

# Hudson libraries hard hit by budget cuts

Hudson libraries are facing the prospect of buying fewer books and offering fewer services — as well as cutting back hours of operation and staff — if funding reductions for libraries in the state budget are not restored.

The hardest hit of the Hudson libraries will be Jersey City's since it gets two types of state aid, one going to support its regular operations and the other for the operation of the area library services.

One of the possibilities facing Ben Grimm, library director, if the cutbacks are not restored at least partially, is the closing of one or more branch libraries.

Although Grimm said he would wait until the state budget is finalized before contemplating what steps are needed to cut costs, he admitted closing a branch is one alternative open to him.

Others include buying fewer books or cutting back on staff or services even though the library already has laid off a number of staffers and cut back operations at branches and the main library.

"We've got a budget that's substantially less than last year's anyway," Grimm said. "Further cutbacks would mean the collapse

or dissolution of the area libraries in the state."

The area or network plan is one that has larger libraries — 24 of them across the state — providing for inter-library loans of books and other materials which local libraries cannot provide to patrons as well as telephone and over-the-counter information and reference service to the public.

According to Howard S. Vogt, president of the New Jersey Library Association, the inter-library loan system is fundamentally an information system and has proved particularly valuable to business people and

researchers, many of whom rely on it in making their living.

"These cuts pose a serious and immediate threat to the health of the library system throughout the state, and its ability to serve the people of New Jersey," Vogt said.

He noted that if the proposed cuts are allowed to stand, — reducing allocations from \$7.5 to \$5.2 million — libraries will be forced to cut back average opening hours from a current 47 to 39 hours a week. An estimated 175,000 books will not be purchased if the cuts stand and about 500 or more full-time staffers will have to be dropped across the state.

A spokesman for the Bayonne Library said that book purchases and periodical subscriptions probably would be hardest hit. "All our operating expenses have gone up — fuel, gas, electric, service contracts, branch rents. We've no extra money. The only place we can cut back is on the books we buy," the spokesman explained.

However, Bayonne will not be as hard hit as other communities since it does not have to rely on a large extent on the area library services provided by the Jersey City Public Library.

"The smaller communities who haven't a large book service and who use the area library services are going to be hit very hard," the spokesman said.

In Hoboken, Lucille Cunningham, library director, explained the predicament that libraries find themselves with less state money.

Libraries must stay open a certain number of hours and have a certain number of employees depending on the municipalities' population in order to qualify for state aid, she explained.

However, the state is telling libraries that if they want to continue to receive their reduced aid, they will have to continue providing services accomplished with a larger budget.

Thirty per cent of Miss Cunningham's state aid will be slashed if she fails to keep the library open a required number of hours each week. Another 10 to 20 per cent will be lost if there are not a certain level of employees.

"It's going to be very hard to do," Miss Cunningham said. "I don't know how we'll do it. Right now we're just keeping our fingers crossed."

In North Bergen, the cutbacks might mean that a children's librarian will not be hired and the limiting of the number of story hours presented for children. There will also be cutbacks on magazines and book purchasing, according to Edmund Savoie, director.

Union City's library has a budget that barely meets operating expenses, acting director Silva Barsamyan, said. Their state aid money went to help maintenance costs. Last year they fireproofed the library and accomplished some pipe repairs.

"We're petrified of cuts," she said. The loss of state aid would really overburden the library.

# Ranieri refuses to submit bluecoat pact to arbitrator

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri, who has been handling negotiations between the city and Hoboken police and firemen, today declined to accept the challenge of Capt. William Bergin, president of the Fire Officers Association, to submit the city's proposal to binding arbitration.

"That would be giving away the city's decision-making authority to an outside agency and I will never agree to that," said the councilman. "There is always the chance that some indifferent arbitrator who leans towards labor will make an award that the city couldn't pay."

"Hoboken already has too many financial problems that are beyond its direct control. We're facing a large increase in the price we pay for water from Jersey City and the possible reinstatement of money in the board of education budget."

"And there is also the possibility that the state aid anticipated by the school board for the 1976-77 school year will fall short by some \$2 million and the city will have to make up the difference."

Bergin said he was not surprised by the councilman's refusal to seek binding arbitration.

"Saying that the city is in the hole and can't afford decent pay increases for the police and firemen is one thing, but proving it to an impartial third party is something else," he said. "I didn't expect the councilman would accept the challenge."

All three uniformed unions — the Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA), Fire Fighters Association and the Fire Officers Association — have declared the negotiations to be at an impasse and are taking the matter to the state Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC). The PBA is seeking mediation but the two fire unions intend to bypass that and go directly into fact-finding, the normal second step when PERC is brought into labor disputes.

Ranieri said he also cannot understand how the police superiors can contemplate filing for mediation when they have not been formed as an association nor can he understand the fire superiors' action in declaring an impasse without making a counter offer to his proposal.

The councilman said he also has received no formal reply to his offer made to the police and fire rank and file unions. The fifth union, for the non-uniformed city workers, has presented no problem, he said, because they have agreed to hold up their negotiations until the police and fire talks are completed.

Ranieri said he will follow the regular meeting schedule and will be in the city clerk's office tonight although he hasn't received any request from either the police or fire groups to meet with him.

The city has offered the policemen and fire fighters a three-year package. This year they would not receive a pay increase but would be paid for an additional four holidays at the rate of \$50 each. The men now have nine paid holidays — they work on these days but get paid for them at the rate of \$30 each in addition to their regular day's pay. They also have four regular holidays which they take off, but for which they get regular pay.

Under the city's proposal, the men would work these four days and would receive \$50 a day for them, plus their regular day's pay.

In the second and third years of the three-year proposal the men would get four per cent wage increases.

# Not interested?

Are Hoboken and North Hudson officials giving only lip service to the principle of consolidation of municipal services?

The Center for Municipal Studies and Services at Stevens Institute is refraining from making two studies dealing with such consolidation because the municipalities involved have not indicated they are interested in having them made.

One of these is a program to combine the purchasing power of Hoboken and the six North Hudson communities, the other a program for mutual cooperation between the public works departments serving those communities.

Hoboken's apparent lack of interest in the consolidation studies is especially curious, since Hoboken pays a percentage of the center's financing.

# Hoboken's offer rejected by fire, police unions

Negotiations between Hoboken and its uniformed employees for new labor contracts now seem almost certain to be headed for the state Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) for mediation or fact-finding.

According to sources within the Hoboken Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA), it has rejected a city offer and will present in a day or two to Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri, the city's negotiator, a counter-proposal calling for a 18 per cent pay raise this year, a 14 per cent increase next year and the payment of overtime at the rate of time-and-a-half.

The proposal is expected to be rejected by the city. It had offered the policemen \$200 for four additional paid holidays, a four per cent increase next year and a three per cent increase in the third year of a three-year contract.

Patrolman Ernest O. Brissetto, PBA president, would not comment on the association's counter-proposal to the city. However, he said that it was being prepared and would be turned over to the councilman shortly.

But from other PBA sources it was learned that the association's general feeling is that it must have a reasonable raise this year. Without one, there will not be any agreement or contract, they said.

In anticipation of the city's rejection of the counter-proposal, David Solomon, the association's attorney, has already notified PERC of an impasse in negotiations on all economic issues and has requested mediation.

Meanwhile, Capt. William Bergin, president of the Hoboken Fire Officers Association, publicly challenged the city and Ranieri to submit the city's proposal to binding arbitration.

"If the city's proposal is so magnificent, let it submit it to binding arbitration and we will accept whatever the arbitrator decides," he asserted.

Ranieri had been critical of Bergin's decision to take his union's problems to PERC saying that half of the membership consisted of deputy chiefs and they were management, and that no formal offer had been made to the fire officers.

"The councilman seems to have some problems with adding," said Bergin. "There are only five deputy chiefs in the department and 29 captains. Five deputy chiefs is not half the membership of the association."

"As for the offer, we know what the city has offered the firemen and whatever it plans to offer us will be based on a percentage of that. It is unacceptable. The councilman failed to point out that we've been trying to get our negotiations started with him for several months and only got excuse after excuse. We just don't want to waste any more time."

Bergin added that Ranieri's claim that the city's firemen would be earning \$15,000 after three years if they accepted the contract was "deliberately misleading."

"It will be \$15,000 with everything added in," he said. "Including fringe benefits. Actually the men will be getting \$12,950 after three years. Most other fire departments in Hudson County are already making that — without including the fringe benefits."

"The councilman is a businessman. He knows his costs have gone up in recent years. Does he still sell his goods at the same old prices? No, they've gone up accordingly, asking for is the same consideration."

# Hoboken has 3-way plug for water leak

By ELIZABETH PARKS

Hoboken city officials are working out a "three pronged plan" to recover approximately 30 per cent of the \$500,000 a year in water that has been escaping the system.

Mayor Steve Cappiello, Public Works Director Raphael Vitale, members of the city's Water Department and three representatives from the city council met yesterday to discuss ways to salvage the water that is now being lost through leaks, seepage and inadequate meter readings.

Hoboken loses approximately 50 per cent of the water it buys from Jersey City. With Jersey City water rates about to increase, city officials are determined to cut their losses.

Councilman Robert Ranieri, chairman of the council committee on water and sewerage, said yesterday that the water department has been told to launch a three pronged recovery program.

The department is to begin "immediately" to revamp its metering service; fully implement an expanded street repair program; and recoup collection of all overdue bills.

To Double Averages

Ranieri said the department intends to "double" the averages of all estimated readings. If a company, for instance, is now paying Hoboken an average charge of \$5,000 a month for water, the city will double that average to \$10,000 a month.

The double charge, Ranieri says, is to offset an advantage that companies who own and service their own meters now hold over the city.

"If a meter is registering inaccurate readings that benefit the company," Ranieri said, "it's hard for the city to convince the company to service their

meters because they're coming out ahead.

"But if we double our averages and the readings remain inaccurate, then we come out ahead. The company is then forced to fix the meters so that actual water use is recorded."

Ranieri said that "conscientious home owners and industries" are penalized by the present meter system.

The councilman estimated that it will take "approximately" a year for the Hoboken Water Department to put into effect the remedies that will reform the system.

# Hoboken gives up

Bringing in a vacuum cleaner — at considerable expense — to get rid of the litter left on Washington Street in Hoboken every day may prove effective, but is it not still another instance of the city capitulating when its efforts to enforce its ordinances are ignored?

The public works director points out that persuasion and warnings failed to check littering on the city's main business street. Since there are 140 policemen, he wonders why no policeman ever gives out a littering ticket.

One answer, he speculates, is that the local judges are so lenient that the tickets have been a waste of time.

Hoboken's officials seem to want to be known as nice guys. First they gave up keeping parked cars clear of the street sweeper. Now they are bringing in a vacuum cleaner in the evening to help out the ineffective sweeper.

# Hoboken acts to recover water costs

With Hoboken and Jersey City reportedly near agreement on an increase in the rate the latter charges the former for water, Hoboken is instituting a new procedure to recover some of that cost from consumers.

Industries and residents who have been receiving estimated bills because of faulty water meters will find those bills doubled as the city moved today to revamp meters, step up collections and halt leaks in its water supply system.

City officials decided on a crash, one-year water program yesterday, pointing out that they are faced with higher rates from Jersey City and the loss of nearly half the water that reaches Hoboken.

Councilman Robert Ranieri said the plan to double the estimated readings should encourage industries to repair their meters. "If we can't account for 47 per cent of our water

then we must assume that we're giving nearly half of it away," said Ranieri.

He pointed out that the city owns meters in private homes but industries own their own.

The plan to double estimated bills was one of several decisions reached at a meeting of the council's water-sewerage committee, Mayor Steve Cappiello and Rafael Vitale, public works director.

Here were the other decisions:

—The city will purchase a number of new meters to replace those that do not register.

—The meter repair shop will be given additional manpower and equipment to put faulty meters into shape. It was estimated that in four to six months, all faulty meters should be replaced.

—More men and equipment will bolster the street crews that repair leaks in water

main. A spokesman said the city wants to deliver most of the 12 million gallons of water that come into the city each day.

—The city will press for collections from "residents, industrial plants and institutions" which have fallen behind in paying their water bills.

—Contract for a \$1 million upgrading of mains in midtown and uptown areas and the replacement of huge water valves on 24- and 36-inch mains should be awarded on May 5.

—The committee, headed by Councilman Anthony H. Romano, plans to meet monthly during the one-year program to check on progress. "As things now stand," said one councilman, "we're buying two gallons of water each day to deliver one."

Ranieri, together with Lawrence Florio, law director, and Carl Schaefer, legal assistant, conferred yesterday with Jersey City officials on a new rate and apparently

reached a compromise figure they will bring back and recommend to the Hoboken City Council.

Ranieri declined to give the figure that was reached, declaring he first wanted to make his report to the city council. Jersey City had initially sought to raise Hoboken's rate from \$240 to \$750 per 1 million gallons. Recently it was reported both cities had compromised on a figure of a little more than \$400.

Ranieri, who conferred with Joseph Contreras, Jersey City business administrator, said later: "It's not that we're happy, but it's as good a settlement as we can reach."

While additional manpower and equipment will cost Hoboken money initially, the savings mean greater income for the city and less waste, it was pointed out.

# Hoboken to vacuum Washington St. in bid to cope with litter problem

If Hoboken residents and shopkeepers won't do their share to keep the city clean, the city will have to do it for them.

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri and Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today that they will experiment with a vacuum-cleaning program between First and Eighth streets on Washington Street in the hope of cleaning up the city's main shopping area.

The plan is to use the vacuum cleaner, which normally picks up leaves in the city parks during the fall, to clean up litter that is carelessly discarded on Washington Street, said Vitale.

"A man will be detailed with the vacuum to work after 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday," the director continued. "If the effort makes a reasonable dent in the amount of litter usually found on Washington Street, a second vacuum will be purchased and the cleaning will become a regular program."

Ranieri said that the littering problem could be traced directly to citizens and shopkeepers who seldom sweep their sidewalks.

Ranieri, who owns a furniture store, said that having the city go on a ticket binge would only create "ill will" and not really solve anything.

Vitale said that the vacuuming program would start as soon as some minor repairs were made on it.

# Hoboken puts children in front of its parade

School children will march in the First Division of Hoboken's Bicentennial Parade on May 16 instead of tagging along somewhere near the end as is customary in most parades.

This signal honor is being accorded them because they contributed more money than the school kids of any other American city to build the base for the Statue of Liberty after the French gave us the statue.

Matthew Grimley, chairman of the parade committee, announced today that any organizations that want to march should attend a meeting Thursday night at 7:30 in the public library, Fifth Street and Park Avenue.

The parade will start at 11th Street and Willow Avenue in front of the Wallace School, the city's newest elementary school, and will proceed on 11th to Washington Street to Newark Street, to River Street to the World War Memorial boulder where there will be a reviewing stand.

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Chairman Vincent Wassmann has called a meeting of the Bicentennial Committee for 8 o'clock tonight in the public library at Fifth St. and Park av. The executive committee will meet at 7:30 o'clock. Matthew Grimley, parade chairman, will also hold a meeting of his committee at the library at 7 o'clock tonight.

# Hoboken PBA head denies suit against city over pact

A report that the Hoboken Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA) was considering a suit against the city for violating its contract by not having three patrol cars on the streets at all times was today denied by Ernest O. Brissetto, PBA president.

"The PBA would like the city to have three cars operating at all times, each manned by two patrolmen, but not doing so is not a violation of our contract," he said. "What the contract does state is that this will be done 'whenever possible'."

Brissetto said it is mandatory for the city to have two men in every radio car that is in operation on the 4 p.m. to midnight and midnight to 8 a.m. shifts. But the number of cars is left up to the chief.

However, Brissetto did say that the PBAs attorney, David Solomon, is reviewing the contract with the city because it was being violated in a number of other areas and grievances may be filed. He would not comment on what the violations were.

Police Chief George W. Crimmins said he, too, would like to have at least three patrol cars on duty at all times. But limited manpower in the uniformed division would require him to bring men in on overtime and his overtime funds were limited.

Both Brissetto and the chief also denied there was any emergency in the police department because three cars were not being used — at least not at this time.

Brissetto said he had met with the chief to remind him that the warmer months were approaching and that usually meant more demands on the men in the radio cars.

"We have already had one situation with two radio cars working and both tied up at open fire hydrants," he said. "While they waited for the hydrants to be shut down no cars were on patrol."

The chief said he was aware of the situation but didn't expect it to get any better unless some more men were hired.

"Overall, the department's strength is good," he said. "But we have something like 40 men assigned to the Tactical Patrol Force who can't be tapped for other duties. That's because they've been hired through a state program and the rules are that they have to stay on foot patrol — no radio car work."

"Otherwise, the uniformed division is down to the bare limits."

Mayor Steve Cappiello, the city's public safety director, was not available to comment on whether the city would be hiring any new patrolmen this year.

# 300 Hoboken youngsters to compete in track meet

More than 300 youngsters from Hoboken elementary and junior high schools will take part in the annual Board of Education track and field meet next Tuesday at Kennedy Stadium, 10th and Jefferson Streets.

The boys and girls will participate in various dashes and relay events as well as the long jump, softball throw and a special co-ed relay race with two boys and two girls from each school.

Samuel J. Spicola, director of physical education, said staff members John Frances Ciriello, Mary Gilbarby and Hector Morales will take part in the program. School Superintendent Thomas McFeely said medals will be awarded to winners and plaques will be presented to the winning schools. In the event of rain the event will take place the following day.

# Third union declares impasse in Hoboken

The Hoboken Firefighters have joined the Fire Officers Assn. and the Policemen's Benevolent Assn. in declaring contract talks at "an impasse" and have added their appeal to the clamor for a Public Employment Relations Commission mediator.

But City Councilman Robert Ranieri, the city's bargaining representative, still insists that there is no impasse, that the city is asking the three disgruntled unions to submit counterproposals, and that if PERC contacts him, Ranieri will ask that a mediator "not be dispatched at this time."

There is absolutely no consensus on the way Ranieri and the three public safety associations seem to view the recent negotiations.

Ranieri explains that the city made an offer which included no provisions for salary increase for 1976 but moderate increases of between four and six per cent

for 1977 and 1978. The unions "unanimously" rejected the offer, and the city now expects the unions to come up with a counter proposal.

"The talks haven't stopped," Ranieri says. "We've given a proposal, they've rejected it, and now following the established procedures, we expect a counter proposal."

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No further talks will be scheduled, association leaders said, until PERC acts on their request for a mediator.

# Hoboken question

If the bank that has an option to buy, demolish and replace Hoboken's 116-year-old Stevens Academy with a branch bank is turned down on its bid for a variance, the city's federally-funded Community Development Agency proposes to buy the vacant building and convert it into a community center.

This is opposed by those who want the site cleared — either by the bank people or someone else — and put to some use which will bring the city tax revenue.

Hoboken is short, not only on revenue, but also on space for recreation, for day nurseries, for senior citizen activities, for social services and other public programs. Recreation facilities, in particular, are woefully sparse.

Hoboken already has lost a school through the closing of the academy. Bolstering its municipal services by acquiring the academy for only \$90,000 in federal money should make the city more attractive and thus increase tax revenue, or at least help hold what revenue the city has.



## North Hudson Dems weigh support of Jackman bid; Hoboken will back LeFante

North Hudson Democratic leaders today are resuming talks over the congressional race but Assemblyman Christopher Jackman received a setback in his campaign plans with the news that the Hoboken Democratic Organization is rallying behind Assembly Speaker Joseph LeFante.

The North Hudson mayors and leaders are expected to decide today whether to back Jackman, a West New York resident, for the 14th District seat being vacated by Rep. Dominick V. Daniels, or to go along with LeFante.

LeFante won the endorsement of top county Democrats, including Bernard Hartnett, county chairman, and Daniels himself.

Democrats in the northern end of the county have been slow to endorse LeFante and spent more than three hours yesterday

discussing how the congressional race shapes up.

There have been rumblings that another top Hudson post is going to Bayonne and not enough attention is being given to the northern edge of Hudson. Bayonne, some point out, already holds such key jobs as county prosecutor, county executive, county freeholder, speaker of the assembly and a state senator who also is state Democratic chairman.

In addition to a possible primary battle for the 14th District seat, the North Hudson leaders today are going to give some attention to the 9th District, which embraces Union City, North Bergen and Secaucus as well as Bergen County. The Hudson bloc is believed to favor Rep. Henry Helstoski for another term although Hartnett has been thinking of entering a Hudson man in that race.

Since yesterday's meeting, however, the picture in the 14th District has changed with the statement by County Clerk James F. Quinn that the Hoboken organization would support LeFante. Quinn has been city chairman for 22 years.

This would deprive Jackman of considerable backing since Bayonne and Jersey City are expected to throw their support to LeFante who has the endorsement of former Mayor Francis Fitzpatrick and the Bayonne Organization.

Jackman is still insisting he wants to make the run in the primary but the North Hudson Democrats must make their minds up quickly since petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. tomorrow for the June 8 Primary.

Jackman, a lifelong labor man, would seek labor support in a primary fight and several labor figures have been invited to today's conference, including Edward B. Pulver, president of the Hudson County Central Labor Union. There also was talk labor was interested in a bid by County Register Maurice V. Brady to enter the congressional race in the November general election. Since his announcement, however, Brady has wavered in his plans.

Resuming campaign strategy today are Mayors William V. Musto of Union City, Anthony DeFino of West New York, Herman Klein of Guttenberg, Steve Capiello of Hoboken, Charles Miller of Weehawken, Peter M. Mocco of North Bergen and Paul Amico of Secaucus. Also at the conference are Assemblyman Thomas A. Gallo and Freeholder Joseph Simunovich of West New York and Township Committeeman Charles Pizzuta, Weehawken party leader.

## Duroy heads Carter drive in Hoboken

Frank Duroy Jr. has been named Hoboken coordinator for Jimmy Carter's June 8 primary effort, it was announced today.

Duroy said he is calling a meeting at 7:30 p.m. May 17 for all parties interested in supporting and working for Carter in his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination. The meeting will be held at 339 Second St., headquarters of the Hoboken Progressive Democrats.

According to Duroy, Carter will be visiting New Jersey before the primary and it is hoped that he will include Hoboken as one of his stops.

## Cut in Hoboken school budget could cost \$1.36 million in aid

The \$680,000 the Hoboken city council has cut from the board of education budget for the 1976-77 school year could result in the loss of an additional \$1,360,000 in state funds, Otto Hottendorf, a board member and former president, warned today.

"What Hoboken gets in state school aid is determined to some extent on what the city spends of its own money," he said. "We put up one-third and the state gives us approximately two-thirds."

"By eliminating \$680,000 the state could decide that it will reduce our state aid based on the ratio — or by some \$1,360,000," said Hottendorf. "The state has the power to do that."

"I don't think it will, for it would be a total disaster for the city and the schools. Instead, I believe the state, if it allows the \$680,000 to stand, will order the city to credit itself with only one-third of that amount for

budget purposes. The city now includes the full amount in its budget."

"So instead of cutting the school budget by \$680,000 the city will have to cut its own share to education by some \$226,000 and the state will cut its share by the remaining two-thirds, making up a total of \$680,000."

Hottendorf again urged that the city and school board stop fighting each other and join together in a joint suit against the state Education Department for full funding under

the new "Thorough and Efficient Education Act."

"I publicly made this suggestion two weeks ago and have not yet heard one word from anyone on the city council," he said. "That is indeed unfortunate. Unless the city and the school board work together, Hoboken cannot hope to win."

The school board is appealing the cuts to the state Commissioner of Education, Fred Burke, and has asked for a speedy hearing. However, Robert W. Taylor, attorney for the board, said this is unlikely.

"The state has seven hearing officers who have something like 50 appeals already filed and an additional 25 to 30 expected shortly," he said. "They are usually handled on a first come, first served basis and that means Hoboken's chances of a May hearing are slim."

In the meantime, the board is notifying all 59 non-tenured teachers that their contracts will not be renewed for next year. Most of the \$680,000 the city cut from the board's budget was from teacher salaries.

## Hoboken officials begin program to halt costly water hemorrhage

By ELIZABETH PARKS

Hoboken officials have begun to take steps to halt the loss of approximately \$500,000 a year of unaccounted for water.

Public Works Director Raphael Vitale said yesterday that the city has begun beefing up its staff of meter repairmen, is considering hiring six more men to form a "preventive maintenance street crew" and is prepared to double or even triple averaged readings on meters that seem to consistently favor the water consumer over the city.

Council President Martin Brennan proposed this week that a minimum average water rate be established for all tenements in the city.

Noting that there seems to be a disparity in what some tenement owners, homeowners and businessmen have to pay for water, Brennan proposed that a minimum average be established so "everyone would be treated fairly."

Vitale later explained that inequitable readings do occur because many of the city's residents and industries own their own meters.

Odds Their Way

"If they're getting readings that are favorable to them because the meter is malfunctioning," he said, "they naturally don't bother to repair the meters."

"However if we set a minimum that works in our favor, then they'll go out and fix the meters," Vitale said. The Water Department will double and even triple the averages until residents begin to take action.

For months Hoboken has been chafing at the water loss which officials at first attributed to undiscovered leaks and abandoned service lines.

However, water crews have fixed most of the major leaks and the loss has not shown any proportionate decrease.

Suspicion is now focused on the meters. Vitale said that 300 of the 4,700 meters the city services are known to be inoperative or in need of complete replacement.

Hire One Man

Yesterday the city hired one man to beef up the present two-man meter repair division and is looking to hire "at least one more man."

Vitale said that working at a rate of five meters replaced or repaired a day, two-man repair crews could have the 300 meters serviced within six months.

Then Hoboken would begin a preventive maintenance program, not only with meters, but with heavier street repairs, such as water gates, and water mains, greasing them and keeping them func-

tional, and repairing and replacing hydrants. The city's goal is to cut the \$500,000-a-year loss in half within a year's time.

## Victims of violations to pay Hoboken less

The Hoboken Rent Control Board has taken steps to reduce the rents on tenements with excessive violations which are managed by the city.

Overlooking a warning from the Department of Revenue and Finance that reductions in rents now being collected by the city will make it impossible for the city to remedy violations, the board Monday night voted to give reductions to tenants living with "excessive violations."

Board chairman Joseph Hottendorf instituted a special subcommittee, composed of himself, members Al Avitable, Mary Lenanovicz and Pat Mc Namara.

The committee is to go over the list of cited violations, compare them with violations mentioned by tenants in their requests for rent reductions, and settle on what Hottendorf called "an appropriate decrease."

The board will make a decision on May 15 on how much it will reduce rents.

Hottendorf considers the case which concerns eight families living at 229 Monroe st. a precedent for forcing the city to provide the same "adequate" level of housing standards that private landlords have to conform to.

The building is only one of hundreds managed by the city after owners have either abandoned them or fallen behind in their taxes.

The city took over 229 Monroe in May after its owner, Welfare Director Jerry Forman, failed to make good faith payments on \$6,400 he owed in back taxes.

Revenue and Finance Director Frank Bartlett has since used \$2,678 of the \$3,640 in rents collected to make emergency repairs while the rest of the money has gone to reduce the total of unpaid taxes.

However, according to Hottendorf, there are still serious violations including rodents, backed up sewers, holes in walls

and ceilings, and inadequate toilet and bathing facilities.

Hottendorf concedes that the city has "honorable intentions" and is making a sincere effort to remove violations, but he claims the job is too massive, that the building is just "too far gone" to be saved.

He contends that by collecting the rents and then funneling them back into the building for repairs the city is just throwing "good money after bad."

He recommends that the city begin closing down tenements in "the worst stages of disrepair" and save the property for private investors who may buy and rehabilitate it.

## Labor plot deepens

The cast of characters in the Hoboken labor struggle is growing larger with the addition of PERC mediator Herbert Haber but the plot isn't getting any simpler or clearer.

The Hoboken Police and Fire Officers Association, along with the Fire Officers Assn., have declared contract talks at an "impasse" and have asked for PERC's intervention.

Yet yesterday as Haber was making phone calls to set up a mediated session, PBA president Ernest Brissette was bringing a counter proposal to the desk of Robert Ranieri, the city council's representative labor negotiator.

Ranieri said the counter proposal "proves" that the talks "really aren't at an impasse at all" and he has asked Haber "to sit on the sidelines" while the city and the unions try to reach their own compromise.

But Michael Bavaro, president of the Firefighters Assn., said that future talks just between the city and his association are "off, definitely broken down unless Ranieri comes up with a substantial

offer", superior to what Bavaro called the "ridiculous" initial offer of a zero raise for 1976, and four percent raises for 1977 and 1978.

Ranieri said he's waiting for the firemen to officially tell him they've rejected his offer and filed for a mediator.

Bavaro said he gave Ranieri an official announcement and Ranieri "didn't have the decency to acknowledge it". Bavaro said firemen initially asked for a 25 percent increase spread out over two years.

When Ranieri countered with a zero increase for 1976, Bavaro said he "doubled" his proposal to show Ranieri "how ridiculous he's being." He said Ranieri's offer was "an insult to my integrity."

Bavaro said he and William Bergin, president of the Fire Officers Assn., are still waiting for the Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) to set a date for a hearing.

And Brissette said he was "hanging onto every option available to me" to try and reach a settlement.

## Industry relocation — a boom or bust

By CAROLE FELDMAN

For every 100 factory jobs created in Hoboken, city officials estimate that three more retail establishments will open, sales will increase by \$331,000 and 65 other persons will obtain jobs in non-manufacturing fields.

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In addition, they say population will increase by 359, \$710,000 more in personal income will come into the city, and bank deposits will grow by \$229,000.

While it does not necessarily follow that if the 100 jobs are subsequently lost, the city will lose all it has gained, industry relocating out of Hoboken, as well as the remainder of Hudson County and the state, is bound to have a detrimental effect on the economy.

One of the largest problems a municipality must face when an industry relocates out of the area is rising unemployment.

In March 1975, the month American Can Co. closed its Jersey City plant, the unemployment rate for the area at the time was reported to be the highest for the month in the 17 years the Bureau of Labor Statistics

had been publishing statistics.

The number of people on payrolls in the county decreased by 1,000 from February to March 1975 and by 11,400 from the year before.

Labor analysts explained the increase in unemployment in terms of a decline in manufacturing. During the year ending March 1975, the state lost 61,000 manufacturing jobs constituting a 10 per cent loss from the previous year.

In addition to rising unemployment, a municipality must consider the possibility of losing a portion of its population when a manufacturing plant decides to relocate.

If people follow the industry to a new location, Michael Coleman, Hoboken Community Development economic consultant, said, it might tend to have a "blighting influence" on the city.

Supportive establishments, such as a restaurant near the industrial facility or a local grocer, might be forced to close down if they cannot be sustained without the patronage of the employees from the plant.

A municipality's income will also suffer when an industry leaves the city, according to Coleman. When the city loses its ratables, he said, it loses the tax

revenue it uses to carry out basic services. This will help contribute to making the city a less attractive place to live, Coleman added.

