

Public buildings within the area enclosed by the heavy line will be preserved for posterity if they have historic value, after Hoboken City Council passes an ordinance to that effect.

Historic district planned

Hoboken's City Council is considering an ordinance that would establish a Historic District Commission and, in addition, designate one such district in the southeast corner of the city.

The ordinance will come up for a public hearing at the June 7 council meeting.

If the ordinance is adopted, Mayor Steve Cappiello would appoint a seven-member commission within 30 days with the consent of the council. One member must be a councilman, one an architect and one an employee of the city's Community Development Agency.

The other four members would be residents who "have demonstrated outstanding interest and knowledge in the historical and/or architectural development of the city," the proposed ordinance states.

The advantages to the city from the ordinance would be the potential for additional federal funds for historic area development, according to Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri, who sponsored the ordinance.

The advantage to the private property owners would

be in tax breaks for home improvements that would be available for homeowners within a historic district, officials explained.

The commission would designate historic districts; set regulations for work done on structures within the historic districts; seek voluntary cooperation from property owners in maintaining buildings within historic districts; get financial assistance for preservation of historic landmarks and make recommendations to the city council and other state and local agencies on enforcement of rules for historic districts.

Councilman Walter S. Cramer had expressed reservations about the proposed ordinance because he was concerned about the commission having power to prevent property owners from doing what they want with their property.

But Cramer says he has been assured that no private property owner can be prevented from doing what he wants, including selling or demolishing his property.

Historic site status is con-

trolled by the state Department of Environmental Protection's Historic Sites Council, and the new Hoboken commission is expected to work in conjunction with that unit, and to apply to it for state certification of Hoboken's historic sites.

The commission members will receive no compensation.

The historic district established by the proposed ordinance runs from Bloomfield Street to the Hudson River, and from Otisway Highway in the south to Fourth Street, except that the Bloomfield Street portion only runs to First Street. From First to Fourth streets, the western boundary is Washington Street.

Ranieri said that declaring this section a historic district was one of the prerequisites for the \$4 million Urban Development Action Grant the city is seeking for renovations in the area.

That grant is expected to lay the groundwork for a \$20 million condominium complex being proposed for the Fifth and Sixth Street piers.

The first reading of the ordinance took place at last week's council meeting.

Hoboken in shuffle to retain teachers

Hoboken's school superintendent and two members of the city's board of education said today that they fear there may not be enough money in the board's new budget to pay for substitute teachers and certain benefits mandated for teachers by the state and the teachers' union contract.

Board President Otto Hottendorf, however, said that some of those benefits are being renegotiated for the next union contract.

In addition, Hottendorf asserted, there will be a "massive rearrangement" of teachers' schedules—and possibly "a re-districting" of the schools—to allow the board to fit more teachers into the compensatory education program and thus avoid most layoffs.

The reason for this is that the board last month received an additional \$375,000 for compensatory education funds from the state.

The board will discuss the budget and other business at a meeting

tonight at 7 at the board offices, 1115 Clinton St.

Meanwhile, School Superintendent Thomas F. McFeely said that the budget approved by the board Friday contains "questionable" allocations for substitute teachers, state-mandated salary increments, longevity pay increases and payments to retiring teachers for back holidays and vacation time.

Robert Wendelken, chairman of the board's finance committee, agreed, saying he has "serious questions" about whether enough money was allocated for those reasons.

James Monaco, another finance committee member, went further.

"If there is enough money for those items, I must speak a different language," he declared, "because I didn't see it."

The current staff is provided for," said board attorney Robert

Taylor, who drew up the revised 1979-80 budget. "We will have reductions in staff through attrition, and we'll take care of the rest through a program evaluation and re-design by the administration."

Taylor did admit, however, that certain benefits are being renegotiated in the current contract talks with the teachers' union.

"Certain provisions are being removed, certain provisions will remain constant—but I can't discuss any specifics during contract negotiations between two parties," Taylor said.

"Everything depends on the negotiations," Hottendorf asserted.

But, Taylor was asked, what if the board loses its battle to remove certain benefits? Would there be enough money to cover benefits now in the contract?

"That's conjecture," he replied. "It's all open to question."

The negotiations reportedly wound down last week with the teachers, whose three-year contract expires June 30. Taylor said he sent "a letter of impasse" on behalf of both sides to the state Public Employment Relations Commission, asking that a mediator be assigned to the contract talks. He did not know when one would be assigned.

The school budget, which controls the fate of approximately 6,700 pupils and 470 teachers, was rejected by voters March 28 in a special election called by the state education commissioner, Fred G. Burke, because of irregularities in advertising the original one submitted to the voters Feb. 14.

Burke also allowed the board to exceed state spending "caps" of \$500,000. The city council knocked off \$400,000 of that after the voters spoke, and the board agreed not to appeal to Burke. The tax levy for the school budget stands at \$3,621,323.40. The total budget is \$15,301,957.40.

Highrise developer to vie for use of Hoboken piers

By Pat Ford

Hoboken's Community Development Agency will apply next Wednesday for a \$4 million federal grant that is expected to lay the groundwork for a proposed \$30 million highrise condominium complex for the Fifth and Sixth Street piers.

The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development is expected to give an answer on the urban development action grant application by the end of July, according to Fred Bado, CDA director.

The new plan came to light just a day after it was revealed that a two-year study under the auspices of Stevens Institute of Technology is recommending the conversion of the idle Port Authority piers, just to the south, into a recreational complex.

The purpose of the grant, officials explained, is to use public money to encourage private investment in

urban areas. The private developer in the project, Applied Housing of Hoboken, is required to submit proof to HUD that it can get the financing, and to give a preliminary plan for the project.

The complex would include a three-level parking garage with two

towers—one 11 stories and the other 25 stories—atop it.

There would also be a waterfront park adjacent to the highrise to which the public would have total access, officials said.

A marina had been planned for the complex, but it is expected to be too expensive so it was put off to

allow another developer to work on it later, according to Bado.

