersheriff.'

"For the foregoing reasons, it is the opinion of this office that Mr. Iervolino cannot perform the functions of the office of Supt. of Weights and Measures, even as a non-salary volunteer."

Said Cappiello, "We will abide by the order and Mr. Iervolino will relinquish any duties he's doing right now pending the outcome to our appeal."

"He was here trying to protect the people of Hoboken from any consumer fraud," said the mayor. "He was here at my request and I feel somewhat taken aback by the county decision so I am appealing to the State Supt. of Weights and Measures to seek a further ruling on his voluntary actions through the office of the Attorney General."

Cappiello said that he has been warned by state officials that "under no circumstances were we to use part-timers for our consumer affairs division."

Safety Force by Fall?

By ELIZABETH PARKS

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello last night told the City Council that the city could have a force of public safety officers by September.

The mayor said he was attending the caucus to familiarize the nine-member council with his progress in trying to initiate the force.

On another safety front yesterday, the mayor promised to let the Fire Department function with at least 21 men and five captains "until the situation becomes too expensive to continue."

Firemen have been appealing to the mayor and council to let them keep their full contingency and claim they are "four to five men short."

Last week, the mayor received word from the state's Civil Service Agency that Hoboken could go ahead in instituting the public safety force. But the mayor said the city must still hurdle "budgetary problems."

He said the city must write the state for permission to transfer money appropriated for the Police and Fire Departments into a special budget for Public Safety Officers.

"I can't pay public safety officers with money intended for police and firemen," he said. "And the city can't transfer the funds itself without the state's approval."

The mayor said he wants to give the council time to study and debate the matter before he writes the state.

The mayor contends there is "no truth" to a charge that he is stalling over instituting public safety officers so he can save on overtime, particularly in the fire department.

He said, "I have to move carefully on this to make sure that everything is done properly. It's possible that once we get the state's approval to transfer the money, we can have a force in effect by September."

The mayor said the number of men hired for the first experimental unit will depend "on how much money the state lets the city appropriate. In earlier talks the mayor had speculated on using six or ten men as an initial force to see how well it works."

Double Duty
In his arguments for a public safety force, the mayor has stated that a successful combination of firemen and policemen would "save the city a considerable amount of money."

According to the mayor, the public safety officers would be new recruits. They would supplement, but not replace, existing police and fire forces. They would patrol the city in radio cars constantly on the lookout for either fires or crimes, both of which they would be empowered to combat.

William Bergin, president of the International Assn. of Fire Officers, who has been protesting the manpower shortage in the department, said he was "relieved at the mayor's decision" and added that he intends to contact city council members to "thank them for their support and assistance."

City may get \$3.8 million for Model Cities replacement

Hoboken Model Cities agency director, Michael Coleman, today predicted that the city may get up to \$3.8 million for the federal government's replacement for Model Cities.

The actual figure, said Coleman, won't be known until probably sometime after January after the city's application — still to be written — has been reviewed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Meanwhile, Hoboken officials will have to wait until the House of Representatives and U.S. Senate get together on a single bill that would provide the funds for Hoboken and at least eight other towns in New Jersey.

Coleman said the "basic intent" of the bill will be to finance "physical revitalization" of a given municipality, which means housing rehabilitation, home improvements and repairs to streets, for example.

"About 75 per cent of our effort will go there," he said, while the rest will be earmarked for various social services, which, under proposed federal guidelines, must be linked with housing renovations.

An example, said Coleman, could be the creation of a day care center for a city housing project on which repairs are being made, or a playground in a residential area under development.

Because of the new federal focus on home development, said Coleman, Hoboken's Community Development Office will be streamlined from a former peak strength of 55 to about 30 "professionals and technicians" with background in that field.

Coleman also forecast a "relaxed" federal scrutiny of programs involving the government's funds, with municipal officials to be given "more local accountability."

Contrary to the late 1960s when a federal liaison officer would monitor specific programs by weekly visits, federal inspections, under the proposed legislation, said Coleman, "will come perhaps once every six months."

So, if a program is found to be going badly for some reason, added Coleman, "They (local officials) won't be able to blame the federal government."

There is also a provision in the bill being drafted for a citizen review group, much like the Neighborhood and then City-wide Planning Council, that has served in Hoboken, said Coleman, who added that he will recommend to Mayor Steve Cappiello that he appoint its members to help Model Cities in drawing up plans for next year's programs.

Right now, various Model Cities agency-sponsored programs are being phased out as the agency's budget is being whittled down in preparation for next year's transition phase. Coleman said he's looking for less than Model Cities has been getting each year, despite a bigger number of cities that will be participating, because of what he called a "hold-harmless" provision in one of the bill's versions that could guarantee no cutbacks for up to the next five years, unless the city can't carry out its programs.

Will improvements take place any faster under the new system?

Probably not, was Coleman's response. There will still be the same specifications and bidding procedures that go along with \$400,000 to complete the calendar year's payroll.

"The period from now to January will be very austere," he continued. "We're just sitting now and waiting for the legislators to finish the bill for the President's signature," he said.

As for the projected \$3.8 million budget, Coleman said that about 35 per cent of that would go for "administrative costs" and the rest for actual programs.

Coleman said that, in any event, Hoboken won't get any construction work planned.

Bier tells Ranieri library won't close

Is the Hoboken Public Library about to close for the rest of the year because it has already spent more than two thirds of its funding for 1974? Not according to Herman Bier, city business administrator who oversees the library operation.

Bier termed the assertion by Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri "a stupid statement based on incomplete knowledge of the situation which hasn't done any good for the city, the mayor or the councilman himself."

According to Ranieri, the library has spent \$74,000 of the \$112,000 it was allocated for 1974 and will not have enough money to continue operating for the full year.

"It is not the councilman's place to make statements downgrading the city and its administrators until he had fully investigated the matter, which he seldom bothers to do," Bier said.

"Then if there is a problem, it should be taken up with the mayor and the council. If there still isn't any satisfaction, then speak out. Councilman Ranieri never sought an explanation from me or anyone concerning the library."

"Had he done so he would have learned that before this month is over more than \$40,000 in state funds will be in the city's hands for the library, leaving the city with more than \$80,000 for the operation of the public library."

John Erbeck, city controller, confirmed Bier's assertion but said that the annual sum received from the state was closer to \$45,000. The city has approximately \$42,000 left of the 1974 library budget appropriation, bringing the total to more than \$87,000 for the remainder of the year.

Bier, visibly annoyed by Ranieri's statement that the business administrator's department had mismanaged the library funds, said that this was not the first time similar remarks about the office of the business administrator had been attributed to the councilman.

"I have repeatedly offered to sit with the councilman and discuss these matters," Bier continued. "Most of the time the offers are not accepted and I get excuses from him instead."

"As a member of the City Council committee on administration the councilman should be knowledgeable of his facts before making any statements. And to do that requires sitting down with me, the mayor and the other committee members to hash out the problem, whatever it may be."

"Councilman Ranieri would better serve the city and himself if he did his homework first."

Ranieri serves on the administration committee with Councilmen Bernard Scrivani and Walter S. Cramer. They too jumped on the councilman for not making any mention of the library matter to them before making a public statement in the press.

A meeting between Bier and the council committee was to have taken place yesterday at 9 a.m. but was cancelled by Scrivani at 9:30 when Ranieri still hadn't shown up. Scrivani's the committee chairman.

Ranieri arrived just as Scrivani was leaving Bier's office and got a hot welcome from the committee chairman. Scrivani was overheard asking Ranieri what right he had to make public statements concerning the committee without first consulting the other members. Ranieri's reply was not loud enough to be heard through the door that separates Bier's office from his out office.

"I take my whacks when I'm wrong," said Ranieri. "I don't run at 100 per cent all of the time. And sometimes the process I use may be out of step. So be it. But it is better than sitting back and watching the parade go by."

"The questions have been asked, answered and the matter resolved. At least, it puts everyone on notice that someone is watching."

Ranieri has axe out for Cutillo's job

If Robert A. Ranieri can get the support of one other Hoboken councilman he plans to have an ordinance prepared which will eliminate the post of deputy director of the public works department.

The position has been held by Carmen Cutillo since the early 1950s when the late John J. Grogan became mayor of Hoboken.

"The post is inefficient and ineffective," said Ranieri. "I'm confused about what Mr. Cutillo does and what he doesn't do; when he works and when he doesn't work."

"I am a frequent visitor to City Hall and I have seldom seen him there although I do admit that he has been in the public works office when Director (Raphael P.) Vitale is out or on vacation."

"Unless it is proved otherwise, I don't see any reason to continue the job," Ranieri continued. "I am not saying that Mr. Cutillo is a no-show but his absence from the Public Works office at City Hall most of the time is conspicuous."

Cutillo was not available for comment. He is out of the city on vacation Vitale said.

According to Director Vitale, most of Cutillo's duties are "in the field," not at City Hall.

"He performs the spot checks on the crews to see that everything is going well," Vitale said. "The office work is my problem unless I'm on vacation or out sick. Then he fills in."

Vitale said that Cutillo usually did come into City Hall almost every day but it was in the late afternoon.

The move by Ranieri to eliminate Cutillo's job is seen by other council members as a means of off-setting Mayor Steve Cappiello's plan to create a deputy director of health and welfare under the public works department.

The ordinance creating the new job has been introduced to the council but still requires a public hearing and final passage before it becomes a reality.

Under the new rules of the City Council, Ranieri must have at least one other councilman supporting his proposed ordinance before the law department will prepare it. The theory is that if there aren't two councilmen in favor of it, the ordinance won't get a second vote and the law department's work will be for nothing.

Crosstown bus is back after repair in city shop

The Hoboken crosstown bus is back in service today after a broken clutch was repaired Monday in its first visit to a city garage rather than a private shop.

Carmen Cutillo, deputy public works director, said it took mechanics at the department's garage only one hour to weld a broken linkage rod. An order is in for a replacement part, he added.

If the vehicle, which broke down Saturday, hadn't been returned to the route, Business Director Herman Bier said he would have rented a private bus as a temporary substitute at a cost of some \$80 per day.

According to Raphael Vitale, public works director, the work Monday marked the first time the crosstown bus has been repaired in a city public works garage or public safety garage.

Previously, he said, repairs were handled by private garages, a practice protested by Councilman Robert Ranieri as an unnecessary expense.

"Any major jobs on the bus will be done at our garage," Vitale said. "We'll charge the business administration department just the cost of parts."

Hoboken Honors Isle

As the Puerto Rican flag was proudly raised over Hoboken City Hall yesterday, the strains of the island commonwealth's anthem, *La Borinquena*, were being sung from the terrace overlooking busy Washington St.

That song tells of the discovery of Puerto Rico by Christopher Columbus and describes the island commonwealth as "the daughter of the sea and the sun."

With so many of the beautiful island's people now residents on the mainland, it was fitting that a ceremony should honor the 22nd anniversary of Puerto Rico's commonwealth status with the United States.

Sponsored by the Mayor's Advisory Council, a group of approximately 20 attended yesterday's flag raising event at Hoboken City Hall. With Mayor Steve Cappiello out of town, Hoboken was officially represented by councilman Raphael Vitale and city clerk Anthony Amoroso.

According to Juan Guzman of the 21-member advisory group, yesterday's ceremony was one of many community functions sponsors to bring together city government and citizens.

The Puerto Rican citizens of Hoboken could look up yesterday and see their red, white and blue banner-flapping in the soft breeze above the center of municipal administration in their city.

The flag, with the same colors as that of the United States, is a four striped banner highlighted by a single star surrounded in a blue triangle.

On July 25, 1952, Puerto Rico was granted United States commonwealth status and internal self-government. Washington still runs the islands foreign affairs, military bases and postal system.

In 1967, the citizens of Puerto Rico went to the ballot boxes to decide whether their country should remain in its special relationship with the mainland or opt for statehood or independence.

By a 61 per cent margin, they decided to maintain the commonwealth and keep the ties with the United States that reached back to the Spanish-American war in 1898.

Hoboken food stamp worker included in Jersey City plan

Hoboken may be in line for an extra food stamp worker who could be dispensing up to \$150,000 worth of coupons to needy senior citizens in the city.

Under a proposal drafted by the Jersey City Food Action

Committee, Hoboken would be one of five county areas to benefit. The others are: Jersey City, Bayonne, North Hudson and West Hudson towns.

Municipalities involved would contribute about 38 per cent of the salary of a "deputized employee" of the county Food Stamp program — about \$2,500 — while the federal government would pay the rest, about \$7,000, through the county.

Each food stamp counselor would be assigned to the municipality participating in the program, under the plan.

Currently, there are some six part-time food stamp workers who take Hoboken residents' applications twice a month from the Hopes, Inc., office, who are connected to Hoboken's "Community Action Program (CAP)."

But, according to statistics brought out in a joint meeting last week with food stamp representatives from Bayonne, Harrison, North Bergen, Jersey

City and Hoboken, and the State Dept. of Community Affairs, there are an estimated 18,000 persons living in the county who are eligible for, but do not have, food stamp tickets.

That number of persons would account for an extra \$360,000 in coupons a month or \$4,320,000 per year, according to the food stamp experts.

Vincent J. Barbo, head of Hoboken's nutrition program for the elderly, said the recruitment of new applicants in this city could mean an extra \$150,000 in benefits.

The food stamp persons concluded that the extra personnel is justified by potential applicants' lack of knowledge about the program, long waits to fill out applications, long lines at (participating) banks (to collect on coupons).

Mayor Steve Cappiello said he'll contact Freeholder Vincent J. Fusilli and encourage him to push for Hoboken's participation in the program.

Meanwhile, Hudson County Food Stamp Director Frank Drew said he's waiting for Hoboken to submit the name of one of its CAP employees to work as an "income maintenance technician" for the county's outreach program.

Under this plan, already sanctioned by the federal government, said Drew, one of the six Hoboken workers would be allowed to carry on extensive recruitment in the community, make home visits to food stamp customers and validate claims.

Such a service, he said, will mean a supplement to what is now basically a twice-a-month deal. After 10 months of work, he added, the individual involved has the option to take a Civil Service exam to qualify for the salary range corresponding to the title. If the person passes, the federal government would pick up the new salary.

Council vote slated on aide for Vitale

The Hoboken City Council will be asked to create a new deputy director position for the Public Works Department, division of Health and Welfare, to take some of the burden off Raphael P. Vitale, the department head.

An ordinance creating the position and a second measure setting the annual salary at \$13,000 are scheduled to be introduced in the council for their first readings at tomorrow morning's meeting.

According to Mayor Steve Cappiello, who had the ordinance prepared, he wants closer supervision of the Health and Welfare departments and a deputy director is needed to provide it.

"Director Vitale has done a fine job," said the mayor, "but there is a limit to what can be expected of one man. I want very close supervision of the Health and Welfare departments and to expect Director Vitale to add this to his existing

responsibilities would be a little unreasonable."

