

Money crunch threatens some Hoboken facilities

Administrators of Hoboken's free industrial school and public library are worried they may have to shut down those facilities this winter if the city can't find money to repair the heating system in the jointly-shared building.

And the overseers of the city's "Day Care 100" program find themselves in the same boat, but, in their case, the state may hasten the procedure by denying them a license to continue operating.

City Business Administrator Herman Bier warned Hoboken lawmakers at last night's city council caucus that the boilers at 500 Park Ave., which house the library and vocational school, are "shot."

Bier estimated it would cost about \$5,000 to fix the building's heating system on a "temporary basis," and between \$30,000 and \$40,000 to make what he called "permanent repairs."

Added Bier: "We don't have the money and wintertime is coming. Without proper heat, the library (and industrial school, which takes up three floors) will not function."

Council President Martin J. Brennan told Bier to "sit down with (John) Erbeck (city comptroller) tomorrow" and figure out how to get the necessary funds. Brennan said the city has nothing budgeted this year to make repairs and, until November, no monies can be transferred within the budget.

One avenue of funding suggested by Brennan could be the newly-enacted federal Public Works bill guaranteeing New Jersey hundreds of thousands of dollars for a variety of improvement projects.

The federal government is slated to hold "seminars" for local government officials next month, said Brennan, at which time the city will look into the possibility of acquiring funds for the heating work.

But more extensive renovation work required at the city's Jefferson Street Recreation Center, where the year-round day care program is run, could well be competing with the library and industrial school for a higher priority in getting a piece of that federal Public Works pie.

In fact, both projects could lose out to an even greater priority — reconstruction of the city's 11th Street sewage pumping station which mysteriously exploded nearly one year ago. The council is expected tomorrow to authorize Mayor Steve Cappiello to negotiate that funding for the city.

Meanwhile, Fourth Ward Councilman Louis Francone says the boiler at the Jefferson center is "going," but Fred Bado, head of the city Community Development Association (CDA) — through which agency state funds are allotted to operate the day care program — admits he's still not sure where the money to repair the heating and hot water system will come from.

Repair estimates range from \$200,000 to \$400,000, but staying within the bounds of the lower figure, said Bado, CDA planners think they could accomplish the following:

- Removal and replacement of roof and supports.
- Repairs to outside walls and waterproofing of exterior.
- Removal and replacement of corroded windows and doors.
- Raising of boiler room to correct flooding conditions there and repairs to boilers.
- Installation of new electrical wiring, plumbing fixtures in north wing and resurfacing of gym floor.

Bado said CDA planners are in the process of soliciting proposals from various architectural firms to prepare plans and specifications for the work and it is hoped, he added, that one firm can be selected by September.

However, even if the money can be found for the job, Bado estimates the work would take six months and, during that time, the children in the day care program, which operates in two floors of the building's south wing, would have to be relocated to another suitable site — which CDA has been unable to find, he added.

Unscheduled rubbish will get summons

Starting Monday, Hoboken will be issuing summonses to residents who put out household rubbish for collection by the city without first scheduling an appointment for the pick-up. Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today.

"Beginning Monday morning, my sanitation inspectors will start making the rounds of the city, looking for rubbish and household items that have been put out for pick-up," said the director. "If a load hasn't been scheduled, a summons will be issued to the property owner."

Vitale said that too many persons were putting out too much rubbish without first making arrangements to have it taken away.

"Our collection program was designed to work by appointment," he continued. "In the past, we'd make a pick-up anyway, even if the property owner hadn't made an appointment rather than leave it there. But in recent months the amount of rubbish has been getting heavier while my manpower and the number of trucks have remained the same."

"This has resulted in some rubbish being left on the street overnight. There just wasn't enough time or trucks to make the pick-up. By the next day the stuff is usually scattered around the neighborhood, especially if it's an area with a lot of kids in it."

Vitale said if a property owner has a load of rubbish or unwanted household items for pick-up, he should first call the Public Works dispatcher at 792-3000. The dispatcher will give the property owner a time and date for the pick-up.

"The items may be put out for collection the night before," he added, "but after 9 p.m. if that's more convenient for the owner. However, we'd prefer to have it kept inside or inside their gate until as close to the scheduled pick-up time as possible. But since most people work during the day, we don't expect anyone to lose a day's pay and stay home to put out the rubbish."

Vitale said that all pick-ups would be scheduled for between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. during the normal work week. No pick-ups would be scheduled for Saturdays or Sundays.

The director added that he is also rearranging his street sweepers because of the recent retirement of several veterans. The director said that he currently has 15 regularly city employees on street sweeping and five from the summer programs.

"I'm trying to get the best coverage with the men we have," he explained. "So most will end up in area where we have the largest amount of litter on the streets."

Vitale said that he has scheduled a one-block section of Madison Street for a cleanup in response to a petition sent to Mayor Steve Cappiello by Andrew and Florence Amato. The director said the block is on the list for cleanups but he didn't know exactly when it would be done.

"Before the end of the summer," he stated.

Hoboken set to open minischool

It will be a mix of the new and the old for Hoboken's public schools in the coming year.

A new minischool geared to Hispanic students, an expanded bilingual program, hot lunches planned for 1976-77.

And City Hall vs. Board of Education disputes over budget cuts, occasional accusations of mismanagement, and a hassle

over teachers' salaries are some of the old problems facing an administration responsible for 10 schools, 7,000 students, 410 teachers, and a \$12 million budget.

Not surprisingly, the administration scoffs at criticism, pointing instead to

its accomplishments such as the minischool, which officials feel is perhaps the best approach to meeting the needs of students in a city whose ethnic makeup is gradually changing. Some 49 per cent of Hoboken's public school pupils are now of Hispanic

background, according to school officials, and the shift in the ethnic balance has been a major factor behind the opening in December of the minischool, where "teachers will be keyed to the philosophy of Hispanic youngsters."

Rising at the corner of Fifth st. and Park av., the minischool will embody a "new classroom concept" where youngsters will work in an atmosphere familiar to children growing up in a Spanish culture, according to school superintendent Thomas E. McFeely.

State completes Hoboken survey

State staffers have completed a survey of Hoboken municipal officials that will be used as part of a report later this year on how city executives can best work with the state-funded neighborhood preservation programs.

Andrea Miller, researcher for the Department of Community Affairs, has been conducting the survey for the County and Municipal Government Study Commission, also known as the Musto Commission.

She spoke yesterday to several of the department heads in Hoboken who had not been interviewed by commission staffers several months ago. She asked them about their awareness of the preservation program and how their departments are cooperating with it.

They seemed familiar with the program, she said, although no analysis will be made until the interviewing is completed in the other cities to be surveyed.

The state provides \$200,000 for the preservation program, in Hoboken designed for rehabilitating housing in the central part of the city. The state also funds and is studying programs in 11 other cities, including Jersey City.

Ms. Miller said interviewers completed their talks with Jersey City officials several weeks ago.

State officials will use the report on the cooperation of municipal officials with the program to make specific improvements in the program later this year, Ms. Miller said. It will also be part of a final analysis of the whole preservation effort, she said.

2 miles of streets to be resurfaced

Almost two miles of Hoboken's street will be resurfaced this fall. Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today.

"Specifications for the job are being prepared now and should be sent to the city council in time for the Sept. 15 meeting," the director said. "Barring any unexpected difficulties or delays the bids should be in the city's hands in October and the contract awarded before the end of the month."

Vitale said he hoped to have the job started before the end of October and be completed in November before the very cold weather sets in. However, if work can't be started then he expects the successful bidder to hold his price until the spring.

The streets to be resurfaced are: Garden Street, from First to Fourth; Hudson Street, from Eighth

The funds for the job will come from the state.

Wire restringing almost done

The Public Service Electric and Gas Co. has just about completed restringing high-tension wires along a section of Third Street in Hoboken as ordered by the city's electrical inspector because the lines were too close to the new Clock Towers housing project.

Fireman Paul Marzocca said he would inspect the work today or tomorrow to make sure the lines were a reasonable distance away from the Third Street side of the project. The area where the lines were restringing is on Third between Adams and Jefferson Streets.

Work began on the job last week after Marzocca gave the company 10 days to do it or face legal action by the city for failing to comply with its electrical codes. The work started, Marzocca was never notified by the company that it was going to do it.

When asked if he had received any notification from the company now that it was almost finished with the work, Marzocca said he had not, but that wasn't as important as getting the work done.

The lines were approximately three to four feet away from the Third Street side of the building and could be easily reached by a youngster or an adult with a curtain rod or some other extension. This forced the building owner to place heavy wire mesh over the balcony openings, and prohibited him from completing the paint job on the building.

Marzocca said it appeared that the lines were now within code limitations, but he hasn't made his official inspection yet to measure them.

Library boiler may be repaired

Approximately \$5,000 has been found in Hoboken's 1976 budget which could be used to make temporary repairs to the boiler in the city library at Fifth Street and Park Avenue and keep it and the city's adjoining industrial school open this coming winter.

City Council President Martin J. Brennan said today that he has been advised by Comptroller John Erbeck that the city has that much available

funding to put into the library.

Brennan and the rest of the council were advised by Business Administrator Herman Bier last week that at least \$5,000 in temporary repairs would be needed to keep the library and school open this winter. However, the boiler should be replaced and that would cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000, Bier estimated.

"I think we can avert shutting down the library and industrial

school," said Brennan, "by making the temporary repairs. In the meantime, the city will investigate other avenues of outside funding to see if we can get what is needed to do the complete job."

One source of the funds might be the Public Works Act, which was recently funded by Congress and will be millions of dollars into the state for governmental improvement, rehabilitation projects and jobs.

Hoboken wants to buy a 2-square-block area

The Hoboken Housing Authority expects to begin negotiating with all of the property owners in a two-square-block downtown area sometime next month for the purchase of their properties and the redevelopment of the section into one-

and-two-family homes, it was learned today.

Joseph Caliguire, executive director of the authority, said that it now has appraisals on all of the land and buildings in the two-block area and, if accepted by the authority commissioners at next month's meeting, negotiations will begin with the owners to purchase them.

The two blocks are First to Second Streets, from Adams to Jefferson Streets, and Newark to First Streets, from Grand to Adams Streets.

"The appraisals will be used to help the authority establish the purchase prices with the property owners," he continued. "If we are unable to reach an agreement then the authority will enter into condemnation proceedings."

According to Caliguire, all of the property in the two-block area is owned by 18 persons or families. However, two owners may be excluded from the negotiations and be allowed to keep their properties.

Caliguire said that one is the owner of 118 Adams St., a five-story tenement house which has been approved for extensive renovation work. The other is a garage and auto repair shop at 116 Adams St.

"If the owner of 118 Adams St. performs the renovation work as planned, we will probably exclude the property," he said. "The other is only a 25-foot wide lot which is small for our purposes. The building is also in very good condition and could be worked in for the overall plan for the redevelopment of the area."

The housing authority will be meeting on Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. It has revised its meeting schedule, Caliguire added, with the regular scheduled sessions to be held on the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. Previously, the authority met on the second Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. Caliguire said that the new meeting day and later time were more convenient for the commissioners and citizens who might want to attend the meetings.

Cappiello says Bier can stay, asks job details

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said Herman Bier would remain on the job as business administrator even though no official withdrawal of the letter of dismissal is being made.

The mayor also said he wants a meeting with city officials in a few weeks to set up an accountability system detailing duties of all municipal administrators, including Bier.

Cappiello agreed to keep Bier on after the meeting of the city council Monday.

"The council wishes," the mayor said, "that we all sit down and work together in a spirit of cooperation, so the city can have all its direction pointed one way — the interest of the city."

The 20-day period for the council to override the mayor's letter of intent to dismiss Bier ended yesterday. Cappiello said yesterday he would take no action officially withdrawing the letter. "There is no need to," he said.

Asked if allowing the letter of dismissal to stand even though Bier will stay on the job would give him the authority to remove Bier at any time, Cappiello said he didn't know.

The mayor denied that politics influenced either the initial decision to fire Bier or his change of mind.

"There is no consideration for anyone," he said. "I made that very clear to the councilmen — they don't owe me anything but accountability to their own constituents." The mayor, apparently referring to reports that by keeping Bier he is gaining election endorsements, said "anybody can run for any office."

Cappiello said he didn't want any city workers, including Bier, engaging in political activities during the working day. "Under no circumstances will there be any politics in City Hall between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. when people should be working."

Hoboken seeks audit extension

Hoboken will ask the state for additional time to complete the city's already overdue annual audit for last year.

A resolution requesting the extension of time for Vincent J. Indelicato, the city's registered municipal accountant, is expected to be passed by the law department.

the city council at Wednesday's morning meeting and then sent to the state Division of Local Government Services.

According to Anthony J. Amoroso, city clerk and acting mayor, Indelicato suffered a heart attack recently which interrupted work on the audit for several months.

The council will be notified that a contract between the city and InfoComp Corp., a data processing company, for the handling of the city's 1976 tax bills has been approved by the law department.

The contract is for \$2,090 and was awarded without competitive bidding. Last year, the city put the contract out for bid.

Cooperation

The Hoboken Board of Education wants to tear down the Connors School and replace it with a new building to be constructed with federal money under the public services act.

Whatever the merits of the suggestion, it calls for joint action between the Board of Education and city officials.

Just a glance at the record shows that the Board of Education and city officials have not worked together too well in the past.

There seems to be a constant stream of criticism from City Hall concerning school board affairs. Twice in recent years the school board and city officials have been unable to agree on the city's school budget and they had to go all the way to the superintendent of schools to work out a settlement of their differences.

If indeed it is a good idea to tear down the old school and build a new one, it is an even better idea for the school board and city officials to work together on the project.

Get together now or regret together later.

Hoboken asks more aid funds for new school

There could be another new elementary school in Hoboken's future.

That's one of the items the Hoboken Board of Education will be looking for in its application to the federal government for funds under the Public Works Act, a spokesman for the school board said today.

"The board has designated the engineering firm of Mayo, Lynch and Associates to prepare the application which will include funds for a new school and the rehabilitation of existing schools," the spokesman said.

"We estimate the new school will cost in the area of \$6 million and the rehabilitation work will be another \$4 million or so. That will bring our application to around the \$10 million mark."

According to the spokesman, the figures are only estimates at this time and could be higher or lower by the time the application has been completed.

"The application is being prepared for the school board, but will be submitted in the city's name," he continued. "The funds will be granted to Hoboken, if the application is approved, and the city will receive and control the funds."

The spokesman didn't know which one of the city's existing grammar schools would be closed and replaced with the new one should the effort to obtain federal funding be successful.

"We have several that are in pretty bad shape," he said. "The determining factor will be rehabilitation costs against the cost of building a new school."

May computerize parking tickets

Sixty to 70 per cent of the motorists who get parking tickets in Hoboken never pay them on time and often go several years before settling up with the city, according to figures compiled by the city's violations bureau.

And for that reason, the bureau is again looking into the possibility of having its ticket operation computerized, said Mrs. Marion Roland, head violation clerk.

"Between 30 and 40 per cent of the motorists who get traffic of parking tickets pay their fines on time," she said. "The rest we have to go after by sending out second notices and if they aren't answered, revoking their licenses with the Department of Motor Vehicles in Trenton."

"Every notice or revocation is done by hand and that takes time. The result is that a good percentage of the

60 to 70 per cent who don't pay get away with it. By the time we get to them they can no longer be located." Mrs. Roland said the low percentage of payers wasn't unusual in high density traffic municipalities where summonses were still being processed by hand — if there were any such municipalities that still handled their tickets by hand.

"I don't think there are too many left," she continued. "Most, at least in this area, have gone to a computer operation and it has meant a greater improvement in the collection percentages. Some of the local communities in Hudson County have boosted their collection rates from 30 to 50 per cent up to between 70 and 80 per cent because of the computerization."

"In most cases these are parking tickets — and that's money in the bank for the municipality."

Hoboken had a computerized ticket system several years ago but abandoned it when the city found that it was solving some problems but creating new ones.

"It did speed up the system in the processing of tickets, but it ended up causing more work for the bureau," she said. "The main problem was that people who had paid their tickets kept getting notices that they hadn't paid. They'd bring the notices into the bureau and then we'd have to go through all our records to find the record of their payment."

However, Mrs. Roland didn't blame the computer firm for the problem. She said the computerization of traffic ticket systems was relatively new at that time and some "bugs" in the process were a matter of course.

"Over the years they have refined such systems and have them down pretty pat now," she added. Mrs. Roland said she has discussed the matter with Business Administrator Herman Bier and both he and she will be checking with computer companies to see what they have to offer in the way of a system for Hoboken.

Mayor denies separate safety head due

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello today denied reports that the city's Public Safety Department will be separated from the mayor's office with its own director.

"There is no plan at this time to do anything like that," said the mayor. "I can't say that it won't happen sometime in the future, but not at this time. In fact, it has to come whether we like it or not."

"Police and fire protection, which make up the majority of the Public Safety Department's area of responsibility, is the most important service the city supplies its residents. And the demands by the public for more and better service are bound to increase."

"So it is only a matter of time before those demands require the attention of a full-time administrator or director if they are to be handled properly."

The mayor said that the only advantage of having the public safety department under the direction of another city agency was the saving of one director's salary, and the salary of a clerk or two.

When asked if the creation of a separate public safety department wasn't part of the deal worked out with several councilmen to save the job of Business Administrator Herman Bier, the mayor replied: "There was no deal."

"I related to the wishes of the council for the sake of unity and the city," he continued. "The council feels that we will accomplish more working together, and I tend to agree. That was the extent of the so-called deal."

Hoboken tops list for public work aid

Hoboken has been assured of a "number one priority" by state and federal officials when it applies for funds under the Public Works Act, Mayor Steve Cappiello said today.

"That assures the city of every consideration on our applications which will add up to millions and millions of dollars," said the mayor. "And its going to enhance our chances of getting what we ask for."

How much will Hoboken be seeking? The mayor said a final figure hasn't been reached, but it could be more than \$20 million.

"Our two main projects will be the restoration and rehabilitation of the City Hall building, and a consolidated city garage," said Cappiello. "Then the board of education has indicated that it is interested in funds for rehabilitating its schools and some new school construction. The application would be filed by the city."

The mayor disclosed that the Thomas G. Connors School, or Number 9 School as it is sometimes called, is a prime candidate for

demolition and replacement with a new facility.

"Of all the schools, the Connors School is in the worst shape," said the mayor. "It is doubtful that it would be worth rehabilitation since the cost might equal or exceed the cost of taking it down and building a new building. It's that bad."

Cappiello said that Hoboken will also be seeking additional federal aid under the Federal Pollution Control Act of 1972, primarily for the replacement of sewer lines, many of which date back to the Civil War.

"We still have sewer lines made of wood and others that are made from brick," he said. "Neither is acceptable under today's standards."

"In very few cases can they be repaired because of their age. In fact, tampering with them in the attempt to repair them often causes further cave-ins and makes the problems worse. They must be replaced."

Cappiello said that the city's various applications would be prepared by the city's Community Development Agency (CDA). The work on them is already under way.

Move to plug Hoboken sewer seepage

By ROMAN CZAJKOWSKY

After weeks of delay, a Hoboken public works crew yesterday attempted to close off a sewer line that has been discharging raw sewage into the Hudson River.

City workers and state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) officials supervising the job said they were hopeful the flow would be completely

halted by today.

Late yesterday, a cap placed on the line had reduced the flow "by 75 per cent," according to DEP inspector Richard J. DeNito, but sewage continued to spill into the river through a leak in the sewer pipe itself.

City officials believe that once the line is plugged, the sewage will back up and help identify the origin of the pollution.

"I'm expecting some phone calls regarding a flooding," a smiling Public Works Director Raphael Vitale said. And DEP officials said they were standing by to pinpoint whomever is dumping the sewage into the line.

To Be Capped

The line, which protrudes into the river at the Bethlehem Steel shipyard between

docks 5 and 6, was to be capped two weeks ago but high tides caused by Hurricane Belle prevented access to the line. The line is visible only at low tide.

Despite numerous dye tests, city officials have been unable to determine the origin of the sewage nor trace the line, which does not show on any city map.

According to director Vitale, dye tests have only established that the discharge does not originate in the shipyard or the city's sewage treatment plant.

The only clue the city has is a chemical analysis of the pollutant. The flow has been identified as "partly gasoline, oil, and various chemicals," which would point to an industrial user, Vitale said.

DEP officials yesterday took samples of the flow for more chemical analysis and for a bacteria count.

A DEP official yesterday refused to rule out possible legal action against the party responsible for the dumping of the sewage. "As far as the DEP knows, this is an unpermitted discharge," DEP inspector DeNito said.

County explores water authority

By Peter Hallam

Preliminary discussions have begun between Hudson County officials and representatives of industry exploring the possibility of creating a county-wide water authority for the purpose of giving some financial relief to hard pressed municipalities such as Hoboken and Jersey City, it was learned today from Freeholder Vincent J. Fusilli.

"At this time, we are involved in the very preliminary stages of discussion," said the freeholder. "In fact, the one certainty we know is that the county, under its new administrative code, has the power to create such an authority. Whether or not it would be feasible remains to be decided."

"I am currently exploring to find the degree of interest such a proposal would generate with business leaders and governmental officials both on the county and local levels."

Fusilli said that he has spoken fleetingly with Mayors Paul T. Jordan of Jersey City and Steve Cappiello of Hoboken and both expressed interest in the idea. On the business side, he has met with representatives of the

Maxwell House coffee plant in Hoboken, one of the largest water users in the county. They also reacted favorably, he said.

"If we get a generally good reaction throughout the county then we'll go on to the next step — figuring out how it can be done and the problems that we can expect to encounter along the way," continued Fusilli.

One of the problems already known is that some municipalities in the county get their water from a private firm — the Hackensack Water Co. — while others deal with municipal authorities like Jersey City, Hoboken and Bayonne.

"The plan would call for the county to buy existing water supply systems under contract with the individual municipalities or individual home owners and industries who use its services," Fusilli said. "In doing so, a rate structure could be established and a use basis."

"The result would be a uniform rate system as it would apply to residential properties and a use basis system as it applies to commercial properties. With the development of a county-wide water system it would ultimately be practical to consolidate the operation of the water and sewerage systems."

Where will the money come from? Fusilli said the county would be looking to the state and federal governments for it. However, nothing was being done along those lines at this time.

"Along with police and fire protection, water, sewerage systems and garbage are probably the most important and costly items most municipalities have to contend with each year," continued the freeholder. "And in Hudson County's case, you can include unemployment."

"There are some startling contradictions. Millions are coming into the county for job programs. At the same time we are being mandated by state and federal agencies to make costly water and sewerage systems improvements that will surely increase the operating costs of industry and force them to leave — taking jobs with them."

"An example of this is the millions Jersey City will have to spend to update its water system — without any promises of state or federal assistance — and the added cost it will result in for residential and commercial users in Jersey City and Hoboken."

Fusilli said that a county-wide water authority could result in a standardized and cheaper water rate and help keep industries and businesses in the county.

"In the next few weeks I plan to meet with Mayor Jordan, business leaders and the mayors of all Hudson County municipalities to get their feelings and reaction to the proposal," said Fusilli.

Hoboken gets caught with pumps down

The state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has ordered Hoboken to station a man around the clock at the temporary sewage pumping station on 11th Street or face fines of up to \$3,000 a day, according to Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale.

"You might say that the city accidentally got caught with its pumps down," said the director. "An inspector from the state just happened to pass the temporary station and found that all three pumps were not working — and there wasn't anyone there to fix them."

Vitale said that the city attempted to contact Raymond Wright, the owner of the pumps, who has been leasing them to the city since the beginning of the year, but could not reach him to make repairs.

The pumps were installed by the city after the DEP ordered a temporary facility to take the place of the regular pumping station, which was destroyed by an explosion last September. Hoboken has commitments from state and federal agencies for funds with which to reconstruct the station, but has yet to receive any money.

According to Vitale, at first the city did have men stationed at the site, but they were there just to keep people away from the excavation and make sure no one tampered with the pumps. Since then, the city has enclosed the area with a chain link fence, eliminating the need for the guards.

"Now we've been ordered to have someone there all the time in case of another breakdown," he continued. "Either the city will pay one of its own men to keep them (the pumps) running or the owner will have to assign someone to watch them. In either case, the city will have to pay."

Without the pumps, sewage accumulates in large underground vaults at the site until it hits a safety discharge valve and goes directly into the Hudson River. The pumps prevent the untreated sewage from reaching that level, sending it through the sewer lines to the city's treatment plant.

Talks to resume with bluecoats

Contract talks between Hoboken and its police and firemen will resume within the next week to 10 days and hopefully conclude before the end of September, Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri, the city's negotiator, said today.

Ranieri, who had withdrawn from all city council activity since July for health reasons, said he will resume his duties Monday and has asked that officials of the police and fire unions be notified of this and to prepare for meetings at the earliest possible time.

"The mayor's office is now reaching out for them," he said. "I would like to meet next week, if possible, the week after at the latest. We were very close to a settlement at the last negotiating session and I still think that we can wrap this up with another meeting of two."

The city has reached an agreement with the Fire Fighters Association but must still negotiate with the Fire Officers Association, the Municipal Employees Association, and the Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA).

Capt. William Bergin, president of the Fire Officers, said his union's main objection to the city's offer was the \$2,000 ceiling it wants to impose on longevity payments. Depending on the number of years of service, fire fighters get up to 10 per cent additional pay each year under the longevity system.

The Fire Fighters accepted the \$2,000 maximum limitation because no fireman gets \$2,000 of more in longevity payments. But all of the deputy chiefs, all members of the fire officers association, make more than \$20,000 a year and are now getting longevity payments in excess of \$2,000.

Needed in Hoboken

The county government is planning to spend \$21,923 per acre in Green Acres funds to improve Hoboken's county park, as against only \$3,435 per acre in Jersey City's county park, and even less per acre in the county parks in North Bergen and Bayonne.