Business Administrator Edwin Chius said that the project is still in a "very preliminary stage," and that the city has not yet negotiated a tax arrangement with Applied Housing.

Mayor Steve Cappiello stated, however, that some consideration will have to be made to make sure Hoboken gets sufficient revenue from the valuable waterfront property.

The city owns the property, having foreclosed on it last year because of non-payment of taxes. It was last assessed several years ago after being damaged by a fire, and the value then was set at \$171,000. It is not known what the price will be if Applied Housing wants to buy it now.

The UDAG funds, if approved, would be used to renovate the area from the piers south to the Erie Lackwanna Terminal area. This

would include repairs to River Street, including installation of new sidewalks, and to some of the sewers in the area.

The grant would also go towards preparation of the property at the Fifth and Sixth Street piers, including construction of the park.

Bado said the UDAG requirements ensure that the \$4 million would not turn out to be, in effect, a grant to the developer because the city would have some of the money returned to it for future development projects.

HUD apparently has \$100 million to divide among small cities (50,000 or less population), and is supposed to decide on the first batch of applications before the end of July, Bado said. Applications must be made by the end of this month.

He explained that the application was completed last month, but that it was turned over to state and regional planners to evaluate and to advise on any recommended changes.

The difference between this grant and an Urban Renewal grant, Bado said, is that the developer has to sign a commitment that the proposed work will be done. Thus, once the \$4 million is approved (if it is) the project would have to be completed within four years.

Bado estimates that if HUD gives approval in July, the activity in the area would begin by the end of the year, and construction would then take about two years.

There would be no subsidized housing in the complex, he asserted. It is not certain yet how many units would be included.

Cappiello puts blame on public for street litter

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, smarting under criticism by constituents over the continuing litter in the city streets, today put the blame on the public.

Although he is meeting on the problem today with city directors, Cappiello said the public at large is responsible.

"People are making more garbage and litter than ever before," he contended. "With the fast-food restaurant and the many pre-packaged products on the market, the amount of garbage and trash is greater today than ever."

"The people have to develop an attitude of cooperation," he asserted yesterday. "That's the big problem—they're making more garbage, throwing it in the gutters and then not picking any of it up."

Cappiello also said he wants the public to respond to his stand on throwaway bottles and cans, which he wants the Legislature to ban. Businessmen in the city have objected, however, claiming return bottles would cause problems with rodents and vermin. The idea has also been deemed impossible to pass in the Legislature because many jurisdictions don't have the problem.

The mayor said he now is trying to work out a compromise proposal which would ban throwaways only in densely populated cities like Hoboken. This, he feels, would avoid problems from rural legislators whose constituents don't have a problem with disposable bottles.

Meanwhile, Cappiello is meeting today—for the second time in less than a month—with Public Works Director Andrew Amato and George Crimmins, director of the city's Comprehensive Employment and Training Act program, to organize the city's cleanup campaign.

Cappiello said he took pictures at several locations yesterday of bottles and cans littering gutters in the city. He expects to have some of the prints in time for today's meeting.

He told Crimmins yesterday that he has received many complaints from residents about the CETA crew, including one from a woman who claimed that a CETA worker swept garbage into a sewer and blocked the opening.

Crimmins told the mayor that his men have been diligent in sweeping the street, and said he doubted the veracity of the woman's complaint.

Cappiello was asked the location and date of the incident, but could not recall them.

He told Crimmins to check into the possibility of renting a truck to pick up the litter bags filled by CETA workers, and the two men agreed to check with Amato at today's meeting on whether a public works truck could be used by CETA workers from 4 to 6 p.m. for that purpose.

Cappiello also applauded the proposal by Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri to establish an ordinance to place controls on large containers used throughout the city for trash and construction debris.

Ranieri has asked the city's Law Department to draft the ordinance, but because of a communications problem between the councilman and the department it hasn't been drawn up yet.

The proposed ordinance would be like one already in effect in Jersey

City. It would establish responsibilities for issuing permits for the containers, which would require that the owner of it register the location of the container and the estimated date that it would be removed.

Cappiello stressed that the purpose of the ordinance would be to establish the controls, not to raise revenue from the permits.

'Clear my name,' urges Amato

Hoboken's Public Works director, Andrew J. Amato, today demanded that the city council "clear my good name."

He said that if the council failed to do this by its next regular meeting, he would take the matter into his own hands and "tell the public the truth" about the Fifth Street pumping station fiasco.

Repairs to the malfunctioning pumping station were deemed so urgent last October that the council authorized spending \$66,000 without the required competitive bidding for a contract, because it was an emergency.

But the repairs were never made, and less than three weeks ago non-competitive "offers" to repair it were received.

Amato was one of several witnesses interviewed privately by four councilmen last week to explain the highly-unusual situation, but the councilmen declined to disclose what he told them.

Amato asserted today that because he has adhered to a position of "no comment," published statements by other officials have made him appear a villain.

"I have been taking the rap unjustly," he declared. "Everybody has the wrong impression about me. I've done nothing wrong ever since I've been working for the city."

Amato added that "the people who are responsible" (for the pumping station situation) "never came forward but just threw more gasoline on the fire."

The next regular meeting of the council is June 7 at 10 a.m. Amato said that if what he told the councilmen is not made public by then, "I will make it public."

The questioning was by Walter Cramer, chairman of the public works committee; Robert A. Ranieri, chairman of the sewers and water committee; and Nunzio Malfetti and Salvatore Cemelli, the other members of Cramer's committee.

"I had wanted a one-to-one confrontation in this investigation, so that everyone who was being heard would be face to face with everyone else," Amato continued, "but Mr.

Cramer refused. I gave up my demand because Cramer is a gentleman."

The director went on to say that the pumping station still represents an emergency. Its three pumps suck sewage and drainwater from the Downtown section of Hoboken and then pump it to the 11th Street pumping station, he explained, but only one of its three pumps is working.

