

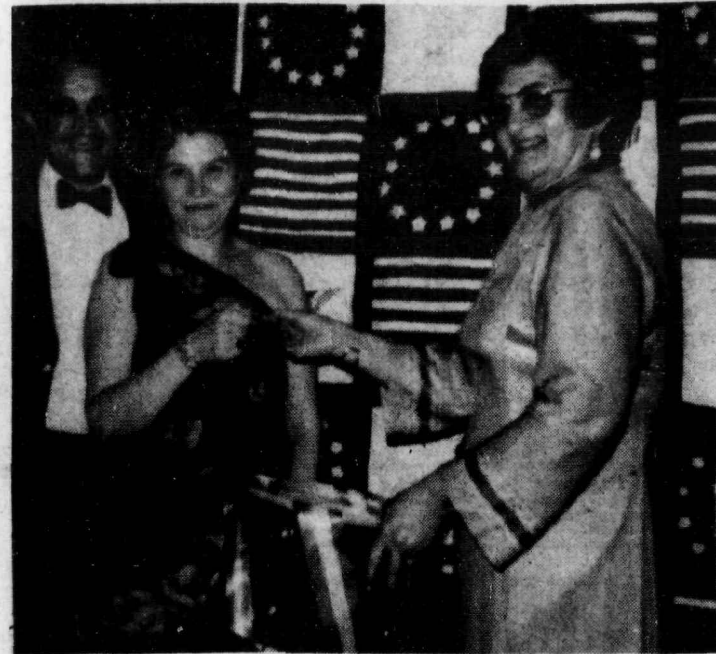
BICENTENNIAL QUILT WAS PATRIOTIC GESTURE



A group of students putting the finishing touches to the quilt.



The students who worked on the quilt gather around their clothing teacher, Mrs. Ruth Trachtenberg, to admire their finished product.



The Bicentennial Quilt Raffle was won by Mrs. Ligouri, pictured above with her husband and Mrs. Ruth Trachtenberg.



Bicentennial Ball chairman, Mrs. Frances Ciriello and Cocktail Party chairman, Mrs. Johanna Fugazzi are snapped in front of the beautiful Quilt on display at the ball. Both are teachers at Hoboken High School.

Students' Quilt Was Grand Prize

Twelve students at Hoboken High School spent many hours working with nimble fingers on their Bicentennial Quilt. It was their climax for the Bicentennial Year.

They started with six yards of broadcloth (Red, White, and Blue), two packages of polyester fiberfill and 36 hanks of embroidery thread. The 48" by 60" quilt was made up of 12" squares of

each color, embroidered on 24 white squares. The theme was patriotic (symbol, saying, or personage). The reversible quilt used the contemporary ideas of pre-stuffed units. Each individual unit was stuffed and completed and then joined with stuffed fabric strips.

Each square has the signature of the girl who worked on it. Their labor of

love, imbedded on the quilt, are by the Ana Aleman, Lucy Baez, Milagros Rodriguez, Cornelia Brescia, Rafaela Caputo, Cebra Coe, Luz Pagan, Georgiann Mechler, Eva Ackerman, Rose Lomolino, Damaris Lopez, Lilyana Devic. All worked under the capable leadership of Mrs. Trachtenberg, their clothing teacher.

Mrs. Grace Ligouri, employed by Maxwell House, was the winner of the quilt. She was so thrilled at winning that she brought the Quilt to the Plant so that her co-workers could enjoy and admire the Quilt. Plans are in the making for the Quilt to be displayed in a Madison Avenue Show Window over the Fourth of July weekend.

Block group sets strategy

Members of Hoboken's 200 Garden Street Block Association plan to put the pressure on the City Council regularly by putting in their two cents at every council session from now on about neighborhood conditions.

That was the strategy devised last night during a meeting of the association, whose membership is expanding to sections of Bloomfield Street and Park Avenue, held at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri—an invited guest, along with Mayor Steve Cappelletto, Fred Bado and Joseph Cicale of the local Community Development Agency (CDA) and Walter Barry and Joseph Levine of Applied Housing Associates outlined some of the group's beliefs.

"They're concerned about a general deterioration of the neighborhood, particularly about the need for enforcement of the city housing code," Ranieri said.

The association named a steering com-

mittee, headed by Joseph Newman, to explore the possibility of buying and rehabilitating "one or two three-story, deteriorated buildings, mainly welfare-inhabited," said Ranieri, one of whose pet projects is to knock down as many run-down structures in the city as possible and replace them with viable dwellings.

Ranieri said Applied Housing Associates, which has renovated extensively more than 800 units in the city, won't be involved in the financing of such a venture in this case. Barry and Levine, the group's top officials, were present only to advise, the councilman said.

Another worry of the association which Ranieri claims has abated due to more active police patrols in the area is "loitering and rough-housing by youths and older persons."

Daniel Valente and Mrs. Maria Fugazzi presided at last night's meeting.

Has low lunch bid again

The same caterer who supplied the Hoboken school lunches, deemed unsatisfactory during the school year, is the low bidder on the school's summer lunch program.

John J. Palmieri, the schools' food coordinator, said the Hoboken Union Club of Hoboken submitted a bid of 49.9 cents per lunch, the lowest of three bids.

The Villa Romano Restaurant, also in Hoboken, was again second lowest, with a figure of 69 cents. The Vendco Company of Kearny was highest, at 79.

The Hoboken Parent's Council has severely criticized the quality of the lunches served during the year, and school officials have agreed with them.

The Union Club received only 43.5 cents per lunch during the last year, but the lunches to be delivered by the caterer during the summer will additionally include a half pint of milk. They will be "cold" lunches, the same as the lunches during the year. Milk was bought separately by Palmieri during the year.

Up to 1,000 pupils are to be fed, from Thursday to Aug. 6 in four schools. The federal government pays, through the state, which oversees the Hoboken board's program.

Palmieri said a committee of the board of education is studying the bids and will make a recommendation at the next meeting.

Crosstown bus route to be shifted

BY WILLIAM TAFT

Hoboken's municipal crosstown bus will veer off its regular route during certain hours of the day to accommodate grocery shoppers in the northeast part of the city, starting tomorrow, mayor Steve Cappelletto announced today.

The mayor said the re-routing will give residents of this area approximately two hours of shopping time each day.

Here is how it will work: At 1 p.m. the bus will start from Newark and Washington streets, follow the regular route to Bloomfield Street, and turn northward, but then instead of turning west at 4th Street, it will continue to 12th Street, then east to Hudson Street and back to Newark and Washington streets where it will start a repeat run.

After the second run on this "shoppers' route," it will make one run on the regular route. According to the mayor, this run should end at about 2 p.m.

From 2 to 3 p.m. the crosstown bus does not operate.

At 3 p.m. the bus will again start off on two more successive trips on the "shoppers' route" after which it will operate on the regular route for the rest of the day.

Few riders of the regular route will suffer, the mayor said, because during these hours, the crosstown line is very lightly traveled, the bus ordinarily carrying not more than two or three passengers.

Cappelletto said residents of this area will now be able to leave home for a shopping trip a little after 1 o'clock and be returned home by bus at around 3 o'clock.

Hoboken in war on litterers

Hoboken lawmakers are poking to get tough with residents and out-of-towners who flout the city's anti-littering ordinance.

Second Ward Councilman Walter Cramer is working with the city law department to draft amendments to the municipal sanitary code that would compel the court, in certain instances, to hand out stiff fines to convicted offenders.

As the law now stands, said Cramer, a Public Service Electric & Gas attorney, there is provision for the municipal code to penalize a culprit up to \$200 for any offense alluded to in the ordinance.

"We've gotten a lot of complaints about persons dumping garbage on other people's property and on vacant lots," said Cramer, "and it's going to take the combined efforts of the sanitation division and police force to prevent this."

Acting on a complaint from a constituent that certain patrolmen weren't bothering to enforce the current ordinance, Councilman-at-large Francis C. Leahy relayed the information to Police Chief George W. Crimmins.

That resulted in the chief issuing a memo to his commanding officers quoting a section of the code reading, "Persons detected throwing ashes, garbage, paper or refuse matter into the open street . . . shall be arrested."

Crimmins reminded the superiors that "Patrolmen on post duty shall see that all ash receptacles are taken off the street when empty."

Under the proposed amended ordinance, said Cramer, the court would have recourse to a "minimum" fine of \$75 on a first offense, a \$100 penalty the second time and \$350 on a third infraction.

Further, the amendments would make more drastic action to be taken specifically against persons convicted of dumping garbage on private property or in the street, said Cramer.

An initial conviction would yield a \$250 fine and a \$500 penalty for "any subsequent conviction," added Cramer.

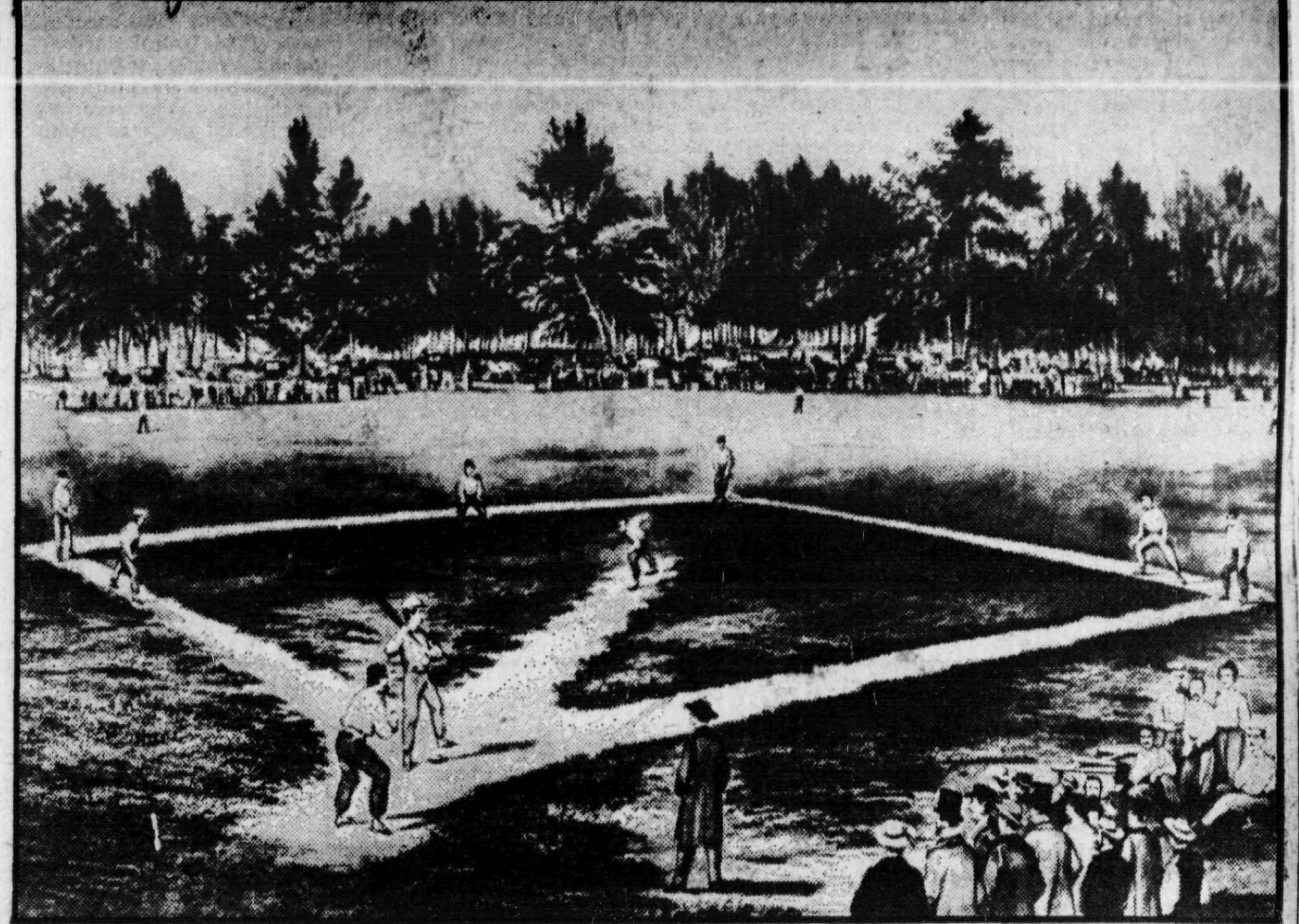
Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri wants yet another change. "We should incorporate into the ordinance a provision for homeowners to provide proper garbage pails, rather than simply brown bags, which should be lined with plastic," he said.

In other business at last night's council meeting, Martin J. Brennan, council president, told Thomas Newman, a spokesman for the city's 200 Garden Street Block Association, that the city is weighing the introduction of an ordinance that would compel landlords to have vacant apartments inspected by city housing authorities before they could rent those units to new tenants. "I think it's a damned good idea," said Brennan.

Newman was complaining that the city's First Ward area needed more effective "code enforcement for dilapidated buildings." According to Ranieri, Mayor Steve Cappelletto is "enthusiastic" about the ordinance proposal.

However, Brennan pointed out there could be drawbacks to such a proposal. The city probably would have to hire additional inspectors and forcing a landlord to keep an apartment vacant for, say a month, until it cleared inspection, "may prove a hardship on the landlord."

Baseball's First Game Recreated



A Currier & Ives print of the first "officially recorded" baseball game—June 19, 1846

The 130th anniversary of the first "officially recorded" game of baseball—between the New York Knickerbockers and the New York Nine—will be re-created tomorrow as part of Hoboken's Bicentennial celebration.

The first game was the brainchild of Alexander Joy Cartwright Jr., the civil engineer credited with transforming the sport supposedly invented by Abner Doubleday in 1839 from sandlot chaos into the formal spectacle of modern baseball.

Cartwright, who wrote the game's first rulebook in 1845 and formed the Knickerbockers, the sport's first known organized team, that same year waited until the following June 19 to stage the first formal match.

Since the original site, the appropriately named Elysian Fields, has long since been taken over by the Maxwell House coffee depot, tomorrow's staging by local baseball buffs will be held at the Stevens Institute of Technology at Eighth Street and

the Hudson River, a few blocks to the south.

The game is scheduled for 1 P.M., but the day's festivities begin at 11 A.M., when city officials, baseball personalities, uniformed Little Leaguers and brass bands assemble at City Hall, First and Washington Streets, for a parade to Elysian Park, 11th and Hudson Streets, the last vestige of the fabled fields.

After Mayor Steve Cappel-

ello has designated the site as an official city landmark, the parade will continue to Stevens for the game, complete with top-hatted umpire and pantalooned players.

If history repeats itself, as it is scheduled to, Cartwright's overconfident Knickerbockers, playing without practice and their founder (who served as umpire), will go down to an ignominious 23-to-1 defeat in a mercifully foreshortened game of just four innings.

Hoboken rescans water hikes

Proposed Hoboken water rate hikes that would double consumers' water bills are causing city officials to take a second look at the increases.

Hoboken city officials said yesterday that the proposed rates might be lowered before they go into effect July 1.

City officials appear to be concerned with what seems to be a negative reaction by Hoboken businesses to new water and sewerage ordinances introduced at Wednesday night's council meeting.

An official of Maxwell House, the city's largest water consumer, said yesterday that the proposed increases "are not conducive to keep the plant in the locality."

George Burgers, operations manager of the Hoboken Maxwell House plant, said that the proposed hikes are "going to create a lot of conversation between (Hoboken) businesses whether plants should be here or somewhere else."

Burgers said Maxwell House would have to pay as much as \$1 million more in water bills alone than it pays now. He added that the proposed hike in sewerage rates was "a complete shock" as well. Maxwell House is the city's largest industry.

Councilman Robert Ranieri said yesterday that Maxwell House officials were in touch with the mayor and city council. Ranieri indicated that city officials will soon meet to discuss the possibility of lowering "at least" the water rate. Ranieri said that "I want to see if the rate was final."

If the ordinances as written now are approved, water rates would increase from the present \$4.50 to \$10.50 per 1,000 cubic feet. Sewerage rates would rise from the present \$3.10 to \$5 per 1,000 cubic feet.

The proposed rate increases follow protracted negotiations with Jersey City, which supplies Hoboken with water. The tentative agreement with Jersey City would extend over a five-year period, according to Ranieri. It would raise the city's outlay for water from the present

\$240 million gallons to \$420.

The new rates would apply equally to industries and homeowners. Under the current rates, the average quarterly household bill for a three-family house is

\$50, according to Ranieri. The new rates would more than double the charges.

Management officials of Hoboken's Grogan Marine View Plaza said yesterday that the new rates "would ultimately be reflected in increased rents to tenants."

Hoboken's Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said yesterday that water rate increases were necessary because of higher Jersey City water bills and because the city's water department was running \$300,000 in the red.

Vitale said the department's budget for 1976 is \$1,465,000, which he said was not sufficient to pay for Jersey City rates, department salaries, and repair work done by the city on pipes, fire hydrants and water meters. Vitale said that "if Jersey City lowers its rates, then we'll lower our rates."

Vitale conceded the possibility, however, that Hoboken will lower its rates without a corresponding drop in Jersey City rates.

HOBOKEN BASEBALL EXHIBIT OPENS



BASEBALL EXHIBIT - Hoboken Public Library, Fifth Street and Park Avenue, opens exhibit of baseball memorabilia on Monday, June 14, commemorating first regularly played game on June 19, 1846 at Elysian Fields, Hoboken. On Saturday, June 19, the Hoboken Bicentennial Committee - and city - will stage a "Salute to Baseball" parade and recreate the first game at Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken. Getting advance look at exhibit are, from left, Louis Rodriguez, 8, Natale Tripodi, 9, and his sister Consolata, 7, all of Hoboken.

Carpenter behind plate for Hoboken bash

Oldtimers to simulate Hoboken's historic first

Vic Carpenter, who stands just a teeny bit more than five feet, will wear a hat almost as tall as he is tomorrow afternoon at the Stevens Institute grounds. He will be THE umpire for the four inning game which will simulate the first regularly played (and recorded) baseball game ever at Hoboken's Elysian Fields back on June 19, 1846. Vic, who has been umpiring for more than 40 years now locally and a spell in organized ball, will not only have a frock coat. And dignity. The players will be dressed in black pantaloons and white shirts—uniforms of the pre-Civil War era.

Plan laid out by Edwin Duroy, coordinator for the event, will call for a "Salute to Baseball" parade from City Hall to the Elysian Fields site where the 1846 game was played. Little Leaguers and other local teams—in uniforms and accompanied by bands, will march. From the Elysian Fields site where Mayor Steve Cappelletto will place a plaque commemorating the event, the

parade will move southward to the Stevens Institute grounds where "the New York nine" and the "Knickerbockers" will collide. Mayor Cappelletto will throw out the first ball, underhand, as was done in 1846. Jerry Molloy will emcee the ceremonies at Elysian Fields at which Monte Irvin, baseball star of yesterday, and Lud Shabbazian, sports editor of The Dispatch, will speak.

Lil' Vic Carpenter doesn't go as far back as 1946—but he has been a local umpire for a long, long time—and it is only fitting that he has been selected to umpire tomorrow's Bicentennial replica of Baseball's first game ever at Hoboken's Elysian Fields. Vic is taking his duties seriously as indicated by closeup on left—but he can be tough if the players get "on him." "I'll take no nonsense and chase them pronto," he says, but the smile on his face belies his statement.



Operation Sail costly for Hudson

As police in Hudson communities along the river braced to handle the crush of cars and people for the July 4th Operation Sail event, Jersey City estimated it will cost \$100,000 in police overtime while Bayonne warned residents to be prepared to protect their own cars and property.

Jersey City officials estimated that several hundred police might be needed to keep order among the crowds, estimated by some to be in the millions. Only a fraction of the overtime costs will be borne by the state.

In Bayonne, Acting Police Chief

Michael McGeehan said, "We don't really know what to expect."

The chief said regular police protection will be available, with separate groups of police assigned to each detail, including Operation Sail. McGeehan said he has been in contact with state and county police and has made arrangements to have them, as well as the National Guard, brought in if necessary. Bayonne police, he said, will be working 12-hour shifts.

He urged residents to keep lights on to deter burglaries and to dial 911, the police

emergency number, in the event a crime is committed or suspected.

In Hoboken, vantage points where the public may watch the flotilla of sailing ships were announced by Police Chief George Crimmins.

They are: Elysian Park, 11th and Hudson streets; Stevens Park, Fourth and Hudson streets and the roadway of River Road, between Seventh and Ninth streets. From most other points along River Road, he said, the view is obstructed.

'Batter up' first sounded in Hoboken

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It was 130 years ago today that a group of men took a ferry from lower Manhattan to the Elysian Fields in the "resort community" of Hoboken to play the first officially recorded baseball game.

Men had been playing baseball in New York and throughout the country for several years, but the games matched loosely organized neighborhood or club groups who did not play as formal teams.

A New York baseball enthusiast, Alexander J. Cartwright, formed the first known team, The Knickerbockers, in 1845. He arranged for them to play another new baseball club, The New York Nine, one afternoon in Hoboken.

Cartwright must have been disappointed with the outcome, however, because by the end of the four-inning game his favored Knickerbockers had suffered a 23 to 1 defeat. His squad's one run was scored by a man named Birney, whose teammates spent the afternoon striking out.

Cartwright, a civil engineer, was reported to be the team's best player, but he volunteered to act as umpire for the first game. As baseball's first recorded umpire, he imposed the sport's first known fine, a six cent charge against a New York Nine player for cussing during the game.

Under the rules that Cartwright set, the game was played until one team scored 21 aces, or runs. Once that happened, the inning was completed "at the conclusion of an equal number of hands," or outs.

Many of the rules Cartwright set, while worded differently, resemble today's baseball regulations. For example, "Section 5—Three balls being struck at and missed and the last one

caught is a hand out; if not caught is considered fair and the striker bound to run."

The Knickerbockers loss was attributed to their failure to practice before the first game, and to the extensive cricket experience of the New York Nine's pitcher.

Cartwright, believed by many sports historians to be the game's real inventor, set the limitations for a baseball field on the Elysian site that have not changed very much in the last 130 years. The square field had bases "42 paces" or roughly 90 feet apart.

The pitcher stood 45 feet from the batter, however, and the catcher, known then as the "behind" stood so far from home plate that he often caught pitches on a bounce. Even the umpire stood closer to the bag.

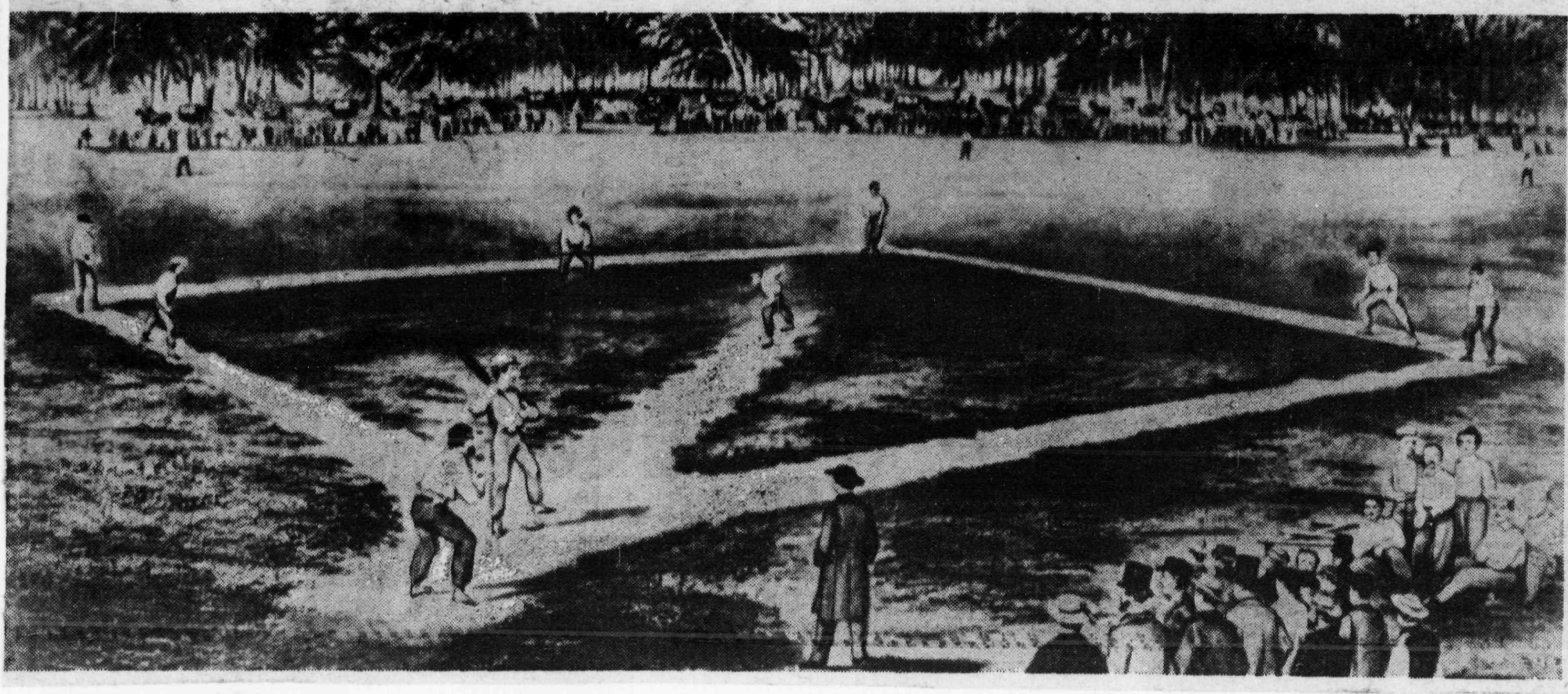
The 130th anniversary of the first known baseball game will be celebrated today with a "Salute to Baseball" parade from Hoboken's City Hall to the baseball field at Elysian Park. Mayor Steve Cappiello and National Baseball Hall of Fame President Paul Kerr will officiate.

Two teams, dressed as the original Knickerbockers and New York Nine players were, will re-create the game following ceremonies at the athletic field at Stevens Tech.

The game's centennial was celebrated in 1946 with a parade and ceremonies featuring Baseball Commissioner Albert Chandler, Hoboken Mayor Bernard McFeeley, and the radio-comedy team of George Burns and Gracie Allen. The game was re-created by a team from Demarest High School and a group of World War II veterans called "The Better Boys."



Participants in today's reenactment of the first officially recorded baseball game in America are pictured here wearing the pantaloons, white shirt, cravat, and suspenders that ball players wore on the Elysian Fields for that first game 130 years ago. Below is a Currier and Ives print of that first game.



Clam Broth House, Dating to 1899, Making Its Debut on Television

By JAMES F. LYNCH

SPECIAL TO THE NEW YORK TIMES
HOBOKEN, June 17 — From the Marlin Room of the world famous Clam Broth House in beautiful downtown Hoboken, we bring you the Rena Romano show.

That was the introduction put on videotape this week as the restaurant and bar here made its television debut. The tape will be available to cable television outlets in New York and New Jersey as a half-hour production patterned on the "Dinah Shore Show."

Television lights and cameras are no strangers to the Clam Broth House, which dates to 1899. As the target of a campaign for women's rights because of its men-only rule in the clam bar, where the floor used to be covered with sawdust and the language was as salty as the peanuts, the place was the scene for many televised interviews with male chauvinists on the inside and protesting women on the outside.

The fight started in 1970 and went on for two years, but John Podesta, the owner

at the time of the dispute, said in a recent interview: "When the lawyers said they wanted \$50,000 to take it to the Supreme Court, we figured it was easier to give in."

Mr. Podesta sold out a little more than a year ago to Arthur Palaez, who had been associated with him for 30 years. Starting as a waiter, Mr. Palaez worked his way up to manager and was responsible for the expansion of the Clam Broth House from the original bar and one dining room to its present size with the bar and seven dining rooms, including the 175-person capacity Marlin Room, where the video sessions were taped.

Rena Romano, the star of the television show, is also the producer, as the head of R & R Records, her use of the Clam Broth House came about because her lawyer, agent, Robert J. Carluccio of Teaneck has an office close to the restaurant and is a frequent patron.

"I was out on the Coast and saw the 'Merv Griffin Show,' which is put on 25 miles outside of Los Angeles," Mr. Carluccio said, "I thought that if the people would go that far to see such a show, they might come to the Clam Broth House, which is only 15 minutes from Herald Square."

Miss Romano and Mr. Palaez were interested—Miss Romano because she had been doing a similar show for Teleprompter cable television outlets for two years, and Mr. Palaez because he regarded show-business personalities as good business attractions.

Buckets of 'Steamers'
Frank Sinatra had many a bucket of "steamers" at the Clam Broth House before and after his rise to fame, Mr. Palaez said. Marlon Brando, Rod Steiger, Karl Malden and the late Lee J. Cobb were frequent visitors to the Clam Bar during the making of the movie "On the Waterfront" in Hoboken in 1954, two years after Mr. Podesta acquired the place from an uncle, Charles Serventi, the original owner.

Lee Meredith, Selma Diamond, Kay Medford, Barry

Nelson, Ruth Warwick and Virginia Graham patronize the Clam Broth House. The entire cast of "Lamproot Reunion," a play roughly based on Mr. Sinatra's life, held a party in the restaurant not long ago.

Under the format for the television show, there will be interviews, music and dancing, with the "top 10 disco records" played, according to Mr. Carluccio. The aim, he says, is to spotlight new talent and established performers living in New Jersey.

On the first show, Billy Nichols, a songwriter whose latest effort is entitled "Do It Till You're Satisfied," was the featured guest. Miss Romano, who in her nonprofessional life is Mrs. William Feeney of Closter, the wife of an A.F.L.-C.I.O. union delegate, does the interviewing.

Miss Romano also dances with Eddie Ramos and sings. The Headliners, six dancers, do the Hustle and other disco dances to recorded music. The Marlin Room stage is equipped with a backdrop rep-

resenting the New York skyline.

The show will be offered to cable television systems serving Hoboken, North Bergen and Fort Lee in New Jersey and Channels C, D and 10 in New York. The Jersey organizations have 5,500 subscribers and the New York outlets 100,000.

Where commercials are permitted, the Clam Broth House will have a 30-second spot announcement. Tyrone Green will serve as the regular announcer for Miss Romano's show, which is scheduled to appear at least five times during the month, once on each of the outlets.

"The Hoboken people haven't given us a time yet," Miss Ramos said. "It will probably be a 7 o'clock slot, right after Bingo."

A bill to control "Saturday night specials" was passed by the Legislature last year but was vetoed by Governor Byrne.

Hoboken sets rates increase

The Hoboken City Council last night introduced ordinances that could mean hefty increases in the city's water and sewerage rates by July 1.

But there was some indication that the proposed new rate might not be as high as originally reported.

If the ordinances as written now are approved, water rates would go up from the present \$4.50 to \$10.50 per 1,000 cubic feet. Sewerage rates would rise from the present \$3.10 to \$5.00 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri said last night that "there is a distinct possibility that the water rates will be changed" by the time the ordinance is aired at a public meeting slated for June 30.

Ranieri said he had the feeling that the water rate, as proposed by the new ordinance, "would go down" on the basis of talks held between the mayor and councilmen and local businesses.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said last night that officials of Maxwell House, Hoboken's largest industry, had expressed to him the company's unhappiness over the proposed increases. Cappiello declined to discuss in detail what was said between him and Maxwell House officials. Maxwell House officials could not be reached for comment late last night.

Does Hoboken mean it!

Hoboken is going to auction off 37 city-owned buildings, with the proviso that the buyer either repair them or demolish and replace them with other buildings, all within specified time limits.

The conditions of the sale contain a stern warning that the purchaser must comply with all the terms of the sale, or the city will take back the property and keep the purchase money.

This seems to spell it out clearly, but it is amazing how municipalities somehow never — or almost never — manage to recapture property in such deals.

Piers and other waterfront property sold by Hoboken more than two years ago, on which sale conditions were never met, are still owned by the people who bid them in at auction . . . people who agreed to the sale conditions they have since ignored.

It is likely that among the 37 successful bidders at the coming sale some will subsequently default on their obligations and it will be interesting to see whether the city actually follows through on the stern terms of the sale.

345 Hoboken kids to get camp trip

Three hundred and forty-five boys and girls will be sent to the Hoboken-North Hudson Young Men's Christian Association's Camp Tamqua at Bear Mountain this summer.

They will go for two-week periods, the first group going July 5.

Wesley Leverich, YMCA executive director, said the Hoboken Board of Education is contributing \$30,000 through its Title I federal grant for remedial reading and cultural development at the camp.