A good deal for Hoboken, right? Hoboken figures it from a different point of view. Its county park is only 2.6 acres. Jersey City's is 273 acres, Bayonne's 97 acres.

Hoboken's 2.6 acres must serve a population approximately the same size as that of North Bergen, which has 167 county park acres. Hoboken thinks it deserves compensatory treatment beyond what the county is giving.

Since the trouble is the paucity of park land in Hoboken, why does not the city look hard for a practicable site, or sites, for more county park acreage, and then ask the county to buy it, rather than just putting the money into tiny Columbus Park?

Hoboken hates to give up potential tax revenue, but more park space would make the city more attractive. That ought to help bring in tax revenue, too.

Gaspar says schools need repair before city

The president of the Hoboken Board of Education wants Hoboken to reconsider its priorities in applying for funds under the federal Public Works Act so that repair and rehabilitation of the schools get first money.

Mrs. Mary Gaspar said today she has written to Mayor Steve Cappiello asking that the schools be placed at

be," said Mrs. Gaspar, "but from statements made by city officials I got the feeling that they were more concerned with such projects as the rehabilitation of City Hall and the consolidated public works garage."

According to Mrs. Gaspar, the schools are in dire need of extensive repairs, and if not made their appearance and condition could affect the educational development of the children.

Mrs. Gaspar said that with the exception of the High School and the Wallace School, all of the city's schools needed extensive work. However, she took exception to the proposal that the Connors School be torn down and a new school built.

Weekend bike path?

Hoboken's City Council has not yet been able to make up its mind whether it wants a bicycle path on the newly restored River Road.

Councilman Francone proposes as an alternative that the road be closed to traffic on weekends for use only by bicyclists. This proposal should be explored.

As the councilman says, the new road is pretty much a speedway. It is also used, illegally, for drag racing. How part of the road could be set aside for bicycling without endangering the cyclists is something of a puzzle.

River Road was intended primarily for truck traffic. Can the local industries do without it on Saturdays and Sundays? That point should be determined before spending \$3,500 to have a consultant tell us whether two-wheel and four-wheel traffic could use the road at the same time.

Insurance needs to go to council

Specifications for Hoboken's 1976 insurance needs will be presented to the city council for its approval at Wednesday's meeting — more than a month later than originally planned.

As a result, companies interested in submitting a proposition to the city will have less than a month to study Hoboken's insurance needs. The bids will be due at the council's Oct. 6 meeting. According to experts in the field, 30 days are not sufficient to study the city's requirements and give companies already holding city policies a decided edge in the preparation of the proposals.

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri, who originated the plan to give prospective bidders at least two months for preparation, said he agreed, but at least the specifications this year are "very exacting" and should allow most companies to compile their bids within 30-days if they really worked at it.

It was learned that if not for Ranieri's 11th-hour efforts yesterday, the specifications might not have reached the council until Sept. 15 or later.

The councilman said he was informed that the agenda for next week's meeting did not mention the insurance specifications. He inquired to find out why.

"I thought Walter Hartye (the city's insurance specialist) and I had worked everything out before I went on vacation," said the councilman. "But it appears the law department had a number of technical questions and recommended changes be made and the specifications were sent back to Hartye."

"However, the changes have now been made and went back to the law department yesterday afternoon. I was assured by Mrs. (Julia) Hanrahan that she would go over them and have them down to the city clerk for inclusion in the agenda no later than today."

The council, if it approves the specifications and authorizes the city clerk to advertise them, will award the contract in November. The coverage will go into effect next Jan. 1.

Street sweeping problem solved

A Hoboken property owner who hasn't had the street swept in front of his factory with any great regularity can now count on getting a clean sweep at least once a week.

The area in front of the Windsor Wax Co. at 611 Newark Street was swept by hand yesterday afternoon and will be included in the route of the city's mechanical sweeper every Friday afternoon, according to Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale.

"It was a matter of geography and a lack of communication," said the director. "While the plant has a Newark Street address we feel it is really a continuation of Observer Highway and therefore a county matter."

Observer Highway is a county road.

County officials concede that it is a county street — on paper — but the municipality has the responsibility for cleaning and police patrols. Vitale disagrees, but isn't going to argue about it.

"Windsor Wax pays its taxes in Hoboken, so sweeping the street in front is the least the city can do," he said. "We could argue it out with the county but that wouldn't get things cleaned up."

According to company officials and employees, it may be at least five years since anyone swept the area. Vitale said that he checked with his

foremen and found that the area has been cleaned up from time to time. But it may very well be five years since it was swept by the city on a regularly scheduled basis like the rest of Hoboken's streets. However, the county has been sweeping the area.

The director said that he saw the county sweeper passing by only a week or so ago. He added that much of the dust and litter may be coming from work the company is doing on an old frame building on its property. Vitale said the firm reconstructed the building in brick and a good part of the dust and debris might be from the work.

Amato may run for mayor

One of the opponents Mayor Steve Cappiello of Hoboken may have to face in his bid for re-election next year is Andrew J. Amato of the Fourth Ward, who ran unsuccessfully against Cappiello in 1973.

"If I can get the right support from the right people I will definitely be a candidate," said Amato. "I tried to line myself up with the mayor and his supporters but they change their positions almost every day. I can't do that."

Amato said he will be actively setting up meetings with various in-

dependent citizens groups and organizations between now and the end of the year in an attempt to get their support for the election.

"I'm not a politician," he continued. "I'm a businessman. I just can't operate the same way the mayor does. It seems that everything the city does is calculated politically. Everything carries some kind of political weight and that's all that seems to matter."

Until several months ago, Amato had been a critic of the mayor and his

administration. But shortly after the first of the year he started meeting fairly regularly with Cappiello and the criticism subsided.

Amato said that he was concerned with conditions in the Fourth Ward and that his meetings with Cappiello were for the purpose of telling him about the ward's problems. He added that the meetings "did some good" because the problems did get the city's attention.

"But now that there seems to be political peace between the mayor and opposition forces, it appears that

the mayor was only trying to get me on his side in case there was an open political feud," Amato said.

Amato said if he couldn't line up the support for a successful campaign, he wouldn't run on his own.

"I tried that in 1973 and got badly beaten," he continued. "But I learned something. Nobody, even the mayor, can stand all by himself. If you want people to support your candidacy you have to go out and seek it. They aren't going to come to you. Well, I'm looking."

Hornets win first Hoboken round

A swarm of hornets that was pestering residents of Fourth and Jackson Streets, Hoboken, last week won its first battle with a city-hired exterminator.

Residents of the area reported today that the hornets are back in the same tree in front of 421 Jackson St. in spite of the efforts of an exterminator hired by the city last week to get rid of them.

However, Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale is preparing for round two of the fight. The director

said he has hired an "expert" in the field and will bring him in to get rid of the flying insects once and for all.

"We hired a local exterminator with a good reputation and he knew what to do," said the director. "But people in this area don't usually have problems with hornets and bees, they're more apt to show up in rural areas. So our na, although he knew what he was supposed to do, didn't have much experience with this kind of insect."

"I checked some rural areas in Bergen County to see if we can find

someone with experience in handling hornets. By rights what was done last week should have settled the problem. For some reason, it didn't work and they're back."

The hornets were nesting in a hollowed-out section of a large tree approximately 10 feet off the ground. The exterminator treated the hole with a mixture of kerosene, gasoline and insect poison. A reporter checked the hole and was thousands of dead hornets inside. Several others were seen still flying around the tree.

Vitale said that some residents of

the area want the tree taken down, but he has refused. "Not just to get rid of the hornets," Vitale said. "They'll only swarm somewhere else and we'll have lost a good tree for nothing."

The director said he has hired the Hudson Exterminating Co. of Englewood to do the work.

According to residents, several others persons have been bitten by the hornets since last week, after the exterminator tried to get rid of them. Two or three were children.

10-year 'master plan' for Hoboken schools

The Hoboken architectural firm of Mayo, Lynch & Associates, has been awarded a five-year, \$27,000 contract to prepare a 10-year "master plan" for the city's Board of Education.

Under the agreement, approved unanimously by the board at last night's meeting, the firm collects \$15,000 the first year for putting together a proposal for repairs to local schools over the next five years.

The company will get \$3,000 annually over the next four years for continuing to update the priority schedule, as outlined by Robert Taylor, board counsel.

It is hoped that the board can apply and qualify for certain federal and state school aid programs to implement the recommendations put forward by Mayor Lynch.

In other business, the board ratified a two-year pact with the Hoboken School Employees Association, representing some 65 school custodians. The pact calls for an additional \$80,000 to be paid out in the 1976-77 school year and \$56,000 more over 1977-78, estimated Taylor.

If the state Division of Local Finance sanctions an application cleared by the board last night, Taylor claims the trustees will save about \$226,000 in interest payments by shortening the "maturity schedule" on \$2.4 million in bonds the board is selling to pay for the new Wallace School.

Salary "adjustments" totaling \$3,100 were granted by the board to Betsy Langley (\$1,000), Joseph Colaneri (\$1,000), Lawrence Sciancalepore (\$700) and John Sivo

(\$400) to compensate them for duties performed under the Governor's Career Program. The additional federal and state aid they had been receiving was terminated.

The board accepted the resignation of Joseph D. Totaro as Hoboken High School baseball coach. James Farina, board vice president and athletic committee chairman, told The Jersey Journal that Totaro's job as "early learning program coordinator" is apparently putting added burdens on Totaro's time.

Farina said he recommended that the board "post" the job of assistant baseball coach, along with varsity coach, so that Hoboken can field, for the first time, a team of underclassmen. The board, however, has yet to create the position of assistant baseball coach.

The head baseball coach slot carries an annual stipend of \$1,470 that's tacked on to the coach's faculty salary. During his 12-year-tenure as head coach, Totaro failed to bring Hoboken a championship in the Hudson County Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Eleven new teachers placed on the board payroll were: Emelyn Garrick, Lucille Pacchioni, John Busanich, Doris Sienkewicz and Peter Hetzel, all elementary school; Angela Rivera, Carmelyn Totaro-Suljic, Sheila Rubin and Darlene Kulezyski, all special education; Otto Alcon, music; and Muriel Haber Garcia, Junior High, English as a second language. Most of those are "replacements," according to Thomas F. McFeely, superintendent of schools.

The board hired 12 more instructors under the federally-funded Title I program. They are: Louise Cuttito, Bruce Radigan, Sandra Sansevere, Mary M. Schmidt, Ann Hovanayetz, Jean Bollhardt, Edward Stinson, Evalae Batistich, Mona Lisa, Elizabeth Policastro, Haldee Flores and Carmine Ronga.

John Sepp, a "psychometrician" who evaluates foreign students admitted to the school system to determine in which grade level they should be placed, was transferred from the Title I program to the board payroll with the expiration of federal funding for his project.

During the meeting's public portion, Farina and Trustee Leo McLaughlin defended the board's "loaning" of the Wallace Club courtyard to Mike's Athletic Club for use by a privately-funded league. Dr. Robert King took exception to the school board being linked to the club in published reports as a co-sponsor of the activity.

Michael Turner, head of the club, replied: "I felt that since the board spent \$1,000 to put backboards and paint the yard for basketball games, they (the trustees) should be credited for that."

On his own

While everyone in Hoboken is bracing for a 100 per cent increase in water rates, Vincent Pettrignani is doing something about it.

First he thought the whole thing through. With the rate zooming, he could not afford to water his garden. But he decided that life without plants and flowers was not bearable.

So, for an investment of \$300, he has a well that plunges somewhere between 65-to-70 feet and brings plenty of water to the surface for his garden. Unfortunately, it is ground water and he cannot drink it.

But, for another \$5,000, he can go deep enough to have an artesian well with potable water. Then he will be self sufficient and he cares not how high the water rate goes.

9 Hudson municipalities gain U.S. OK of grant for projects

Now that the federal government has accepted Hudson County's plan for spending \$923,000 in aid on courthouse restoration, housing improvements and other projects, the programs could begin in October.

Sen. Harrison A. Williams' office announced the approval of the Community Development block grant. Lawrence Campagna, county planning director, said the county will administer the funds and reimburse the nine municipalities included in the application were Jersey City, Union City and Bayonne, which administer independent Community Development programs.

The county had to revise the application from what was originally proposed at public hearings in each municipality and at the Hudson County Administration Building last

spring to conform to the recommendations of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The county reduced spending for restoration of the old courthouse on Newark Avenue and for road improvements, and increased appropriations for aid to rehabilitate housing.

The final, approved plan lists \$100,000 for fixing the courthouse; \$100,000 for improvements to West Hudson Park in Kearny and Harrison; \$141,000 for drainage improvement at Frank's Creek, Kearny; \$23,000 for parks improvements in Weehawken and \$15,000 for fire communications equipment in that township.

The block grant also provides \$50,000 for subsidizing home improvements in North Bergen, \$46,000 for such subsidies in West New York and \$50,000 in Hoboken. The subsidies

take the form of reducing the interest rate on loans from private banks to qualified homeowners.

A study on how to separate storm and sewage drains in Harrison and East Newark will receive \$7,000. Other allocations of the grant are \$13,000 for tree planting in Weehawken on Park Avenue; \$50,000 for a neighborhood center in Secaucus; \$7,000 for a refurbishing of a community center in East Newark; \$20,000 for county planning and \$25,000 for county administering of the program.

Road improvement projects remaining in the program total \$37,000 for North Bergen and \$41,000 for Hamilton Street, Harrison. Guttenberg would receive \$25,000 for public housing improvements.

School repair aid pledged by Capiello

By Peter Hallam

Hoboken Mayor Steve Capiello today vowed to work hand in hand with the city's board of education in order to get federal Public Works Act funds for school repairs but fell short of giving the board a top priority.

Mrs. Mary Gaspar, school board president, had written to the mayor last week asking that the city give the board first crack at getting the money because of the generally poor condition of the schools.

"I have received Mrs. Gaspar's letter, but I don't think anyone knows enough about what we can or can't get through the public works act to make any commitments at this time," said

the mayor. "I would prefer to sit with the school board and city council and go over both our needs, and then work out a plan for applying for the funds."

"But in all other respects I agree with Mrs. Gaspar. The condition of the schools is very important to the education of our children and to the

more the problem would short-change the city and the board of education. "If state and federal funds can't be obtained for the repairs then the money will have to come from the city. So there is ample incentive for the city to do everything it can to get money for the school work."

The mayor said that he leaned towards applications that featured a combination of city and school projects, and allowing them to stand on their own merit.

Hoboken gets ultimatum on pumping station

The contractor who supplied Hoboken with three heavy-duty pumps for a temporary pumping station at 11th and Hudson streets is threatening to remove the pumps and let the city look elsewhere for the equipment.

Raymond Wright, the North Bergen contractor who has the contract to provide pumps to the city, said today that it was city neglect that caused the damage to the equipment and forced its removal for repairs. The city was cited last week by the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for not having the pumps operating at the station.

According to Wright, his contract with the city does not call for him to maintain the pumps. He said that this was the city's responsibility. However, he has been stuck with the repairs and may have to replace one of the pumps with a new one at his own expense.

Wright said that he does not own the pumps but leases them from a firm in Montclair. He, in turn, rents them to the city.

"When the pumps first went in I suggested that the city enclose them with a chain link fence," he said. "This was never done. The city did

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enclose the hole leading down to the vault where the old pumps were located, but my pumps were not included in the fencing project.

"The pumps are located on the island on 11th Street and are easily accessible to anyone."

Wright said that most of the damage to the pumps has been caused by kids throwing junk down into the vault where it is sucked up by the pumps and usually jams them.

"If the city had a watchman on

duty, one who really watched, this tire problem might have been avoided in the first place," he continued. "The pumps were damaged by junk that had been sucked up, not by vandalism."

Wright said that the DEP wants all three pumps running but he took exception to the order.

"Each pump is rated at 30 horsepower, or a total of 90 horse power," he said. "That's almost twice as much power as the original pump, which was rated at only 50 horsepower."

Which rates priority?

In seeking federal funds, should a city give priority to rehabilitating its city hall and consolidating its scattered garages, or to repairing its schools?

In Hoboken, the schools are in such bad shape there appears to be only one answer. City hall is in bad shape, too, but not as bad as the schools.

No one can deny that several small garages are inefficient and should be combined in one building, but at least they function.

The school board president says she has reason to believe the city hall and central garage are given top priority on the city's application for federal funds. Common sense would dictate that the school houses be put at the top of the list.

Hoboken is the victor in battle with hornets

Hoboken appears to have come out on top in its continuing battle with a swarm of hornets that had taken up residence in a willow tree in front of 421 Jackson St.

A crew from the city Public Works Department, directed by a biologist and horticulturist supplied by the Community Development Agency (CDA), yesterday removed one of the tree limbs and filled in the hole the hornets were nesting in with concrete. The hole was first treated to help preserve the tree. The area was then wrapped in plastic until the cement dries.

The hornets first appeared two weeks ago, prompting residents to complain to the city after several persons were stung. The city responded by sending an exterminator who treated the nest with a mixture of chemicals and gasoline, which provided temporary relief.

A few days later the hornets were back and the city called in a second exterminator. He also treated the tree but advised the city that the

problem would reoccur unless a tree surgeon was brought in to make repairs to the tree.

He said the hornets were nesting in a large hole about 10 feet off the ground which extended several feet down into the tree. Unless the tree was treated and the hole sealed, the hornets would eventually return.

According to a public works spokesman, the biologist is assisting CDA with the planting of trees in the city under one of the beautification programs.

Hoboken bureau asks bike safety program

Asserting that it will only be a matter of time before one of Hoboken's youthful and daring bicyclers is killed or seriously injured by a motorist, the city's Retail Bureau said today that it will request city officials to institute a bicycle education and safety program.

William Roth, a member of the bureau's executive board and spokesman, said that many of the city's youngsters are failing to observe even the basic "rules of the road."

"Most of them don't know that there are rules and regulations they are supposed to observe just like someone driving a car," said Roth. "The problem is that by not knowing they commit many errors that put their own safety in jeopardy."

According to Roth, the Retail Bureau would like to co-sponsor the safety program with the city.

"Besides giving the youngsters instructions on the safe operation of their bikes, the bureau would like to provide them with safety flags," he continued. "The bureau and city would give the flags to children who

could not afford them. Youngsters who can would pay what it cost to buy them."

"The flags are mounted on long, whip-like poles which are attached to the bikes. Both the pole and the flag have a neon finish which makes them easily visible at night as well as by day."

Roth added that with the city on the verge of opening a bike path along River Road the bicycle safety program will get worse without some kind of instructional program. But the bike path might be the ideal location to start the training program.

"It is likely that the bike path, once operating, will be drawing many youngsters away from the local neighborhoods for bike riding," he said. "That means more bike traffic around the city."

"But having all those youngsters in one general area at the same time might prove to be the ideal circumstances and location for a bike safety program," he said.

Roth said the bureau will make the recommendation for the program to Mayor Steve Capiello and the city council.

Hoboken has continuation of water woes

The company working on Hoboken's water mains this summer isn't having any more luck with vandalism than the company that worked on the lines last summer.

Numerous residents have been left without water for varying periods of time because vandals have been cutting the hoses the company has been using to hook up buildings to their temporary above-ground mains.

According to one workman for the Ameron Corp., more than 50 building connections were cut a few weeks ago, along with several four-inch hoses which take water to the temporary mains from fire hydrants.

The building connection lines resemble garden hose but are of a much heavier gauge of plastic, reinforced with nylon webbing inside.

Besides having the lines cut, the company has also had a fire in one of its work trailers used as an office. Several juveniles were apprehended on the company's complaint.

Another problem, but not as serious as the cutting or puncturing of the lines, is the shutting off of the house connections by youngsters. The valves are at curbside and can be shut down using a pair of pliers or a wrench.

"We don't mind that too much," said a company spokesman. "It makes more work for us but at least there isn't damage and we don't have to replace the lines."

A number of complaints have been received about low water pressure and the company is looking into them. However, it isn't sure it is responsible since some of the complaints have come from buildings which are still hooked up to the city water lines and not the temporary lines.

Lay in water for Sunday, Hoboken told

Hoboken residents, plagued by discolored water for the last few weeks during repairs to a number of city water lines, today were advised to put aside some bottled water for Sunday when the problem might get a lot worse.

Deputy Public Works Director Carmen Cutillo said today that Jersey City will be shutting down its water supply for a 24-hour period beginning at 12:01 a.m. Sunday.

"Alternate means are being taken by Jersey City to acquire water from sources other than the Boonton Reservoir, but it is expected that there will be some discoloration of the water," said Cutillo. "Our water is already discolored because of the work being done in Hoboken, installing and repairing water lines."

"So if Jersey City expects the water to be discolored, the problem for Hoboken could be even worse than for Jersey City's other water customers."

Cutillo suggested residents judge their water needs and then put a supply aside for Sunday use.

According to Cutillo, the Jersey City shutdown is necessitated by repairs at the Boonton Reservoir.

Stevens to get building grant

A \$150,000 grant toward building renovation has been awarded to Stevens Institute of Technology, at Castle Point in Hoboken, New Jersey, by the Kresge Foundation. Announcement of the award was made by William H. Baldwin, its president.

The 53-year-old Kresge Foundation, with headquarters in Troy, Michigan, supports construction and major renovation projects; purchase of major, movable, capital equipment; and real estate acquisition. Its grants are awarded to well-established institutions operating in the areas of high education, health care and related services, conservation, the arts, and care of the young or old. Stevens previously received from a Kresge grant in 1965, when the Institute was awarded \$25,000 toward the construction costs of its Samuel C. Williams Library.

The grant applies toward renovation of the Morton-Peirce-Kidde complex. The oldest building, named for Henry Morton, the Institute's first President, was dedicated in 1905. The others, named in honor of two distinguished early Stevens graduates—Walter Kidde, Class of 1897, and William Peirce, Class of 1884—were completed shortly after World War II. Linked in a U-shaped configuration, the three buildings housed the Institute's Department of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering until September, 1974. At that time, the Department moved into its own new five-story Education and Research Center at Fifth and River sts.

Renovation will convert this former chemistry and chemical engineering complex into the principal classroom facility for the entire Institute.

The completely air-conditioned complex will contain 21 classrooms, a lecture hall, two seminar rooms, faculty offices for the Departments of Humanities and Management Science, five laboratories, a student-faculty lounge and an art and technology studio.

A major portion of the renovation work has been completed. Parts of the complex were used for the 1976 Summer Session and will continue in use during the upcoming academic year.

The renovated complex will make it possible to phase out the Navy Building, an old but temporary structure which has been serving as the Institute's principal classroom facility. This measure will result in an annual saving to the Institute of approximately \$25,000 in operating costs alone.

Total cost of the renovation project is \$2.4 million. In expressing his gratitude to the Kresge Foundation, President Rogers of Stevens stated, "We expect this generous grant will inspire others to assist the Institute in reaching the ultimate fund raising efforts for the goal."

Hospital bonds sold

Hoboken's St. Mary Hospital has sold out its entire \$6.5 million bond issue three days after the notes went on sale. Some \$450,000 in bonds were bought by area residents, according to Charles Wade, associated director of the hospital.

The bond offering was the second in a two-part capital financing program that began with a \$7 million bond sale in March 1975.

Money from the sales goes to the hospital's building extension program and will help finance a new critical care area, enlarged obstetrical and mental health departments, and new obstetrical and gynecological units in the

Hoboken water woe due

Hoboken and Jersey City residents can expect discolored water when they turn on their faucets on Sunday.

The discoloration is expected to occur when Jersey City, which supplies Hoboken with water, closes off the Boonton Reservoir for 24 hours on Sunday due to the construction of a new water treatment plant.

The discolored water will be safe for drinking, according to a Hoboken Water Department spokesman.

330-bed private hospital, officials there said.

The latest bond issue went on sale Monday and was entirely subscribed by Wednesday, according to Wade. The notes offer an interest rate of 9.5 per cent and will mature in seven years. Bonds were available in denominations of \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000 and multiples of these amounts.

The 1975 bond issue brought in more than \$500,000 from local buyers, according to Sr. Grace Frances Stauber, hospital executive director.

The latest issue was awarded an "A" credit rating by Fitch Investors Service of New York.

410 new books at Hoboken library

A total of 410 new books were purchased by the Hoboken Public Library last month, Lucille Cunningham, director, said today. Many of the volumes are now available to library members.

Some of the new books are:

The 103rd Ballot: Democrats and the Disaster in Madison Square Garden, by Robert K. Murray; Diplomacy For a Crowded World: An American Foreign Policy, by George W. Ball; The Segmented Society: An Introduction to The Meaning of America, by Robert H. Wiebe; The City At The End Of The Rainbow: San Francisco And Its Grand Hotels, by David Siefkin; Why Not The Best? Why One Man Is Optimistic About America's Third Century, by Jimmy Carter; Touch Not The Cat: A Novel, by Mary Stewart; Saraband For Two Sisters: A Novel, by Philippa Carr; Ordinary People: A Novel, by Judith Guest; Going For Broke: How I Built An Empire From Scratch And Lost 20 Million Dollars, by John Stone; On Watch: A Memoir, by Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr.; Selected Poems, by Robert Lowell; I Never Wanted To Be Vice-President Of Anything: An Investigative Biography Of Nelson Rockefeller, by Michael Kramer and Sam Roberts; Never Look Back: The Career and Concerns of John J.