If that one pump should give out, he said, the Downtown area would be inundated by sewage flowing up into the street through manholes and catch basins.

Not only is the delay since October "not my fault," Amato contended, "but if it weren't for me the situation wouldn't even have come to a head yet."

He added: "I kept pushing Joe Lynch to get this job done."

Others interviewed by the councilmen included (Joseph) Lynch, the city's consulting engineer; and Philip Seriale, head of the T. and M. Construction Co., a relative of Amato. City Attorney Lawrence Florio also sat in on the hearing.

Referring to Amato's demand that his name be cleared, Ranieri commented today: "I didn't know that it was in question."

The councilman continued: "We are still trying to determine the facts. We have gathered all the versions and opinions of the officials involved."

As to what will actually be done to repair the station, Ranieri said the council was still awaiting a formal opinion from John LaSca of the state Department of Local Affairs, but that "there is little doubt that we will go through the regular public bidding process."

Hoboken needs 'block by block' sewer repairs

The streets of Hoboken will have to be ripped up, "block by block," if the city's sewers are to be put in shape, Public Works Director Andrew Amato declared today.

To hire a contractor to do this would cost "millions," Amato said, and even if he is given additional men and equipment to do it himself, he still will not know which sewers are blocked or collapsed without methodically digging up the streets to find out.

The director retorted vehemently to Councilman Robert A. Ranieri's demand that he furnish an estimate of what it would cost to clean the city's sewers and start a maintenance program for them.

Amato said only a "genie" could

figure that out without opening up the streets. "You can't estimate a job you can't see," he asserted. "Those sewers are in terrible shape."

Ranieri, who charged last week that the sewers have been "abandoned" for many years, repeated that Amato may be right, but that he wants a documented estimate to compare with outside contractors.

The men agreed that to do the job itself, the city would have to designate men to handle it, then start by cleaning the sewers it can.

Ranieri said that if any sewers can't be cleaned by city employees, applications can be made for federal funds to correct the situation.

"The federal government has provided money to many

municipalities around the country for sewer repairs," he said.

A California-based firm, Envirotech Inc., will send a representative this week to meet with Ranieri, Amato and Roy Haack, sewage treatment plant superintendent, about what the company can do for the city's sewer system.

Amato said yesterday that only the treatment plant would be included in the company's upcoming survey, while Ranieri said they would have to be involved in many areas of the sewer system.

Envirotech will survey the sewer system and determine what needs to be done and what the cost of doing it by service contract would be, Ranieri said.

Ranieri cool to highrisers

Hoboken Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri said today that he doesn't think the highrise luxury apartments planned at the site of the city's Fifth Street pier "will have the right kind of impact on the city's future."

He said the buildings won't fit in with the city's landscape and the tenants won't fit in with Hoboken's people.

Hoboken is due to apply by tomorrow for a \$4,000,000 federal grant to start off the \$20,000,000 project.

"I won't fight the plan," Ranieri declared. "But I think some observations should be made on it."

"What will be its impact on the city? True, the \$300,000 a year or so in taxes will be a positive thing. The condominium apartments will probably sell for from \$65,000 to \$75,000 to wealthy New Yorkers."

"But, we should profit by our ex-

perience with the (25-story) Grogan Marine View Plaza apartment buildings."

"The outline of high-risers doesn't blend in with Hoboken, and their occupants don't blend in with Hoboken's people. There are exceptions, but, generally speaking, the tenants of the Marine View Plaza just come and go. They don't become a part of the city. This concerns me."

"As against these high-risers, take the Church Towers development." (These three large buildings are 10 stories high, and Ranieri said that that is as high as any Hoboken buildings should go.) "It represents a blending of the Hoboken of yesterday and the Hoboken of today."

Or, Ranieri continued, "take the kind of rehabilitated housing that we have had from Applied Housing Inc. It has wiped out slum areas, provided better housing for the people of Hoboken, and, generally speaking, it

has taken areas of Hoboken out of the blighted 60s and into the modern 70s—a positive impact on Hoboken's future."

The city's Clock Towers project is another such example, he continued. "Can anyone say that Marine View has done anything good for the city?" he asked. "They have put a nose around our necks financially, and now we find there are internal financing problems that affect not only the City of Hoboken but the State of New Jersey."

Ranieri said he felt strongly that "if community input and the opinion of Hoboken officials had been sought early enough to have an impact, it could have borne better fruit for our future."

He added that nevertheless he would vote "yes" on the application "because there is no alternative, and the application has to be turned in by the end of the month."

Decision held on seamen's home

Superior Court Judge Frederick C. Kentz Jr. has reserved decision on an action by the Hoboken Environment Committee to preserve the old Lutheran Seamen's Home as a historic building so the owners can not sell the site for use as a parking lot.

The judge, in reserving decision after hearing lawyer's arguments yesterday, continued the temporary restraint barring the owners, the

German Seamen's Mission of New York, from demolishing the premises at 60-64 Hudson St.

Norman Cantor, counsel for the environmental group, argued the building should be saved because it has "cultural, historical and architectural value," according to the State Department of Environmental Protection.

He also claimed that the Hoboken City Council will adopt a historic district area ordinance this month, paving the way for funding.

However, J. Nicholas Suhr, counsel for the mission, argued that the delay is "a grave injustice" since the mission trustees have a \$155,000 sales contract with the Singer Bros. Shop Rite Co. to buy the premises as

the building could be demolished and the site used as a parking lot for the nearby supermarket.

His 'stepping stone' held him 34 years

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Hoboken Superintendent of Schools Thomas F. McFeely sits at his desk surrounded by samples of the paper work that has been an integral part of his job for the past 34 years.

By Pat Ford

When Thomas Francis McFeely first took his seat at the teacher's desk in old Demarest High School in Hoboken in September, 1936, he didn't figure to be there long.

Just a stepping stone, he assumed. A few years until I get my law degree and find out what I want to do.