The city's Community Development Agency (CDA) is allocating \$10,000 of its federal funds, and the YMCA is donating \$5,000, for a total of \$45,000.

Applications for the camp have been distributed in the public schools to children from 7 to 13 years of age. They may also be obtained at the Y, 1301 Washington St.; the YOPES offices at 618 Garden St. and 360 1st St., and the multi-service center at Second and Grand streets.

Camp Tamqua is in Harriman State Park, N.Y., on Lake Kewauke.

Leverich said a well-qualified staff has been chosen to operate the camp under the direction of Leo Genese.

Title I hearing in Hoboken

Hoboken residents will have an opportunity to express their views on the Title I program of the Board of Education Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. during a meeting to be held at the board administration building, 1115 Clinton St.

Superintendent of Schools Thomas F. McFeeley said the federally-funded program is now sponsoring four pre-kindergarten programs, remedial reading and mathematics classes and English as a second language.

Francis E. McGorty, Title I director, is now preparing for the 1976-77 program, McFeeley said, and Wednesday's public meeting is being held to receive views from residents on the overall project.

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cafeterias, and in most of them the children are given the lunches at their desks in the classrooms.

The Parents' Council committee objected strongly to the fact that the lunches cut into the school day.

"Lunch is served in two groupings," the report said. "The first group is served at 11:30 a.m., the second at 11:40. Ten minutes of classroom instruction time is cut out so that the first group can be fed. The children not enrolled in the program are generally not doing any classroom work. In some instances they are doubled into two classrooms for those ten minutes and allowed to play until they are dismissed."

The report added that as a result of stopping class work at 11:30, "the lunch hour now runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., which is much too long," and "children in the Hoboken elementary schools are now in school approximately four hours and 20 minutes."

McFeeley disputed that, saying elementary pupils shape up at 8:40, teaching starts at 9, the noon recess is from 11:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., and the day ends at 3.

The report says supervision of the program "varies greatly from school to school," and depends on "the strength of the principal in the particular school."

"The lunch aides are definitely not trained to do their job entrails. Teachers do not help with the supervision. Mr. Palmieri (John J. Palmieri, the food coordinator) claims he does not have the necessary authority to improve the program within the schools."

McFeeley replied that the work of the aides (who are paid by the hour by the city) does not require much skill, as it consists mainly of shepherding the children and clearing away the remains of the lunches, so not much skill is expected to them. But all aides whose duties are directly related to the actual preparation of the food "have been trained," he insisted.

Under the heading, "Administration and Supervision," the report had these further criticisms:

"The physical serving and eating areas for the program also vary from school to school. This is another instance that depends on the school administrator. Some principals have applied to the state for funds for equipment (tables and chairs), others have not. Most of the schools are sorely lacking in equipment and there seems to have been no planning as to where or how the lunches would be served. Only three schools have lunch tables to accommodate all children being served. Children are eating in auditoriums, on stairs and in damp basements, which is not conducive to health or comfort."

"Hoboken claims and has reported to the state that all Hoboken students are being offered lunch, when in fact, Demarest Jr. High School has no lunch program. This school has a high percentage of children from families at or below poverty level. There have also been reports of children in other schools being turned down for the program. This is in violation of the 'agreement' which clearly states that the lunch must be offered to all students. (Some free, some paying, depending on family income level.)"

"Most of the people within the Hoboken school system are unhappy with the mandate for the lunch program and, possibly, rather than see that it is conducted in an efficient manner they have let it be conducted in this slipshod manner so that it could be proved that it would not work. Most of the problems associated with the program stem from poor planning, poor administration and little or no supervision."

McFeeley commented: "We do know there have been problems in administration. But the main problem is: where to feed them."

There is just no room to serve the lunches outside the classrooms in most of the school buildings, he declared.

"We have to make do with what we have," he continued. "Each school has a different problem."

The food coordinator is aware of complaints that the food is not always appetizing, and so is the board. We are not satisfied with the kind of food served."

He asked the critics to take into consideration "the inadequacies of the buildings, the newness of the program, and the fact that the board of education is planning for funding for equipment for the next year."

The board is planning to change to hot lunches for next year. In connection with awarding a contract to a new supplier, McFeeley observed that "the lowest figure is not always the best."

Hoboken vegetable patch?

Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri proposed today that the city designate a tract of vacant land on Second Street between Hudson and Washington streets as a site for vegetable gardens.

He recommends that the city bring in top soil and spread it, then divide the lot into parcels and make known what they are available to residents of the area to for gardening.

If there are too many appli-

cants, the sites could be raffled off, he added.

He acknowledged that time was running out but asserted that if the city moved fast, the project could still be started.

"The cost to the city would be minor," Ranieri declared. "The expense of the top soil would be negligible compared to the resulting value to the city, both socially and agriculturally. Preparing the ground would be a one-day job for a bulldozer."

The land is in the Grogan Marine View Plaza development and is owned by the Hoboken Housing Authority. It was to be a site for a 25-story apartment house. It lies to the south of a five-story parking garage which is in the center of the block. The remainder of the block, north of the garage, is a similar vacant tract.

Ranieri also announced that he has been turned down by the housing authority on his request to have this latter tract designated as a sandlot

ball field. He said he would ask Mayor Cappiello to try to persuade the authority to change its mind.

"This would require no investment by the city," the councilman declared. "The kids have already cleaned it up to some extent, and they could clean it up further."

"There would be no expense for equipment, for managers, for payrolls."

The boys who try to play there now are continually

chased by police, he said. Ranieri has a walkie-talkie radio on the police band, and he asserted that "all afternoon and all evening the message one hears most of the time is 'gate the kids.'"

The councilman added that the housing authority claimed the liability for injuries involved would be too great. But Ranieri asserted that he believed he could get recreation funds to pay for whatever insurance premiums were needed.

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To improve fire safety in the entire city, the Hoboken Fire Department will commence a comprehensive inspection program utilizing the on duty fire companies to inspect buildings in their respective districts. All companies with their fire apparatus, will remain in service via radio contact with fire headquarters, and will be able to respond to alarms of fire or other emergencies without delay.

Fire Department personnel will receive orientation training and instruction on this program from Capt. Richard Tremiliedi, department training officer. The tentative starting date is set for July, 15.

Cleanliness

It seems like only yesterday — and it was not much longer — that Hoboken asked for and got \$300,000 in federal funds to resurface and clean up Shore Road between 4th and 11th streets along the city's waterfront.

The road has been resurfaced and it does not seem like the old familiar Shore Road — until you notice the crop of broken glass that is beginning to glitter on its surface and the trash that is growing each day along its borders.

Perhaps the new road surface is making it easier for the litterers. If the litter-strewn street is the public image Hoboken wants to give the world, then the city can continue to do absolutely nothing about it.



Eleanor Taylor (left photo) models an 1840s style dress and parasol as she steps in alongside several ballplayers during the



"Salute to Baseball" parade Saturday morning in Hoboken. Mayor Steve Cappiello swings and misses at the first pitch

thrown during the reenactment of the first baseball game. Ed



Garling is the catcher. Miss Hudson County Vickie Certisimo (right photo) is accompanied by "King" Barry Gastelu and "Queen" Edna Marilyn Cook aboard her float during the parade.

River Road to shut down for the night?

The new River Road expressway should be closed to traffic from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. every day, says former city and county engineer Patrick L. Caulfield, project supervisor.

Councilman Robert Ranieri disagrees, and Police Chief George Crimmins is doubtful. When the paving of River Road is completed, probably this week, it is expected to become the main artery for north-south traffic along the east side of Hoboken, relieving Washington Street and Hudson Street. It runs from River and 4th streets to Hudson and 11th streets, with no access between except at 5th Street.

A bicycle path is to be laid out on the new roadway, but just how and where have not been decided.

Caulfield, however, proposes to make the road available for recreation only, after 6 p.m., when few trucks are moving, and when there is less traffic on Washington and Hudson streets.

Ranieri today vigorously opposed this. "I want to see traffic going through there all night," he said. "I don't want it to become a lonely lovers' lane, where corpses turn up in the night."

The councilman said the bike path could be laid out in such a way as not to impede motor traffic.

Chief Crimmins commented that setting aside the road for recreation at night would be feasible only if more money were spent on the project.

"The lighting would have to be improved," he observed, "and the area would have to be secured."

Push restoring Hoboken school cuts

Hoboken Board of Education trustees will huddle with city officials Friday in the office of the county superintendent of schools in an attempt to convince the city officials to restore all or part of the \$680,000 the City Council cut from the school budget.

At stake could be the jobs of 59 non-tenured teachers who have been dismissed by the board as an economy move. Some or all could be rehired by the board if the council restored any of the money.

Mayor Steve Cappiello, who, like Council President Martin J. Brennan, claimed he didn't know about Friday's meeting, said: "There are some areas in which we might want to acquiesce."

Asked to elaborate, Cappiello replied: "One area of restoration could be in the

salary area." The mayor declined to say anything further.

When asked if she was hopeful about the governing body restoring any funds, Board President Mary Stack Gaspar simply shrugged, but Trustee Otto Hotentrol said he didn't expect a change of heart "as long as Robert Ranieri is on the council."

Ranieri, who was unavailable for comment last night, spearheaded the budget-slashing by the council.

Meanwhile, the school board tabled resolutions at last night's meeting appointing 103 teachers and supervisors for its summer program in the city schools. The resolutions will come up again one week from tonight at 8.

Several of the non-tenured teachers whose contracts weren't renewed have

been placed on a tentative appointments list prepared for last night's meeting, but Robert Taylor, board counsel, said the board may be unable to hire them for summer employment, even under a federally funded Title I program.

Said Taylor: "At this time we couldn't do that because we'd have to deficit the school year ending June 30, 1977, and that would be illegal."

About Friday's meeting, Taylor commented: "We're going prepared to attempt to find a settlement."

Of course, if the Legislature fails to enact school funding formula by July 1, then nobody can be employed by this summer.

At last night's meeting, the board withdrew a resolution "approving a salary ratio effective July 1 for administrators

and supervisors." Louis DePascale, labor negotiator for the board, said the board was offering a "very minimal" pay raise to the supervisory staff. "It doesn't amount to (more than) a few dollars," he said.

The board will receive bids July 13 for 160 tables, with stools, for next year's lunch program, John Palmieri, nutrition director for the board, said the furniture will be placed in four schools still lacking them — Connors, Leinhardt, Wallace and Brandt.

Palmieri was directed by the board to submit recommendations on bids previously submitted to the board for servicing a new lunch program for the city's schools at next Wednesday's meeting.

Discord continues on budget

Hoboken Board of Education and city officials apparently failed yesterday to come any closer to resolving their dispute over a council-ordered cut from next year's school budget.

The two parties met yesterday in closed session at the offices of county Superintendent of Schools William Brooks, who had been asked to act as mediator.

"We did not resolve the matter," the superintendent said at the close of the meeting. Board and city officials declined to disclose any details on what was said at the 90-minute session.

The dispute centers around a \$680,000 cut from the 1976-77 school year budget. Fifty-seven non-tenured teachers received dismissal notices from the school administration after the city council had ordered the budget reduction.

According to city officials, both sides are discussing whether part or all of the cut can be restored.

Councilman Robert Ranieri said yesterday the meeting between the school administration and the city was called "not to pass judgment on the validity of the cuts, but in an effort at reconciliation between the two parties."

Board and city officials are scheduled to meet again with Brooks "to make further statements," according to the superintendent, who said he will inform the state commissioner of education of the results of yesterday's meeting.



Umpire Vic Carpenter and player Jerry Costa shout at each other during reenactment of original baseball game in Hoboken. Costa was fined six cents.

Instant replay a thing of past? Hoboken relives first ball game

BY PETE WEVURSKI

While baseball's lawyers in New York and Oakland grappled with a problem that threatens the sport's future, "baseball" fans in Hoboken toasted the idea that gave birth to our national pastime 130 years ago.

Some 24 hours after Commissioner Bowie Kuhn voided Charley Finley's clearance sale of three Oakland A's superstars with a ruling that could send baseball back to the Dark Ages, the Hoboken Bicentennial Committee journeyed into the past voluntarily Saturday with a reenactment of the first organized baseball game played at Hoboken's Elysian Fields on June 19, 1846.

The sights, sounds and spirit of that milestone event came alive just a few paces from Elysian Fields at Davis Field on the Stevens Tech campus. There Hoboken baseball buffs — garbed in 1846 style pantaloons and suspenders, white shirts and carvats — replayed the historic

four-inning contest that gave birth to an American institution.

These ancestors-in-spirit of Alexander Cartwright and Abner Doubleday — baseball's purported inventors — not only saluted the game and its past, but also contributed some examples for the future.

Baseball Hall of Fame records show that the New York Nine trounced the host Knickerbockers by a 23-1 score in the 1846 game. In Saturday's version, however, the locals evened the series at one-all with a 4-2 victory, thus setting the stage for a possible rubber game in 2106.

Saturday's combatants also demonstrated that the game could be speeded up. After all, they completed their four-inning contest in only 25 minutes. (Of course, detractors who insist today's baseball games put them to sleep have the satisfaction of knowing that Maxwell House built a coffee plant on the site of the original Elysian Fields.) reports indicated they might only get to see the recreation of the first rainout.

The day's festivities began at 11 a.m. with a parade by Little League teams, the Hoboken High School band and local officials from City Hall to Elysian Fields Park, the last remnant of baseball's birthplace. There Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and Monte Irvin of the Baseball Commissioner's Office unveiled a bronze marker that reads: "On June 19, 1846, the first match game of baseball was played here on Elysian Fields between the Knickerbockers and the New Yorks. It is generally conceded that until this time the game was not seriously regarded."

During the ceremonies, emcee Jerry Molloy (himself a legendary baseball figure in Hoboken) introduced 91-year-old Nick Picinich, Hoboken's first semi-pro baseball player. Molloy also read the names of Hoboken's seven contributions to the major leagues: Nat Hicks, Hal Neubauer, Tom (Scoops) Carey, Leo Kieley, Johnny Kucks, Bill Kumel and John Romano.

Freeholder Vincent Fusilli read a proclamation by Governor Byrne that made Saturday "Baseball Day" throughout the state.

Edwin Duroy was chairman of the event. The reenactment also broke the color line right from the start and proved that even baseball can correct its mistakes if given a second chance.

More than 1,000 onlookers cheered every underhanded pitch of the 10-inch round softball, marveled at the 1846 rules that required a batter when his fly ball was caught on one bounce and booed the errors that threatened to set this game back another 130 years.

And when umpire Vic Carpenter, sporting the top hat and tails that constituted the 1846 arbiter's uniform, signalled the final out, the fans gave thanks to the weatherman, whose earlier



SAILING TO BEACH — Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello joins group of local schoolchildren as they wave goodbye before sailing from Hoboken to the Gateway National Park at Sandy Hook yesterday. The trip was the first of a series of summer trips to the park provided by Circle Line of New York.

Stevens Tech's long-dock pier to be closed for Operation Sail

By ROMAN CZAJKOWSKY

Stevens Tech's long-dock pier, which had been designated as Hoboken's main viewing area for Operation Sail, will be closed off because it has been found unsafe, Mayor Steve Cappiello said yesterday.

Cappiello said Stevens engineers and city officials had examined the pier's underpinnings and found them "corroded to the size of a broomstick."

Because of the safety-hazard, viewers will now have to watch the nautical parade from Shore rd., which runs alongside the waterfront, according to the mayor. He noted that this will mean that considerably fewer persons will have access to the waterfront area.

Very Restrictive

"We will be very restrictive as to the number of people we can entertain" on the waterfront area, Cappiello said. "We'll only accommodate as many people as we think can be safely confined."

The mayor said that police will close off all access roads to the area "once we feel we have reached a density which we can safely maintain."

Operation Sail, part of the Bicentennial July 4 celebration, is expected to bring millions of viewers to the Hudson shores. North Hudson municipalities are particularly worried that their waterfront areas,

especially old, abandoned piers, will create serious safety-hazards.

Weehawken's Mayor Charles Miller said yesterday that he was concerned with possible hazards to spectators crowding Weehawken's Penn Central railyards on the waterfront.

Miller said that maintaining safety at the railroad's property was the railroad's responsibility, which has its own police force.

The mayor said he has not been in touch with railroad officials "because there are too many principals involved and you don't know who to get in touch with."

Miller said, however, that railroad officials participated in a number of meetings which were organized by local municipalities to coordinate peace-keeping and safety efforts. Railroad officials "should therefore be aware of the problem," Miller said.

Stevens' long-dock pier, which will be closed to spectators over the July 4 weekend, is approximately 80 years old, according to a Stevens spokesman. Stevens acquired the property in the early 60's, and dismantled the pier's superstructure to make room for a parking lot. The pier has also been used to moor a floating dormitory, and has been accessible to Hoboken residents as a picnic area.

The pier is 998 feet long and several hundred feet wide at its north end.

Hoboken board to OK 103 summer teachers

Hoboken's board of education will advertise for 160 tables, with stools, for its lunch program, for next year.

Authorization to seek bids from suppliers is expected to be approved by the board at its meeting tomorrow night.

Also on the agenda is approval of 103 teachers and supervisors for the board's summer program in the city's schools.

School Superintendent Thomas E. McFeely has recommended the following for employment in the accredited summer school — if there is to be one: Principal, Kenneth Gallagher; Patrick

Gratale and Dominick Manolo; history; Vincent Cassessa and Mauro DeGennaro; science; Laura Gautier; math; Frank Furman; business; Ada Quintero; Spanish; Joseph Corrado; James McLaughlin; Anthony Yacullo and Ray Fiore, English.

For the title I Summer Instructional Program, McFeely is recommending Patrick Gagliardi as director, at \$1,600; and, as head teachers at \$40 a day, John DeMonaco, Joseph Esposito, Dennis Sevano and Dolores Ciani. Fifty-one are being hired as teachers at \$30 a day.

Frank Spano is up for recreation-enrichment coordinator at \$1,400, with William

Connors as head teacher for the swimming pool, at \$40 a day. Twelve teachers are up for \$30 a day.

Daniel Binetti is recommended as director of psychological services at \$1,100, with four others at \$30 a day.

For Program Support Services, Linda Erbe and John Sepp are each up for \$1,600; and Nicholas Burke and John Palmieri at \$30 a day each.

Three arts and crafts personnel are recommended at \$30 a day, and 20 student teacher aides at \$16 a day.

Hoboken's trouble area gets added foot patrols

Hoboken Police Chief George Crimmins has doubled the foot patrols in the vicinity of the city's current trouble area — Lower Garden Street.

The chief today ordered two-man walking beats around the clock, from Court Street to Park Avenue, between Observer Highway and Second Street.

He sternly ordered all officers to arrest any loiterers blocking the sidewalks, or accosting or muttering oaths and imprecations at passersby, or in any way interfering with the orderly pursuit of the residents' happiness.

Crimmins specifically ordered that any "bottle babies" loitering on the loading platform behind the Ranieri furniture store at any hour of the day or night be summarily arrested as disorderly persons.

He ordered the sergeants in charge of the Tactical Patrol Force on all shifts to get out of their cars and walk the area with their men. Each shift or patrolmen was ordered to file a written report on the situation at the end of each tour of duty.

Crimmins also responded to a petition presented to Mayor Steve Cappiello by residents of the area, asking that Patrolman Frank Altomare, who is of Italian origin, be restored to the beat in place of a Spanish-speaking officer who had replaced him.

The chief solved the touchy situation by restoring Altomare while retaining the Hispanic officer, Edelmiro Garcia. Thus both will be walking the beat. Crimmins said both, and the other four men pounding the beat, are "fine policemen, devoted to their duty."

It'll be easier to get in, stay at housing projects

The Hoboken Housing Authority will raise by about 10 per cent the maximum income limits for admissions and continued occupancy in its housing projects, which will make it easier to get in and easier to remain.

This has been made possible by a directive from the federal Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) permitting an upper limit of 90 per cent of the median income in the area.

For single persons, for example, the Hoboken authority had a maximum of \$5,400 for entrance.

But since the median income (established by the federal government for this area in 1974) is \$6,600 for a single person, the entrance maximum will go up to about \$5,900, according to Joseph Caliguire, executive director of the Hoboken authority. A tenant continues to remain eligible for public housing until his income increases by more than 25 per cent.

The authority will advertise to notify private landlords and tenants of a new rent assistance program in the area under which the government will help low-income renters in private dwellings by making up the difference between 25 per cent of the tenant's income and the full amount of the rent.

Caliguire said the government will provide such assistance for 500 tenants in the Hudson-Bergen area, and Hoboken has applied for 75 such grants. This new program does not apply to public housing, although it is being handled by the housing authority, he said.

These matters will be taken up at a meeting of the authority scheduled for Thursday night, Caliguire said. A meeting scheduled for last Thursday was cancelled when Andrew H. Scherer, chairman, was ill, and Leo Smith, vice chairman, was away on vacation.

Caliguire announced that the authority has reelected Scherer and Smith and that at the direction of HUD, a seventh member has been added, Mayor Steve Cappiello appointing Matthew Pastore, an accountant, to the newly-created position. City council confirmation was not necessary in this case, Caliguire said.

Another item on the agenda of the coming meeting is the appointment of an architect and engineer to plan and supervise the waterproofing of the walls of project buildings which take in water during a driving rain.

An appraiser is to be hired to appraise the value of machinery and equipment in buildings in a two-block area to be taken over by the authority for the purpose of upgrading it.

One block is bounded by 1st, Newark, Grand and Adams streets; the other by 1st, 2nd, Adams and Jefferson streets.

Hoboken tightens security

Work begins today on tightening security around the police locker room in Hoboken City Hall to prevent the repetition of Friday's incident in which two youths were caught stealing a policeman's revolver.

When work is completed, the locker room will be sealed off by a door, and keys will only be given to policemen using the storage area. The job was ordered by Public Works director Ralph Vitale after he received a complaint from Police Chief George Crimmins and the city's Patrolmen's Benevolent Assn.

Puerto Ricans to press for better education

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Abraham Lao, Hoboken resident who has been active in the Puerto Rican community's affairs in the past, announced today that a new organization, Puerto Ricans for Affirmative Action, will press for more education for Hoboken's Puerto Rican children.

Lao said Puerto Rican children "are being denied the right to a decent education by the Hoboken school system."

He said a projected layoff of 59 teachers would hit Puerto Rican children hardest, "because it's their needs that have been met the least."

"The city is still out of compliance with state and federal regulations which mandate bilingual programs for children of limited English-speaking ability," he added.

Labor trouble brews on 2 fronts in Hoboken

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Labor troubles were mounting today both in the drab corridors of Hoboken's police headquarters, where a "job action" committee has been formed, and across the city in the green oasis of Stevens Institute, where blue collar workers vote this afternoon on the school's final contract offer.

Citing a "breakdown" in contract negotiations with the city, the Hoboken Police Benevolent Association has appointed a five-man committee which will "search any and all possible areas" for job actions and present a plan as soon as possible, according to PBA President James Behrens.

Hoboken ahead of Sirica on school plan?

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Hoboken is one of 46 school districts across the country where U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica has ordered a crackdown on "stalling" in desegregation that could include a loss of school aid.

But Hoboken is one of 21 districts among the 46 where a voluntary compliance plan already has been negotiated and accepted, the federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) has reported.

A top official at HEW said Sirica's ruling was based on out-of-date information. "Major action has been taken during the last year," said Martin Gerry, director of HEW's Office for Civil Rights.

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Shunt ship visitors in Sail aftermath

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By LARRY VIANELLO

Visitors will also be allowed to visit those vessels from 1 to 4 p.m. today.

In the wake of Sunday's Operation Sail throngs, several hundred persons who came to visit two Navy ships docked in Hoboken yesterday, were turned away.

On the roads yesterday, traffic was light and all streets open again after being closed for spectator viewing on Sunday.

According to Navy officials, pier facilities were neither adequate nor safe for visitors to board the USS Lamore County, a tank landing ship.

The second vessel expected to have been berthed there, the USS Harlan County, was steered elsewhere because of a lack of clearance for the ship's hull in the waters off Hoboken.

The ship anchored at Pier 84 in Manhattan instead.

Highways were clear and the air quiet on riverfront streets in Hudson and Bergen County yesterday, the antithesis of Sunday's July 4 celebration that saw hundreds of thousands view the naval extravaganza on the Hudson River.

Only Crew and Relatives

Small amounts of scattered debris left over from yesterday's onlookers were blown about by light winds while the sun shone on a riverfront containing only small sailing vessels and numerous modern naval warships, a far cry from Sunday's tall ship sailing pageant line-up.

Visitors though many, were far fewer than anticipated by local police and politicians for the parade. National Guardsmen, standing by for emergency situations, were for the most part left idle by crowds who behaved themselves.

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Hoboken to Gateway — 3 more trips slated

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Three more boat trips to Gateway National Recreation Area will be made exclusively from Hoboken, The Jersey Journal learned today.

On Aug. 11, the boat will go to Sandy Hook, on the New Jersey side of the park. On Aug. 21, it will go to Floyd Bennett Field on the New York side. Sandy Hook will again be the destination of the third trip, to be taken early in September on a date not yet set.

All three trips will start and end in Hoboken. Five other such trips during the summer will be from Manhattan.

The National Park Service launched the series of Bicentennial boat trips (the first was Thursday) to bring people from New Jersey and New York City to the beaches, playing fields, historic forts and wildlife of Gateway National Recreation Area. The area comprises 26,000 acres straddling the entrance to lower New York Bay.

Hoboken's Community Development Agency (CDA) is paying the liability insurance premium for the docking of the Circle Line boat at a Lackawanna Railroad pier near the old Hoboken ferry terminal.

Bado said Hoboken was picked over Jersey City by the National Park Service as the New Jersey terminus because of its superior mass transportation facilities. He regarded the venture as "a revival of the tradition of Hoboken as a seaport," which will attract "the many people who want to travel on the river."

On the Thursday trip, the boat left from Manhattan and took on passengers in Hoboken — about 60 children from the Connors elementary school and about 60 Jersey City senior citizens.

Mayor Cappiello — who gave the venture a sendoff at the dock — said it would demonstrate that waterborne transport was "a viable alternative to vehicular transit to the Jersey shore and the port's recreational areas." He added that he was certain it would be possible "to revitalize the river for recreational purposes and transport."

On the land the Red Cross will play a key safety role. For the Hudson County chapter of the American Red Cross it is the single biggest operation in its 67-year history.

The chapter will operate five primary first-aid sites at officially designated viewing sites in Jersey City. They are at Port Jersey, Liberty Park, Johnston Avenue, Exchange Place and Pavonia Avenue.

Each site will be staffed and outfitted with emergency first aid gear to handle anticipated injuries. Mobile equipment tied through a centralized radio network will facilitate operations.

The staff at each center will be headed by a captain who will organize operations. A senior medical person, either a registered nurse or a doctor, will direct first aid workers and emergency technicians in both emergency care and assistance for other injuries.

In conjunction with the Jersey City Medical Center and its ambulance paramedics, the aid stations will act as staging points for transport to the Medical Center.

John Remm, chief paramedic at the Jersey City Medical Center will work closely with the Red Cross from the central emergency operating center. James Malloy, executive director of the hospital, reviewed preparations for the event with the hospital's board of managers last night.

The Red Cross has prepared balloons and lollipops to amuse lost children brought to the aid station.

Joseph P. Lecowitch, executive director of the chapter, has been involved in the planning of the event for more than six months.

He said the Hoboken Ambulance Corps and the 21st District of the New Jersey Safety Council will command units in North Hudson.

St. Mary Hospital in Hoboken will be on alert status for the Operation Sail weekend, with the emergency and inpatient medical staff doubled for key periods from tomorrow morning through Monday.

The hospital's communication center will be in operation from 7 a.m. tomorrow through Monday. Several new telephone lines have been placed in service to keep physicians and employees advised of the hospital's status over the weekend and to alert them to traffic conditions as they drive to the hospital, the spokesman said.

Police Chief George Crimmins said that although vehicular traffic, once a "saturation point" is reached over the weekend, St. Mary Hospital employees and doctors showing hospital identification will be allowed into the city.

Let crowds come, Hudson on alert

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Hoboken finally starting suit on sewerage rates

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Hoboken will finally begin its long-delayed law suit to break a 30-year contract with Union City and Weehawken for treatment of their sewage in order to negotiate a new agreement with higher rates.

In a special meeting yesterday, the city council instructed Law Director Lawrence Florio to immediately institute the suit, first authorized by council resolution in December, 1974.

Under the long-term contract, which dates from 1955, the Union City-Weehawken Sewerage Authority pays a flat \$600,000 annually for treatment of its sewage in Hoboken's treatment plant. According to Councilman Robert Ranieri, the per gallon rate charged to the authority is now only one-seventh of the rate paid by a Hoboken homeowner.

Ranieri said that negotiations of a more realistic rate for Union City and Weehawken would allow the city to reduce the rate charged to Hoboken residents, which today increased 67 per cent.

Saying it had no other alternatives, the council yesterday adopted ordinances raising the sewerage rate for Hoboken customers and increasing water rates 133 per cent, effective today.

At the same time, Council President Martin Brennan said both rate increases will be reviewed at the end of the year and may be lowered for 1977, depending on the sewerage department's income and operating expenses. The department had a deficit last year of \$281,771 and projects a deficit this year of \$308,000.

Any readjustment of water rates, Brennan said, would be based on the city's costs to maintain its water system and to purchase water from Jersey City, which has raised its wholesale rates 75 per cent.

According to Ranieri, before lowering its water rates, the city must first wipe out a projected water department deficit this year of \$332,000 as well as some \$420,000 that must be paid retroactively to Jersey City under the new bulk water sale agreement.