The mayor said the new deputy director would be responsible to Vitale as the director of the city's largest single department.

Cappiello would not say whom he expects to appoint once the council approves it but added that several persons are being considered. However, City Hall sources say the front runner for the job is Mrs. Florence Iapicca, an investigator with the Board of Health. She has been a municipal employee for more than 15 years and is also president of the ladies auxiliary of the Steve Cappiello Association.

In other business, the council is expected to approve the sale of 32 city-owned properties, putting them back on the city's tax rolls. The properties were all sold at a recent public auction.

Bids on the rehabilitation of the city's 16th Street baseball field and the towing of abandoned automobiles are also expected to be rejected by the council.

Live within budget, city tells directors

The City Council will advise Hoboken's various department heads that they'd best live within their budgets for the rest of the year — especially in the area of salaries and wages — because the council "won't look kindly on requests to transfer funds from other departments and accounts to cover overages."

Law Director Dudley A. Schlosser has been instructed by the council to prepare a letter to all the directors advising them of

the council's feeling on spending for the rest of the year, a council source said today.

He did not say what prompted the action but it is believed it is due to council concern with efforts by some city officials to get pay increases for certain employees in a year when the council refused to grant any increases to anyone and even prescribed a reduction in city personnel.

It was learned that an ordinance amendment increasing the salary range for several key and supervisory personnel in various departments had been prepared for submission to the council. The ordinance would have to be approved by the council before increases could be given, since all those holding the jobs listed in the amendment are now at their prescribed maximum salary.

But the council's stand on salaries and wages just about assures that no action will be taken for the rest of this year on the amendment.

Council President Martin J. Brennan confirmed the report that the directive was being prepared by Schlosser but declined to go into details. He explained that he hadn't seen the final draft so he didn't know exactly how Schlosser had worded it.

PAL moving into school?

Hoboken's new Wallace School at 11th Street and Willow Avenue may wind up being the new home of the city's Police Athletic League which must vacate its current office at 524 Hudson St. in the immediate future.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said today he will ask the board of education to supply space for the PAL and hopefully it will be in the new school.

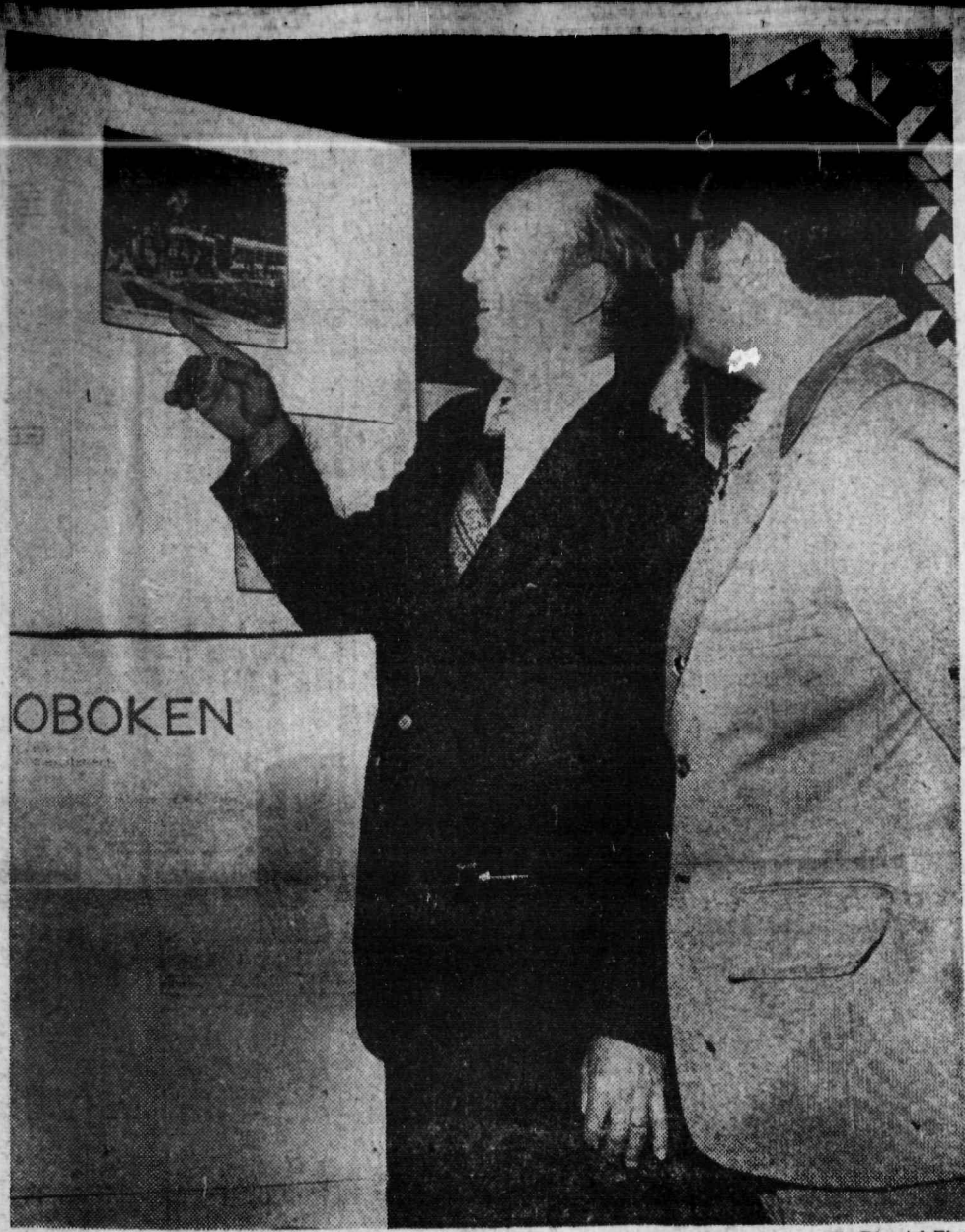
The PAL now has its office in the old School 4 building which is destined to be torn down to make way for a new mini-school. The PAL must find a new location before demolition starts.

"I'm relying heavily on the board of education to provide the necessary office space since the

city doesn't have it in any of its buildings," said the mayor. "The Wallace School would be ideal. It is in an area that has a large number of children who could make good use of the PAL's activities."

Cappiello pointed out that the board had given the PAL office space in the past — the office it now uses is in a board building — so he felt it would continue this courtesy to the city, although not necessarily in the Wallace School.

"I'd like the space to be in Wallace and so would the men running the PAL," he said. "But we'll settle for whatever the board can give us."



TWO MAYORS IN HOBOKEN — Manuel Aponte Borrero, Mayor of Bayamon, Puerto Rico (right), looks on as Steve Cappelletto, Hoboken's mayor, points out part of a photo display in city hall. The men toured the mile square city yesterday, discussing possible solutions to mutual problems.

Feted at Hoboken Luncheon
Puerto Rican Mayor Visits

By THOMAS CURRAN
Hoboken had two mayors yesterday as Steve Cappelletto treated Manuel Aponte Borrero, mayor of Bayamon, Puerto Rico, to luncheon at the Union Club and a tour of the Mile Square City.

Borrero, who was in New York for a mayors' conference on housing and community development, came to Hoboken to discuss possible solutions to mutual problems with Cappelletto.

Ranieri seen lacking votes to block deputy for Vitale

As the members of the Hoboken City Council prepare for tonight's meeting it appears that Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri does not have the seconding vote he needs for his ordinance amendment eliminating the post of deputy public works director introduced for full council action.

And because he doesn't, the councilman is expected to argue long and hard against the adoption of another ordinance that would create a second deputy director's post for public works.

Cops commended Drayton, Carrier, Lugo

Three Hoboken policemen have been praised by Union City Police Chief Herman H. Bolte for their actions on July 6 in capturing three men who had just held up a Union City Store.

Aid Loss Could Ensnare
Hoboken School Board Threatens Suit on Loan

By ELIZABETH PARKS
The Hoboken Board of Education has warned the mayor and city council that \$1.5 million, plus that the board borrowed in July to pay teachers' vacation pay or face court action could result in the loss of thousands of dollars of state aid.

In a special meeting with Mayor Steve Cappelletto, City Comptroller John Erbeck and Director of Revenue and Finance Frank Bartlett last night, board attorney Robert Taylor outlined the state statutes on municipal tax laws obligating the city to release funds budgeted for the board at the board's notification of need.

According to Taylor, the city's refusal to pay the loan due in mid-October would result in the board obtaining a court order against the city.

Taylor further explained that if the city refuses to pay and the board cannot repay the loan, the state department of Education would be drawn into the picture, perhaps lowering the city's credit rating and preempting what Taylor calls "considerable

Pay interest, save credit - Brennan

Insisting "it's the responsible thing to do," Martin S. Brennan, president of the Hoboken City Council, said he is hopeful the council will agree this week to pay the interest due on the city's parking authority garage bond issue.

"I hope the council reconsiders because we must meet our obligations," said Brennan.

MAYOR STEVE CAPPIELLO has called a special council meeting for Thursday to discuss the bond interest. He took the action after John Laezza, director of the state Division of Local Finance announced that the city must pay the \$319,192 in interest due Sept. 1 to the Franklin National Bank.

If the city doesn't pay the interest, Laezza said, the state will come in and take over complete financial control of the city. The state will then pay the interest with the city's money.

Laezza explained that he would be required to take the action by state law, pointing out that "Hoboken has no legal right not to pay its bills." He said the debt was anticipated and funds appropriated for payment. "The city cannot now arbitrarily decide not to pay."

IF THE CITY wanted to make a legal issue of the bank's refusal to release more than \$1.8 million earned by the parking authority through investment of \$8.5 million in bond money, it could do so. But the city must pay the Sept. 1 bill, he declared.

Brennan said the council might start suit, but questioned whether it would be worth the money and the effort. He said the present timetable calls for the parking authority to begin earning revenues in March and the city could use the money to pay the bond interest. Since litigation could be drawn out, a court battle may not decide the issue before March.

THE COUNCIL VOTED 6 to 3 not to pay the interest. Brennan and councilmen Bernard Scrivani and Salvatore Cemelli voted to pay it. Not to do so, Brennan explained, would hurt the city's credit rating in the financial world.

City, Hospital May Agree On Water Bill

Hoboken officials and representatives of St. Mary's Hospital may reach a compromise today on the approximately \$104,000 water bill which the hospital owes the city.

Officials of the hospital, led by Sister Grace Frances, are scheduled to meet this morning with Mayor Steve Cappelletto, Public Works Director Raphael V. Brennan and Attorney Dudley J. Brennan.

Mayor refused to discuss the purpose of the meeting. Sister Grace could not be reached for comment, city hall sources speculated that the meeting was intended to arrive at a compromise figure on the three-year-old bill.

Three weeks ago, the Hoboken Water Department, at the recommendation of Joseph Cahill, director of the Jersey City Water Department, revised the bill downward by \$13,000.

Hoboken Library adds new books

Hoboken's Public Library continues to increase the number of books it has available. It ordered 333 books during July.

Among the new arrivals are: All the President's Men by Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward; Letters to the Soviet Leaders by Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn; Widow by Lynn Caine; The Kingdom of Oil: The Middle East: Its People and Its Power by Ray Vicker; Personality and Politics by Gordon J. Di Renzo; A Darkening Green by Peter S. Prescott.

For hobbyists, Sewing Children's Clothes Made Easy by Vera Larter; Kitchen Crafts by Linda and John Cross; Bargello: An Explosion in Color.

Novels—The Rosemary Touch by Lois Wyse; Fan Club by Irving Wallace; Jaws by Peter Benchley; Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy by John LeCarre; Napoleon Symphony by Anthony Burgess; The Millionaire's Daughter by Dorothy Eden; The Long Dark Night by Joseph Hayes; The Decay of the Angel by Yukio Mishima; The House of a Thousand Lanterns by Victoria Holt; The Circle of Love by Roderick Thorp; The Good Shepherd by Thomas Fleming; the Fugitive by Marion Montgomery.

Questions and Answers on Death and Dying by Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, M.D.; Finding and Buying Your Place in the Country by Lescher; Awakening: A Moving Book on Parkinson's Disease by Dr. Oliver W. Sacks; Give! Who Gets Your Charity Dollar? by Harvey Katz; Kissinger by Marvin Kalb and Bernard Kalb; Frolicance Writing: Advice from the Pros, by Curtis W. Casewit.

Lovers' Guide to America by Ian Keown; The Day Care Book: The Why, What and How of Community Day Care by Vicki Breithart; Emperor of China: Self Portrait of K'ang-Hsi by Jonathan D. Spece; The World Champions; Giuseppe Farina to Jackie Stewart by Anthony Pritchard; The Phaeton Ride: The Crisis of American Success by Forrest McDonald; Creative Aggression: The Art of Assertive Living by Doctors George Bach and Herb Goldberg; A Guide to Theater Study by J.C. Hoffman; The Book You Always Meant to Read: The Old Testament by Marguerite Harmon Bro.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT — Josh Burton strums a guitar and keeps the crowd entertained at Hoboken Little League Field. He was one of New York's 13th Street Theater Group who took part in summer program.

He's Happy

Mayor Steve Cappelletto of Hoboken has reason to be happy over that new pact for a continuation of the safe neighborhoods and clean streets program for the Mile-Square City. Especially is it important in the area of public safety.

Hoboken has made good use of the funds from the state that it has already received. It has strengthened patrolling on the streets and this is so essential to a city which, because of its location and composition, is prone to many acts of violence.

At the same time, let us not overlook what can be done to make the city more acceptable as far as cleaner streets and some beautification. Hoboken needs this, too, in good measure. It has a new lease to do this for at least another year.



Sergeants all
Mayor Steve Cappelletto of Hoboken participates in ceremony promoting three Hoboken policemen to sergeants. The mayor himself is a police sergeant — on leave of absence. From left are Cappelletto, Michael Costello, James Peck and Steve Darago. (Another picture

Bank rejects plan to release interest to pay bond debt

The Franklin National Bank of New York has made it official. It will not agree to a new proposal from the Hoboken Parking Authority which would allow \$1.85 million in accrued interest funds to be released for payment of the principal and interest on the authority's \$8.5 million parking garage bond issue.

A letter to this effect has been sent to Mayor Steve Cappelletto and the city council members by the parking authority after it was notified by its attorney that the bank had rejected the new offer.

The proposal was for the city to assume the debt service for the authority which would assure that the three parking garages in the John J. Grogan Marine View Plaza project would be completed with the city picking up any additional condition costs, thus removing any need for the bank to maintain the \$1.85 million reserve and freeing those funds for payment of interest and principal on the bond issue.

According to Richard Eversen, chairman of the parking authority, the letter from the bank stated that while it understood Hoboken's problem and would like to help avoid further draws on the city's general account to pay the authority's debts, it had to live up to the terms of the trust agreement.