Well, Tom McFeely never

left the school system. He took the post of superintendent of schools in January of 1944, and next month, after 34 years in the job, he will retire.

"It was good for me to get in at an early age," he says. "And we need a young person now — someone who has skill and experience in all the new directions of education and who has the energy to lead the team effort."

McFeely doesn't like to talk about himself. He says he was always weak on public relations. Associates say he always prefers to talk about education, and when McFeely talks about education, people listen.

"Tom McFeely for over 30 years was a touch of class in a sea of dirty politics," says one long-time colleague.

Hoboken tenants angered by 'unavailable' owner

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By WILLIAM BETZ

Tenants in several downtown Hoboken tenements are up in arms over the failure of city officials to set up a meeting with the buildings' owner, who has proved to be unreachable, according to Mayor Steve Cappiello.

The mayor said yesterday that the city has dispatched special police messengers to the home of Jean Devlin at 1740 53rd St., North Bergen, to request her appearance at a meeting of tenants, city officials, and the developer who has contracted to buy her buildings on Washington and Bloomfield Streets in the city's southern section.

Their efforts have been unsuccessful because Mrs. Devlin is never home when the messengers arrive, Cappiello said. City messengers were told Mrs. Devlin is out of town and will not return before next Tuesday, the mayor said.

On May 4 a building owned by Mrs. Devlin burned down, killing two residents and displacing 10 families. Before the fire, tenants at the burned-out building at 70 Washington St. and others owned by Mrs. Devlin had been receiving notices instructing them to vacate the buildings.

Arson is suspected as the cause of the blaze. However, it has not been proved and a motive for arson has not been determined, city investigators say.

A visit to her home revealed Mrs. Devlin was also out of town the day after the fire.

It was learned after the fire that the owner had a contract with Project Holding, a division of Applied Housing, which is a major Hoboken redeveloper—for the sale of her buildings.

"She was always around before, when she was

trying to get us out," said Jose Perez, a former tenant at 70 Washington St. "She's not around anymore."

Describing the mood of the displaced tenants, Perez said, "The people are really depressed."

"The landlord is avoiding any talks with the tenants or the mayor," said Herman Gonzales of 10 Washington St., a building that was badly damaged in the blaze, causing tenants in that building to be evacuated.

"The house burned down, the city did nothing," Gonzales said. "The tenants feel they have something coming to them and, if they do, they want it speeded up."

Gonzales was referring to the feelings of many of the tenants in Devlin-owned buildings that they are entitled to state relocation money since they had been coerced by the landlord to vacate their homes.

Tenant representatives Tomas Ayende and Manuel Perez say the city is reluctant to deal with the relocation issue, even though it is required by state law to make funds available.

Manuel Perez, in a statement issued yesterday on behalf of the tenants, said, "The people feel they have been left out. Mayor Cappiello was willing to meet with the tenants and landlord today but the landlord seems to have no feelings for the people involved."

"If there is no meeting with the landlord and city officials within the next week," Perez went on, "the tenants will picket city hall and write letters to the governor."

The Hispanic community in Hoboken and in other municipalities throughout the state will be watching the situation very carefully, Perez said.

Applied Housing bids for Seamen's Mission

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A new bid for the embattled German Seamen's Mission in Hoboken was disclosed today.

Applied Housing Inc., of Hoboken has offered \$80,000 for the historic property to convert it to commercial or residential use, with the proviso that the exterior will not be changed.

The Hoboken Environment Committee said it anticipates that the \$80,000 figure will be boosted by two \$20,000 grants, one from the state, the other from Hoboken's federally-funded Community Development Agency, to help preserve the historic structures.

The \$100,000 is competing with a \$150,000 bid for the property already made by the Singer Bros. Shop Rite Co. which wants to demolish the seamen's mission buildings and use the site for a parking lot.

Joseph Barry, lawyer for Applied

Housing and son of Walter Barry, head of the company, explained his firm's tentative plans for the property if its bid is successful.

The property comprises three buildings, a stucco structure facing on Hudson Street at Hudson Place, a brick building behind it, and a rear building separated from the second structure by a courtyard but connected to it.

Barry said that in the plan for commercial development, the rear building would be used for "artisan's work space." He cited as possible example jewelry-making and specialty clothing designing.

The front buildings would be sales space for the craft production in the rear building.

If residential development were decided on, "large one-bedroom apartments" would be laid out in the buildings, Barry said.

In either case, while the interiors of the structures would be remodeled, the exteriors would be kept intact, to preserve the historic feature, Barry said.

Actually the structures are not worth more than \$30,000 at most,

aside from their historic feature, he added.

"Hoboken has unique qualities which should be preserved," he declared.

"The city's strongest chance to interest revitalizers and renovators lies in preserving these historic characteristics which people find so attractive when the buildings are of a comfortable size—not too massive—such as Hoboken's are."

Cappiello warns cops had better ticket litterers

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Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello has warned the city's acting police chief that any policeman who sees a person littering and turns his head will be suspended from the force.

Cappiello yesterday complained that Hoboken "looks like an outdoor trash can" because of the proliferation of litter in recent months.

Capt. Anthony Rinaldi, who is filling in for vacationing Police Chief George Crimmins, was called to a meeting in Cappiello's office yesterday morning along with several Public Works foremen, Health Officer Patricia Mitten, sanitarian Jad Mahalik, and George Crimmins Jr., director of the city's Comprehensive Employment and Training Act program, to organize the battle against litter.

A similar meeting — with fewer participants — was held earlier last month for the same purpose, but Cappiello admits that "nothing was done about it."

He showed the officials a stack of photos of the litter-strewn streets that he took himself over the weekend, and told them to establish fixed responsibilities for the cleanup campaign.

Among those responsibilities, he said, was the duty of policemen to enforce anti-littering laws, and he warned that any who ignore litterers would be suspended. He also ordered the Health Department to issue summons for littering.

James Behrens, president of the Policemen's Benevolent Association, took issue with the mayor's remarks.