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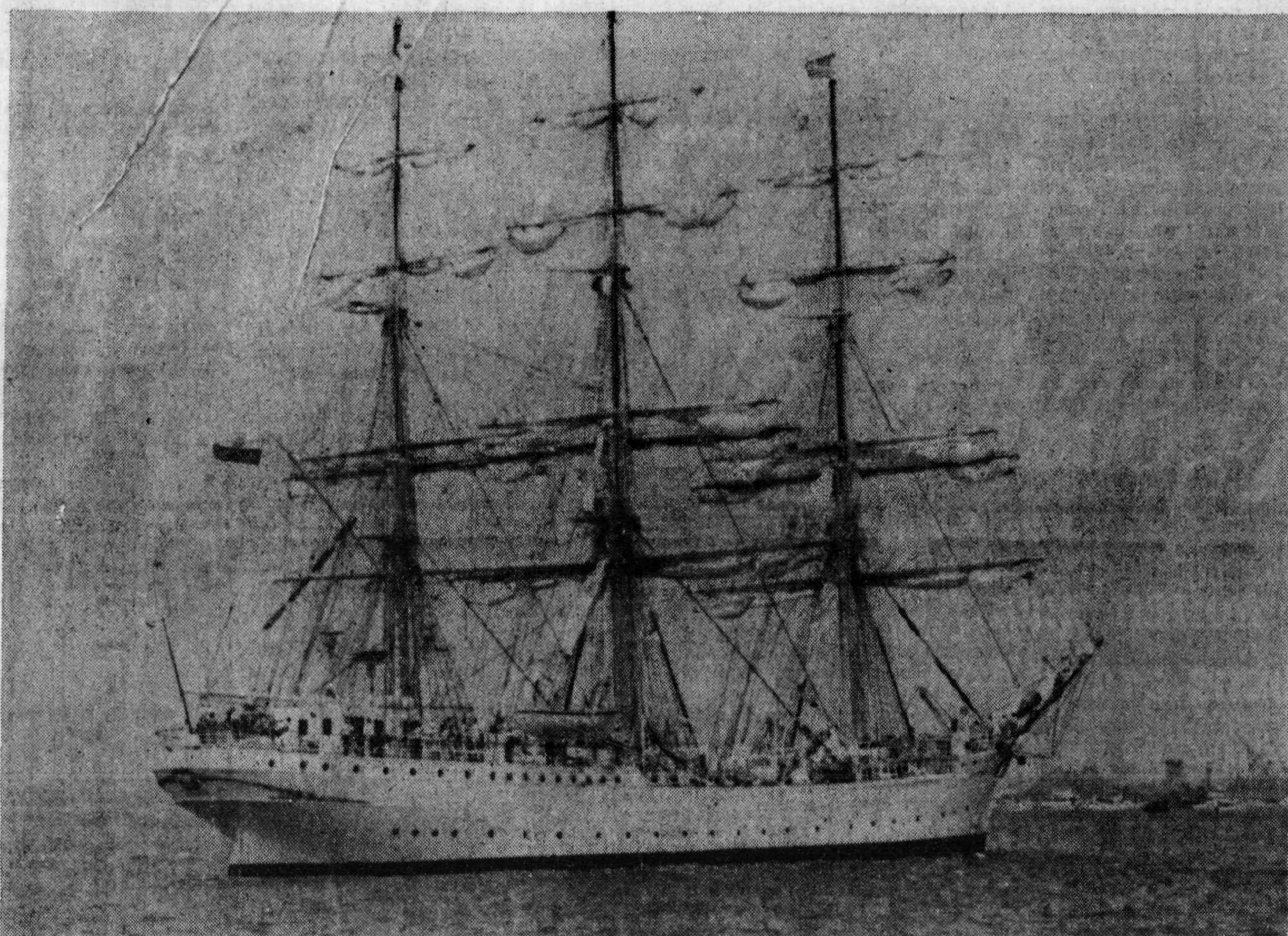
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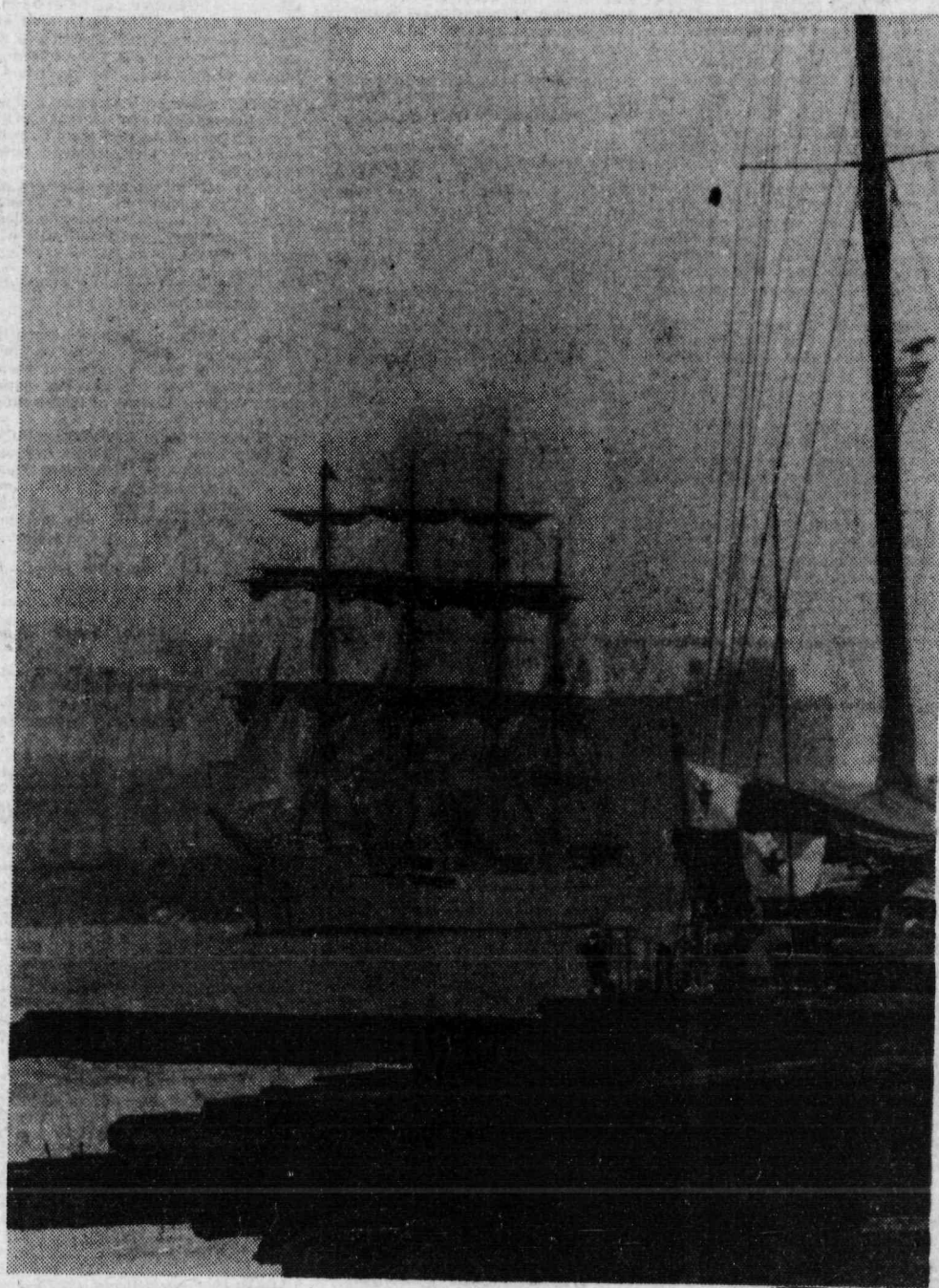
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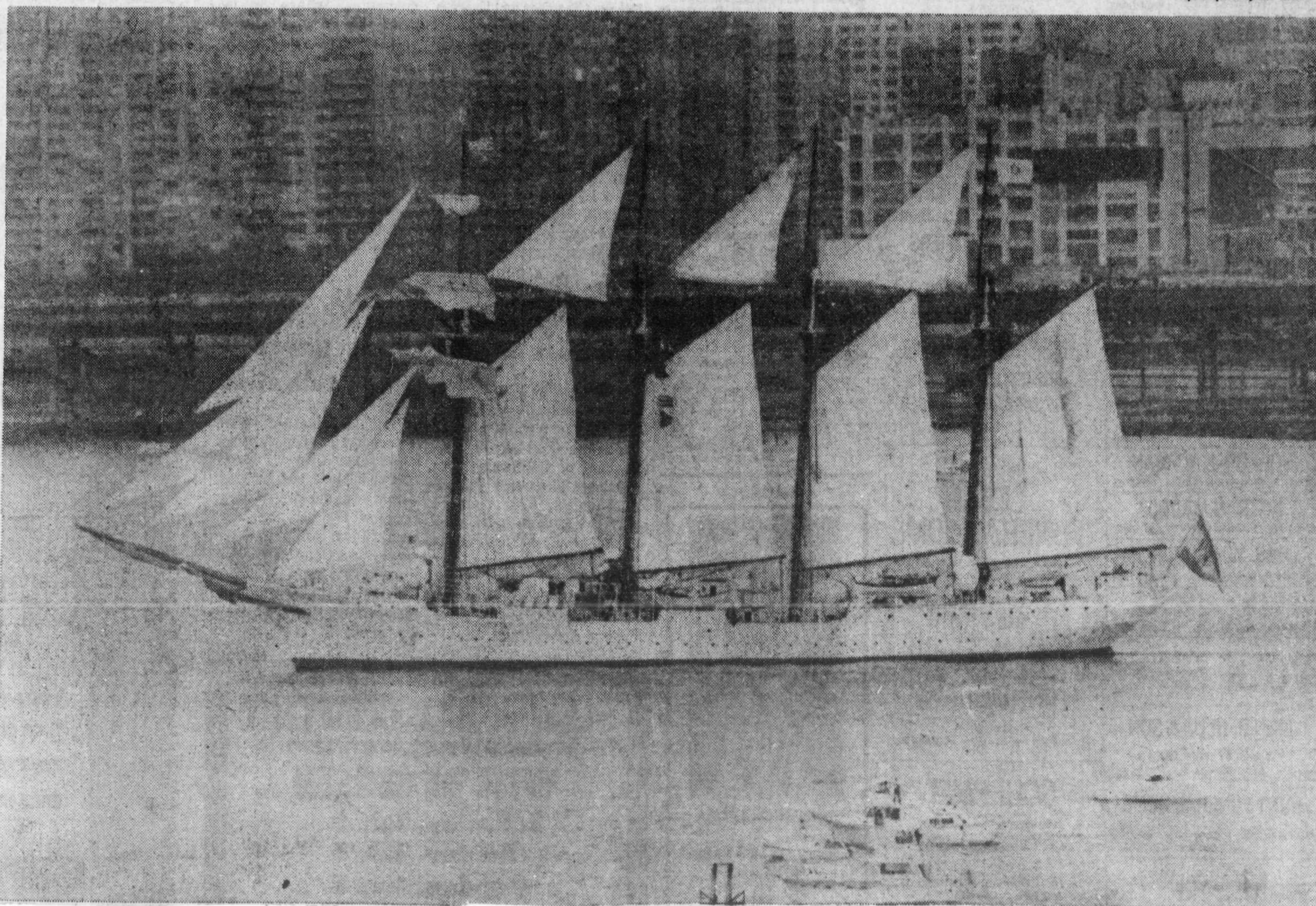
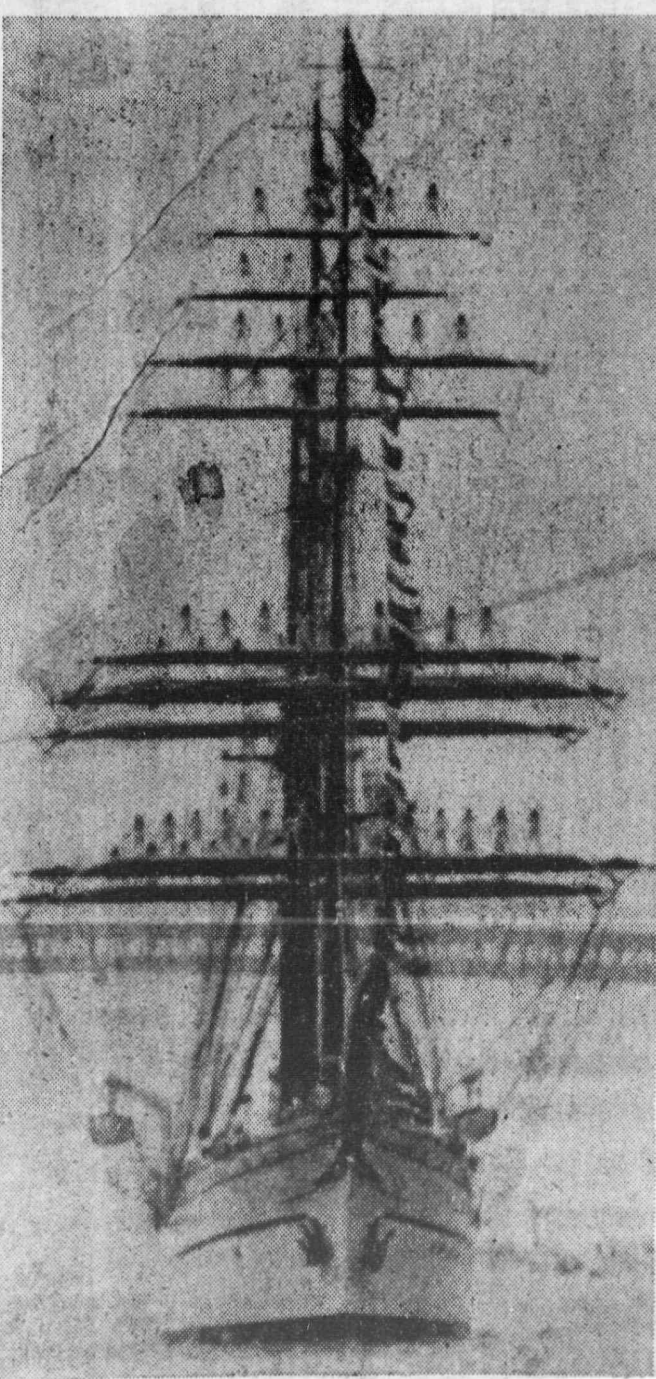
Shown are some of the 16 Tall Ships from around the world that paraded up the Hudson River yesterday.

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Dispatch photo by Bob Krist



Hoboken to get biggest tax relief checks

By Special Correspondent

TRENTON — Hoboken, Jersey City and West New York homeowners will receive the largest tax relief rebate checks next April 1 and Oct. 1 under "average" computations prepared by the Office of Fiscal Affairs, the Legislature's budget wing.

The average would be \$223 in Hoboken, \$222 each in Jersey City and West New York. The lowest average checks would be \$180 in Secaucus, \$183 in Kearny and \$184 in Harrison.

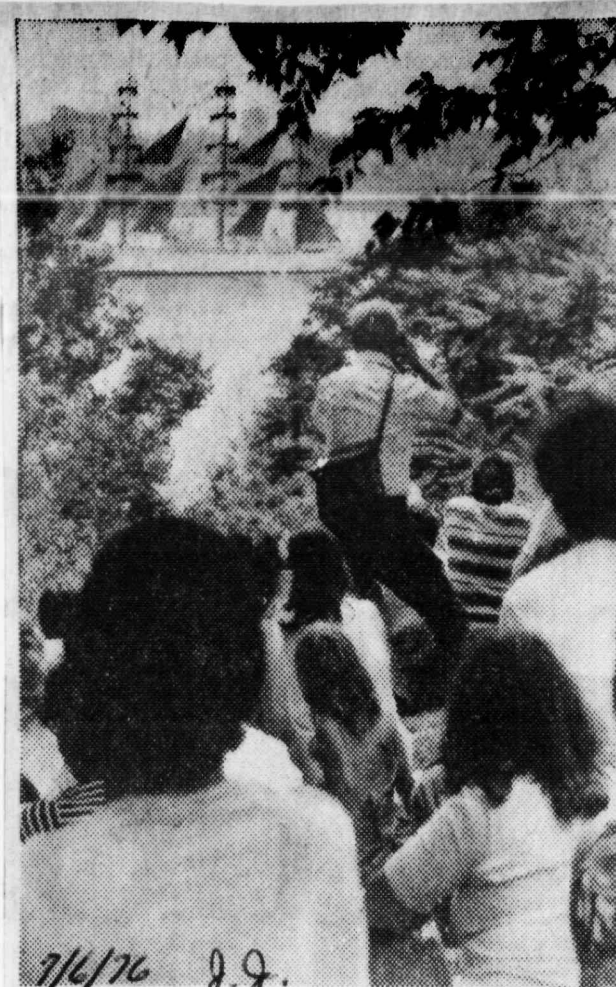
Exactly one-half of the tax relief rebate will be mailed by the state to each homeowner every April 1 and Oct. 1 under the homestead program enacted by the Legislature. It will be funded by the 2.0 to 2.5 per cent gross income tax signed into law July 9. The homestead rebate provides that the maximum in each district be based upon the first \$10,000 of equalized value or two thirds of equalized value, whichever is less. Any homestead with an equalized value of \$15,000 will qualify for the maximum.

These figures do not include the \$50 additional rebate for senior citizens, disabled and surviving spouses, nor does the \$50 million in state-wide revenue sharing include actual amount of veterans deductions in each municipality and 50 per cent of the actual senior citizen \$180 tax reductions in each community. The state already pays one-half the senior citizen reduction and is assuming the other 50 per cent cost as well in the tax relief program.

The school tax reduction provides

\$143 million for tax reduction. Districts which anticipated full funding in their budgets will receive no additional relief under this bill. The Senate already has passed the bill and the Assembly is expected to do so Monday.

Kearny will be the biggest Hudson beneficiary under the school tax reduction, \$1,122,401; followed by Harrison \$317,415; North Bergen \$169,610; East Newark \$43,627; Bayonne \$25,757.



THERE'S ONE — Operation Sail fans glimpse one of the 16 tall ships through shoreline foliage as it passes Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken.



CONVENIENT LOCATION — Crowded balconies of Operation Sail watchers at Hoboken's Fulton House indicate that residents and their friends recognized the building's rear patios as a convenient location for watching the historical Bicentennial event.

Where it belongs

At long last, that lingering dispute involving Hoboken's demand for higher sewage treatment rates from Weehawken and Union City is going to court.

Hoboken treats sewage from the lower end of both North Hudson communities. Weehawken and Union City both welcome the court action.

Efforts to mediate the dispute have been fruitless. The reluctance of the North Hudson communities to agree to a change in the long-standing flat-rate contract with Hoboken is understandable.

On the other hand, the 35-year contract — which has another 10 years to run — was signed in an era before galloping inflation, so Hoboken has a valid point, too.

Let the court decide.

Cops slate pact talks in Hoboken

Hoboken's policemen, a state mediator and the city's labor negotiator plan to get together Aug. 3 in an effort to hammer out a labor contract which the bluecoats have termed "long overdue."

The meeting with a mediator from the state Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) is scheduled despite objections by Councilman Robert Ranieri, the city's sole labor negotiator, that an outside mediator is not needed to settle the protracted labor dispute.

A police department source said yesterday the city and Hoboken's Police Benevolent Association (PBA) are still far apart on the labor contract issue, and indicated that positions had not changed since both sides rejected each other's proposals several weeks ago.

According to sources, the PBA had asked for a 25 per cent across-the-board raise spread over three years, while the city reportedly offered a 15 per cent wage hike.

No new contract offers have been made since then, but city officials have indicated they would offer only a one-year contract if an outside mediator comes into the picture.

Hoboken policemen have been working without a contract since January. Base pay for a patrolman starts at \$10,000 and reaches approximately \$12,000 after three years.

Ship buffs still seek Hudson views, crowds still small, officials relax

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A stream of people today continued to capitalize on dozens of popular Hudson County vistas in an effort to get a look at scores of tall ships and war vessels docked along the Hudson River.

Meanwhile, public safety officials were beginning to relax as Bicentennial activities in Hudson began to taper off with the end of the long holiday weekend.

The careful planning by public safety authorities paid off, officials said, and the viewing of Operation Sail went as smoothly as the graceful tall-masted ships that sailed up and down the river.

Along the waterfront from Jersey City to North Bergen, a crowd estimated at close to 150,000 watched the unique spectacle Sunday. Police maintained the traffic flow without major problems and medical facilities handled scores of minor accidents without difficulty.

Crowds continued to line Boulevard East in North Hudson today to view the dozen ships berthed on the Manhattan side of the river. The road was opened to traffic yesterday but driving was slow and at one point last night Weehawken police said everything was at a standstill.

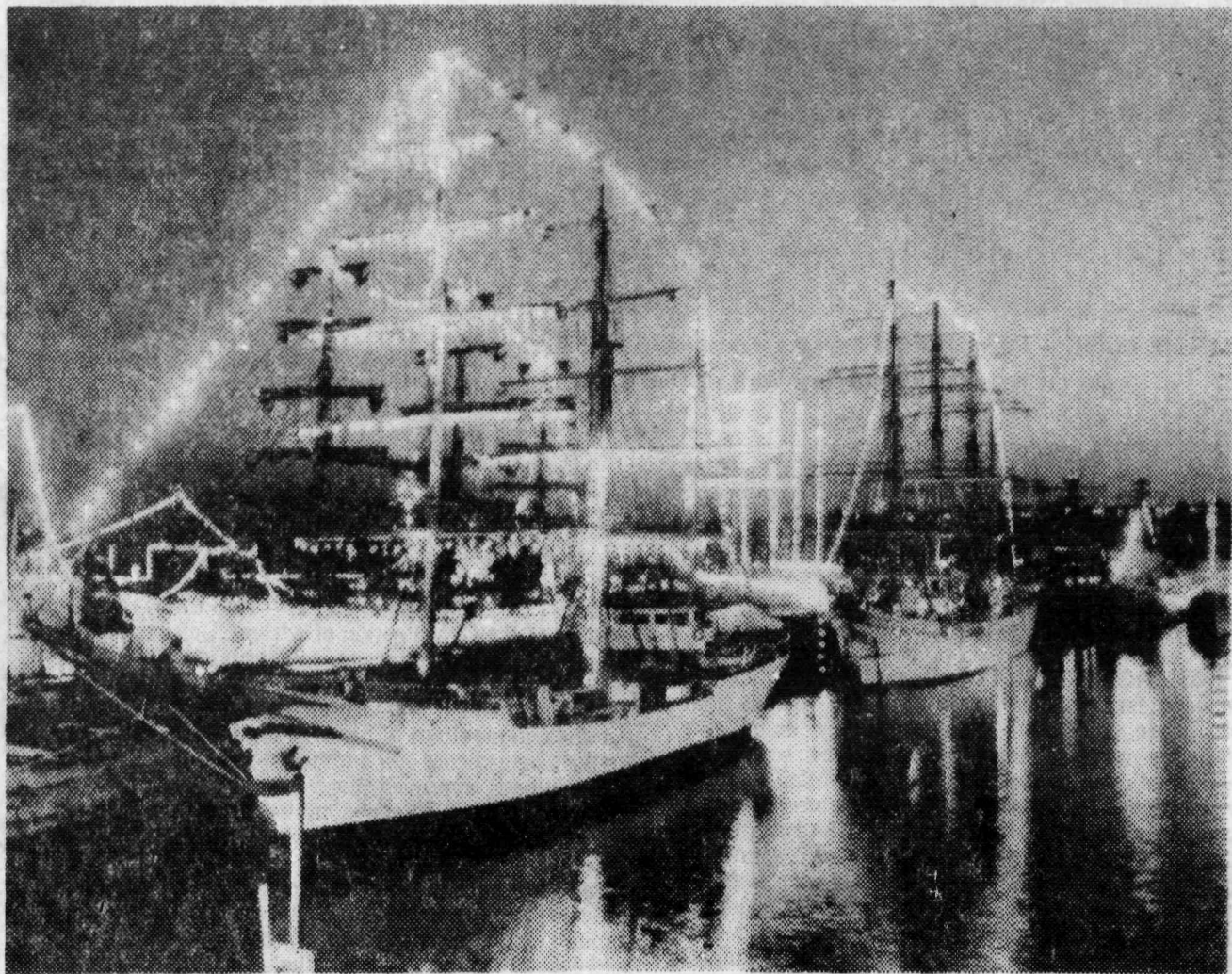
Crowds also ventured down River Road in West New York to view the two Soviet sailing ships, Tovarishch and Kruzenshtern, which were anchored in the middle of the river.

Visitors to the Military Ocean Terminal in Bayonne are able to view several United States warships berthed there but another U.S. ship at the Port Authority piers in Hoboken is not open to visitors. Incorrect radio reports yesterday brought scores of persons to Hoboken dock only to be turned away.

La Amistad, one of the smaller vessels which participated in Operation Sail, will be berthed and available for public visits at Liberty State Park in Jersey City tomorrow and Thursday.

Visiting hours each day are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The 130-foot long boat is a replica of a slave ship which sailed between the United States and Cuba. Displays aboard depict the history of the original ship, which was taken over by the slaves.



Tall ships at New York pier last night. At left, Colombia's Gloria, and behind her, Nippon Maru of Japan. (UPI)

Fireworks displays at Jersey City's Roosevelt Stadium and at Bayonne County Park entertained large crowds last night. No incidents were reported by police.

Local officials throughout Hudson who had feared disastrous crowds on Sunday, were happy when they did not develop. Most said they were pleased with the way the Operation Sail viewing was conducted. Even the litter and cleanup problems were not bad, they said, and most areas were in good shape by yesterday.

The public enjoyed the festivities Sunday with many showing ingenuity in trying to get the best view. Some watched the parade of sail from the roofs of buildings. Some brought stepladders to the designated viewing spots while others stood on top of their cars. Two women and a young

girl stood on the platform atop a sliding pond in a playground at Griffith Street in Jersey City.

Many brought binoculars and opera glasses and a few even had telescopes. Camera bugs were everywhere.

Some folks traveled far to see the show. Woody and Doris McDowell, at Exchange Place in Jersey City, came from Bay Head the night before and stayed with friends.

"Isn't that beautiful," Mrs. McDowell said when one of the ships passed into view. "Oh gosh, that's beautiful," McDowell said the crowds were "very well organized, very well behaved."

A few blocks away Madeline Dean watched from an 18th-floor terrace in the Gregory Park complex.

"I love ships," she said. "I love them." One of the finest unobstructed views was from Auf Der Heide Park on Boulevard East in West New York. "I think it's great," said Eileen Tricarico. "Everybody seems to be having a good time."

Several spectators said the historic value of the ships made them particularly fitting for an Independence Day celebration. To others the ships meant romance.

Throngs see naval review

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Thousands of persons jammed Hudson County waterfront sites to watch the International Naval Review in the Hudson River today during the first phase of Operation Sail.

The crowds gave officials the first test of the extensive Operation Sail crowd control and public safety measures they have been planning for weeks.

The crowds viewing the assembly of military ships from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. today were expected to be smaller than the throngs that will watch the

parade of sailing ships up the Hudson from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. tomorrow. There will be a massive fireworks display from 9 to 10 p.m. tomorrow. Hudson officials urged the public not to jam waterfront sites to view it since it will be visible for miles.

Six cannons from the New Jersey Department of Defense will give the ships a 50-gun salute at 10 a.m. tomorrow in Hoboken, according to Vincent J. Wassman, chairman of the Hoboken Bicentennial Committee.

Although municipal officials in Bayonne and North Bergen have

urged the public to watch Operation Sail on television rather than in person, developers of a luxury apartment building in Guttenberg have offered the county's municipal officials a prime vantage point for viewing the event.

A spokesman for Beller Realty, North Bergen; and the Prudential Insurance Co., sponsors of the Galaxy highrise complex, confirmed that "all of the town officials in Guttenberg and in all (municipal) offices in the county" are expected tomorrow as special guests.

"Quite a few have confirmed they're coming," the spokesman said. The officials will scan the parade of the tall ships up the Hudson River from the 30th floor of the Galaxy's 50-story tower where they'll enjoy a buffet spread, all courtesy of the developer, according to the spokesman.

Highest of the three structures and closest to Boulevard East, that building was chosen, the spokesman explained, because it is "presently furnished."

Spectators along River Road in Hoboken will find portable toilets near the north and south ends of the drive. A public address system also has been installed, with loud speakers positioned along the road, and a portable pay telephone unit is also in place.

Meanwhile, Joseph Caliguire, executive director of the Hoboken Housing Authority, has informed tenants of the Fox Hill Gardens senior citizens high rise at 13th Street and Willow Avenue that only five persons will be allowed on each balcony at the apartment building. Some balconies on the top floors of the 10-story building offer a view of the Hudson River, Caliguire said.

He said security guards will close Fox Hill Gardens tomorrow, allowing in only residents and their friends.

Extra security guards and doormen at luxury highrise buildings all over Hudson started stepped-up security operations and were checking the names of visitors to the building.

The National Guard moved into the North Hudson towns and Jersey City this morning, and at Weehawken Stadium they tested a communications network that was installed yesterday.

Police continued to patrol the Boulevard East area and enforce an anti-loitering ordinance with persons who appeared to be bedding down and camping for the weekend.

In all communities, holidays have been cancelled for members of the police force, who will be working minimum 12-hour shifts until Monday. In Weehawken, the police staff is bolstered by 24 additional people hired for crowd and traffic control.

Two mass transit innovations have been introduced for the bicentennial weekend.

The Central Avenue Bus Co. will be running bus service to Liberty State Park tomorrow beginning at 11 a.m. The buses will leave from platform A-3 at the PATH transportation Center, Journal Square, and run on the hour every hour until 8 p.m. However, a spokesman for the company said, if needed, extra buses will be added to run every half hour.

The park is one of the five viewing sites in the city for Operation Sail.

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (DOT) and Conrail will celebrate the birthday of the United States tomorrow with the first run of a Bicentennial locomotive. The locomotive, painted red, white, and blue and numbered 1776, will pull a special train from Suffern, N.Y., to Hoboken terminal, arriving about 9:55 a.m. The train will also have a coach numbered 1776.

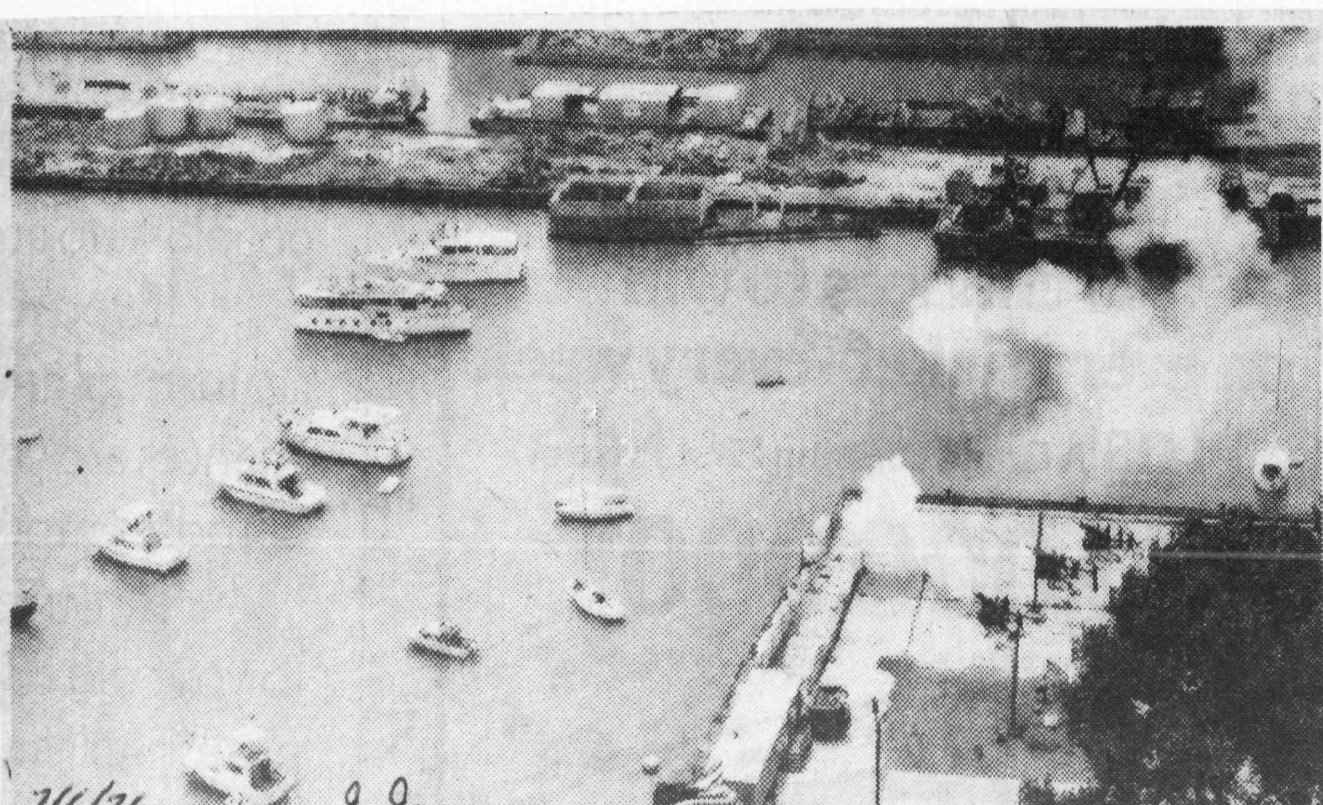
The train is one of a number of special trains that Conrail and DOT will be operating tomorrow for Operation Sail.

The locomotive will retain its 1776 designation throughout the Bicentennial year.

Hudson welcomed two Operation Sail ships yesterday — the Creidine to Jersey City and the Amerigo Vesputci to Bayonne. The crew of the latter was entertained at the Bayonne Patrolmen's Benevolent Association installation last night.



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WATCHING THE SHIPS — Throngs of people lined the railing sail up the Hudson River below. New Jersey crowds were of the Park Avenue bridge in Hoboken to watch the tall ships reportedly lighter than expected.



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SALUTE — Smoke rises from barrels of field artillery set up on pier at Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, as military fire salute to sailing ships moving up the Hudson.

Smooth sailing at celebration

By ROMAN CZAJKOWSKY and ROGER AMERMAN

It was all quiet on the Hudson waterfront yesterday as the expected flood of Operation Sail viewers turned out to be little more than a good-sized Sunday afternoon outing.

Local Hudson and Bergen county police reported no problems in controlling the spectators, while area hospitals handled few Operation Sail related injuries.

Police departments, fearing heavy traffic congestion and injuries as a result of expected crowds, were pleasantly surprised at what they called smaller than expected numbers of viewers.

"Everything's gone very smoothly all day long, Jim Almonoy of the New

Jersey Turnpike Authority said. "All those promoters projecting mob scenes must not have been seeing through their crystal balls clearly."

"We were expecting the worst and got the best," he added.

The Turnpike Authority had a "maximum" number of cars patrolling the roadway, and all most heavily traffic-prone interchanges were fully manned, he said.

Except for some congested roads in Edgewater and Fort Lee, Bergen and Hudson police said things were very quiet in that area.

Fort Lee, Edgewater, North Bergen and Guttenberg police all reported that crowds were less than expected.

In West New York police estimated the crowd at 50,000, only half of what had been anticipated.