Burke, by John B. Sheerin; Miss Herbert (The Suburban Wife), by Christina Stead; The Family Arsenal: A Novel, by Paul Theroux; The Immortals: A Novel, by Nancy Freedman; A New Life Of Anton Chekhov, by Ronald Hingley; The Best Years, 1945-1950, by Joseph C. Goulden; Mussolini's Roman Empire, by Denis Mack Smith; Alger Hiss: The True Story, by John Chabot Smith; Aiken: Senate Diary-Jan. 1972-Jan. 1975, by George D. Aiken; The Brothers Reuther: The Story of the UAW, A Memoir, by Victor G. Reuther; Liberty Tavern: A Novel, by Thomas Fleming; The Dresden Finch: A Novel, by Jessica Sterling; Bound for the Promised Land: A Novel, by Michael Marius; Words and Women: New Language in New Times, by Casey A. Miller and Kate Swift; A Voice From The Chorus: A Writer's Diary, by Abram Tertz; The Scramble Book: Winning Strategies for the World's Most Popular Word Game, by Derryn Hinch; The Pleasures of Jazz, by Leonard Feather; Arabesque, by Theresa De Kerpely; A Book of Faith: An Anthology of the World's Great Literature Dealing with the Concept of Faith, by Elizabeth Goudge; Street Games, by Alan Milberg; The Prescott Chronicles, by Albert Fried; In Our Time, by Eric Hoffer; Crime By Computer, by Donn B. Parker, and Life On The Run, by Bill Bradley.

Hoboken PBA sets date for job action

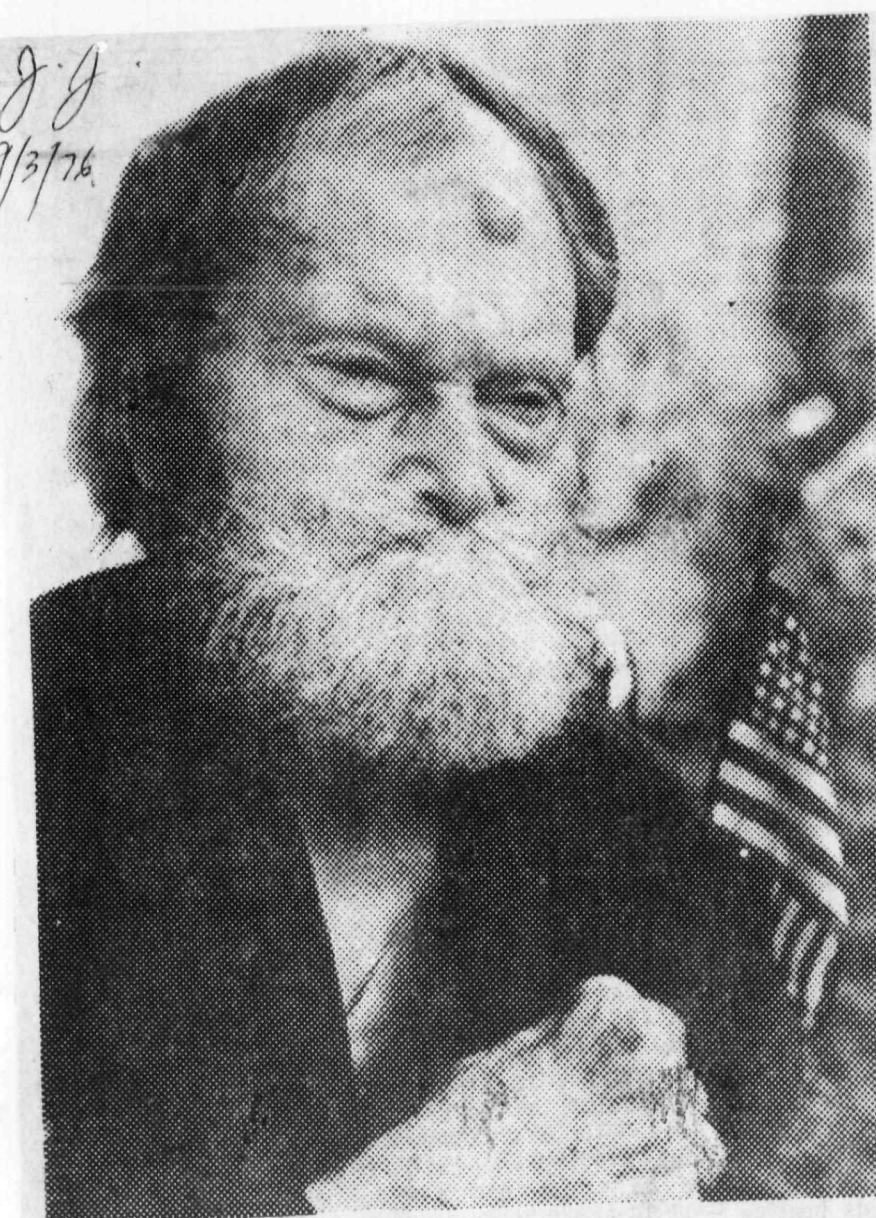
The job action threatened by the Hoboken Policemen's Benevolent Association if a contract settlement can't be reached with the city Tuesday night will start the morning of Sept. 10, it was learned today.

PBA President James Behrens confirmed the report by saying that was when the PBA planned to begin its job action. However, Behrens would not comment on what the PBA members will be doing.

"Whatever doors are closed will be opened, and whatever doors are open will be closed," he answered when asked what form the job action will take. "You figure it out."

According to one PBA source, the job action won't involve any slowdown or demonstrations by PBA members. Instead, there will be "a job speed up." He said that, if anything, the city will have better law enforcement and that it would not include the harassment of the average citizen with a ticket blitz or action along those lines.

Behrens would not comment on the statement.



Celebrating a centennial

Harry Bernard, who lived in Hoboken until two years ago when he entered the East Orange Veterans Administration Hospital's nursing home care unit, has celebrated his 100th birthday. A native of Worcester, Mass., Bernard has traveled from coast to coast and through Canada and Cuba. A musician and inventor, Bernard, a bachelor, settled in Hoboken permanently following World War II.

Hoboken PBA plans job action against city

By Peter Hallam

The Hoboken Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA) will institute a job action against the city if a satisfactory contract offer isn't made at Tuesday night's negotiating session with Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri and Mayor Steve Capiello, Patrolman James Behrens, PBA president, said today.

"Eight months have gone by since our last contract expired," said

Behrens. "The PBA is now being faced with the problem of preparing for its 1977 contract negotiations without successfully concluding the 1976 talks — provided of course that we don't accept a multi-year package this year."

"It is the general feeling of the membership that eight months is adequate time for the city to reach an agreement. If one isn't reached next week, then we will have to take action to force the issue."

Behrens refused to say what

course the job action would take if a contract settlement isn't reached.

The PBA will meet Tuesday night at 8 with the mayor and Councilman Ranieri. A special PBA meeting has been called for 4:30 p.m. the following day in the city council chambers for the purpose of allowing members to vote on the city's latest proposal.

Behrens said that if the city's offer is rejected the PBA members will then be briefed on the details of the job action.

Hoboken council decides conduct rules needed

As a result of a screaming match between Councilman Louis Francone and a former municipal court magistrate at yesterday's Hoboken City Council meeting, the council will consider making a rule requiring citizens to be fully prepared when they address the council.

Second Ward Councilman Walter S. Cramer said today that he would recommend to the entire council at the next caucus meeting that it amend its rules. Cramer was spurred by an outburst yesterday between Francone and former Hoboken Magistrate Charles DeFazio Jr.

"I have no objection to any citizens speaking on one item or all of the business being considered by the council, provided they know of what they speak," said Cramer. "But it is not the council's duty to do their leg work for them."

"It is unfair to any other citizen who may want to address the council when one or two individuals monopolize the entire meeting."

The incident between DeFazio and Francone developed slowly. DeFazio had signed the council's list to speak on about two-thirds of the business to be covered.

During his statement on claims to be paid for the Community Development Agency (CDA), DeFazio apparently made a remark that Francone objected to and the heated exchange followed.

Council President Martin J. Brennan pounded his gavel several times for order, didn't get it, and motioned to a policeman standing by to remove DeFazio from the council chambers.

Patrolman James Behrens, and William Van Wie, Mayor Steve Cappiello's confidential aide, moved to DeFazio's side. Meanwhile, Brennan warned DeFazio that if he didn't calm down, he would be removed, by force if necessary. DeFazio then complied.

"Every piece of business considered by the council at its meetings is readily available for public scrutiny in the city clerk's office prior to the meetings," said Cramer.

"If a citizen has a question about any of that business it is his or her right to examine all of the paperwork concerning it in the city clerk's office. But it is not his or her right to demand that the council explain the details so that the individual may then make comments."

4 Hoboken firemen win promotion suit

Hoboken Mayor and Public Safety Director Steve Cappiello will huddle shortly with members of the city council public safety committee to review a ruling by Superior Court Judge John J. Geronimo compelling the city to promote four of five Hoboken firemen to captains' jobs within a week.

Cappiello said last night there'd be no decision on whether the city would file an appeal of the court action until after he and the councilmen studied the judge's order and the transcript of the hearing.

The judge, in making his decision that the city is obligated under a labor contract to fill four vacancies, said he wants "no fooling around by the City of Hoboken" in following his order, effective today.

The five are on a Civil Service list originally due to expire July 25, but they brought suit two days earlier.

The suit was instituted by Firemen Alan Brause, Charles Eversole, Eugene Failla—who finished in one-two-three order on a Civil Service list certifying them eligible for promotion July 18, 1973—joined by Firemen Patrick O'Brien and Ernest Prudente, fifth and sixth on that list. Firemen John Lewis, who placed fourth, but did not sign papers joining in the suit, has apparently lost some priority because the court ruling applies to appointing four plaintiffs.

"I have no right to name which four," the judge commented after his ruling, which directs the State Civil Service Commission to make certification within seven days. It will be up to Cappiello to name four captains.

(Some informed sources say the city could settle the matter by appointing all five plaintiffs as captains.)

The judge—who had continued the restraint barring the city from permitting the list to expire, pending a decision—held yesterday that the city was obligated to fill four vacancies occurring after it entered into a labor contract with the Uniformed Fire Fighters Association, Local 1072, Jan. 1, 1973.

He heard testimony by Acting Fire Chief James Houn concerning four vacancies created by retirements.

The city, represented by Francis X. Hayes, its labor counsel, claimed the promotions were not negotiable under the contract.

The judge decided that under a section of the firefighters' contract there is a provision that the city should fill vacancies created by "retirements, deaths, firings or voluntary quittings" from an existing Civil Service list.

He said four vacancies should be filled (increasing the number of fire captains from 29 to 33).

Geronimo indicated he could not order more promotions than four because a provision that the city should maintain 35 fire captains is not in the firefighters' contract. It is in a separate contract between the uniformed fire officers and the city, he observed.

Peter Rosen, the firemen's counsel, also sought an order that the city pay counsel fees, but the court denied that application.

Cilento wants new school to honor teacher

Hoboken's new mini-school, which will open in January, is still without a formal name. But one well-known local resident is hoping that the school board will name it after the late Ida E. Houseman.

Anthony J. Cilento, Hudson County Republican chairman and a member of the county Board of Taxation, said today that he has written to Mrs. Mary Gaspar, board president, asking that Miss Houseman's name be considered.

Miss Houseman was born and raised in Hoboken and taught in the city's schools for many years. She died several years ago. She was active in lobbying for better conditions for teachers and also championed several causes on the city's local political scene.

"Many of the benefits teachers throughout the state enjoy were won by Miss Houseman," said Cilento. "She was a very dedicated woman, loyal to her profession and her city. And she was a fighter for what she believed in."

"Naming the new mini-school after her is the very least Hoboken and the board of education can do to keep the memory of this lovely woman alive."

Cilento said that he has talked with many residents about designating the school in her honor and many share his sentiment.

According to a board spokesman, no decision has been made on a name for the school. He said that several were being considered, including Miss Houseman's.

Hoboken finally to rebuild sewage pumping station

After almost a year, Hoboken finally has the grant agreement from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) which will allow it to reconstruct the sewage pumping station at 11th and Hudson streets. But the city isn't in any hurry to sign it just yet.

Mayor Steve Cappiello received the grant contract in the mail yesterday. Once signed, it will free federal money — \$434,589 — for the project. The city will have to pay the rest of the overall cost, estimated at more than \$600,000.

"Before we sign it I want to make sure that the city can take off the top the money we have spent to meet environmental requirements while we were waiting for the grant to come through," said the mayor.

Cappiello estimated that the city has spent more than \$40,000 at the pumping station, which was destroyed last September by an explosion.

Between overtime paid to city employees, fencing and renting pumps to do the work of the destroyed pumping station, Hoboken has spent well

over \$40,000," he continued. "During our preliminary talks with EPA officials the city was told that it could get most, if not all, of this money back."

"I want to make sure that the grand contract covers this in writing before signing it."

The contract and all connected paperwork has been sent to the engineering firm of Mayo, Lynch and Associates for review. The company is to oversee the reconstruction for the city.

Maxwell plant cuts back until sales catch up

Approximately one-third of the total work force at the Maxwell House Coffee plant in Hoboken has been temporarily laid off, a spokesman for General Food Corp., the parent company, said today.

The spokesman said that the layoffs, over a period of more than a month, were forced by a temporary reduction in plant production prompted by two situations.

"The first is a normal maintenance shutdown of the facility in some departments," he said. "The other is a need to balance our inventory."

"As coffee prices rose in the past few months, consumers moved ahead; now they are drawing from their pantry shelves. This has resulted in some backups in the distribution pipeline."

The spokesman added that the company doesn't anticipate any long-term cutbacks in operations.

The work force at the plant, when in full production, is between 1,200 and 1,300. The spokesman, who couldn't provide figures, acknowledged that from 400 to 450 people have been laid off.

According to plant employees, the pipeline backup is being caused by tons and tons of coffee that aren't being sold. Within a period of 60-to-90 days coffee prices have gone up 60-to-90 cents a pound, depending on the brand. National brands such as Maxwell House are selling from between \$1.90 to \$2.10 a pound in supermarkets and 10-to-20 cents more in corner grocery stores.

Some housewives heeding prior warnings of increased prices bought coffee in quantity, using store or discount coupons. They are now sitting back and waiting for the law of supply and demand to catch up, forcing a reduction in prices. Others have switched to tea or stopped drinking coffee.

State board OK for Hoboken school awaited

TRENTON — The State Education Board today was regarded as certain to approve a \$2.4 million application by Hoboken under the new qualified bond program for permanent financing of the Wallace School.

The board action today would permit the State Local Finance Board to give its bond authorization tomorrow — the first for school purposes under the act using withheld state aid to cover the debt service on the bonds.

The school was authorized under a 1970 Hoboken ordinance but was built under temporary financing which would be terminated under the qualified bond sale.

The act is intended to lower the interest rates for school districts and municipalities in the bond market. Jersey City recently became the first to act under the law with more than \$7 million in general obligation bonds.

Hudson getting \$23.3 million more school aid

TRENTON — Hudson County school districts will receive \$23,331,347 more in state school operating expense aid than last year, under the "thorough and efficient" act being put to use in the classrooms with the reopening tomorrow of schools.

The State Education Department counted Hudson current expense aid at \$66,806,934, compared to \$43,475,587 in the 1975-76 school year.

This figure does not include an additional \$3,811,905 allocated Hudson in building aid for debt service or capital construction.

The "thorough and efficient" act became law July 1 and is funded by the 2 to 2.5 per cent gross income tax which began last Wednesday.

The income tax will generate \$370 million in the first year of the new school law through next June 30 as part of the \$860 million allocated the state to local districts for various purposes.

Approximately \$100 million will be added to the school aid starting July 1, 1978, when the state aid percentage is increased for the last time from 38 to 40 per cent. The boost this year is from approximately 33 to 38 per cent.

The new aid law, upheld by the State Supreme Court last Jan. 30, emerged from a suit filed on behalf of Kenneth Robinson, then a third grade pupil in Jersey City. Judge Theodore I. Botter, Hudson County Superior Court, ruled in January four years ago that excessive reliance on local property taxes for school aid was unconstitutional and discriminated against poorer urban districts at the expense of wealthier suburban districts.

Botter directed the Legislature to devise a new aid formula to comply with the "thorough and efficient free public school system" language inserted in the state constitution in the last century.

The Legislature finally agreed on the gross income tax as part of a school aid and property tax relief-reform program reflected in 19 separate bills. The Assembly passed it July 7, the Senate July 8 and Gov. Brendan T. Byrne signed it into law the same night. The next day the Supreme Court lifted the May 13 injunction which closed the schools July 1 because the aid act was not funded by June 30.

Here are the current expense allocations for Hudson districts with last year's assistance following:

- Bayonne \$2,606,104 and \$1,517,608
- East Newark \$204,374 and \$100,861
- Guttenberg \$224,903 and \$117,894
- Harrison \$519,707 and \$310,678
- Hoboken \$7,579,190 and \$3,759,360
- Jersey City \$37,357,090 and \$25,418,540

Judge orders firemen in Hoboken promoted

By MICHAEL CROWLEY

Superior Court Judge John J. Geronimo ruled in favor of five Hoboken firemen yesterday and ordered Mayor Steve Cappiello to appoint four new captains within seven days.

Cappiello however, will have his choice of which of the five firemen who filed the suit, will become the captains. However one of the men, a veteran, has to be given priority under Civil Service rules.

Geronimo ruled that the contract filed with the firemen's union called for 33 captains and there are only 29 presently. The attorney for the five firemen, Peter Rosen of Randolph, said the men still contend the proper number of captains should be 35.

Cappiello said yesterday that he was not sure what his next step would be. His reasons for refusing to appoint new captains was that he wanted to bring the ratio of superiors to fire fighters into line.

The mayor said he would meet in a special meeting with the City Council's public safety committee to determine their next action.

According to Cappiello, the committee is considering several choices including the total reorganization of the fire department. He said they may want to institute the rank of lieutenant which has been a controversial issue in other Hudson County municipalities.

The five plaintiffs in the suit, qualified for captain in the following order: Alan J. Brause first, Charles Ebersole second, Eugene Failla third, Patrick O'Brien fifth and sixth Ernest Prudente. Another fireman John Lewis, finished ahead of O'Brien and Prudente but they will get priority in the selection because Lewis failed to join the suit.

Cappiello however, does not have to make the captains in that order, according to Civil Service rules. Lewis can only be made captain after the other five have been made one.

- Kearny \$1,354,951 and \$929,330
- North Bergen \$1,896,669 and \$1,253,899
- Secaucus \$611,708 and \$404,089
- Union City \$7,401,496 and \$4,856,645
- Weehawken \$1,003,579 and \$337,244
- West New York \$5,491,437 and \$2,354,657
- Hudson County Vocational \$555,726 and \$114,892
- The new building aid will be distributed in Hudson this way: Bayonne \$25,757; Guttenberg \$9,518; Harrison \$20,661; Hoboken \$438,420; Jersey City \$2,389,606; Union City \$45,080; Weehawken \$31,756; West New York \$541,087.
- These districts qualify because the aid is related to property valuations and they are all below the \$86,000 per pupil state rate. Wealthier districts exceeding the \$86,000 level do not qualify for the building aid.

Partial repayment due Hoboken on pump site

Hoboken will be able to get back some, but not all, of the money it has spent on maintaining a temporary pumping station at 11th and Hudson Streets since last September when an explosion destroyed the permanent facility.

Joseph Lynch, head of the engineering firm of Mayo, Lynch and Associates, the company overseeing the reconstruction of the pumping station, said today that provisions have been made in the agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA) for some reimbursement of expenses.

"The city could be entitled to as much as \$30,000," said Lynch. "Up to that amount has been built into the fee schedule. But the city will have to prove its expenses. I doubt that there will be any problems doing that."

Mayor Steve Cappiello estimates that the operation has cost the city more than \$40,000.

Hoboken is in line for a \$490,000 grant from the EPA to finance the rebuilding of the station. Its total cost will be around \$600,000.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the city should not have any further problems with the three temporary pumps at the station. Raymond Wright, the contractor who has been renting the pumps to the city, said today that he has gotten three new pumps from another company which will provide 24-hour repair service on the equipment.

4 municipalities to get state funds

State Community Affairs Commissioner Patricia Sheehan won't bring demolition services, new police radios and walkie-talkies, tow trucks or computers with her when she visits four Hudson municipalities today.

She will, however, bring the money to pay for those things.

She and Barry Skokowski, her deputy, will be personally giving checks to Jersey City, Union City, Hoboken and West New York covering half of their "discretionary" funds under the Safe and Clean Street Act.

Jersey City will use its \$12,500 check for modernized police communications, including 23 walkie-talkies.

Hoboken will spend its \$20,000 check for a tow truck and an emergency van.

West New York will use its \$9,300 for a police computer.

The four municipalities will receive checks for the identical amount covering the other half of the discretionary funding after they enter contracts for the services or equipment.

Amato against accepting pier settlement proposal

Andrew J. Amato, the man who started the controversy over the old Holland-America Piers in Hoboken, said today that he will demand that the city council accept "no deals that

would see the city get less than what it is entitled to from the pier owners."

The city council is considering a proposal from the owners for the payment of back taxes for 1973, 1974, and 1975 over a three-year period. However, the company's proposal calls for payments on a reduced assessment and at reduced rates.

"I am sending a letter to City Council President Martin J. Brennan demanding that the city either foreclose on the property or get every penny that is due in taxes," said Amato. "The city has gone through the trouble of taking this matter to court on appeals, it has won, and now it is considering a proposition that will give away the victory. That isn't right."

Hoboken PBA leader predicts job action

By ROMAN CZAJKOWSKY

Contract talks between Hoboken city officials and policemen are going down to the wire today, with the men scheduled to either accept the city's latest offer or begin a job action.

Policemen were to receive a contract proposal last night at a meeting between city officials and Policemen's Benevolent

Assn. representatives, but the likelihood that the bluecoats will vote down the offer is "good," according to PBA President James Behrens.

While neither side would reveal the figures involved in the contract offer, a key factor in a possible "no" vote on the pact would appear to be the city's unwillingness to offer first-year wage hikes in the three-year pact.

Councilman Robert Ranieri, the city's sole labor negotiator, yesterday said the city's latest offer is "fair and just" and within the city's "ability to pay," but does not include a first-year raise.

"I've said it all along during the (labor) negotiations, that there is no money for a first-year wage hike," Ranieri said.

But PBA President Behrens indicated yesterday that his men would reject an offer that does not include a first-year raise. The rank and file is scheduled to meet this afternoon to vote on the city's proposal. If the offer is rejected, policemen say they will enter into a job action. Behrens declined to say what job action the PBA is contemplating.

City officials also appeared concerned about a parity clause in a firemen's contract the firefighters voted to accept six weeks ago. Firemen are awaiting the outcome of the negotiations with policemen before they sign the contract, which they accepted by a narrow 30-24 margin.

The firefighters' contract calls for no increases this year, a 8.79 per cent hike next year, and a 7.79 raise in 1978.

The PBA reportedly has asked for a three-year contract that would increase their salaries more than 20 per cent. Behrens yesterday said his men would not accept a proposal similar to the one approved by the firemen.

The parity clause in the firefighters' contract ties their salaries to the wages policemen receive.

Policemen have been working without a contract since Jan. 14.

Sweepers not up to par

Hoboken is becoming slightly disillusioned with its two new \$40,000 street-sweeping machines because they aren't doing the job the city expected them to do.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today that he plans to contact the manufacturer and go over several complaints the city has about the operation of the sweeper trucks.

"For light litter they're great,"

said Vitale. "They really do a good job. But when the litter is heavy and includes large items like bottles, beer cans and heavy newspapers, they just don't seem to pick up as well as the old ones we had."

"I don't know if it is the machines. Maybe we're not operating them properly. But either way, something has to be done to improve the performance."

Yesterday, the public works department had to clean the west side of Washington Street by hand because the truck normally assigned to the task was temporarily out of commission because of a broken vacuum hose. Exceptionally heavy litter was strewn along the curb from 14th Street to 11th Street.

Vitale said that the repairs were made in time to resume using the truck shortly after 9 a.m. But Washington Street's cleaning hour — a.m. to 9 — had passed and too many cars were parked to try to use the truck again during the day.

The new sweepers cost the city

\$40,000 each, with half of the purchase money coming from the state's Safe and Clean Streets program. Unlike the sweeper trucks the city has had in the past, which used large brushes to clean the streets, the new trucks have two small side brushes which sweep the rubbish and litter into a vacuum cleaner. It sucks the rubbish up into the truck.

Vitale said that another problem the city was having was with the brushes. He said that they wear out and must be replaced every two to three weeks. On the old trucks the brushes lasted two to three months.

Hoboken police accept new 3-year contract

Hoboken police who had been prepared to turn down a new pay offer by the city did an about-face yesterday and approved a wage package in a new contract — after some last-minute improvements were made.

Patrolman James Behrens, president of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, said the new offer was approved "by a stand-up vote."

Councilman Robert Ranieri, who was the city's negotiator, hailed the agreement as "a first for New Jersey." He said he knew of no other community of Hoboken's size which

now has three-year labor contracts with its police and firemen.

"It not only provides our city with labor peace for three years but it allows the administration to plan orderly for its finances in the years ahead," he said. He felt it also demonstrates to industry and taxpayers that the city has a stable government.

The city originally had offered police no pay increase for 1976, but four additional paid holidays which the city valued at \$400. An increase in pay of 8.75 per cent was offered for 1977 and a 7.69 per cent boost in 1978.

The change was worked in the 1976 benefit. Now the extra holidays also will include pension benefits and will mean an equivalent of approximately \$850 for a patrolman. There were no changes for the other two years.

Police patrol will increase in Hoboken

Police patrols in Hoboken's parks will be beefed up to thwart vandalism and prevent large crowds of youngsters from making them their gathering points, Mayor Steve Cappelletto said today.

The mayor, Hoboken's public safety director, said he discussed the problem with Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale after learning that a memorial to the late Sgt. William Fesken, killed in Vietnam, along with other Vietnam veterans was vandalized over the weekend. The memorial is in Stevens Park at Fifth and Hudson streets.

"Part of the problem should be solved by swearing in all Stevens' campus police as special Hoboken police officers," said the mayor. "They will have full police powers."