"I don't think any policeman ignores litterers," Behrens asserted. "Why doesn't the mayor get after the people whose job it is to clean the streets?"

Cappiello was getting after everyone yesterday, even the schools administration. He yelled at one school official by phone yesterday because, he said, he saw a school janitor sweeping debris into a sewer instead of picking it up.

Yesterday, Cappiello chastised the general public for making additional garbage but failing to dispose of it properly or pick it up when they see it.

"I've never felt so sick about anything," Cappiello exclaimed. "The streets in this city are disgusting but nobody seems to care."

He said he has sent letters to the school board and the Housing Authority telling them to cooperate with the city's cleanup campaign.

At yesterday's meeting, he stressed accountability, Cappiello said. "I want fixed responsibilities for every area of the cleanup campaign, and I want to know who is not complying," he said.

He said he called in Mrs. Mitten because she has complained to him of several incidents of garbage piling up, and he wanted her to tell the other officials directly.

Among the changes expected to result from yesterday's meeting is a proposal to shift the hours of those who clean the streets to make them available later in the day for cleanups. This would include CETA and public works personnel.

Hoboken asks \$50 million in rent subsidies

Hoboken has applied for participation in a federal program that would bring up to \$50 million in rent subsidies to tenants of rehabilitated brownstones and tenement houses in a central district of the city.

The new program, run through the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, is called the Neighborhood Strategy Area program and is designed to give aid to tenants of Section 8 rehabilitation units.

HUD will allow 20,000 units throughout the country, and Hoboken officials are applying for 500 units, according to Joseph Cicala, deputy director of the city's Community Development Agency.

The cities applying for the aid are required to designate a neighborhood area within which up to 500 units could be included in the program.

The one area designated for Hoboken, Cicala explained, runs from First to 14th streets between Washington Street and Willow Avenue. In addition, the western boundary is extended to Adams Street between Fourth and Seventh streets.

The basic purpose of the program, Cicala pointed out, "is to provide a tool in financing substantial rehabilitation projects."

Rent subsidies up to \$5,000 per year would be given to tenants to make the rents in rehabilitated buildings reasonable for local residents.

The formula for figuring the aid is a complicated one:

HUD would estimate the "fair market rent" of the units rehabilitated by private owners and developers—that would be the maximum value of the apartment.

The landlord would then set a "contract rent," which would reflect his actual costs of rehabilitation and maintaining the unit. HUD has to approve the "contract rent" amount.

The "contract rent" may not exceed the "fair market rent."

The tenants in the substantially rehabilitated units would be required to pay 25 percent of their income to the landlord. HUD would then pay the difference between the tenants' payment and the "contract rent."

The maximum rent subsidy would be \$5,000 per unit per year, Cicala

said. The subsidies would be paid over 20 years.

Thus, the maximum for all units, if approved, would be \$50 million over the 20 years.

The application filed yesterday seeks approval for Hoboken to participate in the program. If approved—HUD is supposed to notify the city by August—the money would be set aside by HUD so that Hoboken landlords would not have to compete against other cities later.

"HUD is looking for this program to have substantial impact on the cities," Cicala said. "They are also looking for cities with the local capacity to process the proposals, so we should have an advantage there because the CDA has a lot of experience in these programs."

The landlords in the designated areas would have five years from the time of approval to complete their substantial rehabilitation, Cicala added.

Malfetti scores initiative lack

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Hoboken Sixth Ward Councilman Nunzio Malfetti today blasted the city's administration, charging it was dragging its feet on the task of attracting industry to the community.

Malfetti warned that the "flight of New York City could one day be visited upon Hoboken — and for the same diabolical reasons: the rising burdens of municipal taxes, plus tax abatements for industries and enterprises that do not provide their fair share of the tax burden."

Malfetti contends that the city is "on the road to fiscal chaos, and John Q. Public is the fellow who must pick up the tab."

The councilman, who won his seat as an independent in an upset victory over the city's regular Democratic organization in 1975, has expressed a desire to seek reelection, but has not officially announced his candidacy.

"Again, we urge those who care about Hoboken to do something constructive for our city — to seek out enterprises and industries to provide jobs for our citizens," he asserted.

"Spending federal monies, gilding the lily," he added, "and attempting to make Hoboken an adjunct of New York City is indeed inviting the same fiscal problems experienced there."

"Hoboken is an industrial city, with in-

dustrial people and a port facility to which we should adhere. It is not a resort town, nor is it a town worthy of being destroyed through fiscal irresponsibility," the councilman said.

EPA honors Hoboken woman

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By WILLIAM BETZ

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) yesterday gave a Hoboken woman a special award for citizen activists in the environmental field.

Heleen Manogue, founder and president of the Hoboken Environment Committee, was one of 16 people honored by the EPA for their efforts to clean up the environment.

A Hoboken resident for 17 years, Mrs. Manogue has led several successful fights in Hoboken to deter polluting businesses from settling in the city and its immediate vicinity. In 1972, for example, she led the committee in a joint effort with the Weehawken Environment Committee in a battle against Supermarine Corp., which wanted to build an oil refinery on the Hoboken-Weehawken waterfront.

A year later, Mrs. Manogue waged a similar battle with Comopolitan Terminals to stop the company from building 18 of the world's largest oil tanks on the same property. This struggle, too, re-

sulted in success for the environmentalists.

Mrs. Manogue's name was proposed for the award by the Save the Palisades Association and its president, James S. Drago. The citation read by Eric Outwater, deputy administrator of the EPA's Region II office, praised Mrs. Manogue for the Hoboken Environment Committee's "extraordinary neighborhood upgrading as seen in the brownstone renovation which has brought so many people back to (Hoboken)."

The environment committee and its leader were also cited for efforts in newspaper recycling, beautification and house tours. Money raised by the newspaper recycling drives is plowed back into the community's beautification efforts, which include tree planting and the distribution of flowering window boxes throughout the city.