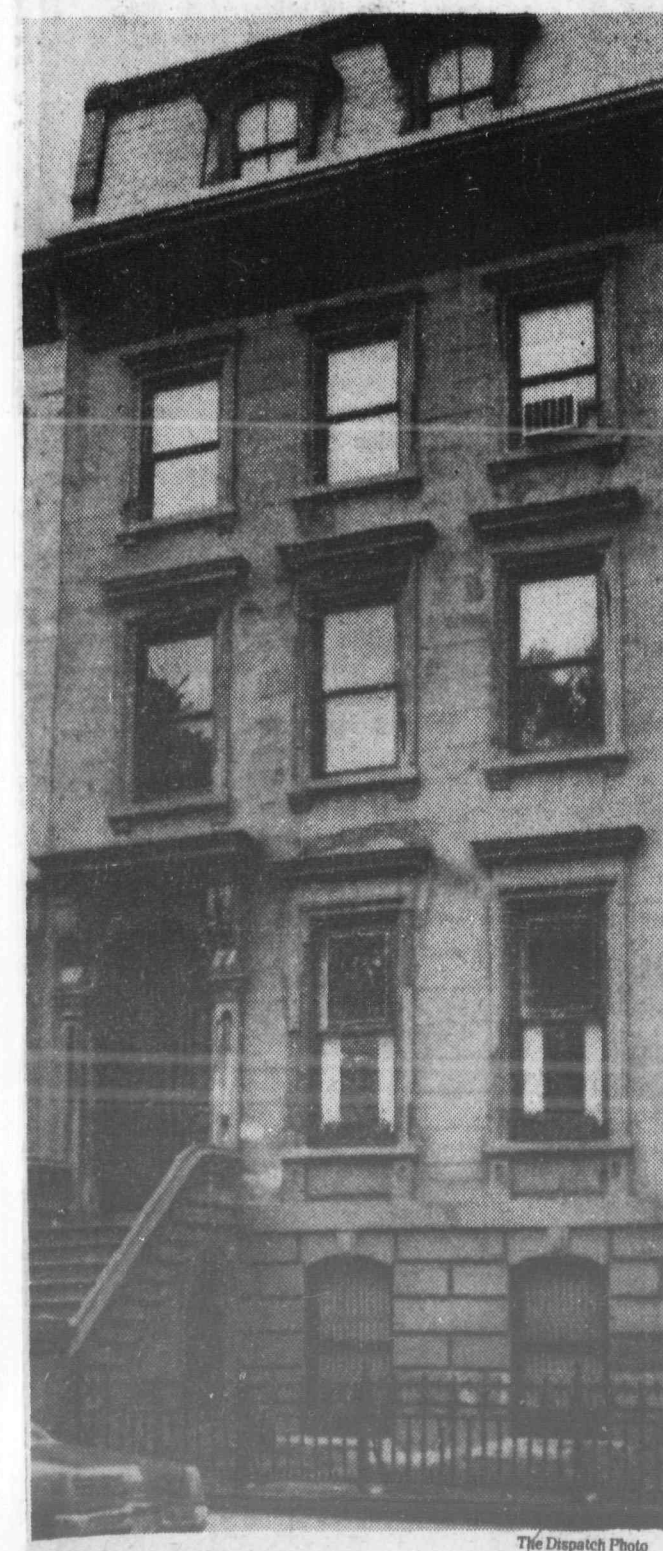
James Healy, director of the Jersey City Office of Economic Development, agreed. If tax revenues decrease and expenses don't, he said, you're going to have to make up the difference somehow if services are to be maintained.

Healy added that unless new ratables are brought in to pick up the slack, city residents could be asked to take on the burden of increased taxes.

He emphasized, however, that when American Can left Jersey City the building wasn't abandoned. Someone is paying the taxes, he said, adding that in terms of tax revenue the city didn't lose any income when the company left.

Both Healy and Coleman agree that industry's departure from the cities can be devastating to a municipality's economy. The pair believe, however, that the trend of industry relocating outside Hudson County is over. They predict instead new commercial growth for the area and a more optimistic economy.

## Tours will view brownstones in Hoboken and Jersey City



The Hoboken Environment Committee is sponsoring its first walking tour of the city's townhouses and brownstones this Sunday.

It will be followed by the Third Annual Brownstone Tour sponsored by the Van Vorst Park Assn. May 16.

Sunday's Hoboken tour will feature seven houses built between the Civil War and World War I. Most are townhouses, a few are brownstones. Each features a different approach to decorating and renovation—some are sleekly modern, while others have enshrined every possible original detail.

The home of Dominick and Lucille Casulli, at 921 Castle Point ter., is decorated in a tropical motif with treasures from their many years in the South Pacific and serves as a fitting showplace for their large seashell collection.

At 1013 Garden st., the home of John Cannel and Nancy Couturier is still being renovated. But since Nancy is a former pastry chef at the Plaza Hotel, the first room completed, was of course, the kitchen, and it is built precisely for the professional chef's use.

Factory Renovated

A fur factory once stood at 710 Washington st., but now it has been completely renovated into a duplex apartment and dental offices by Tom and Betty Glatt.

A collection of antiques highlight 1020 Garden st., owned and renovated by decorator Pat Touhy and her husband, Tim.

Parkay floors that have been described by Hoboken brownstones as "marvellous" are a special feature at 923 Washington st., owned by George and Betty Fitzneridder.

The Fitzneridders have gone to great lengths to preserve details in the house, even leaving some of the original wallpaper. Stained glass is throughout their home, even in the bathroom.

Those taking the tour will be able to stay as long as they want in each house, since the day will be loosely organized. Tickets for the tour, which cost three dollars, can be purchased at Trinity Church at Seventh and Washington sts.

Maps Planned

Maps will be provided so people can take their own tours, ending up at Stevens Center for refreshments and a view of Manhattan. The tour shall last from 1 to 7 p.m. No children under 12 will be permitted. Proceeds will go to the Hoboken Environment Committee.

The May 16 tour in Jersey City will also allow people to wander through the homes at their own pace. A total of nine houses, never before opened to the public, will be on view.

Most of them, built between 1870 and the turn of the century, are brownstones in the Italianate Style, with marble fireplaces, stained and etched glass, parkay floors, high ceilings and intricate moldings.

One highlight will be the very dark and brooding home of Richard Ursiello at 459 Jersey av. Entering this house is like stepping back into the Victorian era. Carved wooden screens sit above doorways, double mahogany doors close off the parlor and carved mahogany mantels adorn fireplaces.

And around the corner fireplace in the reception hall, a glazed tile border tells the story of Ivanhoe.

"Upstairs, Downstairs"

The cooperative brownstone at 291 Varick st., owned by bachelors Don Billiar and John Bouie, built in the 1880s, will be a treat for fans of "Upstairs, Downstairs."

Throughout the house are valved speaking tubes, which aid communication between floors and once kept servants hopping.

A very modern approach to renovation will show in the brownstone at 296 York st., also owned cooperatively by Jersey City State Professors Jo Marcus and Howard Singer. But the piece de resistance, according to those running the tour, will be the home of Joe and Maria Bowen at the corner of Montgomery and Barrow sts.

Unusual for Jersey City is its mansard roof and the fact that the one-family home stands five stories.

Swinging Doors, Moldings

Bevelled-glass swinging doors adorn the entrance to the living room and detailed plaster moldings have been left intact throughout the house.

Macarame will be on display at 301 York st. and watercolors of Jersey City will be exhibited in the parlor of 297 York.

Refreshments will be served at the Ionic House while a soloist from the Village Light Opera Group performs. Tickets will be \$3 per person and \$5 per couple and \$1.50 for citizens and students with IDs.

Tickets and maps will be available at the bandstand in Van Vorst Park that day. Proceeds will aid the Park Assn.



## Ballet in Hoboken

Young artist is pushing it

"Now appearing, the Hoboken Ballet."

To some the joining of the words ballet and Hoboken may be similar to trying to mix oil and water. But not to a young professional dancer and instructor whose goal is to establish a ballet company in the city within a few years.

"It may be surprising to some, but the dance—jazz, ballet and toe—has been one of Hoboken's major successes in the arts since the city's multi-service center opened last June," said Tracy Everitt, who has appeared in a host of Broadway productions and now operates his own dance studio in the city.

"Over 700 residents have been on our specialty ballet dance floor at the center and there are several hundred children regularly taking lessons."

To promote the dance Everitt and a group of dancers from the New Jersey Ballet have been putting on performances at some of the city's schools. They have been full productions, in costume with full stage lighting.

"The idea is not only to show the city's youngsters the different aspects of the dance but to allow them to talk with the performers and get some idea of where it all comes from, how it is done and to tell them about their own program at the Multi-Service Center."

"There is a slight charge—50 cents per lesson for children and a \$1 to \$1.50 a lesson for adults—but the type of quality teaching they will be receiving normally goes for a minimum of \$4 a lesson."

Everitt said that the small charge helps offset expenses not covered by grants from state and national foundations, which will be applied for by the center staff.

A ballet company for Hoboken is not Everitt's only goal. He would also like to establish a gymnastic team and a jazz dance company, drawing talent from the city's youngsters between the ages of 6 and 14.

"Our teacher, Barbara Sheehan and her daughter, learned from 'the man' in acrobatics and gymnastics in this country—Joe Price," Everitt continued. "A

great percentage of the routines used in the Olympics today were invented by Joe who taught in New York for over 50 years and was recognized throughout the world as a master."

Everitt said that Barbara Sheehan has been teaching for him for two years and will be handling the gymnastic classes at the Multi-Service Center.

"Within five years I think we will have a permanent and great jazz dance company," he predicted. "And just about everyone in the city will have a relative of friend who is in the company or taking lessons. These teams and classes will perform everywhere."

Much of whether or not Everitt's dream comes true will be determined by the registration drive which will be conducted from June through December. In the meantime, Everitt will be going to different schools in the city giving free lessons to small groups.

"Again, this is to introduce the children to dance, creative movement, gymnastics and other theater arts at a thoroughly professional level," he said.

Adults are not being left out either. For them, and interested youngsters, there will be program in disco dancing with instruction by one of the better known New York teachers. There will also be Yoga classes, drama classes and dance lessons in acrobatics, tap, toe and ballet.

Although his talents are still sought for Broadway productions, Everitt has shied away from this more lucrative area in favor of teaching.

"It isn't very gratifying and it becomes repetitious," he asserted. "I get much more satisfaction from seeing a younger master the fundamentals and then start to reach out for his or her own identity."



## Zoners OK bank razing Academy, but CDA will fight

The Hoboken Board of Adjustment says it is all right for the Garden State National Bank to tear down Stevens Academy and build a branch office on the site, but the city's Community Development Agency (CDA) hopes to block the move.

Despite the variance granted by the city zoning board last night by a 4-to-1 vote, Peter Beronio, a CDA aide, said Fred Bado, agency director, will make a formal appeal to the city council at its Wednesday meeting.

Conceding the point raised by Timothy Callagy, the lone dissenting board member, that CDA never presented its case to the zoning agency, Beronio blamed the "late interest we had" but added, "we're now going to pursue the matter."

According to Beronio, CDA, feels that the school building, which dates from the Civil War era, could qualify for federal funding as a "neighborhood facility center." As such, he said, the CDA could acquire it for the city at an estimated purchase price of "around \$80,000."

(A bank spokesman declined to reveal the contracted selling price negotiated with the Hoboken Academic Society, the corporate owner of Stevens and the closing has yet to be scheduled).

Providing day care services at such a facility, said Beronio, is a "possibility" that apparently would be offered only on a limited basis.

"The city does need more public buildings to house the various social service programs we offer," continued Beronio, quickly admitting that "some of the (Stevens) neighbors are afraid of another Jefferson Day Center."

"But this building, if we acquire it, would be locked up by 6 p.m. because we couldn't have a situation where children would be running around at night in a residential area disturbing the neighbors."

"Besides," he continued, "the building, while it does have a small gym, is not suited for athletic events since there are no bleachers in the gym."

Beronio said the CDA staff has "had in formal talks with the mayor and councilman" but there has been no commitment by anyone, he added. "They want hard facts," he said.

Reached at home after the meeting, Mayor Steve Cappiello had this to say: "I believe a study about the building's future use is being made and the facts will be presented to the council."

"There's been an abundance of requests from both sides of the table, pro and con. Hoboken has a problem with getting enough tax revenues and we'd also like to provide adequate social services to our citizens."

"It's going to be a rough decision," he concluded.

Dominick Penna, realty officer with Garden State, said that the next step, assuming the governing body approves the variance, would be the closing with the Stevens trustees, led by Dr. Carl Springob, a faculty member of Stevens Institute of Technology.

Then, said Penna, demolition bids will be reviewed by the bank's lawyers, a contract will be awarded and work will proceed. "We hope to get started July 1 and finish by October or November," said Penna, estimating the construction cost at between \$275,000 and \$300,000.

Six employees would operate conventional teller's windows and a drive-in service with an entrance on Fifth Street and exit on Willow Avenue, Penna said. There would be off-street parking for 12 cars.

In support of the bank's proposal, Carmine (Buddy) DeMatteo, an area resident, presented petitions that he said contained between 400 and 500 names of neighbors who favor the idea. The Hoboken Environment Committee, on the other hand, offered petitions reportedly with 1,800 residents' names opposing the destruction of the Stevens building.

One person who was pleased with last night's development is William Stevens (no relation to Hoboken's Edwin A. Stevens, for whom the Academy was named).

Formerly an instructor at the academy for two decades starting in 1954, Stevens is one of five teachers who have been waiting two years since the school was vacated to collect their pensions. "I guess I'm the ghost of Stevens," he quipped.

"Naturally, I'm anxious to see the building sold," the Brooklyn educator related last night. "The remaining monies after debts are paid will go to certain teachers' annuities."

Asked about the historic value of the structure, Stevens argued that it is "not in its pristine state and it's not a great architectural triumph. Despite the fact that it is an old building, it does not have the original facade on the Fifth Street and Willow Avenue sides. The building has been painted and it is of brewery brick."

Getting the last word at last night's meeting was an unidentified man who shouted out from the back of the city council chambers: "Why don't you build banks on the west side of town?" There was no reply.

## Hoboken firefighters want to join PBA in mediation

Michael Bavaro, president of the Hoboken Fire Fighters Association, said today that the union will attempt to have the state Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) include it in the upcoming mediation between the city and the Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA).

"Since the PBA and the firefighters have both declared their negotiations with the city at an impasse and asked PERC to step in it would save time and money to have the same mediator handle both groups," Bavaro said. "PERC is probably thinking along the same lines but in case it isn't, we will suggest it."

Herbert Haber, a labor negotiator and mediator who has handled several of New York City's major labor problems, has been assigned by PERC to mediate the impasse between the city and PBA.

According to Bavaro, had the city used a committee to negotiate with the firemen rather than allowing one councilman — Robert A. Ranieri — to do all of the work, the impasse might have been avoided and the negotiations would have continued.

"It is very difficult to negotiate with one

man, especially Councilman Ranieri," said Bavaro. "It is apparent to us that what takes place during the negotiating sessions is not what he relates to the mayor or the public."

"For months he has been saying that 'progress is being made,' but in reality neither the PBA nor the city was really getting anywhere. We bought his explanation that he didn't want to start negotiations with the firemen because he was making such good progress with the PBA and didn't want to upset the talks."

"We waited four months to start talks with the city and then found out that what the police had been offered was a step backwards and that same offer was made to us."

Bavaro denied that the firemen had failed to make a counter-offer to the city.

"Two counter-offers have been made and both were rejected by the councilman," Bavaro asserted. "Our first was for a two-year pact which included a 13 per cent pay increase this year and 12 per cent next year, and increased medical and dental benefits. When that was rejected we countered with a one-year agreement with a 25 per cent wage increase."

Bavaro said that both offers were made orally to Ranieri. He admitted that the city's proposal was not formally presented to his membership but he didn't think it was necessary.

"We already know that the men won't accept it, so what purpose would it serve to present it to them for formal rejection except to waste more time? As of today I know of no other paid fire department in the state that makes less than the Hoboken Fire Department. What we have asked for in raises is not at all unreasonable, especially in view of the lack of any real financial gains over the last four or five years. We can't even keep abreast of inflation on what the city has offered."

It is reported that the city's last offer was to pay increase this year, a four per cent increase next year, and another four per cent in the third year. In addition, the city would pay the men for four more holidays at the rate of \$50 each, for a total of 13 paid holidays a year. They now have nine paid holidays on which they work and four holidays which they take time off.

## 5/17/76 Hoboken 24.18

Hoboken residents will today at 1 p.m. begin a walking tour of the city visiting local landmarks in observance of the country's Bicentennial celebration.

The tour, which will start from the plaza area in Erie Lackawanna Terminal, is being sponsored by the Hoboken Historic Sites Subcommittee of the Hoboken Bicentennial Committee. Sites to be visited include Hoboken City Hall, Our Lady of Grace Church, Holy Innocents, and the World War I Boulder. Many of the buildings will be opened especially for the tour.

## Hoboken teachers face ax

By ELIZABETH PARKS

The cloud of financial uncertainty hovering over the Hoboken Board of Education has caused notices to be sent out to 59 non-tenured teachers telling them their contracts may not be resumed for next year.

Board president Mary Gaspar said yesterday that the notices approved by the board Monday night were not to be considered official announcements of lay-offs.

"They are just intended," she said, "to put teachers on notice that if the state legislature doesn't fully fund the thorough and efficient education program, and if state Commissioner of Education Fred Burke doesn't reinstate the \$680,000 deleted from the board's budget by the city council then there will have to be layoffs."

The 59 would be among the first to go because they lack tenure. Mrs. Gaspar said that if the board gave them tenure at this time, "it would be much harder for us to lay them off if it becomes necessary."

However, the only board member to vote

against the notices, James Farina, argued that it is "misleading" to notify teachers that they may not be rehired "when it's literally impossible for the school system to operate without them."

"We need these people," Farina said. "We're short 25 people now who have retired or resigned and not been replaced."

"We have 7,200 kids in the system. If we lose 25 teachers plus another 50, what kind of teaching do you think we're going to get?"

"You don't try to fight a forest fire with one man and you don't try to teach 7,200 kids with a little more than 300 people."

But if the board doesn't get the extra \$2 million it anticipates from full funding, and if it doesn't get back its \$680,000 from the council, Mrs. Gaspar said there will have to be layoffs "not just of teachers but of everyone from supervisors to janitors."

There is also the possibility that the school year may be aborted and the term closed before youngsters can accumulate the 180 days that the state considers a full school year.

## Hayes entrance brightens outlook for fire pact talks

One of the stumbling blocks that has caused Hoboken's firemen to balk at continuing negotiations with the city on a new contract is being eliminated.

The firemen and officers have flatly refused to continue negotiating with the city as long as Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri is the sole negotiator. But the councilman said today that Francis X. Hayes, the Jersey City labor attorney who assisted the city in negotiations last year, is again available for talks with the unions.

Hayes had been ill for several months but has now been given a clean bill of health by his physicians and is returning to work, the councilman said.

But for the moment no further talks have been scheduled between the city and her police and firemen. All three unions—the Policemen's Benevolent Association, the Fire Fighters Association, and the Fire Officers Association—have declared talks at an impasse and are seeking mediation from the state Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC).

However, Ranieri said that he does not consider the negotiations between the city and the PBA to be deadlocked. The councilman said that he was presented with a counter-offer from the PBA yesterday for the city's consideration.

Ranieri would not say what the PBA's counter-offer was, but according to sources

within the association, the police are asking for a two-year contract with a 15 per cent wage increase this year and a 10 per cent increase next year.

The city's best offer to date has been for a three-year contract with no increase in salary this year, four per cent in the second year and another four per cent in the third year. It has been rejected by the policemen and the firemen.

Ranieri took exception to comments from Michael Bavaro, president of the Fire Fighters Association, that the councilman had been publicly stating that the negotiations with the police were progressing when actually no progress was being made.

"The talks with the PBA are continuing, there is give and take, and that, in my opinion, is progress," said the councilman. "Although the PBA has declared an impasse I do not consider this to be the case at all. We are still talking and negotiating so how can there be an impasse?"

"I consider the declaration of an impasse to be nothing more than a time-saving device on the part of the PBA so that should we actually come to an impasse the PERC-appointed mediator will be immediately available to sit with us. At this time I don't think we will need his services."

Ranieri said that he believes he can "wrap up" the negotiations with the PBA in about two weeks.



4/29/76 Save the children 9.9.  
Five-year-old David Buoncorno watches Hoboken Fireman James Monaco, departmental community relations chief, apply "Tot-Finder" sticker to window of 1309 Garden St. The stickers warn firefighters which buildings house children so that they can be evacuated from burning dwellings. The labels, donated by an insurance firm, are available to the public.

## Workers in 'combat' gear cleaning vets' monument

No, Hoboken isn't being visited by creatures from outer space. But residents might have gotten that impression yesterday or today if they strolled by Elysian Park at 11th and Hudson streets.

Decked out in masks, rubber gloves and boots and a special protective suit, workers from the city's Public Works Department are sprucing up the World War I Veterans Monument—and it turned out to be a very dangerous job.

According to Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale, the men first tried to steam clean the monument but that did little to remove the accumulated dirt and grime.

"The statue has been there for more than 50 years and I don't think it was ever cleaned," said the director. "The steam, even under high pressure, didn't do anything."

"When the steam failed to work my

foreman checked around and found that nitric acid is used for that kind of work. The only problem is that it is kind of dangerous to work with and protective equipment was required."

"It also gives off some kind of gas when it contacts the metal in the statue. I don't know if it is poisonous or not but it smells bad enough to be."

Vitale said the area around the statue was cleared and then blockaded so that no one would casually walk into the area where the men were working and be exposed to the fumes.

"We found out a few interesting things," he continued. "The statue is made of bronze and the acid really works well. We also learned that one of the men depicted in the monument is a sergeant. There was so much grime on it that his stripes were hidden."

Vitale said that the entire job, including the protective clothing, cost the city about \$100.

"Since the city did the work itself, I didn't get any estimates from private contractors," he continued, "but I'm told that a statue of this size would cost something like \$2,000 to clean using the same process we're using."

## Meter expert hired to cut water losses

Hoboken isn't wasting any time getting its program to cut the city's water losses under way.

Monday city officials decided that their main thrust would be in the area of repairing and replacing meters, and yesterday the first of several additional men needed to get the program under way was hired. He is Robert Van Ingen of 501 Bloomfield St.

Mayor Steve Cappiello, who gave Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale permission to hire Van Ingen in spite of the mayor's job freeze, said the city was being very "selective" in who it puts on the payroll.

"We only want people who have some experience in working with water or in plumbing," said the mayor. "I expect there are going to be a lot of residents applying for the few jobs. We still have a lot of unemployment here. But unless they can meet these qualifications there isn't much point in looking for one of the jobs."

The mayor said Van Ingen, who will start at \$8,500 a year, will be assigned to install and remove water meters. He will be taking out old and faulty meters and replacing them with others that have been repaired or purchased new.

According to Vitale, notification will be going out shortly to all businesses and industries in the city who have one-inch water lines or larger that unless their meters are repaired and the city presented with certification that they are properly calibrated, Hoboken is going to start billing them double the previous price.

"These larger meters belong to the property owners, not the city, and it is their responsibility to make sure that they operate properly," said the director. "The city has no authority to go in and replace the ones that don't work. If the owner takes his time getting that done all we can do is to estimate the water use and bill the company on that estimate."

"The one thing we can do that should prompt the owners to have their meters checked out and replaced if necessary is to double the price we've been charging them on estimated bills."

Vitale said there weren't too many firms that tested and calibrated water meters so the city would include the names of the ones it knew of in the notices to the companies.

Meters on lines of less than one inch are the city's responsibility and will systematically be replaced or repaired. The city estimates that it will be able to account for an additional 30 per cent of the water it buys from Jersey City by the meter program.

At one time the city was unable to account for half of what it purchased each year.

However, a water line repair and replacement program in the southern third of the city last year, financed by the federal government, and spot repairs in other areas by the city has helped and the city can now account for between 60 and 70 per cent of what it buys.

But Vitale pointed out that there will never be 100 per cent accountability. He said there will always be a few leaks, no matter how hard the city tries to eliminate them, and an undetermined amount of water is never accounted for in fire fighting operations and for recreation purposes like summer fire hydrant sprinklers.

## Hoboken's salvation: commercial business

By CAROLE FELDMAN

The phenomenon of industry leaving Hudson County is not a new one, according to Michael Coleman, economic consultant for the Hoboken Office of Community Development. It is, however, relatively minor today compared to the exodus of industry from the county during the past 20 years, he said.

**Last in a Series**  
"Hoboken has had its industrial phase," Coleman said. "It is unlikely that it will return."

Nevertheless, Coleman is optimistic. There are different kinds of economic activity that can replace heavy manufacturing, he said, adding that commercial businesses will provide Hoboken with a "new horizon economically speaking."

Coleman cited the number of New York brokerage firms which have moved across the Hudson River to Hoboken. "It is possible for Hoboken to make a complete economic recovery," Coleman said. If the city can create 3,000 within the next 10 years, it will pretty much have it made, he said, noting that it wasn't an unreasonable goal.

The outlook in Jersey City is equally optimistic, according to Joseph Grossi, executive director of the Area Development Council.

**Has Turned Around**  
"The trend of industry moving out has more or less turned around," he said, pointing out that in 1975 38 new businesses moved into Jersey City, 17 existing firms renovated and expanded their operations, and four businesses relocated within the city.

These new and expanded businesses, he said, have generated 2,418 new jobs in the city.

Both Jersey City and Hoboken officials view their proximity to the New York

regional market as one of their greatest assets in trying to lure new business to the area.

In addition, with almost a 15 per cent unemployment rate, Hudson County offers a ready labor force, he said. New Jersey can also offer an excellent highway system, rail access and its waterfront as incentives to industries considering relocating in the area, they claimed.

In an effort to attract new industry to the state, the New Jersey Economic Development Authority has tentatively approved a state takeover of Jersey City's Montgomery st. urban renewal area.

Under the plan, the state will buy the 60-acre site from the city for approximately \$2.4 million, build facilities there and sell or lease them to new industries which provide jobs and taxes.

**Provides Needed Tools**  
Thomas Kelly of the Department of Labor and Industry's Economic Development Division, sees this program as providing the right tools and mechanism to bring industry back to the inner cities.

"It's going to take time," he said, "but it has got a great chance to work."

The project, which will also affect a development in Elizabeth, is aimed at spurring the economic revival of the cities. If successful, it will be expanded to include Hoboken, Paterson, Passaic, Newark, Trenton and Camden.

The cities in turn, according to officials, are letting existing industry know that they "have a friend in municipal government." Industry is encouraged to stay in the cities with promises of low interest loans, tax abatements for expansion and cooperation on the part of local government.



4/30/76 9.9.  
THAT'S SERVICE — Thomas Verpeut gets a helping of chicken and vegetables served up by Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello at the city's Multi-Service Center at Second and Grand streets where Hoboken's senior citizen nutrition program is entering its second funding year.



5/3/76 24.18.  
CONCRETE CANOE RACE — The third annual Intercollegiate Concrete Canoe Race gets underway in heavy rain Saturday morning in the Hudson River off Stevens Tech, Hoboken. More than 20 university Civil Engineering students participated, paddling concrete canoes they designed and built.

## Hoboken OKs 75% water rate rise

Hoboken has tentatively agreed to a new five year contract on purchasing water from Jersey City which would see the city's rate go from approximately \$240 per million gallons of water to \$420 per million and insure the passing on of a healthy increase to Hoboken's residential and industrial users, it was learned today.

According to a Hoboken City Council source, the agreement was worked out earlier this week at a meeting in Jersey City.

"HOWEVER, BEFORE we ink a contract with Jersey City we want a written reply from the Hackensack Water Co. on whether or not it will take Hoboken on as a new customer and, if not, the reasons it cannot accept us at this time," the source said.

The council source said that Hoboken officials have discussed with representatives of the Hackensack Water Co. the possibility of taking the city on as a customer but have never received a formal reply either way.

"Following the meeting this week it was

decided that the mayor would send a formal letter to the water company asking for written acceptance or rejection," he continued. "Most of the city council would prefer to switch to Hackensack if possible. It is a private firm and private firms are usually more efficiently operated than government agencies."

MARTHA GREEN, a spokesman for the water company, said that "no final decision has been made" by the company on Hoboken's proposal. She added that it probably will not be made until the company studies the letter from this mayor when it arrives.

Mayor Steve Cappiello confirmed that it was decided to send the company a formal letter but he said that it has not yet been written.

Hoboken first contacted Hackensack last year after being notified by Jersey City that the rate of \$240 per million gallons was going up to over \$700 per million, an increase of more than 200 per cent.

Legal action by Hoboken and Jersey City's other municipal customers with the state Public Utilities Commission (PUC) stalled the actual implementation of the new rates for months.

THE TENTATIVE pact represents a 75 per cent boost.

According to the city council source, the formal letter to the Hackensack Water Co. was insisted upon by Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri and most of the other councilmen won't go along with the Jersey City contract until they received a reply from Hackensack.

Ranieri conceded that he did request that the letter be sent and added that he was "troubled" by the fact that up to this point the water company hasn't been able to give the city a firm yes or no.

"It is really a very basic and simple question—can the Hackensack Water Co. provide Hoboken with approximately 12 million gallons of water a day?" said the councilman.

## Brokerage firm moving into Hoboken

By ELIZABETH PARKS

Piper Jaffray, a \$31 million a year securities firm, began moving part of its metropolitan regional office into Hoboken's Grogan Marine View Plaza yesterday while developer Bernard

Kenny confirmed that he may sign his fourth lease with another major securities firm toward "the middle of this week."

Kenny also acknowledged that he hopes to sign his fifth lease with a Wall Street Com-

pany "before May 15."

Kenny declined to name either firm, saying that to do so now would "embarrass" both companies engaged in sensitive negotiations with New York officials who want to keep them in the city.

It was learned, however, that one firm is regarded as one of the most prestigious on Wall Street.



## Hoboken

By LESLIE MAITLAND

**H**OBOKEN is the last real European community in America, a working class city that is riddled with history and teeming with places that make things fresh—things like smoked mozzarella cheese, bacon and rich German pastry.

So says a native son, Louis LaRusso 24, who wrote and played "Lampost Reunion" after attending his 20th high school reunion at the Lampost Bar & Restaurant. The Lampost still serves Italian food at 11th and Madison Streets.

Hoboken is a place whose economy, historically, has revolved around its piers and salty bars—a bawling, dockside culture immortalized in the Marlon Brando film "On the Waterfront." Every morning, hundreds of men still file into the Deutsche Seemann's Mission, built in 1907, looking for work as longshoremen.

Fewer of them find work today but if that is one kind of change, there have also been advances, led by the artists and professional people who represent the latest of a long line of immigrants. The lure for them has been the modest-priced, handsome brownstones, which they are carefully restoring.

These newcomers have been discovering the resources of their community—varied restaurants, ethnic food shops, stand-up bars, gracious architecture and streets full of history—and are bringing to Hoboken new life and prosperity.

The change that has come to the city has, for the most part, created a peaceful blend of old and new.

There is a high-rise apartment building called Grogan Marine View Plaza. But still a man, wheeling a trash can, cleans the street in front of the apartment building with a broom and dustpan. The results are admirable.

"The flavor of the community is comforting to artists—it is to me," says Mr. LaRusso, who has returned to Hoboken, to buy a 100-year-old townhouse. "This is the real world. I'm happy here."

## Background

In the early 1600's, the Dutch arrived in Hoboken—the only New Jersey city to sit on flat land in front of the Palisades—and purchased it from the Lenape Indians.

During the Revolutionary War, the land was confiscated and sold at auction for \$30,000 to Col. John Stevens, who settled on the name "Hoboken." This was derived either from the Indian name, "Hopoghan, Hackinging," or "land of the tobacco pipe" so called because the Indians used the green serpentine rock found along the Hudson to carve their pipes—or from the Dutch name, "Hoebuck," meaning "high bluff."

During World War I, Hoboken was a port of embarkation for 3 million soldiers, en route to Europe. Other people came to stay—the Germans, Irish, Italians, Yugoslavs, Hispanics and Indians—bringing customs and cultures that shaped the city.

## Walking Around

Notice the fine detail that characterizes the old structures, including the many

## Discovering an Old World By Crossing the Hudson

## How to Get There

Hoboken—one square mile in area—sits along the Hudson River across from midtown Manhattan and is an easy place to get to.

By car, take the Lincoln Tunnel and arrive in Hoboken in about 10 minutes. From Connecticut and New Jersey, take the New Jersey Turnpike, getting off at exit 14C or at Route 8 east, which you should take to the Pleasant Avenue exit in Weehawken and follow signs for Hoboken through traffic.

If you want to start sightseeing the instant you arrive, the train, from other places in New Jersey, lets you off at the historic Erie-Lackawanna Terminal, now a part of the Conrail system.