However, Eversen said the bank did say that upon completion of the three parking garages it would turn over all of the excess funds to the authority's debt service account. "Once that has been done the authority can use the money almost any way it wants to," he continued. "We could start picking up the principal and interest payments, relieving the city of this responsibility."

Eversen added that the authority might even be able to pay the city back most of the money it has had to lay out for the authority — more than \$1 million — but he wasn't positive. The next step is up to the city council which must decide if the much talked about suit against the bank should be initiated? And, if it is, will it be worth it?

Cappelletto said he was going to ask the council to be very deliberate in its actions and not to rush into action that might not accomplish anything except to waste the city's time and money. "I do not want to see the city go through the trouble of starting a suit to get these funds released and then see the suit die in the middle because the bank has released the funds of its own volition," explained the mayor. "If the suit is started and the city wins the funds would be released to the parking authority, not the city. The bank has said the trust agreement calls for this to happen anyway when the garages are completed. We now have an authority which is friendly to the city and its position and will benefit one way or the other from the surplus funds."



POLICE PROMOTIONS—Hoboken Police Chief George Crimmins pins badges on new police lieutenants during ceremonies in Hoboken City Hall. From left are Crimmins, John J. Ferrante, Anthony L. Romano and Joseph J. Bischer Jr.

Hoboken substituting fines for towaways

The suspension of Hoboken's alternate-side-of-the-street towing program in conjunction with the daily street sweeping may take effect before the end of the month, Mayor Steve Cappelletto said today.

Originally under the impression that a city ordinance would have to be created before the suspension could take place, the mayor said today that he has been informed that the towing can be dropped and the fine increased to \$10 from \$2 administratively.

"All that is needed is approval from the Hudson County Court to increase the fine schedule," the mayor said. "Once that has been done the towing can be dropped."

That approval could be given before the end of the week. Judge Rudolph R. Naddeo has already requested it and expects to have an answer before the end of the week.

Naddeo said that he might have the fine change and towing suspension put into the form of a resolution and submit it to City Council as a courtesy, but it wasn't required. The towing program is being suspended temporarily to see if higher fines will deter motorists more and make the system "more just."

Due to recent anti-theft improvements in the design of late model cars which make towing (as well as stealing) more difficult, not all cars have been towed in when they blocked the path of the city's sweeper trucks. Older vehicles without the anti-theft devices are usually towed while newer cars weren't. Towing will not be eliminated completely during the trial, the mayor said. "If a car with a ticket for blocking the sweeper's path hasn't been moved when the sweeper again does the same street, it will be considered an abandoned car and towed in."

Before the towing is dropped, and the higher fines started, the mayor said that he will ask Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale to have all alternate-side-of-the-street signs checked to make sure all areas of the city have been properly posted. "I have had several calls and letters from residents and motorists about the lack of signs in some areas," the mayor said. "All areas should be properly posted. If they aren't, then the motorist does have an explanation and should bring it to the attention of the judge if a summons is issued."

Council votes 'no' on bank interest

Hoboken will not pay the \$318,192 due to the Franklin National Bank as interest on the city parking authority's \$8.5 million parking garage bond issue.

By a 4-3 vote last night, the city council decided not to pay. The members who opposed the payment said the money should be taken out of the nearly \$2 million earned by the bond issue proceeds on deposit at the bank.

The bank has refused to release this money. It claims to be holding it in trust for the protection of the bondholders.

Councilmen Robert Ranieri, Edward McLaughlin, Walter Cramer and Anthony Romano voted against the payment.

McLaughlin, Cramer and Ranieri were members of the council committee that studied the issue. They had recommended that the city should sue to force the bank to release the \$2 million, but the suit was delayed when the parking authority offered a compromise which the bank later rejected.

Urging payment, Council President Martin Brennan asked, "What about the credit of the city?" He said Hoboken has one of "the worst credit ratings," and that the council could harm the rating further by not paying city bills.

The council has still not taken

formal action on a suit against the bank.

During the public session, Maurice DeGennaro and other speakers raised the council's action. "I'm elated," DeGennaro said.

Other controversies last night involved payment of repairs for the city's cross-town bus, and creation of the post of deputy director of public works for health and welfare.

At Ranieri's insistence, a majority of the council voted to table a bill for \$1,749 for the cross-town bus.

Ranieri said the bus repairs could be made at the public safety garage "for a quarter of the cost." He said he would see that the bus repairs are made at a city garage in the future. He said if council action is needed to make that possible, he will introduce such a measure at the next meeting.

McLaughlin, however, has said, "We have a legal obligation to pay the bill" even if the city was unwise going to a private garage.

Ranieri also objected to several bills submitted by the public works department, but they were approved by the council anyway.

The council also adopted an ordinance creating a second deputy public works director post to take charge of health and welfare, and set the salary of the position at \$13-14,000 a year.

Ranieri had prepared an ordinance abolishing the position of deputy director now held by Carmen Cutillo, but he said he would not introduce it because it lacked council support. He said he had intended the ordinance as counterbalance to save money, adding that the city's personnel policies "may not only destroy the budget we set for this year, but have a most horrendous effect on the budget for next year."

Brennan said both the mayor and the public works director told him that the new deputy director post is necessary, and would lead to greater "efficiency." He said if Ranieri has complaints about Cutillo or other workers he should make a formal departmental charge.

During the public hearing, Thomas Vezzetti said that because the city was "financially in bad shape," it couldn't afford the new post. Ruth Tompkins said, "The new post is disgraceful" and called the job "really political." Mark Cerrone said the council should check for itself to see if the job is necessary, and not rely on the mayor's advice.

The council also adopted an ordinance allowing taverns forced out of condemned buildings to retain their license in a new location, pending approval of the Alcoholic Beverage Control board. Romano said the ABC should be cautioned not to let too many bars move into one area.

In other business, the council:

—Adopted new specifications for an installation of a central fire alarm system.

—Hired Day and Zimmerman Consulting Services to appraise all buildings, piers and yard improvements in Bethlehem Steel Corp. repair yard for tax purposes, and to provide expert testimony in other cases where needed. The council also awarded a contract to Hugh A. McGuire Jr. to prepare property tax cases.

—Tabled an \$8,555 payment to Nationwide Insurance Co. Ranieri said the council had tabled it previously, and still had received no assurances it was getting full value for its money.

—Commended the county Charter Study Commission for its examination of county government, but did not explicitly endorse the commission's recommendations.

During the speakers' session, Vezzetti asked about St. Mary Hospital's water bill. Brennan said the hospital and the city are "very close" to a settlement.

Thomas Martinelli asked the council to try to improve the 10th Street ball-field, which he said has caused "serious injuries." Brennan said the field is the property of the Board of Education. He and Ranieri indicated the council would back Martinelli in his appeal to the school board.

Anthony Russo asked for swift action in obtaining a traffic light for his civic association had asked for. He produced a letter which indicated the matter is still bogged down between the state and Hoboken police.

Brennan said the council could only pass word of the matter along, and that a light or stop sign would have to be set up by the police with approval of the state.

City seeks to scrap recreation center

Plans to spend \$100,000 in state funds to renovate the Hoboken American Legion Hall and use it as a recreation center have been scrapped by the city, which would use the money instead to get the City Hall elevator back in service and also to pay for the new electrical work in the building.

Mayor Steve Cappiello and other city officials met yesterday with officials of the state's Safe and Clean Streets Program, which has allocated the funds, to get their preliminary reaction to the switch in plans.

"The reaction was good, and I'm greatly encouraged by it," said the mayor. "But the city still has to put the change in plans into a formal proposal and submit it to the state for approval."

"We intend to prepare a package proposal that will include the repair or replacement of the City Hall elevator, the new electrical rewiring work which is still under way, and a new Public Safety Communications center," the mayor continued.

Cappiello explained that the proposal to use the American Legion Post at 1229 Willow Ave. never materialized because the Legion board of directors was hesitant to agree to all of the conditions requested by the state. The city wanted to take possession of the building and allow the unlimited use of the facility. But the upper level would be used exclusively for the city's recreation program.

"But things have a way of working out for the better," the mayor went on. "The fire that destroyed most of the electrical circuits in the City Hall was a disaster that crippled the city. Had we spent the \$100,000 in discretionary funds the state has already granted to us for the Legion project the cost of repairing the elevator and rewiring the City Hall would have had to be borne by local taxpayers."

The elevator was out of service for several months before the fire due to problems with the gate and doors which did not close properly.

The elevator did operate but wasn't used because it was

feared that the gate or doors would jam and possibly injure passengers. But the fire completed the job. The main circuits for the elevator were also in the city's electrical control room which was the scene of the fire. They were destroyed along with the rest of the electrical circuits.

Under the communications plan, the city hopes to move the fire department communications system and alarm system into the police communications center on the third floor of the City Hall building from fire headquarters at 124 Hudson St.

That building has been condemned by the national fire underwriters as unfit for a fire communications center because of its advanced age and general poor condition.

Public safety force to augment firemen

Mayor Steve Cappiello may eventually get his public safety officers for Hoboken but they aren't going to be replacements for existing firemen.

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri, one of the mayor's staunchest supporters on the public safety officer issue, said the council has verbally conceded to the city's firemen that any public safety officers hired by the city would be used as a supplemental force to a set number of firemen.

"Although I cannot speak for the entire council, I feel that most of its members agree that a set number of fire fighters must be maintained and that the public safety officers should be supplemental to that force," he said. "This was conveyed to the firemen when we (the council) met with them Monday night."

Ranieri said the firemen felt the number of fire fighters on duty at any given time should be maintained at 25 while the council felt that 21 or 22 would be sufficient.

"The discussions are still open and the end figure will probably be somewhere in between," he added. "But the important thing is that the discussions are taking place and much progress is being made."

The firemen, represented by Capt. William Bergen of the Fire Officers Association and Fireman Michael Bavaro of the Fire Fighters Association, met with the council for more than an hour Monday night to present their objections to the use of public safety officers.

At least two more meetings of the council will be held before it reaches any decision on the issue. The council also wants to hear the mayor's presentation in favor of the public safety officer concept and will probably hold one meeting after that at which both the mayor and the fire representatives will be present to continue the discussions.

As proposed by the mayor, the public safety officer would be trained in both police and fire duties and perform either as needed.

The firemen contend that the only way a public safety officer can efficiently serve as a fireman is as a supplemental force to a set number of firemen

or minimum force, which would have to be on duty at any given time.

A poll of several council members showed that most were primarily concerned with economy in the public safety department rather than the pros and cons of the public safety officer.

"We'll seriously consider any plan, be it from the mayor, the firemen or anyone else, that can save the city money and still provide proper protection for local residents," remarked one councilman.

Renewal area bars get moving break

Hoboken tavern and liquor store owners who are forced to close down because urban renewal projects are claiming their locations will be getting a break.

The city plans to amend its Alcoholic Beverage Control ordinance so that owners who find themselves in such a predicament can relocate to just about

anywhere in the city without having to worry about being too close to another tavern or liquor store.

Under the existing city ordinance, no tavern or liquor store can be opened within 250 feet of an existing establishment. In Hoboken, which has more than 170 saloons and liquor stores crammed into a land area of just over one square mile, finding new locations that conform to the ordinance is almost impossible.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said that the city wanted to make it a little easier for owners who are victims of urban renewal to stay in business.

"We don't want to take anyone's livelihood away," he said. "It is not the fault of the owner if the building he occupies is slated for demolition to make way for an urban renewal project."

However, the mayor added that state regulations concerning the minimum distances a tavern can open from a church or school will still be enforced.

Cutillo charges Ranieri 'vendetta'

Carmen Cutillo, Hoboken's deputy director of Public Works whose job Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri is trying to eliminate, today responded to the councilman's attack, calling it "personal and political."

Cutillo, who cut his vacation short in order to return to the city and defend himself against the councilman's efforts to eliminate his job, said Ranieri was trying to settle a grudge that went back to the 1967 ward elections.

"I have never been with the councilman or his brother (Rudolph) politically," Cutillo said. "In 1967, when Councilman Rudy Ranieri was running for reelection in the First Ward I publicly supported Anthony H. Romano who won the election."

"When Rudy Ranieri ran for councilman-at-large in 1969 I publicly supported the opposing candidate, who won. The Ranieris have never forgotten this, and now that Robert has been elected they want revenge."

Cutillo said the councilman "has made it obvious" that he is "out to get me at all costs."

"One of the first things he did when sworn in as councilman was to attempt to have me fired

or my job eliminated," continued the deputy. "That effort failed because he couldn't get the support of the rest of the council."

"Now, he is trying again and using the possible creation of a second deputy's post in the public works department as a smoke screen to cover up his personal vendetta."

Cutillo denied he has abused the city's record-keeping system by taking time off from his job without notifying anyone.

"I serve at the pleasure of the director of the public works department (Raphael P. Vitale)," Cutillo asserted. "And as far as I know there have been very few times, if any, that he didn't know where I was or what I was doing."

"I don't and I have never worked a regular 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. day but I do put my hours in. I serve as the department's field director, doing the field work that the director can't do himself and still handle his daily office work."

Cutillo said he was not disturbed by Ranieri's threat to start an investigation and to subpoena city employees to testify to Cutillo's alleged absence.

"That's up to him, not me," he continued. "I believe I can account for most of my time."

Hoboken cops probe second convent entry

The convent of St. Joseph's Church in Hoboken has been burglarized for the second time this week and, in each case, police say their investigation has been hampered by a lack of witnesses.

Police said the latest incident — the first occurred over the weekend — was reported by Brother Edward Handy of St. Joseph's Church. He said that between 6 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. yesterday someone broke into the convent at 71 Jackson St.

According to Brother Edward, stolen were four portable tape-recorders valued at \$200, a black and white portable TV valued at \$200, a film strip machine valued at \$150, a portable color TV valued at \$500 and

a stereo set valued at \$400.

In the earlier entry reported to police on Sunday, a tape-recorder, eye-glasses and a ring were taken. Police said the thief got in through an unlocked window and fled through a rear door.

But, in the most recent burglary, said police, entry was gained by the removal of a metal screen which secures a glass pane to the door of the convent on the Jackson Street side of the building, leading to the basement.

The burglar, police said, then made a hole in the glass, put his hand through the door and opened the lock. The thief ransacked the basement and some of the rooms in the convent before fleeing through the same door, police said.

2,000 families target of stamp drive

An outreach drive to enroll an estimated 2,000 eligible but non-participating Hoboken families in the county food stamp program begins Sept. 11 with a registration session at the Monroe Gardens housing project.

In an effort to eliminate travel and waiting time for applicants, a team of six food stamp certifiers on loan from the county will offer easy registration to residents at Fox Hill Sept. 13 and at Adam Gardens Sept. 18.