In 1977 Gov. Brendan Byrne appointed Mrs. Manogue to the Liberty State Park Study and Planning Commission. And early last year she organized the Waterfront Coalition of Hudson and Bergen, a group dedicated to the establishment of

waterfront parks from the George Washington Bridge to the tip of Bayonne.

The coalition also calls for the preservation of what is left of the panorama from the top of the Palisades, a vista Drago described as "part of America's scenic grandeur." The coalition's member groups include the Sierra Club, the Audubon Society, the League of Women Voters, Save the Palisades Association and many others, Drago said.

In addition to Mrs. Manogue, 15 other people from New Jersey, New York, and Puerto Rico were honored by the EPA for their contributions to environmental and conservation causes.

The other New Jersey residents were Carol Cole of Leonia, Louis Schindler of Maplewood, Dr. Joseph Weinberg of Parsippany, Rose Blaustein of Franklin Lakes, Daniel Van Atta of Bridgewater and David F. Moore of Frenchtown.

Hoboken, St. Mary settle dispute on their back debts

6/20/78 J.T.

The five-year dispute between Hoboken and St. Mary Hospital over back bills each owes the other should be over by next month.

The city is making a final check on the validity of all it owes St. Mary from as far back as 1973, and payment is expected to be made by the July 5 City Council meeting on the \$55,000 in back bills.

A spokesman for St. Mary said today that the hospital is prepared to pay the \$48,000 in back water bills it owes the city as soon as payment is received from the city for its charges. The dispute, which appeared settled in 1974 only to be reopened in 1976, evolved from a complaint by the hospital over its water meter.

It was billed \$68,000 for water in 1973, but claimed its meter wasn't operating properly. The city refused to pay its bills for care of city employees and prisoners in retaliation.

The bill was settled for \$75,000 for

the water, and St. Mary began payments on Nov. 7, 1974. About \$27,000 was paid before the city's Law Department lost its file on the agreement and a City Council committee investigated the matter.

No payments on the back bills have been made since, although the meter dispute was settled and St. Mary has paid its current bills since.

The question was debated again last year before city officials agreed to pay medical care bills dating back to 1973. The agreement was reached in late December, but a special appropriation had to be made in this year's budget to allow for payment of bills from before last year. That appropriation was made.

Now, city officials are going over each bill to make sure that the amounts on city records correspond to hospital records.

The charges for prisoners alone come to \$18,885.80, including one bill from February to May, 1973, that totaled \$12,058.05 for a prisoner.

Push voting, clerks told by Amoroso

6/6/78 J.T.

Hoboken City Clerk Anthony Amoroso has called on fellow clerks from across the country to take a more active part in getting out the vote in local elections.

Addressing the International Institute of Municipal Clerks at its annual conference recently in Manhattan, Amoroso urged his colleagues to "go beyond what is required of us and make our knowledge and experience known to our communities" to help encourage people to vote.

Among the methods Amoroso suggested are talks to civic and social organizations, helping with school elections, working with county election officials to keep abreast of their methods and making sample ballots available at registration time so voters can ask questions about procedures.

Amoroso, who reportedly received an ovation from the 1,000 clerks at the conference, noted that although many laws have been passed in recent years making registration and voting easier, the percentage of eligible voters has declined, especially among men.

While contending that the direct responsibility to get out the vote belongs to the candidates running in the election, Amoroso stressed that clerks, as well as state municipal clerk associations, should make an extra effort to encourage voters.

Hoboken to weigh historic site provision

By WILLIAM BETZ

The Hoboken City Council today will consider an amendment which will set the stage for creation of historic districts in the city.

The amendment will be considered at the 10 a.m. meeting at the request of the Hoboken Environment Committee, which wants to strike from the bill a provision that would permit the demolition of the German Seamen's Mission at 60-64 Hudson St.

The mission has recently been granted historic site status

by the state and would, therefore, be an important part of the proposed downtown historic district in the Mile Square City, the committee argues.

At issue is the clause in the ordinance that would permit the demolition of the mission because a demolition permit was granted by the city before the ordinance was introduced.

"This officially-declared historic building could be demolished if the amendment to the ordinance is not made," Helen Manogue, chairman of the Hoboken Environment Committee, said in a letter to the city council.

The ordinance in question is intended to establish a

historic district commission "for the sake of achieving federal historic district status. But, says Mrs. Manogue, "If the amendment is not made, the ordinance itself may be unable to pass the test for federal acceptable certification."

The advantage of federal historic district status is that substantial tax writeoffs are available to owners of rehabilitated and restored properties in local districts certified by the U. S. Department of the Interior. The environment committee argues that chances for federal certification may be lost if the Seamen's Mission is allowed to be torn down.

The Hoboken Environment Committee has been at the

forefront of efforts to save the historic, 70-year-old mission. As the result of an application prepared by the committee, state historic site status was granted to the mission by the state Department of Environmental Protection's Historic Sites Division on May 3.

The owner of the mission, which was traditionally home to transient German seamen who worked for the North German Lloyd Lines and the Hamburg American Lines during Hoboken's waterfront heyday, intends to sell the property on which the building is located to the Singer Shop-Rite Corp., which plans to use it as parking lot for the corporation's nearby supermarket.

Do it!

6/1/78 J.J.

Hoboken's public works director opposes the proposal to consolidate his department's garage with the more efficient garage of the city's Public Safety Department.

Since bureaucrats on all levels always oppose diminishing their domain, his opposition is not surprising. But his reasoning, though perhaps refreshing for its unusual frankness, is most unpalatable.

Certainly in a city as small as Hoboken, a consolidated garage would have obvious advantages, as has already been borne out in Bayonne.

While not disputing this, the director argues that his mechanics would resent the "intrusion" of "outside control." His men have to be handled in a certain way, he explains, because they all have strong political connections.

If that is the only objection to consolidation, Hoboken's taxpayers will surely say: "Do it right away!"