Weehawken police put the number of viewers at 18,000, while Hoboken police reported 7,000 on Shore Road, several thousands in area parks and on private property such as Stevens Tech, Maxwell House and Bethlehem Steel, and an additional 25,000 non-resident viewers.

Hoboken's railroad property fronting the river was closed to the public. Railroad and local police turned away all unauthorized persons, according to mayor Steve Cappiello.



Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello stands next to portraits of some of his predecessors hanging on the wall at city hall. Shown are paintings of the late Mayor John Grogan, former Mayor Louis DePascale and the late assemblyman Silvio Failla.

Portraits of Hoboken mayors hung

6. Six color portraits of Hoboken's past and present mayors are hanging in city hall today, but no one seems to know exactly how they got there.

The gallery of golden-framed portraits, hanging in the second-floor corridor of the municipal building, features likenesses of Mayor Steve Cappiello and his five most recent predecessors — Mayors Silvio Failla, Louis DePascale, John J. Grogan, Fred M. DeSapio and Bernard McFeeley.

The color portraits, which were hung yesterday morning by public works carpenters, were made by George J. Costello, a photographer with a studio on Washington Street, from old election campaign pictures he had taken of Cappiello and Grogan and from old prints supplied by the families or friends of the other four mayors.

Costello said yesterday that although he hasn't received payment for the portraits yet, Councilman Anthony Romano some five or six weeks ago told him the city would pay for the pictures, providing name plates were placed on the frames. Costello said a city employee picked up the portraits two weeks ago and gave him a signed receipt but the photographer refused to say what the price of the portraits was.

When asked about the portraits yesterday, City Council President Martin Brennan said the council once discussed portraits of the mayors but never took any action to buy a set of pictures.

Romano could not be reached yesterday.

According to Costello, Cappiello asked him more than a year ago to make the portraits but later, the photographer said, decided the city couldn't afford the pictures. At that point, Costello said he met with

Romano, who he said agreed that the city would buy the portraits.

Cappiello yesterday said he had originally asked only for small black and white portraits of the past mayors, not for color portraits.

"I don't know who paid

for them," the mayor said. "I feel embarrassed to walk outside my office and see my picture."

In any case, the exhibition is on view temporarily or permanently on the second floor of City Hall, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hoboken block groups may unite for solutions

By JAMES KOPCHAINS

Feeling that together they will have better luck in solving their common problems, the 200 Garden Street Block Assn. of Hoboken will try to merge with four other block associations from neighboring areas at an organizational meeting being held tonight at 7:30 in St. John's Lutheran Church in Hoboken.

Claiming they have been "ringing doorbells" for over 20 hours this weekend to organize the meeting Mrs. Johanna Fugazzi, publicity chairwoman, said the five merged organizations would have more strength to deal with the problems of loitering and dilapidated housing prevalent in the area.

Mrs. Fugazzi said the other four block associations were the Bloomfield Block Association, the Park Avenue Block Association, and the 2nd Street and 3rd Street Block Associations.

According to Mrs. Fugazzi, the area's troubles lie with homes owned by absentee landlords. She said these owners don't seem to take much interest in their buildings. As a result the homes are decaying and becoming more and more of an eyesore.

Also, Mrs. Fugazzi said, men tend to congregate in front of these buildings and loiter. They often drink and create a disturbance, according to Mrs. Fugazzi.

Mrs. Fugazzi said the organizations are asking for better police protection in their neighborhood and stronger housing code enforcement. Also they are calling on the absentee owners to rehabilitate their dilapidated buildings.

Hoboken police chief George W. Crimmins said the police had increased patrols in the area. He asserted the Garden Street area was not a high-crime neighborhood.

Mayors' portraits hung — with mistakes

Oil portraits of Hoboken's last six mayors have brightened up the third floor of the City Hall building but errors have been noted in the name plates attached to two of them.

The first is on the portrait of former Mayor Bernard McFeeley. The late mayor's name is incorrectly spelled "McFeeley" on the plaque. The second is on the plate under the portrait of the late Silvio J. Failla. It says that he served as the court appointed mayor in 1973.

Actually, Failla served as mayor in 1965 after a very close run-off election between former Mayor Louis DePascale and then City Council President Edward Barrone which was voided by the courts because of a number of voting irregularities.

A third election was ordered by the court. Failla was named interim mayor to serve from July, when the term of the late Mayor John J. Grogan expired,

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It would seem that after a dozen fires within two years, the federal receivers of the Pennsylvania Railroad Marine Repair Yard in Hoboken would do something in response to Hoboken's pleas for reasonable security there.

After all, the Union Drydock and Repair Company has bid \$210,000 to buy the repair yard and is preparing for the closing next month. It would seem that the receivers would do everything they could to protect the property.

But no, a fire raged through the northernmost pier at the yard Tuesday night. That is one of the piers that was in the best condition. Now it is a charred wreck and the sale of the property appears on shaky ground.

Would it be too much to expect the receivers to protect the rest of the property so that something is preserved for sale to someone? After all, a successful sale is to the benefit of the railroad and the city.

Vendors, officials facing bills for Operation Sail

Hudson officials and unlucky vendors are still collecting bills in the aftermath of the July 4th festivities during which local municipalities braced themselves for millions of visitors who never showed up for Operation Sail.

One more bicentennial event is planned for today when a 130-foot-long replica of a ship seized by the slaves and sailed to Long Island Sound, La Amistad, docks at Liberty Park in Jersey City, for a two-day public viewing.

State Environmental Commissioner David J. Bardin and former state Assembly speaker S. Howard Wood-

son are among those scheduled to attend NAACP-sponsored ceremonies at the ship today.

Weehawken Mayor Charles Miller said the total cost to his township to provide protection to the public and property, preparation work and garbage pickup during the week was \$40,000.

In West New York, Mayor Anthony M. DeFino has stated that the costs have gone over \$30,000 and that the town was still tabulating the bills. Last week, the Board of Commissioners appropriated \$80,000 to carry out the bicentennial operations. Both communities expect to have

the state pay for any deficits once Gov. Brendan Byrne signs legislation for the reimbursement.

Miller was pleased by the lack of persons viewing Operation Sail from the Weehawken Palisades. Both communities released police officers from expected overtime duty last Sunday when it became obvious the expected crowds would never materialize.

One West New York businessman was left with a rented refrigerator truck full of soda which he had hoped to sell to the mass of patriotic viewers who never showed. Another weekend "wheeler and dealer" stockpiled the All-American staple, the hot dog, and hoped to make a killing at 50 cents a "frank." Towards the end of Independence Day, the price was down to three for \$1.

North Hudson police mentioned a panicky man from Newport, R.I., who was seen running up and down Boulevard East with a worried expression on his face and a lot of "T" shirts with the picture of a sailing vessel on them. It seems he was forced to run down from New England after he failed to make any sales during the Newport sail-in. Local people turned out to be just as choosy about their purchases as the Rhode Island "Yankees," say police.

About 70,000 people on Boulevard East and nearby buildings viewed the tall ships as they sailed up and down the Hudson River on Independence Day. Visitors were barred from Penn Central property on the waterfront because it was feared injuries would result from people climbing on the rickety piers. On Monday, people lined the Penn Central waterfront property trying to get a view of the ships docked on the New York side of the river.

Hoboken has quickly recovered from the bicentennial weekend which brought no arrests or serious medical emergencies in the Mile Square City.

Some 300,000 people visited or passed through Hoboken Sunday to watch the ships but the crowd was orderly and not a single arrest connected to the spectacle was made, according to Police Chief George Crimmins.

St. Mary Hospital reported that the weekend was "unexpectedly quiet," with only one or two minor cases of heat exhaustion and a few youngsters with cuts or scrapes.

Most visitors heeded warnings about automobile congestion and arrived via mass transit, primarily by train to the Erie Lackawanna terminal, Cappiello said.

Public Works Director Raphael Vitale said his cleanup crews completed their post July 4 task Monday without any "extreme problems" although the streets were "pretty dirty" when the crowds left.

Vitale said that lumber used to fence in the abandoned Penn Central repair yard on River Road during the weekend will be removed and used for other public works projects, including fencing in empty lots and boarding up vacant buildings.

The railroad refused to repair the fence, so the public works department patched the fence with some 25 wood posts and 50 plywood panels in order to keep spectators off the railroad piers, Vitale said.

Cappiello estimated the cost to the city for Operation Sail will total \$30,000 to \$35,000 when all claims are submitted.

20-year-old land use plan under review by CDA

Hoboken's Community Development Agency is reviewing a proposal from the city planning board that the CDA fund a revision of Hoboken's 20-year-old land use plan at an estimated cost of \$25,000 to \$35,000.

According to the planning board, an updating of the land use plan is needed to take into account new development trends in the city as well as to comply with a new state law requiring local zoning ordinances to conform to the land use portion of the city master plan.

In order to finance a revision of the land use plan, the CDA would have to shift money from one of its proposed planning programs in the second-year application for federal funds now under review by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, according to Fred Bado, CDA executive director.

Bado said the CDA will decide by early next month whether to fund the land use plan, which he estimated would cost between \$25,000 and \$35,000. If approved, the plan would be

revised by Ralph Seligman, a planner with Mayo, Lynch & Associates who is the consultant to the planning board.

According to Planning Board Chairman Ben Goodman, the city's master plan is 20 years old and its zoning ordinance is 10 years old.

"There is a need to update the land use plan," Bado said. "The zoning ordinance and master plan should be analyzed, reviewed and updated more than every 10 or 20 years."

"The city," he said, "has changed a great deal in 20 years."

The State Municipal Land Use Law, which takes effect Aug. 1, allows enforcement of a zoning ordinance after Feb. 1, 1977 only if a land use plan has been adopted. Hoboken can apparently meet this requirement by simply re-adopting its existing plan.

The law also requires that a zoning ordinance as of Feb. 1, 1977 must be consistent with and designed to carry out the land use portion of the city master plan.

A one-year extension of the deadline to Feb. 1, 1978 may be granted if the city is "diligent" in preparing a plan.

Seligman said he does not know whether the existing Hoboken zoning ordinance is in conflict with or is not designed to effectuate the current land use plan. That question would be addressed, he said, in an updating of the plan.

"I can't say for certain, but there may be some inconsistencies between the land use element of the master plan and the zoning ordinance," he said. "There could be inconsistencies between the policies of the master plan and the city's strengths as they are emerging now."

The question is, he said, "Does the old land use plan truly reflect trends that have surfaced in Hoboken over the past five years as industries continued to leave the city and residential development showed at least some strength?"

In addition to the land use portion, other elements of the master plan that have a direct bearing on land use—such as traffic circulation and conservation—might also be studied and revised, Seligman said.

Firefighters accept pact in Hoboken

Hoboken firemen have voted by a slim six-vote margin to accept the city's offer of a three-year pact with benefits totaling \$2,545 over that period.

Fireman Michael Bavaro, president of Local 1078, International Association of Firefighters, said the final tally last night was 30-24, about a 60 per cent turnout of the membership, he estimated.

Usually, said Bavaro, when the members are called on to approve or reject a contract proposal, the local gets "65 to 66 per cent" voting. "It's vacation time now and there are people away," Bavaro noted, "but we felt we couldn't hold it off."

As outlined by the city, rather than receiving any wage increments this year, retroactive to January when negotiations began, firemen would be entitled to four additional paid holidays, bringing the total to 13. This would cost the city an extra \$385, according to Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri, who conducted negotiations for the city.

In 1977, the fireman's base pay would rise by \$1,050 to \$13,000 annually and the following year by another \$1,000, by Ranieri's calculations. Also, next year, uniform allowance would increase by \$100 to \$300 total.

Asked his reaction to the balloting, Bavaro said, "There was a lot of opposition to it, but we didn't try to swing the vote. We decided to leave it up to the membership."

"I think I did the best job possibly negotiating. It wasn't a good offer considering we didn't get a cost-of-living clause, but I'd say it was a fair offer."

"It did warrant a membership vote and the members voted accordingly. We're being hurt in the first year and there should have been some dollars, if nothing else, for the cost-of-living factor."

"If there had been, we'd probably have gotten a unanimous vote, but this way, it hurts guys planning to retire this year. There are at least 101 know of who are planning to put in for their pensions and now they'll have to go with less money than the other guys," said Bavaro.

Hoboken teachers pay docked

The summer paychecks distributed to Hoboken's teachers tomorrow will be smaller than they expect. The board of education says the reduction is legal but the teachers say it's a breach of contract.

"It seems this board never passes up an opportunity to act in a way that appears to be punitive," said Hoboken Education Association president Mary Tecktonius at last night's board meeting.

At the session, the panel approved a resolution postponing the raise expected by the teachers this month and increasing the amount of money to be deducted from their summer pay to make up for last year's bitter teacher strike. Since the teachers only work 10 months a year a portion of their regular salary is deducted from each paycheck and given to them in a lump sum during the summer. That payment is due tomorrow.

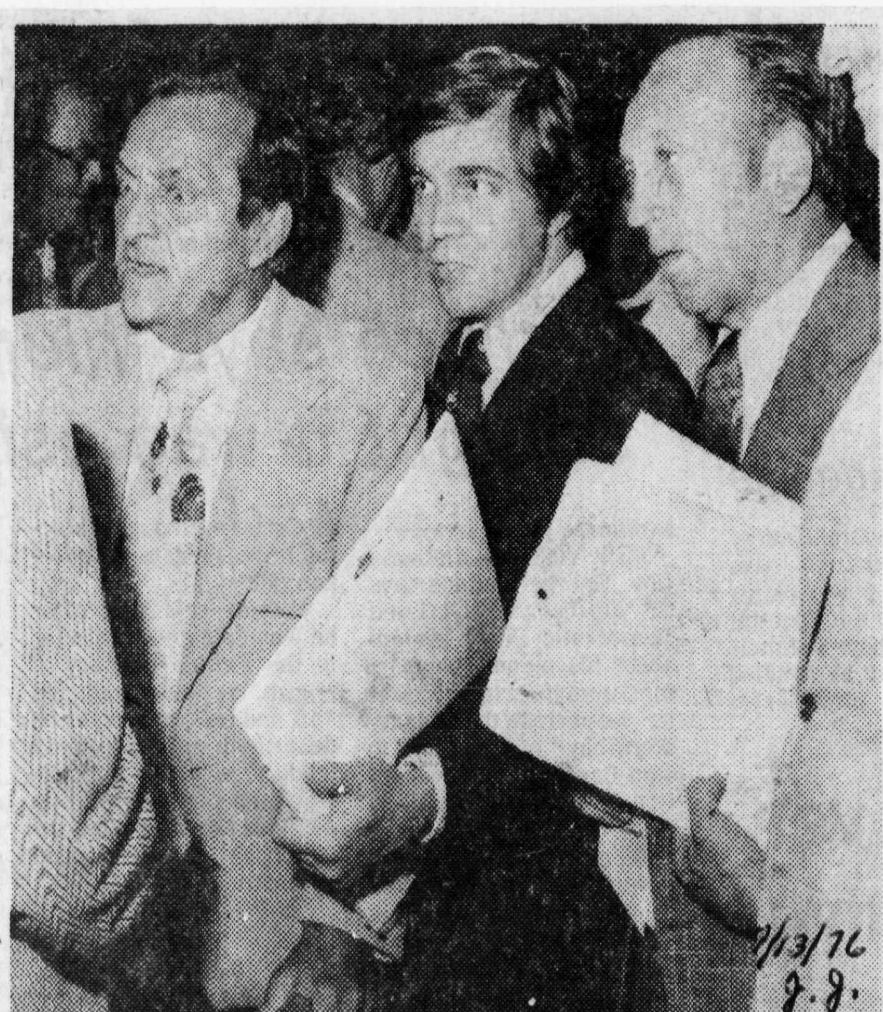
But during the month-long strike last September the teachers were not paid and so nothing could be deducted from their salary for the summer. The teachers say they expected to be

"docked" according to a standard formula which calculates the school year at 200 days.

But the board decided to use its own formula which reduces the year to 182 days—the actual number—and this means the teachers will lose money.

The board also decided to withhold until September the raise due for the school year starting July 1. Board attorney Robert Taylor said there is no state law requiring the board to start paying the raise in July.

Mrs. Tecktonius said there was no precedent for either action. She said that all other school boards in the state use the 200-day formula and that the Hoboken board has paid raises in July for at least 30 years. To change the system now was an arbitrary attempt by the panel to change the teachers working conditions, she said. She congratulated Taylor on his skills as an "adversary" in using the law "to put the teachers down" and added: "You think we must be sponges to sop this stuff up time after time."



Three Hudson mayors get deeply involved in the conversation as they attend caucus of New Jersey delegation to Democratic National Convention. From left are William V. Musto of Union City; Peter Mocco of North Bergen and Steve Cappiello of Hoboken.

Hoboken block groups taking on landlords

Block associations in Hoboken's First Ward want the city to help fight slumlords by requiring that all vacant apartments must pass a housing inspection before they can be rented.

The First Ward Block Association, a newly formed umbrella organization of seven block associations, plans to circulate petitions in the ward next week asking the city council to require landlords with empty apartments to obtain a "reoccupancy certificate" before the rooms can be rented to new tenants.

The petitions also will ask for increased cooperation from police and the municipal court in attacking problems of loitering, public drinking, unruly children and vandalism in the area, according to Tom Newman, chairman of the 200 Garden Street Block Association, the moving force behind the First Ward umbrella organization.

Newman said he expects at least 1,000 signatures on the petitions, which he said will be presented to the city council and Mayor Steve Cappiello in a "mass meeting" of the First Ward Block Association at the end of the month at David Rue School. "Slumlords are like a cancer," Newman said. "If we don't get rid of it now, it will grow."

He said the First Ward's problems of loitering and vandalism are "associated with tenants in slum housing."

"We want to go after the slum owners with strong code enforcement," Newman added. "A reoccupancy inspection program would affect all of us, but it would hit mostly the guy with high turnover and destructive tenants."

"Hopefully, it would put pressure on individual owners to improve their buildings. If they're not willing to do this, it will start costing them too

much money to stay in business," he said.

Newman said that some 65 First Ward residents attended a meeting at St. John's Lutheran Church Wednesday night sponsored by the one-year-old 200 Garden Street Block Association to encourage the formation of other block groups.

As a result of the meeting, six new block associations were formed, with the chairman of each group

acting as liaison to the umbrella organization, Newman said.

There are now two block associations on Bloomfield Street, three on Garden Street and two on Park Avenue, he said.

"It appears that somehow the slum buildings have avoided rigorous inspections," Newman said, adding that inspection of vacant apartments would require more housing inspectors and "will cost the city some money."

But without reoccupancy certification, "the city in the long run, would go down the drain," he said.

Newman said street corners and stoops of dilapidated buildings in the First Ward have become hangouts for "winos and undesirables."

There is also a problem with children "who run wild through the neighborhood," breaking windows and committing other acts of vandalism, he said.

Hoboken faces daily fine on raw sewage flow

Hoboken officials, faced with the possibility of being fined \$3,000 daily for each day the city allows raw sewage to flow from a 24-inch pipe at the Bethlehem Steel shipyard into the Hudson River, say they don't know where the stuff is actually coming from, but they have a plan to find out.

At tomorrow's City Council meeting, city lawmakers will authorize Bethlehem Steel to "block up" its end of the sewer line to create an anticipated backup so that, theoretically, at least, officials can trace the wastes to the source.

The city was notified Friday by state and federal environmental agencies that fines could be imposed unless the city took immediate action to eliminate the problem—which Mayor Steve Cappiello detected.

At last night's council caucus, the mayor briefed the councilmen publicly on the "visible foreign substance" which he said has been tentatively identified as "ink or dye" wastes with a "hot water and chemical base."

Cappiello said the outfall appears "around Pier 5 at low tide" and Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale added that the stuff is apparently discharged through the shipyard outflow pipeline at all hours of the day.

City officials say there is no evidence of any municipal sewerage line on any municipal engineering maps and dye tests conducted over the weekend established only that the muddy effluent isn't coming from the shipyard.

Bethlehem officials offered the city use of its underwater welding equipment to seal off the pipe and end the sewage flow with the proviso that the shipyard would be freed of any legal responsibility from any resulting complications.

Last night, Law Director Larry Florio advised the councilmen such a condition could be met under what he called a "hold-harmless" law, placing the onus on Hoboken alone.



FIRE INSPECTION—Capt. Richard Tremietti of the Hoboken Fire Department leaves an apartment building yesterday after completing an inspection of the premises for fire hazards. The department hopes to inspect as many buildings as possible so preventive measures can be taken.

Hoboken will cut back its rat control services

Hoboken's rodent control program, which was ordered by the federal government last month to drop all insect extermination services, is now preparing to cut back its rat control services to areas with the worst rodent problem, possibly to the 62-block former Model Cities section south of Fourth Street.

The curtailment of the rat control program—which now operates in 200 blocks throughout the city—results from the June 1 cutback in federal funding from \$120,000 to \$91,000 for the year ending next May 31, according to George Guzman, director of the program.

Although the program moved last month from Second Street to a cheaper, one-room office at 534 Garden St., it was forced by the funding cut to lay off five staff members, Guzman said.

He said the program is now conducting a survey to determine what areas of the city have the most severe rat infestation problems. When the survey is completed next month, a rat control services will be limited to those areas, he said.

"The service area will be drastically cut," Guzman said. "I don't know how many blocks will be cut, but we may possibly revert to our original area of 62 blocks."

The program now has a staff of two exterminators, four field aides, and two clerical workers, Guzman said.

He said the program, which had been spraying for roaches and waterbugs since 1969, was ordered June 1 by the U.S. Department of Health,

Education and Welfare (HEW) to eliminate the insect control service. "We've been getting a lot of complaints about insect infestation, but we can't do anything about them," Guzman said.

Now, because the Hoboken program has succeeded in getting the rat problem under control, HEW may cut off all funding as of May 31, 1977, he said.

"Now that the rat problem is under control, they're telling us the city should continue the program itself," Guzman said.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said that if federal funding is dropped, the city will try "as best it can within its ability to pay to maintain some kind of vigilance over the rodent problem."

But, he added, it would be "very difficult" for the city to maintain the same level of funding.

According to Guzman, the federal government will fund rodent control programs in cities where at least six per cent of the blocks have exterior signs of rat infestation—such as live or dead rats, burrows, droppings, runways.

The Hoboken program has succeeded in lowering the infestation rate to .8 per cent, he said, but added: "You can't get rid of rats totally. You can only keep them under control."

Cappiello eyes Bier's dismissal

By ROMAN CZAJKOWSKY

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello is apparently thinking of firing city business administrator Herman Bier.

The mayor yesterday refused to deny rumors that he was about sack Bier, who has reportedly been grooming Councilman Anthony Romano to challenge the mayor for his seat next year.

The mayor, however, denied that any firing would be "politically motivated." Rather, the mayor said, if any firing were to be done it would be because of a lack of "departmental efficiency."

Cappiello said he was concerned about "proper record-keeping" and "accountability of time," but he declined to elaborate on those charges or to point a finger at anyone.

Asked whether the reports of his imminent firing were true, Bier said yesterday "he did not know why such rumors should go around."

"I've done my job," the administrator said, adding that the mayor should come out with specific reasons if he wants to fire him.

Bier said he was "qualified" to fulfill his duties properly, but said, in an apparent reference to the mayor, that

"there are people who might not be qualified to judge others."

Bier said he had no intentions to run "for any office" himself, but added that he will announce "in due time" any support for a mayoral candidate.

Cappiello last year suspended Bier briefly after the business administrator reportedly refused the mayor's order to sign purchasing orders he said his office had not cleared first.

Bier was reinstated after the city council's committee on business administration decided that the "lack of cooperation and open communication" between the involved parties could be "remedied if there were improvements."

Bier had refused to approve payment of several bills to automotive firms that had supplied parts for police cars to the police mechanic.

Bier reportedly told the mayor that he would not sign the purchasing orders because the police mechanic had not cleared the purchases through Bier's office.

The mayor, however, told Bier the parts had been bought on an emergency basis and told Bier to sign the orders, which he refused.

3-year, \$2,545 pact Hoboken's final offer to its firemen

Hoboken's final offer to the city's firemen is a three-year contract with benefits totaling \$2,545, Councilman Robert Ranieri, the city's labor negotiator, disclosed today.

The firemen have set a vote for Tuesday on whether to accept the offer or to seek mediation from the state Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC).

The membership of Local 1078 of the International Association of Firefighters plans to vote in two shifts at 10 a.m. and

7 p.m. at the Exempt Hall, Second and Bloomfield streets.

Here is how Ranieri said the package adds up:

—The number of paid holidays for this year will be increased from nine to 13. This costs the city \$65 per holiday or an additional \$395, he said. Five compensatory days off are also allowed with the approval of the chief.

Next year, the base pay will be increased by 8.79 per cent or \$1,050, bringing the pay to \$13,000. An additional \$100 will be given for uniform allowance.

In 1978, the base pay will be increased by 7.79 per cent or another \$1,000. The total for the three years comes to \$2,545 and Ranieri estimated that with the new pay scale and fringe benefits, it will cost Hoboken \$21,000 to keep one fireman with 15 years seniority on the job.

Provisions are also made in the city proposal to put a \$2,000 limit on longevity pay for both firemen and fire officers. The differential between ranks also will be limited to 30 per cent between fireman and captain and 70 per cent for deputy chief.

Hoboken to press county to fund Veterans Field

Unhappy with the small share of Green Acres funds earmarked for Hudson County's tiny Columbus Park in Hoboken, city officials want the county to take over adjacent Veterans Field — and to assume the costs of upkeep and improvements for the stadium, now owned and maintained by the Hoboken Board of Education.

With the support of Mayor Steve Cappiello and Freeholder Vincent Fusilli, Councilman Robert Ranieri has requested the school board to return the playing field to the Board of Freeholders in order to expand — the only county park in Hoboken — and to relieve the city of the expense of maintaining the field.

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park in Hoboken — and to relieve the city of the expense of maintaining the field.

Ranieri proposed that the board of education sell the field for \$1.

But the board president, Mary Gaspar, said that while she thinks it is a "terrific idea" to turn over the management of Veterans Field to the county, this would probably have to be done through a lease rather than sale in order to reserve use of the field for Hoboken High School athletic activities.

Mrs. Gaspar said the matter will probably be discussed at tomorrow's board meeting, starting at 8 p.m. at 1115 Clinton St.

"The field is in absolutely deplorable condition," she said. "We don't have the money right now to do much of anything there."

The Hoboken Board of Education originally bought the field from the Hudson County Park Commission in 1962 for some \$50,000 and later spent approximately \$500,000 to install bleachers, dressing rooms and a running track, according to Robert Taylor, school board secretary.

The field, which also contains two baseball diamonds and two basketball courts, is located on Grand Street between Ninth and 10th streets along the west boundary of Columbus Park and across Ninth Street from Hoboken High School.

In a \$1.6 million Green Acres park development program, the Hudson County division of parks and recreation plans to spend \$75,000 in 2.6-acre Columbus Park — the smallest of the county's seven parks — to light two tennis courts and convert them for ice hockey in winter, build new restrooms and construct a roller rink.

The remainder of the funds would be spent in the three largest parks — \$939,000 for Lincoln Park in Jersey City; \$311,800 for North Hudson Park in North Bergen; and \$278,560 for Bayonne Park. The program would be financed with \$800,000 in state Green Acres funds; \$840,000 from the U.S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Assistance; and a \$160,000 county bond issue.

"Once again, Hoboken is getting the short end of the stick," said Ranieri.

"The mayor and Freeholder Fusilli have agreed to work on a campaign to enlarge the county park system in Hoboken so we can get a bigger share of the funds."

Adding Veterans Field would double the area of Columbus Park, the councilman said.

Hoboken seeking data on regional sewerage

Although Hoboken last fall endorsed the concept of regional waste treatment, Mayor Steve Cappiello says the city wants to know exactly how much it will pay and what "input" it will have before it will join a regional sewage treatment system.

But the Hudson Regional Sewerage Authority, which plans to commission feasibility studies for regional waste treatment, says it won't have final cost projections until

the studies are completed late next year.

Cappiello said Hoboken is wary of getting locked into a regional sewage treatment system if the city would have little control over rates.

The mayor pointed to Hoboken's dependence for water on Jersey City, which demanded a 212 per cent increase in bulk water rates before finally negotiating a 75 per cent increase.

Cappiello noted that the city council resolution endorsing regional waste treatment was approved in October, 1975, before Hoboken's experience with the Jersey City water rate increase.

"An attempt was made to foist this new water price on us," he said. "Are we going to get into a regional sewerage plan and then be told later what prices we have to pay?"

"I and some members of the city council now want to take a new look and see exactly what Hoboken's cost would be in such a regional plan," the mayor said. "We also want, what rights and what inputs we would have, to be more clearly spelled out."

Cappiello said that cost estimates for the construction of a regional sewerage system have ranged from \$200 million to \$400 million. He added: "I don't think anybody can predict the true costs when they can't predict what will happen with the inflationary spiral."

Hoboken and Hudson County's other municipalities have been ordered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to add secondary treatment to their waste treatment facilities.

Hoboken's problematic 16th Street treatment plant now provides only primary sewage treatment and estimates for upgrading the plant to include secondary treatment have ranged up to \$12 million.

Meanwhile, the Hudson Regional Sewerage Authority plans on Aug. 9 to receive proposals from seven consulting firms for feasibility studies for implementation of a regional water waste treatment system.

After review of the proposals by an independent committee, the authority's board of commissioners will select three consultants to conduct studies for the county's three sewerage districts. Hoboken is in the third district, which also includes parts of Union City, Weehawken, Guttenberg, West New York and the eastern part of North Bergen.

The studies will evaluate the existing systems of sewage treatment and will explore the possible location, types and costs of new facilities that will be needed to meet the county's sewage treatment needs over the next 20 years, according to Richard Jenney, executive director of the county authority.

The studies will also investigate the costs of upgrading existing plants to provide secondary treatment and of building new facilities.

Jenney said the county sewerage authority is the only agency in Hudson County eligible to receive 75 per cent federal funding for construction of new sewage treatment facilities. If Hoboken or other municipalities upgrade their plants independently, they would not be eligible for the matching federal aid, he said.

However, a "sub district" program, consisting of several municipalities within one of the county's three sewerage districts, could receive federal funds if approved by the county sewerage authority, Jenney said.

Meanwhile, mechanical problems continue in Hoboken's 18-year-old treatment plant.

The sprocket system in one of the three treatment tanks had to be repaired two weeks ago at a cost of some \$200, said Public Works Director Raphael Vitale.

"There's no denying the plant needs a major overhaul," Vitale said. "If we don't regionalize sewage treatment, the city will have to make the repairs. With regionalization, the county sewerage authority would be responsible."

Just repairing the plant to continue primary treatment could cost \$1 million, Vitale said. Renovating it to provide the federally-required secondary treatment could cost another \$8 million to \$12 million, he said.

Facing it

The proposal of a Hudson County regional sewage treatment system has to be faced sooner or later.

Why not now? West New York and North Bergen still have to pass enabling resolutions to allow a feasibility study by the Hudson County Sewerage Authority.

And the problem of what happens to existing commitments between towns has to be solved. Hoboken, for example, has an agreement with Weehawken and Union City. And West New York also has an arrangement with Weehawken and Union City.

David Bardin, the state environmental commissioner, met recently with the North Hudson Mayors Council to give a nudge for the regional plan because the deadline for filing necessary preliminary plans with the state is Aug. 7.

Bardin's office should have the legal know how to come up with some of the answers the North Hudson mayors need. Someone has to take the first step. If it does not come from the North Hudson Mayors Council, it should come from one of the mayors or from Bardin's office.

Hoboken gets sewage plant fund

The state Department of Environmental Protection yesterday approved Hoboken's \$582,700 grant application to rebuild its 11th st. sewage pumping station destroyed in an explosion last September.

The grant now needs final approval by the federal Environmental Protection Agency before the money is released to the city.

Quick EPA approval of the grant "is a foregone conclusion," according to Mayor Steve Cappiello.

The explosion caused millions of gallons to flow into the Hudson River before the city installed temporary pumps to divert the sewage from the river and back up into the city's main plant on 16th st. for processing.

Cappiello said yesterday the temporary bypasses have been "very costly" and city officials are drawing up a bill that might be presented to whoever was responsible for the explosion.

Cappiello declined to name the responsible party, saying only that "claims will be made where proper."

According to an engineer's report released shortly after the explosion, accidental pumping of flammable ink into Hoboken's sewer system may have been responsible for the explosion.

Representatives of the Alco Gravure Printing Co. reportedly met with city officials after the explosion and told them that several thousand gallons of printing ink were accidentally spilled into the sewer system.