From New York, the PATH trains take 13 minutes at a cost of 30 cents. On weekends and holidays, they leave every 30 minutes, except between 6 A.M. and noon, when they leave every 15 minutes.

three and four-story townhouses being remodeled now. Start at the Erie-Lackawanna Terminal, named a national historic site in 1973.

Follow the stony path from the terminal to Hudson Street, where the Deutsche Seemann's Mission (now housing the Waterfront Commission) is situated, and walk another block west to Hoboken City Hall on the corner of Washington and Newark Streets. It dates to the 1880's and was named a national historic site this year.

At 84 Washington Street, Community Development Agency pamphlets providing an annotated walking tour will be available to tourists after May 17. On that day, the historic site committee of the Hoboken Bicentennial Commission will officially mark the beginning of that program with guided tours.

The longest of the tours described in the history sites pamphlet includes more than 30 things to see, takes about 3 hours, covering about 4 miles. Among the important sights is Stevens Institute, founded in 1870, which occupies 45 acres along the waterfront, accessible from Sixth or Ninth Streets along Hudson Street. The campus offers what is surely one of the very best views of New York City and the Hudson River—from the George Washington Bridge to the Verrazano.

At the northern end of the campus, at 10th and Hudson Streets, is Elysian Park. Four blocks to the north, at 1301 Hudson Street, are the Bethlehem Steel ship repair yards, which also offer free guided tours (preferably on Saturdays) to those who write to arrange it in advance.

Yet another landmark to bear the family name is the Stevens Academy, on Willow Avenue and Fifth Street, which was built in 1860 and is said to have housed one of the first kindergartens in the United States.

Residents like to say that Hoboken is a "spirited town," a description they attribute to the high prepon-

derance of churches and saloons. Among the latter, look for the half-panes of stained glass for which Hoboken's bars are noted.

Along more sober lines, 10 churches are listed on the historic sites walking tours, and each serves a different population, with its own customs, language and denomination. One of the most famous is Trinity Episcopal Church, 701 Washington Street, which was designed by Richard Upjohn in 1848, in the style of an English gothic country church.

## Eating

There's a savory assortment of specialty food shops and restaurants, ranging from Michael's Restaurant and Pub, 400 Adams Street, where the fare is chiefly Italian, to the Clam Broth House, 30-38 Newark Street, which boasts that its patrons consume two tons of clams a week.

At Michael's (201-792-0012) open 11 A.M. to 1 A.M. daily, the prices are more than reasonable, with a sandwich specialty called the Barge—turkey, ham and tomato smothered in a blanket of melted cheese—going for \$2.75.

The Clam Broth House is a landmark, having opened in 1899 and here, well-priced seafood is the thing to have—Maine lobster for example, is \$7.50. Sunday night's dinner-theater menu runs \$12.50 per person and starts at 5:45. Reservations are suggested on the weekends (201-659-2448), even though 600 people can be seated.

The Cellar Restaurant, 600 Hudson Street, is in the basement of the 110-year-old Union Club, where a German-American social group once had its own bowling alley.

The Cellar offers single dishes such as roast prime ribs at \$3.95 or a Feast Menu every night, which includes a cocktail, wine and liqueur, at \$10.95 a person. The restaurant is open for lunch and dinner daily, but on the weekends, band performs for dancing, reservations are

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## Hispanic Dems plan Hoboken battle

BY PETER HALLEM 5/1/76 89

For the first time since the feud between former Mayors John J. Grogan and Fred M. DeSapio in the early 1950's, the Hoboken Democratic organization is facing stiff opposition to the election of its committeemen in the June 8 primary.

The organization is being challenged in 12 of the city's 24 election districts by Hispanic candidates fielded by the Progressive Democrats, an organization founded several months ago. The group has at least one candidate for committeeman in each of the 12 districts and two candidates for the two Democratic seats in four of the 12.

In the First District of the First Ward, Angel Luis Rivera is trying to unseat either Mark Forman or Lillian Gottilla, the regular organization candidate. Manny Rivers will be looking to oust either Daniel Valente or

Lucille Gato, the incumbent committeemen in the Second District.

Two candidates are running in the Fourth District of the First Ward against incumbents Phyllis Herzlich and Ben Goclicucily. They are Pedro Rivera and Lydia Rodriguez.

The Progressive Democrats also have two candidates running in the Third District of the Second Ward against organization candidates Richard and Barbara Hansen. They are Ruben Ramos and Carmen Bermudez.

In the Fourth District of the Second Ward, Santos Lopez is seeking to unseat either John Smith or Vera Riccardi.

Only one committeeman is being challenged in the Third Ward. Antonio Velez is trying to unseat either Victor Pinto or Grace Eari.

In the First District of the Fourth Ward

incumbents Corrado DePinto and Ann Aurigemma are being challenged by Ismael Morales, the Progressive candidate, and Joseph Lotito, an independent.

Five candidates are running for the two committee seats in the Second District of the Fourth Ward. The incumbents are Margaret Traficante and Peter Mancuso. They are facing Efraim Rodriguez and Martha Serran, the Progressive Democrats candidates, and Theodore Calabrese, an independent.

In the Third District of the Fourth Ward, Joseph Lisa and Ann DelBocchio, the organization candidates, are being challenged by Pedro Guzman and Margarita Figueroa.

Luciano Gonzalez Jr. will be attempting to oust either Albert Stuh or Elsie Kelly in the First District of the Fifth Ward.

In the Third District of the Fifth, Reinaldo Feliciano will be facing Leonard Luizi and Marie Salvetti while Lucas Torres will be looking to replace either James T. Brennan, the son of City Council President Martin J. Brennan, or Angie Lisa.

Only in the Sixth Ward are the organization candidates for the Democratic committee unopposed. The candidates for the city's Republican committee seats are all unopposed.

Frank Duroy, a spokesman for the Progressive Democrats and an unsuccessful candidate for mayor in the city's 1973 election, said the group was opposing the organization in the districts where it felt the organization "was not truly representing the constituents."

"They have lost touch," he asserted, "and that situation cannot be allowed to continue."

Although the Progressive Democrats candidates are all Hispanic, Duroy said the group was not oriented along those lines. He said that the districts in which it has candidates running were predominantly Spanish-speaking, but the organization had no Hispanic or Puerto Rican committee members or candidates.



ENJOYING THE BALL—Taking some time out from the dance floor to enjoy some conversation at the St. Mary Hospital annual ball are, from left, Dr. and Mrs. Vincent DePietro and Hoboken Mayor and Mrs. Steve Cappiello. Dr. and Mrs. DePietro both served on the reception committee for the ball and were on several other committees.

Not just clowning around  
Circus to aid summer program

Mike's Athletic Club of Hoboken will sponsor the Story Book Circus on May 15 and 16 to help raise funds for the club's 10th consecutive summer recreation program. Michael Turner, founder and organizer, said today.

The circus will set up its tent in the schoolyard of the Wallace School at 11th Street and Willow Avenue. There will be performances on May 15 at 1:15 and 4 p.m. On May 16 there will be a performance at 4

p.m., a second at 6:30 and several others if the crowd warrants it. Each performance runs about 90 minutes.

Turner said that since May 16 is the day of the city's bicentennial parade, and a large crowd is expected for it, additional performances will be given, following the parade.

Tickets are available at Stan's Sport Center, 528 Washington St., People's Photo Studio, 510 Washington St. or by calling Turner at 798-0670.

## Agency eyes converting Hoboken tenements

Four deteriorated tenements along 11th st., Hoboken, close to the scene where 11 people lost their lives in a 1972 fire, may be sold to the Applied Housing Agency to be converted into a federally subsidized low income housing complex.

Walter Barry, president of Applied Housing, yesterday confirmed that his agency is negotiating to buy the four buildings at 50-52-54-56 11th st.

Barry would not discuss the price his agency was willing to pay for the tenements, but he did say the talks were progressing "satisfactorily" and that they will probably be concluded within four months.

The agency is now awaiting funding approval from the federal Housing and

Development Agency (HUD). Under HUD's old Section 236 housing program, it supplied Applied Housing with millions of dollars to rehabilitate apartments along Willow av., Washington st., Hudson, Bloomfield, Clinton, Adams, Jefferson and 18th sts.

The agency buys old tenements, guts them, and then constructs modern apartments inside the shell.

So far, the agency has completed or is in the midst of renovating approximately 710 housing units at a cost of over \$12 million.

If HUD approves the mortgage for the 11th st. conversion, Barry said the agency would relocate the 40 tenants now living in the building, gut the apartments

and convert the buildings into low income housing.

The federal government would subsidize the rents. Tenants would only have to pay 25 per cent of their annual income for rents.

In the past, Applied Housing has developed middle income projects. This is the first time apartments will be renovated for low income families under the Section 8 provision of the HUD housing program.

But Barry says he thinks the change from moderate to low income families will have no impact on Hoboken's character.

He points out that the buildings are now badly deteriorated and until recently

were managed by the city because the owner, Buddy Hoff Inc., WNY, failed to pay his taxes.

The back taxes have now been paid by Irving Hopmire and a small corporation of individuals who held the second mortgage on the properties.

Applied Housing will now take over management of the buildings as the terms of the sale are concluded.

Barry also said that with Section 8, the city does not have to grant a tax abatement to developers who want to renovate the property. Applied Housing will continue to pay the current taxes on the properties, \$16,919 a year, plus whatever increases there may be in the assessments once rehabilitation is completed.

## WILD, WILD WEST . . . .

## in Hoboken



Upon seeing the herd, the Hoboken women made a hasty departure from the picnic area, leaving behind baskets and even their prized chapeaus!

By IRV WAGEN

In this Bicentennial year, everyone is reading how the colonists lived and what they did for amusement.

A hundred or more years ago, long before rock radio and smash-em-up cops and robbers chases on television, the Hudson County and New York natives took their entertainment live.

It was not all cowboy and Indian out in the "wild wild west" as shown in two movies a night on television today. There was the "wild wild east," too, complete with the Great Hoboken Buffalo Hunt, staged by none other than impresario, P.T. Barnum!

Barnum had heard of hunter C.D. French and his herd of

wild buffalo that he had captured near Sante Fe, so he negotiated with French to stage a Great Buffalo Hunt in Hoboken at a trotting track near the Hoboken Ferry.

He advertised the event as "free to all" with accommodations for 100,000 persons. It was free all right, but Barnum chartered all the ferries for the day of hunt, Aug. 31, 1843, upped the fare, and made his profit that way.

Came the day of the hunt and 24,000 persons showed up. There was to be three performances.

About 20 buffalo were led into the center of the track where they contentedly munched on the grass. French dressed in full Indian regalia, and riding a large horse galloped into the arena with a loud war whoop. A shout went up from the crowd. The buffalo looked up with jaundiced eyes and continued munching grass. A few more war whoops—

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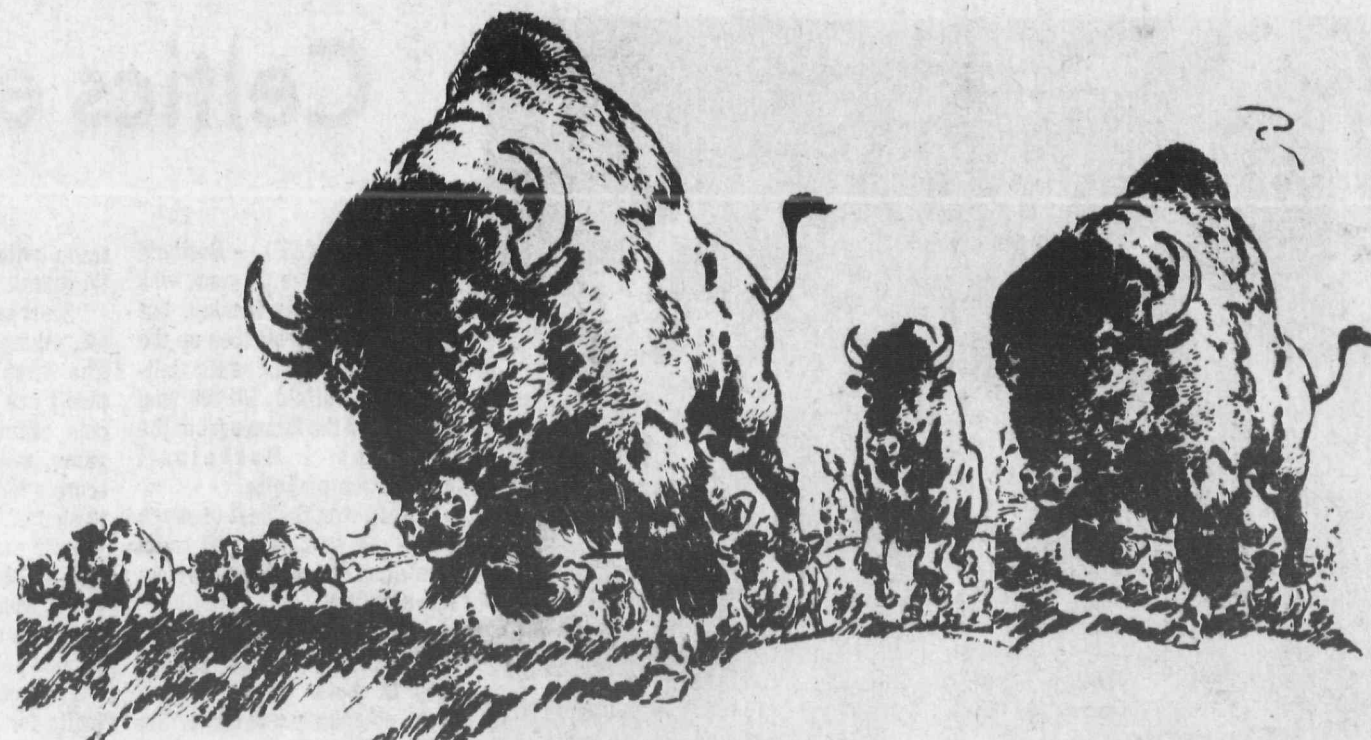
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After demolishing the bar, the herd changed direction and headed up Washington st. toward City Hall where a lone constable was on duty outside, chair tilted back, enjoying the peaceful warm summer breeze. He looked up and saw the herd heading towards him. Undaunted, he pulled his trusty revolver and fired one shot and missed. He then ran into the building bolting the door behind him.

At the City Hall the herd scattered. By this time a posse was formed and the great Hoboken roundup began. In a few hours all but a few head were back in the arena calmly munching the grass, awaiting their next looking. As for the missing buffalo, it was rumored later that week that a certain butcher on Washington st. was selling black market buffalo steaks.

O.K. TV, try topping that!



The Buffalo, now thoroughly annoyed, went into stampede formation.

## Query water firm on Hoboken supply

At the request of Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, a telegram has been sent by Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri to the Hackensack Water Co. asking the company if it is able to supply the city with the 12 million gallons of water it needs daily.

The telegram was sent Sunday to the water company's Weehawken office; according to Ranieri. A spokesman for the company said today she did not know whether such a telegram had been received, but would try to find out.

"Basically, it pointed out that Hoboken has been after the water company for the past year for a response on whether or not it can supply Hoboken with its water needs, but no response has been given," said Ranieri.

"We ask that the company respond as soon as possible by telegram stating whether or not it is prepared or will be with in the next five years, to supply Hoboken with the 12 million gallons of water it needs daily at bulk rate or at a rate approved by the state Public Utilities Commission (PUC)."

Hoboken has tentatively agreed to a five-year contract with Jersey City to supply it with water. But the fee the city has been paying to Jersey City—approximately \$240 per million gallons—will go up by some 75 per cent to \$420 per million. But before the city council agrees to sign a formal contract it wants the Hackensack Water Co. to state its position.

The company's position on the Hoboken matter has been "no further comment at this time," and that has troubled Ranieri.

"I do not understand this situation at all," said the councilman. "The company must know exactly how much water it has available daily, how much it uses, how much surplus it has, and how much reserve it must keep for emergencies."

"It appears to me that it would be a very matter to examine these figures and determine within a few days whether or not there is water available for Hoboken."

Ranieri said he suspected that the water company may have delayed in giving Hoboken any encouragement or figures because it wouldn't want to be used as "a wedge" in negotiations between Hoboken and Jersey City on water rates.

"I can understand that if that is the case," he continued, "but it would have been a very simple matter to just come out and say that this is the case and that it wanted a formal commitment from Hoboken that it would negotiate in good faith with the company before it would make any commitments."



# Vote to end Stevens Academy Warn on sidewalk displays

By ELIZABETH PARKS  
Culture clashed with finance at the Hoboken Board of Adjustment meeting last week and, not very surprisingly, finance won.

Referring repeatedly to the city's need to generate more

Stevens Academy, the site of the country's first kindergarten class in 1861 and erect in its place a drive-in branch of the Garden State National Bank.

Residents and members of the Hoboken environmental committee who opposed the bank and submitted an 1,800 signature petition appealing

for the salvation of the academy, assailed the board for "overlooking the will of the people."

Peter Beronio, director of social programs for the community development agency, said the agency is still interested in buying the academy and converting it into a "neighborhood center" for recreation and social programs.

Beronio said he will ask the city council at Monday's caucus to overrule the board's decision and deny the bank a variance to demolish the academy.

Beronio said the approximate \$2,500 a year the city would receive in rates for the bank would be offset by "the tremendous social use the city could make of the building to bring expanding recreation, health and day care services to all the residents of the city."

To build a structure comparable to the academy today, Beronio said, the city would have to spend at least \$1-million. That would include the

cost of construction but not the cost of land acquisition or maintenance and operation cost.

Without the academy, the city may also lose its state-funded day care program now located in the recreation center at 118 Jefferson St.

The state day care bureau has told Hoboken that it will not refund the \$275,000 a year program unless the city provides a better location. The center is old, small, and in an advanced state of deterioration.

Without the program, the city would also lose 25 full-time jobs and five part-time jobs and working mothers now free for their jobs because of the day care assistance, would have to return to the welfare rolls.

Tom Clark, attorney for Garden State National, said the bank is prepared to close on the academy as soon as the city council ratifies the board's decision.

Dominick Penna, real estate officer for the bank, said if the closing is affected immediately, construction would probably begin in early July. The bank would probably open Oct. 1.

Clark said he did not anticipate any trouble with the city council approving the variance.

Merchants along Bergenline and Summit ays. in Union City are being advised to keep sidewalk displays of goods close to storefronts to avoid encumbering pedestrians, city officials have announced.

"We will be contacting the various stores asking them to kindly refrain from making extensions of clothing racks, food, etc., that will encumber the right of way of the pedestrians," Public Works Commissioner Robert C. Botti said. "Common sense should dictate when the public is hampered or inconvenienced by such encumbrances."

The commissioner's com-

ments came after he and Mayor William V. Musto toured Bergenline and Summit ays. in response to complaints about the numerous sidewalk displays of merchandise.

A city ordinance prohibits merchants from displaying their wares "in such a manner as to encumber the sidewalk in front of the store premises."

Many of the complaints,

however, were concerned with the "low class" appearance of the goods on sidewalks.

Although it has been allowed for many years, Union City is the only municipality in North Hudson which permits the practice.

"If general discussion and the suggestion and request that the merchandise be removed from the citizen's way does not

solve the problem, then a change in the ordinance will be considered," said Botti. "Most of the pros and cons have come from the merchants on the avenue," he added. "After the meeting of the merchants in my office, I may very well hold a general public hearing to get the public's reaction to this form of merchandising."

## Threat to close day center boosts plan for Academy

The proposal by Hoboken's Community Development Agency (CDA) to purchase the vacated Stevens Academy building and develop it as a "neighborhood center" gets impetus from the news that the state Bureau of Day Care Services plans to end \$273,000 in funding of the city's Jefferson Street Day Care Center program this summer.

City Council President Martin J. Brennan disclosed at last night's council caucus that the bureau considers the facility deteriorating and that state officials "may not be able to renew the child care center license" for the program.

Moreover, said Brennan, the letter from Tom Tucker, a bureau supervisor, says that the state's "tight money" situation "makes extremely difficult the funding of any capital improvements" for a building suffering from "structural weakness."

If the city can't find another location to house the 48 Hispanic, 21 black and 18 white pre-schoolers enrolled in the Jefferson day care program, it would mean the loss of jobs for 20 full-time and five part-time Hoboken residents, according to statistics supplied last night by Fred Bado, CDA chief.

To avoid that, Bado urged the five councilmen attending the caucus — Brennan, Anthony Romano, Robert Ranieri, Walter Cramer and Louis Francone — to authorize CDA to take steps toward purchasing the Academy for an estimated \$80,000 and refurbishing it for between \$200,000 and \$400,000.

When asked if CDA has the money to renovate the building, Bado replied: "From my reading of (federal grant) regulations, I believe we have the money."

Later, Peter Beronio, a Bado aide, said that state officials have inspected the Academy and are "very interested" in funding its restoration as a neighborhood center. But he said they have committed only \$15,000 for the installation of a kitchen and between \$35,000 and \$40,000 more for "other renovations."

Outlining CDA's reasoning behind using Stevens, Bado said the building, when renovated, could support a "mix of programs" for not only pre-schoolers, but also senior citizens, health care and social services geared for uptown residents. He said the center could supplement those programs offered by the city's Multi-Service Center at Second and Grand Streets where "we're turning people away."

Meanwhile, according to Beronio, CDA has lined up state support for a summer after-school program for 40 children aged six to 12 starting July 1. "If we find the space," he added, "down the road is an after-school program for 30 kindergarten kids."

The City Board of Adjustment has recommended a variance so the Garden State National Bank could raze the Academy in favor of a new branch office on the site. Bado said CDA figures the branch would generate around \$30,000 in annual rates.

"That's considerable," said Bado, "but that one new rateable won't decrease the city's tax rate, nor will its loss increase the tax rate. Besides, that property has never been considered taxable by the city or county."

Taking strong exception to Bado's presentation were Cramer and Francone, while Romano, Brennan and Ranieri took wait-and-see attitudes. Cramer accused Bado of "challenging the city taxpayers" by "picking the single building that a bank wants to invest a quarter of a million dollars in as a new rateable."

The Second Ward lawmaker also questioned why Bado failed to provide the zoning board with any information on the CDA proposal. Francone attacked Bado for "fighting to close the (Jefferson) day care center" and plotting to make a "factory" of Stevens.



The Dispatch Photo

**GOING FOR BROKER—Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto (left) presents plaque reading, "Thank you for investing in Hoboken," to officials of a Minneapolis-based brokerage house, Piper, Jaffray and Hopwood, which moved its New York offices to Hoboken, the first members of the New York and American Stock Exchanges to do so. Receiving the plaque are Frank Wels Welch, the firm's branch manager (center), and Addison L. Piper, vice president.**

## All Hoboken assessments challenged

BY PETER HALLAM

A number of Hoboken property owners may get decreases in their assessments — and reductions in the amount of taxes they pay to the city, as a result — without even asking for them.

The reason — another property owner, Michael Grato of 1135 Bloomfield St., is going to challenge the city's whole assessment system in court, claiming that there are "great inconsistencies and discrepancies" in

the assessments of many properties in the city.

"I have been after the city for several years now to upgrade the assessments so that everyone has a fair and just value on their properties, but without any success," said Grato. "I personally own five buildings in the city and successfully appealed the assessments on them. That's what got me involved in this in the first place."

"While working on my own appeals I

began to discover that I wasn't the only property owner whose buildings were assessed at a much higher value than similar buildings owned by others. I can see no reason why there should be two almost identical buildings, one assessed at thousands of dollars more than the other."

According to Grato, he appeared before the city council last November and brought the council's attention to the problem. Nothing was done.

"I cited two particular cases, but there are many more," he continued. "One was the buildings, both brownstones, at 1204 and 1206 Bloomfield St. They are very similar, but 1204 is assessed \$4,200 less than 1206."

"The other was the buildings at 521-533 Jefferson St. and 530-532 Madison St. Both are one-story, cinder-block commercial buildings of almost identical size. But the building at 531-533 Jefferson St., is assessed at \$7,700 less than the building at 530-532 Madison St., and the Madison Street building is a lot lower than the other one."

Grato said that he has written to the city council and Mayor Steve Cappelletto pointing out that since his appearance at the Nov. 5, 1975 council meeting the city has done "absolutely nothing" to correct "these discrepancies and many, many others."

"I think six months is more than enough time to at least start putting proper and just evaluations on our property," he asserted. "So the city has left me no choice but to take legal action on my own. I have retained Walter Gottschalk to represent me in this matter."

Grato declined to comment on what course the court action would take. "That would be revealing our strategy," he said.

Mayor Steve Cappelletto acknowledged that he had received a copy of the letter Grato had delivered to the council. The mayor said that he has forwarded it to the city's assessors, Andrew P. McGuire and Woodrow Monte, the same action he took with the letter Grato presented to the city last November. But he couldn't even ask them for an explanation on that.

"The assessors are not answerable to me or the city," he said. "We pay them but they are answerable to the Hudson County Tax Board and the state Tax Commission, not the city."

Cappelletto could not shed any light on why assessments on similar properties should vary by thousands of dollars.

McGuire, the city's chief assessor, declined to comment until he had "thoroughly reviewed" Grato's charges.

## Hoboken to clear area to build new 'entrance' to city

The Hoboken Housing Authority has entered a new phase in its program to purchase two city blocks in the downtown area, clear them of sub-standard buildings and develop a neighborhood of mainly one-and-two-family homes.

The authority's goal, said Andrew Scherer, authority chairman, is to transform the area into an attractive residential entrance to the city. The blocks are First and Second streets, from Adams to Jefferson streets, and Newark to First streets, from Grand to Adams streets.

Under the program, to be financed by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development agency, the sub-standard structures will be purchased by the authority and razed. Families now in the buildings will be relocated. Once the land is cleared, the authority will seek developers for one-and-two-family homes and possibly one apartment house. A small portion of the section would be set aside as commercial.

The authority entered a new phase in the program yesterday when Scherer reported that appraisals of the existing buildings have been completed and will now be studied by Maurice Grouls, who has been retained by the authority as a negotiator.

In other business, the authority yesterday awarded a contract for fencing and improvements to sidewalks at two vacant lots alongside Grogan Marine View Plaza parking garages. The lots, which are the sites of a future apartment house, have been the source of complaints from residents who said rubbish was being thrown there.

Scherer also reported that HUD has approved more than \$300,000 in modernization funds for the authority. The money will be used to improve 22-year-old underground steam heating pipes at the Andrew Jackson Gardens and to overhaul elevators at the Jackson, Harrison and Columbus Gardens.

To curb vandalism, the authority intends to remove mailboxes from hallways and will make two mail rooms available at Jackson Gardens, one at either end of the complex. Mailboxes have been damaged over the years and some tenants have been fearful of having mail left in them.

## Hoboken names captain to head fire training

After almost a year without one, the Hoboken Fire Department again has a full-time training officer.

Starting today, Capt. Richard Tremietdi, 37, is officially the man in charge of training for the department, filling the void caused by the retirement last year of Deputy Chief Leo Guider.

Tremietdi, the youngest member of the Hoboken department ever to be made captain, is currently assigned to the Code Enforcement and Fire Prevention Bureau. Mayor Steve Cappelletto, who authorized the reassignment as city public safety director, said that the captain's primary duty will be training but he may be called upon to assist in the bureau from time to time, if possible.

Tremietdi joined the department in 1960 and was promoted to captain in 1965 at the age of 26 after taking and passing the Civil Service examination with the highest grade ever recorded by a Hoboken fireman.

He is a graduate of A.J. Demarest High School — now Hoboken High School — and has taken courses in fire fighting and fire sciences at Essex County Community College, Jersey City State College and Rutgers University. The captain is four credits away from obtaining an associate degree in fire sciences.

Tremietdi is also one of six Hoboken fire captains who are waiting to find out if they have passed the Civil Service examination for deputy chief. The captains all took and passed the written portion of the examination and last week took the oral examination in Trenton. There is currently one vacancy in the department in the rank of deputy chief.

## Hoboken brownstone tour attracts 850

Some Hoboken streets will be getting a beauty lift as a result of yesterday's brownstone house tour which drew hundreds of persons to the waterfront city for a new look at urban life.

Meanwhile, in Jersey City, plans are being completed for similar upcoming tours of four neighborhoods.

The Hoboken Environment Committee, which sponsored yesterday's tour of eight homes, said the proceeds will be used to buy plants and shrubs for the city's streets and public buildings.

More than 850 persons joined the open house tour, raising several thousand dollars for the committee through admission donations.

Mrs. Helen Manogue, president of the committee, said specific plans for the money had not been made but that the group would meet shortly to decide what beautification projects it would sponsor.

"We are delighted with the response," said Mrs. Manogue about the tour. "This is just what we need to bring people back to

Hoboken. These restored houses show how attractive city living can be."

In Jersey City the third annual tour of brownstones near Van Vorst Park is scheduled for May 16. The tour will feature some large and lavish homes that have been restored in the past year as well as the Ionic House, an 1830 mansion that is headquarters for the city's Neighborhood Preservation program.

"What You Can Buy for \$5,000 to \$15,000" is the theme of the second annual Bergen Hill house tour the following Sunday, May 23. Nearly a dozen homes will be shown in the area of brick and frame houses around Astor Place, Summit and Belmont Avenues, including the imposing Brinkerhoff House with 33 stained glass windows. The tour starts at St. John's Episcopal Church, 120 Summit Ave., where an organ concert will be given.

On June 6th, the Historic Paulus Hook Association will conduct its annual tour of homes in the city's oldest brownstone neighborhood near the site of the 1773

## Hoboken streets still sink, even ones already fixed

Hoboken's problem with sinking streets is continuing, especially at locations where the city already has made temporary repairs, Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today.

Vitale said a section of Fourth Street, between Washington and Hudson streets, which the city had filled in several weeks ago, has started to sink again.

"It hasn't reached the point where we'll have to close the street to traffic, but if it continues we will," he added. "Then we'll fill it in again."

A section of Bloomfield Street, a few feet south of the intersection of Fifth Street, also gave way again after the city had repaved the area, but not in exactly the same location.

"That happened over the weekend," said the director. "The spot is right next to the curb. We fixed another one several feet away and south a few weeks ago which seems to be holding up for the time being. I had to call out some men Sunday to make the temporary repairs."

The director said that over the weekend a motorist ignored the barricades at 11th and Washington streets which were intended to

prevent autos from using 11th Street. He said the vehicle became trapped where the street is sinking and had to be towed out.

What is causing the problem? The director said it is usually caused by broken water lines that wash away large sections of the ground, undermining the street. However, there weren't any recent water leaks in any of the areas.

"They could still be the cause of the problems," he said. "There were leaks in these areas in the past but they have since been corrected. But the washouts might have been a distance from the leak and gone undiscovered when the repairs were made."

"With the traffic we have on our streets the lack of support of the asphalt is bound to show up sooner or later. It is only a matter of time before the street starts to sink and the washed-out area is discovered."

But Vitale said the problem at 11th Street might not be washouts but geological faults caused by the explosion of the city's sewage pumping station last September. The city is arranging to have a company take test borings of the soil in the area to determine if the explosion created faults in the ground.

## Hoboken balks at water pact

The proposed five-year contract between Hoboken and Jersey City for buying water has been received by Hoboken officials, but not with complete satisfaction. And a return to the negotiating table is likely.

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri said today that he and Law Director Lawrence Florio have gone over the Jersey City contract and both agree that Hoboken must accept it in its current form.

"The problem is in the setting of minimums and maximums," said the councilman. "The way it is worded Hoboken will be committed to paying Jersey City a set amount even if we don't use that amount. I don't think we can accept the contract in this form."

Ranieri said that he didn't take exception to the prices, which will up the amount

Hoboken is paying for its water from approximately \$250 per million gallons to approximately \$420 per million — a 75 per cent increase — since they were agreed to in negotiations with Jersey City.

"I can't recommend to the rest of the council that it go along with this contract, at least not in its present form," he asserted. "This will have to be straightened out before it is presented to the council."

Meanwhile, Walter T. Lucking, president of the Hackensack Water Co., acknowledged receiving a telegram from the councilman formally asking the water company if it can supply Hoboken's 12 million gallon-a-day water requirements.