"This action was prompted by the fact that a number of Stevens students are being housed in apartments in the Grogan Plaza project at Fourth and Hudson Streets. Since the students use the park to get back and forth to the campus, as well as a spot to relax, the campus police will be keeping an eye on it."

The college rents three floors in the apartment house.

Stevens employs 16 security policemen in its campus force. They are given the powers of special police every year by the city.

The task of patrolling the city's other two parks — Church Square and Elysian — will belong to the city's police. The mayor said that added patrols will be made but he would have to discuss the matter further with Chief George W. Crimmins to see how often checks can be made without interfering with their other duties.

The mayor said he has also given Vitale the go-ahead to have the memorial to Sgt. Fesken repaired.

Say probe hits chief of welfare

By ROMAN CZAJKOWSKY

Hudson County prosecutors are investigating Hoboken Welfare Director Jerry Forman in connection with a possible role in an alleged kickback scheme in the city's welfare bureau, according to a source close to the investigation.

The investigation against Forman is part of a nearly year-long probe of the welfare bureau conducted by local, county and state authorities.

A spokesman for the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office would neither deny nor confirm reports that Forman is a specific target of the investigation, saying only that the welfare director's "constitutional rights" must be protected before the results of the investigation of the welfare department are made public.

Assistant Prosecutor William Petrina, chief of the county's special prosecution section, said his department was waiting for a report from the state accounting office which has been auditing records of the welfare bureau.

"Once we have the (accounting) report, we'll decide whether we'll go to a grand jury," Petrina said.

Forman Not Available

Part of the investigation reportedly centers on whether Forman knew of or was involved with a group of local businessmen who have been consistently exchanging cash for food or rent vouchers and keeping a percentage of the transaction.

Earlier news reports quoted a source close to the investigation as saying that such transactions cost the city "thousands of dollars a month" and that the scheme seemed to be well established and "may have been going on for years."

Investigators are reportedly trying to determine whether any money from the transactions kept by businessmen was funneled back to anyone at the city's welfare bureau.

Hoboken, cops reach labor accord

By ROMAN CZAJKOWSKY

The threat of a job action by Hoboken policemen disappeared yesterday afternoon when cops agreed to a city contract offer that will raise their salaries by \$3,000 after three years.

The three-year pact was hammered out at an afternoon meeting between city officials and representatives from the local Policemen's Benevolent Association less than 24 hours after policemen said the contract negotiations were going "nowhere" and predicted a job action designed to pressure the city into making a proposal police "could live with."

Policemen voted to accept yesterday's offer minutes after PBA and city representatives worked out the agreement.

Details Not Disclosed

Details of the vote were not disclosed, but PBA president James Behrens said there was "little opposition" to the contract.

"We have reached a mutual ground of understanding, while at the same time not forgetting the taxpayer," Behrens said.

The pact was called "history-making" by Councilman Robert Ranieri, the city's

sole labor negotiator, who said that "so far as I know, there has not been a three-year contract with policemen elsewhere in the county or in the state."

"We have written labor history in Hoboken," Ranieri added.

The ratification of the contract averts a job action policemen had said they would initiate unless they received a "favorable" contract offer. Cops were scheduled to receive instructions on the job action yesterday if the rank-and-file turned down the city offer.

Under the new contract, retroactive to January of this year, a patrolman's base

salary will increase from the present \$11,950 to \$14,910 after three years, according to PBA president Behrens.

The contract calls for increases in holiday pay, or \$845 in cash for 13 holidays, a net increase of \$395 over last year, Ranieri said. He also stipulates a 6.75 per cent increase in base pay next year, and a 7.69 hike in 1978, based on the previous year's base salary. Cops will also receive a \$100 clothing allowance.

The city will also pay its pension contribution on the holiday package, Ranieri said.

The package will cost the city some \$400,000 over the three-year period, Ranieri said.

Back-taxes plan for pier may cut into Hoboken's take

A proposal for the payment of taxes owed to Hoboken by the owners of the old Holland America Line piers for 1973, 1974, 1975 and this year may see the city not getting all that it is due, if it is accepted.

That claim was made today by Andrew J. Amato, an unsuccessful candidate for mayor in 1973. He charged that the company's proposal would "cheat the city out of approximately \$30,000 that was owed in taxes."

if the city agrees to the company's proposal.

Amato's analysis was immediately confirmed by Councilman Robert Ranieri who pointed out, however, that Hoboken was not being cheated out of the \$30,000 but was reaching a compromise on back taxes. "It's the logical, business-like thing to do," he said.

Amato said his figures show the company now owning the piers owes Hoboken almost \$180,000 for 1973, 1974 and 1975, not including interest and other penalties. "But the proposal publicized last week would allow the company to pay off only \$150,000 for those three years," Amato noted.

He said the firm, M.M.W.M.B., Inc., is actually proposing a reduction in its assessment to \$40,000 an acre instead of \$60,000. The company has approximately 10 acres of land, some underwater. Buildings are assessed at \$25,000 but the owners are seeking a reduction to \$15,000 in their proposal.

A check of city tax records supported Amato's claim. The company owes a total of \$181,611 from 1973 through 1975 and another \$68,135 for the current year. This makes a grand total of \$249,746 which is subject to a 12 per cent interest charge plus the cost of imposing tax liens.

"If the city agrees to this proposal it will be the same thing as agreeing to a reduction in the assessed value of the property," said Amato. He said the city spent a year or two in court fighting the company's appeals of taxes and has won. "Now it wants to give its victory away."

Ranieri explained, however, that the city has only two choices: Take the property back and receive no taxes, or "give the city some logical tax income."

"We have no potential for that property. There just aren't any buyers. It's a compromise proposal simply because we can't do any better. I think the responsible thing to do is to accept the agreement." He emphasized that late charges will be added to the compromise figure.

Amato said it was his impression that the company's proposal had been presented to the city council with the understanding that it would settle up all of the back taxes and some councilmen were leaning towards acceptance because of it.

Law Director Lawrence Florio said the city would get every cent it was entitled to under any agreement it accepts, including the one now being considered. He said that the proposal was very clear and, to his knowledge, the council knew exactly what it said and what it meant.

The proposal, made by the company's attorney to Herbert Fine, Hoboken's special tax lawyer, calls for the company to pay the city the back taxes over a three-year period with eight payments made each year. At the same time, taxes for the current year and following years would be kept up to date.

Owner gets more time to correct violations

A Hoboken property owner has been given additional time to make repairs at 214 Park Ave. after failing to correct even one of more than 40 violations during the first 30-day period he was given by the city's housing squad.

Michael Curcio, housing squad supervisor, said that Michael Spano, the property owner, now has until

Sept. 18 to make repairs in two apartments.

According to Curcio, Spano should have been given 60 days in which to do the work when the inspection was originally made. However, he was ordered to do the job in 30 days and is entitled to an additional 30.

"There were a number of occupied apartments at that time and we wanted him to take immediate action on the repairs," continued Curcio. "Since then, everyone has moved out except two families living on the second floor."

"Violations do exist in the two apartments and he now has to make corrections. If not made a summons will be issued."

Curcio said he could not force Spano to make repairs in any of the other apartments because they were unoccupied. But new tenants won't be able to move in until the repairs are made.

Hoboken reveals plan for mass rail center

With the state Department of Transportation (DOT) due to announce its proposal for rail service to the Meadowlands Sports Complex today, Hoboken officials have revealed a \$35 million plan that would convert the historic Erie Lackawanna Terminal in that city into a mass transportation center.

The rail link, which originates in Hoboken and goes through four counties and into New York State, is one of five proposals submitted by the Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission (HMDC) to the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, which built and operates the sports complex. It is among the proposals being considered by DOT.

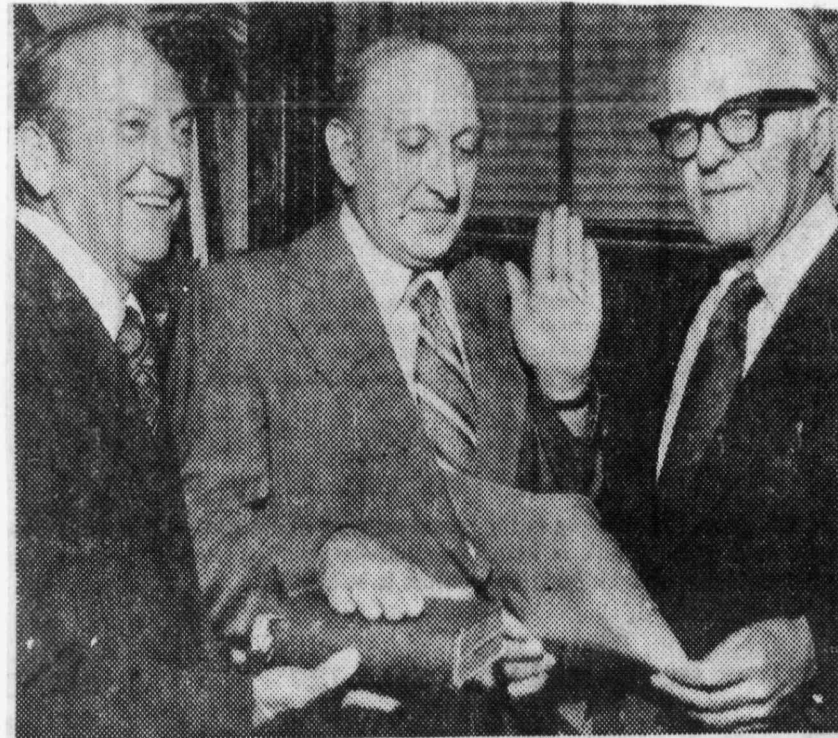
The terminal that serves 70,000 New York-bound commuters would be converted into a major rail and bus center. The rail line passes within 700 feet of the Sports Complex and a station would be constructed at East Rutherford. A shuttle bus would trans-

port rail passengers from the station to the complex.

Mayor Steve Cappelletto said federal financing is expected shortly to finance the 69-year-old terminal. He said the bus depot adjacent to the rail station would be part of the overall plan, which could make it the largest all-purpose mass transportation terminal in the state. The state purchased the terminal from the bankrupt railroad last April for \$300,000.

Cappelletto said it would be only a 13-minute ride from Hoboken to the Sports Complex and would considerably reduce auto use to the race track and stadium.

"With a renovated transportation center we could handle unlimited numbers of passengers any time of the day or night," said Sally Aaronson, senior planner for the city's Community Development Agency. A preliminary draft of the city's study put the cost at \$35 million.



NEW DUTIES — Frank Fortunato, center, is sworn in as new assistant city clerk for Hoboken by Anthony Amoroso, city clerk, right, as Mayor Steve Cappelletto holds Bible. Fortunato replaces Frank Lally, who retired Sept. 1 after 40 years in the clerk's office.

Anderson to be named to Housing Authority

A former member of the Hoboken Board of Education, Clayton Anderson, will be nominated by Mayor Steve Cappelletto to fill the unexpired term of the late Leo Smith as a member of the city's Housing Authority.

The mayor said today that he will place Anderson's name in nomination and present it to the city council shortly for its consideration.

Smith, one of the leaders of Hoboken's black community and the president of an electrical workers union in Jersey City, died on Aug. 3,

reportedly from a heart attack. He was in the last year of a five-year term as housing commissioner. The term expires next May.

Anderson, also well known in the city's black community was a board of education member until this year when he concluded a three-year appointed term. Anderson did run for election to the school board in March but without organization support and failed to get elected.

Active in local civic affairs, Anderson operates his own light trucking company.

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Frank Fortunato to be sworn as Asst. Hoboken clerk

Frank Fortunato will be sworn in today as Hoboken's new assistant city clerk, replacing Frank Lally who retired after 40 years in the city's office.

A Navy veteran of World War II, Fortunato served aboard the aircraft carrier Saratoga in the Pacific. He was a boiler maker.

Fortunato joined the city clerk's staff almost nine years ago. He was

previously employed by a firm manufacturing windows and doors as sales and office manager. He is currently principal clerk.

Born and raised in Hoboken, Fortunato is a bachelor. The man he replaces, Lally, retired Sept. 1. Lally was also president of the Hoboken Municipal Employees Association. The association is expected to elect new officers shortly.

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Hoboken getting \$20,000 today to buy 2 vehicles

State Community Affairs Commissioner Patricia Sheehan was to visit Hoboken today and turn over some \$20,000 in Safe and Clean Street program funds to Mayor Steve Cappelletto. It is the first of two equal payments the city will get.

Cappelletto said Hoboken had sought \$36,000 from the state for the purchase of an emergency van and a city tow truck and was awarded \$40,000.

The second \$20,000 payment will be turned over to the city after it has contracted for the two trucks and they are delivered.

"The van will be used by the public safety garage to carry equipment needed in police and firefighting operations not normally carried in squad cars or on the fire engines," ex-

plained Cappelletto. "This would include equipment for making highway or street repairs to the vehicles, street barricades, additional rope, tools and a unit to refill oxygen packs at fires."

"The unit will be dispatched to the scenes of emergencies and be ready to assist police and fire units as needed. Several recent incidents have shown that the city needs such a vehicle — the St. Mary Hospital fire and the Madison Hotel fire."

Cappelletto said that in both fires, the fire department nearly ran out of oxygen for its firefighters.

"The tow truck will be used by the public safety garage in situations where the private firm we normally use for towing is not immediately available," the mayor continued.

Hoboken's K of C will sell its Hudson St. site

After years of deliberation, the Hoboken Knights of Columbus Council has moved to sell its building at 716 Hudson St., it was learned today.

A "For Sale" sign went up on the building this week. Carbone Associates, a Hoboken realty firm, is handling the sale.

According to a spokesman for the council, it will be renting new facilities in the city as of Oct. 1. However, the location was not disclosed because the lease agreement has not been formally concluded.

The spokesman said the council is looking for property on which to build a new club and will use the space it is renting temporarily.

He added that the sale of the

property involves a triple lot, 712, 714 and 716 Hudson St. Included in that parcel is the club's shrine to Our Lady of Fatima.

"The shrine will be dismantled and placed in storage until we have our own new facility," he said. "The statue itself will be enclosed and placed in the front window."

The spokesman said letters will be sent out to all of the persons who donated funds for the construction of a new chapel advising them of the council's decision to sell the building, which temporarily suspends plans for the chapel. He said their donations will be returned if requested. He added that when land for a new club was purchased the plans for the building would include the chapel.

Challenge

The company that sold Hoboken two new street sweeping machines for \$40,000 each is facing a challenge.

Hoboken says the machines do not clean the streets as well as expected. They work like vacuum cleaners, and large items — beer cans, bottles and the like — just do not fit into the cleaner opening.

The city is ready to call the company in to see what can be done. The challenge is to solve the problem so the equipment will be more in demand. The alternative is an unhappy customer who will not hesitate to spread the word to other communities.

Hoboken Volunteers deliver two babies within 24 hours

If the members of the Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps are looking for a good reason for it, they have one — both new baby girls who arrived sooner than their mothers expected.

"Believe it or not, births aren't that usual a thing for us, or any corps," said a spokesman. "We get them and we're prepared for them, but most of the time we get the mothers to the hospital with time to spare."

According to the spokesman, the corps has delivered only 10 babies

since beginning its service in 1971 — and numbers nine and 10 both happened within 24 hours of each other.

The first new born was delivered to Minerva Pazarro, 24, of 400 Marshall Drive at 6 a.m. Sunday morning. Volunteers Jose Lima, Timothy McNamara, Patrick O'Boyle and Frank Walters arrived to find that nature was already taking its course and there wasn't time for a quick trip to St. Mary Hospital.

The delivery was made in the apartment and then mother and daughter were taken to the hospital.

Both are doing well, the spokesman said. It was the second delivery for O'Boyle.

Shortly before 6 a.m. Monday morning the squad got another call for a maternity pickup. This one was for Mrs. Rosa Cuocci, 23, of 822 Washington St. And when Volunteers Michael Geerloff and David Costello arrived it was just in time.

Mrs. Cuocci and her new daughter were also taken to St. Mary Hospital after the birth and they, too, are reported doing well, the spokesman said.

Water Authority sought in Hoboken

An ordinance creating a Hoboken Municipal Water Authority to oversee the city's water operations will be introduced for its first reading at Wednesday night's council meeting, Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri said today.

Ranieri, who originated the idea of a three-man water authority comprised of representatives from the city's three largest water consuming

industries, said the ordinance is being introduced by First Ward Councilman Anthony H. Romano.

The councilman-at-large is going on a three-week vacation to Italy today and Romano has agreed to engineer the measure through the council for him.

"The idea is for industry to apply its business practices to Hoboken's water operations and end up with a savings in the cost of the water operations," said Ranieri. "If they can reduce the city's water cost — we buy from Jersey City — they reduce their own costs as well."

Ranieri said that the commission will meet one day a week and attack such problems as a recovery program, water conservation, and the general overall operation of the department in administration, metering and repair.

"It will be up to the mayor, city council and the directors to implement their recommendations," he added.

In other business, the council will act on the appointments of Edwin

Duroy and Clayton Anderson to the city's Housing Authority. Duroy is a hold-over commissioner. His last term ended last May 3. His new term will expire May 3, 1981. Anderson will be filling the unexpired term of the late Leo Smith, which expires next May.

The council also will consider a number of contracts to be awarded by the city's Community Development Agency.

One of the contracts calls for a \$15,000 fee to be paid to the Washington, D.C., law firm of Krivit and Krivit for professional services for a one-year period.

Another is for a \$14,270 contract with the Everitt School of Dance for a dance program at the Multi-Service Center, Second and Grand streets.

The CDA is also seeking approval of a contract with Beckstoffer Hunter Associates for architectural and planning work in connection with the historic restoration of City Hall. The contract is not to exceed \$39,000.

The meeting will start at 7 p.m.

Hoboken terminal plan hits major obstacle

By ROMAN CZAJKOWSKY

A multi-million dollar plan to convert the Erie Lackawanna Terminal in Hoboken into a major mass transportation and commercial center has run into a snag that could delay the start of the project — the terminal apparently is not connected to any sewage treatment facility and discharges its sewage directly into the Hudson River.

The discovery could mean bad news to Hoboken, which is hoping the conversion of the turn-of-the-century terminal into a modern mass transit center will be a major economic boon to the city.

"It could definitely delay the project because one of the things required before its approval by federal agencies is an environmental statement," on the project's environmental impact, Mayor Steve Cappellico said yesterday.

The mayor said Public Works Department officials told him last Friday of the terminal's lack of proper sewerage facilities.

Cappellico said the discovery could mean the need for additional, large sums of money over and above the \$10 million city planners say the project will cost.

According to Kenneth Pai, director of the Hoboken Planning and Redevelopment Agency, the final study of the proposed project is scheduled to be submitted to the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) by Oct. 1 for approval. That approval "could be delayed considerably now," Cappellico said.

Neither EDA or Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) officials could be reached yesterday for comment.

While Cappellico voiced concern over the possible delay of the project, which is to be funded with federal monies, the

mayor said the city would not have to pay for the construction of sewerage facilities since the terminal is state-owned. The state paid bankrupt Erie Lackawanna slightly more than \$300,000 for the terminal last April.

"Under no circumstances will the city pay even one cent," Cappellico said, adding that "this thing might have to be settled in Trenton."

City officials think the terminal, which now serves some 70,000 New York-bound commuters daily could become a major link in providing mass transit service to the Meadowlands Sports Complex.

Hoboken aides battle for U.S. aid priority

Officials of Hoboken's municipal government and board of education will be going at it hammer and tongs today to see what will be given top priority in the city's application for federal Public Works Act funds — city projects or the rehabilitation of the schools?

The school board, according to Mrs. Mary Gaspar, board president, needs several million — at least three — to repair most of its schools and feels it should have top priority.

On the other hand, Mayor Steve Cappellico, his council and directors have been leaning towards several city projects, like the central garage and the rehabilitation of City Hall, which have been on the city's drawing board for several years but made little actual progress because of a shortage of funds.

The school board is at a slight disadvantage in the discussions because it is the city that must submit the formal applications to Washington.

More than \$440 million in federal Public Works Act funds are expected to come into New Jersey. They can be used to build or rehabilitate, creating jobs in the building trades, and the projects are not limited to city buildings. They may also be used for the building and restoration of schools.

According to Mrs. Gaspar, the school work must be done soon or the buildings will further deteriorate and reach a point where it would not be financially feasible to repair them and new replacement schools would be required. Either way, she said, the school facilities must be updated whether Public Works funds are used or not.

The school board president added that if the Public Works funds weren't used for the work the board would be forced to take other routes of financing which would undoubtedly cost it and the city tax dollars.

Mayor Cappellico said he was aware of the board's predicament and was not taking it lightly.

Same old script?

The pier owners who never paid taxes and now owe more than \$250,000 are offering to pay up in three years if Hoboken will cut their taxes by a third.

They say they do not have any money to speak of just now, but they promise to get up \$1,837 toward the back taxes right away and pledge six more \$1,837 payments by next June 1.

The city's lawyer says the proposed written agreement is such that the city could seize the piers if the owner reneges on the arrangement or fails to keep up current taxes, starting with the quarterly payment due Nov. 1.

While the City Council likes the proposed deal, many a citizen may well wonder about it.

When the city sold the piers four years ago, it was supposed to have the right to recapture them if the owner failed to pay his taxes or failed to dismantle and remove the wrecked superstructures.

Later it was explained that the city did not have an air-tight agreement, so it never did get the piers back.

Of course, this could not happen again . . . or could it?

Cleaner Hoboken aim of street-sweeping plan

Beginning Monday, Hoboken is reorganizing its street-sweeping program in the hope of keeping city streets cleaner, Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today.

"We have 24 men who hand-sweep the streets with brooms," said Vitale. "As of Monday each will have his own individual area of responsibility and it will be up to each of them to keep his area as clean as possible — or explain why."

Vitale said that the entire city has been broken down into 17 routes — some of which have two men assigned to them because they are either larger than others or usually dirtier than most.

"At one time, the city had 50 men sweeping the streets, and each had his own route," the director continued.

"But as time progressed and residents and industry became more concerned with the number of people on the city payroll, the number of street sweepers slowly decreased. The routes didn't."

"We started doubling up and reassigning men from one area to take part of another. It got confusing both for us and the men. So all of the city's sweeping needs were re-evaluated and new sweeping routes have been set up. One of the things that made it confusing was that we often had additional help through some of the work programs, but as the programs ended we would lose them."

Vitale said that five of the current 24 sweepers are on federal work programs and the rest are regular city employees.

Hoboken police pact agreement near

Contrary to reports, Hoboken and its Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA) do not have a contract for 1976 but meetings between the policemen and Mayor Steve Cappellico are continuing to offer the hope of getting one soon.

"All that has been resolved is the financial aspects of the contract," said the mayor. "They are probably the most important aspects of the

contract and now that they are out of the way, the city doesn't anticipate any problems reaching an agreement on the rest."

Cappellico met Wednesday afternoon with PBA representatives to start talks on the "incidents" to be covered by the contract.

PBA President James Behrens would not comment on the talks.

Turnover rate in Hoboken's schools is 5%

A student turnover rate of 5 per cent a month in Hoboken's public schools hampers teaching and educational testing, according to Superintendent of Schools Thomas McFeeley.

McFeeley said a study last school year revealed that, in the average month, one of 20 students moves from a school zone and one of 20 moves into the neighborhood of the school.

He stressed that the yearly rate is much less than the 50 per cent turnover that would be obtained by multiplying the monthly rate. Many of the students return to their first school by the end of the year; others leave Hoboken for a warmer climate during the height of winter but return in the spring, he said.

The shifting student population makes it difficult to gauge what a class has learned over the year, since many of those who take a standardized test in a subject area in September will not be there to take the test again in the spring, the superintendent said.

McFeeley spoke of the high turnover rate after a teacher at last night's meeting of the Hoboken Board of Education urged that all elementary schools in the system use the same series of reading test. She said some students, because of moves by their families, may enroll in three or four elementary schools in the city during the same school year.

McFeeley said the reading series in all the schools are very similar. Last night the school board received bids from three firms on items of cooking and serving equipment needed to set up a hot lunch program in all the city schools. The food service committee will examine the bids.

The hot lunch program will be started as soon as possible, board officials said, but the school feeding program will start on Oct. 1 with cold lunches.

"One of the reasons we have been late," said Otto Hottendorf, chairman of the food service committee, "in developing this program was because of the uncertainty of state financing." He said the board is now assured of at least 75 per cent financing from the state of the costs of setting up the program.

Gross negligence cited in Hoboken water loss

The state Water Policy and Supply Council is accusing Hoboken officials of "gross negligence" for being unable to account for 50 per cent of the water it uses daily and wants a report within 30 days on what the city is doing about it, it was learned today.

However, city officials are not dismayed by the accusations and claim the state is "a little late" with them.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale confirmed today that the city had received a resolution from the council, a division of the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), citing it for the wasted water and ordering the report by the end of this month. However, Vitale said that the council's action was prompted by conditions that haven't existed for over a year.

"From the tone of the council's letter I assume that it believes that the city isn't doing anything and is blissfully standing by while half of the water it buys from Jersey City goes unaccounted for," the director said.

"To a degree that was the case until a year ago."

"Since the city has replaced or repaired half of the water lines in the southern third of the city, it is currently working on additional repairs and replacements, and has a program for the rest of the city — if the council ever gives us the money to do it."

Vitale said that the work done last summer and this summer reduced the 50 per cent loss to between 35 and 40 per cent.

"It may actually be more than that but we haven't been able to get accurate figures because of various summer activities involving the un-metered use of water," he said. "But we should be able to get a more accurate reading now that schools are open and the summer programs, like the sprinklers, are all shut down."

Vitale said that the city would comply and supply the council with a written explanation on where the water was going and what the city was doing to correct the situation.

Vitale wasn't upset by the council's resolution, but he was slightly annoyed.