PBA asks councilmen sit in on negotiations

The Hoboken Patrolman's Benevolent Association (PBA) wants someone besides Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri to negotiate with at a mediation session slated for Aug. 3, but they'll have to settle for Ranieri.

Ptl. James Behrens, PBA president, showed up at last night's City Council caucus to press the membership's point that other lawmakers sit in on the bargaining talks to speed the breaking of an impasse between the parties.

Behrens also was upset about reports of certain municipal employees collecting "time-and-a-half" or "double-time" for overtime work performed during "Operation Sail" on the July 4 weekend while city blueprints, he said, got only "straight time" pay for their labors.

"You get a different story depending on whom you talk to," said Behrens.

The PBA executive said at least seven "counter-offers" submitted by the PBA to the city met with the same answer from Ranieri — "the city has no money."

Council President Martin J. Brennan said he has no intention of sitting down with the PBA negotiating team and he insists there's no reason for any other councilman to participate either.

Brennan said that Ranieri has "full authority" to bargain for the council and to speak in its name. Also, he said, the city has hired Jersey City attorney Frank Hayes as a professional negotiator to assist Ranieri.

Brennan conceded, however, that Hayes has missed several sessions due to illness and that Councilman-at-large Bernard Scrivani and Francis Leahy removed themselves early on from a city-police bargaining committee.

Vitale acts to sweep Shore Road

The best street in Hoboken is without a doubt the seven-block-long Shore Road, recently rehabilitated with almost \$300,000 from the federal Office of Economic Opportunity. But city officials have started to worry that they might not be able to keep it that way unless they can start exercising better control.

Opened for public use since the beginning of this month, assorted debris has accumulated along both sides from Fourth Street to 11th Street. According to a Department of Public Works source, the street has not been swept or the litter along the sides picked up since the July Fourth weekend.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said he was moving immediately to correct that.

"I'm trying to work the area into the weekly schedule of our street sweepers so that it gets swept on both sides at least once a week," he said. "In the meantime, we'll have someone sweep by hand and pick up the litter."

Vitale said that the road would have to be posted with signs alerting motorists who park there to the days it will be swept. But even if the signs weren't immediately available, the sweeper truck would go around the parked cars, he said.

Parking at the 11th Street end of the roadway is another problem, according to Mayor Steve Cappiello, the city's public safety director. He said that there is no sidewalk along the northern end of the road and the parked cars force pedestrians to walk in the street.

"I am having the law department look into this," said the mayor.

"Cars have always parked along the side of the road for as long as I can remember," he continued. "But we're not sure if it was through some legal contract or just one of those verbal agreements that was honored over the years and became common and accepted practice."

The mayor said he believed that most of the cars belonged to employees of the Maxwell House Coffee plant who were allowed to park there by the Shore Railroad, which had owned most of the roadway until it turned over to the city last year.

Cappiello said the law department has been instructed to look into the situation, find out what the legal aspects are, and then make suggestions as to what the city can do to exercise whatever control is needed to keep Shore Road clean, safe and properly maintained.

PBA padlocks stand on grievance

Hoboken officials have promised to correct the conditions that prompted the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (PBA) to file a grievance against the city. But PBA President James Behrens says the grievance will not be withdrawn until the promise has been fulfilled.

The grievance was prompted by the theft of a .45 caliber pistol from the locker of a patrolman last Friday evening. The accused thief, a juvenile working for the city in one of its summer programs, has been caught and the gun accounted for. However, Behrens says that poor security in the locker room area permitted the theft to happen and must be tightened up to prevent a recurrence.

Also cited in the grievance was the general poor condition of the locker room area and the lack of adequate toilet facilities.

Behrens said that he has been assured by Police Chief George W. Crimmins and Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale that immediate action would be taken on the matter — and an effort was made to deliver. City employees resumed working on a new shower room and toilet facility in the ground floor police area at City Hall yesterday morning.

A departmental order was put out by Crimmins notifying all men that they must have adequate locks on their lockers, which must be locked when not in use. The order also stated that Lt. Anthony Romano, the chief's aide, would make periodic inspections of the lockers to make sure the order was being followed.

But Behrens said the chief's order actually wasn't necessary.

"If any of the men use their lockers to store their weapons or personal belongings of value you can be assured that they are adequately locked," he asserted.

"Many men don't bother using the lockers any more and prefer to keep their weapons and change of uniform at home. The area is dirty and it's hard to keep things stored in the lockers clean."

Behrens vowed the grievance would stand until the conditions cited in it are fully corrected.

"The conditions are not things that just came up," he said. "They have been a sore point with the PBA for years and there have been a lot of promises of action in the past that were very slow in coming about, if they came about at all."

"When the conditions are corrected, the grounds for the grievance will be eliminated, and the matter will be settled. Until then, it stands."

Vow River Road to stay clean

Hoboken's River Road, recently spruced up and resurfaced with a \$300,000 grant from the federal Office of Economic Development, is again litter-free and Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale intends to keep it that way.

Starting tomorrow and every Friday thereafter, one of the city's two mechanical street sweeper trucks will clean both sides of the waterfront roadway, the director said. And in between, the area will be hand swept and litter picked up by department workmen.

A crew of more than a dozen youngsters from one of the city's summer employment programs started the cleanup Tuesday after the conditions along the street were brought to Vitale's attention. Fourth Ward Councilman Louis Francione supervised the effort.

Officials line up public works needs

New or expanded municipal buildings, sewer improvements and a shopping mall were among the projects being mentioned by Hoboken and North Hudson officials today as they prepared to seek funds under the new federal public works bill.

Earlier this week Congress overrode President Ford's veto of the measure, which is expected to provide New Jersey with up to \$250 million for construction projects.

Mayor Charles Miller of Weehawken said his major concern is expanding the facilities at the township's municipal building, which he said are overcrowded. Miller estimated that the cost for the expansion would run close to \$2 million.

If Secaucus is successful in getting aid, it would apply it to construction of a new municipal building, Mayor Paul Amico reported.

Amico has long talked of building a U-shaped town hall around the present 76-year-old structure. The old building would be demolished when construction was completed.

North Bergen Mayor Peter Mocco said the federal money would be spent on a court-mandated improved sewer system, including pumping stations, mains and feeder lines. A secondary priority would be the reconstruction of badly-deteriorating streets.

Vast repairs of the Union City sewer system and catch basins also were envisioned by Commissioner Robert C. Botti, public works director. Botti said he had been pushing for passage of the legislation since it was introduced and said an added benefit will be the amount of employment it will generate.

In Hoboken, Mayor Steve Cappiello said the city will seek between \$8 and \$15 million for the conversion of the old Erie Lackawanna Railroad terminal into a shopping mall and recreation area.

"This will be under the economic development portion of the bill," said the mayor. "Our application has been ready for several months, just waiting for something to happen on this in Washington."

He said Hoboken also will seek funds for such projects as a consolidated city garage, restoration of the old city hall and rehabilitation of the Jefferson Street recreation center. He also felt the projects will open numerous opportunities for employment in the construction trade.

Hoboken has now sprung another leak

Water in increasing quantities has started seeping through a concrete retaining wall on River Road, Hoboken, just below the city's Little League field and is threatening one of the city's sewage pumping stations, Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today.

The wall encompasses the out-field area of the field and follows the contour of Fourth Street as it curves down to River Road.

"The leak has been there for awhile," said Vitale. "But it was minor. More like seepage than a leak. Lately, however, the flow has been steadily increasing and I'm concerned that it if gets much worse it could get into the pumping station and damage the electrical wiring."

Vitale said that the electrical controls for the pumping station are housed in a vault built into the wall. The vault faces River Road.

According to Vitale, the city doesn't know yet where the water is coming from.

"We had it tested and it's fresh and pure," he said. "That rules out a break in a sewer line, at least in any lines that might be close to the wall. However, the break might be further away and the ground acting as a filter."

Vitale said the city's building inspector, James Caulfield, and water department foreman, James Mur-nane, are checking the problem out.

Hoboken trial set for turns on red light

Starting Tuesday, motorists using Washington Street or 11th Street in Hoboken will be able to make right turns on a red light after coming to a complete stop, it was announced today by Thomas Vecchione, head of the city's traffic and signal division.

"It will be a trial under the new state law that allows such turns to be made," he said. "California has allowed right turns on a red light for many years without any major problems."

Vecchione said that if the trial works out successfully a similar traffic pattern will be set up at First and Washington streets.

He added that Police Chief George W. Crimmins has approved the trial traffic pattern at 11th and Washington streets.

While the trial is under way motorists heading north on Washington Street may make a right turn on the red light onto 11th Street. The same applies to motorists heading south on Washington, or east or west on 11th Street, provided they come to a complete stop and check for oncoming traffic before proceeding.

Hoboken aims to stop sewer line flow into river

A 26-inch sewer line that is discharging large quantities of an unknown substance into the Hudson River from the Bethlehem Steel shipyard in Hoboken should be capped and the flow stopped by tomorrow afternoon.

The city council is expected unanimously to pass a resolution at tonight's meeting that will release the steel corporation from any responsibility of liability if it allows Hoboken to use some of its underwater welding equipment to seal off the sewer line.

The pipe is located between docks 5 and 6 at the ship repair facility off 14th and Hudson streets. However, it is fully visible only at low tide.

According to a Public Works Department spokesman, the line was believed to be inactive since the shipyard installed an all-new sewer line system years ago. However, several weeks ago discharge was seen coming from the line, discoloring the river water for several hundred feet out into the Hudson.

Dye tests were conducted last weekend by public works personnel to determine where the flow was originating. The tests failed in that respect but did show that the discharge was not coming from the shipyard.

Hoboken riders to cool it on TNJ 63 bus

Hoboken residents who work in New York City and use Transport of New Jersey's No. 63 bus to get to their jobs should be enjoying much cooler rides for the rest of this summer.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said today that officials of the bus company have assured him they are making every possible effort to see that Hoboken gets its share of the new, air-conditioned buses recently acquired by the company through the state.

"Several of the new buses are already in service on the Hoboken-New York City run and coincide with

the company's written reply to the city's complaint about the lack of air-conditioned vehicles," Cappiello said.

The mayor called the company, adding a follow-up letter, several weeks ago after a number of residents from the northern section of the city and Councilman-at-large Francis X. Leahy had complained that most of the buses on the run were old and not air-conditioned.

"The company's response was that it was having problems with its summer maintenance schedule and keeping its air-conditioned vehicles operational," he continued. "However, we were promised that every effort would be made to put some of the new vehicles on the run. The promise has been kept, but we'll keep watching to make sure that it continues throughout the rest of the summer."

City hopes backup in capping sewer pipe may lead to source

The Hoboken City Council has approved an agreement with Bethlehem Steel Corp. to cap a 30-inch sewer pipe on the firm's waterfront property to stop raw sewage from entering the Hudson River.

The council agreed, at its meeting last night, to waive its right to damages from the company for any problems or injuries that might arise from the work. Under the agreement the city will seal the pipe and

Bethlehem Steel will provide the equipment.

Existence of the pipe, between piers five and six, was unknown until recently when sewage was discovered flowing into the river, making the city liable to a \$3,000 a day fine for breaking environmental regulations.

City officials say they hope that capping the pipe will cause the mystery line to back up so that its source can be discovered and corrected.



7/23/76 The Good Life J.J.
Leonard Jones and Theresa Lopez get a hug from Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello to go with the free lunches distributed by the North Hudson Community Action Program (CAP) and North Hudson Mayors Council to needy youngsters. Hoboken children received the meals daily at 11 sites around the city.

Hoboken book depicts 'charisma'

By AUDREY HAINFELD

"I sat on my stoop the other night," says Hoboken's historian, John J. Heaney, "and would you believe, there were so many new faces passing by."

It must have been an off night, because Heaney has a lot of neighbors who've been there for a long time, and he certainly has a lot of friends.

In some ways, this is indicative of the new Hoboken — at least for the "Mile Square City's" oldtimers. Not that Heaney considers himself an "oldtimer" — at least not chronologically — but, having spent most of his life in Hoboken, he has seen a lot of Hudson River water flow by Castle Point.

John has a special devotion to two things — his church, Holy Innocents Episcopal — and his city. Not so much the Hoboken of today, but the city of days gone by — a city filled with charming brownstones, tree-lined streets and beautiful architecture maintained the way it should be.

John Heaney's Hoboken is a reminiscence about the Stevens Family and the Elysian Fields of Colonial days, the cobblestoned, tree-lined streets and row houses, the old restaurants, boat clubs and other points of interest, along with the city's schools and churches.

"True, the cobblestoned streets and mud impeded progress," but somehow, John recalls, "it was a city with charm, or what we would call today 'charisma'."

This is the Hoboken John Heaney has written about in his 176-page history entitled "The Bicentennial Comes to Hoboken." He has filled the book with historical anecdotes and stories about the people who made Hoboken history along with more than 200 pictures of old street scenes, homes and public buildings.

These are pictured as they were in their halcyon days.

"So many new people are moving into Hoboken," John explains, "that I felt certain they would want to become acquainted with their city as it used to be — sort of background material as it were. For those of us who've been around awhile, it's a trip down memory lane."

He has been researching the book for the Hoboken Bicentennial Committee for the past two years, and it contains many anecdotes about the famous and near famous who once peopled the city.

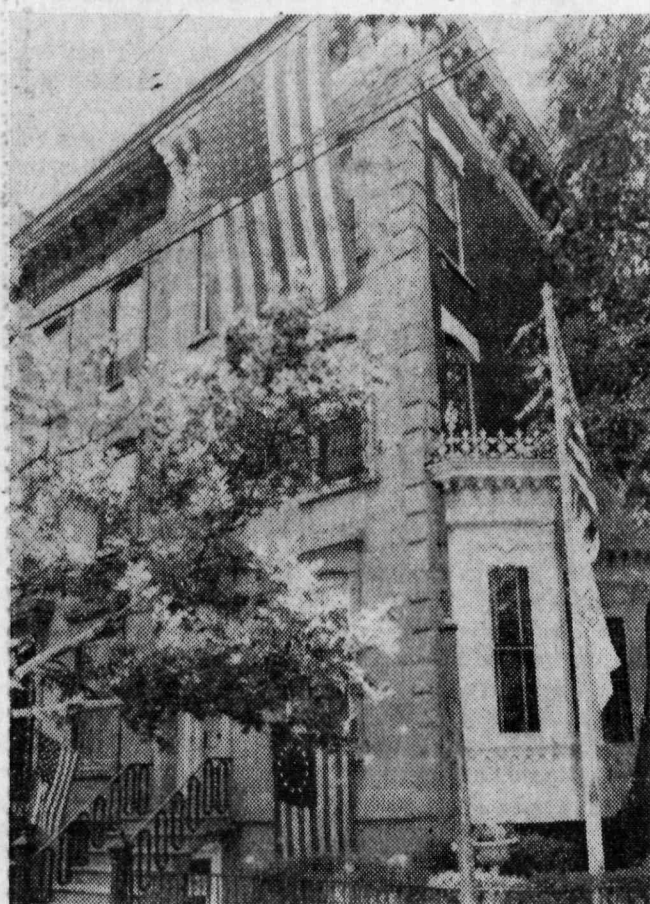
Of course, the Stevens Family predominates, and Heaney explains this by asking, "How could anyone possibly write a history of Hoboken and overlook the accomplishments, generosity and just plain activity of one of the nation's first families?"

John Heaney lives in a brownstone house "uptown" where years ago his father would have said, "only the swells resided." He can remember his grandfather describing how buildings in the city were draped in black when President Lincoln died.

He can remember a lot of other things about his father, too. Like when Joe Heaney used to tell his son that he was lucky to have shoes on his feet as a kid. This is the other side of the "good old days" that people today have a tendency to overlook.

America has been very good to the Heaney Family, John feels, and he is grateful to his country for the opportunities it provides. He is very strong on patriotism, and the Heaney home is always decorated with flags on every holiday. He even put up a large flag which once flew over historic St. Paul's Chapel in lower Manhattan in celebration of the nation's Birthday.

The Heaney home at 169 11th st. is always flag-bedecked on holidays. This is how it appeared for the recent July 4 Bicentennial celebration.



The Dispatch Photo by Linda Catalfo

Heaney doesn't think expressions of patriotism are "corny", but rather feels that America is such a wonderful country, no one should be ashamed to let the world know how much they appreciate it, whether they were born here or not.

Next to his church and country, Heaney's devotion goes to his home, which he shares with his best girl, "Blackie," a friendly little dog who is his constant companion. During the day he is head archivist for a British bank in downtown Manhattan.

Hours and hours of preparation have gone into his book published with the aid of Hoboken merchants and businessmen. "The book is being sold for \$5.00 due to the large quantity of photographic material it contains," Heaney explains. He would like to start a Hoboken historical society with any profits realized, to preserve the many interesting sites in the city.

As the Hoboken historian, John Heaney perhaps knows more about the "Mile Square City" than anyone else in it. He has collected volumes of history gleaned from spending hours with the late Col. Basil M. Stevens when the pair worked on into the night compiling data and doing research on Stevens Family papers.

He has also enjoyed a fine friendship with Mr. and Mrs. James Tully of Montclair (Mrs. Tully is Col. Stevens' daughter), and has had time to cull through the family papers in her collection.

In addition, Heaney spent hours at the Hoboken Library going over old photos to select what he felt were most indicative of life in Hoboken a century or more ago.

"It isn't easy to produce a book of this kind," Heaney claims, "no matter what you do in limited space, you're bound to leave something out — or even have a couple of 'bloopers'."

The book has been going quite well. "Since we only got it from the printers on July 4, we're now getting it distributed," he says. Local Washington St. shops like Umland's, People's Photo Studio and the Delta Book Store currently have the book available, and the bookstore at Stevens Institute of Technology also has copies on hand, as does Terminal Printing Co. and the St. Mary Hospital gift shop.

In West New York, it is available at the Plaza Book Store, and in Union City Garden State News also has copies.

But he is grateful to the people who made the book possible and hopes that it will serve future generations "long after I'm gone" to provide them with a peek into the past to see what Hoboken was like once upon a time.



The Dispatch Photo by Linda Catalfo

John J. Heaney relaxes with his favorite companion "Blackie" in the living room of his comfortable brownstone, while he reads a copy of "The Bicentennial Comes to Hoboken." A history buff for years, next to Hoboken his favorite city is Philadelphia.

Get a lawyer 7/26/76 J.P.

The old Holland-America piers at Fifth and Sixth Streets, whose present owner, the city contends, owes taxes dating back to 1974, have had a tenant since late last month.

Frank Bartletta, Hoboken revenue and finance director, wants the city to take legal action so it can collect the rent being paid by the owners of the large grain ship moored at the piers. The basis for such action is Hoboken's contention that the owner owes taxes and the city has a tax lien against the property.

Yet it is by no means certain that legal action will follow swiftly. Past practice in such matters has been to refer such matters to the law department. Hoboken, however, does not have a full legal staff. Its lawyers are part-time, in one day and elsewhere the next. At times of crisis situations, the city has hired an outside lawyer.

If the law department is to have any kind of effectiveness, it should have — at a minimum — one full-time lawyer to provide continuity in the day-to-day operation and administration of the law department. This would prove not only more effective and businesslike but less expensive, too.

Wants sweeper path cleared 7/28/76 J.P.

Hoboken's streets are not being cleaned properly because the mayor and city council refuse to reinstate the towing-away of cars that block the path of the street-sweeping trucks, Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today.

The city spent \$80,000 for two new sweepers several months ago, but Vitale said they can't do the job right because there are too many cars in the way despite the warning signs which post the hours and days of the week when the curbs are to be left clear.

The \$10 fines which replaced the towing-away 18 months ago have proved to be inadequate as a deterrent, Vitale declared.

In the days when cars blocking the sweeper trucks were towed away, compliance was much better, and workers were able to clean the gutters of litter and dirt much more effectively, he asserted.

Vitale said it is not true that the newer cars cannot be towed away when left locked.

"They do it in New York," he said. "They have a way. So why can't it be done in Hoboken? Over there it costs you \$100—\$25 for the fine plus \$75 to get your car back after it has been towed away. Maybe we ought to try a little of that."

The director disagreed with Mayor Steve Cappelletto, who had discontinued the towing on the ground that it was "hard on the residents."

"People are being pampered too much," Vitale declared. "If you let people get away with anything, they'll keep on doing it."

Hoboken firemen sweating out rapidly expiring promotion list 7/23/76 J.P.

Sixteen Hoboken firemen are hoping against hope that Mayor Steve Cappelletto will make an 11th hour commitment to promote six of them to the rank of captain before the current Civil Service list of eligibles expires.

The list, formulated in 1974, expires at midnight Sunday. After that, if the city wishes to make any promotions it must call for a new Civil Service examination and then 16 men on the current list must take and pass the new test if they still wish to be considered.

For the last two months, several of the firefighters on the list have been seeing Cappelletto two or three times a week in his office to plead their cases but they haven't received any commitment from the mayor.

According to some of the men, the fire department has six vacancies for fire captain under current manning. A few of the candidates feel they are the victims of internal politics within the department.

One claimed that the mayor said that some other firefighters had come to him asking that no promotions be made.

"We assume that these persons were selfishly motivated," he said. "They probably aren't on the list of eligibles and want the opportunity to take the test themselves. If the city fills the six vacancies now, it will probably be several years before another test and list of eligibles will be needed and that's all the more reason for them to lobby against any appointments now."

Cappelletto, who is also the city's public safety director, confirmed that some other firemen not on the list had urged the city to hold off the promotions. He would not say who they were but added their effort hadn't affected his thinking.

"The only question to be resolved is whether or not we need more fire captains right now," he said. "I am still undecided but I hope to settle the matter in my own mind before the list expires and the issue is decided for me."

The mayor added that should he decide that appointments will be made, it is very unlikely there will be more than one or two.

Water line repairs in second phase 7/22/76 J.P.

The second phase of Hoboken's water line recovery program is under way, Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today.

Workers from the Ameron Corp. of Kenilworth have started laying out above ground auxiliary water lines in the southern section of the city which will be used to supply residents and commercial firms with water while they work on the city's underground lines.

And with the start of the work comes a warning from the director for pedestrians to be "extra careful" and watch where they are walking. "We had a number of residents injured last year when the first phase of the program was under way," he said. "They tripped over the above-ground lines and fell. Every effort was made to place the lines in the street, flush to the curb. However, in some cases parked cars made this impossible and forced the lines to be installed at sidewalk level, next to the curbline."

The second phase of the program is being paid for through an \$890,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. It supplements the \$3.1 million replacement program started last summer and finished in the fall.

"Primarily, the work will be the same as done last summer except it

will be on streets that we had to leave out then because we didn't have enough money," said Vitale. "Most of the work will be done on Harrison Street, Jefferson Street, Washington Street, Bloomfield Street, River Street and Park Avenue, from Observer Highway to Fifth Street."

"It will consist of replacing some old lines, relining some old mains with cement, the installation of approximately 80 new water gates, and 12 new fire hydrants."

Ameron's bid to do the work was \$738,000 and leaves the city with \$150,000 which Vitale hopes he can use to eliminate some water line problems not included in the project area.

"I'd like to repair or replace all of the water lines along Park Avenue, from Fifth to 11th streets, if the federal government approves," he disclosed.

"The city has had a number of bad water breaks, especially around Ninth Street and Park Avenue, which leads us to believe that most of that line is in pretty bad condition and should be replaced."

Vitale said the matter is being taken up with federal authorities since the main project area is south of Fifth Street and the projected work would be north of the area.

Firemen file suit to get promotions 7/26/76 J.P.

Six Hoboken firemen are making a last ditch effort to get promoted to fire captain by taking the city to court for failing to make the promotions before the Civil Service list of eligibles expired.

Peter Rosen, a Parsippany attorney, has obtained a show cause order in Hudson County Superior Court directing the city to appear tentatively on Aug. 12 and explain why the appointments shouldn't be made.

In the same action, Rosen obtained Friday a restraining order prohibiting Civil Service from retiring the names of the six firemen from the list of eligibles until the court matter has been resolved.

The list was three years old at midnight last night and contained the names of 26 men in the department eligible for appointment. However, the restraining order applies only to the first six names on it since that is the current number of vacancies in the grade of captain.

Parties to the suit are, in order of their position on the list Alan Brause, Charles Ebersole, Eugene Failla, John Lewis, Patrick O'Brien, and Ernest Prudente.

In their sworn affidavits the men claim that the city has provided funds to cover the salaries of the men if promoted, and that the union contract with the city requires it to fill vacancies by promotions within 30 days after a superior has resigned or retired.

Mayor Steve Cappelletto declined to comment on the action. The mayor explained that it wasn't done until late Friday afternoon and he hadn't seen the formal paperwork. The mayor said he would take the matter up with the law department today.

Ranieri's whereabouts trigger varied answer 7/22/76 J.P.

By ROMAN CZAJKOWSKY

Where is Hoboken councilman Robert Ranieri?

Mayor Steve Cappelletto reportedly says Ranieri is in the hospital. Council President Martin Brennan says the last he's heard the councilman was vacationing at the seashore.

The Hoboken Police Benevolent Assn. is anxious to get the answer to Ranieri's whereabouts because the councilman, who is the city's sole labor negotiator, has a date Aug. 3 with a state mediator to discuss stalled contract talks with the bluecoats.

PBA president James Behrens made it clear at last night's council meeting that his men will not stand for a postponement of the meeting with Herbert Haber, a mediator from the state Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC).

Telling the council yesterday he had been informed that Cappelletto had called Haber to discuss a possible postponement of the labor talks because Ranieri is in the hospital, Behrens said

his men "will not reschedule the meeting with Haber."

The PBA president, who received no affirmative reply to his request that another councilman sit in for Ranieri should he fail to be around Aug. 3, hinted the city was trying to stall in its contract negotiations with the police.

Behrens said that "under no conditions will we accept a contract without a raise the first year," when asked whether his men would accept a contract offer along the lines of the contract accepted by the city's firemen Tuesday night.

Firemen voted by a narrow 30-24 margin to accept a three-year pact hiking their salaries by about 16 per cent, with no salary increase this year.

Firemen and the city came to terms without the help of a outside mediator.

According to sources, the PBA has asked for a 25 per cent across-the-board raise spread over three years, while the city has reportedly offered a 15 or 16 per cent wage hike.

Hoboken gets OK on pumping station 7/23/76 J.P.

After months of delay, the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has finally approved Hoboken's application for \$382,700 to replace the sewage pumping station at 11th and Hudson streets, which was destroyed by an explosion last September.

The approval was announced yesterday by state DEP Commissioner David Bardin. The application now goes to the Region II office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in New York City for its approval.

That approval is considered a formality by city officials since they were verbally notified almost two months ago by EPA representatives that the application met with their approval.

According to a city spokesman, the application to the state DEP was misplaced or overlooked in Trenton for several months.

The \$382,700 represents approximately 85 per cent of the anticipated cost of the project. The remaining money — approximately \$93,000 —

will have to come from the city treasury.

"We could apply to the state DEP for the funds but we understand that it doesn't have it, at least not at this time," the spokesman said. "And we can't wait to get this job started until it does. The city's been renting auxiliary pumps to handle the sewage for almost 10 months as it is."

The spokesman said that there was a possibility that Hoboken could get a reimbursement from the state DEP if funds became available in the state budget for next year.

Hoboken expects to be formally notified in writing by the EPA of its approval within a few weeks. However, the actual cash payment may take a little longer, the spokesman said. The EPA usually requires a formal impact study to be done first on the proposed work before it releases the funds. The spokesman added that he believed such a study was already being complied by the engineering firm of Mayo, Lynch and Associates.

Hoboken traffic signs may lack authorization 7/26/76 J.P.

A vast majority of the traffic signs in Hoboken — including stop signs, no parking signs and other regulatory warnings — may be illegal according to a survey now being taken by the police department's Traffic and Signal Division, it was learned today.

Thomas Vecchione, head of the division, said that many of the signs are "just there."

"It appears many of the signs were put up without any of the necessary paperwork and approvals required to make them legal," he said. "The survey is in its preliminary stages at this time so it is difficult to say how many illegal signs there are. But based on what we have already done, it looks like more than half."

Vecchione said that signs that had been put up in the last five or six years were all probably legal and that city had been following the proper procedures.

"Most of the problem is with the older signs," he continued. "Years ago, if some property owners wanted a stop sign on their street corner they asked for it and usually got it in a few days. No one bothered passing ordinances authorizing the sign or getting clearance from the state — all that's required to make the signs legally binding." In spite of the questionable legality of some of the signs, Vecchione warned motorists that they should obey them all for the time being.

"Not all of the old signs are illegal," he explained. "The one some motorists decide to ignore just might be one of the legal ones, so it's better to be safe than sorry."

The survey was started in compliance with a new federal highway program designed to standardize all traffic signs throughout the country by 1978. Federal funds will be available to the city to replace all of its legal stop signs, pedestrian crossings and school zones, bus stops, fire zones, no parking, and one way street markers.

Hoboken motorists who find that they had received a ticket in the past for ignoring an illegal sign shouldn't count on getting a refund of their fine from the city.

A spokesman for the city's violations bureau said that it would be extremely difficult to go through all of the tickets issued looking for persons who were cited for ignoring an illegal sign.

But before that, the city's law department would have to rule on whether or not such an effort should be made. Law Director Lawrence Florio was not immediately available for comment.

Discolored water 'til fall in Hoboken 7/30/76 J.P.

Hoboken residents were today warned that they can look forward to discolored water for the remainder of the summer as a result of the second phase of the city's water line replacement and repair program.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said that, in spite of the discoloration, the water is fit to drink and using in cooking.

"As the men work on the lines, sediment that has been accumulating in them for years will be stirred up," he explained. "There isn't any way of avoiding it while the work is going on."

Vitale said that the city went through the same problem last summer when the first phase of the program was under way without any major problems. He added that the water will be tested several times each day by the city's chemist to make sure it is safe for use.

"If people find that the discoloration disturbs them so that they can't drink the water, I suggest they place a quantity in a large bottle for a few hours," he continued. "The sediment will settle to the bottom and the water can be poured off."

Hoboken to fence off Grand Street dump 7/27/76 9.9

A one-block stretch of Grand Street, between 16th and 17th streets in Hoboken, will be fenced off at both ends to prevent unauthorized persons from getting into the area and dumping rubbish, Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today.

According to the director, the area has been cleaned out by the department and that should avoid the threat made by city firefighters to respond to fires at the scene but not to fight them.

"I had men working on it all weekend," he said. "My foremen told me yesterday morning that most of the litter and rubbish has been picked up. However, the mounds of dirt are still there to serve as a dam for the leak in one of the processing tanks at the sewage treatment plant."

City firemen gave the city until Friday to clean up the area and secure it so no one else dumps there. The city uses part of the area as a gathering site for litter it collects on weekdays. The litter is placed in large containers and hauled away by a private carting company to the dump in Kearny. Numerous small, but troublesome fires have been reported in the dumping area.

However, when the city wasn't dumping there others, without authorization, were.

Vitale said that this will be corrected by putting up two large gates across Grand Street at 16th and 17th streets. The city will do the work itself, purchasing only the materials needed.

"The gates will be locked from 4 p.m. to 8 a.m. of the following morning," said Vitale. "Those are the hours the city doesn't need the site for dumping. The key will be given to the police after it has been locked up in case there is need during the 16-hour span for emergency vehicles to get in there."

Will the city have someone stand watch to make sure no one breaks in and dumps during the night?

Mayor Steve Cappiello said he has instructed Vitale to put watchmen at the gates during the night hours. "The director has enough men in the department for this," said the mayor.

However, Vitale said he felt that the police should check the area.

"I have the manpower if you count bodies," said Vitale. "But most of the ones I could spare are youngsters working in summer programs. I don't think they should be working nights or at a job that requires someone with police authority."

Vitale said he would work the matter out with the mayor.

Hoboken 8.9 hunts origin of sewage 7/26/76

Although the Hoboken City Council approved a resolution releasing the Bethlehem Steel Corp. of any responsibility if it allowed the city to use some of its equipment to close a sewer line of undetermined origin that is dumping sewage into the Hudson River, it may be several more days before the work is done.

According to a city spokesman, the council resolution and release were turned over to company officials at the corporation's ship repair facility but they, in turn, had to send the paperwork to the company's home office in Bethlehem, Pa., for clearance by its legal staff.

"We don't know how long that's going to take," he said. "It could be today or the end of the week, depending on how soon they get to studying the release, and whether or not they're satisfied with it."

The sewer line is located in the shipyard between docks 5 and 6. The line does not show on any city maps and dye tests have determined that the line is not coming from the shipyard. However, the tests have failed to show where the sewage is coming from.