Lucking would not indicate whether the water company was looking at the city's request in a favorable or unfavorable light, or

how soon it could expect a response.

When asked if a reply would be made in a few weeks, Lucking replied, "No sooner than that." However, he would not say when.

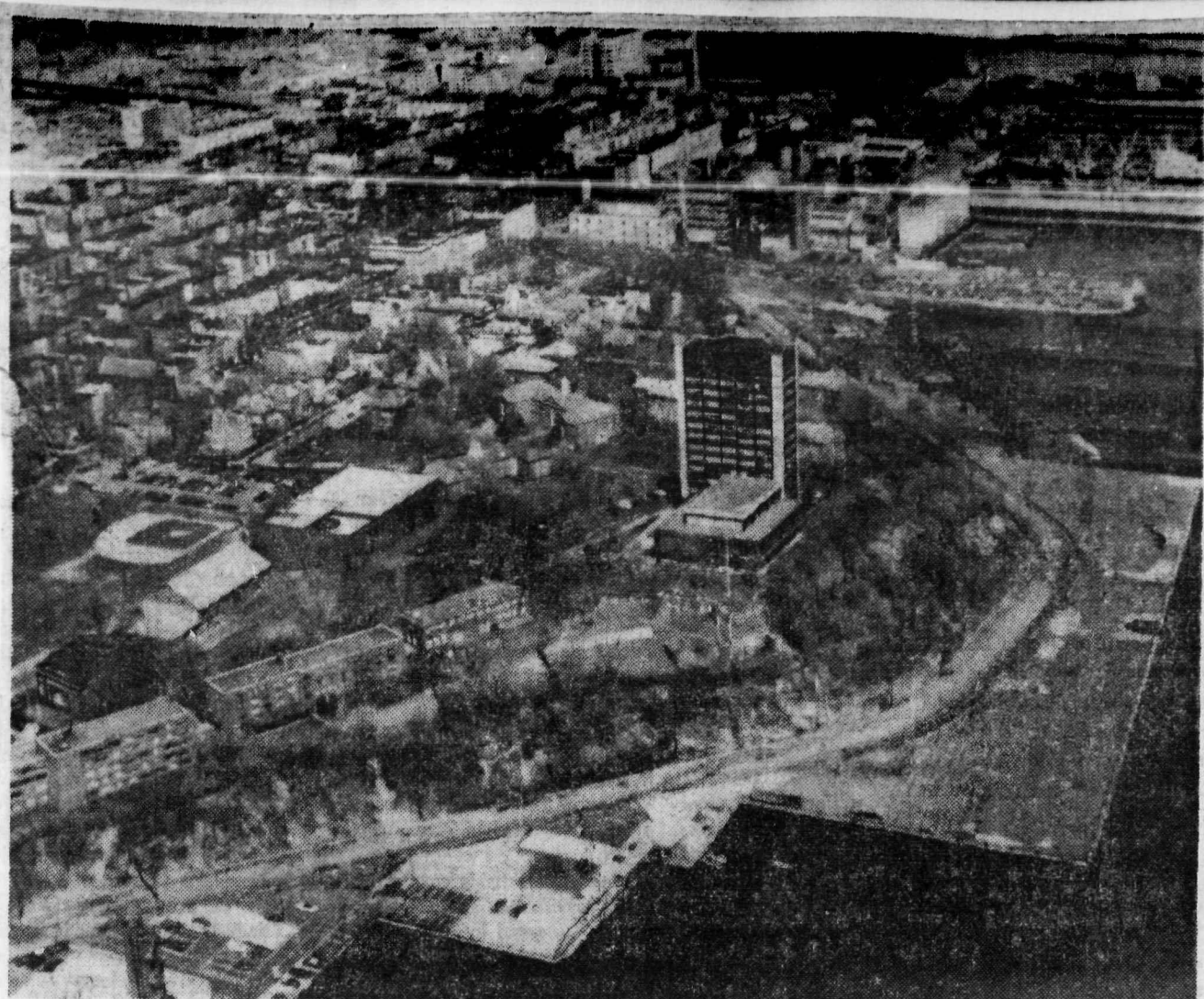
In a recent study compiled for the city's law department by the engineering firm of Mayo, Lynch and Associates, several alternatives to entering into a contract with Jersey City for water were given. They included buying water from the Hackensack Water Co., buying water from the Passaic Valley Water Co. and transporting it through Hackensack's lines, or having the city build its own lines to other water distributors outside the immediate area.

According to the councilman, nothing, to his knowledge, has been done to officially explore any of these possibilities, except for his telegram to the Hackensack Water Co.



**ROYAL PAIR—Five-year-old Barry Castelu and three-year-old Edna Marilyn Cook, chosen to represent Hoboken in the city's King and Queen pageant, sit with Mayor Steve Cappelletto, pondering nothing more weighty than how to keep their crowns from sliding off their heads. The city's Cultural Arts Division of the Community Development Agency sponsored the pageant which had 40 contestants.**





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## High spot in Hoboken

J.G.

The 14-story Stevens Center building stands atop this promontory jutting out into the Hudson River, on the campus of

Stevens Institute of Technology. Ships at Bethlehem Shipyard are seen upper right in this view from a helicopter.



HOBOKEN SCENE — Susan Rocco, teacher of pre-kindergarten class at the Rue School, wearing false mustache, has a way with children. Most of these 4-year-olds

are from Spanish-speaking families, and they learn English fast in conversing with Miss Rocco.

## Hoboken greets brokerage house

5/14/76 J.G.

Hoboken welcomed a Wall Street transplant yesterday.

In a quiet and friendly ceremony, Mayor Steve Cappiello officially welcomed Piper, Jaffray and Hopwood Inc. to the city yesterday and presented a plaque to Addison Piper, vice president of the Minneapolis-based securities firm.

The plaque reads, "Thank you for investing in Hoboken — from the people of Hoboken and Mayor Steve Cappiello."

"It is symbolic for Hoboken," said the mayor at the opening of the office on the ground floor of the southern apartment house in the John J. Grogan Marine View Plaza project. "Hoboken is making a turnaround and the arrival of Piper Jaffray reflects the firm's confidence in our

stable, social, economic and political climate. In the near future we hope to announce additional Wall Street arrivals."

The firm has leased 1,165 square feet of office space in the Grogan Plaza apartment building on a temporary basis. It will relocate to the commercial building-motel, to be built by Bernard F. Kenny, where it has leased 1,500 square feet of space. The company has signed a five-year lease.

"It made economic sense for our firm to relocate to Hoboken," said Piper. "We no longer have to pay New York State transfer taxes — and that represents a substantial savings."

"Piper Jaffray is delighted to be here — and I want to thank Mayor Cappiello, his staff and the New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. for making the move as smooth as possible."

## Hoboken seeks delay on three firings

5/3/76 J.G.

The state Civil Service Department has ordered Hoboken to fire three employees of the Lead-based Paint Prevention and Detection Program because they are Jersey City residents, it was learned today from Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale.

The director said that he has written to Civil Service asking for a two week delay in implementing the order since it is Hoboken's contention that in this particular case it is all right to have the three Jersey City residents on the payroll.

"We have an inter-local agreement with Jersey City on this program under which

we also inspect for lead-based paint in portions of Jersey City," said the director. "Part of that agreement was that Hoboken would hire some Jersey City residents as jobs opened up in the program, which is financed with state and federal funds."

"The program currently has 12 employees and three of them are Jersey City residents."

Vitale said that he has asked for two weeks' delay so that the city, Jersey City and Civil Service can work out the apparent misunderstanding. However, he was not

optimistic that Civil Service would change its mind.

"I have already informed officials there that we have an inter-local agreement with Jersey City on this program but that doesn't seem to make any difference," he continued. "They still ordered their dismissal."

Vitale declined to name the three employees, saying that they hadn't done anything wrong and had accepted the jobs in "good faith." He said that if there was "a goof" it was the mistake of either Hoboken and Jersey City, or Civil Service.

## Bank ousts academy

5/6/76 J.G.

The Hoboken City Council voted six to one yesterday to uphold the granting of a variance to erect a drive-in bank on the site of the 116-year-old Stevens Academy, where the country's first kindergarten class was held.

In registering the one dissenting vote, Council President Martin Brennan said he had "qualms" about seeing the Stevens building demolished in exchange for \$30,000 in ratables that the bank would amount to.

"\$30,000 a year is a lot of money from one ratable," Brennan said, "but it will cost the city more than \$30,000 if we do not house services that are needed."

"We don't have a site now for a PAL program," Brennan said. "We don't have a site for a senior citizen nutrition center, a breast cancer detection center, or a day care center. We are not meeting the social needs of the community and for this reason, I vote no."

The majority of the city council, however,

seemed to agree with Councilman Francis Leahy, who called the academy "dead property."

Councilman Robert Ranieri said that despite arguments for preserving the academy as an historic site or social program and recreation center, the over-riding issue was ratables.

"If the council is to be true to its principles to stabilize the budget," Ranieri said. "The only choice is to sustain the board of adjustment and approve the granting of the variance to the Garden State National Bank."

Demolition is expected to begin by July and construction of the bank is expected to be completed by October.

Councilman Walter Cramer proposed that Garden State put a plaque on the branch office commemorating the academy. But environmentalist Helen Manogue said the suggestion was "adding insult to injury."

## New heating system sought

5/5/76 J.G.

Hoboken Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale wants a new heating system for City Hall — and after yesterday most city employees agree with him.

The city's temperamental heating system was out of service again, forcing employees who work in offices that don't get any direct sunlight until late in the afternoon to don their coats for warmth.

Vitale said he was having temporary repairs made which would cost between \$400 and \$500 but that would only get the city through the few cold days that are anticipated in the next few weeks.

"But that doesn't solve what we are going to do for next winter," continued the director. "If we are going to stay in this building the heating system must be either overhauled or replaced."

Vitale said he feels replacing the entire system will be more economical in the long run.

"I don't think overhauling the existing system is wise," the director continued. "We now waste a lot of heat fuel. When the heat is on in the building, it is on in the entire building even if there aren't any people in it who require heat."

"There are new heating systems which zone the building so that areas where heat is not needed can be shut down until there is a need for it. With the work system we have, heat is not required for most of the building between 4 and 5 p.m. of one working day and at 8 a.m. of the next. The only area that requires heat is the police department on the ground level."

"But when we heat the ground floor we are also supplying heat to three others — with no one working on them for approximately 16 hours a day."

Vitale said that with zoned heating all but the necessary areas could be shut down each evening and during weekends when city

workers go home, saving large amounts of fuel and money.

The director added that he doesn't have any figures or estimates on how much that would be in dollars saved but said he would compile some for discussions with the city council.

"Regardless of what is decided, extensive work in needed and the summer is the time to get it done," he said. "So I don't have that much time to play with before we have to make a decision."

## Hoboken to be trying new dog warden for week

5/7/76 J.G.

Beginning Monday, Hoboken will be trying out a new dog warden — one who has had some training in the care and handling of animals from the Society for the Prevention of Animals in Jersey City.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today he is giving Albert Chichizola, 29, a one-week trial as dog warden to see how he handles the job. If there are no complaints and Vitale is satisfied that he knows what he is doing, the job is Chichizola's until Civil Service calls an examination for it.

"Then he can take the test and, if he passes and is among the top eligibles on the

list, he can have it permanently," the director added.

Chichizola currently works for the Public Works Department under the CETA program, a federally funded job program.

According to the director, Chichizola spent yesterday morning with Patricia Mitten, the city's chief health officer, getting briefed on exactly what will be expected of him and the routine he will follow.

Although Chichizola has had some training from the SPCA, he doesn't claim to be an expert.

"I was with the SPCA for about a week, but it really doesn't take longer than that to learn the basics of handling animals," he said. "It isn't hard to give them proper care. It's mostly common sense. You don't have to be an expert for that."

The city's former dog warden, Ray Ortiz, is facing departmental charges for not performing his job properly resulting in cruelty and inhumane treatment of the dogs and cats in his keeping.

Vitale said Ortiz will formally be served with the charges within a week and will be given his hearing within 30 days of being served. He has been suspended without pay in the meantime.

Ortiz is also facing criminal charges of cruelty to animals. He is to appear in Hoboken municipal court Monday morning on a complaint signed by Miss Mitten. Ortiz is alleged to have left three dead dogs and an injured dog in the warden's truck from last Thursday to Monday.

## Eye Hoboken museum

By ELIZABETH PARKS

A proposal has been made to turn some of Hoboken's unutilized waterfront property into a seaport museum similar to Connecticut's Mystic Seaport and New York's South Street Seaport.

Members of the American Maritime Academy, located at Pier 1, at the foot of 60th st., West New York, yesterday asked Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello to relinquish some of Hoboken's waterfront property for a proposed "academy-museum."

According to a proposal submitted by the academy, the museum would be used to "tell the story of men in ships building Hoboken's greatness."

The academy would like to "preserve and restore the Hoboken waterfront's landmarks and property" and to display and use a small fleet of historic vessels that once traveled to and from the city.

In its proposal, the academy also said it would like to "explore the feasibility of having a nautical park set up on adjoining waterfront property for the enjoyment of the general public."

The museum would emphasize historic ships docked in the harbor that could be boarded and explored by tourists; a maritime training program; a maritime trade vocational program; a collaboration with Operation Sail and other bicentennial activities; a series of senior citizens programs; harbor cruises and sailing activities that would be made available to old and young; and stage a performing arts exhibition of music, drama, folk songs and chautauq drawn from the sea-faring life.

The academy, however, failed to supply specific development details with its proposal and Mayor Steve Cappiello said the city would have to reserve judgement until it had more facts related to what the program would cost, who would pay for it and where it would be located.

"Presently Hoboken doesn't own any waterfront property that could be converted to this particular use," Cappiello said.

"And if we did own or have title to some waterfront land,

## Hoboken is turned down by Hackensack water firm

5/6/76 J.G.

The president of the Hackensack Water Company, Walter Lucking, has written to Mayor Steve Cappiello of Hoboken advising him that the water company cannot supply Hoboken's water needs.

Cappiello said today that the letter states that Hackensack does not have sufficient water to meet Hoboken's water demands of 12 million gallons a day.

"This eliminates any possible immediate relief or change of suppliers for Hoboken at this time," said Cappiello.

Hoboken has tentatively agreed to accept a 75 per cent increase in the water rate it is being charged by Jersey City. However, the Hoboken City Council had declined to accept the agreement until they had formally heard, in writing, from Hackensack that it would or would not be able to take on Hoboken as a new customer.

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri also sent a telegram to the water company asking the same questions the mayor had asked but going one step further. He inquired about the company's ability to meet Hoboken's water demands at any time within the next five years.

The reason for the query, Ranieri said, is that Hoboken is

considering a five-year contract with Jersey City and during that period Hackensack is expected to embark on a program to expand its capabilities and give it a large reserve of water. At that time the company might be able to accept Hoboken, said Ranieri.

The councilman added that he has not yet received a reply to his telegram.

## Troublesome sewer line reopened after 2 years

5/8/76 J.G.

A troublesome sewer line in Hoboken that has caused constant flooding at Second and River streets has finally been reopened after two years — thanks to a piece of equipment borrowed from Union City.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said the city has been trying to open the line more than a year using every available piece of its machinery, but without any success. The line connects a catch basin on the east side of River Street to the main sewer line.

"I guess I owe several companies an apology," said the director. "I blamed the builders of the Grogan Plaza and the companies that were hauling in ready mixed concrete for them. Everyone thought that concrete had gotten into the line and closed it."

The blockage turned out to be hard packed mud rather than concrete.

According to Roy Haack, a public works foreman, the city borrowed a rigid-rod boring device from the Union City Public Works Department and it broke through the blockage. He said the equipment has a sharp, drill-like point that cut through the packed mud where the city's equipment would not.

Hoboken has used its high pressure vacuum cleaner truck and its clam shell without any success.

The city is also getting some help from North Bergen. A crew from that township has been in Hoboken for several days cleaning out empty city lots through the North Hudson Public Works Directors association.

## Auxiliaries can use some police powers, mayor told

5/10/76 J.G.

Mayor Steve Cappiello of Hoboken has received a "qualified yes" from the city's law department on whether Civil Defense police can legally exercise some police powers.

"Law Director (Lawrence) Florio is still researching the question but from what he has already done he thinks we can work something out so that the Civil Defense police have some police powers, even on a limited basis," the mayor said.

The question of police powers for the Civil Defense men arose as a result of an incident in the housing projects where they work. One of the men guarding a project has been charged with assaulting a resident with his night-stick.

Cappiello said that since the incident he has received "overwhelming" support from residents of the Housing Authority's projects

for the Civil Defense, or auxiliary police, as they are called.

"The project residents really feel good about having them there," said the mayor. "We want them to know that their city supports them as well."

Civil Defense police cannot make an arrest, the mayor explained. Even if they see an incident in which someone's life is being threatened or a person is being done bodily harm they are supposed to call the regular police. If they do become involved on their own, it is as a private citizen, without the authority of a policeman.

The mayor said he did not know to what extent the city would be able to grant police powers to the Civil Defense men, but this would be taken up with the Housing Authority, Civil Defense Director Charles Smith, a former Hoboken police lieutenant, Police Chief George W. Crimmins and the Law Department.



5/6/76 J.G.

HEALTHY CONCERN—Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello signs proclamation declaring week of May 9-15 National Hospital Week in the city. Standing from left are: Dr. Robert L. Sperry, vice president of St. Mary Hospital; Sister Grace Frances Strauber, executive director; and Patricia Barretti, R.N., associate executive director.

## Hoboken institute to sponsor tests

5/8/76 J.G.

The Hoboken Urban Health Institute, in cooperation with the Hudson County Heart Association, will sponsor a series of tests for senior citizens on

May 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Multi-Service Center, Second and Grand Streets, it was announced today. The tests will include blood pressure (no

charge), EKG or electrocardiogram (a \$5 charge), and blood test for cholesterol and triglycerides (also a \$5 charge). Seniors 55 years of age or older may take any one or all of the examinations, according to Doris Liguori, coordinator. However, Miss Liguori said that only 150 EKGs and 200 blood tests will be performed, so appointments must be made in advance for them. This can be done by contacting her at 420-8874 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The academy, however, failed to supply specific development details with its proposal and Mayor Steve Cappiello said the city would have to reserve judgement until it had more facts related to what the program would cost, who would pay for it and where it would be located.

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## Stevens Academy razing will start within a week

BY PETER HALLAM

Demolition of the 116-year-old Stevens Academy in Hoboken should begin no later than a week from tomorrow to make way for a new drive-in banking facility for the Garden State National Bank.

The bank got the final approval it needed for the new branch office yesterday when the Hoboken City Council, by a vote of 6-0-1, approved the action of the city's Board of Adjustment which granted a variance for the new structure.

According to a spokesman for the bank, headquartered in Hackensack, the formal closing on the building between the bank and the trustees of Stevens Academy will be held tomorrow and demolition of the five-story building will start no later than a week after.

He said the new facility should open sometime around the end of October or the beginning of November. It will feature both walk-in and drive-in facilities in an area of approximately 2,900 square feet.

Although bank officials will not discuss what they paid for the school or the cost of the new bank, it is reported that the going selling price was in the vicinity of \$80,000 and the new facility will cost between \$250,000 and \$400,000. The higher figure is believed to include the cost of demolishing the school.

Close to two hours was spent by the council at yesterday's meeting debating the merits of either approving the Board of Adjustment's action and the addition of a ratable that would produce as much as \$30,000 a year in taxes, or disapproving it and opening the way for the city's Community Development Agency (CDA) to buy the building and rehabilitate it for recreation and program use.

Only Council President Martin Brennan voted "no." Councilmen Nunzio Malletti and Salvatore Cernelli were absent.

Eight residents, property owners and officials addressed the council on the resolution with most expressing objections to the banking facility.

Only Paul Rotundi, the owner of the Dan-Dee Belt and Bag Co., 115-131 Grand St., and Charles DeFazio Jr., openly supported the sale and the new ratables it would bring to the city.

Thomas Vezzetti favored a compromise, if one could be worked out, in which the city would still get ratables but the building would be saved.

Theodore Conrad, a Jersey City resident and chairman of the Hudson County Citizens Committee, urged the council to disapprove the resolution and to preserve the building as a historic site.

Mrs. Beth Kilmer read a letter from the board of the Stevens Cooperative Nursery School stating that the school would be interested in renting space in the old building if it was purchased by the CDA instead of the bank.

Mrs. Helen Manogue, chairman of the Hoboken Environment Committee, presented the council with a petition for the preservation of the school as a historic site and its use for expanding local social service programs. The petition contained the signature of 2,152 residents.

She also made a plea to the council to preserve Hoboken's history and reminded it that progress was not always marked by demolition and new construction.

But perhaps the calmest approach was taken by Dana Berry, director of the Day Care 100 Program, currently located in the city's recreation center at 117 Jefferson St.

She told the council that the program, which handles some 80 pre-school children, is in danger of closing because it does not have adequate facilities in the recreation center. But the school would be an ideal location for the program, she stated.

According to Miss Berry, the program has a temporary license from the state which expires May 17. A new suitable location for the program must be found before then or it will have a difficult time in getting refunded by the state, she said. A permanent license was not granted because the recreation center needs major repairs and rehabilitation to be suitable.

Miss Berry also pointed out that of the center's staff of 27 employees, 24 were Hoboken residents and were paid almost \$125,000 a year in salaries. These are persons who will be out of work if the program ends, she added.

Elizabeth Galt suggested that the bank relocate somewhere else in the city. She said it would be easier for the bank to find another suitable location with the city's many vacant lots than the day care program.

Peter Beronio, a representative of the CDA, told the council that it had preliminary approval from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to spend CDA money for site acquisition and renovation for the Stevens project, provided the school wasn't sold to the bank.

Councilman Francis X. Leahy said the money would be better spent on repairing the recreation center.

"If we do that we have a good facility — and a ratable too," he continued. "The other way we have a Stevens Academy in good condition but a run-down recreation center and no new ratable."

Beronio replied that if this were done, Day Care would need the entire recreation center facility for its expanded operation and the city would still be in need of recreational facilities.

The matter was brought to a head by Councilman Robert A. Ranieri who said that the issue was being clouded and being turned into four different issues to which there was no clear-cut answer.

"The only issue to be decided at this time is whether the council sustains the action of the board of adjustment," he asserted. "In spite of the arguments against, if the council is to be true to its principles of stabilizing the city's economy there can be only one choice — sustain."

Brennan, the last councilman to vote on the resolution, surprised the rest of the council when he voted "no" but got a loud ovation from those in the audience who wanted the school saved.

Later, several councilmen expressed annoyance with Brennan's vote, stating that he hadn't said anything previously about being against the proposal and, had he, the vote might have been different.

"It was something of a ploy for the populace," said Ranieri. "Six votes had already been cast for the resolution and it passed regardless of what the council president did. He got some points in with the voters, that's all."

## Fund lack may cut Hoboken school year

Hoboken's school children will be facing either a late start or an early closing for the 1976-77 school year unless school and city officials can get the state commissioner of education to expedite action on the board's financial problems, Robert W. Taylor, school board attorney, said today.

"If the board's financial problems aren't resolved by June 30, and it appears now that they won't be, we will either have to delay the opening of school in September or close everything down when what funding we do have runs out," said Taylor.

Depending on what the state does, more than \$3 million is at stake for the Hoboken school district. One question is whether the state will order some \$680,000 taken out of the '76-'77 budget by the city council restored. The other is whether the state is going to give Hoboken full state aid under the "thorough and efficient education" ruling.

"The \$680,000 is just the threshold of the problem," said Taylor. "We have anticipated full funding under the new law — that's

almost \$2.5 million more than the state indicated it was going to give us. If we don't get it we will have to turn to the city for the funds. That's the law."

Taylor said that while not getting any part of the funds would play havoc with the school system, knowing now would at least enable the board to make whatever adjustments were necessary for the next school year.

"By June 30 the board must decide what it is going to do about tenured teachers," he continued. "If we are to lay any of them off

in anticipation of further cuts in funding, we have to let them know by then. They have to be given 60 days notice. If we wait past June 30, they will go into the '76-'77 school year and have to be paid for the weeks they teach."

Taylor said the board has two options for the next school year. It can either stall the opening of schools in September until the financial problems are resolved, using up holidays and vacation days, or it can run the schools until the money runs out.

"Last year, the state did not resolve Hoboken's case over \$325,000 cut from the board budget by the council until September," he continued. "Because of the large amount of funds at stake this year, September will be too late."

Taylor said that the board asked the state commissioner, Fred Burke, to expedite the proceedings but without results. The board requested in its appeal of the \$680,000 cut a hearing before yesterday. None has yet been scheduled.

One of the reasons may be that the city has not yet filed its answer to the board's appeal, said Taylor. He said that the Hoboken law department is waiting to be directed to do so by the state department of education's division of controversies and disputes.

"There is much at stake here for both the board and the city," Taylor continued. "I don't think waiting for the state to direct the city to file its answers is a wise move. The board and city should be working together to force the state to take immediate action. We shouldn't be delaying it."

## Bicentennial music slated in Hoboken

The air around Hoboken City Hall will be filled with music during the city's Bicentennial Week — May 16-22 — as youngsters from the city's school system stage concerts on the municipal building's front steps.

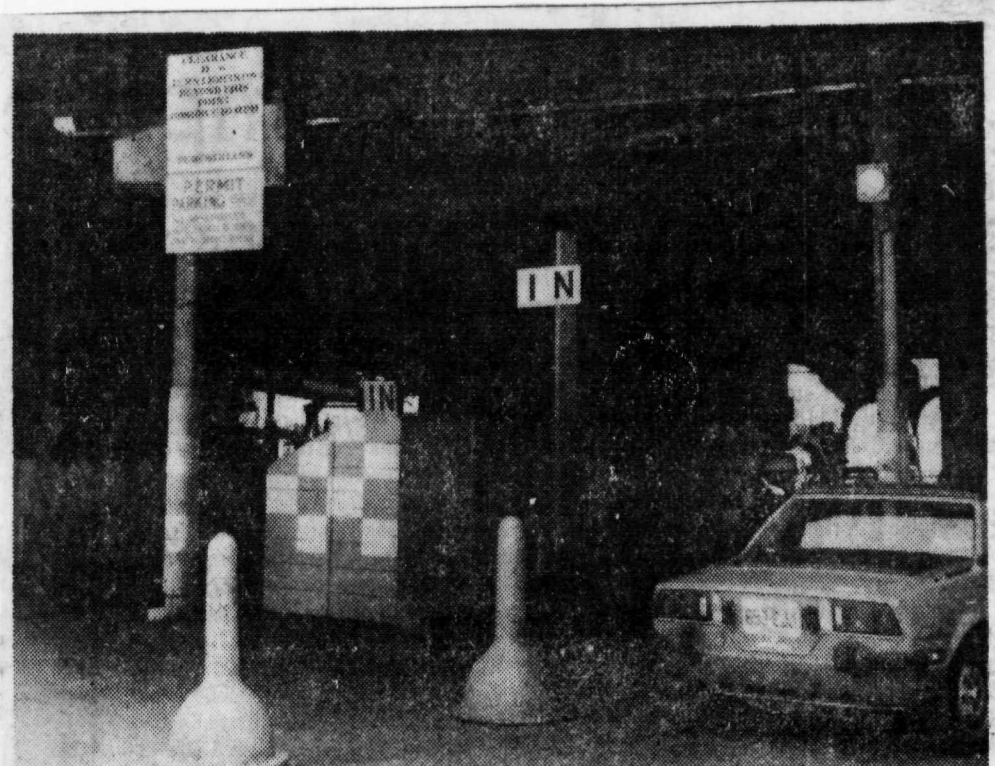
Anthony Costello, music supervisor for the schools, said today that the bands from the high school, A. J. Demarest Junior High School, and the Joseph F. Brandt Junior High School, will put on daily concerts from noon to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

In addition, the chorus from the high school and Brandt School will also perform. Costello said that a flower show is also being scheduled along with an exhibition of art done by local students.

"The overall theme will be the Bicentennial celebration," said Costello, "but we hope to have a new program every day with a different band or group."

Costello added that some outside bands may also participate in the program but final arrangements have not yet been confirmed. It is also planned to close Washington Street from Newark to First streets during the performances. However, Costello said that this is still being discussed by Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale and Police Chief George W. Crimmins.

"The concerts will be given, either way," he added.



ILLICIT PARKING?—Hoboken city officials say someone has been using these facilities at the old downtown ferry terminal for parking, without getting permission. Mayor Steve Cappiello said city will look into the matter because it poses a potential fire hazard at the wooden pier.

## Parking operation at ferry stumps Hoboken's mayor

Someone has started using the old Erie Lackawanna ferry slip area for a parking facility without consulting Hoboken officials or getting their permission, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today.

"Our greatest concern is with the threat of a fire," said the mayor. "The piers are all wood and will burn fast. But because there are so many cars jammed into the area we don't think fire apparatus can get in there."

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The mayor added that the gas tanks on the cars could cause serious explosions if the vehicles caught fire.

Cappiello said that the city didn't know who was operating the parking facility. He added that it did not appear to be for the general use of the public.

"There are signs saying 'Parking by Permit unauthorized vehicles will be towed away at the owners expense,'" the mayor said. "But the signs don't say . . . who is

operating the parking facility or where they can be contacted."

Cappiello said that he has instructed the city's fire inspectors to check the area and obtain all available information on the operation.

Besides the signs, the area has been barricaded so that there is one narrow entrance and one narrow exit for the vehicles parked there. The barricades are painted with bright yellow and white stripes. The area lies behind the old train-ferry terminal at the foot of Hudson Place.

The entire facility was recently purchased by the state Department of Transportation. Trackage will be turned over to ConRail but the terminal and ferry area is to be leased to the city for \$1 a year. The city is to develop the area as a shopping mall and recreation facility through federal funds.

"Maybe someone has leased the area from the state," said the mayor. "But even if that is the case, the city should have been advised."



THE HEAD GREETER — Hoboken Fourth Ward Councilman Louis Francone, left and Peter Frangello, right, vice president of the councilman's Fourth Ward Democratic Club, welcome Mrs. Jean Curci, president of the Monroe Gardens Senior Citizen Club, and Thomas Verpeut, president of the Jackson Garden Senior Citizen Club, to Francone's \$1 pre-election dance, held recently in St. Joseph's Church school hall.

## Hoboken to mark bicent week

Church bells will peal out the glad tidings of Hoboken's Bicentennial Week at noon Sunday when the parade starting the festivities gets under way.

Matthew Grimley and Norma Hoefle, parade chairmen, and their committee made up of Patrick Capone, Thomas Hickey, Rev. Sylvester Abramowicz, George Paproth, Frank Bucino, Justin de la Torre, Jack O'Brien, James Gabriele and Thomas Mooney have promised a gala march.

## Seek to block academy razing

Hoboken Environment Committee yesterday asserted that it was seeking a meeting with Garden State Bank officials to call off Friday's planned start of demolition of the Stevens Academy building at Fifth st. and Willow av.

The committee, unhappy with moves to tear down the 116-year-old three-story structure and replace it with a drive-in bank, cited historical and civic reasons for preserving the structure.

The committee also questioned the concept of a drive-in bank at the site, declaring that "only 17 per cent of Hoboken's residents own cars." It suggested a "walk-in office would seem more sensible."

"Historically, the academy building is indigenous to Hoboken," the committee commented, adding that the structure could be preserved and the bank or use part and rent out space.

Some 1,500 school children, along with veterans organizations, religious groups, city departments and agencies, service clubs and fraternal organizations, and ethnic groups, will participate in the line of march which will take in practically the entire length of the "Mile Square City."

Points of assembly will be on Willow av., Clinton st. Grand st. and Adams st. from 11th to 14th sts. The parade will start at 11th st. and Willow av.