Mayor Steve Cappiello and Freeholder Vincent Fusilli, who arranged for the sessions to ease access to the nutrition program, will address each meeting to encourage residents to take advantage of it as food costs continue to spiral.

Fusilli said that the certification team will continue an outreach "blitzkrieg" with later visits to other housing authority projects and to poverty areas. Senior citizens are the target group, however, because most live on fixed incomes and are particularly hard hit by rising food prices, he said.

The drive was announced yesterday by Vincent J. Barbo,

director of the Hoboken nutrition food program, during the senior citizens' hot lunch hour at Monroe Gardens. Also attending were Cappiello, Fusilli, Councilman Louis Francone and Alfred A. Filippini, former supervisor of the county food stamp program and a member of the Jersey City Food Action Committee.

Addressing the diners, Filippini stressed that food stamps offer a "nutritional program, not a welfare program," but added that nearly 80 per cent of low-income Hoboken families who are eligible for the food benefits don't take advantage of them.

Senior citizens, he said, make up nearly half of the non-enrolled group.

A lingering but unjustified welfare image, lack of public awareness and the present inconvenience of applying for the stamps contribute to the low enrollment rate, Cappiello and Fusilli noted later.

Filippini said that according to a Food Action Committee study based on 1970 census figures, Hoboken has the largest percentage in the county of families near or below the federal poverty line — 22 per cent or 2,527 families.

Of these, he added, only some 500 are participating in the county food stamp program.

"There's nearly \$500,000 in the federal treasury not being used by Hoboken," Filippini declared, explaining that based on an average monthly supplement of some \$20, the non-enrolled families are missing out on about \$480,000 in food benefits.

Filippini said the Food Action Committee will propose to the freeholders at their Sept. 10 meeting that they implement a new federal program in which the county splits with the federal government the cost of hiring a

full-time food stamp certifier to work in each municipality which has heavy applicant caseloads.

Outlining the program to Cappiello, Filippini said Hoboken would contribute half the cost of office space and other overhead.

An important advantage of the program, Filippini said, is that it would enable certifiers to visit shut-ins.

Asked if he will support the proposal, Fusilli replied: "I will support any and all proposals that will take the burden off the shoulders of our senior citizens."

Cappiello said he will lend his backing to the proposal.

According to Filippini, the county has 17 food stamp certifiers who circulate through all communities, with none assigned full time to the Hoboken outreach center in the HOPES headquarters. He said four certifiers now joining the program also will circulate.

According to Barbo, the first three senior citizen registration sessions will begin at 9 a.m. with cake and coffee.

Bicentennial Panel Names Cappiello

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello has been named vice chairman of the Mayors' Committee on Bicentennial as part of the nationwide program to celebrate the country's 200th birthday in 1976.

Cappiello's appointment was recently announced by Mayor Joseph Alioto of San Francisco, president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

As vice chairman, Cappiello will help direct and encourage bicentennial projects in Hoboken. He will also meet with other mayors in the area to stimulate interest among communities which have not yet begun bicentennial activities.

"It is important and fitting that the chief elected officers of cities across the country direct and lead bicentennial events in their cities," Alioto said in appointing Cappiello.

Food Stamp Education Plan Eyed

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and Freeholder Vincent J. Fusilli met yesterday in the city hall with James Young, director of the Hudson County Welfare Department to discuss a plan to teach senior citizens the advantages of food stamps.

Cappiello said he asked for the meeting because of his concern for senior citizens who have been having a difficult time meeting food costs with their fixed incomes.

Fusilli said the meeting produced a general goal of going to Hoboken senior citizen housing projects to explain the food stamp program and how individuals become eligible. He added that a survey shows that between 16,000 and 18,000 senior citizens in the county are not taking advantage of the program.

"Mayor Cappiello and I feel that an educational program will result in senior citizens receiving aid that they are entitled to and have not been getting," Fusilli declared.

Young told Cappiello and Fusilli that the Hudson County Food Stamp program which is run by the county's welfare department will be willing to work with Hoboken or any municipality wanting to educate its senior citizens on food stamps.

Cut Food Costs
On a local level, Fusilli said that Vincent Barbo, who directs the sit-in luncheons for Hoboken senior citizens, will work on the information project on food stamps.

"We want senior citizens to know that food stamps, which cut the cost of food, are available. We also want them to understand that those seniors eligible should take advantage of the opportunity. And most of all, it is our objective to eliminate any feeling of shame on the part of recipients," he said.

Fusilli added that it must be understood that the food stamp program was created for people on limited and fixed incomes. pointed out it is a program, devised nationally, to insure good nutrition for all.

Fusilli pointed out that the mayor came up with the plan to aid senior citizens. He added that Cappiello believes it is one answer to good nutrition for seniors.

Puerto Rican theater troupe to offer play in Hoboken street

The Puerto Rican Traveling Theater of New York will return to Hoboken to present "Payment as Pledged" Saturday in front of the A.J. Demarest Junior High School, it was announced today. The play will be presented at 7:30 p.m. in English by a cast of

about 25, on a portable stage set up on Garden Street between Fourth and Fifth streets in front of the school. Admission is free.

Mrs. Ophelia Goldstein and Brunilda Bower are sponsoring the presentation in cooperation with the Hoboken Model Cities Agency and its summer program.

The Traveling Theater company visited Hoboken two summers ago to put on a play at the same location, and received rave reviews from local residents.

Luis Avalos will play the male lead in the production. He is a member of the Lincoln Center Repertory Company and has appeared in numerous segments of "The Electric Company," a children's educational program shown nationally on the public broadcasting stations.

The female lead is played by Ilka Tanya Payan who is also a member of the Lincoln Center Theater company. She has also performed in Mexico and Santo Domingo.

City seeks to revive park trees

What little greenery Hoboken has in its three city parks — Church Square, Elysian and Stevens — is in pretty bad shape.

That's the opinion of a horticulturalist from Rutgers University who recently visited the parks at the city's request to see what should be done to revive them.

"In general, our parks are over-populated," said Mayor Steve Cappiello. "Almost every available inch of space in our parks is used and some of it shouldn't be."

"Even the trees have suffered from it. The ground around them

is packed hard from overuse. People walk their animals in the same area, another mistake, if they want healthy trees."

The mayor disclosed that the city plans to bring the parks back to life and the horticulturalist's visit was the first step in that direction.

"We are anxious to find out what kind of trees are best suited for conditions such as we have in Hoboken," he continued. "We also want to know if what we have is in good condition, what isn't and if any trees in poor condition can be saved or have to be removed."

Cappiello said that Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale received the report on the inspection just before he left for vacation last week. It said that many of the park trees had been abused over the years, haven't been given proper attention and will eventually die because of it.

"We haven't reviewed it in depth," said the mayor, "but I feel it is fairly complete. A number of recommendations are made in it for the kinds of trees we should consider planting in the future and how they should be planted."

YMCA Hopes Camp Tamaqua Won't See Final Sunset

'Y' Campers At Trains To Say Thanks

By ELIZABETH PARKS
Some 28,000 commuters heading home yesterday through Hoboken's Erie Lackawanna Terminal had a pleasant surprise waiting for them during the rush hours—20 YMCA Camp Tamaqua kids, grateful to the commuters for donating to the camp's summer fund, paraded thank-you signs through the terminal.

Under the watchful eye of YMCA Director Wes Lecovich and other Y officials, the kids kept generally out of the way of the hurried looking commuters, but many of the travelers, on their way home after a long day, surprisingly slowed down, read the signs, smiled at the kids and at each other and took what might be called "a people break" before continuing their mad rush for the 5:11.

Some of the commuters interviewed said that they really didn't understand what the kids were doing, but realized they were saying "thank you" for something an said that it "felt good" to be thanked.

Reverse Picketing
One commuter, Mrs. Miriam Karr of Fair Lawn, took the time to listen to an explanation of what Lecovich termed "picketing in reverse," and said that next year, if asked to contribute, to the camp fund, she'd be "delighted to do it."

Although the children didn't make the brightly colored signs that had "Thank you" prominently splashed across them, they were eagerly carrying them and 12-year-old Marcello Lama of 250 3rd st. explained why.

"Maybe we all couldn't have gone to camp if the people didn't contribute," he said, referring to Camp Tamaqua's pre-season financial difficulties.

"We want to thank the people for being good to us and we want to say that they were very nice. I hope next year if Camp Tamaqua needs the money that they'll give again."

Last May the Northern New Jersey Commuters Assn. sponsored a one-day fund-raising event in the terminal which brought in \$2,400 for the camp.

To repay Hoboken for the assistance it gave commuters during the 1972 PATF strike, Association president Stewart Boyd conceived the fund-raising event.

The Assn. gave the Y stamped self-addressed envelopes which the kids handed to commuters going through the terminals. The commuters who cared took the trouble to mail donations for the camp.

City seeking to upgrade dog warden

Hoboken officials have started reviewing the position of dog warden to upgrade its efficiency and get better results, it was learned today.

According to a source in the public works department, the city has been overlooking the job for several years. As a result, the city's dog warden, Manuel Mojica, is not fully aware of his authority, has no equipment except the truck the city supplies, has no uniform and has never been provided with proper identification.

The report was confirmed by Mojica and Deputy Public Works Directors Carmen Cutillo who said they have started reviewing the inequities.

One of the immediate results, said Cutillo, is that Mojica has been told to start issuing summonses to persons who don't properly walk their dogs or allow their dogs to run free.

"The city has been getting some complaints about dogs but most of them aren't about strays," he said. "The complaints are about registered dogs whose owners are too lazy to walk them and allow them to run free."

"These animals are to be picked up, their license tag number taken and then turned over to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)," continued the director. "A summons will then be made out to the person listed as the owner."

However, Cutillo said that he would recommend to Director Raphael P. Vitale that the whole system be reviewed, including the use of the SPCA.

"The dog warden says that it is not uncommon for a dog he has turned over to the SPCA to be back on the streets within a few days," continued Cutillo. "On a few occasions, the same dog has gone back and fourth three times. This should be looked into."

Volunteers will help repair field

With volunteers and the use of city workers Hoboken may yet start on putting the 16th Street field into playing condition this year.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said today he has obtained approval from the state to use city workers and volunteers to redevelop the field with state money under the Safe and Clean Streets program.

The city has twice put the job out for bids and each time the estimates exceeded the amount Hoboken had been granted by the state for the job. According to the mayor, by using city workers and volunteers the cost of the project would be cut and bring it in line with the money available.

"Since the cost of the materials the city will need to do the work will probably exceed \$2,500 they will be put out to bid," Cappiello said. "But the labor needed to do it will be free — with the exception of the city employees who will be paid their regular weekly salaries."

Cappiello said he would like to see the work start as quickly as possible so that the field could be used this year.

"The first efforts will be directed at getting the field in playing condition so that it can be used possibly in the fall for touch football," he continued. "The window dressing can wait until the spring since it isn't really necessary for good playing conditions."

Hoboken has only two other fields suitable for playing ball. They are the high school field and the Little League field and both are usually booked solid during football and baseball seasons.

The 16th Street field, next to the city's sewage treatment plant, had been used for several years for touch football and softball, but the condition of the field was far from ideal.

"The general condition of the field was and is poor," said the mayor. "The playing surface contains too many rocks but for our recreation-starved youngsters that didn't matter. They needed a place to play and it was the only one in town that they could get without making a reservation."

By ELIZABETH PARKS

For Hobokenites last spring it was nip and tuck whether there would be such a thing as a summer camp for their inner-city children.

Federal funds had been cut back, inflation was stalking the pocketbooks of the city's working class parents, and a death watch had all but settled on the city's only summer camp, the YMCA-sponsored Camp Tamaqua.

A massive fund-raising campaign led by Mayor Steve Cappiello and Councilman Anthony Romano plus a last minute infusion of Title 1 funds from the Federal Department of Education saved the camp and gave 600 kids the chance to get out of the city and into lakes, tents and boats.

Some of the kids, participants in a remedial reading program created with Title 1 monies, crystallized their reactions in a camp newspaper "The Y's Old Owl".

They talked about things that as city children they either didn't notice or weren't exposed to such as

- Sunrises: "pretty and shiny" and to 10-year-old Mildred Rodriguez "making everything light up"
- Rain: "wet and muddy" and to Timmy Lyons that "cold and pouring thing we can't do anything about that keeps us from swimming and boating"
- Archery: where Freddie Watson, 11, marvels at being able "to shoot bows and arrows"
- Swimming: in Tommy Monica's words "nice and cool"
- Crafts: which to Emmet Ruffin

means a chance to "make things and like the way they come out".

• Folkdancing: according to Billy Dyson, "is fun and gives kids a chance to see how other people of different countries dance".

Campfires and nature and snakes and frogs were "exciting and memorable, funny and great", and even reading is pleasant because as Debbie Purvis says, "we learn new things, new words, and we play games at it".

This year's session at Camp Tamaqua ends Aug. 31. The kids had a ball. The counselors are coming back warm with the glow of a job "well done and worth doing".

Parents are content that at least for a little while their kids got out of the inner city and into something "nice and fresh and clean".

What the camp's fate will be next year is still undecided. Wes Leverich, YMCA executive director, says the camp cannot continue to operate "without some form of subsidy".

He said he's hopeful but not positive that the mayor may be able to put some provision aside for the camp in the city's next municipal budget.

"It's an unusual thing," he said, "for an organization like the Y to consider sharing its proprietorship with another agency like the city. And unusual too for a city with Hoboken's economic problems considering taking on another."

"What it really means is everybody working together for the good of the kids. The problem is there and we share it. It's ours."

As for the kids, they're already thinking about "what we're going to do next year".

Hundreds will pay tribute to Nashman

Next month a group of Hoboken residents and former residents will gather in the parish hall of Our Lady of Grace Church to pay tribute to an old friend who influenced their lives when they were younger. His seat on the dais unexpectedly will be empty, but the tribute will go on.

The subject of the testimonial will be the late Theodore Nashman, once secretary to the Hoboken Board of Health, who died last month, and the work he did with Hoboken youngsters going back to the 1930s.

Plans for the event began to take shape last spring under the guidance of Thomas Calligy, a local attorney, who was one of the many youngsters who benefited from the influence of "Teddy" on his life.

It was to be a happy event, bringing together many of "Teddy's boys" for the first time since World War II. The unexpected death of Mr. Nashman will make it a solemn get together but it will still go on.

"Back in the '30s and '40s there was an extremely thin line of demarcation between Teddy's basketball court and municipal court for juvenile offenders," recalled one of the committee members. "Teddy Nashman made the difference for hundreds of boys in Hoboken."

"He was a singularly dedicated and self-sacrificing individual whose guidance and counseling profoundly affected the lives of four decades of youths who were fortunate enough to come under his tutelage."

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Hoboken school board duns council for over \$2 million

The Hoboken Board of Education has demanded that the City Council turn over more than \$2 million the board claims it is owed, by Aug. 10.