Hoboken plans to borrow some underwater welding equipment from Bethlehem and use it to build a removable cap for the line. It will consist of a plastic air bag that will be stuffed into the line with a metal sheet which will go over the end and keep the bag in place. The sheet will be removable.

Once the line is blocked it is expected the sewage will back up and eventually lead the city to the point of origin, according to Mayor Steve Cappiello.

"If blocking the line creates a health hazard at the other end we will be able to open it again," he said. "This means the sewage will be going into the river again but that would be less dangerous than exposing individuals to the untreated sewage."

The discharge was noticed coming from the line several weeks ago and reported to state and federal environmental agencies by the mayor. It was believed that the discharge was a recently new development.

But according to one city official, some veteran shipyard workers he talked with claim that the waste has been coming out of the line for years. "They never said anything because no one else did," he said. "They just assumed that everybody knew it was there and it was a normal and accepted situation."

Could such a line, discharging unknown gallons of sewage into the river, go unnoticed for years?

"It's distinctly possible," said the official. "The line and discharge are fully visible only at full/low tide. An hour or so either way and the discharge would be going directly into the river and would go unnoticed unless you got fairly close to the line and could see the discoloration of the water. From a distance you wouldn't see it."

A better Hoboken 8/2/76

Hoboken's City Council will have a clear opportunity to help bring about a better Hoboken when it passes upon a proposal to build 32 two-family homes.

Few such residences have been built in 30 years, a fact which has contributed to the image of Hoboken as a city of tenements and apartments.

The city's Community Development Agency is planning the development of an entire block as a pilot project which would be continued later at various locations on property the city already owns.

The proposal has everything in its favor and it deserves early Council approval.

Firemen 7/26/76 will let 9.9 lot burn

Hoboken's firemen have notified the city that they will no longer fight fires at a 16th and Grand streets dumping site because the city has done nothing to prevent the further unauthorized dumping of rubbish and garbage or to make the area secure.

The area is on Grand Street, just north of the intersection of 16th Street, and has been the scene of numerous small, but time-consuming, dump fires.

"We have given the city until Friday to clean up the area and implement some kind of security which will prevent further dumping," said Capt. William Bergin and Fire Fighter Michael Bavaro, the respective presidents of the Fire Officers and Fire Fighters Associations.

"After that we will respond to make sure the fire doesn't get out of hand and threaten nearby properties, but we won't put it out otherwise," they added.

"Every time men are sent there they are exposed to possible health hazards because of the garbage that is being dumped there."

Bergin said that last week two fire trucks were sent to fight a fire at the dump but were called away to fight a more serious pier fire. They disconnected their fire hose and left there while fighting the other fire. When they returned several hours later the hose couldn't be found.

"During those few hours several persons had dumped more rubbish and debris completely covering our hose up," he said.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said he had been advised of the situation and had instructed Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale to get on it immediately.

Vitale said that he had ordered the area cleaned up. A city bulldozer was seen at the scene piling up the rubbish during the latter part of the week. However, photographs taken by The Jersey Journal over the weekend showed that the area was still almost as dirty as earlier in the week, and indicated that there had been more dumping.

According to Vitale, the area wasn't intended for dumping but was indirectly headed in that direction by the city. He said that the city had piled up large mounds of fill along the street to prevent water from one of the sewer plant's tanks from flooding the area. There is a crack in the tank wall of the nearby tank and damming off the area was cheaper than repairing the crack.

"And if we get the money we need to upgrade the treatment facility the cost of those repairs would just be wasted money," he continued. "Extensive work will have to be done on the tanks as part of the upgrading so these costly repairs now — for which I don't have the money — would be wasted."

The director said he expected he could get the area cleaned up by Friday but he didn't know if he would be able to keep it clean or prevent further unauthorized dumping.

"There doesn't seem to be any special time that people dump garbage and rubbish there," he said. "It's any time of day or night. But I don't have the manpower to assign someone to watch the area around the clock."

Vitale said he would take the matter up with the mayor today.

Hoboken wants 9.9 grain ship towed 7/28/76

BY PETER HALLAM

Hoboken Revenue and Finance Director Frank J. Bartletta is checking with the city's law department today to see if the city can ask the Coast Guard to tow away a large grain ship that has been docked at the Fifth Street Pier since June 24.

"Notice was sent to the owners last month that the property has a city tax lien on it and that all rents and mooring fees should be paid to the city, not the owner of the pier," said Bartletta.

"A rent payment was due Saturday. It has not been paid to the city. I don't know if it was paid to the owners of the pier — the Mervyn's Midnight Waterfront Beauty Corp. — but I can only assume that it was."

Bartletta said that the city has a tax lien on the property because the owners haven't paid any taxes for 1974, 1975 or this year. By virtue of the liens the city has the right to collect rents and apply that money to the back taxes, said Bartletta.

"Under that set-up, I believe the city has the right to make a tenant

who doesn't pay his rents leave the premises," continued the director. "If that's true, perhaps the Coast Guard will tow the ship away from the pier."

Bartletta still doesn't know how much rent the ship owner, the Newport Tanker Corp., is paying to dock the ship. He said that the ship owners wouldn't tell him, nor would representatives of the owners of the pier.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the state Division of Tax Appeals has dismissed the pier owner's appeal of the city's assessment of more than \$600,000 on the two docks. A spokesman for the city said that the corporation has asked for a conference to try to negotiate a settlement. If a settlement can't be reached, the pier owners have the option of taking the appeal to the Appellate Division of state Superior Court.

The pier was purchased from Hoboken by River Towing Co. for approximately \$70,000 in 1973 at an auction of city-owned land. A year later, River Towing sold the property for the same price to the current owner.

Bier's life threatened, 7/29/76 2.11 Cappiello ousting him

By ROMAN CZAJKOWSKY

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello yesterday announced he is firing city Business Administrator Herman Bier.

The mayor declined to cite reasons for his move, saying only he had "discretionary powers" to relieve the administrator of his job.

But observers were quick to note that the mayor's action was a politically tactical stroke, pointing out that Bier has reportedly been grooming Councilman Anthony Romano to challenge the mayor for his seat in next year's mayoral election.

Meanwhile, police yesterday arrested the man who Bier said was hired to kill him last Friday.

Paul Torres, of 212 Adams st., said after his arrest that "I made the whole story up."

Torres said he was under the influence of alcohol at the time he told Bier he had been hired to kill him.

Torres was arrested by Hoboken police detectives and charged with possession of a

dangerous weapon — a knife that he left in Bier's office Friday after reportedly telling the administrator he had been offered \$8,000 to kill him.

Torres said Bier had helped him get a part time job some years ago and he went to city hall Friday thinking Bier might help him again.

As early as yesterday morning, sources said the mayor would huddle with his political advisors to see if firing Bier now would create public "compassion" for the administrator in light of the alleged threat on his life and backfire politically against the mayor, thus turning a tactical stroke into a liability during the upcoming mayoral election.

At the same time, Bier was considered by some to have made a "laughingstock" of himself by "overreacting" to the reported threat on his life, and thus indirectly embarrassing Cappiello's administration.

Cappiello yesterday denied any link between his intent to fire Bier and the incident Friday. Bier reportedly received a letter from Cappiello early yesterday afternoon informing him of the mayor's intent to remove him, and setting an Aug. 6 city council meeting at which Bier will have a chance to argue against his dismissal.

Bier yesterday refused to discuss the mayor's action, but obviously irked over Cappiello's letter. Bier said the mayor should have "at least given his reasons" for the action.

Cappiello yesterday said Bier would stay on his job until the city council gives its opinion on the firing. The council has 20 days to either concur with the mayor or to reject his move, the mayor said, adding that he was confident the council will rule in his favor.

Cappiello's action apparently did not come as a surprise to city officials since the mayor repeatedly refused to deny recent reports that he was about to sack Bier.

Cappiello has been quoted as saying that "any firing" would "not be politically motivated," but he based on "lack of departmental efficiency."

Cappiello was quoted as saying that he was concerned about "proper record-keeping" and "accountability of time," but he declined to elaborate on those charges or to point a finger at anyone.

Cappiello last year suspended Bier briefly after the business administrator reportedly refused the mayor's order to sign purchasing orders he said his office had not cleared first.

Bier was reinstated after the city council's committee on business administration decided that the "lack of cooperation and open communication" between the involved parties could be "remedied."

Bier has been quoted as saying he has no intentions of running for any office, and that he would announce "in due time" any support for a mayoral candidate.

Hoboken 7/30/76 9.9 digs ballfield to find leak

Workmen for the Hoboken Water Department have started digging up the city's Little League Field in an attempt to find the source of a leak that is threatening a sewage pumping station just below the field on River Road.

James Murnane, water department foreman, said that dye tests were also being conducted in an attempt to locate the source of the leak, but the results were inconclusive.

"The water is apparently coming from some distance away, seeping through the ground, following the course of least resistance," he said. "Is coming out the drainage holes built into the retaining wall around the Little League field."

The holes are above a flight of steps leading from the field to River Road. Directly under the steps is a vault in which the pumping station equipment is housed.

Coast Guard won't tow ship 8.9 7/29/76

If Hoboken expects to collect the rent from the owners of a large grain ship docked at the Fifth Street Pier, it can't count on the Coast Guard to help force the issue.

Revenue and Finance Director Frank J. Bartletta said today that he personally called the Coast Guard about the possibility of having it tow the vessel away because its owners haven't paid the city any rent, but was informed that the Coast Guard doesn't have any authority to take that kind of action.

There is a possibility that the ship — the "Achilles" — is trespassing on city property. The vessel, said Bartletta, is docked on the south side to the Fifth Street Pier and the city

owns a large underwater section in that area. He said the ship could be infringing on city land even though it is tied up to the pier.

"But even if it is trespassing, it's the city's problem, not the Coast Guard's," continued Bartletta. "I inquired about that, too, and was told that it was a matter for our local police if we wished to do anything about it."

The ship has been docked at the pier since June 24 and has been paying a high rent, according to its owners, to the Mervyn's Midnight Waterfront Beauty Inc. or River Towing Co. Marvyn's owns the pier but Bartletta said that the shipowners told him they are paying the rent to River Towing. The ship is owned by Newport tankers

Corp., 1 World Trade Center, New York City.

River Towing was the original purchaser of the Fifth Street and Sixth Street piers — the old Holland American piers — from the city for approximately \$70,000 in 1973. A year later, it sold the property to Marvyn's for the same price but has continued to use the property for its own operation, Bartletta said. With the exception of one small token payment of approximately \$20,000, no taxes have been paid to the city by either firm since the original purchase.

Hoboken has a tax lien on the piers and is entitled to collect any rent or fees that normally would be received by the owners and apply

them to the back taxes, said Bartletta. He has been in contact with both the owners of the piers and the ship but without any success in getting the rents for the city, he said.

He has referred the problem to the law department.

Law Director Lawrence Florio said that he has reviewed the matter and advised the mayor as to what alternatives are open to the city.

"Now, I'm waiting to be instructed on which course is to be followed," he said.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said that he hasn't decided which course the city will "either get its money or the ship will go."

Cappiello said that if the ship is infringing on underwater city property along the waterfront "they might have to pay an even higher rent."

How much is being paid to River Towing or Marvyn's isn't known. Neither the pier owners nor the shipping company would tell Bartletta. But according to one source, it could be as much as \$2,000 a day. He said that similar facilities in New York go for that much.

Cappiello, Bier to talk 8/6/76 2.11

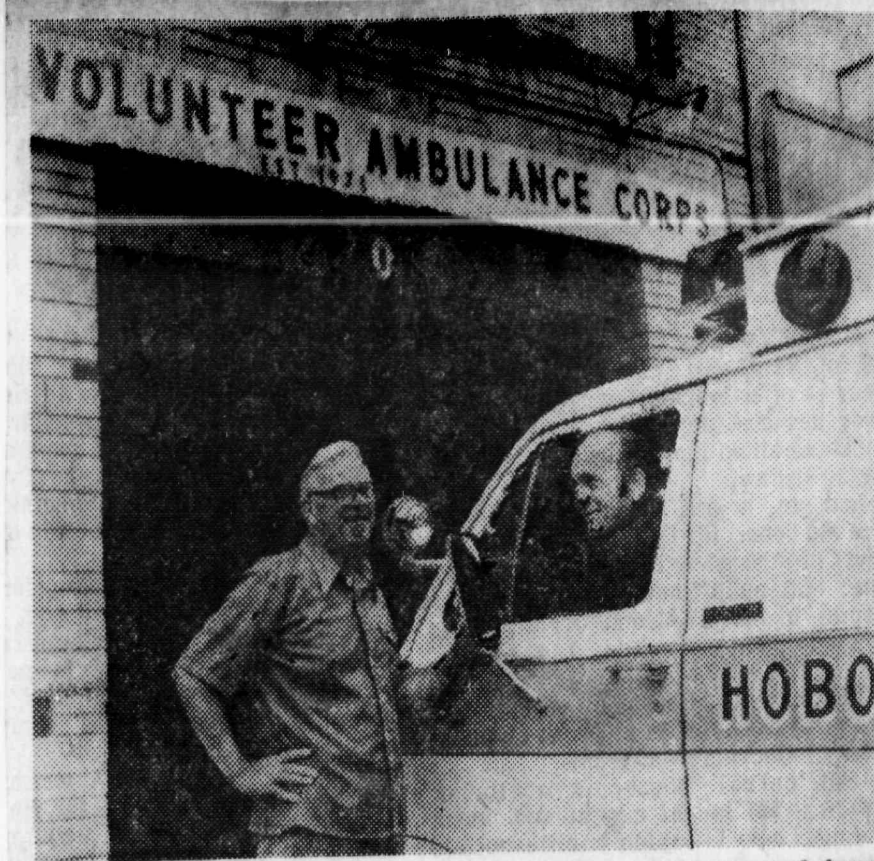
Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello meets with city business administrator Herman Bier and councilmen this morning at 10:30 to state his reasons why he wants to fire Bier — or why he's changed his mind about the dismissal.

Cappiello refused yesterday to comment on reports that he has reversed his position and will not fire Bier, who reportedly wants councilman Anthony

Romano to take over the mayor's seat next year.

Cappiello was recently severely criticized by several councilmen for wanting to fire Bier without publicly stating his reasons.

If Cappiello goes ahead with his plan to fire the business administrator, the city council could override his move by a two-thirds majority.



READY TO ROLL — Mayor Steve Cappiello gets behind the wheel of new ambulance which has been put into service by Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps. With the mayor is William Matthews, corps president. The new vehicle, which cost \$17,418, was purchased by the corps. J. J. 7/30/76

St. Mary Hospital 7/29/76 9.9 steel work topped

The last steel girder has been put in place to top off the seven-story North Tower of St. Mary Hospital in Hoboken, and the new structure is on its way toward a scheduled opening next spring.

The topping-off ceremony took place yesterday as steelworkers raised the girder, flying an American flag, more than 90 feet to the top.

Now that the steel skeleton has been completed, the next phase is designed to completely enclose the building by early fall. Concrete flooring will be poured, pre-cast exterior sections put in place, bricks laid and exterior windows installed. After that, interior utilities and partitions will be installed.

The new tower will replace the old North Building with new modern patient care facilities. Because the surrounding space is so limited, the

work is being done in three stages. As a hospital spokesman explains it:

"Much like the assembly of a giant puzzle, new units are being built after older units of the hospital are vacated and demolished in a carefully orchestrated sequence. During phase one, completed this spring, a new boiler plant; a temporary kitchen and a new chapel were erected.

"During phase two, which began while phase one was being completed, the hospital's old chapel and nursing school residence building were demolished. The seven-story tower is being erected on this site.

"Phase three, which will begin in the spring of 1977, will include demolition of the existing North Tower and its replacement with another two-story structure."

Hoboken Fire Officers local 7/29/76 8.9 expected to reject pact offer

The members of Local 1076 of the Hoboken Fire Officers Association will vote on a new contract Wednesday but they are not expected to accept the city's offer, it was learned today.

Capt. William Bergin, president of the union, said today that he is not making any recommendations to his membership to accept or reject the pact based on the contract accepted by city firemen last week.

"I don't expect it to be accepted because of the \$2,000 ceiling on longevity payments the city has included," he said. "The new proposal calls for a maximum of 10 per cent longevity but not more than \$2,000."

"This doesn't affect the fire fighters or the fire captains but it does affect the deputy chiefs and

chief. And the deputy chiefs are members of the Fire Officers Association."

The contract approved by the fire fighters last week calls for four additional paid holidays — they'll get an extra \$200 for the four days this year — but no pay increase. Next year they'll get a \$1,050 pay increase plus a \$100 increase in their uniform allowance which now stands at \$200. In the third year they'll get a \$1,000 pay increase.

The contract for the officers is essentially the same except that their pay increases will be 30 per cent more than what a private gets for the captains, and 70 per cent more for the deputy chiefs.

Bergin said that the voting will end at 8 p.m.

City Hall not a hiring hall, 7/30/76 9.9 says Cappiello in order

Unemployed Hoboken residents looking for work won't be able to go to City Hall to find it any more.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said today that he has issued a directive to all directors and supervisors advising them to refer all inquiries about jobs to the State Employment Office unless the city has specifically announced that it has jobs available and named a contact for interested parties to see.

"There are just too many people coming into the building looking for jobs," said the mayor. "I don't want another incident like the one last Friday involving the business administrator."

Herman Bier, the business administrator, was half-heartedly threatened last week by a young man who claimed that he had been given a knife and offered \$8,000 to kill Bier.

The suspect, Paul Torres, 26, listed as living at 212 Adams St.,

waived a preliminary hearing in Hoboken Municipal Court yesterday on a charge of possession of a dangerous weapon. The charges have been forwarded to the Hudson County Grand Jury. Torres is free on \$150 cash bail.

Following his arrest Wednesday by Hoboken police, Torres said he had been drinking and "made the whole thing up," according to a police spokesman.

The mayor said he was concerned with the large number of people who continuously come to City Hall looking for work and unintentionally interfere with the city's routine business.

"I'm very well aware of the fact that we have a serious unemployment problem in Hoboken and I want to do everything humanly possible to help those in need of work," said the mayor. "But the City Hall is not a hiring hall."

Nix Hoboken stadium 8/2/76 8.9 leasing to county

Hoboken Board of Education has decided against attempting to sell or lease the John F. Kennedy Veterans Memorial Stadium and field to Hudson County so that the area would be eligible for rehabilitation through Green Acres funds, Mrs. Mary Stack Gaspar, board president, said today.

"It wouldn't work," said Mrs. Gaspar on the suggestion by Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri. "After looking into the matter we found that once the field had been turned over the county either through a sale or lease the county would have to honor all requests for its use."

"That means that sport activities and leagues from all over the county could use the field, further cutting into the small amount of recreational

areas the city has."

Mrs. Gaspar added that it was also doubtful that even if the county could take over the field and reserve its use for Hoboken only that the Green Acres funds could be used to put it back into condition.

"Our understanding is that Green Acres is for redevelopment purposes only," she said. "The one thing we don't want to do is redevelop the field. It is primarily a football and baseball field and it has to stay as is for the use of our high school teams and for recreation purposes."

According to Mrs. Gaspar, the board of education is looking into other areas of funding to get the money it needs to rehabilitate the field. However, she did not know if any possibilities had been found.

Cars parked at bus stops 7/31/76 8.9 to be ticketed by Hoboken

Acting Hoboken Police Chief Anthony Rinaldi has issued a reminder to all foot patrolmen to issue tickets to cars parked in bus stops following complaints from bus drivers that they are being prevented from pulling over to the curb to pick up and discharge passengers.

However, before the order was issued, Sgt. Gabriel Ferraiuolo personally issued seven tickets to illegally parked cars between Eighth and 14th streets before 9 a.m.

A check of Washington Street during the lunch hour showed that there were still many cars illegally parked in the bus stops, but many had traffic tickets on their windshields.

Capt. Rinaldi said that the number of illegally parked cars should decrease in a few days.

"Once they get a few tickets they'll start looking for somewhere else to park," he said. "But it takes a few days for the message to get across."

Rinaldi said that foot patrolmen assigned to Washington Street haven't been ignoring the problem, but due to the many requirements placed on them they may not have been paying as much attention to it as other matters.

"But they have been reminded and I think we can expect results," the acting chief added.

Council up in air on Bier's future

Only one Hoboken councilman is willing to admit that he has already made up his mind on how he is going to vote on the resolution that could save the job of city Business Administrator Herman Bier — if it comes up at today's meeting.

Third Ward Councilman Salvatore Cemelli said he knows how he is going to vote — but like the other council members he isn't saying how that might be.

"I've made my decision," said Cemelli. "And you'll hear it with everyone else at the council meeting."

When asked how he could make up his mind when no one yet knew what charges prompted Mayor Steve Cappiello to move to dismiss Bier, Cemelli replied: "I know what's going on."

Unless there are some major developments and reversals in positions, it appears that Bier is not going to be on the council to override the mayor on the dismissal.

A resolution requiring the support of at least six councilmen is needed. Two councilmen are not expected to attend today's meeting. Council

President Martin J. Brennan is visiting his son out-of-state and won't be present. And Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri has sworn off city business of all kind until after Sept. 1 for health reasons. Councilman-at-large Bernard Scrivani is vacationing at the Jersey shore but is expected back for the meeting.

With the exception of Cemelli, the other councilmen are publicly saying that they haven't made any decision on how they are going to vote until they find out on what charges, if any, the mayor is basing his dismissal of Bier on the business administrator.

An informal poll of the councilmen available — Anthony Romano, Francis Leahy, Nunzio Malfetti, Louis Fracone, and Walter Cramer — showed that they felt any formal action should be held up until after the hearing.

According to one council source, it is unlikely that any direct action will be taken on the Bier matter to-

day. However, he said that the council will probably protect itself and its right to the chance to override the mayor by either adjourning today's meeting until Monday or Tuesday or by calling a special meeting for next week.

"The council has 20 days from the day Director Bier was served with the dismissal notice to override the mayor's action," he said. "That 20 days is up Aug. 17, the day before our next regular council meeting. So the council, if it wants to take formal action to retain director Bier, must meet sometime before the 17th."

Still no room to dance in Hoboken

A \$4,000 dance room at the Hoboken Multi-Service Center, unused for more than seven months, will remain unused for a little while longer.

The resolution which would have awarded a contract to the Everitt School of Dance to conduct the school was tabled by the city council at yesterday's meeting after some controversy arose over why children enrolled in the program still had to pay 50 cents a lesson.

Dr. Robert King brought up the matter when he asked the council about the need for the 50-cent charge if the school was already paid under the contract with the Community Development Agency (CDA).

He was told that the council would look into the matter. After the meeting, Dr. King said that he didn't intend to make it appear that the Everitt School was charging a large amount of money and then making more off the enrollees.

"I've looked into this on my own and I know that 50 cents a lesson is a very reasonable amount," he continued. "But that isn't my point. Even

that small amount might exclude some very poor families from allowing their children to participate."

"There shouldn't be any fee at all. If that means the CDA or the city has to pay a little more on the contract then it should be paid so that everyone has the opportunity to take part."

In other business, the council accepted bids on a new truck for the Lead Based Paint Detection and Prevention Program. Center Ford of North Bergen was the only bidder with a price of \$9,058.

Four companies submitted bids for work on three parks — Church Square Park, the Madison Street Park, between Fifth and Sixth streets; and a new park at Mt. Service Center, Second and Grand streets.

The bidders and their prices are: C.F. Malanka and Sons of Union City; \$231,000 for the Multi-Service Center park and \$144,000 for Church Square Park; Bellezza Co., \$254,177 for the Multi-Service Center, \$142,383 for Madison Street, \$295,053 for Church Square and a bulk bid of \$689,000 for all three; Guasto Construction Co.,

\$133,000 for Madison Street, \$240,276 for the Multi-Service Center, \$234,776 for Church Square and a bulk bid of \$992,193; and the Flanders Construction Co., \$215,119 for the Multi-Service Center, \$129,706 for Madison Street, \$266,239 for Church Square and a bulk bid of \$599,000 for all three.

The bids were referred to the Community Development Agency for study.

Besides the contract for dance instruction, the council also tabled several other resolutions, including two that would have given Northvale Associates III A & III B tax abatements for projects at 1233, 1235 and 1237 Park Ave., 1310 and 1312 Bloomfield St., 50, 52, 54 and 56 11th Street, and 1000, 1006 and 1014 Clinton St.

The city would receive 15 per cent of the gross revenues from rents instead of regular taxes if the resolutions were passed.

The abatements last for as long as the mortgages on the properties, which, in some cases, are 40 to 50 years.

Also tabled were two resolutions from the CDA concerning the hiring

of an auditor to close out the Model Cities Program and an architect to draw up plans for a city bike path along River Road.

Both were tabled because the resolutions did not match with what the councilmen had been told by CDA Director Fred M. Bado at Monday's caucus. According to the council, Bado said that the auditing would cost up to \$3,500 and the bike path work up to \$3,500, but in both cases probably much less. However, the resolutions stated only a flat amount and did not include the phrase "up to."

Hoboken drops field lease plan

By ROMAN CZAJKOWSKY

The idea to sell or lease Hoboken's Veterans Field to Hudson County in order to rehabilitate it with Green Acres funds has fallen through, board of education president Mary Stack Gaspar said yesterday.

The proposal was rejected because the board, which owns and operates the field, feared that county control of the facility would result in a deluge of requests for its use by other municipalities, leaving little room for local youngsters, Mrs. Gaspar said.

"If the board gives the field away, we

will never get our (Hoboken) kids on the field," the board president said.

"This city has little or nothing for the kids as it is," she added.

The proposal to sell or lease the field was originally suggested by Councilman Robert Ranieri. Turning over the field to the county would have brought relief to the financially strapped board of education, which has already sunk some \$550,000 into the partial rehabilitation of the stadium, according to Mrs. Gaspar.

At the same time, city officials thought that county control of the field would have increased the area of the adjacent county-owned Columbus Park, thereby

making it eligible for a higher share of Green Acres funds.

But the board's primary consideration was availability of the field for local youngsters. Mrs. Gaspar said, and the feasibility of selling or leasing the field was therefore never "formally proposed" to the county board of freeholders.

To further refurbish the field, which Mrs. Gaspar said is in a "deplorable condition," the board will attempt to secure federal money other than Green Acres funds.

The Hoboken Board of Education originally bought the field from the Hudson County Park Commission in 1962 for \$50,000.

Hoboken lunch plan heats up

By ROMAN CZAJKOWSKY

The state Board of Education has given Hoboken's school board the go-ahead to start a hot-lunch program for the city's public schools.

Local board officials said yesterday the federal government will fund most of the new program, which will start in early October.

According to board president Mrs. Mary Gaspar, the administration will soon advertise for equipment needed to change from the present cold to hot lunches, and will look for a new food supplier.

The new equipment will cost some \$200,000, which will be fully funded by the federal National Lunch Program, John Palmieri, the board's food coordinator, said.

Board officials said yesterday they were still trying to decide whether the hot meals will be free to all students who enroll in the program, or whether only children of low-income families will pay nothing.

Mrs. Gaspar suggested she was opting for free meals for all students, saying that she would like to avoid any potential

"class-consciousness" between children whose parents can afford the meals and those who cannot.

The cold-lunch program that is being phased out was severely criticized last school year by the city's Parent Council. The council's report, which was compiled after visits to all public schools, called the cold lunches in many cases "indescrutable" and "inedible."

Among other things, the report also deplored the lack of eating facilities in the elementary schools. The report pointed out that children often were given lunches at their classroom desks, while others were eating on stairs or in basements.

These conditions are about to be changed under the new program, school officials asserted yesterday. The board plans to purchase tables and chairs which will be set up in designated eating areas, according to Palmieri.

In addition, all public school youngsters will be eligible to enroll in the new program, school officials said.

The Parents' Council report on the cold-lunch program noted that some children had been turned down for the program in some schools.

Mystery leak may start at field

A blocked sewer line near Hoboken's Little League field may be responsible for the water leaking from drain holes in the retaining wall at the rear of the field that threatens to short out the city's sewage pumping station on River Road.

"Water has started gushing from the catch basin on the northeast corner of Fifth Street at River Road at the rate of several hundred gallons a minute," said Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale. "And other catch basins in the area have started filling up with water."

"The indications are that there is a clogged sewer line in the area and it is forcing water and waste out of a break somewhere in the line."

Vitale said that all of the lines are being cleaned out in the hope that the water flow problem will be corrected.

According to the director, the city is keeping the overflowing catch basin from flooding the pumping station by using gasoline pumps.

"We should know sometime today whether a clogged sewer line is behind the problem," he added.

Hoboken: shout it out

By ROMAN CZAJKOWSKY

In a scene that at times resembled a street brawl lacking only the blows, several Hoboken councilmen at last night's council caucus meeting vehemently attacked Mayor Steve Cappiello for his intent to fire city Business Administrator Herman Bier without saying why.

At one point after the meeting, a policeman had to physically restrain Councilman Louis Francone from lunging at City Clerk Anthony Amoroso, who reportedly closed the door to the clerk's office on Francone to privately confer with the mayor.

The shouting and fist-shaking erupted when the council was asked to take note of Cappiello's letter informing the councilmen, through the city clerk, that he was about to fire Bier, "in accordance with law."

Standing and shaking a clenched fist towards the

mayor, who sat calmly in one of the council chamber pews, Councilman Francis X. Leahy shouted that "This is again another sneak job."

Referring to the mayor, Leahy said that "If you had any guts, you'd stand up" and "tell council the reasons" for wanting to fire Bier.

"We ought to stand up and start looking into you. We ought to see what a good man you've been," Leahy added.

And Francone, incensed over what he termed the mayor's failure to notify each councilman personally on his intention to fire Bier, shouted at Cappiello: "I'll get that letter and I'll hit you right in the puss."

Calling the mayor a "dictator," Francone said he will "fight" the mayor "all the way" on the Bier case.

Councilman Anthony Romano said he will introduce a resolution at Wednesday's council meeting that would set

Bier's firing stirs wrath in council

a date for a council meeting to hear both Cappiello and Bier on the dismissal. Under the resolution, the council would also disapprove for the time being the mayor's intention to fire the business administrator.

Cappiello himself has scheduled a council meeting for next Tuesday to give his reasons for firing Bier. The mayor yesterday again refused to say why he wants Bier fired, despite repeated requests by several councilmen to publicly state his reasons.

Observers have pointed out that Cappiello's move is a politically tactical stroke, noting that Bier has reportedly been grooming Romano to challenge the mayor for his seat in next year's mayoral election.

Meanwhile, the mayor was still confident after last night's caucus that the council will concur with his move. A two-thirds majority, or six councilmen, is needed to override Cappiello's intent to oust Bier.

Hoboken council has quiet session

By ANDY DANZO

Yesterday's meeting of the Hoboken City Council was like a bridge club session compared to the fiery exchanges which erupted during and after Monday night's meeting.

The only signs of emotion displayed in the council chambers yesterday were when several citizens charged that the city has been wasting money, but these did not come close to the near-violence which characterized the earlier meeting.

Three city police officers stood guard in the chambers as the council was notified of Mayor Steve Cappiello's intention to hold a hearing later in the week on

his controversial plans for the dismissal of City Business Administrator Herman Bier.

However, the five council members present reacted in a "business as usual" manner, only taking time to note that they could override any action by the mayor with a two-thirds majority.

When council was first notified of Cappiello's plans to fire Bier Monday night tempers flared.

Councilman Louis Falcone accused the mayor who sat in the chambers of being a "dictator" at one point, and nearly got into a fight with City Clerk Anthony Amoroso after the meeting when

Amoroso reportedly tried to bar the councilman from his office.

One hot point of contention between Cappiello and councilmen who are supporting Bier is the fact that the mayor has refused to make public his reason for wanting to oust the business administrator.

The hearing will be held in the mayor's office at 10:30 a.m. Friday, at which time the mayor's notification claims Bier will have an opportunity to make himself heard if he so desires.

Cappiello could not be reached for comment yesterday.

The council passed several resolutions later in the meeting, one of which called for the emergency appropriation of \$20,000 for the city's Workmen's Compensation Insurance Fund. At the beginning of the year \$25,000 was put into the fund, but it has already been depleted.

The appropriation brought a demand from one spectator who wanted to know why so many city employees were being injured on the job, but no definite answer was given.

The council also passed a resolution awarding a \$6,500 contract for the preparation of an operation and maintenance manual to be used at the 11th st. pumping station.