The route then proceeds east on 11th to Washington st., south on Washington to Newark st., east on Newark to River st., then north on River st. to the reviewing stand located just past "The Boulder" marking the World War I Port of Embarkation site. The parade will terminate at Third and River sts.

Parking will be available in the Parking Authority garages on lower Hudson st. and spectators have been asked to bring beach or other folding chairs for use along the east side of River st.

Nine bands participating will be the Morris County Militia Fire and Drum Corps, Hoboken High School Band, Secaucus Fire Department Military Band, Searsfield Irish Bagpipes, New Jersey Colonial Militia, Sacred Heart All Girls Liberty Belles, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Ancient Fire & Drum Corps, and Izzy Mischel and Musicians Band.

Mayor Steve Cappiello, honorary chairman of the Bicentennial Committee, will be grand marshal of the parade. Marching with him will be several aides and City Council President Martin Brennan and members of the council.

Bicentennial Chairman Vincent Wassmann will be riding a white horse in colonial uniform and Jerry Molloy will be at the microphone on the reviewing stand to serve as narrator.

## Water users in Hoboken may face double rates

BY PETER HALLAM

Hoboken city officials already have their bad news — the proposed five-year contract with Jersey City for purchasing water is going to increase the city's cost by a minimum of 75 per cent. But the individual water users have yet to get their discouraging words — their cost could very well double.

The city's water department is now computing a figure which it will charge local water users, and according to Mayor Steve Cappiello, it is going to be 75 per cent higher — plus.

"The city can't just take into account the increase in water costs from Jersey City," he said. "What we hope to end up with is a basic figure that will make our water utility a self-sufficient operation at the end of the year."

"First, the water department has been operating in the red for many years. That must be eliminated. It will mean higher water bills but a saving on the other end—taxes. Tax dollars have been used to make up whatever deficit we had in the water department. If the water department is self-sufficient the tax dollars are saved."

"Secondly, the new rates must also cover the cost of the water department — the clerks, meter readers, repairs and replacement."

"And last, there will be the cost of whatever future increases we get from Jersey City over and above the anticipated 75 per cent provided in the contemplated five-year contract."

Under the existing agreement, Hoboken pays Jersey City \$240 per million gallons of water. The new contract would increase that to approximately \$420 per million, a compromise from the \$750 per million Jersey City was first seeking.

Hoboken officials have the formal contract proposal from Jersey City but question one portion of it and will probably try to renegotiate it before actually signing. The section deals with a sliding scale for minimum and maximum use and the charges.

The city would also like Jersey City to guarantee that it won't seek any additional rate increases from the state Public Utilities Commission during the five-year period — the contract is retroactive to Jan. 1 of this year. However, Jersey City has refused and there is some fear that it will seek another increase within two years.

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri said that his figures show that Jersey City must have a water charge rate for Hoboken of approximately \$1,000 per million gallons or it's water utility won't be self-sustaining.

"Between the work it must do on its water treatment facility at the Bonton Reservoir, the bonds it must float to pay for the work and the paying back of the bond money, Jersey City has to get more from Hoboken than what it will be getting on the new contract."

"I would be wrong. But I've presented these figures to Jersey City officials for them to show me that I am, and so far they haven't."

According to Ranieri, should the Jersey City water rate for Hoboken go to \$1,000 per million gallons, the city will be paying approximately \$4.38 million a year for water.

"That would destroy this city," he continued. "We couldn't come anywhere near paying it. There wouldn't be any question about people leaving the city — just a question as to who would be first to go."

The councilman said this was why he is still interested in the Hackensack Water Co. and its plans to build a \$40 million project tapping the Passaic River for water. That project is still being considered by the company. If started, it will take approximately four years to complete, a company spokesman said.

## Hoboken seeks grant to restore City Hall

By ELIZABETH PARKS

Hoboken's Community Development Agency is applying for a \$340,000 federal grant to double the amount of money the city has now set aside to give City Hall a major face lift.

Joel Freiser, Director of Municipal Operations for CDA, said yesterday that the grant application, if approved would allow the city to launch "a major renovation of the Hall's entrances and exits, its roof, windows and interior public areas, restore its stone and brick facade and install a completely new and modern fire safety system."

Freiser said the application is being forwarded to the Historic Sites Office of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

If it receives initial approval, Freiser said the state will then forward the ap-

plication to the federal Department of Interiors for final approval.

Freiser said a decision on the application probably won't be made until October 1978, the beginning of the federal government's fiscal 1977.

"The amount of money we get," Freiser said, "will depend on the amount approved by Congress for historic preservation. Whatever grant we get must be matched by a city grant."

"CDA," Freiser explained, "has already appropriated \$340,000 in federal community development funds for City Hall renovation. That's the maximum amount of money the city could use to match another federal grant."

On May 17, Freiser will present the City Council with three alternative proposals for updating City Hall.

One proposal totaling \$4 million, calls

for the complete demolition of the Hall, the adjacent police department and the jail and the construction of brand new facilities.

### Secor Proposal

A second proposal with a price tag of \$3.6 million calls for the rehabilitation of the Hall, but demolition of the jail and abandonment of the Police Department now located in the basement of the Hall.

The city would have to acquire a new site for the police department and jail and invest in new construction.

The third proposal has a \$3 million price tag and seems to be the most popular proposal at this time. The city would keep the old Hall and the old police department and rehabilitate them both. It might demolish the jail and build an extension at the rear of police headquarters.

Freiser said CDA officials were "optimistic" that their initial application will be well-received. Depending on what plan the council elects to follow, renovations would gradually be worked out over a five to six-year period, he said.

## Ranieri wants aid for sweeper

A Hoboken councilman will seek to have an additional police officer placed on Washington Street between 8:30 and 9 a.m. on week days in order to give out tickets to those blocking the path of the city's sweeper machine.

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri said today that he will ask Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale to have a police officer or special patrolman assigned to Washington Street, between Third and Observer Highway, because too many cars are not moving from the sweepers path.

"I have noticed that the area between Third and Observer Highway on the west side doesn't get a thorough sweeping," said the councilman. "There are two factors involved:

"First, when the sweeper gets down to Third Street it is usually towards the end of the hour assigned for cleaning Washington Street — 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.," he continued. "This leaves the operator and the special patrolman assigned to the truck with two options."

"The patrolman can get out of the truck and start writing out tickets. But if he does the complete its route. The other option is continue along, forget about the tickets, and sweep those spaces that aren't occupied by cars."

Ranieri said that if another special patrolman was assigned to the area around 8:30 a.m. and started giving out tickets, most motorists who have been seeing the message and wouldn't park their cars there until after 9 a.m.

## HFT asks state to take schools over

The Hoboken Federation of Teachers (HFT) has asked the state Commissioner of Education, Fred Burke, to have the state Board of Education take over the operation of the Hoboken School system, it was learned today from Vincent Germinario, HFT president.

Germinario said that a letter was sent to Commissioner Burke Saturday urging that the state take over the operations of the school system because both the city and the board of education "have shown by their action that the education of the city's children is being given the very lowest priority possible."

According to the HFT president, the city government and the school board "have shown by their actions over the last year that providing the city's children with a thorough and efficient education is the least of their concerns."

The HFT is a splinter labor group within the Hoboken teachers. The Hoboken Teachers Association (HTA) is the officially recognized bargaining agent for the teachers.

Germinario's letter cited several incidents which he said showed the board's "irresponsibility."

Including was the firing of 59 non-tenured teachers, the claim last year by the board that it had no money for teacher raises at the same time it was sending members to conventions in Las Vegas and Atlantic City, the "admission" by one board member that the system is laced with unnecessary jobs and employees who do not work properly, and the continuous reduction of local appropriations for education while city taxes are increased for other city services.



# Stevens locomotive gave birth to American RR's

By MICHAEL CROWLEY

It has been 150 years since the demonstration of America's first steam locomotive that eventually led to the development of New Jersey and its image as a corridor between Philadelphia and New York City.

The demonstration, put on by John Stevens, whose son Edwin founded Stevens Institute of Technology was celebrated with a ceremony at noon yesterday in front of the Hoboken Post Office at River and Newark sts.

Stevens Institute is built on a portion of the Stevens Estate, where Col. John Stevens designed many of his inventions and where he demonstrated the first steam railroad on a circular track.

Stevens exhibited the train in order to get investors for his idea to build a railroad from Philadelphia to New York City. He also had visions of connecting the farmlands of the west to the east by trains traveling 100 miles per hour.

The railroad was built between the two biggest cities in the nation at the time, and it led to the development of New Jersey, according to Jersey City's historian J. Owen Grundy.

"The railroad had a tremendous impact on the state," says Grundy, curator of the New Jersey room of the Jersey City Library. Actually, according to Grundy, the rail stretched from Camden to Amboy (known today as Perth Amboy) where the freight was taken the remaining distance by boat.

Grundy says small towns sprang up along the railroad increasing the population of New Jersey. It was the state that issued the first railroad charter in the nation and offered encouragement in many ways to Stevens.

Stevens hoped to replace the use of canals, like the Erie and Morris, with railroads. His recommendations were eventually rejected when New York's Governor DeWitt Clinton had his powerful political and banker friends back the Erie Canal.

The railroad demonstrated by Stevens traveled anywhere from five to twelve miles an hour and carried passengers on

a small car. The train was powered by a multitubular boiler made by Stevens.

According to Grundy, the train furthered the image of New Jersey as the "step-child" of New York and Philadelphia. The curator adds that the train helped take away the identity of New Jersey.

In time, according to Grundy, the state of New Jersey made so many concessions to Stevens and his related financial backers, the Stockton family of Princeton, that the "servants of the state owned the state."

He said the Stockton and Stevens families were the aristocrats of New Jersey. They owned the railroad that eventually became known as the Delaware-Lackawanna.

The Camden-to-Amboy Railroad eventually became a part of the Pennsylvania Railroad system.

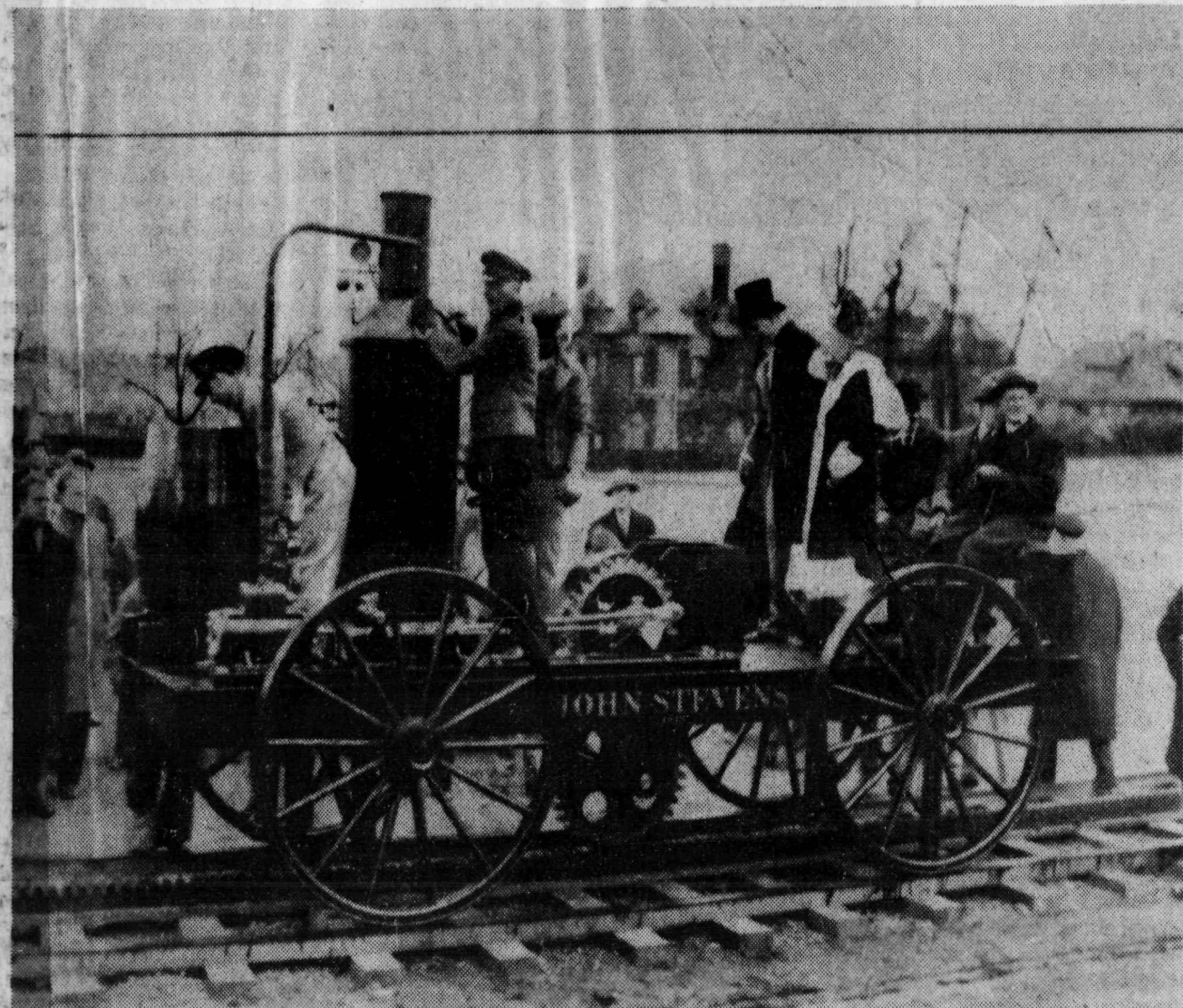
Before the railroad was built, Stevens suffered many setbacks. His first attempt was in 1815, when a charter was issued to build tracks from the Delaware River, near Trenton, to the Raritan River near New Brunswick. The plan was dropped when no one would invest in the venture.

Stevens was named by Pennsylvania as the man to build a train from Philadelphia to Columbia, Pa. But once again the financial backing was impossible, probably because of the length, 73 miles.

It was the doubt of investors that the train could pull a load up a mountain and go around curves that held up financial aid. These doubts led Stevens to build the experimental train on his own property.

The train was odd-looking and traveled by way of a cogged or toothed wheel meshing with similar track. The 200 foot in diameter test track even had a 2-foot grade to prove the train could take on hills.

Stevens also built the world's first steam ferry, which he was never credited with, the first ocean-going steamship, "Phoenix" the multitubular boiler, the first workable twin-screw propeller as well as drafting a plan for the U.S. Patent Office which was approved in 1790.



## Steamboat dilemma created by political monopoly

Politics made strange bedfellows when it came to credit for the invention of the first steamboat.

Although most historians agree the inventor was Colonel John Stevens, an aristocratic and enterprising engineer who founded Hoboken, school children are still taught about the Clermont or "Fulton's Folly," as it was popularly known, as the invention of Robert Fulton.

"There is an easy answer to the anomaly," says historian J. Owen Grundy.

A man by the name of Robert R. Livingston, a strong political leader in New York, and ironically, the brother-in-law of Stevens, was primarily responsible, according to Grundy.

Grundy says New York had a monopoly on the Hudson River all the way to the highwater mark on the New Jersey shore.

Livingston, a friend of Fulton, refused to give Stevens permission to try his boat on the Hudson River. So Stevens successfully ran his ship along the Delaware River, nearly a decade before Fulton.

The event on the Delaware was not accurately recorded, according to Grundy. The Hudson was "the river" in those days.

Loss of credit for the steamboat invention was probably one of the reasons for Stevens drawing up the first plans for a U.S. Patent office and having the first patent in the country approved.

— MICHAEL CROWLEY

## Unnecessary jobs? 8.9

When Hoboken's city council voted the other day to extend the leaves of absence of some city employees, one councilman objected.

He suggested that if these city jobs can remain unfilled indefinitely while their nominal holders work elsewhere at higher paying positions, it appears the jobs are not needed and should be abolished.

Hoboken has always made it a practice to grant requests for six month leaves of absence and then to renew them again and again. The council felt it would be unfair to crack down on people who are already on leaves which they had assumed would be continued indefinitely.

But are these indefinite leaves in the best interests of efficient government? If the city is stuck with an over-liberal leave policy, it should at least proclaim a more realistic policy for any new leaves of absence.

## Hoboken to get fireworks bonus at Maxwell House 8.9

Hoboken residents may get to see their usual July 4th fireworks display even though the city wasn't able to contract with anyone to put on the show.

The fireworks will be an unexpected bonus, courtesy of the General Foods Corp. which will be using in 1,000 employees to Hoboken on that day for a company picnic on the grounds of its Maxwell House Coffee Plant, according to Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale.

The director said officials of General Foods contacted the city yesterday about making arrangements for the bus outing and fireworks.

"The outing is to be held in Hoboken at the Maxwell House Coffee Plant because it has a great view of the Hudson River and 'Operation Sail,' the director explained. 'The fireworks are supposed to be timed so that they salute each of the ships as they sail down the river.'"

Vitale said that he didn't know exactly what form the fireworks would take.

"It wasn't mentioned whether they would be aerial displays or just salutes which are all noise and nothing to actually see," he added.

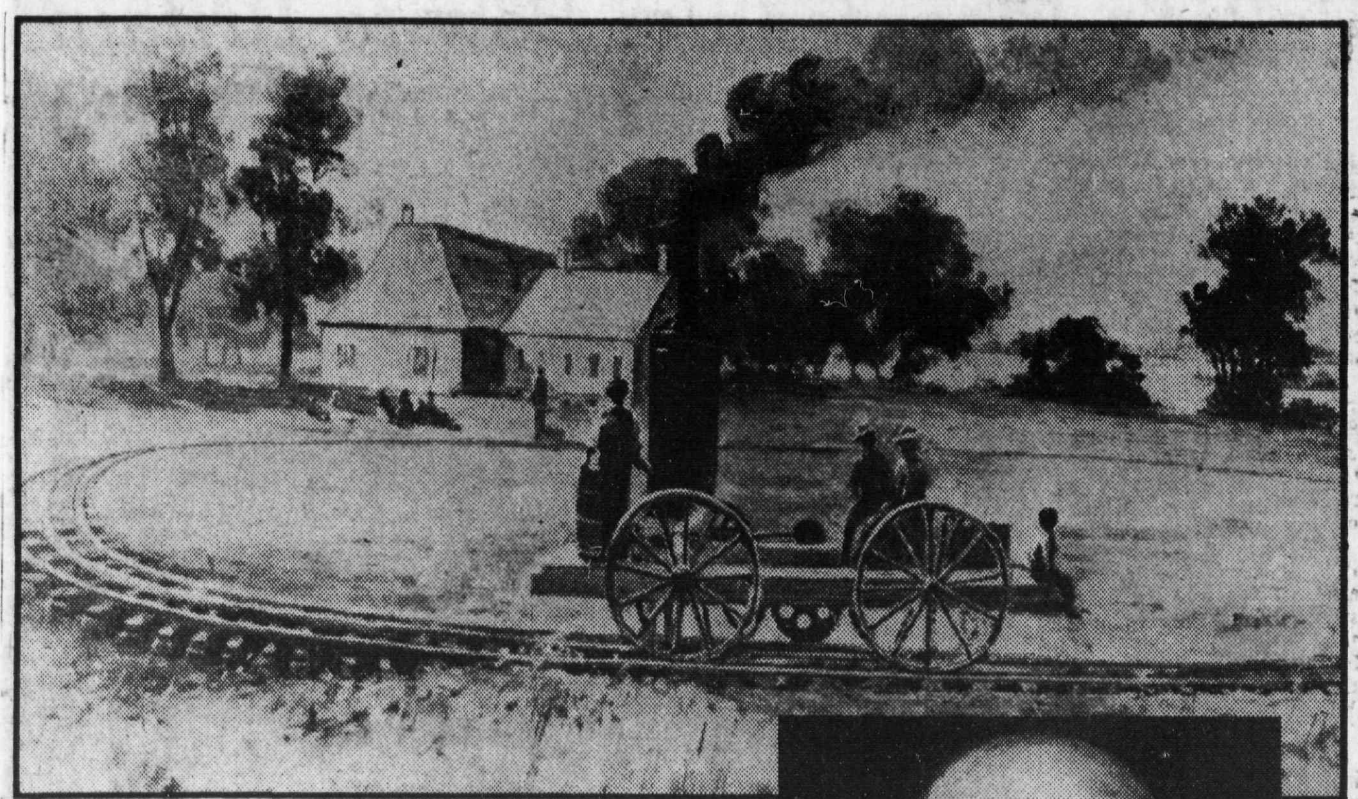
## Sharing 5/14/76 8.8

The benefits to be gained through a proposed sharing of public works equipment by the six North Hudson municipalities and the City of Hoboken were clearly demonstrated the other day.

After putting up with repeated street flooding, Hoboken finally cleared a sewer that was causing the trouble — by using a boring device borrowed from neighboring Union City.

But obviously the sharing of equipment is not as effective as it could be because it took two years for Hoboken to borrow the gadget that solved the flood problem.

There are many such pieces of equipment which each of these adjoining towns has need of from time to time, frequently not at the same time. With a little more effort and planning, more sharing could be accomplished to ever-increasing mutual benefit.



Artist's rendering of first steam locomotive run on Hoboken estate of Col. John Stevens, right.

## Hoboken Will Pay Tribute To a 5-Wheel Locomotive

By EDWARD C. BURKS

Just 150 years ago today, a strange-looking, five-wheel, open-platform contraption with an upright steam boiler chugged around a small loop of track on an estate in Hoboken, N.J.

Hoboken hasn't been the same since. Neither has America.

It is generally recognized as the first public run of the first American-built steam locomotive. The engine was the creation of Col. John Stevens, a Manhattan-born engineer and inventor who used his country estate for the demonstration.

In such bucolic surroundings, the great age of steam railroading was born in America. The Stevens locomotive reached a top speed of 12 miles an hour on the iron-plated wooden track, negotiating a slight grade with at least six people aboard.

Today at noon the explosion will be commemorated at a simple ceremony in front of the Hoboken post office, not far from the site of that first steam run.

There will be no re-enactment. The remains of the Stevens locomotive—the original boiler and some other parts—will be in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington. But Robert

Reed of Pompton Lakes, N.J., president of the student council of the Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, will unveil a plaque to honor the inventor.

Among those scheduled to attend is Emily Stevens Tully of Montclair, N.J., a great-granddaughter of Colonel Stevens. One of the colonel's sons, Edwin Stevens, provided the land and the funds to establish the school in 1870.

The little loop track of 1826, about 200 feet in diameter, was on a site not far from today's busy rail commuter terminal. There are rush-hour tie-ups today when commuters would welcome a forward speed of a mere 12 miles an hour.

Event Recorded in Newspaper

The event on the Stevens estate that day in May a century and a half ago was of such importance that Manhattan took note of it the following week through an account in The New York Post.

The article noted that the four running wheels of the locomotive were "at the usual distance of wagon wheels from each other." And it explained the function of the fifth wheel,

because this was a cogwheel rail line.

A third rail laid between the load-bearing tracks, the article said, carried "fixed plates of cast iron fitted with cogs or teeth, into which a wheel with corresponding cogs, and connected with the engine, is made to work; and in this manner the wagon is impelled forward."

Colonel Stevens, who attained his military rank in the Revolutionary War, was 76 years old when his steam locomotive churned up a plume of black smoke on its inaugural run.

Steamboat Inventions, Too

Long before that he had been responsible for major inventions involving the application of steam power to transportation, especially boats. Encyclopedias credit him with the first steamboat navigation of the sea (his paddle-wheeler Phoenix) and of operating his own

steamboat briefly on the Hudson three years before Robert Fulton's Clermont.

But his greatest interest was in developing railroads. In 1812, an unsuccessful memorandum to the New York State Legislature entitled "Documents Tending to Prove the Superior Advantages of Railways and Steam Carriages over Canal Navigation," he wrote: "In time we shall be able to travel as fast as a hundred miles an hour without inconvenience."

In 1830 he obtained a charter for his Camden and Amboy Railroad, to be headed by his sons, Robert and Edwin. He also contributed to the start of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Stevens Institute is issuing a special "silk cachet" today—an envelope bearing a color rendering of the first locomotive on silk-like material. Three thousand stamped copies will be hand-cancelled by the Hoboken post office and will be available at \$1 each from the institute.



Stevens Academy, built in 1860, is facing demolition on Friday

## Plan to Raze Stevens Academy Stirs Mixed Feelings in Hoboken

By ALVIN MAURER

The demolition of Hoboken's 116-year-old Stevens Academy is scheduled to begin Friday to make way for the 33d branch office of the Garden State National Bank.

"It will be good for the city," John Zalarich, a spokesman for the bank, said yesterday.

"It will be bad for the city," said Helen Manogue, chairman of the Hoboken Environment Committee.

"We have gone through all the legitimate channels," Mr. Zalarich said. "We spent a lot of money for the building and the land. We obtained Federal and city clearances. The city's Board of Adjustment granted a variance. Last week, the City Council sustained that decision, 6 to 1. The tearing down begins Friday. We hope to have our drive-in bank ready to operate by November."

"This is a great pity," Mrs. Manogue said. "Our group is dedicated to the rebirth of Hoboken, and this rebirth depends in large part on a sensitivity to old buildings, a feeling for community spirit. This city is rich in tradition. To destroy such a landmark is not in the city's best interest."

The city seems to think otherwise. Officials said they expected \$30,000 a year in rentals from the bank.

Mrs. Manogue believes that figure is inflated. Her group feels much more could be gained for the bank and the city if the bank abandoned its plans for a drive-in, and used the building for a regular bank while renting the rest of it to the city for day care and recreational facilities.

Under this arrangement, the group

says, the building of Stevens Academy, once a venerated educational institution that has been vacant for two years, could be preserved and rehabilitated, the city would profit from more rentals and employment, and the people would benefit through the addition of much needed services.

"It would help the bank, too," Mrs. Manogue said. "Think of the wonderful relations with the community the bank could establish by following our suggestions."

"We will be providing an important service to that part of town," Mr. Zalarich said. "This will be a good, clean operation."

Mrs. Manogue said that 2,152 persons had signed a petition to save the building. Mr. Zalarich said that 500 residents in the area had signed a statement saying they had no objection to the drive-in, despite the environmental group's contention that a drive-in at Willow Avenue and Fifth Street would be hazardous to the many children who use Church Square Park, the town's library, two grammar schools and a junior high school, all of which are in the immediate area.

The Hoboken Environment Committee was formed in 1970 and has 300 members. It has scored several notable victories, including defeat of a plan to build an oil desulphurization plant in the northern end of town in 1971 and the prevention of an oil tank storage facility at the same site in 1975 after a three-year fight.

But it appears that the group is going to lose this one. Nothing appears to stand in the way of Stevens Academy's appointment with the wrecking crew on Friday.

## Stevens Academy razing begins with metal salvaging 8.9

Demolition of the 116-year-old Stevens Academy building in Hoboken is underway.

Workers appeared at the three-story brick structure, located at Fifth Street and Willow Avenue, yesterday to begin the preliminary work of salvaging metal and fixtures.

According to one of the workers, there were several visitors to the building during the day seeking mementoes. They took what they could find and left without incident.

He said the "visible demolition work" would start today with most of being done by hand. This work will be in the areas where the school building is close to other structures which might be damaged by a crane and wrecker's ball.

"We have today and tomorrow to do that work," he continued. "The crane is coming in at 8 a.m. Monday morning to do the rest. I estimated the job will take a couple of

weeks, say three. It's a pretty solid building."

The school was formally purchased by the Garden State National Bank Friday from the trustees of the defunct private school. The transaction took several months to complete since the bank had to obtain the necessary permits and variances to take down the school and build a drive-in bank branch office. The process was additionally delayed by strong community objections to the banking facility and the loss of the old building.

Executive board members of the Hoboken Environment Committee were to have met Tuesday night to see if there was any way to stall the start of demolition.

Mrs. Helen Manogue, committee chairman, said that the committee had decided to seek a court injunction to block the demolition work but the bank "moved too fast for us."

## Knock knock: Here comes the water bill collector 8.9

Hoboken water users who have been neglecting to keep their payments up to date can expect someone soon from the city to come knocking on their doors, demanding they pay up. And St. Mary Hospital will probably be one of the first.

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri said today that the third phase of revamping the city's water department — tightening up the billing and other paper work — will begin today with an evaluation meeting in the office of Mayor Steve Cappelletto.

"One of the first things to be done is a review of all records pertaining to outstanding water bills," said the councilman. "This is already under way. When completed a substantial effort will be made to collect what is due the city."

"The city has not been lax in trying to make these collections but it has not been persistent. That is what it must be if it is to reduce these outstanding bills."

Ranieri said he was concerned with St. Mary Hospital's back bills since the hospital had previously agreed by contract to bring its account up to date.

"The agreement was for St. Mary to pay the city \$3,000 a month until it had eliminated the back bills which then amounted to around \$90,000," said Ranieri. "The payments were made for several months but then about nine months ago they stopped."

"Why they stopped, when there was a formal contract with the city for the payments to be made, I do not know. However, this is one of the things I hope to ascertain at today's meeting."

Ranieri said that the meeting would also help the city establish the exact number of homes and industries that were without water meters, that had meters that weren't working, and establish a firm policy for the city to follow in the collection of back bills.

The two previous meetings dealt with the repair and maintenance of the water lines and the repair and servicing of meters.





Trying on hockey equipment are, from left, Michael DiBello, Michael Lisa and Michael Augustine. **g.g.**

## Players ready for that rink

BY PETER HALLAM

Last year, when several members of the Hoboken City Council announced plans for the city's own ice skating rink, a gleam immediately came to the eyes of 19 young hockey buffs who could visualize themselves making spectacular saves or scoring four goals a game.

With the rink not much nearer to becoming a reality now than it was then, the gleam has started to fade — but not the desire to play the rough and tumble ice sport.

The 19 hockey buffs are now the Hoboken Hawks and they'll be playing their first organized league game Sun-

day — even if it is at a rink more than 40 miles away.

At 7:45 p.m. the Hawks will face off against the Haverstraw Streakers in the Lowtor Ice Center in Haverstraw, N.Y. It will be their first game in a 15-game schedule in the Lowtor Senior Hockey League. Haverstraw is the league's defending champion for the last two years.

According to Joseph Lisa, the team's coach, the players are all over 18 and have been playing for the last two to four years.

"I've never seen such desire from any one as I have seen from these kids," said Lisa. "Not only do they love and want to play hockey, they're willing to pay a pretty penny to do it."

"It's going to cost the team \$1,300 just to get into the league. And then everytime there is a practice session it's another \$120 to rent a rink — usually around 1 or 2 in the morning. But they do it. They've been doing it for a year now, preparing to play."

"And then there's the cost of uniforms and equipment, at least \$200 per man."

Lisa said that in order to cover the cost of the league entrance fee the players are each kicking in \$5 a week.

The team's main problem is transportation, Lisa continued.

"We depend on private cars to get us to practice sessions and the games," he said. "But if one of the key drivers for some reason can't make a game, we lose four or five players and could forfeit the league game."

Lisa said that it would help if some kind of bus transportation for the games could be found. Possibly the city could help out. However, he added that no official request had been made of city officials.

The team is led by Jimmy Shacks, captain and defenseman. Also on defense are Steve Savitsky, Joe Griffo, John and Albino Tarabocchia, and John Fitzpatrick. Mike Lisa and Joe Stinson share the goaltending chores.

Carrying the offensive load are centers Billy Nagel, Tony Cutillo and Tony Mattessich; left wings Rudy Zupancich, Mike DeBello, Joe Terminaro, and Mike Augewstine; and right wings George Schultz, Jimmy Lisa, John Mattessich, and Albie Van Nieuwenhoven.

Sundays are for play but Saturdays are for relaxing, Lisa said.

A few of his association members will share a cook out with the players tomorrow at the Lisa Association headquarters, 304 10th St.



## On the right track

Unveiling a plaque marking the first public demonstration by Col. John Stevens of the country's first steam-powered locomotive on the site of the Hoboken Post Office at River and Newark Streets 130 years ago yesterday are, from left, Sam Tridante, manager of customer services for the Post Office; Dr. Kenneth C. Rogers, president of Stevens Institute of Technology; Richard J. Sullivan, director of the Center for Municipal Studies and Services at Stevens Institute; and Mayor Steve Cappelletto.