Council president Martin Brennan could not be reached for comment, but Robert Rainerie, councilman-at-large, said he will urge his colleagues to demand a written audit report from the board before approving any payments.

In a letter to City Treasurer Frank Bartletta, Robert W. Taylor, counsel to the board, writes: "I have been directed by the Board of Education to request that the unpaid balance due to the school board from the City of Hoboken be deposited with the Custodian of School Monies immediately. The board has been advised that the sum of \$351,777.20 due for the school year ending June 30, 1974, was not transferred to the board's account."

"The importance of this centers on the fact that the school board was compelled to borrow the sum of \$1,500,000 to honor the claims of school employees and other expenses. If the proper transfer of the amounts specified had been made, only \$1,150,000 would have been borrowed."

"Further, the school board is requesting that on Oct. 10, the full amount of monies to which it is entitled be transferred to the custodian so that it will be available for school purposes."

"Finally, please be advised that on Oct. 15, there will be needed the sum of \$1,500,000 plus interest, to repay the borrowing by the board which was necessitated by the refusal to furnish these funds to it by the City Council."

Taylor attached to the letter a copy of State Statute 54-475.

dealing with "payment by municipality of school monies to custodian," which states that a municipal governing body must pay 20 per cent of local school appropriations within 40 days of the state of the school year (July 1).

The statute says the governing body is to pay the "balance of monies" raised in the municipality "in such amounts as may from time to time be requested by the board . . . within 30 days after each request."

But the statute adds that also may be given if the reason is to "get sufficient monies to meet all interest and debt redemption charges maturing during the first 40 days of the school year."

City Attorney Dudley Schlosser could not be reached for comment.

Otto Hottendorf, president of the city school board, said: "The city is required by law to furnish us with the money. However, it seems that the Custodian of School Monies is taking advice from the city attorney. He should rather take advice from the school board attorney."

Hottendorf said the more than \$350,000 represents mostly unpaid "claims for services" rendered the board during its last fiscal year.

"Bartletta has all the records," added Hottendorf. "In the past, the City Council has worked with the board on an informal, friendly basis," said Hottendorf, "but now it seems they've declared war on us. I think they're relying on information people like Schlosser and Erbeck."

Hottendorf said the city owes the board close to \$2 million for the first six months of this fiscal year and about the same for the rest of the fiscal year.

the job begins it should take two to three months for volunteers to complete it.

Last week following the city council's rejection of a \$70,000 bid to do the job professionally, recreation leader and league member James Farina met with the mayor to offer the league's services free.

Farina said the city would be "very foolish not to accept the help because volunteers can save \$35,000 to \$40,000 of the \$70,000 the city has earmarked for the job."

Farina warned the job would have to start before November or the ground would be too hard to dig up. The mayor had reportedly already asked Vitale to look into the possibility of using city employees to do the job and reacted enthusiastically to Farina's offer.

In the past several months, the council rejected four bids for the job, all of them over the \$70,000 figure the council has appropriated.

Farina said whatever money the city saves by using volunteers can be put back into the recreation budget and used for other projects.

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Vitale, who called the mayor's idea to use willing volunteers instead of professional contractors "excellent," said there were still several problems to be worked out before the city could go ahead with the plan.

Vitale said he was also looking into the possibility of assigning city workers to the field. He said the city has some of the equipment necessary to do the job but has to look into the possibility of borrowing and renting the rest.

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The \$319,192 in interest due Sept. 1 to the Franklin National Bank of New York on the Hoboken Parking Authority's \$8.5 million parking garage bond issue will be paid by the City of Hoboken — or else. John Laezza, director of the state Division of Local Finance, guarantees it.

Laezza said today that he has advised Mayor Steve Cappiello and City Council President Martin J. Brennan that if Hoboken refuses to reverse the decision made at last week's council meeting to withhold the interest payment, the state will come in and take over complete financial control of the city and make the payment for Hoboken with the city's money.

Cappiello has called a meeting of the council for Thursday to advise the councilmen of the state's position.

"If Hoboken continues to fail to recognize its fiscal responsibilities in this matter I won't have any choice but to take over financial control," Laezza explained today.

"By state law I am required to do so."

Laezza said that when he said "complete financial control of the city" he meant exactly that. No city monies, regardless of how small the amount, could be spent without his office clearing it first.

"Hoboken has no legal right not to pay its bills," he continued. "The debt was anticipated and funds appropriated for the payment. Now that the time has arrived for the payment to be made the city cannot arbitrarily decide not to make it."

Laezza added that if the city wanted to make a legal issue of the bank's refusal to release more than \$1.8 million earned by the parking authority through the re-investment of its bond money, it was free to do so. But as things now stand it has to make the Sept. 1 interest payment.

The bank is holding the extra interest money to offset any unexpected construction costs involved with the authority's garages. The city wants the money released so that it can be used to make the interest payments it has been forced to pick up for the authority because it is unable to make them.

Laezza added that he has talked with Mayor Cappiello, Council President Brennan and Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri and advised them of the state's position on the interest payment. Ranieri chaired the council committee that recommended that the payment be held up.

Mayor Cappiello, who has called a special council meeting for Thursday night, said that his conversation with Laezza prompted his action.

"Fortunately, the council still has time in which to retrace its steps and do what has to be done," the mayor added, "and still make the payment on time."

According to Brennan, the director is sending a written explanation of the state's position on the matter which he will read to the entire council at the special meeting.

One member of the council who asked to remain anonymous said he felt the problems with Father Schiller could be worked out "under certain conditions" but said he doubted that the council would ever convert to an intervention program "if intervention means treatment."

"If intervention implies any sort of approach with methadone," he said, "the council will not agree to it. We've fought too hard against that."

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Says Hoboken to rent bus if crosstown bus is still out

Business Administrator Herman Bier said he will rent a private bus to pinch-hit for the city crosstown bus, which broke down Saturday, if the public works garage can't return it to service today.

City mechanics began repairing the bus' clutch yesterday afternoon but Bier said that because the garage has a tight repair schedule for public works vehicles, the job may be delayed. The garage has no hydraulic lift and if the repair work requires one, the bus will have to be "laid over" until Councilman Robert Ranieri returns from vacation later this week, Bier remarked.

Bier said that Ranieri, who is a member of the three-man city council committee which advises the business administrator, told him two weeks ago to take no action if the crosstown bus broke down.

Bier said he was "using my own discretion" in arranging yesterday with Carmen Cutillo, deputy public works director, to have a department mechanic work on the bus.

Bier said that a private garage could fix the vehicle "immediately" and would be equipped with a lift which, if not essential, would expedite repairs.

Bier said that a rented bus would cost the city between \$80 and \$85 per day. The two drivers of the city bus will be assigned duties in the public works department pending the repair of the bus or rental of another, he added.

Ranieri, who was unavailable yesterday for comment, had prompted a majority of the city council last Wednesday to table a \$1,740 bill for repair work on the crosstown bus in a private garage.

He said he would see that all future repair work would be done in a public garage, where it can be performed for "a quarter of the cost."

Bier said that "intervention" on the part of Ranieri made the public works facilities available for the crosstown bus.

"We're getting better cooperation from our mechanics since his intervention," Bier said. "In the past, they were always too busy."

But, he added, "it seems almost impossible with the (garage) set-up today to meet the needs of both public works and the crosstown bus."

Must library fund transfer get approval of city council?

Can a city agency transfer funds from its other expenses accounts to help pay salaries and wages without first going to the Hoboken City Council?

The city's law department has been asked for a legal ruling on the question by Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri after he learned that the public library's other expenses for the year have been used up for the entire year to help pay salaries.

According to Ranieri, all but \$100 of the library's \$6,000 in other expenses has been used to pay salaries — and without the knowledge of the council.

"The city comptroller says it is all right," the councilman said. "But I was under the impression that all transfers had to go to the council for its approval first."

Law Director Dudley A. Schlosser is also going to have to decide whether or not the council should pay a \$510 claim from the Lamp Post Restaurant for a dinner meeting of the library board of trustees.

Several councilmen have already indicated that they aren't going to approve the bill regardless of what the law department rules because they feel it is "excessive."

The bill lists \$10 for a cake, \$80 for the tip, \$20 tax, and \$400 for 16 dinners. The councilmen point out that there are only five library board members and are wondering aloud about who the other 11 persons were.

They are also objecting to the fact that the bill, if paid, will be charged to the library's state aid account.

According to Herman Bier, city business administrator and overseer of the library, the trustees have traditionally held one dinner meeting a year which they attend with their wives and a few guests. He said the trustees incur no other expenses during the year.

In all probability the original claim, approved by Bier, would have gone through the council

unnoticed except for a clerical error. The clerk who prepared it mistakenly listed the \$510 charge for the purchase of books. When the council saw the explanation of the charge and the restaurant name, it became suspicious and held up the payment previously approved.

Cappiello to tighten control on city's rooming houses

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello today declared war on the owners of furnished rooming houses and the sometimes undesirable tenants they attract to the city.

The mayor disclosed today that he and Law Director Dudley A. Schlosser have started working on a new ordinance governing the operation, maintenance and housing standards that will have to be met by all property owners who operate furnished rooming houses in the city.

"We are going to accomplish one of two things," said the mayor. "Either we're going to force the owners to start operating respectfully or we're going to make it so tough for them they'll have to go out of business."

"This is not to say that all rooming house or furnished room operators are bringing in undesirable transients to Hoboken. But most do fall into this category."

The mayor said that he and Schlosser haven't reduced their thoughts on the control of furnished rooms to paper yet, but expected to start this part of the process shortly.

"Right now we have a lot of ideas but haven't put them down on paper," he explained. "However, we know what we want to do and how we will do it."

"The new ordinance will call for higher fines for violations, more detailed record keeping, high municipal fees, and a strict maintenance guide. However, the key will be strict enforcement."

"Regardless of how good an ordinance is, it isn't worth the paper it is written on if there isn't strong enforcement of its conditions. I can guarantee that there is going to be strong enforcement of this ordinance once it has been enacted."

According to the mayor, the number of furnished rooming houses in the city has been increasing steadily over the last few years. He said that some property owners have converted all of their tenement houses in

the city into furnished rooms and cater entirely to transients, some of questionable reputations.

"As the number of furnished rooms has increased, so has the number of complaints the city gets about them," continued the mayor.

"We have reports of prostitution, drug use and other criminal activities and all centering around persons who live in furnished rooms. It must come to an end and we plan to make sure it does."

City to pay bank money, then sue to get it back

The Hoboken City Comptroller will draw up a check today for \$319,192 and pay the Franklin National Bank the interest on the Hoboken Parking Authority's garage bond issue. But the city will sue the bank to get the money back.

Last week the council voted not to pay, then the state Division of Local Finance threatened to take over the city's fiscal operations and at last night's special meeting the council voted five to three to pay.

However, Martin J. Brennan, city council president, said he will instruct the city's law department to draw up papers for a legal suit, to have Franklin National release the \$1.9 million interest collected on the bank's reinvestment of the parking authority's \$8.5 million bond money.

The bank is holding the extra interest money to offset any unexpected costs on the parking authority's garage construction. The city wants the money released so it can be used to make the interest payments it was forced to pick up when the authority became unable to make them.

Hoboken has the worst credit rating of any municipality in the county, rated by Moody's Investor Service, and failure to pay the interest threatened to make the rating worse.

Brennan felt that the city should pay the money then sue to get it back, "that way the credit is not hurt," he said.

But Councilman Robert Ranieri said that at a recent meeting with Moody, a firm official told him that a grace period of 90 to 90 days could be granted for a "valid reason" without detriment to the city's credit rating.

But city attorney Dudley Schlosser advised the council that there was no provision for a grace period in the bond agreement and the city was in default as of Sept. 1.

Earlier this week John Laezza, director of the state Division of Local Finance, advised Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello that the council's decision not to pay was "completely irresponsible" and that if the decision was not reversed the state would take over complete financial control of the city.

Councilman Edward McLaughlin said that he had been in touch with a lawyer in the state Department of Community Affairs who advised him that assuming fiscal control of the city was not as easy as Laezza made it appear.

"Someone won't come in Monday and throw the comp-

troller out of his office," said McLaughlin, indicating that it might take a lengthy court battle before actual state control was assumed.

McLaughlin and Ranieri wanted to put the \$319,192 in escrow, instead of paying Franklin National and then sue the bank. But again Schlosser said that the bond agreement had no escrow provision and advised the council to pay.

Ranieri warned that Hoboken may have to appropriate \$700,000 in next year's budget to cover the interest and payments on the principal because the bonds are now becoming due. That could add \$7 per \$1,000 assessment to the tax rate, he said, unless the city succeeds in having the bank release the \$1.9 million.

Voting against paying Franklin National were Councilmen Ranieri, McLaughlin, and Walter Cramer. Brennan, Salvatore Cervelli, Anthony H. Romano, Bernard J. Scrivani, and Louis Francione voted for payment. Francis X. Leahy is on vacation. About 15 people attended the meeting.

Gets Grant To Dramatize U.S. History

Gerard Rusconiello, Jersey City elementary school teacher, has been awarded a grant by the New Jersey Historical Commission to dramatize the city's events during the American Revolution.

Under the commission's new Bicentennial Teaching Projects Grant-in-Aid Program, Rusconiello will help his students at School #1 to write and produce a play involving George Washington's meeting with Lafayette, Mary Tuers' espionage and Light Horse Harry Lee's raid on the British fort at Paulus Hook.

Rusconiello was graduated summa cum laude from Rutgers University in 1967 with membership in Phi Beta Kappa and Pi Alpha Psi and expects to complete an M.A. in administration and supervision at Rutgers Graduate School of Education in 1976.

Cappiello to act against PennC yard

Hoboken Mayor Cappiello is pondering a course of action against the bankrupt Penn Central Railroad, which is endangering the lives of firemen, he says, by failing to guard and maintain its disused marine repair yard on River Road where there have been a dozen fires in the last few months.

According to Cappiello, there are several courses of action the city can take. The question is: Will any of them get results?

"We're talking about a bankrupt company that's in receivership," said the mayor. "For one reason or another it seems that those responsible for the continued operation of such companies move slower than they should. Nevertheless, the city is looking into the various possibilities, including legal action, to bring this problem to a close."

According to city fire department records, there were four recent fires at the site within a period of a little more than a month. There were fires on July 8, Aug. 6, 9 and 11. The Aug. 9 blaze was a serious one which required several hours to put out.

The fire reports show that city firemen were at the scene from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. that date. The others were for durations as short as 20 minutes to an hour.

The city's fire prevention bureau sent the company a list of recommendations on Aug. 5 for eliminating the hazardous conditions at the site. They include securing all gates, removal of all rubbish and debris, posting of no trespassing signs, increasing security patrols, and the demolition of all of the buildings. A bureau spokesman said the

buildings were all of wood construction, very old and dried out, in poor repair, and ideal fuel for more fires if not taken down.