HOBOKEN BANK — Garden State National Bank is planning a year-end opening for its new branch office at 5th Street and Willow Avenue, Hoboken, the site of the demolished 116-year-old Stevens Academy. The Colonial-style structure, which will blend with other buildings in the area, will feature drive-in and walk-up windows, safe deposit boxes and parking. The branch will be Garden State's second in Hoboken and 33rd office over all.

Hoboken lead project does itself out of a job

Hoboken's Lead-Based Paint Detection and Prevention Program has been so successful that it is facing phaseout and the loss of more than a dozen jobs as a result, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today.

"We may be able to work out an agreement with Jersey City, which is planning a program of its own which would keep our program going until the end of the year," said the mayor. "But after that, well, we just don't know."

The problem was actually caused by Civil Service, which refused to allow Hoboken to have Jersey City on its program's payroll in spite of an interlocal agreement between the two municipalities.

"Our area was done and we were expanding the scope into Jersey City,

which did not have its own program," said the mayor. "As part of the agreement, Hoboken picked up some of Jersey City residents on the payroll."

Cappiello said that he has spoken with representatives of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW), which funds the program, and a transition period might be worked out in which Hoboken program employees would help Jersey City set up its own program.

"There is also a chance that Hoboken might be able to get some additional funding so that we could maintain a follow-up program," he continued. "But it wouldn't be anything near what we had been getting and would mean that almost all of the staff would go."

According to Caulfield, motor vehicle traffic along River Road would constitute a danger to bicyclists unless the street from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. for bicycling purposes.

However, Bado and the CDA feel that this is not necessary. Bado said the proper posting and marking of the bike area has been successful in other communities and could be successful in Hoboken.

Bike path designer chosen

A New York firm has been selected by the Hoboken Community Development Agency (CDA) to design and plan a bicycle path along River Road at a cost of \$3,500. It was announced today by Fred M. Bado, CDA director.

Bado said that the CDA has selected Richard P. Browne Associates, design and planning consultants, to replace former Hoboken city engineer Patrick L. Caulfield, who declined the job because he felt the bike path would be too dangerous.

A resolution authorizing the CDA to enter into an agreement with the New York firm will be presented to the city council at Wednesday's meeting. However, Bado said he would attend tonight's council caucus to show the council the firm's ideas and give it some inkling of what was planned.

The \$3,500 fee will cover only the company's plans and design and does not include construction costs. The city has a \$30,000 grant from the state for the project.

To turn out right

Many Hoboken residents living in the vicinity of 11th and Washington Streets have objected to the city's planned trial of allowing vehicles to make right turns on a red light following a complete stop at the intersection, it was learned today by Thomas Vecchione, head of the police department's traffic and signal division.

However, Vecchione asserted today that the trial program was designed to protect residents, not subject them to additional traffic danger.

"What most people are overlooking is the fact that in January state law will permit any motorist to make a right turn at any red light, whether it is posted or not," he said. "Our objective at this time is to see where that law will cause undue traffic problems so that we can take appropriate action."

"Under the new state law a municipality has the right to prohibit the right turn on a red light at troublesome intersections. But it must be done by ordinance and we must show the state that allowing the right turn would be dangerous. Then the area must be posted with signs alerting motorists to the fact that a right turn on red is prohibited."

Vecchione said that the city is going to try the right turn at several questionable intersections before January and 11th and Washington Streets was one of them. Another was First and Washington Streets.

According to Vecchione, many residents of the 11th and Washington Streets area are under the impression that the trial is being undertaken to allow the right turn, not to prevent it.

Signals alerting motorists to the fact that they could make a right turn at 11th and Washington went up yesterday afternoon but the city won't monitor the traffic flow until Monday morning when the trial will begin. Vecchione said that motorists could make the right turn in the meantime.

Fire Officers reject offer by Hoboken

The up and down negotiations between Hoboken and her firemen are down again. Local 1076 of the Fire Officers Association has overwhelmingly rejected the city's last offer for a contract settlement.

Capt. William Bergin, president of the officers group, said his men voted this week to reject the city's package by a count of 33 to 3. However, Bergin said he was optimistic that further negotiations would resolve the matter without mediation or arbitration.

"There are several issues, but only one major one," he said. "And that is the \$2,000-a-year ceiling the city wants on longevity payments."

Bergin explained that city employees receive additional pay based on their number of years of service with the city. The payments range from two to 10 per cent depending on the number of years.

"The city wants a maximum ceiling of \$2,000 on the payments," he continued. "At this time in the fire department, the ceiling affects only the deputy chiefs and the chief. The base pay for fire fighters and captains is below \$20,000 a year so our longevity payments, even if we are at 10 per cent, won't exceed the \$2,000 figure."

"So we are talking about seven or eight men and no more than a few thousand dollars a year more from the city. I think that can be worked out."

Why not?

Should vacant apartments be required to pass a housing inspection before they are rented? Such a question might never be raised in the more affluent areas, but in Hoboken's First Ward it is a serious issue. The block associations there are pressing the city administration for such a regulation.

It certainly would help to correct the housing violations which plague the city. Landlords, often absentee and sometimes unconscionable, rent their vacant apartments without bothering to remedy the known defects.

The landlord can carry on a delaying action with the housing inspectors, meanwhile continuing to collect all the rent he can get from tenants who need rooms so badly they are willing to put up with substandard conditions.

The city would have to make prompt inspections to avoid delaying occupancy of apartments that are in good shape. With good administration, this could be done.

Safe bike path?

Can a bicycle path be established on Hoboken's newly reborn River Road? Engineer Caulfield, who directed the reconstruction of the road, says no, but the city proposes to go ahead anyway, with another engineer.

It would be a pity to abandon the years-old dream of a bicycle path, now that the legal obstacles have been removed and \$30,000 from the state has been earmarked for it.

However, there appears to be a risk of injury to cyclists, and possibly to motorists, too. The project will have to be linked to strict and continuous traffic control and that means police enforcement.

If the bike path cannot be operated with reasonable safety for bicyclists and motorists, it should not be built, even if the \$30,000 is available just begging to be spent.

Hoboken sets deadline for street wiring

The Public Service Electric and Gas Co. has been notified by Hoboken that it has 10 days to restring high tension lines running along the Third Street side of the Clock Towers mid die income housing project or face a summons for a violation of the city's electrical code.

Notice was sent to the company yesterday by the city's electrical inspector, Fireman Vincent P. Marzocca.

The owners of Clock Towers—the old Keuffel and Esser factory building on Third Street between Adams and Jefferson streets—have been negotiating with Public Service since the beginning of the summer to have the lines restrung so the southern portion of the apartment complex could be painted.

According to Marzocca, the power lines run parallel to the southern portion of the old factory along Third Street and are between three-and-a-half and four feet away from the balconies. This prevents the painters from putting up ladders or lowering scaffolding so the work can be done.

Marzocca said that the national electrical code requires that when a building exceeds three stories or 50 feet in height, the overhead power lines be arranged so that a clear space of at least six feet is left between the lines and the building.

When asked why he hadn't acted sooner, Marzocca said that the owners of the building and Public Service were negotiating before anyone began moving into the building and quick action was not necessary at that time.

"My main concern is that it is done," he said. "If the owners and Public Service could work something out where they were both satisfied I had no objections. However, Public Service is insisting on a \$3,100 fee from the owners for doing what is required on a temporary basis."

"Families are now living in the apartments and it would be very easy for some little child to stick out a curtain rod or some other long object and touch those high tension lines. So the problem is now pressing."

Mayor mum on Bier 8/7/76 J. D.

By ROMAN CZAJKOWSKY

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello yesterday said he wants more time before deciding whether he will fire city business administrator Herman Bier, but again declined to say why he wants Bier removed. They had just met in a closed session.

At the same time, the mayor in a prepared statement lashed out at critics of his plan to oust Bier, saying that there should be "less irresponsible talk about accusations or charges and more serious consideration" to "the true nature of our type of government."

Cappiello said those who want him to explain the accusations against Bier were doing the administrator "a disservice" by suggesting that Bier, "because he is being dismissed, is to be, or should be, charged or accused of wrongdoings."

The mayor declined to say when he will announce his final decision.

Cappiello released the statement after a closed meeting yesterday morning with

Bier, who was represented by counsel. Several councilmen were also present during the meeting, including Anthony Romano, whom Bier has reportedly been grooming to challenge the mayor for his seat in next year's elections.

Both Bier and the councilmen declined comment on the meeting.

Cappiello's postponement of a final decision on Bier apparently was the result of great pressures on the mayor to retain Bier, a close personal friend of several councilmen reportedly aligned with Romano, according to observers.

Shortly before yesterday's meeting, however, the mayor said that "I'm not going to be pushed around any more" when asked if there was pressure on him to change his position on Bier.

In his nine years as business administrator, Bier has reportedly gained considerable influence in the area, and his support of a mayoral candidate would be an asset for any aspirant, according to observers.

Push on for landlords to get C of O 8/6/76 J. D.

A Hoboken citizens group has begun circulating a petition calling on the city to immediately implement an ordinance requiring landlords to obtain certificates of occupancy before allowing them to rent vacant apartments.

The petition is being circulated by the First Ward Block Association, a civic group representing eight different block associations in the ward.

But Mayor Steve Cappiello, who favors the ordinance, isn't sitting still waiting for the petition to be formally delivered to him and the council. He has asked the city's Law Department for a report on what stage the ordinance is now in and when he can expect it to be ready for submission to the council.

"Drawing up the ordinance is not quite as simple as most people seem to think," said the mayor. "The law department has been working on it for seven or eight months. Its main objective is an ordinance that will stand up in court if it is challenged, and this is one that will be put to the test more than likely."

The mayor said the city's ordinance, originally proposed by Michael Curcio, city Housing Squad supervisor, would be going beyond dealing with just multi-family dwellings.

"We want it to apply to every property owner who is renting out living space, be it a furnished room, furnished apartment for a whole building," he said. "And it is here that we are running into some problems with the law."

"In situations where there is a steady turnover of tenants like a rooming house or hotel, it is right to require the landlord to have an inspection every time a tenant leaves. We could be forcing some landlords to have inspections every couple of days. They could take that to court as being unreasonable and beat us on it."

Another matter that was taking time to set up was a fee schedule for the inspections and fines for landlords who violate the law.

But according to the mayor, the biggest problem was making sure that when the ordinance was com-

pleted and passed into city law that the city agencies who had to enforce it would be able to.

"Without proper enforcement the ordinance, no matter how tough it is, is nothing but words and paper," he said. "Proper enforcement will make it or break it. And I want to be very sure that the city is capable of properly enforcing it before anything else."

The ordinance would protect both landlord and tenants, according to city officials. The landlord would have a dated certificate from the city stating that an inspection had been made and the apartment was found to meet acceptable standards. Should the landlord rent an apartment to a destructive tenant the certificate would substantiate his case that future violations were the result of tenant abuse rather than landlord neglect.

Tenants would be assured of getting an apartment in reasonably good condition. Landlords who don't get their apartments inspected and passed by the city would be subject to stiff fines.

Why? 8/6/76 J. D.

It will be interesting to hear what reason Hoboken's Mayor Cappiello gives for his decision to fire Business Administrator Herman Bier.

The impending dismissal can be overridden if six of the nine City Council members vote to nullify it. The realities are that the councilmen will not decide on the basis of how well or how poorly Bier is doing his job, but on the basis of political allegiance.

Those staunchly in the mayor's camp can be expected to support Cappiello. Those in the faction considered anti-Cappiello will vote against the mayor.

It goes without saying that if Bier is doing a good job for the city, or even a satisfactory job, he should be retained, even if he is personally obnoxious to the mayor.

In withholding his reason for the firing, presumably Cappiello is employing strategy in line with the forthcoming confrontation with the council. Most Hoboken residents are not identified with either political faction and it might sit better with them if the mayor came out and told them what it is all about, rather than continue keeping them in the dark.



Herman Bier (top) relaxes just before a meeting with Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello (right) on the controversial firing of Bier as Hoboken's business administrator.

Hoboken to block off mystery sewer line 8/9/76 J. D.

Hoboken will today attempt to block off a mystery sewer line that has been discharging what is believed to be untreated waste into the Hudson River, according to Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale.

An inflatable air bag will be inserted into the line, located between docks five and six at the Bethlehem Steel shipyard at 14th and Hudson streets, by a city crew under the direction of representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

"The bag will be inflated once inside the line and that should stop the flow," Vitale said. "The next problem is to then find out where the discharge is coming from."

According to Roy Haack, acting superintendent of the city's treatment plant, the work will start around 2 p.m. today when it is expected the low tide will be at its lowest point.

Haack said that the line is seldom completely visible and is under water most of the time. Even at low tide only half to two thirds of the line are above water.

"That's probably why no one noticed before a few weeks ago that there was a discharge coming out of the line," he said.

Dye tests to determine where the discharge was originating failed but did determine that it was somewhere outside the shipyard.

Dog warden wants job 'permanently' 8/11/76 J. D.

Hoboken's dog warden of three months wants out.

Alfred Chichizola said today that he either wants to be made city's permanent dog warden or he wants to be taken off the job.

Chichizola is employed under the Concentrated Employment Training Act (CETA) and is not a regular city employee. He became dog warden three months ago when the city was forced to remove the previous warden, Ray Ortiz, because of charges against him for not properly taking care of the animals he collected.

According to Chichizola, he took the job as warden with the understanding that after 90 days, the regular trial period, he would be made permanent if the city was satisfied with his work. The 90 days were up Aug. 3.

But Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale says that that might have been Chichizola's understanding but it wasn't his.

"The position of dog warden isn't funded in this year's budget so I can't appoint him to the job," said Vitale, "at least not on the city payroll. The best I can do is continue the existing situation until next year and then see what can be done."

But if he doesn't want the job, I'll remove him. I don't know where else I can use him, so we may just have to let him go entirely."

Vitale added that the former dog warden, Ortiz, was not carried on the payroll as warden but as a truck driver for public works. He said that there weren't any openings in public works for any more truck drivers. Ortiz is now working as a driver for the department.

Chichizola said that he has stopped taking calls at night even though the job requires him to be on call 24 hours a day.

"I've done the job and I think I did it well," he continued. "There haven't been any complaints from local residents since I began so I must be doing it to their satisfaction, if not the directors."

"Of the three jobs — truck driver, dog warden and CETA — the CETA is the lowest paid. The warden is next and the truck driver gets the most. If the city wants me to perform all the duties of the dog warden it should at least pay me the standard wage."

Starting salary for a city truck driver is \$8,500 while a dog warden makes \$1,000 less. Chichizola makes almost \$1,000 less than the warden's position pays.

Hoboken receives \$3.5 million grant for continuing community development 8/10/76 J. D.

By MICHAEL CROWLEY

Hoboken received yesterday a grant totaling nearly \$3.5 million from the federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to continue their community development.

Having developed a highly acclaimed housing program for the refurbishing of the city's former delapidated tenements and factory buildings, Hoboken will continue that rehabilitation with the money.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said the large grant, ac-

tually amounting to \$3,446 million, will also be used for a variety of social programs other than just housing.

The mayor said the Multi-Service Center will be funded with the money from HUD. The center has many programs including nutritional, family planning, geriatrics and senior citizens activities.

Although much of the money is already earmarked for certain areas, Cappiello said there will be citizen input on how the money should be spent

through public hearings that will probably be held in January or February.

In addition to the housing and social programs, Cappiello said the city hopes to be able to fund a "facelift of several city parks."

The HUD money was expected, according to Cappiello, and the current programs could not be kept running without the federal money.

The announcement of the grant was made by New Jersey Sen. Harrison A. Williams Jr.

Hudson to ask funds for air-cancer watch 8/10/76 J. D.

By CAROLE FELDMAN

A U.S. Environmental Protection Agency study which discovered cancer-causing agents outside a Hoboken industrial plant has stirred the interest of Hudson County officials who say they will seek state funds to monitor and regulate county pollution levels.

"We are in the process of researching some laws and regulations," said county Director of Health and Public Safety William Jones, adding that the county is currently awaiting a report from the state on the carcinogens found in the area.

"Under the new county code," Jones

said, "we have a mandate to get involved in these kinds of areas." He cited the consumer protection and citizen service provisions of the county charter.

The director plans on consulting with the county legal department to determine what action can be taken to protect Hudson residents.

"We should know a little more by this time next week," Jones said.

Cancer Cause Agents Found

The EPA study found cancer-causing agents in the air around five North Jersey industrial plants, including the Hoboken site.

Benzene, an industrial solvent known to cause leukemia, was found outside the Hoboken industrial complex, as well as in industrial areas of Paterson, Passaic and Clifton.

Trichloroethylene, an industrial solvent that has caused cancer in laboratory animals, was found near the Inmont and Merck Corp. dye factory in Paterson.

In addition, vinyl chloride was discovered in the air around a Passaic vinyl plant, Pantasote Corp., and near the Givaudan Corp. chemical plant in Clifton.

New Jersey has the highest cancer mortality rate in the nation, and the EPA study was aimed at discovering possible environmental causes for the increasingly high number of cancer deaths in the state.

The EPA, however, while recording the name of the nearest factory to the test area, was not able to conclude that the chemical it found originated at the factory.

The air pollution, EPA officials say, may have been a result of a mixture of chemicals from many plants.

While Hudson officials are considering asking the state for funds to investigate county air pollution, the state itself is having problems finding the necessary monies to establish a comprehensive program to detect and control cancer-causing elements in the atmosphere.

State Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner David J. Bardin had requested \$2.3 million to start just such a program but he was allotted only \$500,000 less than one-quarter of his original request, in Gov. Brendan T. Byrne's current budget.

Water, sewer gripes still expected 8/2/76 J. D.

The furor Hoboken expected over its new water and sewerage rates to local users hasn't materialized — at least not since July 1 when the bills using the new rate started going out to the city customers.

However, Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale, who is also in charge of the water and sewer departments, still expects it to come.

"Actually, it's still too early to expect many complaints," said the director. "The bills only started going out at the beginning of the month, and there are many, many property owners who haven't received them yet. But they will, and I'm sure we're going to hear from a lot of them."

According to Vitale, the new rates are intended to cover the cost of the increased fees Hoboken is to pay to Jersey City for water, and to make the water and sewer utilities self-sustaining.

The old charge for water was \$4.50 per 1,000 cubic feet of water with a minimum charge of \$20 a year. The new rate is \$10.50 per 1,000 and a minimum charge of \$44 a year.

Sewerage rates are also measured in cubic feet and based on the amount of water used by the customer. The old rates were \$3.10 per 1,000 cubic feet for the first 25,000 feet; \$3 per 1,000 for the next 50,000; \$2.90 per 1,000 for the next 125,000; \$2.80 per 1,000 for the next 300,000; \$2.70 per 1,000 for the next 700,000; and \$2.60 for every 1,000 cubic feet over 2 million.

There was a minimum charge of \$14 per year.

The new sewerage rates keep the same cubic foot breakdown but the prices have also gone up. It now costs \$5 per 1,000 cubic feet for the first 25,000 cubic feet; the rate then goes to \$4.90, \$4.80, \$4.65, \$4.50, and \$4.35 per 1,000 cubic feet over 2 million cubic feet. The minimum fee has been increased to \$20 a year.

Tide times may delay capping of mystery sewer 8/12/76 J. D.

Hoboken is finally ready to cap the mysterious sewer line in the Bethlehem Steel shipyard at 14th and Hudson streets but mother nature isn't cooperating, according to Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale.

"Unless the mayor and council want to authorize some overtime for the crew that will do the work we will have to wait until next Friday at the earliest," said the director.

"The job must be done at low tide because that is the only time the 26-inch line is visible and not under water," he said. "But currently the tides aren't cooperating with our work schedule."

"Low tide occurs approximately every 12 hours. Right now, low tides are running higher than usual because of the recent storm. That should subside in a day or two. But by then the low tides will be occurring at times when the men don't usually work."

"The low tides for yesterday were at about 2:30 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. Today they are supposed to be around 3:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., so everyday there is a change with the low tide going out a little later. We estimate that we won't have a good low tide until the latter part of next week. That is, one that will occur during normal working hours and still give the men some time to do the job before going on overtime."

Vitale said that he would advise the mayor and council of the situation and see what they want to do. The city was supposed to have capped the pipe this week, but that was before Hurricane Belle reared her destructive head. Representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) were to have supervised the job. But due to the pending storm and the impact it might have on the environment in the metropolitan New York-New Jersey area, the EPA was unable to send anyone to Hoboken for the capping ceremonies.

The sewer line, located between docks 5 and 6 in the ship repair facility, is discharging what is believed to be untreated sewerage into the Hudson River.

Dye tests conducted by the city determined that the discharge was not originating in the shipyard but failed to show where it was coming from. By capping the line — actually it will be plugged — the city expects to force the waste to back up to its point of origin and thus reveal its source.

State factfinder called on cops' pay hikes 8/14/76 J. D.

The president of the Hoboken patrolmen's union said today it has reached an impasse with the city over a new labor contract and will ask the state to appoint a factfinder.

James Behrens, president of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, said application will be made today to the State Public Employment Relations Commission.

Behrens said the men have been without a contract since the old one expired last January. The police negotiating committee decided on factfinding last night after a meeting with Mayor Steve Cappiello and Herbert Haber, a mediator assigned by PERC. The mayor, who is public safety director, took over in the absence of Councilman Robert Ranieri, city negotiator. Ranieri has been advised to rest up for several weeks by his physician, it was reported.

The mayor could not be reached for reaction to the police factfinding decision.

"We've been offered nothing for this year and at this point we feel we're the lowest paid department in the county," said Behrens.

On July 20, Hoboken firemen

voted by a 30-to-24 margin to accept a city offer for a three-year pact with total benefits of \$2,545.

The firemen will receive no wage increases this year but would be entitled to four additional paid holidays, bringing the total to 13. Next year a fireman's base pay would rise by \$1,050 to \$13,000 annually and the following year by another \$1,000. Ranieri had calculated the extra paid holidays would cost the city \$395 while another \$100 for additional uniform allowances next year would bring the total package to \$2,545.

Shipowner agrees to pay \$100 a day to Hoboken 8/2/76 J. D.

By Peter Hallam

The owner of the ship docked at the Fifth Street Pier in Hoboken has agreed to pay the city \$100 a day to continue mooring the vessel but wants to talk it over with city officials first, Revenue and Finance Director Frank J. Bartletta said today.

According to Bartletta, a vice president of Newport Tankers Corp. contacted him and advised him that it was paying \$100 a day to the pier owners and the company would be willing to pay that amount to the city to continue docking the ship where it is.

"He said that I should be getting a registered letter from the company's attorney concerning this matter,"

continued Bartletta. "In the meantime, the company with its attorney would like to come in and discuss the problem."

The problem is that the shipping company has been paying the pier owners, Mervyn's Midnight Waterfront Beauty Inc., the rental. But the city has a tax lien on the property and believes it is entitled to the rents, not the company.

Adding to the city's case is a stretch of 300 feet of underwater city-owned land between the Fifth Street Pier and the Port Authority's Pier C. Although it is reported that there are various legal documents that give the owners of the two piers the right to dock vessels over the city's underwater land, there are also fees involved for this privilege and they, too, haven't been paid to the city.

Bartletta said that at first he felt the \$100-a-day rent was low. However, after checking with some shipping companies and the Port Authority he felt that it was "within reason and the going price for the area."

Hoboken going to court to get ship docking fees 8/12/76 J. D.

Hoboken will file suit today or tomorrow in the Chancery Division of Hudson County Superior Court against the owners of the Fifth and Sixth Street piers in an effort to claim the money the pier owners have been getting for allowing a large grain ship to dock since June 24.

Albert Shea, the city legal assistant who is preparing the suit, said it should be completed today and filed today or tomorrow. Shea would not disclose the city's strategy or the grounds on which the city believes it has a claim on the rent monies.

However, part of the city's action is expected to be based on the fact that it has a tax lien on the property and therefore has the right to collect all rents and apply them to the taxes owed.

The suit is being undertaken at the request of Revenue and Finance Director Frank J. Bartletta and Councilman-at-large Francis X. Leahy.

The "Achilles," a 712-grain ship owned by the Newport Tankers Corp. of Manhattan, docked at the pier in June. It is reported to be waiting for federal clearance to pick up a load of grain for transport to the Soviet Union.

According to Bartletta, the company says it is paying the pier owners,

Mervyn's Midnight Waterfront Beauty Inc., \$100 a day for the docking. Discussions with officials of both firms by Bartletta were supposed to have produced a verbal agreement for the city to get the money, the director said. But the city has yet to see any of the \$5,000 that has been or will be paid to Mervyn's, he added.

Except for a token payment of some \$20,000 which covered part of the taxes for 1975, the year the city sold the pier, no taxes have been paid since. The piers were originally purchased by the River Towing Co. for \$70,000. In 1974, it sold them for the same price to the current owners.

Bartletta said that River Towing is still using the piers to moor its barges. State records show that some corporate officials of River Towing were also corporate members of the Mervyn's firm.

Teachers' raises OK in Hoboken 8/11/76 J. D.

The Hoboken school board has approved the new salary guide for the teachers even though the amount they are to get is still under dispute.

At last night's board meeting the panel unanimously approved the guide which includes \$400 raises due under the new contract approved after last year's teacher's strike.

The teachers, however, have filed suit claiming that they are actually due \$800 this year even though the board insists that \$400 is all they are going to get. Both sides say they will have to wait for a court decision before the matter is finally settled.

Whose fault? 8/11/76 J. D.

Not only the tenants, but the landlords, would benefit by Hoboken's proposed ordinance requiring landlords to get certificates of occupancy before renting vacant apartments.

In many cases of code violations, the landlord claims he corrected the deficiencies, but the ungrateful or careless tenants quickly undid his good work.

The ordinance should settle these questions. If the apartment had been certified as violation-free at the time it was rented and violations were reported a short time later, the landlord could justly claim the apartment was in good shape when the tenant moved in. A destructive tenant would be out of luck.

There are problems to solve before adopting such an ordinance, but it seems worth the try.

Missing mayor

8/12/76 J.J.
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Remove De Pascale's portrait

One of Hoboken's mayors is missing. A recently-hung photographic portrait of former Mayor Louis DePascale that graced the second floor corridors of Hoboken City Hall with portraits of five other mayors, has been removed after someone scratched out the eyes.

According to a Public Works Department spokesman, the vandalism was discovered yesterday morning by one of the City Hall cleaning women. He said that the incident occurred sometime between 4 p.m. Monday, closing time for most city offices, and 8 a.m. yesterday.

"The woman at first didn't realize that the picture had been vandalized," the spokesman said. "But she thought it was odd how the eyes in Mayor DePascale's portrait seemed to follow her no matter where she went in the area."

"She then took a close-up look and said that the entire iris of each eye had been scratched out down to the white paper on which the portrait was made," he added.

The spokesman said that the DePascale portrait will be sent to the photographer who did the work for repair. However, there is still a question of whether the photographer will do the repair work or if it can be done at all.

Sewage station funds due

8/10/76 J.J.
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has approved Hoboken's plans for the reconstruction of the sewage pumping station at 11th and Hudson Streets, which was destroyed by an explosion 11 months ago, and determined that it will not have any impact on the environment.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said that he received notification from the EPA of its approval a few days ago.

"This was one of the last items that had to be approved prior to actually receiving the funds we need from the federal government for the reconstruction work," said the director.

The cost of the work is estimated by the EPA at \$400,000. Of that amount, the federal government will give Hoboken \$367,800. The remaining \$122,200 is the city's responsibility.

According to Vitale, the city's insurance will offset a portion of the remainder. The rest will come from the city itself, the Community Development Agency, or the state.

He added that as soon as the city is sure of its financing it intends to file suit against the party it believes responsible for the explosion. No one has been officially named. However, shortly after the explosion it was determined that a quantity of flammable liquid had escaped into the city's sewer system from the Alco Gravure printing plant. But city officials have never publicly stated that the liquid or fumes from it caused the blast.

Ship may have to pay Hoboken for water use

8/11/76 J.J.
Besides trying to get more than \$4,000 in rent money from the owners of a grain ship docked at the Fifth Street pier in Hoboken, the city also may have to go after the owners for more than \$800 in charges for using city water, it was learned today.

Councilman-at-large Francis X. Leahy said today that the grain ship "Achilles," owned by the Newport Tankers Corp., is apparently hooked

up to a city fire hydrant and is using city water without paying for it.

"If it is a city hydrant then the owners owe us at least \$600 and probably a lot more," he said. "Our minimum daily charge for hooking up to a fire hydrant for water is \$15 a day and the ship has been there since June 24."

"If we can hook a meter up to the hydrant I'm sure it would show that the ship is using more than \$15 worth of water a day. But if we can't meter it, we'll have to settle for the \$15-a-day fee."

Leahy said he reported the situation to both Mayor Steve Cappiello and Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale.

The mayor said he was sending a member of the water department to check out the councilman's claim.

Cappiello said if it is a city hydrant the company would be billed for the water it has used.

How much will depend on whether or not we can meter the hydrant or not," he said. "If we can meter it, we'll average out the usage for the days back to June 24. If we can't they'll be billed at the \$15-a-day rate."

The mayor would not say whether the city would turn off the water if the bill wasn't paid promptly.

"We'll bill them first and see what happens," he added.

Hoboken is preparing to file suit in U.S. District Court in an attempt to get the \$100-a-day the ship owners have been paying to the pier owners for docking there. Hoboken has a tax lien on the property and wants to apply the rental money to the back taxes.

Cappiello-Bier fight now in truce stage

8/11/76 J.J.
Peace appears to have descended at last on the administration of Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello with the controversy over the mayor's intended dismissal of Business Administrator Herman Bier coming to an end.

A truce may have been worked out by the city council yesterday, provided the mayor and Bier can work out their differences at a meeting today. The meeting was to have taken place yesterday within two hours of the special council meeting, but was delayed until today at the mayor's request.

According to Bier, the mayor called him on the telephone after the special meeting and asked if he could meet with him today instead of yesterday. Bier agreed.

Contrary to reports, Bier is not yet off the city payroll even though the council did not override the

mayor's action, and the mayor has yet to withdraw it.

Law Director Lawrence Florio said that it was his interpretation of the state statutes that the 20-day period for Bier's dismissal to take effect ends today, not yesterday.

Seven council members showed up for the special meeting, called by the mayor to give the councilmen an opportunity to consider his dismissal action against Bier. They were

Anthony H. Roman, Salvatore Cemelli, Louis Franccone, council President Martin J. Brennan, Nunzio Malfetti, Francis X. Leahy and Bernard Scrivani. Missing were Robert A. Ranieri and Walter Cramer.

Brennan opened the meeting by asking both the council members and citizens who had packed the council chambers to remain calm in discussing the situation.

"This is an emotional day for the council and the public," he said. "In the best interests of everyone concerned, let us keep our cool, so to speak. If anyone in the audience desires to be heard on this matter they will be given the opportunity."

City Clerk Anthony J. Amoroso then read a resolution that would override the mayor's intended dismissal of Bier. The business administrator was given first crack at addressing the council.

Bier declared that he still had no knowledge of why the mayor was dismissing him or whether he had done anything wrong that prompted the mayor's action. He added that he apologized if he had offended the mayor or council in any way.

The council then adjourned for 15 minutes to discuss the matter in private, pointing out that a matter of personnel was involved and a private discussion was authorized under the Sunshine Law.

When the council returned, Bier again addressed the council and reaffirmed his apology. He then asked the council to intercede for him with the mayor. The council then adjourned for the second time.

At 12:35 p.m. the meeting was reopened. Brennan said they had listened to Bier's request and called the mayor in for a conference in the city clerk's office.

"The mayor has agreed to give this matter serious consideration and will be in touch with Mr. Bier within two hours," said Brennan.

The council then unanimously voted to withdraw from consideration the resolution that would have defeated the mayor's effort to dismiss Bier and the special meeting was ended.

So, while peace seems to be near, one final action is still required to cement it. Mayor Cappiello must still withdraw his notification of dismissal before 4 p.m. this afternoon.

"There was going to be only one loser if this situation wasn't resolved — the city," remarked one councilman. "The last thing we need is a political war and I'm afraid that this was going to lead to just that."

Union Drydock will buy old Hoboken pier

8/12/76 J.J.
In spite of a serious fire in June that caused heavy damage to one of the three remaining good piers at the old Penn Central marine repair facility along Hoboken's waterfront, the Union Drydock Co. of Weehawken has decided to continue with its plans to buy the property, it was learned today.

A company spokesman said that, after further discussion among its officials and with the railroad, it was

decided to go through with the purchase. He said that a closing should be held in approximately 30 days.

Union Drydock was one of several companies that had bid on the waterfront property. Its high bid was for \$210,000. However, the spokesman declined to say if the price had been renegotiated with the railroad because of the damage to the pier.