"I don't mind the criticism, but there never seems to be anything constructive in it," said the director. "By constructive, I mean an offer to help us get the money we need to do the job. Because of the city's poor financial condition we have to depend on either the state or the federal govern-

Hoboken seeks delay on order

Hoboken Law Director Lawrence Florio will seek additional time Monday for the city to comply with the two-week-old court order instructing the city to promote four firemen to captain.

According to Mayor Steve Cappellico, the city needs clarification of several matters before it can make the appointments, provided it doesn't decide to appeal.

"We want to clear up the situation with Fireman John Lewis before taking any action," said Cappellico. "We aren't sure he's included or not included in the suit and we want to protect his rights."

Cappellico said Florio would go before Superior Court Judge John J. Gerónimo and ask for the additional time.

Lewis is fourth on the list of six firemen eligible for promotion. The other five filed suit against the city for not making the promotions to fill vacancies in the grade of captain in accordance with the union contract that requires such vacancies to be filled within 30 days.

The judge ordered four of the five plaintiffs promoted. They are Alan Brause, Charles Ebersole, Eugene Pailla, Patrick O'Brien and Ernest Prudente.

Cappellico said he is leaning towards complying with the court's order — making the appointments — but it will hinge on the Fire Fighters Association giving up the clause in its contract requiring the city to make appointments within 30 days.

"If they aren't willing to give that, the city will file an appeal," he added.

An appeal then seems certain for Fire Fighters President Michael Barvaro said today that the union won't give up the clause.

Hoboken to use rented bus

Hoboken's crosstown bus will be out of service Monday and Tuesday while repairs are made to the engine, Business Administrator Herman Bier said today.

However, there will not be any break in service. The director said that the city will rent a bus for the two days and continue to make runs on the route at the appointed times. The bus is in its second year of operation.

Cappellico considering plan to hire part-time policemen

Mayor Steve Cappellico of Hoboken is considering a proposal to augment the city's regular police force with part-time officers, it was learned today.

According to the mayor, who is also the city's public safety director, New Haven, Conn., is experimenting with part-time policemen and so far the experiment has been a success.

"I intend to contact New Haven officials and find out what they did and how they did it," said the mayor. "I'm especially interested in the initial reaction they received from their regular policemen and how they worked out any objections."

"The advantage of having part-time policemen are many," he continued. "The biggest perhaps is having the exact number of men you will

need when you need them without having to resort to all kinds of overtime."

Cappellico explained that Hoboken, like most cities, estimated its police manpower needs on averages. The problems come up when the need for manpower at any given time exceeds the anticipated average.

"When this happens, we must either call men in on overtime or put out less men than we really need," he continued. "One is costly, the other is possibly dangerous both to the policemen who are on duty and the citizens."

The mayor said that New Haven is paying its part-time policemen \$3.50 an hour. They are given the regular police training course.

Two Hoboken schools part of national study

Two Hoboken elementary schools have been selected to participate in a nationwide study to determine the effectiveness of additional educational services offered under the federally-funded Title I program, School Superintendent Thomas F. McFeeley said today.

McFeeley said he was pleased that the Leinikau and Connors Schools had been chosen to take part in the survey, which will be the largest and most thorough study of basic education ever undertaken. Its major purpose, he said, will be to learn which kind of compensatory education is most effective in improving the reading and mathematics skills of children.

The Hoboken schools were chosen with 324 others throughout the

country because they are a representative sample of the nation's schools, he said. The study is sponsored by the U.S. Office of Education and is being conducted by the System Development Corp., of California.

The effectiveness of the additional Title I services will be determined by achievement tests in reading and mathematics and a test in practical achievement. Other data will also be compiled.

Patrick Capone, principal of the Leinikau School and Frank Chiochio, principal of the Connors School, said tests will be given in the fall and spring for the three successive years of the project. A staff orientation meeting will be held next Monday and tests will be administered between Sept. 27 and Oct. 8.

Mayors praise fire merger proposal

If a plan to consolidate municipal fire services in Hudson County is successful, it will be the key to the merger of other services, Jersey City Mayor Paul T. Jordan predicts.

"The response was very positive," he declared after presenting the plan he claims will save the taxpayers \$8.2 million annually to other mayors or their representatives yesterday. He indicated consolidation of garbage collection services could be next.

"Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and I are definitely for it," Jordan stated after presiding at a mayors' advisory committee session. The

other officials, while enthusiastic about the plan, could not officially take a stand until they report back to their governing bodies, he explained. "The mayors, to a man, or their representatives, reacted very positively," Jordan observed. "They are mature thinkers," he stated. "I don't see an impasse developing."

Jordan and County Executive Edward F. Clark Jr. said the next step is getting other local officials and citizens sufficiently informed about the plan, which, they say, will not only save \$8.2 million, but increase fire fighting protection.

Freeholder Anne H. O'Malley, vice chairman of the Hudson County Board of Freeholders, called the plan outlined by Nicholas C. Fargo, director of the new county department of fire and disaster control, "very humane because nobody loses his position." She referred to a portion of the plan to reduce the number of firefighters (including supervisors) from 1,616 to 1,172 through normal attrition during the first several years of consolidation.

All freeholders are in accord that it is "a marvelous plan" and represents "a savings to the taxpayers," she reported.

The plan to consolidate municipal fire departments into one county division of fire services, if adopted, will result in a better product at a better cost, Jordan predicted.

During a press conference, Jordan, Clark and Fargo answered a

series of questions about firefighters and their unions' reactions by saying existing labor contracts would be honored and eventually all pay scales would be equalized according to the highest labor agreement in the county with fire personnel.

Firemen's jobs would be stabilized they noted, at a time when many cities are cutting many of the payroll due to economic conditions.

They said that under the fire services director there would be a chief of fire service, but municipal fire chiefs would be placed in charge of various bureaus under the consolidation. Ultimately, after retirement, they would be replaced by deputy chiefs.

Fargo, praised by Clark as a career man from Jersey City's fire department, said he must "forget boundaries" in seeking to improve overall fire protection in which a county fire division would place more men and equipment (four engines and two ladder trucks with a minimum of 26 men and two chief officers) at the scene of a fire than most municipalities are presently capable of providing. He also said response time would be reduced to less than three minutes with a firehouse covering a three-quarter mile radius. He said there is presently a five-minute average response time.

Twenty of 56 firehouses throughout the county would be closed.

The North Hudson Council of Mayors was a prime mover in earlier studying of consolidation of fire services in that area, where fire companies in Union City and West New York, for example, are located close to fire units just across Kennedy Boulevard in North Bergen.

Fargo said that, if the proposal is adopted, an appraisal would be made of the dollar value of all fire equipment in order to make financial adjustments.

Additional savings would result from bulk purchasing and standardization of specifications for equipment and replacement parts, Fargo predicted.

His 100-page report, titled "A Plan for the Implementation of a Hudson County Metropolitan Fire Department," estimates the total 1976 budget for paid fire departments as \$34,365,815. The projected budget of the consolidated department would be \$26,192,929.

Does Fargo have any idea how a consolidated fire department would work?

"During Operation Sail we had a dry run, all functioning as one department," he replied. "That showed we can do it!"

He said the proposed plan has been reviewed and approved by the Insurance Services Office, the fire defenses evaluating body responsible for engineering surveys of major fire-fighting organizations throughout the nation.

The new department would be equipped to better train firemen, according to the report, including a plan to certify them as medical technicians so they could be prepared "to undertake emergency medical aid which might mean the difference between life and death" when they often first arrive at the scene of a disaster.

The report also states that the establishment of a central dispatching and communications center would replace individual systems and end the need for intra-county mutual aid requests for multi-alarm fires.

The addition of a marine division to fight fires on Hudson County's 52 miles of waterfront might materialize under the consolidation since pending federal legislation would provide almost all the necessary funds.

County officials said that under present federal laws various local building codes are expected to be standardized by next Jan. 1. They relate to fire prevention standards, of course.

Seacucus, which has a volunteer fire department, has not asked to be included in the plan.

Jordan, who believes Jersey City could implement the plan within 90

days if the public gets the information and gives its support, said within the next two months a report on a plan for consolidation of garbage collection services is expected.

Fargo said "a viable arson investigation squad" could result from consolidation of fire services.

Washington, D.C., is now Mrs. The clinic, located at 1005

State OKs Hoboken school bonds

TRENTON — The State Local Finance Board yesterday approved the \$2.4 million application by the

Hoboken Board of Education under the school qualified bond act which obligates the state to pay debt service

on bonds from state aid withheld from the community.

Approval came just one day before the five-year deadline expires today for Hoboken's temporary financing of its new Wallace School. The bonds, sold last Friday, will complete financing.

Hoboken became the first district in the state to take advantage of the act intended to lower the interest rates and save money for local taxpayers. The rate Friday was 6.2 per cent.

The State Education Board approved the application last Wednesday and Hoboken officials presented the proposal last Thursday to the local finance board which requested additional financial information which prompted its approval yesterday.

Cappiello says that bank gives officials bad rap

By Peter Hallam

Hoboken has been able to reduce its tax rate for the last three years but the mortgage customers of one local bank are being told otherwise.

A number of property owners have received letters from the bank explaining that their monthly mortgage payments have been in-

creased as a result of a tax increase.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said today that he is contacting officials of the bank and will ask them to reword their letter so that their customers know exactly why their mortgage payments have gone up.

"While the tax decreases have been small we had to work very hard to obtain them," said the mayor. "Therefore I don't think it is fair to the city to have it blamed for increases in mortgage payments that may be justified but are resulting from other causes."

The mayor said that in all probability the increases were required to bring escrow accounts up to date. He explained that very often mortgage payments include several additional things besides principal on the loan, interest due and tax payments.

"Increases in some of these, like insurance, could offset the tax reduction so the total bill for the month might be higher," he continued. "But if that is the case it should be explained."

Cappiello said that to his knowledge, only one bank had sent out such notices.

Cappiello lays out rules on fiscal control

"Live within your means" will be the watchword for Hoboken's department directors as they start preparing their 1977 municipal budgets.

Mayor Steve Cappiello made that clear at a special meeting with the directors yesterday morning to brief them on new state laws on the preparation of the budget and requirements for sticking to it during the year.

According to the mayor, he's going to make the same speech to the city council in a few days.

"We all have to be a lot more careful in estimating what we are going to need for the year," said the mayor. "New state laws prohibit us from exceeding what we budgeted for by more than five per cent, plus an additional three per cent to cover emergencies."

"As for the council, well it means that it will have to exercise more care in trimming items from any department, and not trim just for the sake of trimming and meeting some financial goal. So I'm counting on a great deal of mutual cooperation between the directors and the councilmen between now and the final adoption of the budget next year."

In the meantime, the mayor has instructed the directors to start preparing their anticipated budgets immediately for next year and to work as closely with their respective council committees as possible.

Cappiello fails to get backing for tow plan

It doesn't appear that Hoboken Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale is going to get any support from Mayor Steve Cappiello in his efforts to have towing, in conjunction with the street cleaning program resumed in the city.

"The director hasn't talked to me about it yet, but I think everyone will recall that the reason we did away with the towing program two years ago was because it wasn't getting the job done," said the mayor.

"As more and more new cars appeared on the streets it was taking longer and longer to tow them in. That's because they all have anti-theft systems which lock the front wheels and transmission. In order to tow one in, the car has to be jacked up, a special dolly put under the wheels and then towed — and that all takes time."

Cappiello said that just before the city discontinued the program, most of the cars that were getting towed were older vehicles. The newer cars were getting only tickets for \$2 while the person with the older car got the ticket plus the cost of having to reclaim his or her car from the towing company.

"That wasn't fair," he asserted. "And these were usually the people who could afford it the least."

The mayor said he didn't believe there were any more cars blocking the sweeper's path now than when the city had the towing program.

"I don't see where instituting the towing program again is going to make it any better or the streets any cleaner," said the mayor. "The only way it could be improved is if the contractor provided enough men and equipment to remove all of the cars — and that would be too costly to the city and the people who get towed in."

The mayor said he might consider having the fee increased but at the moment he felt that \$10 was an adequate deterrent.

Hoboken struggles with plant

Hoboken officials are crossing their fingers that they can make it through the rest of the year without any further breakdowns at the city's sewage treatment plant.

Two of the city's three settling tanks at the plant were out of operation over the weekend because large chains used to drag sludge through the various treatment stages wore out and had to be repaired.

According to Director Raphael P. Vitale of the Public Works Department, 80 per cent of the chains have to be replaced but the city doesn't have the money in this year's budget to buy new ones.

"The last time we bought all new chains they were selling for between \$18,000 and \$20,000 a set," he said. "Now the price is somewhere around \$50,000 a set. They have gone up that much in a few years."

Vitale said he plans to budget for all new chains in his preliminary budget for 1977. However, if there is another breakdown before the end of the year he will have to ask the council for emergency funds to immediately replace those that are broken.

"They're in bad shape but we're going to do the best we can with what we have for as long as we can," he continued. "We still have one settling tank that isn't working because it lacks chains, but we can get by without it."

Vitale explained that the tanks are in operation 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and the constant use, along with the exposure to the chemicals used to treat the sewage, takes its toll.

Brownstone restoration woes noted

The buying and restoration of brownstone houses is one of the latest hobbies of the "in-crowd," but there are dangers involved, according to Mrs. Audrey Borg, Hoboken's consumer affairs local assistance officer.

"Buying a brownstone almost insures that there is going to be some extensive restoration work involved," said Mrs. Borg. "And it is in getting involved in that work that the new brownstone owner should exercise extreme caution."

"We have been hit with a barrage of complaints from the owners of brownstones concerning new exterior facings, replacement windows and storm windows, to name a few. The best advice is to start with a well-established, reputable firm which has enough pride in its workmanship to give the prospective buyer the names and addresses of past customers."

"Then check those customers yourself. If possible, try to see the work that was done and determine whether or not it would satisfy you."

Mrs. Borg said it was doubtful if any firm would give the name of a dissatisfied customer as a reference, but well-established companies generally make a greater effort to keep their customers happy than those out to make a quick killing with shoddy workmanship. So, in checking with past customers, it is advisable to ask if they had any problems and how the company responded to them.

"But if there are complaints after a job has been agreed to and the company doesn't give satisfaction, a brownstone owner can always call my office for assistance," Mrs. Borg noted.

Mrs. Borg is available at City Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. She may be reached by telephone at 792-3000 or a complaint can be mailed to her.

Sewage plant operating after repairs shutdown

Hoboken's sewage treatment plant is back to about 90 per cent of full capacity following the completion of repairs on two of its three settling tanks, Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today.

The city was forced to shut down the plant over the weekend when large chains, used to drag sludge through the treatment tanks, broke in two tanks.

Ray Haack, acting plant superintendent, said that the repairs were made by taking apart some of the good chains and piecing them into the section that had broken.

"Each tank has three sets of chains," he explained. "We took one of the chains from the one tank that was operating and used it to repair the chains in the other two tanks. So instead of three sets, or nine chains in operation, we have eight."

Haack noted that parts to repair the chain that was taken apart have been ordered. He feels, however, that the city should get new chains for the plant.

"If there are any further breakdowns, we are going to have a problem because there aren't any replacements," he said.

Hoboken rebate forms are on way

"If property owners isn't paid up as of Dec. 31, 1976, they won't get the rebate," said the mayor. "Possibly this could help the city with its tax collections, which haven't been too good in recent years."

The mayor said the forms are relatively simple to fill out but should any persons experience problems, they can contact the assessor's office for assistance.

A corps of volunteer workers, largely county committeemen and women, will begin distributing tax rebate forms to North Bergen homeowners today.

North Bergen Township Assessor Paul Sadlon said the forms will be delivered door-to-door. He met last night with the volunteer teams to explain how the forms must be completed. The volunteers, in turn, will help homeowners seeking assistance. People with questions may also take their forms to the assessors office at the township hall.

Hoboken property owners should start getting the tax rebate forms in the mail today, according to Mayor Steve Cappiello.

North Bergen owners also should begin receiving the forms today.

Cappiello said the city started mailing out the forms to the owners of one, two, three- and four-family homes yesterday. The entire mailing should be finished by Friday. The forms are being sent only if the owner of the building resides in it.

"The owners of dwellings with more than four apartments must pick up their tax rebate forms themselves," he continued. "They are available from the assessors at City Hall."

Hoboken property owners stand to get back an average of \$223, provided they complete their forms and get them back to the city assessors not later than Nov. 1. The rebate to owners is also contingent upon being fully paid up in their taxes.

Hoboken welfare office to stay at present site

Despite objections from the staff of Hoboken's welfare department over poor conditions in their office at 360 First St., the department will be staying where it is, city officials said today.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale, whose duties also include overseeing the welfare department, said that the best he could do would be to call for a meeting with the owner of the property, Alex Millstein, and see what he is willing to do in the way of repairs.

"All things considered, I have to agree with the mayor that the present location, poor conditions and all, is the best the city can do at this time," he said. "However, I also agree with the welfare employees that the conditions are not the best."

With HOPES Inc., the city's anti-

poverty agency, moving its neighborhood center into the Multi-Service Center at Second and Grand streets by Oct. 15, the \$725 a month rent its pays for space at 360 First St. will have to be picked up by Vitale's department.

"For that kind of money, I expect Mr. Millstein to make some corrections and put the place in shape," Vitale noted. "Just about everything the welfare staff has said about the place is true. Maybe overstated in some instances and understated in others, but true."

"The city will do some of the work, especially after he puts things in order. We'll do whatever maintenance comes up after that."

Vitale said that if the owner refuses to make repairs, he would have to re-evaluate the situation.

Broken boiler may be the cause of Hoboken rec center closing

A large portion of Hoboken's recreation program may have to be suspended during the winter months because the boiler that broke last winter still hasn't been fixed and the building has no heat.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today that he needs an emergency appropriation of approximately \$20,000 from the city council if the work is to be done in time to make sure the fall and winter activities are not suspended.

"I was forced to close the center towards the end of last winter because the boiler went," said Vitale. "At that time I notified the council of the situation and the fact that funds would be needed. The council never appropriated the money and the work wasn't done."

However, Vitale said the council wasn't at fault since it was under the

impression that the city would be getting funds from federal and state sources for the purpose of rehabilitating the entire center. He added that he is again notifying the council of the problem.

"As far as I know, the Community Development Agency (CDA) is still looking for the money," said the director. "One of the projects planned under the Public Works Act is the recreation center's rehabilitation."

According to Vitale, if the city is forced to close the center at 117 Jefferson St. it will not affect the Day Care 100 pre-school program which also operates out of the same building.

The director said that Day Care had its own heating system and did not rely on the center's main boiler for warmth.

"The city has to do what it can afford," Cappiello asserted. "Because we are contractually committed to maintaining the number of men specified in the table of organization but financially unable to, the city is left open to more suits along the lines of the one that is forcing us to appoint six new fire captains."

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Cars, bikes up for sale in Hoboken

Seventeen abandoned cars and four bicycles will be auctioned off by Hoboken at 2 p.m. on Oct. 27 in the city council chambers, it was announced today.

The cars, all towed in as abandoned vehicles, may be inspected in the meantime at Hoboken Auto Body, 616 Jackson St., between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The ownership of seven of the cars was traced by the city. Three are from Hudson County with one a Hoboken resident. He is Anibal Torres, listed as living at 118 Jefferson St. From Jersey City are Charles D. Borusiewicz, listed as living at 494 Pavonia Ave., and Herbert Bailey, listed as living at 71 Wayne St.

Persons interested in seeing the bicycles may do so during the same hours at police headquarters in City Hall.

To be sold are two 14-inch, five-speed racers, on 24-inch, five-speed, and one 22-inch, 10-speed racer.

Hudson may get rail link to sportsplex

Hudson County may yet have a rail link to the new Meadowlands Sports Complex, according to Mayor Steve Cappiello of Hoboken.

The mayor said today he spoke with Gov. Brendan Byrne at the Democratic dinner in Harrison Wednesday night and was assured that the idea of using the Erie Lackawanna terminal in Hoboken as a rail link to the complex "was not dead."

Cappiello was very disappointed when the State Department of Transportation announced Tuesday that its rail link plan for getting sports fans to the complex did not include any stops in Hudson County or Hoboken.

According to Cappiello, the governor said the state decided on the plan it announced because it could be implemented with relative ease and would provide service to areas where almost none existed.

The Giants open their home football season on Oct. 10 against the Dallas Cowboys. Hudson County and New York City fans will have to rely on bus service to the stadium or use their cars. Bus trips have been scheduled from Jersey City, Bayonne and the PATH bus station in New York City.

Hoboken has deadline on dump site

Hoboken has until Oct. 18 to a close down a dumping site at 16th and close streets or be fined up to \$1,000 a day by the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), it was learned today.

The "cease and desist" notice was received by the city last week, according to Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale.

"We've been ordered to shut down the dumping site because the city doesn't have any permits for the operation from the state," he said. "We are now to apply for them and hopefully will have the state's approval before the Oct. 18 deadline."

Vitale said the city would have applied for the state permits long ago but it didn't think it needed them.

"What we are doing isn't a true dumping or landfill operation," he asserted. "It is a staging area where trash picked up during the day is laid over until it can be loaded into containers and taken to the dump. Usually this is all done in one day except for weekends."

The director said he didn't think the state was right in classifying the operation as dumping or landfill but he wasn't going to argue the point. Instead, the city will apply for the needed permits.

Cappiello proposes new table of fire organization

Hoboken will be instituting a new rank for its fire fighters under a proposed new table of organization Mayor Steve Cappiello has submitted to the law department for preparation into ordinance form, it was learned today.

If approved by the city council, the city's fire fighters will have to become lieutenants before they can become captains. Currently, firemen jump from fire fighter to captain.

"We are trying to balance off the pay schedules so that the fire department is comparable to the police department," said the mayor. "A policeman goes from patrolman to sergeant, then to lieutenant, and then to captain. A fireman goes to captain then deputy chief, losing a pay grade along the way."

"A fire captain gets the same pay as a police lieutenant so a man promoted from private to captain actually goes up two pay grades."

The mayor added that he hadn't decided how many fire lieutenants the table of organization would call for but it would be based on the same ratios used in Jersey City.

Cappiello added that he would not hold up the ordinance in response from the plea from the Hoboken Fire Officers Association for negotiations on the proposed reductions in manpower requirements. However, he said he was willing to talk with union officials.

"The city has to do what it can afford," Cappiello asserted. "Because we are contractually committed to maintaining the number of men specified in the table of organization but financially unable to, the city is left open to more suits along the lines of the one that is forcing us to appoint six new fire captains."

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Parade to open season for Hoboken grid team

A parade along a section of Washington Street at 12:30 p.m. tomorrow will precede the opening of the 1976 football season by Hoboken High School.

James Farina, athletic chairman of the Board of Education, said the high school band, color guard, majorettes and twirlers, together with members of the high school booster club, will be in the parade. The parade will move along the main street, from Fifth to 11th Streets and then turn west to Kennedy Stadium for the game with St. Joseph's High School, West New York.

Hoboken pushes water line repair

Mayor Steve Cappiello and members of the Hoboken City Council today were explaining several avenues to follow in their fight to have Jersey City speedily replace a faulty regulator which governs Hoboken's water supply system.

The water problem was the topic of a special caucus last night during which some officials felt the three months it will take to replace the faulty meter is too long unless Jersey City offers Hoboken some kind of financial consideration.

If no money agreement can be worked out, Hoboken will have to look for some other "remedy," a city spokesman said. Although no decision was announced last night, there had been some speculation previously that the city might resort to some type of court action, if necessary.

Hoboken officials are concerned that the city is paying for water it never receives. They pointed out that after the water passes through the Jersey City meter it then reaches the faulty regulator which is supposed to control the pressure.

Because it is not working properly, water pressure in the city has been fluctuating and there have been several leaks in the Hoboken mains which officials feel is caused by the regulator. Jersey City has promised to replace it but figures it will take three months for the job.

6 fire captains not only promotions

Six Hoboken fire fighters who are going to be promoted to fire captain will have some company the day they are sworn in — a new deputy chief and two new police lieutenants.

Mayor Steve Cappiello, the city's public safety director, today confirmed reports that the was going to make several promotions in addition to the six fire captains.

The mayor declined to name who will get the promotions but did say that Civil Service has been asked for certification by the city with the intention of making one new fire deputy chief and two lieutenants. Divi Service will supply the city with the names of three men eligible for deputy chief and four for lieutenant.

It is reported that Capt. Richard Tremittedi, who placed first in the recent Civil Service examination for deputy chief, has the inside track for the promotion. The captain is the department's training officer and is currently serving as an acting deputy chief.

The two new police lieutenants are expected to be Sgt. Paul Tewes, assigned to the Tactical Patrol Force (TPF) and Sgt. Frank Garrick, who is working nights in the detective bureau. Both are at the top of the existing Civil Service list of eligibles.

The mayor declined to comment on whether the rumors were correct.

According to the mayor, the promotions are being made to avoid further possible legal action against the city similar to the case initiated by the six firemen — Alan Brause, Charles Ebersole, Eugene Failla, John Lewis, Patrick O'Brien and Ernest Prudente.

The firemen contended that the city had violated their labor contract by not promoting them. The contract stipulates that vacancies in higher grades will be filled within 30 days of the vacancy. Their contention was upheld by the court.

"The conditions on which the judge based his decision also exist in the rank of deputy chief and police lieutenant," said the mayor. "Any of the eligible men seeking promotions could institute another suit against the city and, based on the first decision, win their case. So the city is doing what it has to and avoiding further legal action."

Cappiello said that the certifications were asked for last week but the city has not yet received any word from Civil Service.

Law would put skids on Hoboken slumlords

Hoboken officials are preparing to take a giant step towards making it difficult for slum landlords to rent out substandard apartments.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said today that he has directed the Law Department to put into ordinance form, for Wednesday's council meeting, a measure which will require all landlords with four or more dwelling units in the buildings to obtain a certificate of occupancy from the city before re-renting vacated apartments.