Amato wants councilmen 'off my back' in Hoboken

6/5/78 J.J.

Hoboken's public works director declared today that he wants the city council members to "get off my back" and said that if they have problems concerning his department, "they can take them up with the mayor."

Andrew Amato, the director, singled out Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri, charging that the councilman is "always telling me to do this and that, but I have enough to do in taking care of the people of the city."

Ranieri was amused by Amato's remarks.

"He thinks the man doth protest too much," the councilman said. "No one is giving any orders to the director, but we elected officials must make sure he lives up to his responsibilities."

Amato said he was appointed by Mayor Steve Cappiello, and he considers the mayor his boss.

"If the mayor wants me to do something, he can tell me and it will be done," he said. "But I don't have time to carry out orders from individual councilmen."

Cappiello said today he agreed with Amato that under the Faulkner Act councilmen are legislators and not administrators, but added: "The councilmen must be respected,

because they have the electorate behind them."

Cappiello said he will gladly serve as "intermediary" between Amato and the council.

"If there is a communication gap," the mayor said, "I'll try to bridge it."

Ranieri and Amato clashed last week over repairs needed for the city's sewer system. The councilman has also been after Amato to repair the city's 500 non-working water meters.

In fact, Ranieri, the chairman of the council's Water and Sewer Committee, called a meeting with Amato for tonight following the council caucus to discuss the water meters. Cappiello has also been invited.

The order for Amato to appear tonight is apparently what incited the outburst by the director. He has also criticized the city council for "putting the blame on me" for the recent controversy over the Fifth Street Pumping Station.

The pumping station was declared an emergency last October but no contractor was hired until last month, when a personal associate of Amato's was given the job. The council's Public Works Committee is expected to make a report on that situation at Wednesday's council meeting.

Put yourself in mayor's shoes—and run

By WILLIAM BETZ

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, running for freeholder in today's Democratic primary, better not put his track shoes away after all the votes are counted. He has more running ahead of him—literally.

Cappiello will be running Sunday for the greater honor and glory of the Mile Square City as he competes in the Hoboken Mini-Marathon, a four-mile footrace that will give city residents a chance to run against Cappiello and other local politicians.

When asked yesterday if he expected to finish the four-mile run, Cappiello immediately responded, "What! Are you crazy?"

Reconsidering, the mayor admitted, "I am going to try to finish."

Also competing in the race will be two city councilmen, the city clerk, the business administrator, and the director of the city's recreation department.

City Clerk Anthony Amoroso is the major contender for top honors among local officials, according to the mayor. In venturing his prediction, Cappiello cited Amoroso's background as a long-distance runner.

Amoroso was unavailable for comment yesterday so it was unknown whether he would make the same claim for Cappiello's athletic prowess.

According to Recreation Department Director James Farina, the city has

received about 200 entries for the race. Farina said he hopes the race will run smoothly enough to persuade city officials to incorporate running events in future fundraising efforts.

The race will start and end at City Hall, Farina said. The mayor and the recreation director, who is also competing in the event, will present medals and

trophies to the top finishers in various categories.

City councilmen taking part in the race are Walter "Puppy" Cramer and Thomas Kennedy, according to the mayor. Edwin Chius, the city's business administrator, is also expected to run.

There will be a final meeting of the race's organizers tomorrow night to go over the ground rules, Farina said.

Hoboken building fires up 47% in '77 over '76

6/7/78 J.J.

Hoboken had 47 percent more fires in buildings last year than in 1976, but the city's fire chief brushed off the increase as being part of a "national trend."

The Fire Department responded to 385 fires in buildings last year compared to 262 the previous year, according to the 1977 annual fire report released today by Fire Chief James Houn.

Houn had no explanation for the increase, however, except to say that "it's happening that way all across the country."

The total number of fire alarms for last year was 1,734, up from 1,579 in 1976. This number includes the building fires as well as brush and rubbish fires, vehicles, ships, trains, shipyards, piers, compactors, false alarms and smoke scares.

There were 640 false alarms last year, up from 615 in the previous year, and there were 199 smoke scares, in which firemen were called when smoke was spotted, but no fire was found.

Of the 1,734 fire alarms, only six were general alarm blazes, while eight were three alarms and three were two alarms. Hoboken received help from other communities in 14 cases and sent its trucks to aid other communities nine times.

The department received 719 fire alarms through alarm boxes, 473 through direct phone calls, 273 through the special 911 emergency number it shares with Jersey City, 131 through auxiliary alarm boxes, and 130 from people walking into a fire station and reporting an incident.

The report stated that of the 640 false alarms, 162 were sounded from fire alarm boxes in the public and parochial schools — 100 from public schools and two from parochial.

In addition to the fire alarms, the department also responded to 670 special calls, which involve situations such as flooding or washing down streets where hazardous substances gather. There were 661 special calls in 1976.

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Cappiello, Francone patch up differences

By Patrick Ford

Just when a formidable candidate has declared her intention to run for Louis Francone's Fourth Ward council seat in Hoboken, the veteran councilman appears to be returning to the good graces of the city's Democratic organization.

Just after it was disclosed that Florence Amato, wife of the director of public works, would run for the seat Francone has held since 1955, the Louis Francone Fourth Ward Regular Democratic Association and its Ladies Auxiliary endorsed Mayor Steve Cappiello for freeholder and the rest of the Row A Democratic organization ticket.

"Louie Francone and I are good friends," Cappiello said today when asked about the endorsement. "We've had our differences, but we always work it out."

Cappiello was asked, however, what about Francone's opposition last year?

"We're like husband and wife," Cappiello replied. "We have lots of

spats, but we always get back together again."

"Sometimes," the mayor said with a grin, "absence makes the heart grow fonder."

Andrew Amato, the public works director, was surprised to hear that Cappiello was so "fond" of Francone.

"He opposed the mayor last year," Amato asserted. "He abused his name in the streets. We supported the mayor and still do. My organization has always worked hard for his freeholder candidacy now."