"Under existing conditions it is very easy for kids to get in there and start a fire," he said. "We believe that most of the fires to date were the work of children. The fence is down in a few spots

and there weren't adequate security patrols to keep the kids out."

"Although our recommendations were made almost two weeks ago we haven't received any assurances from the company that it will do anything about them, with the

exception of increasing security patrols," he added.

The spokesman said the fire prevention bureau has talked with the Penn Central security force and they promised to increase surveillance at the site. But the other recommendations would have to be forwarded to company executives for action.

Drug funds hinge on county control

The Hoboken drug education program will be administered by the Community Drug Program of Hudson County if state funds are obtained to continue the project, now run by the city's Narcotics Council, past its Sunday phase-out date.

In a meeting yesterday with Mayor Steve Cappiello and members of the Narcotics Council and the Community Drug Program, Helen Jones, regional coordinator for the State Division of Narcotics and Drug Abuse Control, said some \$30,000 in state funds are available for an

"intervention" program to operate in the city schools.

According to Joseph Ochs, associate director of the Community Drug Program, the state requested the meeting to describe guidelines for a program funding proposal.

Ochs said Mrs. Jones and her assistant, James Whalen, observed the city's best chances for funding are "to have Hoboken work along with the Community Drug Program to assure the best interests of the residents."

"The state," he said, "is looking for central programming and since the Community Drug Program has that in Hudson County, there are many supportive services we can make available to Hoboken."

"The program will die Sunday unless by the end of the week we get a verbal okay based on our

proposal being acted upon within the next couple of weeks," Cappiello said.

"The state would give us some kind of verbal agreement if we could proceed with the program. Otherwise, it would have to be suspended."

In response to objections that administration of the education program by the county program, headed by the Rev. Francis Schiller, would mean loss of local control, Cappiello said policy will be determined locally through the Narcotics Council or the other body.

"Certainly Father Schiller has expertise to offer," the mayor noted. "But the council can say which people can best be served by the program. We can best make those determinations locally."

Ochs added that "certainly we're not going to come into Hoboken and tell the city what's best for it. Any program will be geared to the needs of Hoboken. That will be determined by whoever the mayor wants us to work with."

The funding proposal is being drafted jointly by Ochs and Hoboken Model Cities, represented at yesterday's meeting by its attorney, Fred Bado Jr. If obtained, the \$30,000 should extend the program another year, Cappiello said.

The mayor said that James Mancuso, chairman of the Narcotics Council, and Nat Buonora, a consultant to the council, attended the meeting and "had no objections."

Cappiello stressed that the proposed program does not involve a methadone center.

The education program had been temporarily funded until September at the request of the State Health Department.

State vows to ease city mortgage lack

Getting mortgage money to purchase property in Hoboken may become somewhat easier in the next few months if the state Department of Community Affairs (DCA) keeps the promise its director made to Mayor Steve Cappiello.

According to the mayor, Commissioner Patricia Sheehan, head of the State Department of Community Affairs, has promised that Hoboken's special mortgage problems would be taken into consideration in the preparation of the department's Housing Finance Agency's new home mortgage package.

Cappiello was one of a number of municipal officials from around the state who attended a special conference held by the DCA Monday night in New Brunswick on its proposed multi-

million dollar mortgage program for the fiscal year.

"Commissioner Sheehan has assured me that it was because of her recent visit to Hoboken and the briefing she received while in the city that special attention will be given to make mortgages available for the purchase of dwellings that exceed four families," the mayor said.

"Funds through the state HFA were primarily limited to the purchase of one to four-family homes in the past in cases where the purchase is made by an individual who will occupy the premises. From Hoboken's point of view, that just about eliminated the vast majority of buildings in the city. We have many more five to 10-family buildings than one to four-family."

Hoboken asks cut in trash contract

Hoboken may seek a reduction in the monthly amount it is paying its contract garbage collector because the company is using one less truck on its daily rounds than called for in the contract.

According to Deputy Director Carmen Cutillo, of the Public Works Department, checks of the firm's operation during the last week shows only seven trucks being used when the contract calls for eight.

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However, Cutillo said he wasn't going to take any immediate action on the matter until Director Raphael P. Vitale returns from vacation next week. He said it was a matter the director should handle personally.

"It should be made clear now that the lack of one truck has not affected the company's ability to complete its work each day, and this was not why the check of its operation was started," he asserted.

"Council asked for the check because it had received complaints about the quality of the collection work. The problem is with the workmen who have been careless and sloppy in handling the garbage, not the number of trucks being used."

However, Cutillo said the company appears to be able to complete its daily rounds with one less truck than required. The question is whether the city is paying for the additional truck.

"To me it looks like a legal problem that will have to be worked out by the director and the company," he said. "It all depends on how you look at the contract. If you look at it along the lines that we are paying for

so many trucks, then we might be entitled to a reduction. But if we look at it in a broader sense, along the lines that we are paying to have all the garbage collected each day and the contractor is meeting that demand, we might not be entitled to a reduction."

The city pays the LaFera Contracting Co. of Newark more than \$33,000 a month to pick up the city's garbage.

Meanwhile, Sanitation Inspector Edward McIntyre has issued three more summonses for court appearances in connection with the current check on LaFera operation.

Scheduled to appear in municipal court on Sept. 5 are Gene Galloway, a LaFera driver who failed to pick up garbage strewn around a fire hydrant; Roger Levy, manager of the Church Towers middle income housing project, for garbage strewn about at Fifth and Grand Streets; and the Sandor Co. for having overloaded garbage cans and placed garbage in paper bags at 214 Park Ave.

Cappiello Will Play Host To Puerto Rican Mayor

Hoboken mayor Steve Cappiello will host the mayor of Bayamon, the second largest city in Puerto Rico, tomorrow.

Manuel Aponte Borrero, who is in New York attending a seminar of the National League of Cities Policy Leaders, will be returning a visit made to Bayamon by Cappiello earlier this year.

The city of Bayamon, with a population of over 220,000, is in the process of examining a Community Development Agency much like the one that will emerge from the present Hoboken Model Cities structure. The two mayors will discuss the possibilities of Hoboken advising Bayamon in implementing such a program.

"With the passage of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974, many cities around the country will struggle with the problems of meeting housing and community development needs," Cappiello stated.

"If we can be of any aid to the cities as they begin to plan quickly to utilize this Act, we will do all we can to help them," he added. "The struggle of one city is the struggle of all cities."

After a 1 p.m. luncheon at the Union Club, the two mayors, various community leaders and Matt Carey, Bayamon's representative to the National League of Cities, will tour several projects of the Hoboken Redevelopment Program.

Scheduled stops on the tour include the newly rehabilitated "yellow flats" on 13th and Washington sts., the the Union Club, the two Willowview apartments on 13th and Willow av., and the K and E Site, a proposed multi-million dollar rehabilitation project to transform an old factory into a modern apartment building.

Borrero, like Cappiello, is in his first term as mayor. The 33 year old mayor received his bachelor's degree from Seton Hall University, South Orange, and his law degree at the University of Madrid. He practiced law in Bayamon until his 1972 election and is the father of four girls.

Hoboken expanding bilingual program

Hoboken students who have difficulty mastering the English language may find things a little easier when they return to school this fall.

That's because the city's Board of Education is not only expanding its already established bilingual program, but is starting a supplemental one under federal Title VII funds. For the first time, St. Joseph's School will be participating in the bilingual programs.

And not only does that mean there will be more certified bilingual teachers around to help youngsters, but there will be bilingual student aides around to help the instructors in work-study type assistance.

In all, there will be 12 new teachers in the Title VII program who will be helped by 15 student aides. In the Title VI bilingual program, there will be two additional instructors and one special education bilingual aide.

As Hoboken is one of 21 school

districts participating in the Governors' Career Development Program, a vocational training project, the city's school board will have two additional staff members assigned to the program and 18 teachers for intern training in a technology for children workshop.

Enrollment in Hoboken's schools this year is expected to be about 7,800, some 60 students less than last year.

Construction is due to begin on the new "Mini School," which will use the open-classroom concept. It is hoped the school will open in 1976 with an enrollment of 450 to 500 students.

Three of the city's existing schools — the A. J. Demarest, Rue and Connors Schools — will be undergoing general renovations and repairs.

Public Safety Issue See Mayor's Proposal Getting Council's Nod

While Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello refuses to discuss his plans for a public safety officers until he's presented them to the City Council Monday, sources at City Hall say he expects good reception. Officials close to the mayor said yesterday that the growing list of more than 40 applicants being assembled by the mayor's secretary is proof that he expects a yes vote from the majority of his nine-member council.

At least one member of the council, councilman at large Robert Ranieri has already declared himself solidly in favor of the plan which would create a hybrid public safety officer, one who is half policeman-half fireman.

The rest of the council have expressed tentative enthusiasm and approval of the plan, but have gone on record saying they will reserve final judgement until the mayor has explained the plan and answered questions.

At Monday night's caucus the council is expected to assume the role of devil's advocate and confront the mayor with both their own doubts and criticism of his plan compiled by four Hoboken Deputy Chiefs, two captains and a firefighter in a special report.

The compressed, foot-noted report was delivered to the city council two weeks ago by firemen who attended a caucus specifically to discourage the plan.

The report says that Hoboken has a need for specialized "fire and police services, not a generalized approach."

Fears have been mentioned about civil or generalized disturbances that could

develop as they have in the past and paralyze public safety officers by overwhelming them with emergencies.

The council is concerned about hiring, training, assigning and deploying the men. The mayor must explain how he plans to hire the new officers: from civil service lists now active or from the new list now being compiled; how he plans to train them, whether he will assign them to the police academy, the fire training program or a combination of both.

The council wants guidelines detailing what duties public safety officers will be expected to perform. It also seeks information on how they will be aimed and who will direct them.

The council also seeks documentation on how much money the city can save by the plan.

Hoboken joins celebration of U.S. bicentennial

Hoboken will become an official "Bicentennial Community" to mark the nation's 200th birthday in 1976, Mayor Steve Cappiello announced today.

City officials are planning to act on an invitation from the 1973 Conference of Mayors and apply to the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission for the official designation as an historic community, Cappiello said.

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Hoboken gets a promise of 'emergency' gasoline

The City of Hoboken will get an "emergency" supply of gasoline today from the British Petroleum Oil Co. (BP), the city's supplier, to restore its reserves to an ample level, City Business Administrator Herman Bier said today.

While police and public works vehicles were still rolling as of late yesterday, Bier said he has authorized Police Chief George Crimmins and the drivers of the city's Crossstown Bus to buy gas from private stations in the city.

Bier said the Fire Department is not affected because they rely on an independently supplied fuel delivery and he said the department has enough gas on hand for fueling its trucks.

Bier blamed the shortage on the city's providing gas to the Board of Education, the Lead-Based Paint Program, the volunteer ambulance and public health nurses as well as its regular city vehicles. The monthly allotment isn't enough.

However, after Sept. 1, he said, the city will revert to the gas supplier it had at the beginning of the year, the Exxon Oil Corp., and will ask the company to furnish the city with an extra supply.

After the onset of the energy crisis in February, the city received a directive from the State Energy Office to switch to the fuel dealer Hoboken had during 1972, which was BP. Since the fuel shortage developed, said Bier, the city tacked on two free accounts — the school board and the volunteer ambulance.

"Anticipating that the city would come up short this month," said Bier, "I contacted Exxon three or four days ago and notified them of our problem. They have sent me a form which we have to return detailing our expectations so they can add to our regular monthly quota starting in the fall."

Public Works Director Raphael Vitale estimated that the extra amount the city will need for the added accounts will be between 1,500 and 2,000 gallons. The city averages about 15,000 gallons per month now, according to Bier.

"Vitale said the city has been 'running short' near the end of each month, but he said that his department shares gas and diesel fuel with the fire department and that the fire department, in turn, shares its fuel with the police department, when the need arises.

"Meanwhile," said Vitale, "all our departments have been rationing gas as best they can."

In 1972, he said, the city consumed 123,183 gallons of gas; in 1973, only 117,733; and, for the first half of this year, he added 62,904.

The price per gallon of gas has risen from 23.3 cents last December to 27 cents in January, both under Exxon charges, to 37.1 cents in the spring to the present rate of 43.1 cents. These are BP rates, he said.

Vitale conceded that the September rate could be even higher, depending on the market conditions and Exxon.

As of now, Hoboken doesn't have \$31,000 it can contribute to the cost of the study," he said.

"Our hope is Model Cities, which I feel will come up with the funds. But at this moment I'm not certain it can."

Neither Michael Coleman, Model Cities director, nor Joel Feiser, the deputy director, were available for comment. A Model Cities spokesman said that both were on vacation but Feiser was still coming in "a few hours each day" to keep track of things. However, he wasn't in at that time.

Mayor Cappiello said he felt that Model Cities would make every effort to find the money needed since the proposed study could lead to the redevelopment of a large portion of the southeast corner of the city and provide Hoboken with an "economic shot in the arm it has needed for a long, long time."

Cappiello and Coleman have already met with officials of the railroad. They said that the Erie Lackawanna was interested in the proposal for redevelopment and has pledged its cooperation.

"Basically, the study will be to show what can be done with the area in the way of redeveloping it for industrial, business and recreational purposes," the mayor said.

Meeting to personally explain the city's obligations. Laezza's letter also indicated that Councilman Robert Ranieri, who chaired the council committee which recommended holding up the payments, has changed his mind.

"Councilman Ranieri returned a call I made to him," the director stated, "and I advised him of the irresponsible nature of the act of the council."

"Upon completion of our conversation, he was satisfied that the proper action was payment of the obligations of the Parking Authority."

"Failure on the part of the city to meet its obligations would necessitate that the city would come under the fiscal control of the Municipal Finance Commission of the State of New Jersey," Laezza asserted.

However, Cramer questioned the state's authority for the threatened takeover.

"I'd like to know what his authority is," Cramer remarked. The Councilman said he is on vacation but will return for the special meeting.

"I'm not saying he doesn't have it and I'll have to check on this right away. But as of now, I don't see any reason for changing my vote."

Cramer said he will seek a legal opinion on the payment issue from the city law director.

Councilmen Ranieri, Edward A. McLaughlin and Anthony H. Amato — also voted to withhold the interest payment — could not be reached yesterday. Amato, however, said last week that he was having second thoughts about his decision.

"They are researching the authority of the state and will probably see what logic there is to that position," Cappiello suggested.

"The council can't run away from this," Brennan said in reference to the payment. "It has to be approved."

"We're in bad shape with our credit rating already," he added. "If we do this (refuse to approve the payment) we'll have no rating. We couldn't borrow a dollar."