## Council may listen to man who plans assessment suit

A Hoboken property owner who is planning to sue the city because of "inconsistencies" in assessed values to properties may get a chance to explain his charges in detail to the full Hoboken City Council.

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri said today that he is attempting to get permission for Michael Grato, the property owner, to appear before the council at a caucus and present all of the details concerning his accusations.

"I have been trying to contact City Council President Martin J. Brennan for permission for Mr. Grato to sit with the council and make a presentation," the councilman said. "I have met with him and there appears to be some validity to his charges."

Ranieri said that he felt the matter should be resolved as quickly as possible, without a court fight, he hoped.

"His figures seem to indicate that there are favored property owners who are assessed less and who pay less to the city in taxes as a result," continued the councilman.

"I am also asking that the city's assessors attend the meeting and be prepared to answer all questions."

Ranieri said that if some properties are assessed at figures lower than they should be the city should take immediate action to change them, regardless of whether Grato presses for court action.

## County school chief mediates Hoboken budget cut dispute

Representatives of the Hoboken City Council and the Board of Education will meet with Hudson County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Anthony Witham on May 26 in an effort to resolve the controversy caused by the elimination of some \$680,000 from the 1976-77 school budget by the council.

Robert W. Taylor, attorney for the school board, said the board was informally notified by telephone Tuesday of the pending meeting and is now waiting for a formal written notice.

"It is something like a preliminary meeting at which the county superintendent tries to get the two sides to negotiate a settlement without having to go to higher authority — the state Department of Education and Commissioner Fred Burke," Taylor explained.

The city council took the \$680,000 out of the board's budget after local voters voted down the board's proposed \$4.025 million current expenses budget for the 1976-77 school year. Most of the money was taken out of teachers' salaries, resulting in the termination of 59 non-tenured teachers by the board. The board appealed the reduction.

"We may accomplish something if the city comes prepared to negotiate," said Taylor. "However, if the city representatives take the same course they took last year the problem will not be resolved."

## Vitale reserves decision on suspended dog warden

Hoboken Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale reserved decision following the departmental hearing for suspended city dog warden Raymond Ortiz.

The hearing was held yesterday before the director. Ortiz is charged with cruelty to animals and neglect of duty. He remains suspended from his city job without pay pending Vitale's decision.

Because Ortiz is due in municipal court Tuesday on a cruelty to animals complaint signed by Patricia Mitten, the city's health officer, the departmental hearing was conducted in private.

Five witnesses appeared before the director, not including Ortiz, who represented himself. They were John Gato, a health investigator, Miss Mitten, Ms. Susan Long, a volunteer for Animals Need You; Mrs. Alice Altomare and Mrs. Marietta Chaneski.

According to the women, Ortiz left his dog warden's truck parked in the public works department garage at Observer Highway and Willow Avenue for several days with animals in it, but without food or water for them.

Vitale said that he would not make a decision until the transcript of the proceedings had been completed and he had a chance to study that record. The director

said he had 30 days from receipt of the transcript in which to study it and reach a decision.

Meanwhile, a minor crisis has developed with the man who has taken Ortiz' place as dog warden. According to a public works department source, Albert Chichizola, Ortiz' replacement, has told his superiors that he doesn't want the job unless he is paid the same salary Ortiz was getting — some \$600 a year more than what he is expected to get as dog warden.

Ortiz was performing the duties of dog warden but was on the city payroll as a truck driver which carries a higher salary.

Vitale said that the matter of Chichizola's salary hadn't been resolved but they were to discuss it today. He added that he was sure that it would be worked out.

## Businesslike? 5/15/76 g.g.

To help pay for the waste of water which has been costing more than \$1,000 a day, Hoboken has announced it will double its estimate of the water used by those industrial consumers whose meters cannot be read. The purpose is to encourage the big industrial users to repair their meters.

Is this not a most unbusinesslike way of getting correct meter readings? The "estimates" of what the company is using were based on conditions that prevailed years ago. These factories could be using four times as much water as the city has been estimating, or they could be using only half the city's estimate.

Hoboken's officials have been trying lately to postpone slapping any new fees on industry, or even suing in cases where the city may actually have a legal claim, because some of the top firms are already considering pulling out of the city, and officials do not want to antagonize them.

If the city arbitrarily doubles their estimated water consumption, will that be considered a friendly act?

## Erie parking lot found unsafe by Hoboken firemen

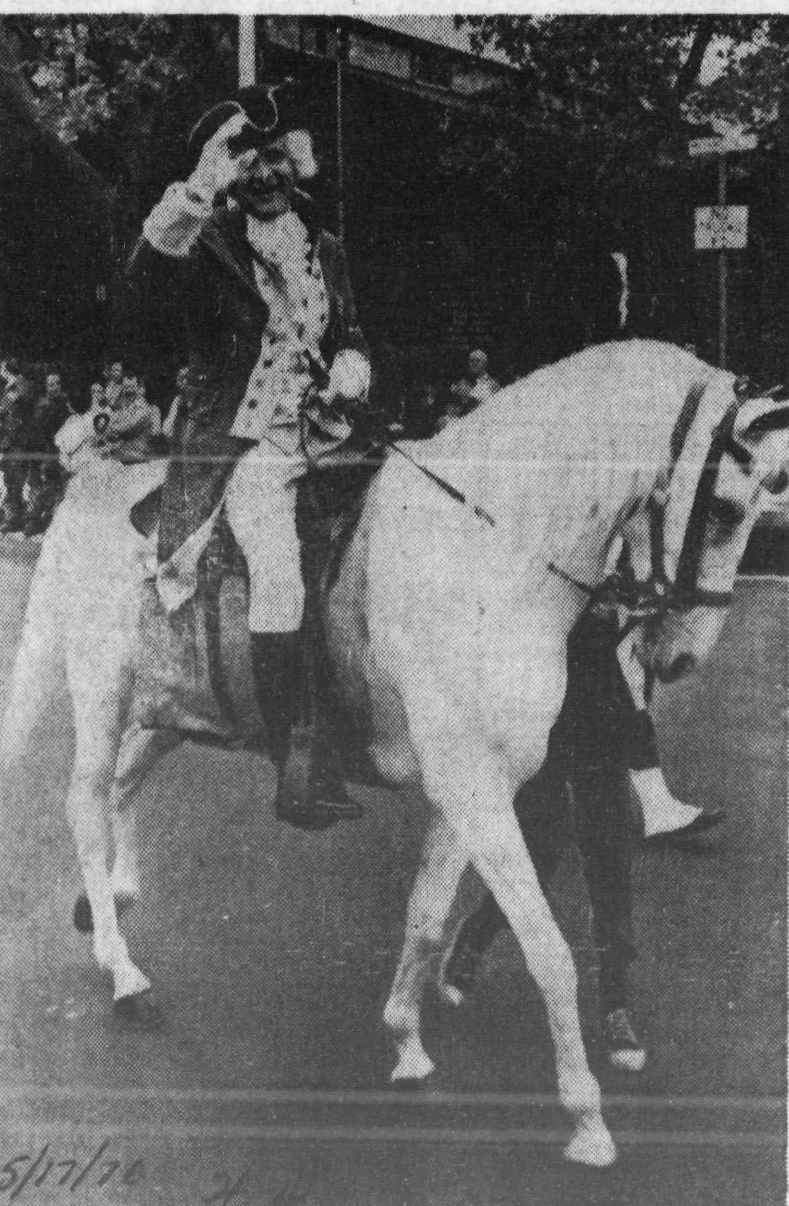
The Hoboken Fire Department has inspected an area at the old Erie Lackawanna railroad ferry slips that is being used for parking and found that some major changes will have to be made if the operation is to continue.

A spokesman for the department said it is believed the parking area is being operated by the railroad for its employees, but it wasn't clear if the area was set aside by the Erie Lackawanna or its successor, ConRail.

"Approximately half of the area being used for parking is on the old wood ramps and walkways which are very dry and could be ignited easily by a carelessly discarded cigarette," the spokesman said. "The remainder is on concrete and fairly safe."

"Also, the entrance and exit to the parking area is too narrow for use by fire trucks and will have to be made wider. A full report is being prepared by the fire prevention bureau and will be turned over to the railroad for immediate action."

The spokesman added that the inspection also showed that there were a number of other hazards in the general area at the foot of Hudson Place which would interfere with fire-fighting operations. These included cars parked on the street blocking avenues to the piers and illegally constructed fences which also block fire avenues. Action will also be taken on these, he said.



LOVE A PARADE—Parade Marshal Vinnie Wasserman as George Washington gives a salute at the head of the parade beginning Bicentennial Week in Hoboken yesterday. He led some 1,500 schoolchildren, veterans organizations, religious groups, city departments and agencies, service clubs and fraternal organizations and ethnic groups in the line of march.



FIFES AND DRUMS—Nine bands provided bicentennial sounds for Hoboken's parade yesterday. Participants were: Morris Co. Militia, Hoboken High School, Secaucus Fire Dept., Searsfield Irish Bagpipes, N.J. Colonial Militia, Sacred Heart All Girls Liberty Belles, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Izzy Mischel and Musicians Band. **g.g.**

## Indigent rates going up \$16 a day at St. Mary

The rates St. Mary Hospital has been charging Hoboken for treating welfare patients will be going up \$16 a day as the result of a compromise agreement worked out by the hospital and the city's Local Assistance Board. A \$50 a day increase was being sought by the hospital.

A spokesman for the board, Walter Caulfield, said today that the actual cost to

the city will be only \$4 since the state pays 75 per cent and the city pays 25 per cent.

"It is the first raise the hospital has had in more than four years and is a reasonable one in view of the continuously rising costs of medical care," he said.

Caulfield said he believed the new rate would go into effect June 1.

The city had been paying St. Mary \$38 a day for the care and treatment of welfare clients who had been admitted to the hospital. The hospital was seeking an increase of \$50 a day, bringing the daily charge to \$148 to correspond with the new rates accepted by Medicare and Medicaid, he added.

According to Caulfield, the \$16 increase will also be passed along to other municipalities whose welfare clients are admitted to St. Mary for treatment.

"Hoboken is the guideline," he said. "Whatever we are charged is used by the hospital as the standard fee charged to the other municipalities."



OFFICIAL VIEW — Smiling at Hoboken Bicentennial Parade watchers as they march up 11th Street are, from left, Freeholder Vincent J. Fusilli of Hoboken, Mayor Steve Cappelletto and City Council President Martin J. Brennan. **g.g.**



5/15/76 The closing chapter **g.g.**  
Workers begin demolishing the 116-year-old Stevens Academy building, Fifth Street and Willow Avenue, Hoboken, to make way for a drive-in bank. The school, credited with having the first kindergarten in the United States, graduated its last class in June, 1874.

## Insurance experts rate Hoboken

Fire engineers from the Insurance Service Office of New Jersey are giving Hoboken a thorough going over to determine if the city's fire rating should be revised — with insurance rates to follow.

A spokesman for the city's fire department said the engineers have been in the city about a week and will remain for approximately three more weeks before completing their inspection. Checked are such items as fire fighting equipment, fire training programs, inspections for prevention, condition of the water supply system, condition of the city's streets, and the general condition of buildings in the city.

The engineers represent all of the insurance companies that do business in New Jersey, the spokesman added.

Hoboken currently carried a "C" rating, the lowest of the four ratings assigned by insurance companies. The best is a first class "A" rating, followed by a second class "A" rating, and then "B".

A first class "A" rating is assigned to a municipality which scores between 9 and 500 points, a second class "A" rating is between 500 and 1,000 points, the points being assessed for adequacy.

The spokesman said that Hoboken was last evaluated in 1955.

The spokesman did not know if the inspection and evaluation would assist some property owners in getting fire insurance. Fire insurance in the west section of the city has been very expensive in recent years and, in some cases, companies have refused to insure.

## Hoboken shows othershow city can be revived

A walking tour of 11 historic sites in Hoboken was conducted today by the Hoboken Historic Sites sub-committee of the city's Bicentennial Committee.

The high point of the tour was a building that in a few days will be gone — the Stevens Academy at Fifth Street and Willow Avenue. The school is being demolished to make way for a new Garden State National Bank drive-in branch.

In addition to the demolition of the school, some of the other sites visited included the City Hall, Our Lady of Grace Church, Elysian Park, Holy Innocents Church, the Stevens Tech greenhouse, and the World War I veterans Memorial boulder on River Street.

Yesterday, some 50 engineers and planners also took a walking tour of the city to see the efforts that have been made by the city, developers and private property owners to revitalize the city.



## CDA funds to buy school eyed for slum clearance

Close to \$300,000 the Hoboken Community Development Agency (CDA) had earmarked for the purchase and rehabilitation of the old Stevens Academy may find its way into a slum clearance program being sought by Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri.

The councilman said today that he has asked Fred M. Bado, CDA director, to begin the slum program that Ranieri has been seeking for the last two years, using the \$300,000 CDA had for the purchase of the school and the more than \$200,000 it planned to spend to remodel the building.

"In addition, the CDA has something like \$300,000 in unspent funds in its relocation account that could be used, bringing the total to around \$600,000 for slum clearance," he said.

"With the school purchased by a bank, the money CDA planned to spend on it could be put to a good purpose. We have a number

of buildings along Garden Street, between Second and Third Streets, which should be torn down.

"They are up for sale but I doubt anyone will be willing to buy them. They are in poor condition and a blight to the rest of the neighborhood."

Ranieri said that the CDA could buy the buildings and have them demolished.

The councilman added that he is still firm in his commitment to have one third of the CDA's next budget devoted to slum clearance and the relocation of families living in those slum buildings.

"Unless we attend to the problem of slum buildings the problem will spread," he continued, "and very shortly another neighborhood will be lost to urban blight."

The councilman said that he has also sent copies of his letter to Mayor Steve Cappelletto and Council President Martin J. Brennan.

## Hoboken proceeding minus summer school okay

Even though Hoboken may not have a summer program in the schools unless the state legislators come up with a program to fund the Thorough and Efficient Education Act, the city's board of education is proceeding as though there will not be a July 1 closing as ordered by the state Supreme Court.

Mrs. Mary Gaspar, board president, has called a special meeting of the board for tomorrow night for the purpose of authorizing the advertising for food bids for the

summer program. The meeting will start at 8 o'clock with a public caucus scheduled for 7:30.

"Not doing anything until we are certain that the state will come up with the T and E funds wouldn't be right either," said Mrs. Gaspar. "If it does come up with the money and we just sat by until it does, the regular business of the board would be very far behind schedule."

"We'll proceed as normal until a decision is made."

## Hoboken files for \$15 million in HUD funds

Applications totaling more than \$15 million for housing development in Hoboken have been submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), it was learned today. Four different projects are proposed.

A city spokesman said HUD has notified the city of the applications and given it 30 days from the date of notification in which to file any objections to the proposals.

"Our information on the proposals is limited since they are all made under the new HUD program called Section 8," he said. "They involve some rehabilitation and some new construction. But most of the transaction is between the developer and HUD."

"The housing will go on the city's tax rolls as regular property, taxed just like any property, even though they are moderate income and senior citizen proposals, which in the past paid the city an in-lieu-of-tax payment rather than taxes."

The biggest proposal is for the development of the old Condenser Service building at Observer Highway and Bloomfield Street. A firm calling itself UNICO Senior Citizen Housing, no specific chapter mentioned, proposes to borrow \$7,450,010 for the construction of a senior citizen apartment house.

The next is a \$3,550,000 development, 11 stories high in the vicinity of Eighth Street and Park Avenue for moderate income families. The spokesman did not know the name of the applicant.

There are also two proposals from Northvale Housing Corp. for \$2,322,000 for the rehabilitation of 50-58 11th St. and 1000-1006 Clinton St.; and \$1,943,910 for a rehabilitation project in the vicinity of 13th and Bloomfield streets. Northvale is associated with Applied Housing Associates which has done a number of tenement rehabilitation jobs in the city.

Mayor Steve Cappelletto said he didn't think the city would make any serious objections to the proposals.

"The city still doesn't know all of the details," he said, "but we are certainly for this new way of doing things. The city has already given out too many tax abatements. This is a much healthier alternative since the property pays full taxes. The federal government makes up the difference for the owner with rent subsidies."

## Big Hoboken water users warned to repair meters

Letters have been sent out to approximately 25 of Hoboken's larger water users whose meters haven't been working warning that repairs must be made immediately or the city will start doubling the averaged bills it has been sending the firms.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said the city has gotten "a very good response" from the companies and most are taking action to have their meters repaired or replaced.

"Some of them have been calling the city to do the work but they are responsible for their own meters and have to get a private contractor to do the work," he said. "These are all large meters on two, four or six-inch lines. The city takes care of the meters on private homes because they are one inch or less."

The inoperative meters are referred to as "DR's" for "doesn't register." The building owners who have them get average bills based on the last known reading and the average increase in water use throughout the city over the years.

"In some cases we're talking about meters that haven't been operating for years," said Vitale. "The city has from time to time sent notices to the property owners telling them that their meters aren't working and should be fixed. But few of them had the repairs made or the meters replaced. I guess they were satisfied with the averaged bill."

"But I think the threat of having their

## Rent aid may be available at Towers

Up to 35 per cent of the 399 families living in the Church Towers housing project in Hoboken could be eligible for rent reductions if the project's application for rent subsidies under Section 8 of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is approved.

A spokesman for the Y.A.N. Management Corp., the firm that manages and operates the three buildings in the project, said it had tentative approval of the subsidies for all 277 efficiency and one-bedroom apartments but there are still some minor questions to be resolved on the 118 two-bedroom and 54 three-bedroom units.

"Actually, they will not be getting rent decreases in the true sense of the word," said the spokesman. "But if a family qualifies for Section 8 assistance they will be paying less."

"The rent itself will remain the same but HUD will pay the difference between the market rent and what that family can afford based on its income."

"This would be very helpful in helping halt the exodus of elderly tenants who have to find other quarters, particularly in senior citizen housing, so they can continue to live in a dignified manner without exhausting their financial resources."

The spokesman said that families who qualify would pay either 15 per cent of the gross annual income or 25 per cent of the adjusted annual income — whichever is higher — in rent. The difference would be paid under Section 8. If rents go up but income remains the same, the Section 8 payments would increase.

"The subsidies will also increase the number of families who are eligible for apartments in Church Towers," he continued. "Many now are eligible because their income is too low and they cannot afford the rents."



THE CHAIRMAN — Vincent Wassman, chairman of the Hoboken Bicentennial Committee, does his Bicentennial Parade marching in style — on the back of a horse. The parade lasted for more than two hours and ended with ceremonies at the World War I Veteran's Memorial Boulder at Second and River streets.



UNCHANGED FOR 200 YEARS — Matthew Grimley, coordinator for Hoboken's Bicentennial Parade, snaps a salute as the flag passes in review. Grimley, who is active in both the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, was dressed in authentic revolutionary garb for the parade. (More pictures on Page 9.)



BICENTENNIAL MEMENTO — Hudson County Freeholder Vincent J. Fusilli of Hoboken presents a Bicentennial flag to St. Joseph's School, Hoboken. From left are Freeholder Fusilli, Sister Agnelle, principal; the Rev. Juniper Alwell, pastor of the church; and Stephen Pietropolano, a second grade pupil.

## For and against negotiated manpower

Both Hoboken and its firefighters have presented their cases for and against making manpower a negotiable item in contract talks to the three-judge panel of the Appellate Division of state Superior Court yesterday in Newark.

Hoboken, represented by Francis X. Hayes, took the position that manpower of the fire department, or any other city department, cannot be negotiated away. The position was upheld by a lower court decision in Hoboken's behalf.

The firefighters were represented by

David Solomon. His position was that the strength of the department can be negotiated by the firemen and the city. That position was upheld by a lower court in a similar case involving Camden and its firemen.

The appeal has been pending since last year.

Meanwhile, it was learned that some progress is being made in contract talks between the city and firefighters. Hoboken has made a counter offer to the firemen calling for a three-year contract with a \$200

raise this year, an eight per cent raise next year and a seven per cent increase in the third year.

Originally the city had offered nothing this year, three per cent and four per cent in the second and third years. The firemen countered with a demand for a two-year contract with a 16 per cent increase this year and a 14 per cent increase in the second year.

Representatives of the firefighters and fire officers were scheduled to meet tonight with Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri, the city's negotiator, for more discussions.

## Panel to inspect tenement before ruling on rent cut

The Hoboken Rent Leveling and Stabilization Board will wait until its members here personally inspect a city-managed tenement at 229 Madison St. before deciding whether to reduce the rents of seven families because of uncorrected housing violations.

At the invitation of city Revenue and Finance Director Frank J. Bartletta, whose department manages the building, a three-member subcommittee of the board will inspect the property next morning, a board spokesman said today.

The subcommittee consists of Alfred Avitable, chairman, Patrick McNamara and

Mary Lemanowicz. Its primary function is to review and make recommendations on cases where rent reductions or hardship increases have been sought.

Bartletta and the rent leveling board have had several encounters concerning the building. Most recently the board accused the director of breaking a pledge that he would not fill apartments as they were vacated because of substandard housing conditions.

The director denied that he made such a promise and claims that almost all of the violations have been corrected. The board has threatened to reduce the rents — \$50 a

month per family — to \$1 a month because of the alleged conditions.

In other action recently taken by the subcommittee, a 5 per cent rent reduction was awarded to tenants of the tenements at 50-52-54 and 56 11th St. because of uncorrected housing violations.

A hardship rent increase requested by the owner of 61 Third St. was denied. The owner had sought to raise rents from \$100 and \$111 a month to \$175 a month. The committee did authorize a 7 per cent increase for the landlord, the standard increase most property owners are allowed to implement without going to the board for permission.

## Hoboken teachers win on pay

By ANDY DANZO

A hearings examiner attached to the state Public Employment Relations Commission yesterday handed down a ruling in favor of holding the Hoboken Board of Education to a contract granting a \$400 raise to public school teachers next year.

The ruling also included an order by the hearings examiner that directs the board to begin immediate negotiations on several other topics of contention with the teachers. The areas subject to new talks would include coaching salaries, pay for extra-curricular activities, and a stipulation of no layoffs unless there is a drop in enrollment at the schools.

The ruling, which is currently in the form of a report from the hearings examiner, is not yet official. It has yet to be confirmed by the entire PERC body at their next regular meeting which will be held sometime during the first

week of next month.

The board of education met last night in a closed session not open to the public. The board reportedly called the special meeting to deal with personnel matters and it could not be learned if any course of action was mapped concerning the PERC report.

The contested contract between Hoboken and its teachers was drawn up during a marathon meeting on the night of October 9, last year. The contract brought to an end a long and bitter strike which kept students from being able to attend class for 27 days.

Teachers voted 259 to 60 for acceptance of the contract which offered them a \$400 across-the-board salary hike with an additional 8.7 per cent increase to be tacked on the following year. The third year of the three-year contract was to give teachers another raise, this time of eight per cent.

## Emergency sewer funds nearly gone in Hoboken

With its \$70,000 emergency appropriation nearly exhausted, the Hoboken City Council has had to defer a monthly payment for the temporary pumping station on 11th Street, near Hudson.

"Nearly all of the \$70,000 for the emergency has been used, but we still have the emergency," reported Councilman Robert Ranieri.

As a result, the council last night tabled the \$5,805 monthly payment to Raymond Wright who is under contract with the city to operate the temporary

pumping station for sewage treatment. Only about \$4,000 remains of the \$70,000 set aside for the work, a spokesman said.

Ranieri said Hoboken is in federal funds from the Environmental Protection Agency to replace the sewage station which was destroyed by an explosion. "We have been promised preferential treatment because of the emergency, but we don't have the money yet," he said.

Another resolution to pay \$41,824 to the Mayo Lynch and Associates engineering firm for

work at the pumping station also was tabled.

In other business, the council urged Hudson legislators to vote against repeal of the present Sunday closing law and urged the Public Utilities Commission to approve a petition by bus owners on Route 22 to permit additional buses to operate.

An \$8,400 payment was approved for the Artico Wrecking Co. for demolition of buildings at 126-128 Jefferson St. A semi-annual payment of \$7,500 also was approved for the Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

## Fund for overtime depleted in Hoboken

With six months remaining in the year, more than three quarters of the overtime funds set aside for emergencies in the Hoboken Public Works Department have been used up and the Hoboken City Council has been told emergency appropriations are needed for the rest of 1976.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today that he has only \$5,000 in overtime money left from the \$30,000 originally appropriated for the year — and that will be gone by the end of the month.

"Overtime in the department has been running between \$35,000 and \$40,000 for several years because of emergencies which required the calling out of men after normal working hours on weekends," he said. "I believe I asked for about \$40,000 in my preliminary budget for this year but it was cut in half by the mayor and council."

More than 40 public works employees, mostly laborers and equipment operators, went to see Mayor Steve Cappelletto last week when they learned that there was a possibility that they weren't going to get overtime that was owed to them. The group met with the mayor in the city council

chambers and was told to select a committee of five persons to discuss the matter further.

According to Mayor Cappelletto, the problem isn't only the payment of overtime funds but favoritism in the selection of who gets to work the extra hours and collect the extra pay.

The mayor said that there had been complaints that it was always the same men who got overtime.

Director Vitale said he didn't assign the overtime.

"The way the system works, if there is an emergency the foreman is called by the police department," the director said. "He then calls in the men he needs to handle the job."

The director said that if the foremen were calling the same men in all the time it was probably because they were the best workers.

Meanwhile, it was learned that Vitale has sent a letter to the city council advising it of the pending shortage in overtime funds and that additional money will be needed to cope with any emergencies that come up during the remainder of the year.

## Ranieri urges panel to monitor water recovery

A three-member water commission, comprised of representatives from Hoboken's three largest water users, has been proposed to oversee the city's new water recovery program, it was learned today.

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri said that he has suggested to Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale the formation of such a commission — "similar to New York City's Big MAC" — to make sure the program is handled the right way.

"Industry and business in the city have as much at stake as the city does," said the councilman. "If the job isn't done right, and done right the first time, the city could have financial problems even more serious than the ones it now anticipates because of Jersey City's rate increase."

"Since there is so much at stake in this project I think it is only right that the city call on those who will be affected most by it to become actively involved and lend their expertise."

The water project will be proceeding in three directions — a water line repair program, a meter repair and replacement program, and a tightening up of billing procedures and collections.

Ranieri said that the commission would not have any direct authority to govern the operation of the program. But it would make recommendations to the mayor and council on changes or improvements.

"Director Vitale has expressed interest in the idea," the councilman continued. "I have also talked with local business and industry leaders and they, too, are interested."

The councilman said he would take the proposal up with the rest of the city council and the mayor immediately. If they agree, a resolution will be introduced at the first possible opportunity creating the commission. The appointments would be made by the mayor, based on who is selected by the companies as their representatives.

Maxwell House Coffee is the city's largest water user, followed by the Bethlehem Steel shipyard. Close to a dozen other companies fluctuate in the third place position during the course of a year, the councilman added.

## Council split on Church Towers subsidies

An application for federal rent subsidies for the Church Towers middle-income projects in Hoboken, a move which would open the three apartment houses to low-income families, is getting a mixed reaction from members of the Hoboken City Council.

According to one council source, there are almost as many councilmen for the proposal as against it, and it may be extremely difficult to reach a decision in time to enter

the city's request formally with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Renewal (HUD).

Under the procedure used by HUD on requests for rent subsidies through Section 8, the city is formally notified of an application when HUD is prepared to act on it. At that time the city must tell HUD in detail any objections it might have and the basis for them.

The city is given 30 days from the receipt

of the notification to form and submit its reply. To date, the city has not yet been notified by HUD that it is considering the application submitted by the Y.A.N. Management Corp., the firm that manages the three apartment buildings.

"Our problem is that we don't know if we should take the word of the Church Towers management at face value," said one source. "The rent subsidies are being promoted as a means of allowing senior citizens to remain

tenants by taking some of the financial burden off them."

"In that vein, I think the council agrees. However, there is the question of why all of the apartments in all three buildings are included in the application, since senior citizens living in Church Towers are in the minority. The indication is that the management wants to maintain 100 per cent occupancy and is willing to bring in low-income families to do it."





NOONTIME SERENADE — Students of Hoboken public school bands entertain with concert in front of the steps at Hoboken city hall as part of the city's bicentennial observance. There also were displays and exhibitions of arts and crafts of students on exhibit. The week-long concert series ends tomorrow.

## Hoboken group seeking battleship

"Bring the USS New Jersey to Hoboken." That is the battle cry of a committee being formed in Hoboken by Richard T. Bozzone, who wants to bring the World War II battleship to the city as a centerpiece for a memorial and recreation complex along the city's waterfront.

Bozzone, who recently moved back to Hoboken from Jersey City, said that the complex would include a restaurant, sitting area, parking section, museum area and a series of specialty shops housed under a space frame canopy.

"I have already commissioned Mayo, Lynch and Associates to prepare a site plan for the idea," he said. "I have been advised by the firm that the warehouse area of the old Fifth Street pier could be demolished, leaving the base structure intact."

Bozzone said that he has already contacted U.S. Senator Harrison A. Williams and Rep. Dominick V. Daniels to check the status of the battleship and to explore the possibility of getting federal grant to develop the facility.

"One of the more exciting aspects of the project is the use of solar plates for heating and cooling," he said.

## Hoboken weighs telephone system saving \$4,000 a year

A new telephone system Hoboken is considering could save the city a minimum of \$4,000 a year, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today following talks with representatives of New Jersey Bell.

The mayor said the system, which is called "centrex," is actually not new but more complex than the one the city is now using and capable of doing a better job.

"I would like to combine all city telephones, the police and fire telephone and the board of education phones into one system," he said. "If the school board approves, we will contract for it."

The mayor said he has mentioned the new set-up to Mrs. Mary Stack Gaspar, school board president, but he would like to discuss it with the entire board.

"According to figures from the telephone company, if the city board of education, police department and fire department were all working off the same centrex board we would save approximately 25 per cent of the

message units that we use now," the mayor continued.

"With our current system, each has a separate switchboard. If someone in the city wants to call someone in the fire department he must dial the fire department's outside number—and that's message units used. The same applies for calls between any of the four groups. The centrex eliminates this allowing interoffice calls without charge."

The initial proposal does not include the Community Development Agency (CDA), the Multi-Service Center, the Housing Authority or the Parking Authority.

## City halts auction at old Grand Hotel

An auction of property and fixtures from the old Grand Hotel and cocktail lounge in Hoboken was halted yesterday by the city until the former owner can prove by affidavit that he is the rightful owner of the property.

City officials notified Vincent Logan, former owner of the building and the operator of the Grand Cocktail Lounge, that he couldn't sell any of the fixture or contents of the building until he proved to the city that they were actually his possessions

and not part of the equipment that went with the hotel.

A spokesman for the city's Revenue and Finance Department said that the city now owns the building by virtue of foreclosure for non-payment of taxes.

"The original fixtures that were in the hotel stay with the hotel," he said. "Any equipment or fixtures purchased by the former owner for the cocktail lounge operation are his and can be sold. To distinguish the difference the city wants affidavits to that affect."

## Doing the job

The littered condition of Hoboken's streets, a blemish on the city's improving image, appears to be more a matter of poor administration than anything else.

The latest proposal, by a councilman, is to detach a second policeman to accompany the mechanical sweeper so that more tickets can be put on cars blocking it.

Not only would this further deplete police manpower, but there is no reason to believe it would clear the way for the sweeper.

The streets were cleaned adequately when the city towed cars away. Ever since the mayor discontinued towing a year and a half ago on the grounds that it was "hard on the public," the sweeper has been unable to do an effective job.

The towaway program was not a case of bureaucrats pushing the public around. It was a reasonable measure which facilitated a useful municipal service. Reinstating the towaway program would not cost the city a penny.