Representatives of the company and Hoboken city officials will meet tomorrow to discuss several matters pertaining to the facility, the spokesman continued.

"Of prime concern will be security at the facility until such time as we take title and can provide our own," he asserted. "Another serious fire in the meantime could very easily kill the transaction."

Within the last two years there have been close to two dozen fires at the facility, some serious. Almost all of them have been suspicious and attributed by fire officials to youngsters playing in the area. Efforts by the city to get the bankrupt railroad to beef up patrols by its police or to fence in the property have not been successful.

The repair facility originally contained five or six long piers.

Rent board won't OK water rate pass-along

8/11/76 J.J.
The Hoboken Rent Leveling Board has some bad news for landlords who are preparing to raise the rents of their tenants to help pay for the almost 100 per cent increase in city water and sewerage rates — they can't do it.

Joseph Hottendorf, chairman of the board, said today that there isn't any provision in the board's regulations which would allow it to approve rent increases for landlords specifically because their water rates have gone up.

"They are entitled to raise rents to cover increases in the overall operating costs, but all increases must be governed by the overall costs," he said, "not one specific item. However, I think it is premature at this time to think about increased costs."

"First, it is my understanding that the water and sewer rate increases are designed to offset the increase in the Jersey City water rate and the deficit the water department has been operating under. That deficit, something like \$300,000 a year, had been made up through city tax dollars."

"So in making the water department self-sufficient with higher rates there should be an equal reduction in the amount of tax dollars that were once needed to take care of the deficit."

According to Hottendorf, a

number of property owners have contacted the rent leveling board in the last few days inquiring about rent increases for tenants because of the water rate increase.

The water bills reflecting the new rate for both water and sewerage began going out last month. The water rate has gone from a minimum of \$4.50 per 1,000 cubic feet to \$10.50 per thousand. And no one, even those who use very little water will pay less than \$44 a year when the minimum used to be \$20, the minimum for sewerage went from \$14 a year to \$20 with the cubic foot rate going up more than 60 per cent for larger users.

Allow turn after full stop at 2 more intersections

8/13/76 J.J.
Two more Hoboken intersections have been posted with signs telling motorists they can make right turns on red lights after coming to a full stop, Thomas Vecchione, head of the public safety department's Traffic and Signal Division, said today.

One is at First and Washington streets and the other is at Observer Highway and Washington Street. The signs were installed at 11th and Washington streets two weeks ago.

According to Vecchione, the city is allowing the turns to be made at selected intersections so it will know in advance where to anticipate trouble come January when a new state law permitting such turns at any red light goes into effect.

He said that municipalities have

the right to post signs prohibiting the turns, but it must show the state that there is a danger to the public and pass appropriate ordinances authorizing the signs.

Vecchione added that the preliminary results at 11th and Washington streets indicated that there shouldn't be any problems.

"But the real test will come next month when the kids go back to school," he said. "Wallace School is only a few blocks away and there are a lot of children in the area who will be crossing the street at this point."

Vecchione said that if the turns causes problems for the youngsters the city might prohibit the turns during school hours.

Council to debate appraiser hiring

8/13/76 J.J.
Lengthy debate is expected Wednesday night when the Hoboken City Council meets to consider among other items, a resolution that would rehire the real appraisal firm of William Robertson and Son as the city's special tax appraiser at \$10,000 a year.

Former Municipal Court Magistrate Charles DeFazio Jr. has been urging the council for almost a year to seek such services by bid and had been assured on several occasions that it would be done when the city's current contract with the firm expired.

The first resolution had specified a price of \$3,500. However, the council claimed that CDA Director Fred Bado had told it at the Monday caucus that the contract would be no more than \$3,500 and probably less. Several councilmen expressed concern that, since the resolution specified \$3,500,

that was the amount that would have to be paid. The wording was changed since the last meeting and now states "up to, but not to exceed \$3,500."

Two other resolutions, tabled at the last meeting, are also back on the agenda. Both grant tax exemptions to Northvale Associates IIIA & IIIB for several rehabilitation projects. They are 1233, 1235, and 1237 Park Ave.; 1310 and 1312 Bloomfield St.; 50, 52, 54, 56 11th St.; and 100, 106 and 1014 Clinton St.

Hoboken's last remaining department store has requested a going-out-of-business-sale permit. A communication from City Clerk Anthony J. Amoroso notifies the council that such a permit has been issued to Mickey Finn's Department Store on First Street for the one-month period between Aug. 12 and Sept. 12.

The council will be asked to authorize Mayor Steve Cappiello to serve as the city's official representative in dealing with state and federal officials to secure federal funds for reconstruction of the sewage pumping station at 11th and Hudson Streets. The station was destroyed by an explosion almost a year ago and the city is seeking almost \$400,000 in federal funds to build a new one.

State to get bill for Sail expense

8/11/76 J.J.
Hoboken will be submitting a bill for \$26,413.60 to the state as the costs it incurred for participating in Operation Sail over the July 4 weekend, it was announced today.

According to Mayor Steve Cappiello, almost \$24,000 of the total amount was for overtime paid to public safety and public works personnel during the three-day period from July 3 to 5.

The mayor said the city's actual cost was closer to \$28,500 but the city was absorbing close to \$2,000 because it was used to purchase materials and supplies that the city is keeping and can use again.

"We are billing the state for the overtime, portable toilets and the renting of oxygen," he said. "However, the cost of such items as lumber from which we made barricades will be assumed by the city since they can be used again by the police and public works."

The mayor said he expected the bill would be paid, at least most of it.

"I think the state will live up to its commitment," he said. "If it doesn't, then I don't think anyone will get paid for the cost he incurred."

Hoboken CDA gets all funds it sought

8/10/76 J.J.
It will be business as planned for the Hoboken Community Development Agency (CDA) for the next year.

Sen. Harrison A. Williams announced yesterday that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is giving the CDA a grant of \$3,446,000 for the second year of its program — exactly what the Hoboken CDA had asked for.

According to Williams, the funds should be released to Hoboken by Friday.

A spokesman for the CDA said the money will be used to pay for the continuation of existing programs and the development of several new ones, as required by the city.

Joseph Cicala, housing director or the CDA who is filling in for the vacationing program director, Fred M. Bado, said that the bulk of the funds — almost \$2 million — will be devoted to public works projects and housing rehabilitation-restoration.

"Approximately \$1.2 million will be used for public works projects such as the development of the old Erie Lackawanna railroad terminal into a shopper mall and recreation area, and parks restoration," he continued.

"More than \$500,000 will go into the continuation of rehabilitation programs and the neighborhood preservation and restoration program."

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Clark says fair share due for Columbus Park

8/13/76 J.J.
Hudson County Executive Edward F. Clark Jr. today disagreed with Hoboken Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri over whether the county was short-changing Hoboken on planned renovations of Columbus Park at 10th and Clinton Sts.

Recently, Ranieri wrote to Clark and complained that the county was planning to spend almost nothing on Columbus Park compared to the money that was going to be poured into other county park facilities.

But according to Clark, not only isn't the county short-changing Hoboken, Columbus Park, for its size, will be getting more money than any other park in the county.

Clark said that a total of \$57,000 will be spent on Columbus Park in state Green Acres funds for rehabilitation and redevelopment. The park takes up 2.6 acres of land — so \$21,923.07 will be spent there per acre.

The county will be spending \$839,412 on Lincoln Park in Jersey City — the county's largest park with 273.42 acres — which averages to only \$3,435 an acre. The county will spend \$2,854 per acre on the 97.6 acres in Bayonne Park and only \$1,863 per acre on the 167.32 acres in North Hudson-Braddock Park in North Bergen.

"In reviewing these figures one can see that the expenditures for Columbus Park are very high in

relationship to the other parks in the program," said Clark.

According to Clark, the funds for Columbus Park will be used for a roller-skating rink, lighting for tennis courts and a new rest room facility.

After reviewing Clark's figures, Ranieri said he tended to agree with the county executive. However, he still felt that Hoboken should get more.

"There are certain facts that I don't think were taken into consideration," he continued. "One is that our 2.6 acres must serve something like 45,000 people. Because it is so small and must serve so many, more should be done to make it serviceable and available to the people."

"However, I must concede that based on Mr. Clark's figures, the county is making an effort in Hoboken's behalf."

Double demolition seen as economy

8/17/76 J.J.
Hoboken wants to save money by razing two buildings instead of one — though it remains to be seen how much it will cost.

At the recommendation of city Public Works Director Raphael Vitale, the city council tomorrow is expected to reject bids received for the demolition of 318 Monroe St., a vacant three-story frame structure.

Instead, Vitale told city lawmakers at last night's council caucus, it would be "cheaper" to knock down that building along with the adjacent one at 316 Monroe St. — which is also three levels, with a single tenant.

Both city-owned buildings share a common fire-escape, said Vitale, and if the city moved to raze 318 Monroe alone, it would have to replace the fire escape. Each is in dilapidated condition, he said.

Consequently, the council will probably authorize re-advertising for bids on both dwellings.

In other business, the council is expected to:

- Approve payment of nearly \$200,000 of the total \$317,000 Sept. 1 interest owed by the city parking authority on its outstanding bonds which financed construction of its Grogan Plaza garages. The authority will pay the balance.
- Sanction a one-year contract for \$10,000 with the

tax appraisal firm of William Robertson & Son to defend what city Law Director Larry Florio called the city's "high-price range assessments on industrial buildings and waterfront properties" in "county and state courts," functioning in Florio's words, as an "expert witness."

• Clear an agreement between the city Community Development Agency (CDA) and Richard Browne Associates for not more than \$3,500 to prepare plans and design for a bicycle path along River Road.

Hoboken poles to be moved

8/19/76 J.J.
The Public Service Electric and Gas Co. has apparently decided to move the electrical utility poles on a section of Third Street in Hoboken to avoid any legal entanglement with the city's electrical inspector because the high tension wires are too close to an apartment building.

Fireman Paul Marzocca, the city's electrical inspector, said today that Public Service has started digging new holes for the utility poles on Third Street, between Adams and Jefferson streets, but the company hasn't formally notified him that the work is being done.

The only reason I know they are trying to comply with the city's electrical code is that I saw them doing the work," he said. "I haven't received any response to my letter of two weeks ago and I haven't been able to reach the company official in charge of this area."

The poles in question are those running along the north side of Third Street by the Clock Towers apartment building. The high tension lines are approximately three-to-four feet away from the building. They should be at least six feet away under the code.

Because the lines are so close they have caused two problems for the owners of the rehabilitated factory building. Balconies running along the entire length of the building on Third St. have had to be enclosed with heavy wire to prevent the possibility of children living there from reaching out with sticks and touching the wires. And that side of the building has not yet been painted to match the rest because the wires are too close.

Public Service had offered to move the wires but wanted more than \$3,000 from the building owners to temporarily relocate them.

Cappiello willing to discuss cops' manpower shortage

8/16/76 J.J.
Mayor Steve Cappiello, Hoboken's public safety director, is willing to sit with representatives of the Police Officers' Benevolent Association (POBA) and discuss the department's manpower shortage, but the matter will end there.

The mayor said today that he is "always willing to enter into discussion on such matters, but not always able to make commitments."

According to James Behrens, POBA president, the department is short a total of 74 men, on the basis of the manning document.

"Take today for example — two police cars were on

patrol in a city of 45,000 people," said Behrens. "That's unrealistic and puts the men in the cars in greater danger."

Behrens said that the POBA can't force the city to maintain any set number of police cars in duty at any given time, although the city is required by contract to make sure that there are two patrolmen to each car in use.

"If one car gets into a situation and requires help the second car is sent," he continued. "That would leave the city with no vehicles on patrol. It is a dangerous situation for our

citizens and for the police."

According to Behrens, the POBA feels the city should be moving to hire some more patrolmen.

"Realistically, we don't expect the city to bring the patrolmen ranks up to full strength, but some new men should be hired to fill the gaps created by retirements that keep getting bigger and bigger," he asserted.

Mayor Cappiello said the city will be hiring some new men, but he didn't know exactly when.

However, he had not decided how many would be needed.

Painter to fix eyes in vandalized portrait

8/13/76 J.J.
A Hoboken artist has agreed to attempt to repair the portrait of former Mayor Louis DePascale without charge to the city, Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today.

Louis Taglieri, director of the SMILE Senior Citizen Center, will try to repair the picture which had hung on the wall at City Hall along with the portrait of five more mayors.

The portrait was removed Wednesday morning when a city hall cleaning woman noticed that someone had scratched out the iris in both eyes exposing the white paper on which the portrait was done.

Vitale said the vandalism was being investigated but that there was little hope of finding out who did it.

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Hoboken may get public safety head

8/19/76 J. J.

Is there a new department director in Hoboken's future?

According to high city sources, the public safety department, which is currently under the direction of Mayor Steve Cappiello, may become a separate entity with its own director as part of the settlement of the feud between the mayor and Business Administrator Herman Bier.

Due to a death in his immediate family, the mayor was not available for comment.

It is reported that as part of the settlement Bier and First Ward Councilman Anthony H. Romano publicly will endorse the mayor for re-election next year. The flairup that led to the mayor's action to dismiss Bier is said to have been prompted by Bier's efforts to groom Romano as Cappiello's opposition.

The mayor's dismissal notice is still hanging over Bier's head, but the mayor has not yet taken that last final step—removing Bier from office and the pay roll.

City sources say the mayor realized after moving to remove the director that several councilmen, including Romano, were staunchly in Bier's corner. While they might not have enough votes to block the dismissal by overruling the mayor's action, they could block some important city business when it came to the council for approval. And the mayor would need the support of those councilmen and their followers if he hoped to be the favorite in next year's election.

It is said that in return for the end of anti-administration activity the mayor will keep Bier on as business administrator, go along with the separation of the public safety department from his office, and allow the dissident councilmen to pick the director.

Bier was also unavailable for

comment. A member of his office staff said the director was taking a week's vacation and was not expected back until the latter part of next week.

Romano, who is also business manager for the Hoboken school system, said he didn't know anything about the rumored separation of the public safety department. However, he declined to give any details of the negotiations he and Cappiello were engaged in for several days prior to the mayor's decision not to fire Bier after all.

"I will say that our prime interest was the city," said the councilman. "But anything further than that should come from the mayor."

The last time the Public Safety Department was a separate department was under the administration of the late John J. Grogan. Under the administration of former Mayor Louis DePascale the department was placed under the direction of the law department. When the Cappiello administration came to power it was switched from the law department to the mayor's office.

The rumor is not entirely without some foundation—coming on several previous occasions from Cappiello himself. The mayor has admitted he finds the duties of public safety director demanding, especially in conjunction with the duties of being mayor. And on one occasion last year, the mayor said he was seriously thinking about separating the public safety department from his office.

Romano, when asked if he was going to endorse the mayor for re-election next year, said: "I never said I wouldn't. I just think it's too early to start worrying about next year's election. The mayor still has to firm up his ticket with three councilmen-at-large candidates. As yet, we don't

know if the incumbents will be seeking re-election—they haven't said—and, if they don't, who will be on the ticket in their stead?"

According to administration sources, the mayor will have at least one council spot to fill, possibly two, on his ticket. Councilman-at-large Francis X. Leahy has publicly said he will not run with Cappiello again, although he has not discounted the possibility of running for re-election as an independent or on an opposition ticket.

Sources say that Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri is questionable for health reasons. He has a heart condition and is reported to have suffered a mild heart attack during the early part of the summer. It is said his family is urging him not to seek re-election. Administration sources say the decision will be Ranieri's.

The third spot, and the only sure one, is Councilman-at-large Bernard Scrivani. It is reported he was offered and accepted a bid for re-election shortly after the mayor announced that he was running in 1977. However, rumors persist that Scrivani, who is city Republican chairman, is still interested in the post of director of revenue and finance, now held by Frank J. Bartletta, when the current director steps down. But Bartletta has not given any indication he plans to quit the post soon.

Pier firm changes name, disclaims debts

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Mervyn's Midnight Waterfront Beauty Inc., the company that owns the old Holland America Line piers in Hoboken, has changed its corporate name and, according to city Revenue and Finance Director Frank J. Bartletta, claims it is a new corporation and isn't responsible for the back taxes owed to the city by the old one.

Bartletta said today that the city had the corporation checked out with the New Jersey Secretary of State's office and found that on March 1 of this year the name was changed from Mervyn's to M.W.B. Inc. Vin Carriga was listed as the agent for the

concern with an address of 1 Newark St. "The company's position is now that it isn't responsible for the debts of Mervyn's," said Bartletta. "But as

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the state shows that only the name of the corporation was changed. But even if there is a new owner, nothing changes.

"The city has a lien on the property, not the corporation. They can change ownership a hundred times and the lien remains until someone pays it or the city forecloses."

According to Bartletta, the city will file suit this week in the Chancery Division of Hudson County Superior Court against the owners. The suit was to have been filed last week but filing was delayed because of the status of the company's appeal of the city's 1974 assessment on its property.

The suit was for the purpose of claiming rents that are being paid by the owners of a large grain ship docked at the Fifth Street pier since June 24, along with all other rents paid since 1974.

Last month the state Board of Tax Appeals threw out the company's tax appeal, Bartletta said. It had 30 days after to take the appeal higher, provided it paid 75 per cent of the 1974 taxes to the city. The company had until 4 p.m. yesterday afternoon to put up the money or its appeal would not be heard.

"We wanted to see where we were going with the tax appeal before instituting another legal action," said Bartletta. "Besides, I sort of expected a settlement on the rents was going to be made last week. It wasn't. Bartletta said that Carriga was supposed to have met with him last week on the rents that were being paid to Mervyn's by the Newport Tankers Corp., the owner of the ship. The company claims it has been paying River Towing or Mervyn's \$100 a day for mooring space.

"He never showed up," asserted the director. "It's the third time he asked for a meeting and failed to keep the appointment."

Bartletta figures that the ship's owner has paid the pier owner approximately \$8,000 since June for docking. That money, he says, is rightfully the city's to be applied to the more than \$240,747 in taxes that are owed on the piers from 1973 to the end of this year.

The Fifth and Sixth Street piers were purchased from the city in 1973 by the River Towing Co. for \$71,000. A year later, River Towing sold the property to Mervyn's but it has continued to use the facilities for the docking of barges. Since the time of the initial purchase, no taxes have been paid to the city except for a token payment of approximately \$20,000.

According to Albert Shea, the city attorney who is preparing the suit which will list River Towing, Mervyn's and Newport as defendants, the attorney for the tanker corporation told him that the rentals had been paid to River Towing, not Mervyn's, but the payments were not up to date.

"They stopped making the rent payments when the controversy came up," he said. "I don't know how much was paid but he assured me that the company was willing to make the rental payments to the city. However, the tanker corporation will be listed as part of the suit as a formality."

Shea said he would file it as soon as he cleared it with his boss, Law Director Lawrence Florio. But that could postpone the action for at least another week. Florio, according to one of his staff members, is on vacation this week.

Council votes to ax 2 disputed employees

To avoid the possibility of a suit by the state Civil Service Department against the city of Hoboken, members of the city council have agreed to remove two disputed employees from the city payroll.

At their meeting last night, the council voted to amend the city payrolls for the weeks ending Aug. 18, 25 and Sept. 1 by deleting the names of Norman Silon, a library worker, and Lewis Miller, a public works employee.

Council President Martin J. Brennan said after the meeting that Civil Service contends that other persons who applied for the jobs that Silon and Miller held— took and passed state Civil Service exams for those jobs.

Brennan said "there's a good chance" that Miller took the exam but added that he was sure Silon, a relative of the late Dr. Milton Silon, former city health officer, hadn't taken the test.

For this reason, said Brennan, the council deemed it advisable to take Silon and Miller— both apparently only provisional appointments— until the city's legal department has checked out their status more fully.

The matters were brought to the council's attention Monday by Councilmen-at-large Nuzio Malfetti and Bernard Scrivani, members of the council's administration committee, following the receipt of a letter from Civil Service.

Scrivani, reached at home last night (illness kept him away from last night's session), Aug. 2, described Silon and Miller as "not certified" for the jobs they were performing— Silon as a maintenance man for the library and Miller as a public works bookkeeper.

"If these men are not qualified," said Scrivani, "they shouldn't be on the (payroll) list because they jeopardize everybody's salary and I'm going to see to it that unless they do qualify that they are not put back on the payroll."

"After all," continued Scrivani, "I have to sign the payroll and I don't want to jeopardize myself by doing anything illegal."

Asked if either Silon or Miller had taken the Civil Service exam for his position, Scrivani replied: "I don't know."

Scrivani said the matter has been referred by Malfetti and himself to city Business Administrator Herman Bier, currently on vacation, for investigation.

In other business at the meeting, the council voted 4-to-2 to table a resolution that would have authorized the city Community Development Agency (CDA) to enter into a contract, not to exceed \$3,500, with Richard P. Browne Associates, a consulting firm, to develop plans for a bicycle path along Shore Road.

Councilmen Anthony Romano, Walter Cramer, Louis Francone and Malfetti went along with a plea by Robert King, a member of the audience, to delay drawing up plans until the city had a chance to check further with police officials on safety factors and patrol costs.

Ironically, Romano—who said initially that Chief George W. Crimmins "favors a bike path"— urged his colleagues to table the resolution until the council "has had time to touch all bases."

Francone said the newly-paved Shore Road thoroughfare attracts lots of "trailers and cars" and that it's "like a speed road today. It's not that

I oppose kids' recreation, but a bike on that road would be dangerous." Francone advised it might make more sense to close the roadway to traffic on weekends and then allow its use by bicyclists. "We'd be better off putting up a swimming pool in Hoboken," he said.

But Third Ward Councilman Sal Cemelli said the problem of traffic "has been brought to the attention of the mayor (in his capacity as public safety director) and police will be assigned there."

And Brennan, siding with Cemelli, criticized his colleagues for "taking a definite negative attitude" toward the bike path and maintained that "the consultant will know better than us what questions to answer about safety."

But Romano's motion to table carried and the next step, presumably, will be for the council to consult with Crimmins when he recovers from his burn wounds.

The council granted applications by Northvale Associates, led by Walter and Joseph Barry, for tax exemptions in return for a "minimum in lieu payment" involving 12 pieces of property in the city that the limited-dividend partnership association intends to renovate for future residential use.

The properties were listed as: 1233, 1235 and 1237 Park Ave., 1310 and 1312 Bloomfield St., 50-52-54-56 11th St., and 1000, 1006 and 1014 Clinton St.

According to Brennan, under the agreement, the city stands to collect the same amount of taxes being collected now on the properties, or more, if the city tax rate goes up.

Hoboken will add hot lunches

Several new features will greet Hoboken youngsters when they report back to school next month including a new hot lunch program and possibly a little more room in their classrooms.

The school board is now putting in more than \$200,000 worth of new equipment such as microwave ovens and freezer units for the program, which is expected to start with the opening of the schools. The lunches will be served in all of the city's educational facilities including the junior and senior high schools.

According to Thomas F. McFeely, superintendent of schools, the district had

been serving cold lunches for the past few years. However, that program had some built-in problems. One was a lack of variety and the other was a considerable amount of waste.

"The program was pretty well limited to sandwiches," he said. "Not all of the children liked them, especially some of the foreign born. It was also very difficult to make close estimates one day of how many lunches would be needed the next. A jump in absenteeism on any given school day usually resulted in more food than needed—and waste."

McFeely said that with the hot lunch program the menu has great variety and that it can be determined

at the beginning of the school day exactly how many lunches will be needed later.

"Under the cold lunch program, the sandwiches were made early in the morning before the schools opened," he continued. "The contractor then delivered them to the schools. But the hot lunches will be on hand in our own freezers. We can use what we need based on the attendance figures for that day."

A decision on whether the free lunches will be made available to all students in the district or only to those from needy families will be made before the program starts. The 1976-77 school year

will mark the opening of the city's new \$4.3 million mini-school at 524 Park Ave. However, the new school won't be ready for student use until sometime in January, McFeely said.

"We will be using the open school concept of instruction," he continued. "This is where the teachers place the accent on individual and group instruction rather than by class. Each child is allowed to set his or her own pace within the group."

The school is designed to handle between 400 and 450 students with a faculty of approximately 15 teachers. However, McFeely said that initially there would be between 250 and 300 students and seven to 10 teachers.

The opening of the new school should decrease some of the overcrowding in some schools—that along with an anticipated decline in overall student enrollment.

"There was a slight decrease in the 1975-76 school enrollment," said McFeely, "and we expect that trend to continue for the 1976-77 year. However, it should be only a small decrease, somewhere between 80 and 120 students."

Perhaps the biggest problem Hoboken students and school administrators will have for the coming school year is the schools themselves.

It is estimated that between \$3 and \$5 million in repairs is needed to put all of the schools back into proper condition. The high school and the new Wallace school are the only two—besides the not yet opened mini-school—that are generally in good condition and require only routine maintenance. And the school board doesn't have the money needed to pay for the work.

According to Otto Hottendorf, a school board member and its former president, there is some hope.

"The federal government has \$2 billion available to state and local governments for construction, repairing or improving public facilities—including schools," he said. "The money will be available under the Public Works Employment Act.

How the money will be distributed hasn't been worked out, but I believe that unemployment will have a great deal to do with who gets what and the priorities.

"New Jersey has one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation, and Hoboken has one of the highest in the state. So if we get our applications prepared properly and submitted, there's a good chance we can get some of those federal funds for rehabilitating our schools."

Hottendorf said that the fact the federal government had the money and it could be used for school rehabilitation was brought to the board's attention by Dominick Casulli, former president of Citizens for Better Education.

One touchy matter concerning the funds is that, while they would be for school use, the applications for them would have to come from the city—and the city government and school board haven't been on the best of terms for the last two years.

But Hottendorf felt that if there were problems they could be overcome. "This would be in everyone's best interest, so I'm sure we'll find common ground," he asserted.

Well, he won't pay

Necessity is the mother of invention and according to Vincent F. Petrigani of Hoboken, she's very closely related to independence, economy and self-reliance. Petrigani, 53, is probably the only person in Hoboken in recent years who has sunk his own well.

"There was a choice involved," said Petrigani. "I'm very interested in horticulture and have been

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ever since I was a kid. I grow my own plants and trees but that takes a lot of water. The choice was either give it up or pay the city twice what I have been paying it for water."

He chose necessity. And it gave birth to the idea of digging his own well to beat the city out of the 104 per cent increase in its water rate.

"Once I got started, it was easy," he continued. "I hydro-drilled to a depth of about 65 feet and hit water. It isn't good for drinking or cooking, but it is perfectly all right for my plants and gardening."

Petrigani used city water and a garden hose. After the first section of well pipe was sunk, the hose was inserted into the

pipe and the water turned on. It washed away the dirt and enabled him to put in the next length of pipe. This process was repeated until he hit ground water at 65 feet.

He then purchased a pump and it is used to bring up the water when needed. The entire project cost about \$400, he estimated.

Petrigani's next project he hopes will free him entirely of the city's water system—his own artesian well.

"I've looked into it and it is realistic," said the Hoboken native. "That's how most Hoboken residents used to get their water before there were city water lines. In fact, St. Ann's School had its own well until 1954 when the new school was built on top of it."

He expects to have to drill between 365 and 400 feet down before hitting water fit for human consumption. The cost will be somewhere around \$15 a foot, but Petrigani—even has that figured out.

"They're selling bottled water in the supermarkets for 99 cents a gallon," he explained. "And they're selling it at a pretty good clip. I'd be willing to sell my water at 10 cents a gallon, plus the cost of the container."

After his well is done, Petrigani will attempt solar heating and cooling for his Madison Street home, which was recently completely rehabilitated with a \$17,000 loan from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and \$20,000 of his own money.

"Right now it is costing me about \$700 a year for electricity for summer air conditioning and \$800 a year for fuel oil for winter heating," he said. "A solar energy system for heating and cooling purposes should cost me between \$5,000 and \$6,000 but the annual cost once installed will be about \$14, and that's for maintenance."

Design engineering is another one of his passions, along with horticulture and music. He spent many of his working years with Kueffel and Esser and helped design the first Braille slide rule. During the 1960s he worked on a submarine warfare project which involved sending out remote controlled helicopters to do away with enemy subs.

He was with the Atlantic Can Co. in Passaic for 15 years and recently started working for the Maxwell House Coffee Division of General Foods Corp. in Hoboken.

"I'm trying to interest them at the plant to start looking into the possibility of seeking their own water supply," he said. "The city's increased rates are going to cost the company a lot of money—maybe \$1 million this year alone."

He has already convinced Mayor Steve Cappiello. The mayor said that the city, which now buys water from Jersey City, is seriously going to look into other sources of water.

"The fact is that Hoboken for many, many years relied on wells," said the mayor. "It wasn't until the cost of sinking a well became more expensive than the running water lines and hookup to a city main that people stopped digging their own."

"I don't think conditions have changed too much in this area so that those water sources have been eliminated. The only real question is whether or not the water would be fit for human consumption."

They did the job

Government agencies established to meet a specific objective with no time limit involved usually contend their continuance is indispensable. Seldom does a public agency concede its usefulness has ended.

How refreshing it is to come upon Hoboken's Lead-Based Paint Detection and Prevention Program. This agency has accomplished its mission. It has cleaned up the lead paint situation in Hoboken, and it does not pretend otherwise.

Since Jersey City does not have such a program, or the funding for one, and since Hoboken already has the know-how, it was proposed that the Hoboken agency move over into Jersey City to keep on doing the same job there, while putting some Jersey City residents on its payroll.

This was shot down by the bureaucrats of the state Civil Service Commission. There was nothing in the rule book which permits such an arrangement. Congratulations to the Hoboken agency and its staff for a job well done. And the back of our hand to the bureaucrats who cannot look beyond the rules to see the youngsters who are endangered by lead-based paint in Jersey City.

Hoboken's rent control law to get court test

The first court test of Hoboken's rent control ordinance will take place Oct. 12 when city and Rent Leveling Board officials will appear in Hudson County Superior Court and show why tenants of the 237 Washington St. Corp. should not be given substantial rent increases.

Walter Gottschalk, a Hoboken attorney, filed the suit for the corporation. According to Joseph Hottendorf, board chairman, the suit involves only two of the corporation's tenants. The corporation wants to raise the rent of one from \$102 a month to \$175, and the other from \$111 to \$175.

Hottendorf said the appeal was of a rent leveling board decision handed down earlier this year which refused

to grant the corporation \$75 a month rent increases for the two tenants. However, he added that the case goes back to 1974 when the rent leveling board was first organized.

"The corporation sought a \$25-a-month rent increase which was denied," he continued. "But it was granted a 10 per cent increase based on operational costs. Last year, an increase of \$50 a month was sought and disapproved, although a seven per cent increase was granted."

"This past February, the corporation applied for a hardship rent increase which would have increased the rents by \$75. The request was denied but another seven per cent increase was approved."

Firemen's suit to be heard

Superior Court Judge John J. Geronimo will hear on Tuesday a suit by five Hoboken firemen seeking to extend the "life" of a Civil Service eligibility list to promotion to fire captains' posts.

Firemen Alan Brause, Charles Ebersole, Eugene Fallia, Patrick O'Brien and Ernest Prudente, obtained a temporary restraint from Superior Court Judge Lawrence Bilder on July 24, so that the list would not expire the next day. The restraint was issued pending a court hearing, which yesterday was postponed until Tuesday.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, the Hoboken City Council and the State Civil Service Commission were named defendants by the firemen, identifying themselves as the first "five or six" in line for promotion to captains' jobs.

Whose job is street cleaning?

Hoboken street sweepers, apparently unaware that they are responsible for cleaning both sides of Newark st., a county road, have neglected a section there in front of Windsor Wax Co. Inc. until dirt has completely covered the curb.

The company is located at 611 Newark st. and workers there say that side of the street, the south side, has not been cleaned in years.

The workers themselves shovel away some of the dirt near a sewer drain because if they don't the drain becomes clogged and flooding occurs, they claim.

"We've called and called the city about this for years but nothing's been done," said a company official who declined to be identified.

A public works foreman, Frank BelFlore, said city sweepers do clean there but not regularly.

"If that sewer basin gets loaded I clean it," he said, "but that's a county road." The city's sweepers are not obligated to clean a county road, he said.

According to Charles Steinel, county director of

public resources, Newark st. is a county "paper" road.

"We have them all over the county," he said. "They are county roads in name but the law says the municipalities are responsible for policing, maintaining and lighting them."

Joe Nobile, aide to Hoboken Public Works Director Raphael Vitale, said yesterday he was not aware of the problem in front of Windsor Wax but he will look into it today. "There's no reason why the street there shouldn't be clean," he said.