They were not enough board members to hold an effective meeting. Outside again, MacNamara made his nomination and Hottendorf refused.

Besides MacNamara and Hottendorf, Mrs. Florence Lipane was the only other member at the meeting.

Mayor of Bayamon to visit Cappiello

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Mayor Manuel Aponte Borrero will be returning a visit made to his city by Mayor Cappiello earlier this year. But the meeting won't be solely social.

Mayor Borrero is in New York attending a seminar on community development sponsored by the National League of Cities. His visit to Hoboken will include a tour of several successful housing rehabilitation sites and a discussion on establishment of a community development agency for his city.

According to a spokesman for Model Cities, which is handling most of the arrangements for the five-hour visit, the city of Bayamon, with a population of more than 220,000, is studying the possibility of forming a com-

munity development agency much like the one that will emerge from the Model Cities operation in Hoboken. The two mayors will discuss the possibility of Hoboken's advising Bayamon in its efforts to plan and implement such a program.

The two mayors will lunch at the Union Club before taking a tour of the "Yellow Flats" at 13th and Washington Streets, the Willowview Apartments at 13th Street and Willow Avenue, and several other sites where rehabilitation is underway or planned.

Borrero, like Mayor Cappiello, is serving his first term as mayor. The father of four daughters, the 33-year-old official received his B.A. degree from Seton Hall University in South Orange before earning his law degree from the University of Madrid in Spain. He practiced law in Bayamon until 1972, when he was elected mayor.

City will hang onto deeds on latest property sales

By PETE HALLAM

Although the Hoboken City Council has approved the sale of 28 city properties to private owners it plans to hold on tightly to the deeds until completely satisfied that the new owners have met all sales conditions and restrictions.

"The city isn't going to make the same mistakes that were made in the past," said a spokesman for the law department. "All of the deeds will be retained by the city until such times as the owners have completely satisfied the mayor and council that all terms of the sales have been followed."

But there will be an exception. It will apply to owners who plan to build on their properties and can't get mortgage money without a title and deed.

"But even then, the city must be completely satisfied that the only thing holding up the mortgage is the lack of a deed and clear title to the property before it will release it to the new owner," he continued.

"If such cases do come up the city will require written pledges and guarantees from the owners that they will comply with all

requirements for the sale or else the deeds will still be held up."

The owners of the 28 properties sold by the city must all supply the city with letters stating their plans. The owners of 17 of them have already done so. The remaining owners have 60 days from the day the council confirmed the sale (last Wednesday) to get their letters in.

If the letters aren't received the city has the right to void the sale and keep their deposits. The law department spokesman added that the council also has the right to void the sale if any of the

new owners deviate from the plans stated in their letters unless they get council permission first.

What are some of the plans of the new owners that did notify the council?

Pasquale DeStefano, a Hoboken fireman, plans to build a one or two-family home on his lot at 518 Jefferson St., next year. In the meantime, he will clean up the lot and fence it in.

The new owner of 66 Monroe St., Frank Gullo, has the same plans for his lot. But he plans to use it temporarily for parking until he can start construction.

Michael Spano, a local real estate broker, plans to use the lots at 122 Jefferson St. and 231-233 Monroe St. for parking for his tenants living in the area.

Patrolman Aurelio Lugo Jr., the new owner of 321 Adams St., also plans to build in the future. But for the time being he will fence in his lot, clean out the debris and use it for parking.

Mar-Oil Hydraulics Inc. of 113-115 Monroe St. will use its lot at 119 Monroe St. for employee parking. It also owns the building at 117 Monroe St. and may use part of the lot at 119 for additional expansion at a later date.

Riverview Realty and Manuel Castelo Jr. eventually plan to build on build on their lot at 224 Hudson St., but what was not stated in the letter to the city. According to a city spokesman, the lot also has federal liens on it and may be involved in litigation for some time to come.

Jayval Marine Corp. of 510 Monroe St., Hoboken, did not state what it planned to do with its lot at 506 Monroe St. But the company did say that it purchased the lot because of its close proximity to the firm.

Frank Palmisano of 419 Monroe St., plans to use his lot at 415 Monroe St., for a family parking lot.

Edward and Mary Kleiner of 500 Second St. hope to build on their lot at 908 Second St.

Peter Cavallaro of 411 Monroe St. will clear his lot at 328 Monroe St. and use it for parking after a fence has been installed.

Samuel Tuttle, an industrial real estate broker, plans to use his lots at 209-211 Grand St. for parking for tenants he has in his building at 208-220 Clinton St., and 213 Grand St.

James Santaniello, a West New York general contractor, plans to rehabilitate 600 Adams St. He also notified the council that he plans to relocate his business to 260-264 Newark St., a property that wasn't on the sale list.

Limbanio Munoz notified the council that he plans to rehabilitate 227-231 Willow Ave. but has asked for 120 days in which to do it rather than the 60 days the council has already given.

Michael Bucino, agent for the new owners of 118-120 Madison St., advised the council that the building will be used for storage and that all necessary repairs will be made in compliance with the sale conditions.

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Vitale questioned Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri's accuracy in describing Cuttillo and the job of deputy director as "unnecessary to the city," but said he would take no action to deter resolution abolishing Cuttillo's job at next week's council meeting.

"It's up to the councilmen to decide how they want things done," he said, "and then as directors, we work them out accordingly." Vitale said, however, that he doubted Ranieri would have enough votes to abolish the post.

Wants Job Abolished

Last week, following a council meeting at which Ranieri was prevented from introducing the matter, the councilman announced that he wanted to see the job abolished to balance out the city's creation of a job of equal weight, that of deputy director of health and welfare.

The new position, if approved, will also be under Vitale's command.

Ranieri said the city could not afford both posts and asked for an accounting of Cuttillo's accomplishments. He said he has been unable to contract Cuttillo in the last week and has received several different stories as to his whereabouts.

Asked by a reporter, some members in the Public Works Department said Cuttillo is on the job but "working in the field" while others say he is on vacation.

Vitale said Cuttillo has been on vacation "Thursday but may return Friday or tomorrow. Last week," Ranieri reported Vitale as saying Cuttillo was on vacation Wednesday.

Ranieri said he wants to see Cuttillo's vacation schedule, working hours and reports to the director.

"If he's out in the field so much phoning in reports," the councilman said, "I'd like to check those reports to see whether what he's doing is worth \$4,300 a year to the city or not."

The mayor, indicated that the new deputy will help create a more efficient administration of the public works department of which the health and welfare department is a part.

Although no action is expected at tomorrow's meeting, the mayor said he has asked the council to "cement relations" with the Board of Education. The board has demanded that the council turn over more than \$2 million which the board claims the city owes it.

Only three of the five board members were present. Arriving at City Hall, they found the front door locked. They had to make their way through the police entrance to the meeting chambers where they decided there

was not enough board members to hold an effective meeting. Outside again, MacNamara made his nomination and Hottendorf refused.

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Mayor expects OK on bond payment

Mayor Steve Cappiello said he expects a majority of the city council to agree to payment of the Sept. 1 interest on the Hoboken Parking Authority's parking garage bond issue at the special meeting he has called for tomorrow night.

Although Councilman Walter S. Cramer said he stands by the council's 4-3 decision last week to withhold the \$319,182 interest payment to the Franklin National Bank, Cappiello said "at least enough" councilmen will vote tomorrow to reverse that position.

"Some of them are a little obstinate about having to be told," the mayor said. "But I hope this can be resolved without a lot of fanfare."

The man doing the telling is John F. Laezza, director of the state division of Local Government Services, who has advised Cappiello and City Council President Martin J. Brennan that if the council refuses to make the interest payment, the financial control of the city.

Laezza reiterated the state's position in a letter received yesterday by Brennan, who said he will read it to the entire council tomorrow. Brennan, who voted to make the payments, said Laezza may appear at the

meeting to personally explain the city's obligations.

Laezza's letter also indicated that Councilman Robert Ranieri, who chaired the council committee which recommended holding up the payments, has changed his mind.

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However, Cramer questioned the state's authority for the threatened takeover.

"I'd like to know what his authority is," Cramer remarked. The Councilman said he is on vacation but will return for the special meeting.

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Cramer said he will seek a legal opinion on the payment issue from the city law director.

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"The council can't run away from this," Brennan said in reference to the payment. "It has to be approved."

"We're in bad shape with our credit rating already," he added. "If we do this (refuse to approve the payment) we'll have no rating. We couldn't borrow a dollar."

Can city get cash for planning study?

A grant of \$82,995 to Hoboken from the U.S. Economic Development Agency for a study on the development of the Erie Lackawanna Train and Ferry Terminal and surrounding area may have to go begging unless the city can come up with \$31,000 as its share of the anticipated total study cost.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said today he was "extremely pleased" with yesterday's announcement of the grant but concerned with whether or not Hoboken "can come up with its share."

As of now, Hoboken doesn't have \$31,000 it can contribute to the cost of the study," he said. "Our hope is Model Cities, which I feel will come up with the funds. But at this moment I'm not certain it can."

Neither Michael Coleman, Model Cities director, nor Joel Feiser, the deputy director, were available for comment. A Model Cities spokesman said that both were on vacation but Feiser was still coming in "a few hours each day" to keep track of things. However, he wasn't in at that time.

Mayor Cappiello said he felt that Model Cities would make every effort to find the money needed since the proposed study could lead to the redevelopment of a large portion of the southeast corner of the city and provide Hoboken with an "economic shot in the arm it has needed for a long, long time."

Cappiello and Coleman have already met with officials of the railroad. They said that the Erie Lackawanna was interested in the proposal for redevelopment and has pledged its cooperation.

"Basically, the study will be to show what can be done with the area in the way of redeveloping it for industrial, business and recreational purposes," the mayor said.

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Hoboken Moves to Create New Welfare Agency Post

An ordinance creating the new position of deputy director for the Hoboken Health and Welfare Department was introduced yesterday for a first reading by the city council.

Block Payment Of Interest Due

By LARRY GORDON

Hoboken City Council last night voted 4-3 to block payment of more than \$319,000 in interest owed by the parking authority to Franklin National Bank.

The action was taken in response to a denial from the bank to release prematurely \$2 million in interest held in trust by the bank. Franklin National is holding the accumulated interest on an \$894 million bond issue pending completion of the Grogan Marine View plaza garages.

A special council committee recommended two months ago that a suit be filed to force the bank to release the interest.

Councilman Robert Ranieri, a member of that committee, hinted last night that the question of whether a suit will

be filed may be decided at the next council meeting.

Council President Martin Brennan opposed last night's move, saying that the city should "protect what little credit rating we have."

Franklin National earlier in the month had refused to release the money but indicated that it might legally do so in six months when the terms of the trust agreement, the garages completion, are met.

In other business, the council unanimously approved the creation of a deputy director of health and welfare post within the department of public works.

But due to what he called "lack of support", councilman Ranieri did not introduce a resolution to abolish the position of deputy director of the entire department.

That job, currently held by Carmine Cuttolo, was labeled by Ranieri as "little use to the city". He indicated that he wanted to balance the creation of the new post with the abolition of Cuttolo's.

The council, which also voted a \$13-14,000 salary range for the new position, heard from several citizens who questioned the wisdom of the new job in a tight financial situation. Ruth Tompkins, of 1021 Garden st., called it "a hack job" and said that the money should be used for more essential services.

Council president Brennan reiterated what he called Mayor Steve Cappiello's contention that the post would "actually make the department more efficient" and possibly save money in the long run.

The council approved revised specifications for a combined police and fire emergency alarm system. However, since no bids for the voice system were presented last night, the council decided to readvertise.

Parking fee hassle may delay rentals at Grogan project

Another snag has hit the John J. Grogan Marine View Plaza project in Hoboken — one that could delay the renting of the two apartment buildings now under construction and possibly hold up a commitment of state mortgage money for the remaining two buildings.

According to Mayor Steve Cappiello and several members of the city council, a difference of opinion has developed between the city and the developer of the project, Marine View Associates, over whether the city will be entitled to 15 per cent of the \$10 parking charge the city's parking authority will be paying the developers on each space in the three parking garages.

Under a complicated agreement worked out more than a year ago, the parking authority is to give the builders of the project a monthly fee of \$10 for each space to help cover the cost of developing the upper levels of the parking garages. These levels will feature swimming pools, parks, gardens, and walkways.

The developer and the State Housing Finance Agency (HFA) which supplied mortgage money, have agreed that the parking authority should pay the cost for these benefits since they will

be on the parking authority's property.

According to the mayor, the problem is whether the city is entitled to 15 per cent of that \$10 charge. The city will be receiving from the developers 15 per cent of their gross profit per year in lieu of taxes.

Cappiello said it is the city's contention that the \$10 fee should be considered as part of the overall profit for the developer.

"Of course this is not the feeling of the developer," said the mayor. "They feel that the money should not be included in the overall profit. Over the life of the mortgage on the first two apartment buildings this will amount to millions of additional dollars for the developer and none for the city."

Cappiello, city council president Martin Brennan and Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri met yesterday with HFA officials and representatives of the developers in Newark to thrash out the problem. The mayor said no solution was reached and further negotiations will be necessary.

Yesterday's meeting with state officials however was not all bleak. The state has finally decided on a rent schedule for the apartments in the two 25-story buildings now under construction.

A two-bedroom, two-bathroom apartment will rent for \$409 per month plus \$38 a month for a mandatory parking space included with all apartments. A two-bedroom apartment with one bath will rent for \$362 a month while a one-bedroom unit will go for \$287 and an efficiency unit \$213.

Ten dollars of the \$38 a month parking fee will be returned to the developer by the parking authority. The remaining \$28 is the authority's and, according to authority sources, may have to be increased before any spaces are put into use because it will not cover the authority's liabilities.

Cappiello said the rent schedule as it now stands is still not final and could be revised again before the apartments are ready for occupancy, possibly sometime next month.

Council hesitant on bank suit even if interest isn't freed

In spite of the gloomy prediction by the chairman of the Hoboken Parking Authority that the Franklin National Bank of New York will not agree to a new financial agreement which would release some \$1.85 million in accrued interest funds on the authority's construction bond issue, the City Council isn't ex-

pected to rush into a suit against the bank.

According to City Council President Martin J. Brennan, the negotiations between the parking authority's attorneys and the bank may not be going as badly as forecast by Richard Eversen, the authority chairman.

Eversen told The Jersey Jour-

nal yesterday the negotiations were not going well and that from information received from the authority's attorneys he expected the bank to reject the proposal.

However, Brennan said that he had been talking with another authority member and got a different impression from his conversation.

"I was led to believe that the bank isn't completely against the new proposal but doubted that anything formal could be worked out in time to allow the city to get out from under the Sept. 1 interest payment," Brennan said. "But that doesn't rule out a possible agreement in time for the March 1 payment next year."