Most of the offenders are out-of-town, but apparently some city officials fear the ire of the few hometowners caught breaking the law.

The city has just bought two new sweepers for \$80,000. Why not let them do the job for which the taxpayers shelled out all that money?

## On the way

Hoboken has been receiving an unprecedented volume of favorable publicity as an interesting city enriched by the survival of appealing features of an historic past.

It has been extolled for its striking architecture, its ethnic restaurants and food shops, and for the surprisingly overlooked fact that it long has been and still is but a few minutes from both downtown and midtown New York.

It should come as no surprise that at this time of resurgence of interest in this picturesque city, developers are proposing residential projects which would yield the revenue needed to remedy its deficiencies.

For the first time in more than half a century, large scale construction is planned which would bring the city full taxes rather than sums paid in lieu of taxes, often amounting to token payments and sometimes none at all.

The \$15,000,000 in such projects already being considered would be worth \$1,500,000 a year in revenue, aside from their value in supplanting depressed areas with attractive developments.

May they proceed with speed!

## Hoboken High PTA to see student crafts

Members of the Jerseymen Club and the Future Homemakers Club of Hoboken High School will present a "Bicentennial Salute" for the Hoboken High School Parent-Teacher Association tonight at 8 o'clock in the school cafeteria, Clinton and Ninth streets.

Craft demonstrations will include latch hook rug by Ellen Smith; speed needle rug by Theresa Prester; flower loom by Maria Velez, and needlepoint by Jenny Schuman.

Embroidery by second grade students of the Rue School will be displayed, as will an original quilt made by the students of Mrs. Ruth Trachtenberg.

There also will be a cake decorating contest with a bicentennial theme, and a talk with slides depicting historic sites in Hoboken.

Samples of work done by other junior and senior high school home economics classes will be exhibited as well.

Mrs. Caesar Fagazzi is moderator for the Jerseymen and Future Homemaker clubs.

## Hoboken police again reject three-year pact

Hoboken's policemen have again rejected the city's offer for a three-year labor contract but negotiations with the city's firefighters and fire officers have taken a turn for the better.

Ernest O. Brissette, president of the Hoboken Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA), said today that his membership has rejected the city's offer of a \$200 raise this year and eight and seven per cent increases in the second and third years of the pact, respectively.

Brissette declined to discuss the talks but did say that they would continue.

Meanwhile, the city's firemen and fire officers are considering the same offer and, while they may also reject it, there is a general feeling among the negotiators that they are "closing in on a settlement."

"The overall atmosphere of the negotiations has changed," said Michael Bavaro, president of the Fire Fighters Association. "We have some good faith bargaining going on and I think that's because Councilman (Robert) Ranieri has finally been given some figures to work with."

"There are still some major differences to be resolved but we really aren't that far apart. I strongly believe that we can resolve it in a fairly short time."

Pay increases for the fire officers are directly tied to what the firemen get. The pay scales for captains and deputy chiefs are determined by differentials between the various grades, and the differentials are covered by the contract.

The last counter proposals made by the policemen and firemen called for 25 and 30 per cent increases, respectively, over a two year period. Both were rejected by the city.

## Hoboken still holding out for revision of water pact

Governing bodies in two communities that buy Jersey City water have slated dates for ratifying new contracts, but a third customer, Hoboken, wants to renegotiate the minimum daily purchase provision.

The contracts with Lyndhurst and West Caldwell as well as Hoboken would raise rates 75 per cent to \$420 per million gallons.

Gabriel Ambrosio, Lyndhurst borough attorney, said lawyers for Jersey City have provided information and clarifications of the contract he sought, and information on the city's bonding arrangements.

Ambrosio said he has prepared a resolution the Lyndhurst Board of Commissioners will vote on tomorrow.

West Caldwell Borough Attorney John McDonough said members of the borough

council discussed the contract with him last Friday and will vote on it June 1.

Carl Schaefer, Hoboken assistant city attorney, said Hoboken officials are concerned that the provision sets a penalty for using too little water in one day. He said he realizes Jersey City officials are trying to get a standard level of water use to avoid low pressure situations, but Hoboken is worried that when the water it has begun to repair are fixed it will use much less water than it does now, and that if the minimum provision is put in the contract it might have to pay for water it doesn't use.

He said he wants to talk to Jersey City legal representatives again early this week. It's important to do so quickly, he said, so the Hoboken City Council could pass an ordinance raising rates to its customers in time for the third billing period.

## CAC pay up to Hoboken Battle re-enacted

Whether or not members of the Hoboken Community Action Council (CAC) will continue to get a \$50 stipend each month for attending two meetings will depend on whether the city agrees to pay it.

According to an official of the Hoboken Community Development Agency (CDA), the parent agency of the CAC, the payments are not illegal, contrary to reports. However, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which funds the CDA, has ruled that HUD funds cannot be used to make them.

He said that the CDA could make the payments but the city would have to reimburse CDA for them and, so far, city officials are not willing to go along with that.

Gerald Fitzpatrick, CAC president, said that the council still wasn't prepared to accept HUD's ruling that his group was ineligible for payment with CDA funds.

"We are not a group but a council," said Fitzpatrick. "HUD's letter specifically referred to groups. Also, it's ruling isn't very specific. So we are asking for the decision in writing quoting the section of HUD's rules pertaining to our situation."

Fitzpatrick also took exception to reports that some of the CAC members would quit if the \$25 a meeting payments were stopped.

"If any of the 18 members is quitting they haven't said anything to me about it," he asserted. Fitzpatrick conceded that only 11 of the council members attended last week's meeting, but said that this was not unusual.

"We all have our own personal business and needs to take care of from time to time," he said. "And sometimes that interferes with attending the CAC meetings and can't be avoided."

## Rink Site

Hoboken's federally-funded Community Development Agency has the money for a roller and ice skating rink which could be used for hockey, a most popular sport among the youth of the city.

Potential sites are scarce, and when officials were looking over the prospects some six months ago, the most feasible seemed to be the eight acres occupied by the defunct Penn Central marine repair yard on the Hudson River just north of the Stevens Institute campus. But the railroad was in receivership and was not in a position to yield the tract.

The way has now been cleared for the bankrupt railroad to unload this and other properties it no longer needs. The receivers are thinking of offering it for industrial development. The site is small for any considerable industrial use.

Why not revive the idea of locating a rink there for recreation starved Hoboken?

## Hoboken poll slated on '77 mayor race

Who will be Mayor Steve Cappiello's main opposition in his bid for reelection next year?

The answer to that could start to take shape next month when a group of 18 residents begin a straw poll on who the voters would prefer as an opponent to the mayor, it was learned from one of the potential pollsters.

He said that the names of three possible candidates would be presented to the voters for their selection, but he declined to say who the three would be.

"There will be nine teams, one man and one woman to each," he continued. "Each team will have a locked container into which the straw poll selections will be placed. The containers will remain locked until the poll has been completed."

"We will be trying to accumulate approximately 4,000 straw ballots so a count will be maintained on the number of ballots turned in. When that figure has been reached, the containers will be opened and the results tabulated."

The spokesman, who asked that his name not be used because he holds a city position, said that the group would then approach the one who got the highest count and try to convince him to run next May.

## Week of discolored water coming up for Hoboken

Hoboken residents will be burdened with a week of discolored water because the Insurance Services Office of New Jersey will be conducting a number of tests on the system, Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today.

"Monday they will be testing the water gates throughout the system," said the director. "And that is going to kick up sediment in our lines. The result will be a discoloration of the water which will make it unpleasant to look at, but it will still be safe to drink."

"The water also may pick up a slight smell," he added.

Vitale said it usually takes a few days

for the sediment to settle after it has been disturbed. But Thursday another test will be conducted which will kick it up again.

"On Thursday they'll be checking the fire hydrants and the pressure in our lines which will disturb things all over again for several more days," he continued. "But everything should be back to normal by next Saturday or Sunday."

According to the director, residents can eliminate some of the discoloration problems by either straining the water through a closely woven cloth, or allowing it to sit for a few hours so the sediment can settle to the bottom of the container.

## Vitale cites lack of cash for light recreation plan

In response to criticism of Hoboken's recreation program, Director Raphael P. Vitale said today that a lack of funds and adequate facilities were the main reasons the program was drawing fire.

"We serve approximately 14,000 residents a year, ranging from pre-schoolers to senior citizens," said the director. "And with the limited facilities we have, that's a lot of people."

"For this year we have a recreation budget of \$102,940 resulting in a per capita expense of \$7.24. To begin with, that is not a lot. Take out salaries from the total amount and you are talking about approximately \$15,500 that is actually spent on the citizens of the city for recreational purposes."

"And out of that money must come the cost of all materials needed to keep what facilities we do have in operation, plus supplies for the programs themselves. When that is figured in, the city is probably returning less than \$1 a person."

The program was recently criticized by United Citizens Associations as being inadequate for the city's needs.

According to the director, earmarking more city funds for recreation programs themselves would not necessarily be the immediate answer to improving the programs.

"Adequate facilities must come first," he said. "We have three fields where ball can be played, one recreation center and the multi-service center. And every one of them gets maximum useage. If we are to improve the programs we must have the facilities to house them."

One of the complaints registered by United Citizens was that teams of the Hoboken Babe Ruth League had to practice and play their games at fields in Jersey City. Vitale did not disagree.

"It proves my point," he asserted. "This is what happens when the demand exceeds the supply."

Vitale said he was willing to work with the group and would welcome any suggestions it might have for improving the recreation program.

"Improvements usually start with ideas, and I have nothing to lose by listening to theirs," he continued. "If we can get more for what we spend, well, I have nothing against that."

Vitale said that he had not yet been contacted by anyone from the group to discuss the recreation programs.

## Hoboken teachers win PERC ruling

The state Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) has ruled in favor of the Hoboken Teachers' Association in a dispute over wording in the contract that ended the September school strike.

A spokesman for the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) said that PERC ruled that the teachers' (version) of the contract was correct and that the board of education should immediately adopt and implement the contract.

The difference developed over whether a \$400 raise in the first year of the three-year pact was to carry over into the third and fourth years along with percentage increases.

Robert W. Taylor, attorney for the board, said that he could not comment on the decision until he had actually gone over it.

According to Taylor, the decision could cost the school system an additional \$250,000 which it has not budgeted in the 1976-77 school year.

"Of course, the decision is still subject to appeal if the board feels that this is the course it wants to follow," he continued. "But I really can't comment intelligently on the decision until the board gets its copy and I have studied it thoroughly."

## No intimidation

Few, if any, will fail to applaud the Hoboken Welfare Board for backing up its newly-hired investigator in filing assault charges against three clients who, she says, threatened to beat her when she had their welfare payments reduced.

The merits of this case have yet to be decided in court, but it is fortunate the board did not attempt to curb this nonsense investigator who has already uncovered several instances of improper payments which otherwise would have gone undetected.

It takes a degree of fortitude to go out on investigations without protection against physical violence. It should be made absolutely clear that even the suggestion of intimidation will not be tolerated.

## Hoboken faculty pay appeal set

By MICHAEL CROWLEY

The teachers and the Hoboken Board of Education made an agreement ending a strike. Then they disagreed about the agreement and last week a mediator said the teachers were right. Now the board disagrees and will appeal.

The issue is \$400 for every teacher or as the board likes to describe it—a total of

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\$160,000 that they don't have. The teachers' union representatives say they should receive the money this year while the board has made several different contentions concerning agreement.

According to an official of the New Jersey Education Assn., Gerald Lange, the ruling by a hearing examiner from the Public Employees Relations Commission (PERC) in favor of the teachers, pointed out that there were contradictions in the testimony by the two board representatives.

Mary Gaspar, president of the board and one of the representatives before PERC, says the issue is complicated. She says the disagreement is over whether the \$400 is put into the pay scale or paid outright.

But the union president, Mary Tecktonius, says that is not really the issue. We are not asking for that money to be put in the pay scale. She explains that to end the 27-day strike the two parties agreed that the \$400 for this school year could be paid next year and now the board disagrees.

Mrs. Tecktonius says the agreement was signed by five members of the board making it binding. But she says what has gone on behind closed doors has led to the united front by the board against the agreement. All discussions on the matter by the board have been held in secret closed meetings.

The appeal by the board will be made before the entire PERC commission early next month when the board attorney, Robert Taylor, returns from vacation. When asked about the disagreement, Mrs. Gaspar continues by explaining the financial problems of the board. The lack of a state decision concerning the funding of "thorough and efficient" education, cutbacks in money from the city and according to the president "if we give the teachers a raise all the other janitorial and clerical workers will want one."

While the decision to give the money to the teachers is decided according to the union the board still says it has no money.



STAR PERFORMANCE—Bicentennial chairman Vincent Wassmann, who didn't bring his white horse to the ball, and committee member Terry Sasso (left) chat with Sue Spinelli, ticket chairman, about the quilt made by Mrs. Rose Trachtenberg's art classes at Hoboken High School. Mrs. Ann Liguori won the quilt which was raffled off.



DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY—Hoboken Bicentennial Ball chairman Frances Ciriello had a whirl with committee member William Van Dorn Saturday night at Stevens Center. It was a fun night for 600 persons.





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**IN THE SPIRIT** — Mrs. James V. Tully, Stevens Family descendant, received birthday congratulations from parade chairman Matthew Grimley and Hoboken historian John J. Heaney. Mrs. Tully and Mayor Steve Cappiello were both birthday celebrants and four large birthday cakes were donated for the event. Mrs. Tully was presented with roses.

## Enjoy Hoboken ball

By AUDREY HAINFELD

It was gung ho America all the way at Hoboken's Bicentennial Ball Saturday night as almost 600 persons filled Stevens Center to admire the breathtaking view of the New York skyline as they celebrated our nation's 200th birthday.

Other birthday celebrants included Mayor Steve Cappiello and Mrs. James V. Tully of Montclair, a direct descendant of George Washington and Nelly Custis, and a member of the historic Stevens Family. Mrs. Tully was presented with a bouquet of red roses and everybody sang "happy birthday" to both celebrants.

During the cocktail hour and the dinner, guests were entertained by the Traymore Pipers who added color and festivity to the occasion. One of the highlights of the evening was a "community sing" with all the old favorite patriotic songs sung by the assemblage as words were flashed on a screen.

There's nothing like an old-

fashioned sing-along to get everybody in the mood, and before long the guests were spontaneously waving the small flags on the tables in the air as they sang.

Fashions illustrated the new simplicity in evening styles, with most committee members in Colonial garb. Although dress was optional, the majority seemed to prefer modern attire. A group of young people had one man dressed as an Indian. It was a strange sight to see him "doing the hustle" with a fair blonde maiden who could have been a Colonial farmer's wife complete with little white cap.

There was nothing political about the affair. No speeches except a word of welcome from Mayor Steve Cappiello and greetings from Bicentennial chairman Vincent Wassmann. Committee members were

presented with citations in appreciation of their work.

Large U. S. historic flags were strung above the ballroom with the skyline in the background. Tables were decorated with red, white and blue floral centerpieces and each guest received a red quill pen and a book of portraits of scenes of the Revolution as mementoes.

Adding to the festivity was a display of murals and other art work completed by Hoboken High School students under direction of Ignatius Spinelli, art teacher. All depicted historic scenes of the Revolution and Hoboken contributions.

When the evening ended well after 1 a.m., Mayor Cappiello, remarked on leaving the center, "You know, we really ought to do this more often." A lot of other people agreed with him.



**ON DISPLAY** — Admiring some of the bicentennial paintings done by Hoboken school children, which were on exhibition at Stevens Institute of Technology for the city's Bicentennial Ball, are from left, Mrs. Frances Ciriello, ball chairman; Matthew Grim-

ley, chairman for last week's Bicentennial Parade, and Vincent Massmann, chairman of the Hoboken Bicentennial Committee.



**AT THE HOST'S TABLE** — Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rogers, seated, chat with Hoboken Postmaster Nicholas J. Caruso, left, and Assemblyman Thomas A. Gallo during the Hoboken Bicentennial Ball. Dr. Rogers is president of Stevens Institute of Technology where the ball was held.

## Bicentennial ball draws 500 in Hoboken



**ETHAN ALLAN WHERE ARE YOU?** — The Green Mountain Boys from Vermont (Hoboken) enter the ballroom at Stevens Institute of Technology for the Hoboken Bicentennial Ball. More than 500 persons attended with many of them in costume.



**SERVICE WITH A SMILE** — Dr. Frank Vanore, left, and Dr. Alex Graziano are served by their wives during the Hoboken Bicentennial Ball. Both Dr. Graziano and his wife wore authentic costumes of the revolutionary period.



**OPENING THE CEREMONIES** — The color guard from the Hoboken Knights of Columbus Council, led by John Gato, right, enters the main ballroom at Stevens Institute, kicking off the Hoboken Bicentennial Ball. John Calzetta, grand knight, holds the American flag.



**AT THE PUNCH BOWL** — Enjoying a pre-dinner cocktail at the Hoboken Bicentennial Ball are, from left, Councilman-at-Large Francis X. Leahy, Hudson County Freeholder Vincent J. Fasilli, Mayor Steve Cappiello and Sixth Ward Councilman Nunzio Mal-fetti. The ball concluded Hoboken's formal bicentennial observance week.

## Decisions 5/24/76 J.G.

If you get impatient with bumbling elected officials, consider what you would do if you faced some of their problems.

Take something simple, like a dog warden's job. Hoboken was unhappy with its dog warden, so a new man was hired who not only does what is required of him, but goes out of his way to do more.

But there is a problem. The new warden wants to be paid as much as the man he replaced. So why not give him a raise?

It is not that easy. The former dog warden was a truck driver, assigned as dog warden, and on the payroll at \$9,250 a year. The new warden is on the CETA payroll as a \$6,900 a year laborer. The civil service dog warden scale is \$7,100 to \$8,550, but he must start at \$7,100.

The new man has been offered the civil service dog warden title at \$7,100 and the promise of a raise—amount unspecified—after a 3-month trial.

Why not give him an appointment as truck driver, pay him \$9,250 like his predecessor, and assign him as dog warden? There are others awaiting appointment as truck drivers and they have priority.

And that is the way it goes all day long, decisions . . . decisions . . . decisions.

## Hoboken replacing water meters, starting with own

Hoboken's much talked about residential water meter replacement program is under way — with the city attending to its own needs first, Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today.

"In the city's case it's a matter of accountability rather than money," said Vitale. "Having meters in city buildings that work properly isn't going to produce more or less money for the city. But it will allow us to be more exact in figuring out how much water the city uses."

"With meters that work right we can say how much water is used in city buildings, how much is used residentially, how much is used by industry and how much can't be accounted for."

Vitale explained that of the approximately 12 million gallons of water Hoboken buys each day from Jersey City, between 30 and 40 per cent of it cannot be accounted for with hard, factual figures.

"We estimate that so much is lost through leaks and breaks in the water lines," he said, "but those figures aren't very accurate because of meters that don't work. The more accurate and thorough our meter readings, the better we will be able to estimate what is being lost through leaks and breaks."

The director added that inaccurate meter readings or broken meters also affect the city's collections for sewage treatment.

"We don't meter sewage itself, but we do base the charge on what water issued by the consumer," he continued. "If a meter is broken or not working properly and the city has to estimate water use, it must also estimate the sewer charges as well."

Other agencies affiliated with the municipal government are also being notified to have their meters checked out and repaired or replaced.

Vitale said a letter has been sent to the Hoboken Board of Education advising it that many of the meters in the schools are inoperative or inaccurate and should be replaced immediately.

The school board pays for its water just like any other customer. Where meters are broken or inaccurate, the city estimates the bills.

## Locks limit phone calls at City Hall

A number of telephones at Hoboken City Hall will be sporting some new additions — locks to prevent them from being used by unauthorized personnel for long distance telephone calls.

Business Administrator Herman Bier said today that he is having the locks placed on all private telephones in the building because they are being used by city personnel to make long distance calls. Only the director or official who is assigned the private line will have a key to unlock the dial.

"We had a similar problem a few years back when the city had no control over the telephone system once the caller had an outside line," he said. "They could call anywhere and the city was stuck with the charges."

"Since then, we have gone to a different kind of telephone system which prevents long distance calls from being made. Bier said that the city hasn't had any excessive unauthorized use."

"No one's called California or Florida that I know of," he continued. "But there have been a number of calls to New York and the Jersey Shore area that can't be accounted for."

The director said that the locks fit into the dial and prevent users from making dial calls. Once in place, the lock prevents the dial from being turned.



**ON THE SPIRITUAL SIDE** — Hoboken clergymen examine the program for the Hoboken Bicentennial Ball held over the weekend at Stevens Institute of Technology. From left, standing, are the Rev. Edward M. Little of Holy Innocent Church, the Rev. Sylvester Abramowicz of Our Lady of Grace Church, and the Rev. Emilio Bianchi of St. Ann's. Seated, same order, are the Rev. Juniper Alwell of St. Joseph's Church, the Rev. Michael Gugliemelli of St. Francis Church, and the Rev. Julius Toth, also of St. Francis.



**MODEL PROGRAM** — Mayor Steve Cappiello left, accepts plaque from Housing and Urban Development Agency for outstanding home improvement program. Presenting award are Fred Bado, center, director of the city's Community Development Agency, and Ben Avitable, home improvement director.

## 13-block bike path Ranieri action would extend length

A resolution creating a 13-block-long bicycle path for Hoboken residents will be introduced at next week's council meeting by Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri.

The councilman said today that the resolution is the next step towards getting the \$30,000 the city was awarded for a bike path by the state Department of Transportation (DOT) under the Federal Highway Administration's Bikeway Program.

"Originally, we were talking about a project seven blocks long along Shore Road from Fourth to 11th Street," he said. "However the resolution expands that to include three blocks along River Street, from First to Fourth streets, and three blocks along Hudson Street, from 11th to 14th streets."

"The end result will be a bike path of 13 blocks along the city's waterfront area. There is a condition included. The funds will be committed primarily to the path along Shore Road. The north and south extensions

will depend on what money is left over, if any."

Ranieri said that the resolution will call upon the mayor to take whatever other action is necessary to show the city's commitment to the project, and requests the Hudson County Freeholders to pass a similar resolution approving construction of the bikeway where it would come in contact with county roads.

The bikeway has been a Ranieri project for more than 10 years. It was first proposed by the councilman's brother, Rudolph, when he was the First Ward Councilman under the administrations of former Mayors John J. Grogan and Louis DePascale. However, the councilman, who was a minority member of the council when the suggestion was made, could never get enough votes to get the measure passed.

The councilman-at-large renewed interest in the path last year when the federal government announced it had funds for such programs.







## 18 Hoboken cops to be honored

Eighteen Hoboken policemen will be commended or awarded the department's commendation bar, its second highest honor, for their outstanding work, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today.

The mayor said that the awards will be presented at formal ceremonies later this month. A date has not yet been set.

Due to receive the commendation bar are:

Detective Raul Torres for his apprehension of an armed man on April 16 wanted by the Yonkers, N.Y., police on a murder charge.

Detective Aurelio Lugo for his arrest on May 20 of a man wanted by the FBI in connection with the March 8 holdup of the Union City Savings and Loan Association. That arrest led to the arrests of two other men also wanted for the same holdup.

Detective Lt. Patrick Totaro will get a letter of commendation for his assistance in identifying several of the suspects wanted by the FBI in connection with the Union City holdup.

Letters of commendation will also be awarded to:

Patrolmen John Della Fave, Charles

Kosbab, Eugene Drayton and Richard Lynsky for talking an armed man into giving up his gun during a family dispute on Feb. 27 between two brothers.

Patrolmen Walter Barrett and Arthur DiVincent for their assistance to the detective bureau in breaking up a burglary ring and the location of much of the stolen property.

Sgt. Frank Garrick and Patrolmen John Carrier and Bruce Elsworth for apprehending two alleged burglars in the vicinity of Fifth and Hudson streets on May 16.

Patrolmen Robert Edgar and Edward Skelley for arresting one of two men who

were reportedly attempting to hold up a third man on Feb. 19 at 102 12th St.

Patrolman Karl Fause for reporting a fire at 508 Observer Highway and reporting information which led to the arrest of several juveniles and one 18-year-old youth on arson charges.

Detectives John Howe and Carmine LaBruno for their investigation into the Oct. 2 armed robbery of a local supermarket which led to the arrest of a suspect.

Patrolman Simeon Cumberbatch for his arrest on Feb. 12 of two men who had shot a third man. The arrest occurred nine minutes after the shooting.

## 'Little MAC' for Hoboken draws Vitale opposition

Efforts to create by ordinance a Hoboken "Little MAC," (Municipal Aquatic Commission), staffed by three commissioners representing Hoboken's largest water users, won't get the support of public works director Raphael P. Vitale.

The director said today that he was "totally" against the creation of the commission, especially putting it under the con-

trol of three business representatives.

"We have enough boards, authorities and commissions as it is," said Vitale. "But my main reason is that we just don't need it and the facts speak for themselves."

"The major problems the city has been having with its water revenues stem from an obsolete system of lines and bad meters. We have replaced between one quarter and one third of the lines in the southern portion of the city and haven't had any further problems there."

"It is only logical that if we continue replacing those old lines our water losses will be minimized."

"We know that inaccurate meters or broken meters have contributed to our inability to ascertain exactly where we are losing our water. We also know that it has been the refusal of certain businesses and industries to replace their broken or inaccurate meters that has made the problem even worse."

## City Hall not switchboard in Hoboken

Hoboken Public Works director Raphael P. Vitale today asked local residents not to call the City Hall telephone number when trying to reach the police department, fire department, municipal court, or violations bureau.

"Our City Hall operators have been getting a hard time from callers who refuse to believe that the operators can't transfer them to these other agencies," said the director.

"The police department has its own switchboard and telephone number — 659-2500 — and the municipal court and violations bureau are on the police board. The fire department also has its own number — 659-0024 — and switchboard. Our switchboard operators can't connect callers to these other agencies — and they don't need to be abused because they can't."

According to the director, callers have cursed at the City Hall operators when they tried to explain that they couldn't switch the caller to one of the other agencies.

## Hoboken public workers get overtime, may be last

Hoboken public works employees will get the overtime checks they've been awaiting the last few weeks, following city council approval of the payments. But the overtime problem remains unresolved and may cause more problems for the city before the end of the year.

According to Mayor Steve Cappiello, a group representing field workers in the public works department has agreed to accept compensatory time off for any hours worked beyond the normal work week as long as the city doesn't have the money to pay them overtime.

But Second Ward Councilman Walter S. Cramer says that federal law requires payment of overtime at the rate of time-and-a-half after an employee has logged his 40 hours for the work week, and the city might not be able to get away with compensatory time.

For Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale, the problem is money, not law. The director says the overtime funds allotted in the 1976 public works budget are just about exhausted.

In Vitale's behalf, Fourth Ward Councilman Louis Fran-

ccone, chairman of the council's public works committee, asked the governing body at yesterday's meeting for some written directions for Vitale to follow concerning overtime.

But the matter was referred to the law department for clarification.

"If compensatory time is not allowed by law, and if I must pay overtime to the men, then the council will have to increase the money for it," said Vitale. "It's either that or we'll have to ignore all emergencies until the start of the regular work day."

## Ranieri wants slums leveled to keep out 'poor, destitute'

Hoboken's Community Development Agency (CDA) next year would devote one third of its \$3 million budget to slum clearance and tenant relocation if a program championed by Councilman Robert Ranieri for "The Salvation of Hoboken" gains city council support.

"For every apartment built or rehabilitated in Hoboken, there should be one slum torn down" in order to prevent a constant influx of "poor, destitute" residents, Ranieri said.

Including his own, the councilman-at-large now has at least three of the five city council votes he needs to place the \$1 million slum acquisition and demolition plan in the CDA's program for the fiscal year starting in April, 1977.

Councilman-at-large Francis Leahy and Fourth Ward Councilman Louis Francone last night endorsed Ranieri's proposal during discussion of state relocation funding in the open city council caucus.

Ranieri later said that in private sessions he has also received "favorable statements but not absolute commitments" from "two or three" other council members.

According to Ranieri, his slum clearance program would operate in conjunction with CDA's housing rehabilitation program and other city redevelopment efforts to upgrade housing or Hoboken residents.

Demolition of substandard dwellings vacated by tenants who are relocated in improved housing would prevent the slums from becoming a "vacuum" drawing in "more poor destitute people," he said.

Under Ranieri's proposal, the federally-funded CDA would "on an organized basis" purchase and tear down either entire blocks of slum dwellings in decaying areas or isolated "bad buildings" in otherwise stable neighborhoods.

The vacant lots resulting from "pinpoint" demolition would be set aside for future development, Ranieri said.

The CDA begins planning its 1977 program in the fall in order to present it to the city council and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in March or April.

Ranieri's proposal was brought up during review of a resolution on the agenda for today's council meeting for insertion in the city budget of an additional \$7,500 in state funds for relocation of persons displaced by condemnation, fire or other emergencies. The new funds bring state relocation aid to \$27,500.

Although supporting demolition of substandard buildings, Francone declared that in his fourth ward "nothing is being done" to rehabilitate housing or construct new two-family homes.

## 4 post offices handle only local mail

Post offices in three North Hudson communities and Hoboken will stop processing outgoing mail Monday, ending an era when residents could mark an envelope with a name and address and the word "town" to have a letter delivered around the corner.

Postmasters in North Bergen, Union City, West New York and Hoboken said outgoing mail will thereafter be processed at the postal facility in Kearny.

Meanwhile, 38 clerks, mailhandlers and supervisors will be transferred to other postal installations throughout Northern and Central New Jersey. Those who can't find transportation to the new assignments must fend for themselves, said the official.

Persons requesting their letters be stamped with a local postmark will be accommodated.

Residents who continue to send their mail with a name, street address and the words "town" or "city" will find their letters "indefinitely delayed" in reaching their destination.

"These people in Kearny are trained to recognize zip codes, not town names. In fact if you were to forget to put the name of the town but remembered the zip code, your letter would still reach its destination," said West New York Postmaster Ralph Avallone. Those who mark them "town" must rely

on the knowledge of postal workers who might recognize the street address.

Eighty-one Jersey City postal workers will be assigned to other facilities early next month as automated machinery at the Meadows Postal Complex in Kearny takes over mail processing.

Avallone said yesterday that processing machines and their operators are capable of handling a letter per second with an accuracy rate of 95 per cent.

Local mail processing has been eliminated in other Hudson County communities for some time, said Avallone.

## House tour spotlights Hoboken renaissance

Hoboken's first annual house tour gets off the ground from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday under sponsorship of the Hoboken Environment Committee.

The tour will involve a nominal admission charge which will be used by the committee for local beautification projects, according to Mrs. Helen Manogue. Children under 12 will not be admitted.

A thriving brownstone movement combined with a stable base population make Hoboken interesting to all concerned with urban affairs and cooperative neighborhood efforts at work. The tour is designed to demonstrate this resurgence and interest in preservation of the hundreds of brownstones and brick-front homes dating from the end of the 19th and early 20th centuries. The modern Stevens Center on campus of Stevens Institute of Technology will also be visited on the tour.

The tour begins at Trinity Episcopal Church, 7th and Washington sts., where tickets may be purchased. Claire Walter-Cameron may also be contacted for information at 656-4488.

At the church a slide presentation will highlight the changing face of Hoboken, much of which has happened through the efforts of the former Model Cities program, now known as Community Development Agency. Many New Yorkers

## Mayor clarifies stand on firemen

Although the Appellate Division of the state Superior Court has upheld Mayor Steve Cappiello's right not to call in firemen on overtime to replace men out sick or on vacation, the mayor said today that the victory was one of principle rather than actual manpower.

"The city's position was that it had the right not to replace men, not that it wouldn't," said the mayor. "In reality, we are and have been maintaining adequate fire department strength, something between what the firemen wanted and what the city wanted."

The court case was the result of an order issued by the mayor on May 1, 1974. It stated that no one would be called in on overtime to replace firemen who called in sick or were away from their jobs for the day.