The ordinance was proposed more than a year ago by Michael Curcio, head housing inspector, but no action was taken on it. According to the mayor, it was held up until he was convinced the city could fully enforce it.

"As I have said in the past, if we cannot commit ourselves to full enforcement then the ordinance becomes nothing more than words on a piece of paper," Cappiello explained. "I believe the city will be in a position where it can give full enforcement to the ordinance so I have asked the Law Department to prepare it for immediate submission — hopefully in time for a first reading at Wednesday's council meeting."

Basically, what the ordinance does is to prevent property owners from renting out vacant apartments until the city inspects them, decides that they meet the minimum standards, and issues a certificate of occupancy. If a landlord rents an apartment without obtaining a certificate of occupancy from the city he can be given a summons and can be fined, if found guilty in court.

The mayor said that enforcement of the ordinance would rest primarily with the housing squad. However, other city inspection agencies, such as the board of health, code enforcement, and fire prevention would ask property owners to show their certificates of occupancy during their inspections.

Inspections for certificates of occupancy would be made by calling the housing squad and making an appointment.

"It is protection for the tenants and makes sure that they have decent living quarters before moving in," continued the mayor. "And it is also a form of protection for the property owner against destructive tenants. The landlord will have an official record to show that, on a given date, the apartment was inspected and found to be in good condition."

Hoboken may balk at water bill

Hoboken may start heading back some of the money it pays Jersey City each month for water unless it starts getting better cooperation from the Jersey City Water Department on repairs at Newark and Harrison Streets, which is under Jersey City jurisdiction.

According to Hoboken's public works director, Raphael P. Vitale, a serious water leak, which Jersey City is responsible for fixing, was allowed to flow all weekend — and Hoboken is going to be billed for the water that was wasted.

"I don't have a report yet on what was wrong, but water has been coming out of the ground and through the manhole covers since at least last Friday," Vitale said yesterday. "That particular point is Jersey City's responsibility but it is the meter which keeps track of the water coming into Hoboken."

"I am told that Jersey City was supposed to work on repairs at the site Friday but no one showed up."

Vitale continued. "As a result, the water ran all weekend, maybe longer, but after it had passed through the meter which Jersey City uses to figure out how much it is going to bill Hoboken. There is no doubt that thousands of gallons of water were wasted."

A crew from the Jersey City Water Department did show up yesterday morning and started working on the problem.

"In view of the situation I think the bill for October should be adjusted to reflect the estimated loss to the city," Vitale said. "It is not our fault that repairs weren't made, and we shouldn't have to pay for what isn't our fault."

According to Vitale, the problem appears to be in a regulator that is supposed to maintain a constant water pressure into Hoboken of approximately 50 pounds per square inch. The city has complained to Jersey City a number of times in recent years that the regulator should be replaced because it is allowing the pressure to fluctuate, causing water lines in the north section of Hoboken to blow out when the pressure goes up.

Vitale said that pressure checks made by the Hoboken Water Department over the weekend found that the pressure was up to 75 pounds per square inch. In the past when the regulator failed to function properly the pressure had gone as high as 90 pounds.

"Everytime that happens we have lines blow out because they are old and can't take the sudden strain," the director continued. "As of this morning we have three new water breaks in the northern section of the city."

Vitale said he would not make any special recommendations to the city council when the October water bill comes in from Jersey City. But he expected that a number of councilmen would object to payment if the water loss isn't accounted for.

Washington St. is cleaner, but still far from spotless

Hoboken's Washington Street was far from spotless yesterday morning following the first Sunday clean-up under a new program jointly sponsored by the city's Retail Bureau and Public Works Department.

However, Bureau officials were far from disappointed and believe the

program, with some adjustments, can still be a success.

"Overall, Washington Street did look cleaner Monday morning," said William Roth, a member of the Bureau's executive board. "Not as clean as we would like or had hoped for, but cleaner than usual. The important thing is that the concept of having someone clean the sidewalks on Washington Street Sunday does show promise."

An employee of the Public Works Department, paid by the Bureau, used a large commercial street vacuum cleaner to sweep up the sidewalks from Observer Highway to Seventh Street. Most of the area was fairly clean, but the west side of Washington Street, from Second to Newark Streets, was heavily littered yesterday morning.

Roth said that the vacuum was good for picking up some litter like papers, candy and gum wrappers, cigarette butts, but had a tough time

with leaves — because there were so many of them left from Saturday's storm — and heavier items like cardboard.

"I think we might need a second man," said Roth. "The machine won't pick up cardboard and the man operating it had to stop and make the pickups by hand, or push it into the gutter. Most of it was blown back onto the sidewalk so yesterday morning we found the east side of the street to be fairly clean and the west side not so clean."

Roth said he would take the matter up with Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale this week to see if some improvements can be worked out.

"It should be remembered that this is a trial program and the purpose of a trial program is to locate problems and then correct them," Roth continued. "The bureau believes that this effort can be developed into something that works and makes Hoboken a cleaner place."

Council to pay now, tax later to meet deficits in Hoboken

Hoboken taxpayers will be saddled next year with the task of making good on an extra \$101,000 in municipal expenses being undertaken by the city fathers tomorrow when they are expected to authorize that sum in emergency appropriations.

The City Council must come up with \$75,000 in welfare funds for the Public Assistance Trust Fund account to pay clients, \$20,000 for a new boiler in the Jefferson Recreation Center and \$6,000 for bluecoats' convention fees dating back to 1974.

Council President Martin J. Brennan said at last night's caucus that the city had "no choice" but to provide the required welfare money.

Hoboken has been under the gun from state officials to upgrade the layout of part of its west side play center or face having state day care funds cut off, so the city is taking steps to insure adequate heating for the Jefferson Street facility this winter.

And the city, according to Brennan, is obliged to compensate the

local police and firemen's unions for convention expenses on the basis of an arbitrator's interpretation of the contracts between the city and the unions.

In other business at the caucus, Brennan briefed the four other councilmen attending on an ordinance proposed for introduction at tomorrow's 10 a.m. meeting to amend titles and salary ranges of three civilian public safety workers.

Brennan said that the state Civil Service Department found in the course of an audit of the public safety department that certain employees were performing work called for under various job categories but they weren't receiving the pay to which they were entitled.

The council will set up the mechanics to rectify the problem with the introduction of the ordinance tomorrow, but no salary adjustments will take effect until January, said Brennan.

"We don't have the money budgeted to change the men's pay now," he added.

The titles and wage ranges specified in the proposed ordinance are: chief inspector and radio communications supervisor at \$8,550 to \$9,550; lead man for city equipment at \$8,600 to \$9,500; and police and fire

signal foreman at \$11,200 to \$12,200. Brennan declined to name the employees involved.

In another public safety matter, the council, at the behest of Mayor and Public Safety Director Steve Cappiello, is expected tomorrow to authorize retaining Lewis Holland as special counsel to combat an effort by Hudson County officials to restore full crime-fighting powers to county police.

Hoboken would thus be joining with Union City, North Bergen, Secaucus and East Newark in opposing the move being engineered by County Counsel Harold J. Ruvolet Jr. City officials are known to be dissatisfied with the quality of present county services and would be loath to pay more county taxes for "expanded" services.

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FAR-SIGHTED — Hoboken residents celebrate the 49th anniversary of America's discovery at Columbus Park in ceremonies sponsored by the local Lions Club, headed by Charles DeFazio Jr., center. Also on hand are Dawn DeLorenzo, winner of Columbus Day essay contest; and Mayor Steve Cappiello.

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Cappiello's pension status in question

TRENTON — William J. Joseph, director of the State Division of Pensions, said today he is asking the State Attorney General's Office to clarify the pension status of Mayor Steve Cappiello of Hoboken.

Joseph confirmed Cappiello is paying into the Police and Fireman's Retirement System based on his \$24,584 salary as mayor, not on his former \$12,584 salary as police sergeant last received in 1973.

Joseph said Cappiello has a right as an elected official to continue the pension membership by paying the employer-employee share, "He's done that," he added.

The problem is whether it should be paid on the elected salary, Joseph continued.

The attorney general's office is being asked for legal advice on three questions, Joseph said:

- At what salary and credit can Cappiello base his payments?
- Can he receive credit as head of the Law and Public Safety Department?
- Can he retire from the job as a police officer and still continue as an elected officer in the community on the basis of that department appointment?

Joseph explained there is a ques-

tion whether Cappiello's pension membership is covered by the law and police safety department since he is not actually in the department.

Joseph agreed that members appointed to supervisory administrative police or fire department positions can remain in the pension system but these promotions have to be within the department. But he is not actually a member of the police department as head of the law and public safety department, an appointed post.

Cappiello had submitted a pension application July 1, but it is outdated and a new one will be required, said Joseph, who added Cappiello "can't expect to retire," until the division gets answers on the questions from the attorney general.

Joseph did not attempt to fault Hoboken. "It could easily have been a mistake," he said he could not compute the actual pension now since he did not know Cappiello's years in the service.

Hoboken seeks \$9.1 million funds

Hoboken will seek a minimum of \$9.1 million from the federal government under the Public Works Act of 1976 for the continuation of its water line repair and replacement program and the repair and rehabilitation of the city's schools and high school field.

According to ordinances that will be acted on by the city council at Wednesday night's meeting, \$4.3 million will be sought for the water program, \$4.5 million for the school repairs, and \$341,250 for repair and modernization of John F. Kennedy Veterans Memorial Stadium.

The three ordinances authorize the appropriation of the funds, contingent upon their receipt in advance from the federal government under the Public Works Act.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said the ordinances commit the city to the projects and copies of them will be sent

to Washington with the city's applications for the funds.

The mayor added that the city may also submit other applications for other projects, but these three were felt to be the most important at this time.

In other business, an ordinance which requires the owners of buildings with three or more dwelling units to obtain certificates of occupancy from the city before they can rent out unoccupied apartments will be introduced.

The ordinance, which is expected to cut down drastically on the renting of slum apartments, has received strong backing from the First Ward Block Associations.

Bids will be received by the council for the reconstruction of a sewage pumping station at 11th and Hudson

streets. The original station was destroyed last September by an explosion. The council will accept bids on the general construction work, electrical work, plumbing, pump work and pump motor and controls.

The council will consider a resolution authorizing an agreement between the city's Community Development Agency (CDA) and Mayo, Lynch and Associates to revise the local master plan, zoning ordinances and land use regulations.

Hoboken sued on water lines

The company that installed new water lines in a portion of Hoboken last year has filed a \$154,000 suit against the city for non-payment of the balance of the money owed for the job, it was learned today.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale confirmed that a suit has been filed by the Spiniello Construction Co. of Newark. He said the matter was an "oversight" and would probably be worked out without having to actually go into court. The company claims the city owes it approximately \$154,000 — plus interest.

According to Vitale, the city was delinquent in making the payment, but it was authorized several weeks ago by the city council and the check — less \$10,000 which is being held by the city until it is satisfied the work has been completed properly — has been prepared.

"All we had to do was mail it out," continued Vitale. "But in the meantime, the city received notification of the suit. The company is seeking \$154,000 plus interest for the delay in payment."

Vitale said he believes the matter can be worked out by the city's law department and the attorney for the company.

\$500,000 needed to fix Hoboken sewage plant

The Hoboken City Council will be notified next week by Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale that he needs at least \$500,000 if much-needed repairs are to be made on tanks at the city's sewage treatment plant.

"I'm recommending that the council try to get the money through the Public Works Act," said the director. "But that's just my recommendation. I'm anticipating that this work is going to be ordered by the state and I advise the council to do the same so we can be ahead of the game."

The state Department of En-

vironmental Protection (DEP) made a complete inspection of the plant last week. Vitale does not have the results of the inspection but believes the city will be ordered by the state to do a lot of repairing and replacing.

"I estimate that \$500,000 should take care of the majority of the work that is needed, including repairing the settling tanks," the director continued. "However, the exact amount won't be known until the report has been sent to us and we get prices or estimates on what the state wants done."

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The swine flu program will be made available to all senior citizens in Hoboken over the next three months, it was announced by Vincent J. Barbo, director/coordinator of senior citizen activities. Inoculations will be administered at the Senior Citizen Center, 124 Grand St., as well as at the Health Center, 916 Grand St.

The committee for the program is comprised of director Barbo, volunteers; Patricia Mitten, coordinator; Andrew Gugliemelli, industry; Terri Ratti, publicity; and the Public Health Nurse Service.

There is an urgent need for volunteers to assist in various phases of the program, and Barbo asks those interested in volunteering to call 663-7216. Dates, times and locations will be announced shortly.

Rent board to probe petition

Fourteen families living in a tenement building at 533 Monroe St., Hoboken, have petitioned the city's rent leveling board for a rent reduction because of substandard conditions in the building. But records of the Housing Squad show that all of the violations were corrected as of last March.

Joseph Hottendorf, rent leveling chairman, said today that the board

would attempt to straighten out the matter when it meets Thursday night at 7:30 in City Hall.

According to Hottendorf, the case started in August of last year when the rent leveling board was notified by a Legal Aid attorney that tenants were applying for a reduction in rents because of the conditions.

Hottendorf said that inspections were made and the conditions supposedly corrected by March of this year. Housing Squad records show that no additional complaints have been made since then, he added.

However, the rent reduction requests haven't been withdrawn.

The property is owned by Frank Penaranda of Englewood.

The board will also consider applications for hardship rent increases from the owners of 89-93 Washington St., 60-64 Newark St., and 91-93 Court St.

Firemen won suit, not jobs

Six Hoboken firemen who took the city to court to force it to promote them to captain and won, may have to go back before the bar again if they want to see their promotions actually made, it was learned today.

This time the subject of the suit will not be the city but Civil Service which has failed to give Hoboken a list of men eligible for the promotions although such a list was requested almost four weeks ago.

And the reason for that, according to a Civil Service spokesman, is that there is a question about whether the list the six firemen are on is still valid or expired.

"It looks like we are going to have to take this one extra legal step if we want to see the appointments made," said one of the six men who the court said should be made captain after ruling that the city had indeed failed to live up to the contract it had signed with the firemen.

Three weeks ago, after the court made its ruling, the city formally asked Civil Service to certify the six men, along with men eligible for appointment to deputy chief in the fire department and lieutenant in the police department. It has been learned that the men eligible for lieutenant have been notified by Civil Service that they have been certified and are to notify the city whether or not they are still interested in being promoted.

The six men seeking to be promoted to fire captain have not received any notification. They are Alan Brause, Eugene Failla, Ernest Prudente, Charles Ebersole, John Lewis and Patrick O'Brien.

Promotional lists are good for three years. The list the firemen were on was scheduled to expire on July 25, a Sunday. The Friday before the men went into court and initiated a dual action. The first was to obtain a court order instructing Civil Service to keep the list open until the legality of their case against the city was resolved. The second part of the action was to obtain an order instructing Hoboken to show cause why the promotions should not be made.

Hoboken schools get federal grant for bilingual effort

The Hoboken Board of Education has been awarded a grant of \$200,149 by the U.S. Office of Education for the first phase of a bilingual program to assist a large segment of students of Hispanic background who speak little or no English.

School Supt. Thomas F. McFeely said he was pleased that the federal government recognized the value and the potential of the five-year program which his office has planned.

"This program should benefit hundreds of children in our school system who cannot reach their full potential because of the language barrier," said the superintendent. The program, to be known as Bilingual Understanding in Language Development (BUILD) will be carried out in six elementary schools, two junior highs and St. Joseph's Parochial School.

McFeely thanked U.S. Sen. Harrison A. Williams and Rep.

Dominick V. Daniels for assisting Hoboken in its funding application. The immediate beneficiaries of the program, the superintendent reported, will be the 252 students who speak no English and another 612 whose English is limited.

Under the plan, small groups of students will be taught independently in each school in both English and Spanish. Language arts will be taught in the dominant language of the child while social studies and Hispanic history will be taught in Spanish. All other subjects will be dealt with in both languages.

Basically, the program is one of transition, the superintendent explained. While permitting the child to retain his knowledge of Spanish and a greater understanding of his Hispanic heritage and culture, he gradually progresses in his knowledge of English. Eventually the child will be able to enter the regular classroom.

Under the program the teaching staff will be augmented by 18 student aides from the high school and 18 teacher trainees from various colleges. All will be bilingual.

The Hoboken school system was among the first in the state to recognize the need for bilingual programs and has had classes in English as a second language. It was estimated that about half of the student population is of Puerto Rican background and about 8 per cent are from other Spanish-speaking countries.

Pupils tour county offices to mark 'County Week'

"Have an interest in government," Hudson County Executive Edward F. Clark Jr. urged visiting grammar school students at the county administrative building during "County Government Week" ceremonies.

He told 30 students of St. Peter and Paul Parochial School, Hoboken, that "costs go up for county government" because many phases of it serve the people.

However, he noted, "After you go into a restaurant, you finally get the tab." He added that the county is limited to the amount it can spend, "just as if you have \$10 in your pocket when you go to the store, you can't spend \$20."

He noted that a county vocational school and community college, the latter a "college without walls" operated by a consortium of three local colleges, have been inaugurated under the county's new form of government. The vocational high school operates on a shared time basis, a half-day of the students' school days, affording an opportunity

for those not going to college to learn certain skills, he said.

Clark also discussed plans for upgrading Pollak and Meadowview Hospitals, and a program for the handicapped.

Freeholder Vincent J. Fusilli, moderator, told the group that 57 to 65 per cent of the costs of county government are mandated by the state.

He said county government is the oldest form of government in this state and New Jersey still elects freeholders, a word dating back to colonial days when landowners were elected. The other 49 states call their elected county officials county commissioners or executives, he explained.

Prosecutor James T. O'Halloran, in answering students' questions, said that the prosecutor's function is to "seek justice" in his function as the county's chief law enforcement officer.

County Counsel Harold J. Ruvidt Jr. told the students that formerly the freeholders and a county supervisor shared in governing the county

without anyone having clear executive powers — as the president does in federal government. Now, Clark has such powers as county executive while the freeholders are the legislators, adopting the county budget and passing its laws.

Ruvidt urged the audience to "take part in government and speak out," saying only "people who care" can help county government.

Sister Elizabeth Marie, teacher of the school's eighth grade, and Mrs. Mary Gaspar, president of the parish's Siena Council, accompanied the group. Mrs. Gaspar is also president of the Hoboken Board of Education.

Hoboken sewage plant unacceptable, says state

Hoboken officials will soon receive a report from the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) which finds the operation and equipment of the city's

sewage treatment plant "completely unacceptable." The Jersey Journal learned today.

The report, said to be one of the longest and most thorough ever compiled by the DEP, is still being prepared by three inspectors from the state who made a surprise visit to the treatment plant more than two weeks ago.

Public Works Director Raphael V. Vitale said today that he had not received a copy of the report, but has been advised by a state DEP representative that the facility is "completely unacceptable to the state."

"I have been advised that copies of the report or a letter giving a brief digest of what it will contain are being or already have been mailed to Mayor (Steve) Capriello and city council members," he continued.

Vitale said he "wasn't surprised." Rather, it was a matter of having his "fears confirmed."

According to the director, the manner in which the inspection was conducted and the length of time it took to make it clearly indicated that the state officials were very dissatisfied with the conditions they found.

"Upgrading the plant and putting into first class operating condition could cost as much as \$3 million," said Vitale. "And that's just a conservative estimate made without having all of the facts available. And that figure doesn't include the cost of improving the operation to a secondary treatment facility, which we are mandated to do by federal regulations."

Vitale has sent a letter to the council advising it of work needed at the plant and recommending that an application be prepared for submission to the federal government under the Public Works Act of 1976.

Hoboken mayor may give up public safety director post

Hoboken may soon have a full-time public safety director looking after the operation of the police and fire departments once again, it was learned today.

Mayor Steve Capriello, who has been performing the duties of public safety director from about the time he took office three years ago, today confirmed reports that he has asked the city's Law Department to prepare the necessary ordinances re-creating the position and putting the police and

fire departments under the direction of a full-time official.

"The events of last week have made it clear to me that a full-time director is needed," said the mayor. "I have run the department for the last three years but it was an economy move designed to save the city a sizeable salary. I have not been a full-time director, it was impossible to do so as mayor."

However, the series of unsubstantiated articles which appeared in

The Dispatch last week have shown that there is a need for someone to serve as director in a full-time capacity who can be answerable to the public for the city in such situations.

In a series of copyrighted stories, The Dispatch stated the city police were collecting as much as \$10,000 a week from local gambling operations and funneling the money to city officials to look the other way. The stories also said the State Police knew of the situation but were powerless to do anything about it. Both city and State Police officials have denied the accusations, but have admitted that there is always a certain amount of gambling that goes on in Hoboken and other communities.

The mayor said that he has not discussed appointing a public safety director with the members of the city council recently.

"As soon as the ordinance is in its final stages of preparation, I will accept applications for persons interested in the position," the mayor continued. "That's assuming the council indicates it will go along with it. But I'm fairly sure it will."

'Handie-talkies' to link Hoboken housing aides

Maintenance workers and key employees of the Hoboken Housing Authority will be "on the air" shortly, linked to the authority's executive offices by "handie-talkie" short wave radios.

The authority announced that it will enter into a contract with the Motorola Corp. to set up a communications network so workers and officials can be contacted when needed. Joseph Caligore, executive director, said the authority will share the same radio frequency as the Hoboken Public Works Department.

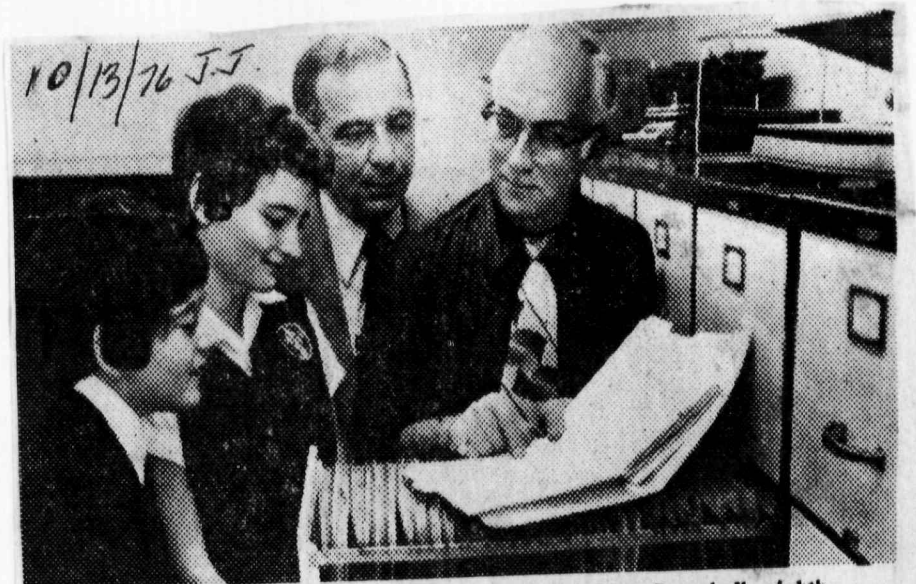
The authority said it will take under further study a request from a church which is seeking to construct a senior citizens apartment. The request came from the Rev. Odell Stewart, pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church. He is seeking a commitment from the authority to make land available on Grand Street, between Newark and First streets.

The board referred to its attorney, Samuel Davidson, a petition from maintenance workers who are seeking to organize and affiliate with the Teamsters Union.

Andrew Scherer, authority chairman, welcomed Clayton

Anderson as a new member. He will fill the vacancy caused by the death of Leo Smith. The term runs to May 3, 1977. Edward Duroy, another member, was reappointed for a new five-year term.

Caligore was requested to again advertise for bids for rubbish compactors after only one bid was received at yesterday's meeting.



LOCAL TOURISTS — Ralph Terminello, left, and Joan Campbell, eighth-graders at St. Peter and Paul School, Hoboken, get a first-hand look at the sheriff's office from Fred Nuber, identification officer, right, and Freeholder Vincent J. Fusilli, vice president of the State Freeholders Association. The tour was arranged in observance of "County Week."

Urban Observatory projects selected to improve Hoboken

Innovative energy and mechanical systems for the proposed Hoboken Transportation Center and examination of the potential for small boat manufacturing, service and marinas and the development of a site status inventory for the industrial, commercial and redevelopment area

of the city have been recommended as research projects under the Urban Observatory program for next year, Dr. Peter Jurkat, director, said today.

These projects were chosen by the policy board of the Stevens Center for Municipal Studies and Services and will be submitted for approval to the National League of Cities-Conference of Mayors and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the sponsors of the Urban Observatory along with Stevens and Hoboken.

Dr. Jurkat said the Stevens Center will have a budget of \$140,000 to conduct its research. Of that amount, \$50,000 will be supplied by HUD, \$50,000 by Hoboken, and \$40,000 in professional services will come from the college.

The purpose of the Transportation Center project is to generate and collect information about unconventional, innovative mechanical systems and to determine their applicability to the Hoboken Transportation Center. It is hoped that these systems will be more economical to install and operate than conventional ones. A budget of approximately \$55,000 is planned for this project.

The objective of the small boat study is to evaluate the physical and economic feasibility of converting piers and waterfront property in urban areas, formerly used for freight and passenger service, into small boat manufacturing, repair and service facilities. A budget of approximately \$28,000 is planned for this effort.

The development of a site status inventory is necessary to provide Hoboken with an updated and easily usable reference to all the basic information required for its development and redevelopment efforts. A budget of approximately \$35,000 is planned for this project.

The remainder of the total Urban Observatory budget will be devoted to administration and project development.

Mayors agree with appraising fire equipment

Hudson County freeholders have received the go-ahead signal from the Mayors' Advisory Council to hire an independent appraisal firm to set the value of fire engines and related equipment in the county.

The council hopes to have some figures on the appraisal by next month.