The proposal doesn't relieve the parking authority of the responsibility of paying the interest and principal on its \$8.5 million parking garage bond issue, or the city of assuming

that responsibility of the authority, can't. Hoboken has already paid out more than \$1 million of the bonds because the authority had insufficient funds to do it itself.

What it would do is release the \$1.85 million the authority has earned on the reinvestment of the bond issue allowing the authority or the city to use that money to make the twice-a-year payments.

The bank has refused to release the funds claiming that they may be needed to pay for unexpected construction costs in the building of the authority's three parking garages.

Under the new proposal, Hoboken would assume the responsibility of paying for any additional construction costs and thus eliminate the need for the \$1.85 million reserve. Once released, the money could be used to make the interest and principal payments until the authority was getting an income from the parking garages.

The council and the parking authority are already committed to initiating legal action against the bank to get these funds released," Brennan added. "But if there is another means to the end without a suit we should take it."

"Until the bank has formally rejected the proposal, or accepted it, we should bide our time."

Hoboken will install 'voice' call boxes

By PETER HALLAM

Hoboken will abolish the pull-type fire alarm boxes, replacing them with "voice call" boxes, in which you have to talk to the fire dispatcher, and your voice will be taped, identifiably as though you left your fingerprints.

The city had been preparing to call for bids on a contract simply to replace the existing worn-out fire alarm system, but now this is going to be delayed two weeks while the specifications are revised to provide for the "voice-call boxes."

Mayor Steve Cappiello, who recently asked all city officials to expedite the bids on the new alarm system because the existing one is in such poor condition, said the delay may be costly but in the long run will be worth it.

"It means that we will have to continue to maintain the old system as best we can," he explained. "And in recent weeks that has amounted to a lot of overtime for my repair crew. But now that the state has encouraged the city to come up

with a proposal for replacing the fire alarm system, we should try to get the best and most modern equipment available.

According to Cappiello, Hoboken has more than 600 false fire alarms a year, most of them originating from the pull-type fire alarm boxes.

"Opening the fire box and pulling the alarm is a very impersonal thing," Cappiello said. "Unless there is an eyewitness to it, no one ever knows who pulled the handle."

"But calling in a fire is a little different," continued the mayor. "First, the person must actually talk with the fire dispatcher, and that will discourage some from making a false report."

"Secondly, all calls will be taped, and that tape is just like a fingerprint. Voice prints, as they are called, are admissible evidence in court and are just as sound evidence as a fingerprint. No two voices are the same. With the use of electronic equipment the voice taken from one of the recorded tapes can be matched to that of the person who made the call."

"This also will discourage persons from making false reports of fires."

On the actual fire-fighting, the voice call boxes also will save some response time for firemen, the mayor added.

"Since alarms called in on the voice boxes will involve persons rather than inanimate pull boxes on street corners, the fire department will be able to get an exact location of the fire," he said. "On the pull-type boxes the firemen respond without knowing exactly where the fire is. They know it is in the general area of that particular alarm box but not the exact location."

"Once they arrive at the box location it takes a few extra moments to pinpoint the fire."

The mayor said the voice call boxes will not replace all of the older pull-type boxes but they will be put in the areas where there has been a history of false alarms. In the areas where there haven't been too many false alarms new pull boxes will be installed.

Cappiello said it will take no more than two weeks to revise the specifications. The council is to get the bids on the original specifications at next Wednesday night's meeting.

"A man working at fire duties with the proper training is still a fireman regardless of what we call him, public safety officer or fireman. The important thing is the job duties. I still feel that some police and fire duties can be combined, thus giving the city more for its money from those who perform the combined duties."

For the men who are selected to perform those duties temporarily in Hoboken, the starting salary will be between \$8,000 and \$8,500, which the mayor feels will discourage many non-residents and family men.

"But for a young man of 18 or 19 it isn't a bad starting salary, especially if he lives in the city and doesn't have to commute," continued the mayor. "And that's what we are looking for, young men who come from and live in the community."

"And in a matter of a few years they will be earning approximately the same amount paid to our police and firemen."

Ranieri sees council deciding on bank suit

The only "action" that can be taken at a special Hoboken council meeting tonight is to decide whether to sue the Franklin National Bank for interest it is holding on parking authority bonds, Councilman Robert Ranieri said today.

Ranieri said the council vote of 4-3 not to pay the semi-annual interest of \$319,000 to the bondholders cannot be reversed at tonight's session. He said no resolution can be introduced because Mayor Steve Cappiello has called the meeting to "discuss" the problem. He claimed no mention was made in the mayor's notice of acting on a resolution.

The councilman said he feels the city should sue Franklin National Bank for \$1.8 million interest earned on the \$8 million parking authority bond issue. The bank has said it is holding on to the money as a contingency during the building of garages.

The authority notified the council at the last meeting that it

could not meet the interest payments. "I maintain that this certificate of deficiency was invalid because the money is at the Franklin National Bank," said Ranieri.

As for the state threatening to move in and pay the interest with Hoboken's money, Ranieri said "the days of boss rule are over. Nobody tells a councilman

how to vote. Otherwise there's no city council."

Ranieri said he is interested in the city's credit rating but "we've gone beyond the stage of borrowing." "If we had taken this action in not paying the interest two years ago," he declared, "it would have cleared up this matter and the state would not be threatening us."

\$6 Million Tax Offer Refused

Hoboken has refused a \$6 million settlement from Bethlehem Steel Corp. on back taxes for 1972-73 and 74, it was learned yesterday.

A reliable city hall source said the mayor and city council turned down the recent offer on the advice of city Atty. Dudley Schlosser.

The sources said Schlosser advised that in light of the state Appellate Court's recent ruling that Bethlehem Steel must pay the city \$7.3 million for 1971 taxes, \$6 million for the last three years is an under appraisal.

Schlosser has reportedly told the council "to prepare to go to court" to defend the higher tax assessment.

In a resolution now being prepared for the council's Wednesday meeting, Schlosser is reportedly asking the city to appropriate \$19,500 for a firm of realtors, to independently appraise the steel company's property on the Hoboken waterfront.

The source said that although some councilmen have asked Schlosser to shop around for a better place, Schlosser is prepared to defend the resolution and the stakes involve "the

expenditure of \$18,000 against the possible return of \$1.3 million.

The firm would be hired to appraise Bethlehem Steel's property, piers, buildings and recent structural improvements.

Hoboken Gets O.K. For New Ballfield

Hoboken has received a verbal O.K. from the state to use volunteer laborers to convert the 16th st. lot near the Sewerage Authority into a regulation ballfield.

Public Works Director Raphael Vitale said yesterday that John Laezza, director of the state Division of Local Government has given the city permission "to do what we can on our own."

Vitale said Laezza's approval entails allowing the city to use the \$70,000 of Safe and Clean Street Funds allotted to the program for materials, equipment and consultation fees.

"If we had to use the money to include labor in the costs," Vitale said, "the job simply couldn't be done."

The city has already rejected four bids on the conversion, one topping \$100,000, as "too expensive."

Earlier in the week, James Farina, coordinator of the city's Football league volunteered the services of the leagues 250 members to work on the field.

In making his offer to the mayor, Farina said the league could save the city \$35,000 to \$40,000 of the \$70,000 which could then be used for other recreational projects.

Before work begins on the field, Vitale said the city must pass a resolution on the mat-

ter and send it to the state for its final approval.

Vitale said he also wants to consult with the firm of Mayo and Lynch Associates, Hoboken "to find out exactly what must be done and how the men will be expected to go about doing it."

He also said he wants to check into the possibility of renting and borrowing additional equipment to put at the service of the volunteers.

He said the city will also deploy its grader, compressor, payload trucks and roller to the field.

Farina said the Football League will probably put the field "in superficial shape" in the next few weeks and play on it "as is" for this coming season. "Real work on the field," he said, "will probably begin in the spring when all the details have been worked out."

A Bi-Partisan Tribute

It isn't easy to be the Republican chairman of such a predominantly Democratic county as Hudson. It's difficult — some say almost impossible — to win elections on the county level and you keep busy just trying to maintain the status quo.

It does have its advantages, though. When you're honored, the Democrats come out as well as the Republicans and they mean it. That's the way it happened this week as Anthony J. Cilento of Hoboken was hailed at that fete.

But, before we go too far and say that it was because he's the GOP chairman, we've got to stop. Mr. Cilento is that. However, he was honored primarily for what he has done over the years for so many people, what he has meant to his home community.

The tribute in good measure was primarily a Hoboken one and eminently proper. Mr. Cilento has done much for the Italian-American community there and in North Hudson. He has shown dedication to causes that are non-political.

Hudson County, despite its many detractors elsewhere in the state, does have good people and honest ones, too. They work hard and try to do the best for their communities. That's the way it's been with Mr. Cilento and it can be underscored.

It's good that a bi-partisan event can be held in which so many high Democrats can honor a Republican who, under the usual rules, is their enemy. Not so with Mr. Cilento. He will fight them, but underneath, both ways, there is respect and fellowship.

Civil Service says city can't restrict public safety jobs

By PETER HALLAM

The state Civil Service Department has notified Hoboken Mayor Cappiello that he cannot bar non-residents from the job of public safety officer, which he is going to set up, but that it will be at least a year before the department can hold an exam — and the mayor says this is fine, because now he can appoint local residents only, as temporaries.

The mayor said the state Civil Service Department has notified him a residency restriction cannot be imposed on candidates for the job. However, at the same time, the mayor was told it will be at least a year before Civil Service can come up with a formal test for the post — and that leaves the door open to the mayor to hire Hoboken residents as temporary officers.

"Civil Service says that we cannot limit eligibility or taking the examination, when it is ready, to only Hoboken residents," Cappiello said. "It will be open to everyone from anywhere in the country but they have to become state residents before they can be appointed."

"The bright spot is that it will be at least a year before Civil Service can prepare a written

examination for the job. That means that if the city council approves an ordinance creating the post, we can start hiring local young men as temporary officers and not have to worry about non-residents forcing us to appoint them until there is an examination called and a list of eligibles established.

"By then, we hope our local young men will have been given adequate training so that when the test is called they will be prepared to take it and place high enough on the list to make sure that most of them are hired as permanents."

The mayor is an outspoken supporter of residency as a requirement for municipal employment and often has stated he was willing to use any legal means to insure it. He contends non-residency undermines the city's overall economic condition.

The mayor's efforts to create public safety officers is another economy move, he says. The Public Safety officer will perform both police and fire duties, as needed, and will allow the city to maintain a minimum number of police and firemen.

A few weeks ago, representatives of the fire fighters and fire officers association appeared before the city council and presented their objections to the mayor's proposal to create the post of Public Safety Officer.

At today's council caucus, the mayor will appear and present his arguments for the creation of the post. According to a council spokesman, a third meeting then will be scheduled with both the mayor and representatives of the fire organizations present for rebuttal of previous arguments.

The council already has assured members of the fire organizations that the public safety officer concept, if approved, will not be used as a means of eliminating police and firemen. It will be a supplemental force, the council said, to a set number of police and firemen.

In one respect, the mayor agrees the public safety officer cannot take over the duties of police and firemen entirely without maintaining a number of men on full-time police and full-time fire duties. However, that number remains to be determined. In addition, the set number of men on duty need not be policemen or firemen but could be public safety officers.

"I would rather deal in job descriptions that names," the mayor said. "Theoretically, we could change everything and make everyone public safety officers, which they are already since they work for the public safety department."

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English Classes Work

Hoboken Board of Education is continuing its English-speaking program for 15 foreign medical residents and interns at St. Mary's Hospital.

In its second year of operation, the program allows for one teacher four one-hour sessions three times a week. Hospital officials said that the

classes must coincide with medical resident and intern schedules.

Thomas McFeely, superintendent of schools, said the program was worked out with hospital officials and Ignatius Farinola, supervisor of adult education. School trustees and

hospital authorities ironed out the details.

Members of the original class last year have nothing but praise for the program, according to Dr. Joseph Scrobo, director of medical education at St. Mary's Hospital.

Hospital authorities said that the medical residents and interns from various nations learn to communicate with patients. They added that the level of proficiency in English depends on the individual.

In addition to talking to patients, the foreign doctors also can grasp command of English to continue their medical education, hospital officials added. They added that the program's success can be directly tied to the cooperation between the hospital and school board.

Hospital authorities emphasized that the educational program is separate from the Hoboken school system's adult education program.

"The results have been excellent. And the students have accepted the instruction with an eye to improving the handling of the English language. It has been great for both the medical residents, interns and hospital officials," a hospital spokesman concluded.

Hottendorf insists funds no problem

Hoboken Board of Education President Otto Hottendorf doesn't "see any problem" for the board in obtaining the almost \$2.7 million it is seeking from the city council.

The board members "anticipate no difficulty," he says, because state law explicitly orders the council to transfer to the school board tax monies collected "as and when due for payment." City collects the local taxes for school support but does not turn over all the money at once.

In addition, Hottendorf said, state law requires that the city "shall immediately borrow" the money if it lacks the cash.

Councilman Robert Ranieri agreed that the council must turn over all the monies needed by the board. "All we ask," he said, is that the board submit a balance to the city director of finance. Ranieri said it wouldn't

even require prior council approval to transfer the funds.

The \$2.7 million breaks down to \$2.24 million for operating expenses for the next eight weeks; \$89,125 for debt service for the next eight weeks and \$351,777 that the board says is still due from the city for the past fiscal year.

Ranieri said the board's auditor should submit a balance sheet to show why the city owes the board \$351,777.

The board set the amount at a special meeting last night. Hottendorf said the formal resolution was passed at a special meeting so that "in the event the council is recalcitrant we would have time to go to court."

Board member Donald Singleton, responding to a question from Thomas Vezzetti, said the formal request for funds is a necessary procedure mandated by the change from an appointed to an elected board. He called it "the first step of modernization" of the financial system.

Last summer the council refused to borrow money to pay teachers' salaries, and the board eventually borrowed the money itself.

For the Distaff Side

When Mayor Steve Cappiello took over the reins of government in 1973 from Louis DePascale he asserted that he wanted to do certain things differently for Hoboken. In general he has been trying but it's not easy what with the city's bureaucratic structure.

One move that certainly should win the plaudits of the distaff side in the Mile-Square City is the appointment of a woman as a deputy director. Mrs. Florence Iapicca is the first of her sex in the city to be named to a high-echelon post.

Mr. Cappiello has moved things quite a ways from the days of the rigid firmness and all-male outlook of the administration of for-

mer Mayor Bernard N. McFeely. That goes back quite a ways but those still around from that time know what we're talking about.

Today women are taking — and should take — their rightful place along with men in high places in government and in private business. The person should be selected on what they know not simply because of their sex.

Hoboken's mayor has made the move and it's a legitimate one. There is a proven need for women in government and, as Mrs. Iapicca says, "more and more people are coming to realize it." One person who did is Steve Cappiello, to his credit.