Officials of the Fire Fighters and Fire Officers Associations objected to the order saying that by contract with the city it had to maintain a set number of men to man the equipment. When the city refused to withdraw the or-

der the unions filed suit in Hudson County Superior Court. In the first action, Judge Samuel A. Lerner upheld the city's position.

"Basically, what the city was saying was that it can't be forced by contract into a position of having to bring in men that it couldn't afford to pay," said the mayor. "Of course, safety was and is still the primary concern and an adequate number of men have to be on duty to provide adequate protection."

"The problem was caused as a result of the difference in thinking between the city's position and the firemen's on what is adequate."

"Our mode of living in Hoboken is changing. We are no longer an industrial giant. The city is an old one and trying to hold on to what it got."

The mayor said that the city wanted to work with the firemen to map out and plan fire services that were adequate for the city's needs. He added that absorption into a county fire-fighting unit might be the best answer.

## Operation Sail troop funds sought by Byrne

By LARRY VIANELLO and JEAN DEITZ

At the request of three Hudson County mayors, Gov. Brendan T. Byrne announced yesterday that he will ask the legislature to appropriate \$108,000 to employ 1,000 National Guardsmen during Operation Sail July 4.

West New York Mayor Anthony DeFino, Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, and Weehawken Mayor Charles Miller have requested state help to deal with the 5,000,000 people expected to view the 200 tall ships from the Palisades as the boats parade up the Hudson River.

DeFino has also requested federal funds to offset the manpower and sanitation costs to all the Hudson County waterfront communities involved.

A top aide to Congressman Dominick Daniels of Jersey City said in Washington yesterday that "nothing has been set aside for the project" and that "it was a little bit late to ask for assistance grants now."

Angel Cardenas, an administrative assistant at Operation Sail headquarters in New York City, said that "no federal monies will be distributed" and that "local communities must absorb their own expenses."

Operation Sail is a private non-profit organization run by private citizens.

Byrne, in Trenton, said that he hoped traffic control could be managed by local law enforcement personnel and that the guard would be

used only for emergency crowd situations. DeFino said county officials will be meeting this week to decide whether or not to close Boulevard East, a major artery in the area that runs parallel to the riverfront, for at least part of the holiday weekend.

Police from departments all over the county are expected to meet tomorrow to decide what stand they should take on the issue.

Thirty national guard helicopters will also be made available during the festivities, according to the governor. Only he can activate the national guard.

Large crowds are also expected at Sandy Hook, where viewing conditions for the spectacle are also deemed favorable. The governor said that roads in that area may be closed if the traffic becomes too jammed. Many of the larger ships will be berthed there.

Byrne met yesterday with Atty. Gen. William F. Hyland and New Jersey National Guard Commander Wilfred Menard to go over the potential problems envisioned by the bicentennial celebration that will be capped off by a mammoth fireworks display when night falls.

DeFino jokingly said, "We cannot have all those people on the cliffs, they might fall down. Seriously, though, this kind of public event also brings out a type of individual we can all do without: the pick-pocket and the burglar. Even though this will be a celebration, everyone must remember that evil will lurk there."

## Cappiello irked at Jordan on unfixed water regulator

Hoboken's Mayor Steve Cappiello has fired off a telegram to Mayor Paul T. Jordan of Jersey City, saying that although Jordan claimed to have fixed the faulty regulator which is damaging Hoboken's water mains, the regulator is still unfixed and worse than ever.

Water mains in Hoboken's Park Avenue burst twice more since Jordan and his business administrator, Joseph Contreras, assured Cappiello last week that the regulator had been regulated, the Hoboken mayor declared.

In his telegram (with a duplicate to Contreras), Cappiello said that aside from the expense of repairing the broken mains at overtime rates for the workmen, Hoboken also has to pay Jersey City for all the water wasted, which he deemed most unfair.

Cappiello said the water department foreman took a reading yesterday at the point where the water supplied by Jersey City enters the Hoboken network of pipes and discovered that the pressure was 90 pounds, whereas it is supposed to be 60 to 65.

A check later in the day again brought a reading of 90 pounds.

Such pressure is too much for Hoboken's older mains, and that is why they keep on blowing out, Cappiello said.

He said he had complained to Jordan following two breaks last week after a check showed Jersey City was sending in water at 80 pounds.

Cappiello added that Jersey City apparently is trying to adjust or repair its regulator when what it really needs is a new one. He said Hoboken has been complaining about the malfunctioning for several years, with no results.

## Hoboken plans outdoor summer cage league

Hoboken will have its first outdoor summer evening basketball league, starting at the end of this month.

James Farina, city recreation supervisor,

announced today that the league games will be played in the playground of the new Wallace School at 11th Street and Willow Avenue.

He said boys who want to play and adults who want to sponsor teams, should call him at the office of the Multi-Service Center, telephone number 659-0900, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Many boys already have been "lined up," Farina said, but sponsors are needed. From 10 to 14 teams will be organized, each with from 10 to 15 boys, according to Farina. He said there will be at least two games every night, and possibly three, depending on the number of teams and the length of the season, which he said probably will be fixed at two weeks.

Backboards and baskets already have been erected, and lines will be painted for the playing court. It is lighted.

## Mayor Cappiello to talk of his city

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello will appear on Joe Franklin's "Down Memory Lane" show to reminisce about Hoboken — its past, present and future: the Waterfront, Frank Sinatra, rehabilitation. The program will be aired over WOR-TV Channel 9 at 8:30 a.m. today and again early Saturday morning immediately following the Late Show.

## Bike path

That bicycle path which Hoboken is well on the way to getting should benefit the city far beyond the benefits ordinarily flowing from an improvement costing only \$30,000.

Hoboken is short on recreation facilities and this project will provide a means of healthy recreation appealing to young and old and to both sexes. The proposed length of 13 blocks will give it scope to accommodate large numbers.

The route traverses the famed River Walk where New Yorkers took their Sunday afternoon strolls in the 1840s. This is the first attempt to restore the attractiveness of the shoreline which has been largely inaccessible to the public since industry took it over.

The project should further enhance Hoboken's physical image which has been steadily growing brighter. Let there be no delays due to quibbling over the exact point where it should start or end, and let the county freeholders not hold it up on the technicality that it touches a county road.

## April water bill triples, Hoboken asks explanation

The Hoboken City Council has decided not to pay Jersey City for the water Hoboken used in April until it explains why that month's bill was three times higher than what it had been paying.

Hoboken Law Director Lawrence Floria recommended to the council that it at least pay part of the bill, using the old rate of \$240 per million gallons. The total bill was for \$351,352 on 468,000 gallons at a rate of \$720 per million.

However, the council decided not to pay the bill, even at the old rate, until it learned why Jersey City had tripled its price, and the resolution was tabled.

The law department has been directed to investigate the billing.

In other business, the council at yesterday's meeting passed an emergency resolution for \$30,682 to cover the cost of operating the temporary sewage pumping station at 11th and Hudson streets while the city waits for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to act on its application for funds to build a permanent station. The old pumping station was destroyed by an explosion last September and the EPA had promised the city money for a new one.

The city had budgeted approximately \$75,000 in its 1976 budget for the temporary station but those funds ran out last month.

In a related matter, a special meeting of the council water committee will be called shortly to decide what the city will do about collecting some \$65,000 in unpaid water bills from St. Mary Hospital.

First Ward Councilman Anthony H. Romano, committee chairman, said today that he is trying to find a date agreeable to Cappiello. However, it appears that a suit against the hospital for the money is the most logical action that could be taken.

St. Mary has owed the money to the city for several years in spite of a formal contract, reached through negotiations, to pay what is owed at the rate of \$3,000 a month.

A resolution commending Mrs. Virginia Zanetich on her election as president of the state Federation of Women's Clubs was unanimously approved by the council. Mrs. Zanetich lives on Castle Point Terrace.

## The CDA

The Hoboken federally-funded agency formerly known as Model Cities, now called the Community Development Agency (CDA), was not able to deliver on all its programs. Nevertheless it has probably been the biggest single force in reversing the city's downward trend in the last few years.

The agency's most durable and visible accomplishment was in housing — its support of rehabilitation and modernization.

For the next fiscal year, Councilman Ranieri is urging that one third of the CDA \$3,000,000 budget be devoted to slum clearance and tenant relocation. This would be a logical extension of CDA's role in upgrading the city's housing.

Where single tenement houses would be torn down, mini-playgrounds would be created. Where whole blocks of decaying tenements would be razed, the areas would be sites for new residential development. If Hoboken's slums can be eradicated, the eradication of the city's other problems will more readily fall in line.

## Alternate power sought for Hoboken's City Hall

Talks are underway between Hoboken and the Public Service Electric and Gas Co. on the possibility of bringing a second power source to the City Hall building to prevent any interruption of police and fire communications in emergency situations.

"A few years back we had a very bad fire in City Hall which left police and fire communications without power," said the mayor. "Fortunately, we were able to get an electrician in almost immediately to start rewiring and establish electrical service for communications. But a period of several hours did elapse when there was no power and communications were limited to battery operated walkie-talkies."

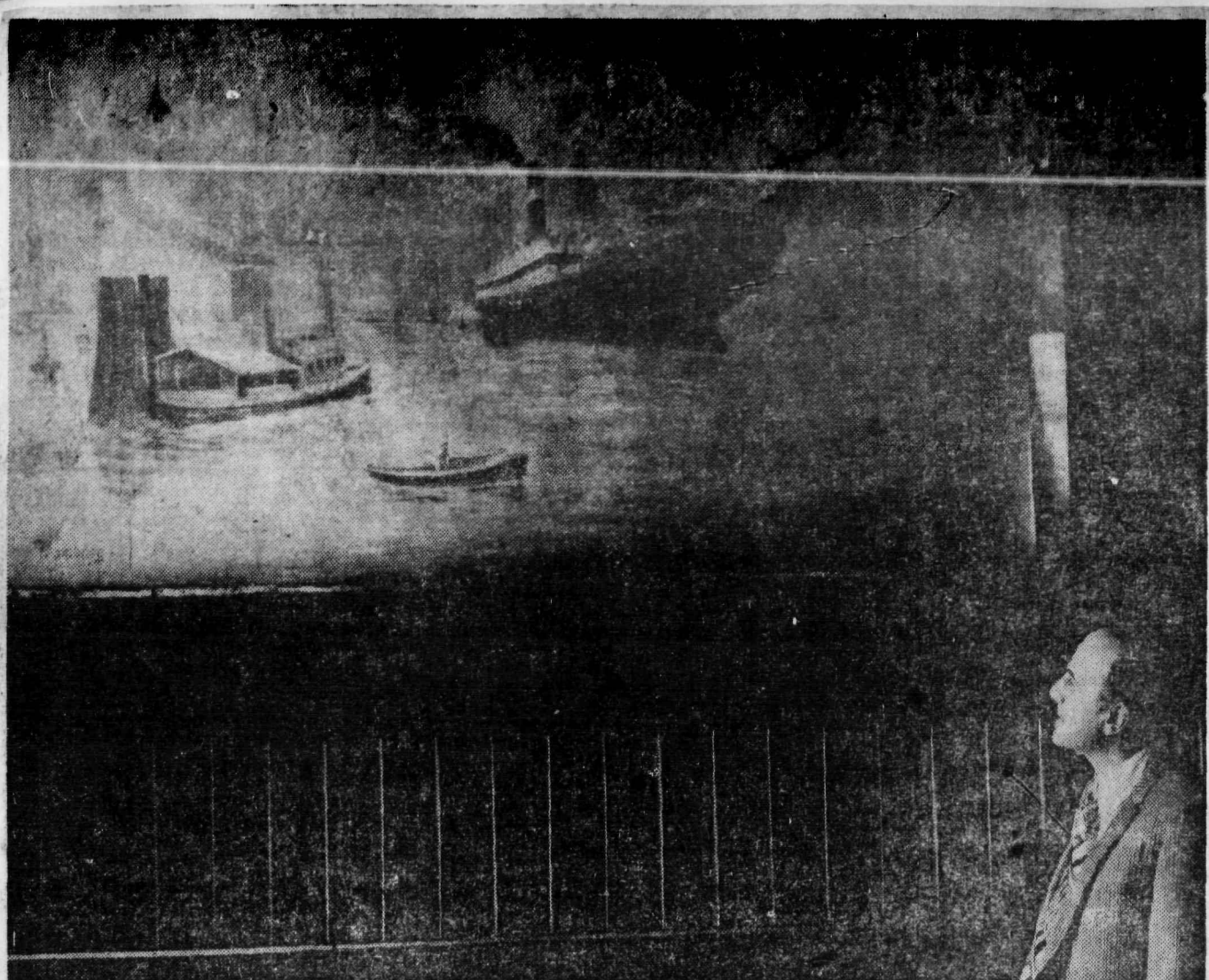
The mayor said a second power source, independent from the regular City Hall lines would insure continuous communications should the building be without electricity at some future date.

Cappiello added that the representatives from Public Service were looking into the proposal and were to get back to him in a few weeks with some ideas and cost estimates.



HOBOKEN WELCOME — Mayor Steve Cappiello, second right, greets Jose Rondon, left, who accompanied boys' basketball team from Puerto Rico to Hoboken for exchange series with Mike's Athletic Club. Mike Turner, right, club founder, arranged visit. Taking part in City Hall ceremony is Robert Duarte, one of the team members. They will stay at First Spanish Baptist Church and funds are being sought to take them to points of interest.





Councilman Robert Ranieri examines one of the murals of old Hoboken rescued from auctioneer's hammer at Grand Hotel. At right is space where one of the nine other murals were displayed before being stripped off wall and put up for sale. They were rescued by city from prospective buyers.

## Hoboken gets 13 rare oil murals

Many are seeking to obtain one or more of 13 murals depicting Hoboken scenes from the turn of the century which were rescued by the city from the auctioneer's hammer at the Grand Hotel—but the murals will all be kept by the city for public display.

The murals are oil paintings on canvas, which were on the walls of the main dining room of the 19th century hostelry. They are about four feet wide and three feet high.

One portrays the steamship Hamburg entering Hoboken on its maiden voyage; another, Columbus Park in its original state; and the others, various aspects of old Hoboken.

Councilman Robert Ranieri said today the murals are "of great historic value to us in the city." He said Mayor Cappiello is preparing to appoint a committee to decide where to put them—either in the City Hall, the public library, or some other public building.

Right now, nine of them are in Police Chief Crimmins' safe and four are still on the wall.

A 14th is lying on the floor of the hotel, badly deteriorated by water that leaked from a broken pipe. There was one mural for each of the booths in the dining room.



Developer Bernard Kenny, left, signs \$1.5 million contract with Victor Orjelic, center, president of Orjelic Theatres, as Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello watches, for installation of twin theaters at Grogan Marine View Plaza's motel-office building which is to build.

## City Hall renovations outlined

A new roof, exterior and windows will be installed at the Hoboken City Hall as the first phase of its rehabilitation.

That was the report which Joel Freiser, director of the municipal operations program of the Hoboken Community Development Agency, gave last night as he addressed a meeting of the city's Environment Committee.

Freiser said CDA federal funds will be used for the roof and a coating on the exterior New windows also will be installed as the overall program to first protect the building from weather. Fire protection devices also will be installed inside the building to cut down insurance costs.

Freiser estimated that 350,000 will be used in the first phase of preserving the historic old Structure at Newark and Washington Streets. As other funds become available other improvements will be carried out, he said.

Freiser was introduced at the meeting, held at the Stevens Center building, by Helen Manogue, chairman of the environmental group.

## River Road, set for paving, will speed Hoboken traffic

A new Hoboken thoroughfare which probably will become the city's most heavily-traveled north-south artery, is all set for paving.

River Road, which drivers have avoided for several decades, has been completely regarded along its entire length from 4th to 11th Street. A base of crushed stone has been laid between the two new curbs, and trucks are due to move in to lay an asphalt surface five inches thick tomorrow.

The tracks of the Hoboken Shore Railroad, which helped make River Road an obstacle course, will be at the same height as the new pavement, making it possible for a vehicle to pass over them without damage.

Patrick Caulfield, the engineer in charge of the project, predicted today that the new River Road will be used by passenger car and truck drivers as a faster route between 4th and 11th Streets, relieving traffic on Washington Street.

It will be virtually an expressway, with no cross streets and no access except at 5th Street.

Caulfield said he was recommending that the street be closed from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. so it can be used by residents for strolling, bicycling or other recreation. There will be little demand for it as a traffic artery between those hours, he said.

The engineer said he especially would like to see the city develop the south end of River Road at 4th Street—where it has been broadened into a plaza—for recreation.

He said it was unfortunate that the road could not have been made 25 feet wider, which would have established it as a link in the long-proposed waterfront highway connecting the Holland and Lincoln tunnels.

The west side of River Road is bounded by the steep cliff of the Stevens Institute campus and Elysian Park. The east side abuts waterfront pier property owned or due to be taken over by the city; the Stevens pier, a marine repair yard which the bankrupt Penn Central Railroad is in the process of selling; an Erie Lackawanna Railroad pier now owned by Conrail, and a Maxwell House coffee plant parking lot.

The problem of reconstructing River Road was complicated by a mystery water source which kept flooding the excavated road bed. Caulfield finally determined it came from a spring which runs inside the Stevens cliff and emerges below the road surface in the railroad track area. The flow has now been diverted across the street, under the pavement, through porous pipes leading to the river.

The project was financed by the federally funded Community Development Agency (CDA) under a program initiated by Mayor Steve Cappiello and approved by the City Council.

## A noisy horn, from sweeper to clear street

Hoboken's Washington Street sweeper may be outfitted with a loud truck horn to warn motorists that they should move cars parked in the sweeper's route.

According to Councilman Robert Ranieri, who proposed the horn idea to Public Works Director Raphael Vitale, the object would be to reduce delays caused by the sweeper's maneuvering past parked cars so it can reach the south end of Washington Street before 9 a.m., when the morning one-hour alternate-side parking ban is lifted.

Because of delays caused by the parked cars, the vacuum sweeper, which starts out at the northern end of Washington Street, rarely reaches the blocks below Second Street before 9, Ranieri said.

As a result, he said, the south end of the street, including the area in front of City Hall, is usually not cleaned and when it is, the job is "haphazard."

The sweeper would sound its horn on each block to notify car owners to move their vehicles before they are ticketed, the councilman said.

According to Ranieri, Vitale is "enthusiastic" about the proposal and is pricing suitable horns.

## Cappiello will discuss space in Grogan site

Mayor Cappiello has called a closed meeting of the Hoboken City Council in his office at 6:30 tonight to discuss renting space for some city agencies in the motel-office-building planned for Grogan Marine View Plaza.

A representative of the New Jersey Economic Development Administration will tell the councilmen about prospective plans for his own agency to take space in the building.

Council President Martin J. Brennan told The Jersey Journal that what the state representative says will influence the councilmen in deciding whether to put some city offices in the building.

Brennan F. Kenny, developer of the proposed 15-story building, also will address the councilmen.

Brennan said any action the council might take at this time would be only a commitment to rent a certain amount of space. He said Kenny needs commitments in order to obtain construction financing.

The city later either sublet the designated space or use it to house agencies for which the city already pays rent in various places, among them the Community Development Agency (CDA), the Home Improvement Program, the Urban Rodent and Insect Control Project and the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program.

Prior to this closed meeting, there will be an open meeting at 6 o'clock to extend the Urban Rodent and Insect Control Project agreement for a month beyond June 1. Brennan said there is a question of state funding involved.

## Grogan developer sees favorable signs for motel

The Hoboken city council has been told that the proposed commercial building for the Grogan Marine View Plaza complex may first become a seven-story office structure before the other eight floors are added for a motel and restaurant.

But Bernard Kenny, developer of the building, said "it looks extremely favorable that the motel will be part of it." Kenny already has a franchise from the Ramada Inn Corp.

Kenny told the councilmen in a closed session last night that he wants to "get into concrete" by this summer. The building site is on First Street between River and Hudson, adjoining a 750-car garage operated by the Hoboken Parking Authority. Two other garages and two high-rise apartments are in the Grogan complex.

Kenny had been signing up commercial tenants for the new building, including a Wall Street brokerage firm.

The councilmen also heard a report last night from Robert Powell of the state Economic Development Administration.

Powell said his agency has funds which would guarantee a portion of the mortgage for the new building.

"It's encouraging to see the state involved," said one councilman.

The council members, however, agreed to further study the idea of moving some of the city's departments and agencies into the new building. A decision may be made in about a month, one spokesman said.

While it appears that the building may now be built in two states, one involving the office portion and another the motel, Kenny said rentals and other conditions may permit the full construction to continue immediately. He said "we want to show progress on the job this summer if at all possible."

At a special council meeting last night, the governing body extended until June 30 the life of the Urban Rodent and Insect Control agency when it was learned that state funding will be available through that date. It previously was felt that the agency would have to shut down June 1 for lack of funds.

## Vote \$\$ to police 'Sail'

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TRENTON — Communities along the Hudson River waterfront will be reimbursed \$150,000 for expenses related to Operation Sail, if a bill introduced by West New York Assemblyman Chris Jackman passes both houses.

The assembly will vote on the bill Monday. The money would be allocated to the Department of Community Affairs which would then reimburse towns for additional police and public health and safety expenses during the Bicentennial celebration.

An estimated 10 million people are expected to view the marine parade along the river during the holiday weekend, and five million are expected along the Hudson River.

Yesterday Senator Bernard Dwyer introduced a bill to appropriate \$108,000 to call out the National Guard if necessary over the holiday weekend.

A good portion of the money is expected to be used for crowd control during the Operation Sail event. The money would enable the state to pay the salaries of one thousand persons for three days from July 2 to 5.

The request for money from the state to help control traffic came from several Hudson mayors; West New York Mayor Anthony M. DeFino, Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and Weehawken Mayor Charles Miller.

In addition to the multitude expected along the waterfront, an estimated one thousand U.S. Navy sailors and troops are expected to be stationed on the Hoboken waterfront, which should give the town some of the excitement it had during World War 2 when hordes of sailors landed at Hoboken.

Two ships, the Lemore County and the Harlan County will tie up at Hoboken. Freeholder James Fusilli of Hoboken said the town is concerned with how it will handle the influx.

But gone are the days of the "Barbary Coast" said Fusilli when sailors during World War 2 had their run of nightspots and entertainment on the waterfront. He said he expected the sailors will head towards New York City for entertainment over the holiday weekend.

## Hoboken plans super recreation of baseball birth

A little bit of baseball history will be brought alive again Saturday, June 19, at 1 p.m. at Hoboken's Stevens Institute of Technology when the first baseball game ever played in America will be recreated.

The original contest between the New York Nine and the Knickerbockers was played June 19, 1846 at Elysian Fields, now the site of the Maxwell House plant. The final score in, that game four-inning was, New York Nine 23, Knickerbockers 1. Under the rules then, 21 runs were needed to win. The two teams, dressed in black pantaloons and white shirts—the uniform of the day—will take the field at 1 p.m. to simulate that even.

The program will begin at 11 a.m. with a "Salute to Baseball" parade. Little Leaguers and youngsters from local teams, dressed in their uniforms and accompanied by bands, will march from City Hall to Elysian Fields, where Mayor Steve Cappiello will place a plaque commemorating the event.

At the site, many prominent personalities from the sporting and political world, will be on the reviewing stand.

Following the ceremonies, the parade will proceed to Stevens Institute for the game reenactment. There the New York Nine and the Knickerbockers will be piped onto the field by a brass band.

Mayor Cappiello will throw out the first ball, six inches round—underhand, of course as they did in 1846. And the umpire will be garbed in top hat and tails—just as in the game 130 years ago.

## Council pay scale called illegal

Councilman Robert Ranieri said today he has come to the conclusion that the longevity pay scale voted by the Hoboken City Council for itself and the mayor a year ago is illegal.

He explained that in adopting the budget, the councilmen joined the non-elected city employees in a 2 per cent salary increase for every three years' service, up to a maximum of 10 per cent.

Ranieri said that at best, the longevity might be considered legal if it applied only to the current term a councilman serves, and is not cumulative. The way the council is interpreting it, length of service is what counts, whereas, Ranieri contends, the councilman should start all over again every time he is elected.

Councilman Louis Francione is now receiving \$520 in extra pay, on top of the regular \$5,200 councilman's salary because of his 15 years' service, Ranieri said.

"At the time the present council was organizing," he recalled, "I said the presidency should go to a councilman-at-large, not to a ward councilman."

"But I was told: 'Councilmen are all equal.' 'Then why do we receive different pay?'"

As a reason for opposing longevity, Ranieri said there is no "seniority" system in the council and "no progression of responsibility."

## Block group wants to buy, renovate Hoboken tenement

A Hoboken block association is planning to take the initiative in upgrading its neighborhood by buying a rundown tenement house and rehabilitating it.

The 200 Garden Street Association will meet city officials on its plan tomorrow night.

They will discuss "the pros and cons of a neighborhood unit organizing to renovate a deteriorated house in the neighborhood," it was announced today by Councilman Robert Ranieri.

The association "would like to take a hand in improving the housing stock in its neighborhood," Ranieri said.

Fred Bado, director of the city's Community Development Agency (CDA), will explain government financing for such projects. Joseph Cicala, CDA's housing executive, and Joel Freiser, CDA deputy director, will discuss other aspects. Walter Barry, head of Applied Housing Associates, which has rehabilitated more than 800 units in the city, will speak on "costs, pitfalls and advantages."

The association may incorporate, as an initial step.

Daniel Valente will preside over the meeting in St. John's Lutheran Church at 3rd and Bloomfield streets at 8 p.m.

## Hoboken gets the long-awaited word on its new rates for water, sewerage

Hoboken water rates July 1 will rise \$6 per 1,000 cubic feet and sewerage rates will go up \$1.90 per 1,000 cubic feet for most residents.

Ordinances setting the new rates are to be introduced by the City Council tonight.

According to Councilman Robert Ranieri, the fixed rate for water will rise from \$4.50 to \$10.50 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Sewerage rates, which are set on a sliding scale that drops as the amount of sewage increases, will rise from \$3.10 to \$5 per 1,000 cubic feet for the first 25,000 cubic feet, measured quarterly, Ranieri said.

Ranieri said the new bulk water agreement with Jersey City also extends for a one-year period and maximum and minimum water purchases limits originally proposed by Jersey City.

The minimum has been lowered from 10 million to 8 million gallons per day and the maximum has been raised from 15 million to 18 million gallons per day in order to give Hoboken an additional 20 per cent "leeway," Ranieri said.

The city's average water purchase per day has been 12 million gallons, the councilman said.

If that figure holds steady, Hoboken next year can narrow the minimum and maximum range, Ranieri said. In addition, Jersey City has agreed to renegotiate the top and bottom figures every three months if requested by Hoboken, he said.

For water purchased above the maximum, Jersey City, will impose a one per cent penalty charge to a maximum of \$25,000 per year, he said. If Hoboken purchases less than the contractual minimum, it will still have to pay for the minimum amount.

Ranieri, meanwhile, has asked Jersey City to explain a 2 million gallon difference in the May and April water bills to Hoboken.

In April, Jersey City billed Hoboken for 468 million gallons or an average 15 million gallons per day, Ranieri said. In May, however, Hoboken was billed for only 223 million gallons, an average of 7.7 million gallons.

Ranieri said that officials of the Jersey City water department yesterday were unable to give a "plausible" explanation of the variation. He said they expect by Friday to have completed a new tally of Hoboken's daily water purchases.

Hoboken has not yet paid the April and May water bills.

## Hoboken mini-school district drawn

The tentative boundaries for the new district for Hoboken's new mini-school are Fourth, Eighth and River Streets and either Willow Avenue or Clinton Street, the city's board of education announced today.

Thomas E. McFeely, superintendent, said the new school will "basically" take children now attending the overcrowded Rue and Brandt elementary schools.

The mini-school, under construction on Park Avenue south of Sixth Street, should be completed by Oct. 15, after which equipment and furniture will have to be moved in, McFeely said. It should open for classes immediately after the Christmas holidays, he added.

The new building is designed for "open classrooms," in which the rooms are very large, with more than one teacher, all of them specially trained.

McFeely said, however, that "traditional" classes can be conducted in the building if that is desired.

The purpose of the "open classroom" concept will be explained to the parents, the superintendent said. The Rue School already operated partly under the "open classroom" system.

Asked what would happen if a parent refused to have a child transferred from the "traditional" Brandt School or from "traditional" classes in the Rue School, McFeely replied:

"At this moment we don't want to speculate on that."

Not more than half the new school will be in operation during the six months starting in January, the superintendent said. Those teachers who have been trained in the new concept at the Rue School will be transferred to the mini-school, where in addition to teaching the children they will have the duty of training additional teachers in the new methods.

The mini-school will start with "six or seven" open classrooms in the lower elementary grades, and one kindergarten- and pre-kindergarten class, McFeely said. Each open classroom "unit" is to have 27 pupils, he said.

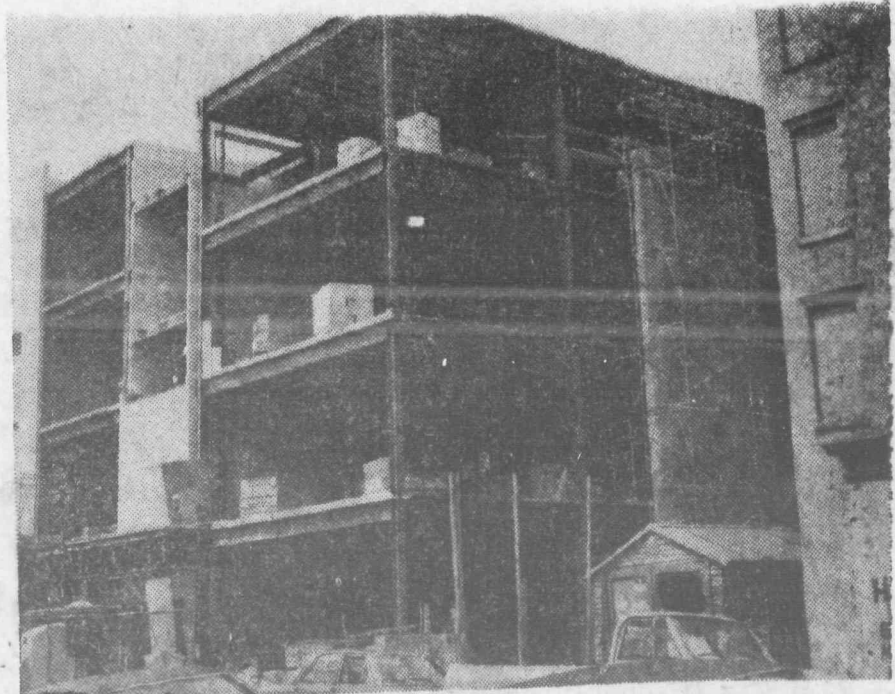
The new school district boundaries will not be rigidly enforced for kindergarten children, because of the traffic hazards involved in traveling to the new school, he added.

A year from next fall, he said, there should be from 20 to 24 teachers in the new school, depending on the enrollment.

The latter cannot yet be determined because it is not yet known how many children of school age will be living in the new residential units now under construction in the area.

Among the latter are the former Keuel and Esser factory which has been converted into an apartment house, and a row of multi-story houses undergoing rehabilitation at Fifth and Adams Streets where the former tenants have been relocated.

The new school will have a capacity of 500, according to the superintendent, but the actual enrollment will probably be confined to from 400 to 440.



Brickwork is under way at Hoboken's new "mini" school.

## Wise ruling

In upholding Hoboken Mayor Cappiello's refusal to submit Fire Department manpower requirements to binding arbitration, the Appellate Division will receive the enthusiastic approval of the public.

The mayor has explained he regards his victory as one of principle rather than an opportunity to cut the size of the Fire Department, and that he simply wanted to establish on the record that unions cannot force a municipality to hire more firemen than it believes it can afford.

If the opposite concept had been upheld, it would put the municipality in the position of being powerless to decide a question that is obviously a function of government.

Every municipality—and every taxpayer—is indebted to Mayor Cappiello for setting the legal precedent.