In a related development, the county, which presented a plan last month by Nicholas Fargo, director of the county's fire and disaster control department, for the consolidation of municipal fire departments, requested the mayors to furnish copies of fire department labor contracts in their municipalities. County officials hope a study of such contracts will aid in figuring the amount of money involved.

These further studies relating to the consolidation proposal come on the heels of an announcement by the Hudson County Joint Council of Firefighters, composed of representatives of the county's nine paid fire departments, that it opposes the plan. It claims consolidation would reduce services.

The Mayors' Advisory Council, with Jersey City Mayor Paul Jordan presiding, also agreed to furnish the county with copies of the municipalities' garbage collection contracts so a report can be prepared on how much money could be served if collection was performed on a regional basis.

The council is also exploring solid waste disposal plans.

The mayors agreed on the formation of a county economic development council, which would include the county planning board and various chambers of commerce. It would seek to obtain a Title 4 federal economic development grant for the county and would explore obtaining grants for loans to businesses.

Plans for the mayors to form a committee cooperating with the State Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Transportation in establishing a comprehensive traffic management plan were also discussed. The improvement of traffic flow in order to reduce motor vehicle emissions will be studied.

Vitale hails program for keeping streets clean

The Hoboken Public Works Department and Merchants Retail Bureau may have come up with the solution for keeping Washington Street, the city's main thoroughfare, relatively free of litter over weekends.

Both Public Works and Retail Bureau officials were today calling the trial program of having the street and sidewalks cleaned Sunday afternoons a "success."

"I made a thorough tour of Washington Street yesterday morning and I honestly think it was cleaner than it has been in years," said Director Raphael P. Vitale. "It wasn't spotless, maybe 12 hours had elapsed since it was cleaned on my tour, but it was very, very good."

William Roth, a member of the Retail Bureau's executive board who has been working with Vitale on the clean-up project, echoed the director's sentiments.

"The public works employees really did a job," said Roth. "I haven't seen Washington Street looking so clean in years."

But Roth noted that the general public is going to have to give the city a little better cooperation in the future because there was still one problem—residents aren't curbing their dogs and are allowing them to relieve themselves on the sidewalks.

"I checked most of Washington Street about an hour after the Public

Works men went through and it was very clean," he said. "About an hour later I did it again and noticed that during that hour a number of people allowed their dogs to go on the sidewalk."

"If people want to keep pets that's fine, but they should also assume the responsibilities that go along with having one. The very least we should expect from a dog owner is that he curb his animal. It would be even better if they picked up after them as they are required to do in New York City."

Roth suggested that residents who observe someone who doesn't curb his dog report it to the police or public works.

Sunday was the second Sunday that the clean-up program was observed. The first, two weekends ago, wasn't as successful. But the program was beefed up last weekend and that appears to have made the difference, according to Vitale.

"We added a second man to cleaning the sidewalks and put a truck crew out to empty out the litter baskets between Observer Highway and 14th Street," Vitale related. "The extra man and the truck crew made the difference."

The two men assigned to sweeping the sidewalks are being paid by the Retail Bureau. The truck crew is getting a day off during the week for the time it puts in on Sundays.

9 bluecoats now in higher ranks

Hoboken has six new fire captains, two new police lieutenants and one new deputy fire chief following promotion ceremonies yesterday held in the city council chambers by Mayor Steve Capriello, the city's

public safety director. A large crowd of families and friends were on hand to wish the men well on their promotions. The new fire captains are Alan Brause, Patrick O'Brien, Charles Ebersole,

Ernest Prudente, Eugene Failla and John Lewis. The new lieutenants are Paul Tewes and Frank Garrick. And the new deputy fire chief is Richard Tremietied, 36, the youngest deputy chief in the department's history.

Mystery leak cuts Hoboken pressure

While a major water leak caused the loss of water for uptown Hoboken residents, the city council had its hands full with other water-related matters.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale told council members at last night's caucus that water pressure was down from a normal level of 65 to between 45 and 50 pounds.

Vitale blamed the drop in pressure on a leak "we're still trying to trace." Later, the director told The Jersey Journal the trouble apparently developed around 4:30 p.m. and affected residents and businesses north of 10th Street.

However, Vitale said the situation was not critical enough to endanger the effectiveness of the city's fire-fighting apparatus. "The pressure could drop to as low as 30 pounds and we'd still be able to use the city hydrants," he said.

City officials believe that a faulty Jersey City water regulator at Newark and Harrison streets which is supposed to maintain a constant water pressure through Hoboken has been responsible for causing water line breaks locally, resulting in loss of much of the water that Jersey City is contracted to supply Hoboken.

The council heard Mayor Steve

Cappiello advise the hiring of a "professional" to make a "guestimate" on how much water, and therefore, how much money, Hoboken lost over the past three years due to the defective regulator.

Jersey City Officials have promised to replace the regulator in three to four months at a cost of between \$40,000 and \$50,000, according to Cappiello.

First Ward Councilman Anthony Romano said that if the city could document that Jersey City was definitely at fault over the three-year period, then "we should make no bones about suing them because Jersey City is pumping our water back into our sewers and billing us for water we never get."

Because of the new water rates being charged Hoboken by Jersey City, the city probably will run up a deficit projected by Vitale's staff at \$1,071,236 at the end of this year.

Vitale urged the council to consider an emergency appropriation for that sum so that Hoboken could pay this year's water bill. Council President Martin J. Brennan advised the director to meet with the members of the council's sewer and water committee and prepare the needed paperwork.

Meanwhile, the director is pushing the council to give "top priority" to applying for \$500,000 in federal Public Works funds for repairs to the city's sewer treatment plant and adopting the needed ordinance.

By next Thursday, said Vitale, state and federal environmentalists will "let us know how bad our plant is." Vitale said those officials "might hit us hard" (in penalties) "unless we show we're moving in the right direction."

The council, however, made no commitment that such an ordinance would be placed on a future agenda. It was pointed out that several other projects, including City Hall renovations, a consolidated public works-public safety garage and demolition of two square blocks of blighted buildings, are still being considered.

A resolution calling for the adoption of plans and specifications for a new heating boiler at the city's Jefferson Recreation Center and receiving of bids on Nov. 15 may have to be scrapped by the council at tomorrow's meeting.

Clock Tower dedication hailed as inner-city hope

By JIM BENSON

Hailed as the first inner-city factory-to-housing conversion for moderate income families in the country, Hoboken's 173-unit Clock Tower Apartments were officially dedicated yesterday.

"This is a new, trial project that will be watched throughout the nation," Mayor Steve Cappiello said at the ceremonies in front of the former factory building at Adams and Third sts. Also present were U.S. Sen. Harrison A. Williams and retiring 14th district congressman Dominick V. Daniels.

"Clock Tower is more than bricks and mortar," Cappiello said. "It is giving our people new hope. It is injecting new life into an old neighborhood."

Calling the project a "dramatic accomplishment," the mayor said it demonstrates what can be done with the abandoned resources of America's inner cities.

The federally subsidized apartments were constructed at a cost of \$5 million by converting the former Keuffel & Esser factory, a manufacturing company of drafting supplies that has moved to Morristown. The five-story, concrete-reinforced building was erected in 1906.

The building occupies a block bounded by Adams, Jefferson, Third and Fourth sts. Its apartments are fully occupied.

Volt Information Sciences Inc. of New York was the developer. Graphic Building Systems Inc., of New York was the builder. Beyer-Blinder-Belle, also of New York, was the architect.

The Hoboken Model Cities Program, now the Community Development Agency, acquired the property using "recycled" funds and federal budget grant allocations.

Housing officials regarded the 188,735 square-foot factory ideal for conversion because its bulk resembled an apartment house.

The building's L-shape allows an outside view for all apartments and brings natural light and air to most of its space.

There are 51 parking spaces and a spacious recreation area adjacent to the building.

The apartments include 16 efficiencies at \$153 monthly; 68 one-bedroom apartments at \$171 monthly; 51 two-bedroom units at \$228 monthly; and 14 four-bedroom apartments each renting at \$255 per month. An additional apartment was built for the superintendent.

Volt Information Sciences entered a contract with the city in 1971 and acquired the property for \$250,000 cash subject to a \$250,000 federal mortgage loan.

During the next four years, Hoboken provided Volt with funds to carry the building and meet mortgage payments, real estate taxes and security.

The housing was financed under Section 236 of the National Housing Act, which allows a subsidy reducing interest rate on the mortgage from 8 1/2 to 1 per cent.

Maximum annual income limits for eligible renters range from \$7,600 for studios to \$17,300 for four-bedroom units. The number of family members also affects the limits.



Former factory

Clock Tower Apartments at 300 Adams st., Hoboken, was dedicated yesterday. The 173-unit federally subsidized apartment house is first city factory in nation to be converted to moderate income housing.

Hoboken parking produces surplus

For the first time since it opened its three parking garages, the Hoboken Parking Authority has taken in more money than it spent, leaving the authority with a surplus of some \$8,000 which will be applied to the next payment on its \$8.5 million construction bond issue, Richard Eversen, authority chairman, said today.

"We are making progress," said Eversen. "There is still a long way to go before the authority can assume full responsibility for payment of the bond issue, but we're heading in that direction at long last."

According to Eversen, the \$8,000 has been deposited in the authority's debt service account and will be applied to the next payment on the bonds which is due in March. However, by then the authority might have even more money in the account and be able to pay a bigger share of the payment.

The annual payment on the parking garage construction bonds is approximately \$600,000 a year and is made in two payments — one in March and the other in September.

The majority of the money paid to date has come from the city treasury since Hoboken guaranteed the payments of the bonds. The authority, with no income of its own after expenses, was unable to make them itself leaving the city to fulfill the obligation.

Eversen added that the authority meets tonight and is expected to be told that more than half of its available parking spaces in the three

garages has now been rented on a monthly basis, assuring further contributions to the debt service account. However, he said that even if the garages were fully rented the authority still wouldn't be able to assume the full financial obligation.

"Not with the monthly rent we are charging," he said. "The payments on the bonds would require a monthly rental figure of between \$30 and \$35 per parking space and we are now getting only \$20. That \$20 figure was set as an inducement to encourage local motorists to use the garages and to see for themselves the advantages of having an off-street parking space readily available to them."

Visit historic Hoboken sites

More than 200 persons — Friends of Central Park in Manhattan, Prospect Park in Brooklyn and Branch Brook Park in Newark — have been led on a tour of Hoboken by Robert Makla and Theodore Conrad,

architectural historian. Points of interest included the old Keuffel and Esser factory, one of the first reinforced concrete buildings in the world and also one of the first to be converted to housing; Our

Lady of Grace Church, once the largest Roman Catholic Church in New Jersey; Holy Innocents Church, Stephen Foster's home, brownstones on Bloomfield Street and the grounds of Stevens Institute of Technology.

Hoboken terminal redevelopment plan to be given another look

The proposed multi-million dollar project to redevelop the Erie Lackawanna Railroad terminal in Hoboken into a shopping mall, recreation area and transportation center is going to get a second look from Hoboken officials.

At the request of Councilman-at-large Francis X. Leahy, the council's Community Development Agency (C-

DA) committee will get together with CDA Director Fred M. Bado to re-evaluate the project in view of the fact that more than half of the current commuter train traffic into the terminal will be re-routed directly into Pennsylvania Station in New York City.

The CDA is now preparing an application for a minimum of \$3 million

in federal funds under the Public Works Act for the project.

According to Leahy, the success of the project will hinge to some extent on commuter patronage.

"I expect every community in the state is going to have some kind of project that it will be seeking funds for under the Public Works Act," said Leahy. "The competition is going to be great so Hoboken can't afford to waste time and effort on a project that may have already been given the kiss of death by the state Department of Transportation."

"If the state's decision to run trains directly into New York instead of continuing the stop in Hoboken is going to make the success of the project even questionable, then we should drop it and go for something else that's more practical."

City Council President Martin J. Brennan, who called for the special meeting between Bado and the council committee, agreed and said that Hoboken was the victim of state politics.

"The state is putting the squeeze on Hoboken and Hudson County," asserted Brennan. "And the consideration we have received from the state for rail transportation to the new sports complex attests to that."

Brennan said that it was only logical for train service to the sports complex to be offered from Hoboken because it has ample off-street parking, is close to New York City and has the railroad terminal close by. But the state has opted to send trains in from the north and west, excluding Hoboken and Hudson County.

Hoboken school board gears up for hot lunches

The Hoboken Board of Education has taken the first step to making available hot lunches to all its students by awarding a \$125,073 contract to Morton's Frozen Foods for the supply of freezers and ovens.

Presently, only Hoboken High School serves hot meals from the school's cafeteria, but by the start of the spring term, all other schools, including the new mini-school, will be furnished with appliances for on-site preparation and serving of food.

John Palmieri, food service director, told the audience at last night's school board meeting, that the board is "mandated" by federal guidelines to "offer" every public school child a hot lunch.

Palmieri said some of the estimated 3,000 to 4,500 youngsters expected to apply for the lunches will qualify for "free" meals, others for "reduced-price" meals while others whose parents' income "exceeds guidelines" for participation will pay a higher price.

He said the state will reimburse the district at a rate of 85 cents per "free" lunch, 72 cents for each "reduced-price" meal and 20 cents per lunch for the third price category.

Asked to project the cost per child to the board, Palmieri deferred to David Siegel, a representative of Morton Foods, who estimated an "approximate cost" of 72 cents per meal, "including labor," or about 57 cents as the real food cost.

Palmieri said there was a variance of about \$3,000 between the price submitted by Morton Foods and the closest bidder. A third "partial bid" was rejected.

Until a contractor is found to supply the food, the board will rely on Right Way Foods, Inc., to provide on a temporary basis cold lunches at 59 cents each. The board gave out that firm's contract last night.

In other business, the board: • Received a memo from the Puerto Rican Socialist Party urging the trustees to name the mini-school after Maria Cadilla de Martinez, a Puerto Rican educator who died in 1951. But Aurelio Lugo, a Puerto Rican trustee, said the nominee "doesn't stand much of a chance."

Trustee Leo McLoughlin said that "a few names have been bandied about" but that no final choice has been made. After the meeting, Mary Stack Gaspar, board president, told The Jersey Journal that the board's policy is to dedicate new schools only for "educators who have worked in the local school system."

• Collected six bids ranging from \$27,480 to a high of \$49,890 for renovating a parapet at the Connors School. No award was made.

• Accepted the resignation of Frank Scott as athletic director. Scott quit for personal reasons, according to James Farina, board vice president and athletic committee chairman.

Mrs. Gaspar to be inducted

Mary Gaspar, president of the Hoboken Board of Education, will be inducted for a second term Dec. 3 as president of the Vincent J. Fusilli Women's Civic Organization of Hoboken. The installation dinner will take place at the Madison Manor, West New York.

Taking office with Mrs. Gaspar

will be Terry Basso, vice president; Margaret Wendelen, secretary; Elizabeth Mongiello, corresponding secretary; Antoinette Magarelli, treasurer and Marie Finnerty, Jane O'Reilly and Doreen Depuzzo, trustees. Freeholder Vincent Fusilli is standard bearer of the group.

Cappiello will reorganize police

A review of all police jobs is being conducted by Mayor Steve Cappiello of Hoboken to see which ones can be performed by civilians in preparation for a total reorganization of the department, it was learned today.

"There has been much talk about assigning civilians to some police positions as a means of making sure that we can keep local people within the department," said the mayor. "Well, the time has come to actually get to work on it."

The mayor said his goal will be to obtain maximum use of civilians in existing police work and assignments.

Cappiello said the review will determine the exact duties of every job in the department. He said that in his opinion, police were performing too many jobs that were not actually law enforcement work.

"We will be attempting to separate true law enforcement from related clerical details whenever possible and keep as many policemen as possible doing actual police work," he continued. "How far we will be able to go depends on the review. I want civilians to take over as many jobs as possible, putting more men back on the streets."

The mayor said that using civilians might save the city money but that was not his main concern. Rather, he wanted Hoboken people on the payroll instead of non-residents.

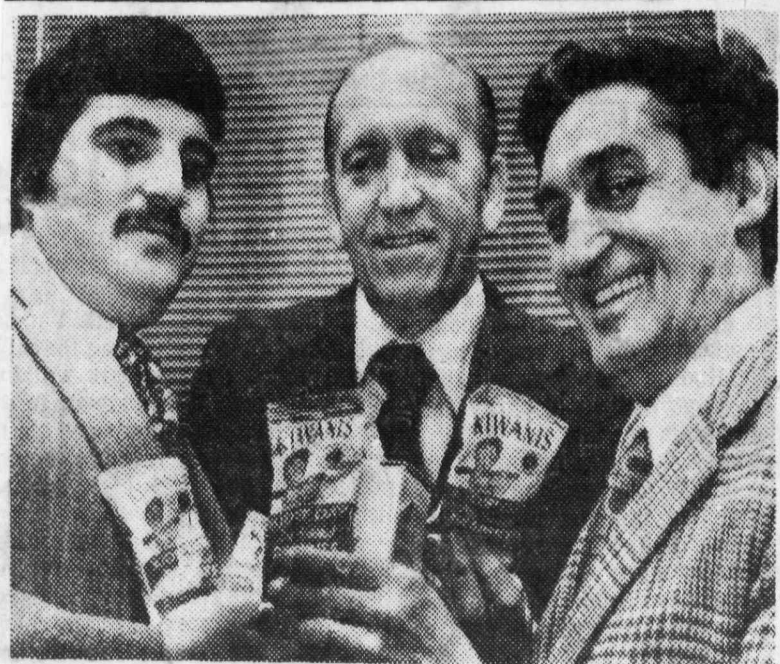
"Policemen and firemen are not required to be residents of the municipality in which they work, according to state law," said the mayor. "However, municipal employees are required to live in the town they work in. So if we put Hoboken people to work we accomplish several things. We provide jobs and a living wage for them, and the money they make is spent in the city and aids the overall economy."

"At the same time, we are able to relieve policemen from clerical and desk jobs for true law enforcement work."

The mayor said bringing in civilians could initially add to the cost of the police department annual operations.

The mayor said that when the review is finished it could produce several new positions for civilians and new duties for police officers.

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NOT JUST PEANUTS — Mayor Steve Cappiello, center, buys first bags of peanuts from Neil Mosco, left, and Joseph Iervolino, co-chairmen of the annual peanut sale of the Hoboken Kiwanis Club. The drive officially gets under way tomorrow and will last two months. The proceeds will be used for the Kiwanis charity programs.

Hoboken teachers strike aftermath in arbitration

The Hoboken teachers strike of 1975 is long past, but the memory lingers.

Arbitrators have been assigned by the American Arbitrators Association to hear what Mary Tecktonius, head of the Hoboken Teachers Association (HTA), calls two "major grievances" stemming from the strike lasting nearly one month.

The teachers union, said Mrs. Tecktonius, is seeking nearly \$200,000 in accumulated back pay and legal costs the union claims it has coming since July in the aftermath of a settlement on a new contract between the teachers and the school board.

Mrs. Tecktonius said the HTA is challenging the board's "change of

pay policy" this past summer when, she said, the board denied teachers a revised pay differential for July and August resulting in the loss of about \$80,000.

In addition, she said, the union wants to reclaim an estimated \$90,000 she says the board "docked" some 300 teachers in "summer moneys."

The union filed grievances on both matters in July.

Meanwhile, on another legal front, the school board is preparing for a Nov. 16 hearing in the Jersey City office of the county superintendent of schools on the board's efforts to compel the city to restore \$680,000, the amount paid from the board's budget last year.

Rap Ford's housing policy

Sen. Harrison Williams and Rep. Dominick Daniels have criticized the Ford administration's housing policy at the dedication of an apartment building made possible with federal assistance.

They and Mayor Steve Cappiello spoke yesterday at the dedication of the Clock Towers apartments in Hoboken. The apartments are the first inner-city housing to be created, for moderate income families, from a factory.

The structure was originally built as a factory in 1906. It housed Keuffel and Esser, a manufacturer of drafting supplies now located in Morristown. It is located on the block bounded by Jefferson, Adams, Third and Fourth streets in Hoboken.

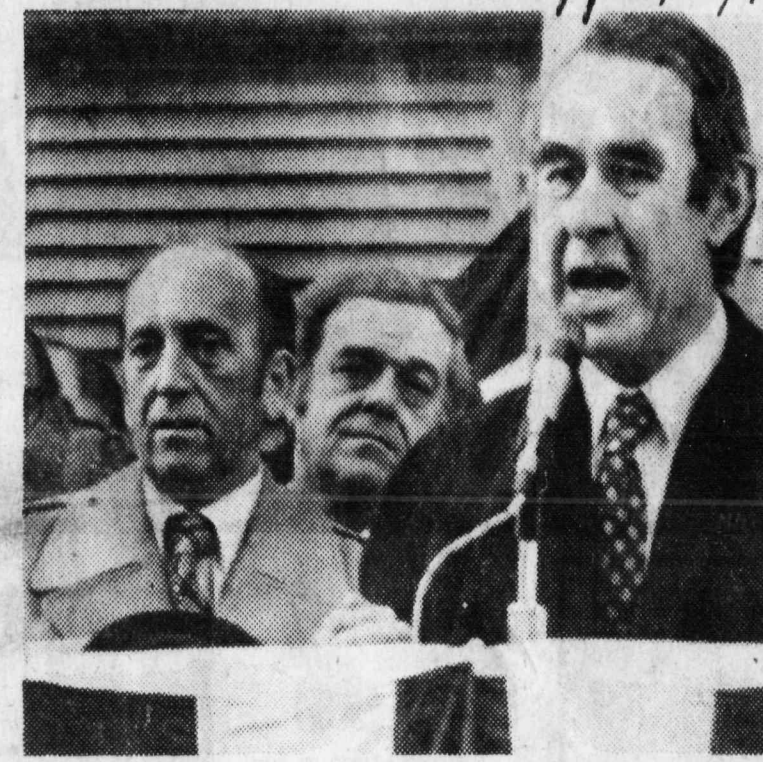
Federal subsidies and Hoboken Model Cities allocations provided funding for the \$5 million project.

Williams called the Clock Towers project a "rare bright spot" in the otherwise poor urban housing picture. He said the general deterioration of housing shows "the need for new leadership in support of a successful urban strategy."

He accused the Republican administration of "a calculated neglect of urban problems."

Daniels told the crowd of close to 500 that the federal government has become "the biggest slum landlord," and should make greater efforts to rehabilitate properties and get them back into private ownership.

Cappiello referred to the



U.S. Sen. Harrison A. Williams, right, speaks to the crowd attending the dedication of Clock Towers, Hoboken. At his side is Mayor Steve Cappiello, left and Assembly Speaker Joseph LeFante, candidate for Congress.

restarting of the large Keuffel and Esser clock. "The clock is ticking again," he said, "and will keep time for a new generation."

"The Clock Tower Apartments — the first factory-to-housing conversion for moderate income housing in America — is symbolic for Hoboken and the nation. It marks a new, vibrant era for our city. It is singularly reviving a declining neighborhood."

And it has stimulated new spirit in the city."

Other public officials in attendance yesterday included County Clerk James F. Quinn, Freeholder Vincent Fusilli, Thomas Verdon, assistant Department of Housing and Urban Development regional director, and Hoboken Councilmen Martin Brennan, Louis Francone, Walter Cramer and Nunzio Malfetti.

To study coffee plant sewage line

Hoboken and state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) officials are to confer today on what is to be done about a large sewer line going from the Maxwell House Coffee plant to the Bethlehem Steel shipyard from which a large amount of untreated sewage is being discharged daily into the Hudson River.

One possibility, which according to city sources was discussed fleetingly last week, is the issuance of an order by the DEP to either Maxwell House, the city or both to immediately cease and desist the flow. And the only way the plant could do that would be to close down until repairs have been made.

"That would be a worse disaster than any discharge into the river," the source said. "It would put about 1,000 people out of work for an indefinite period. I say indefinite because no one knows what has to be done — or where." The sewer line, which ends between docks

five and six at the shipyard, was discovered last July. However, it wasn't until last week that the source, or what is believed to be the source, was uncovered by the state.

According to city officials, they were notified by the DEP that tests it had performed on the discharge indicated that it was coming from the coffee plant. A dye test was also performed and was reported to confirm the chemical analysis done on the discharge. However, the dye took almost two hours to get from the coffee plant to the shipyard, a distance of a few thousand feet.

Supervisors at the city's treatment plant say that distance should be covered in something less than 15 minutes.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today men have been going down into the sewer lines in the vicinity of the coffee plant but they haven't been able to find anything that would solve the mystery.

"They found some blockage, which was removed, and a large underground vault that is at least seven feet high," he said.

According to Vitale, the flow could be stopped in a matter of a few days by tracing the line through exploratory excavations at the shipyard, finding a good solid section, and then permanently sealing it. The city did plug the line at the bulkhead but there was still a lot of seepage from large cracks further back.

"The only problem with this is that we are still dealing with a lot of unknowns," said the director. "We don't know where in the coffee plant the discharge is coming from. What happens if we seal the line and it starts to back up, forcing the plant to shut down? What if it causes damage to their equipment or ruins some of the products?"

Free swine flu shots in Hoboken

The Hoboken Board of Health will be offering free swine flu inoculations to residents starting Nov. 30, it was announced today by Patricia Mitten, the city's health officer.

The shots will be available to all persons 18 or older.

On Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 the shots will be available at both the health center, 916 Garden St., and the Multi-Service Center, Second and Grand streets, from 3 to 8 p.m. Additional inoculations will be given out on Dec. 3

from 3 to 8 p.m. at the health center, and again on Dec. 11 and 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the center.

According to Vincent J. Barbo, director-coordinator of senior citizens activities, volunteers are still needed to assist the city's Public Health Nurses with the shots.

Barbo said persons interested in volunteering some of their free time to the program should contact him at the Multi-Service Center, 653-7216.

Malfetti summons anti-Cappiello forces to unite

Hoboken's political scene, which has been in the doldrums for the past few months, is starting to liven up again with possible opponents to Mayor Steve Cappiello and the ticket he will field for next May's election getting together.

It was learned today that over the weekend a number of well known Hoboken political figures, all considered anti-administration, met in the club rooms of Sixth Ward Councilman Nunzio Malfetti.

According to sources close to the councilman, those attending the meeting included Frank Duroy, Councilman-at-large Francis X. Leahy, Mark Cerrone, Andrew J. Amato, Leonard Luizzi, Thomas Kennedy and Nunzio Pascale, among others. It is reported that the meeting

was the second or third among the dissidents.

Councilman Malfetti confirmed that he has been meeting with various factions considered anti-administration but he declined to name any names.

"There is no way I'm going to let the mayor and his ticket run unopposed next year," said Malfetti. "That could very well happen if no one takes the bull by the horns and starts organizing the political forces in the city."

Malfetti said he wasn't trying to be the leader of the anti-administration forces. He was merely offering them neutral territory on which to meet and try to unite them in a common cause.

It has been rumored that Malfetti

might be a candidate himself next year for the top spot—mayor. The councilman said it was a possibility but he wasn't actively planning to run for mayor at this time.

"If we can get a united group together and that's what the group wants, I would consider it," he continued. "But if it wants someone else I would support that candidate and his ticket, provided that's what the majority wants."

The group, if it does unite, could provide some stiff opposition to Mayor Cappiello and his ticket.

Councilman Leahy was one of Cappiello's running mates in the 1973 election but hasn't been seeing eye-to-eye with the mayor for sometime and has openly criticized him and his administration on a number of occasions.

Leahy might be one of the councilmen-at-large candidates on the opposition ticket.

Duroy and Amato were both unsuccessful candidates for mayor in the 1973 election which Mayor Cappiello was able to win on the first ballot even though he faced six or seven opponents. However, both have remained fairly active in local affairs and are reported to have gained considerable strength since 1973.

Pascale, who has been active in Hoboken politics for more than 30 years, has been advising Amato.

Cerrone was a candidate for Fifth Ward Councilman in 1975 against Council President Martin J. Brennan and, while his attempt was unsuccessful, he did get enough votes to force Brennan into a run-off election.

Kennedy, a Hoboken detective, ran for freeholder last year against Vincent J. Fusilli as an independent and made what was considered a very good showing for someone who had never sought public office before.

Luizzi, who was an official of Mayor Cappiello's political club, was a candidate for the board of education this past March and also showed well although not finishing high enough to be elected to the school board.

Hoboken soon to seek \$18 million from U.S.

Hoboken will be seeking more than \$18 million from the federal government under the Public Works Act of 1976 for a total of six different projects, three more than were announced two weeks ago.

In addition to the \$4.5 million that is being sought for rehabilitation of the schools, \$4.3 million to complete the water line repair program and \$341,000 for rehabilitation of the John F. Kennedy Veterans Memorial Stadium, the city will also be looking for \$4.8 million for the redevelopment

of the Erie Lackawanna railroad terminal area, \$3.9 million for the restoration of City Hall, and \$730,500 for a new central garage.

What are the city's chances of getting that money? "As good as anyone else's," said Mayor Steve Cappiello.

"Hoboken has a very good track record, so I'd say that we have a better chance at getting the money than many, many other municipalities. These are our key projects, the ones we feel must be done."

"We may not get awards for all of them, but it doesn't do any harm to submit applications for them. If you don't ask for the money you can be sure you aren't going to get any."



FACTORY CONVERTED TO HOUSING

CLOCK TOWER APARTMENTS: (clockwise, from left), TOWER CLOCK, once a timekeeper for Hoboken residents, is ticking again. U.S. Senator Harrison A. Williams, (D-NJ) and Mayor Steve Cappiello, pushed lever to start clock, once a symbol of Kueffel and Esser plant, now Clock Tower Apartments. As in past, contemporary generation of Hoboken residents will keep time by Tower Clock, and structure their daily lives. EXTERIOR OF FACTORY TO HOUSING CONVERSION demonstrates airy, outside views of all 173 apartments in complex. Building exterior was sand-blasted and repainted, making for clean look. INTERIOR view shows spacious type apartments with 12-14 ft. ceilings and reflects new lifestyle that many Hoboken residents are enjoying. PLAYGROUND demonstrates innovative design whereby cone-like factory smokestack was used as focal point for courtyard playground.

like this. They bought the house together. It's a two-family - upper and lower. This is not unusual except that as their taxes increased, their interest in each other's mates improved. Thus, on weekends the husband upstairs is the husband downstairs and the wives vice versa. In fact, according to neighbors there's enough vice that warrants these couples to take a word of advice. Their love-trysts are the talk of the town. Besides that, everybody around knows about the projector and the off color films shown during these weekends. Deep Throat and the Second Coming of Eve are the favorite on the small screen. Many want to know how these old couples could be such fools. Well, the old cliché is, "There's no fool like an old fool."

Elysian Park conditions to be corrected this week

Unsatisfactory conditions in Hoboken's Elysian Park should be corrected before the end of this week, Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today.

"There is no excuse why these conditions were allowed to exist for so long without anyone taking corrective action," the director asserted. "There are some reasons for it but none are very good ones."

"A tree that was blown down by the hurricane several months ago was never removed because the chain saw broke and the tree couldn't be cut up. One man thought the other was having the saw fixed and the other thought the first one was getting it fixed—and neither was having it repaired."

"A check of the park Thursday after residents of the area complained to The Jersey Journal showed that there were large holes in the asphalt by the see-saws, a number of dead trees in the area where children play and a lack of any on-site personnel to care for the park. Empty wine bottles also indicated that the park is being used at night for drinking parties."

Vitale said that he has reprimanded his parks crew.

"All of the problems are relatively



A child plays on the seesaw at Elysian Park, Hoboken. The park shows signs that it is not receiving the daily routine care it should get.

Elysian Park not elysian

By Peter Hallam

Who takes care of Elysian Park in Hoboken?

According to some residents, no one is bothering with the little day-to-day problems of caring for the park and as a result it has started to deteriorate.

A check of the park yesterday showed that, while it is still in relatively good condition, there are signs that it is not being given the daily routine care it should get to keep it that way.

The hurricane that hit the northeast seaboard several

months ago caused some damage in the park. A large tree was knocked down. It is still down and lying in one of the plots. Part of the tree was sawed off and it rests in one of the pathways.

The hollow trunk of the tree has become a litter basket. Inside were found several empty wine bottles.

During the summer months it was noticed that several of the old trees in the park were dead or had started to die. Those trees are still standing. None of the dead limbs has been trimmed or removed. Some of the trees are near or over areas in which large numbers of children play.

In another area where many children play large holes in the asphalt were noticed. They were especially large around the see-saws. There was no evidence that any attempt at repairs had been made.

A check of the park was made to see if any attendants were there. None could be found. The doors to the small building used to store equipment for the park were locked. The check was made between 11 a.m. and noon.

Although the park is not supposed to be used for walking dogs, several persons were observed doing so — in the same open plot that a group of youngsters had just finished playing tackle football.

The parks are the responsibility of the city's Parks Department, a division of Public Works. The head of that department, Director Raphael P. Vitale, said he was not aware of any problem at the park but would look into the situation immediately.

Elysian Park situation improved, says Vitale

A number of conditions at Elysian Park in Hoboken have been eliminated, Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today.

"The park has been cleaned up, a tree blown down by the hurricane several months ago has been removed, and holes in the asphalt in the play area have been patched," the director said.

"The one thing that hasn't been done is the removal of the dead or dying trees in the area. The reason for that is that four of my men will be undergoing some training in the care and maintenance of trees from a specialist hired by the city's Community Development Agency."

"While he's training them I will have him take a look at the trees to see which ones are actually dead and should be removed and which ones are only diseased and can be saved."

Residents of the area had complained to The Jersey Journal last week that the park, located at 11th and Hudson Streets, was not being properly cared for. They said that the small, routine items that should be part of the daily work in the park were being ignored.

Vitale checked the situation out and admitted that things were not as they should be.

"If anything like this happens again someone is going to be facing departmental charges," he asserted. "There's no excuse for not doing the job."

Indicted for threat on Bier

Although the circumstances appear clouded, a Hoboken man has been indicted by the Hudson County Grand Jury on charges of threatening the life of Herman Bier, that city's business administrator, and possession of a dangerous weapon, a knife.

Paul Torres, address listed as 212 Adams St., is accused of verbally threatening Bier's life and possessing the knife last July 23 in Hoboken, according to the indictment handed up to Superior Court Judge Thomas S. O'Brien.

At the time of the incident, however, Bier told police that the defendant came to his City Hall office and warned Bier that he had been given the knife and promised \$8,000 to kill Bier. He said the young man left after turning the knife over to him and Councilmen Nunzio Malfetti and Louis Francone.

Hoboken sewer backup

Raw sewage has started backing up into buildings along Hudson Place and River Street in Hoboken following the collapse of a 15 to 20-foot section of city sewer line.

Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today that he is declaring an "emergency" and will ask the mayor and city council to appropriate funds so that repairs can be made as quickly as possible.

Vitale said he didn't know what caused the cave-in but it was discovered by a crew from the Public Service Electric and Gas Co. that was digging in the same general area.

Hoboken dumping again in Kearny; await permit

Hoboken is again being allowed to dump city rubbish at the Kearny dump while the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) considers the city's request for a permanent permit, Public Works Director Raphael P. Vitale said today.

Last week, city trucks were turned away from the dump by representatives of the state DEP because they did not have permits for dumping. The city had been dumping there on a state permit issued to the LaFera Contracting Co. of Newark, the city's contract garbage collector.

"New state regulations require everyone using the dump to have their own permit," said the director. "So our agreement with LaFera was useless."

Vitale said the city may seek a reimbursement from LaFera if the use of the dump on the company's per-

Hoboken bars area sewer plan

Hoboken has withdrawn its support for a Hudson County Regional Sewerage Authority and will prepare plans to upgrade its sewerage treatment facilities on its own.

The decision to withdraw its endorsement of the authority came at last night's special city council meeting and follows a series of meetings between Maxwell House officials and Mayor Steve Cappiello where the industry spokesmen expressed concern over the potential cost of the regional program.

City officials said local industry was fearful that possible higher costs for

sewage treatment under a regional program would be passed on to consumers, already hard pressed by a recent hike in sewerage rates that nearly doubled the average bill.

Council President Martin Brennan said at last night's meeting that while Maxwell House had "not pressured" the city to withdraw its support for a regionalized sewerage treatment program, it had asked the city council "to reconsider" that approach.

Under the rationalized program, the Hudson County Sewerage Authority would have provided secondary treat-

ment of sewerage. Hoboken lacks a secondary treatment facility.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said that while it was not clear whether the city would save money by building its own treatment facility, the city would have direct control over sewerage rates charged to its customers.

Maxwell House, the city's largest industry and top taxpayer, has reportedly been unhappy with recent increases in both water and sewerage costs. There have been unconfirmed reports that the added cost factor might ultimately sway Maxwell House to relocate outside Hoboken.

It was not known if the state's report pinpointed accountability for the "poor business and accounting practices" to Welfare Director Jerry Forman or any of his staff.

Should any of the welfare staff be cited in the report, action could be taken by the city's Local Public Assistance Board. It too will be apprised of the state's findings, the mayor said.

Hoboken having the last laugh

By William Claiborne
Washington Post

If all those people in Manhattan who have spent a lifetime laughing about Ho-Ho-Hoboken listen very carefully on a still night, they might

be able to hear the sound of laughter carrying faintly across the Hudson River.

If they do, chances are they'll be the butt of the jokes for a change. Ugly, laugh-provoking Hoboken —

the nowheresville where Frank Sinatra grew up and left as quickly as he could — is beginning to enjoy the last laugh.

Brawling, salty Hoboken, whose landscape was deemed dismal enough

for the filming of "On The Waterfront," has visions of grandeur. It is in the midst of an audacious urban restoration program that has placed it first in the nation in government-subsidized rehabilitation.

It has turned an unsightly factory into a showcase apartment building; it is reviving hundreds of once-gracious brownstone houses by providing buyers with 3 per cent interest loans, and it is planning to restore a historic but long-neglected railroad and ferry terminal into an architectural masterpiece that would rival San Francisco's famous Ghirardelli Square.

And with the kind of effrontery that only the once-wretched can summon when their moment of glory is at hand, Hoboken has offered itself as a national model to America's ugly cities.

Sitting in his cluttered furniture store on Hoboken's bustling Washington Street, Robert Ranieri seemed to savor the questions about the renaissance of his often-maligned town.

"People here are paying \$250 a month for apartments with a spectacular view of the George Washington Bridge and the Manhattan skyline. Over there, some folks are paying \$1,000 a month, and all they get to look at is Hoboken," Ranieri said.

He isn't the only one laughing. Sally Aaronson, an urban planner who moved here from Pittsburgh six months ago, said, "There's a spirit in this town. When I first moved here and people asked me where I lived, I used to mumble, 'Hoboken.' Now, I say it out loud, like I'm proud of it."

The revival of Hoboken, according to its inspired city leaders, has caught on to the point where it is becoming the chic place for New York City's upper middle class to live.

A network television cameraman converted an old church into an imaginative duplex; a magazine editor discovered that floors of teak and rosewood and 12-foot corniced ceilings were worth saving, and an advertising executive discovered that an \$18,000 investment in an old rowhouse can turn into a property worth insuring two years later for more than \$100,000.

By word of mouth, the lure of Hoboken spread to lower Manhattan's SoHo and Greenwich Village, and in the last five years the tiny city located between the Lincoln and Holland tunnels has become the place to live.

"Nobody's laughing at Hoboken anymore," says Mayor Steve Cappiello, a former police sergeant who has been a prime force behind Hoboken's revival.

The Metamorphosis of Hoboken began six years ago with a Model Cities program that became so active that the city as a whole was designated a pilot Model Cities project. "It all happened because Hoboken was sociologically right for it," said Aaronson. "This city has people who care about their houses — Italians who see out front sweeping their sidewalks every day. It's an immigrant town, and that's important."

Only a square mile in size and densely populated with 45,000 people, Hoboken traditionally has been heavily ethnic in composition: 45 per cent Hispanic, 35 per cent Italian and the remainder made up of Irish, German and Slavic descendants. The black population is barely 2 per cent.

Once a major shipping port, the city has fallen on hard times. Its unemployment rate is 16.7 per cent — more than twice the national average — and its median income is slightly more than \$7,000, far below the \$10,000 median for surrounding Hudson County.

There are 20 per cent more blue-collar workers in Hoboken than in the Metropolitan New York region, and factory closings have become a way of life in the past two decades. The large Hispanic population is a legacy of the closing of a decade ago of a huge Tootsie Roll candy factory, which had freely hired cheap labor.

But Hoboken has fruit vendors in its narrow, traffic-congested streets, ethnic food stores where neighbors gather Saturday mornings to exchange gossip, and bingo parlors where old ladies go while their husbands play pinocchio at the corner saloon.

According to Cappiello, it didn't take much inducement from city officials to spark a revival movement in Hoboken. When it happened, it happened quickly.

In the last five years, nearly 2,500 housing units have been rehabilitated, representing more than 15 per cent of the housing stock of the city. At that rate, nearly a third of the city's housing will have been refurbished by 1980, for a total public and private investment of nearly \$50 million.

Hoboken has gone to the federal and state wells for \$20 million in urban-restoration grants, more than any city its size. It enlarged its police force with public grants that its crime-ridden neighbor, Jersey City, didn't know existed, and it recently repaved an abandoned riverfront road at federal expense, turning it into a scenic drive.

"We're all in competition for this money. It's a case of knowing where it is and how to get it," said Ranieri, a city councilman. "Whoever hustles the most gets it."

The linchpin of Hoboken's program has been the refashioning of the deteriorating but stylish brownstones and the old-style railroad flats. The housing has always been structurally sound and — importantly — mostly owner-occupied, but years of neglect and economic instability gave the city a downtrodden and seedy atmosphere.

"Even in the old (now defunct) Model Cities program, the emphasis here always was on housing restoration rather than social action programs," recalled Edward Chius of Hoboken's Community Development Agency (CDA). "We didn't just adopt federal programs to get the money, we developed our own."

The key program, begun in 1972, was the Housing Improvement Pro-

ject (HIP), which used federal grants-in-aid to provide outright subsidies to homeowners willing to restore their houses.

For example, in 1972, on a \$6,000 home-restoration project, a homeowner would receive a \$1,000 non-repayable grant. When combined with a \$5,000 bank loan, due in seven years at 7 per cent interest rate, the effective borrowing cost would be approximately 3 per cent. More recently, as interest rates have risen, the city has increased the size of the grant to hold the overall rate at 3 per cent.

The maximum loan was set at \$20,000, with few controls other than that the borrower had to agree to live in the house.

In five years, 434 structures — mostly brownstones — have been rehabilitated under the HIP program, providing more than 1,000 dwelling units. The private investment in the brownstone revival alone has been nearly \$2 million.

Hoboken also instituted a tenement rehabilitation program for walkups of 10 units or more in the inner city. One has been completed, two are about to get under way and four are planned — all providing modern apartments that rent for \$135 to \$170 for two bedrooms.

What Hoboken has on the drawing boards is even more ambitious. There are plans, being drawn by the architectural firm that designed Ghirardelli Square, for the \$10 million conversion of the Erie-Lackawanna railroad terminal into a network of boutiques, farmers' markets, theaters, cafes and tourist attractions.

The terminal, through which thousands of suburban New Jersey commuters pass daily for the eight-minute train ride under the Hudson to Manhattan, is a national historic landmark with massive copper facing and rococo designs.

During World War I, the adjacent docks served as a staging area for thousands of soldiers being shipped aboard, which gave the city the slogan, "Heaven, Hell or Hoboken."

The city also has applied for a \$3 million grant to restore the nearly century-old Hoboken City Hall, and has plans to build a waterfront museum and bring in the decommissioned battleship, the New Jersey, as a tourist attraction.

"We're even trying to get a ferry back in here. Don't rule us out on that one yet," said Chius while looking over the deteriorating ferry slips that once boarded thousands of Manhattan-bound passengers daily. Ferry service was suspended in the mid-1960s.

While housing officials are beginning to point to Hoboken as a case study of what can be done to make America's older cities livable again,

Romano sets party for elderly

The Anthony H. Romano Civic Association will hold its annual free Christmas party for senior citizens on Dec. 18 in the Union Club. It was announced today by the club's standard bearer, who is First Ward councilman.

According to Romano, the club this year will try to invite every senior citizen in the city to the day-long affair.

"We never had the means to accommodate all of our golden agers so we had to limit the number of people who were invited," he said. "But this year I think we have worked out a system through which we can have just about every senior in the city attend."

Romano said the party will be held in two stages — one from noon to 4 p.m. and the second from 5 to 9 p.m. The first stage will be for senior residents of the city who do not live in senior citizen apartment buildings. The second will be those who do.

Those seniors who live in the apartments will be picked up by bus and returned to their buildings later that evening.

Romano added that while the seniors will have their party in the Union Club's main ballroom, the membership of his association would be having their annual party downstairs in the cellar.

The event will feature gifts, a complete dinner with dessert and cordials and continuous music and entertainment.

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Withdrawal of one provision may stall Hoboken cop pact

An eleven-hour snafu threatens to disrupt a three-year contract settlement between Hoboken and the city's Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (PBA) after nearly a year of stormy negotiations.

PBA President James Behrens said his union has filed an unfair labor practice charge with the state Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) over the city's withdrawal of the traditional "table of organization" provision from the PBA contract.

The item specifies the maximum number of persons who can be appointed to each of the various ranks in the police department, from patrolman up to chief.

Councilman-at-large Robert

Ranieri, who has been handling negotiations for the city, agreed that the provision has been deleted from the contract on the grounds that "anything dealing with overall manpower is basically a managerial prerogative."

Behrens said he's been advised by the PBA attorney that because the provision was included in last year's contract, "it's a negotiable item." He said a general membership meeting will be called shortly to discuss the union's next move.

"I predict that the membership will reject the contract proposal under these circumstances," said Behrens. The membership has already ratified the contract on the assumption that the table of organization would remain. Neither the city

nor the PBA has signed the contract yet.

The latest hassle would jeopardize the city's payment of nearly \$56,000 in benefits retroactive to Jan. 1, 1976, as the first installment of the proposed three-year package which calls for pay raises over the next two years.

According to Behrens, under the table of organization, there are a total of 71 vacancies in the police ranks, including 66 for patrolman, but he conceded that the filling of all slots "has never been enforced."

Is Hoboken 'blocking' sewer funds for all?

By Ronald Leir

The Hudson County Regional Sewerage Authority has until January, 1978, to complete a "facility plan" for the treatment of wastes generated by county residents and industries, but Hoboken won't be a part of it.

And that could stymie the authority's bid to collect hundreds of millions of dollars in estimated construction costs from the federal

government for lack of all 12 Hudson municipalities backing payment of bonds.

So says Richard Jenny, executive director of the authority, who met yesterday with federal and state environmental officials in New York to review preliminary facility plans.

Jenny made his comments after hearing that the Hoboken City Council last night passed a resolution "withdrawing the conditional endorsement" of the authority's regional treatment plan it gave Oc-

tober, 1975, and "withdrawing from any participation with the authority in all aspects."

Questioned on the council's reasoning for the move by Thomas Vezzetti, Council President Martin J. Brennan said that executives of the local division of Maxwell House coffee plant "asked us to reconsider" (joining the authority).

After a meeting between Mayor Steve Cappiello and those executives, accompanied by the firm's consulting engineers from White Plains, said Brennan, it was decided that to keep the city's "good rapport" with the industry and to "protect our autonomy," Hoboken would proceed on its own.

Later, Cappiello told reporters that Hoboken would "begin immediately to talk about our own feasibility study planning," in which, said the mayor, "Union City and Weehawken have no choice but to join us because of the topography of the three cities."

Hoboken currently treats a portion of wastes discharged by both communities. Neither Union City Mayor William V. Musto nor Weehawken Mayor Charles Miller could be reached for comment last night.

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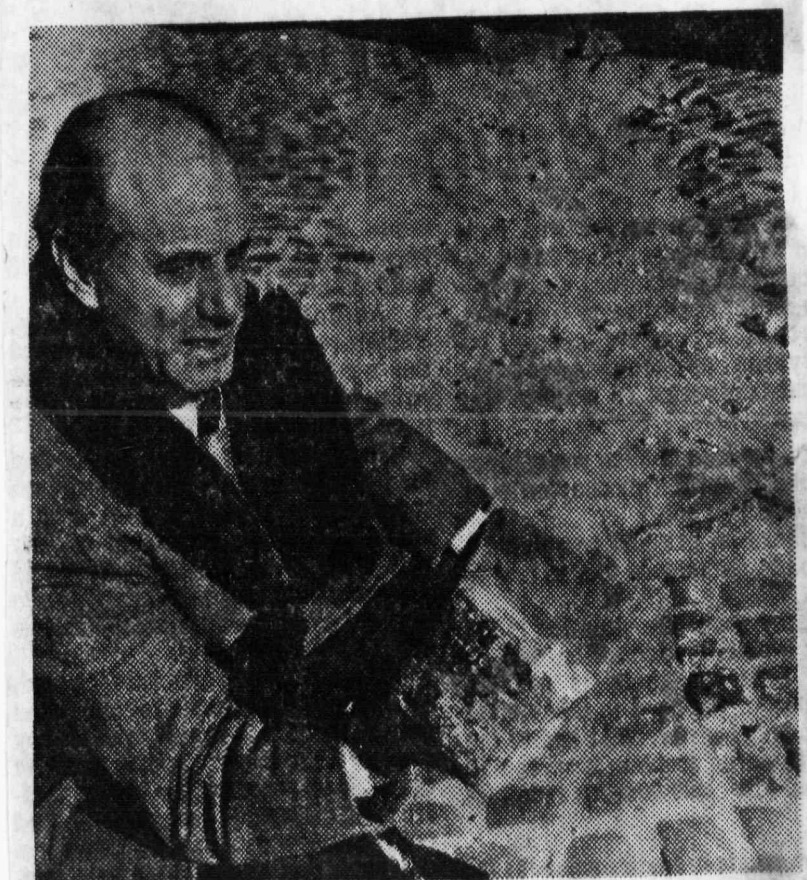
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But Hoboken has fruit vendors in its narrow, traffic-congested streets, ethnic food stores where neighbors gather Saturday mornings to exchange gossip, and bingo parlors where old ladies go while their husbands play pinocle at the corner saloon.

According to Cappelletto, it didn't take much inducement from city officials to spark a revival movement in Hoboken. When it happened, it happened quickly.

In the last five years, nearly 2,500 housing units have been rehabilitated, representing more than 15 per cent of the housing stock of the city. At that rate, nearly a third of the city's housing will have been refurbished by 1980, for a total public and private investment of nearly \$50 million.

Hoboken has gone to the federal and state wells for \$20 million in urban-rehabilitation grants, more than any city its size. It enlarged its police force with public grants that its crime-ridden neighbor, Jersey City, didn't know existed, and it recently repaved an abandoned riverfront road at federal expense, turning it into a scenic drive.

"We're all in competition for this money. It's a case of knowing where it is and how to get it," said Ranieri, a city councilman. "Whoever hustles the most gets it."

The linchpin of Hoboken's program has been the refashioning of the deteriorating but stylish brownstones and the old-style railroad flats. The housing has always been structurally sound and — importantly — mostly owner-occupied, but years of neglect and economic instability gave the city a downtrodden and seedy atmosphere.

"Even in the old (now defunct) Model Cities program, the emphasis here always was on housing restoration — rather than social action programs," recalled Edward Chiusi of Hoboken's Community Development Agency (CDA). "We didn't just adopt federal programs to get the money, we developed our own."

The key program, begun in 1972, was the Housing Improvement Pro-