Amato was not concerned, however. "I think my wife knows what to do," he said. "Louie Francone is going to have a lot of problems."

In making the endorsement, not only Francone, but the club's president, Raphael Vitale, who was fired as public works director last year by Cappiello because he too opposed him in the election, urged the membership to stand "100 percent united" behind the Row A organization ticket.

Wendelken wants Taylor off payroll, on retainer

6/5/78 J.J.

A member of the Hoboken Board of Education wants Board Attorney Robert W. Taylor off the board payroll and on a retainer instead.

Robert Wendelken, elected in the Feb. 14 school elections, said he has been assured by several state Department of Education officials, including Deputy Commissioner Vincent Calabrese, that board attorney is not a tenured position.

Calabrese advised Wendelken that the board could vote to abolish the full-time \$24,000-per-year attorney's post and establish a new job classification spelling out the attorney's duties and how much he would be paid on retainer.

Taylor said he had "no comment at all" on the matter.

Wendelken attempted to change the post at a recent closed session of the board, but Taylor advised the trustees that he had tenure.

Wendelken then suggested that the board seek a second opinion from the New Jersey School Board Association, but was informed that a majority of the board would have to approve the request to the association.

A vote on the question resulted in a 4-to-1 tie, with Aurelio Lago absent. Wendelken was joined by James Monaco and Richard England, the other new board members, and James Farina, vice president of the board, in voting affirmatively.

Wendelken then contacted a special counsel on education for Gov. Brendan Byrne, and was advised there were several officials he could check with on the tenure question.

Calabrese advised the board in March to define Taylor's duties so as to separate the fiscal and legal responsibilities that he had been filling. Taylor also is a certified public accountant. He operates a private law practice in New York in addition to his board duties.

Wendelken said he will bring the matter up before the board at one of the meetings this month.

School Board comes out of the red

6/8/78 J.J.

The Hoboken Board of Education is finally out of the red with Blue Cross-Blue Shield of New Jersey and its employees are no longer in danger of losing medical coverage.

At a special meeting last night, the board approved the payment of \$6,217 to the insurance program for 20 retired teachers, ending a dispute over the money that began last year.

"We're really happy it's all over," said Michael Donatello, president of the Hoboken Teachers Association, which at one point threatened to take the board to court if it didn't pay up.

The \$6,000 was owed for the coverage of 33 teachers who retired between 1972 and 1976. The payments were discovered in errors in 1977.

When the board failed to bring the accounts up to current, immediately the insurance plan threatened to drop its coverage of board employees. After a series of meetings with the State Health Benefits Bureau, the teachers association and Blue Cross-Blue Shield, the board agreed to make good on the premiums, which under contract it had bound itself to make for the teachers.

"Does this clear the docket on this?" Trustee Richard England asked Robert Taylor, board attorney at the session. Taylor indicated that it brought the matter to a close.



Giuseppina Godele, Alfred Cruz and Lisette Gonzalez, from left, sports as they leave the David E. Rue School in Hoboken. The entire student body has embarked on a "good grooming" program.

Grooming makes 'em sparkle

By Patrick Ford

Shape up, urban child. That's the theme of a new weekly program at Hoboken's David Rue School, where acting principal Ignatius Farinola is facing a big urban problem head-on.

Many inner-city teachers can tell you the horror stories — kids coming to school with lice in their hair, smelling because they haven't bathed in several days, wearing the same wrinkled outfit day after day.

Parents aren't always to blame, teachers say. Many of them are fighting a battle of survival every day and just can't take the time to teach their children good grooming habits.

Others, unfortunately, just don't care.

Farinola, however, cares. He tried a "Good Grooming Day" at his school last week, and he says the results were so impressive that he's making it a weekly affair.

"I see a lot more pride in appearance on the part of the students since we held our first 'Good Grooming Day,'" Farinola declared. "The school staff and nurse had always promoted personal hygiene, but the one-day program placed greater emphasis on it."

The youngsters were told of the importance of washing and combing their hair, bathing regularly and keeping their clothes clean and shoes shined. "We emphasized that there was no need to buy new clothes," Farinola explained, "but that they should keep their present clothes in good condition."

Farinola said that the change in the children this week has been amazing.

"What a difference," he exclaimed. "We notice that all the youngsters now have a greater sense of pride in their appearance when they report to their classrooms."

Instead of condos, funds for industry

By William Taft

Councilman Robert A. Ranieri of Hoboken today offered an alternative to his city's application for \$4 million in federal funds as "seed money" to help private investors build a \$24 million luxury high-rise condominium on the site of the dismantled Fifth Street pier.

Ranieri proposed the \$4 million be used instead to encourage Hoboken industrial establishments to remain in the city.

He cited Maxwell House and the Levolor Lorenzen company as two plants which might move out at any time, throwing hundreds of Hoboken residents out of work.

These and other firms with factories in the city could be invited to modernize or rebuild their Hoboken plants using the \$4 million as an inducement, Ranieri said.

"There is a constant and imminent danger of our losing our largest industrial plants," he declared, "and we must provide an atmosphere conducive to their staying."

He called for a conference between city officials and the local Chamber of Commerce to discuss a

program such as he proposes.

The coffee factory has been gradually phasing out its Hoboken operation, transferring production to its plants elsewhere, the councilman continued. Levolor Lorenzen, which makes blinds, "has been expanding rapidly all over the country by leaps and bounds but not in Hoboken," he said.

Ranieri said that while the anticipated \$300,000 a year in taxes from the condominium would be an advantage, the project would have no additional impact on Hoboken.

"It is in an isolated area," he asserted, "and basically it would be a disjointed part of New York. It's not as though the project would be a 'feeder' resulting in our eventually having one luxury apartment house after another."

Industry would be interested in his proposed "20 per cent discount" for modernization or expansion, he asserted.

Maxwell House pays the city \$736,000 in taxes and \$264,000 for water, a total of more than \$1 million;

and Levolor Lorenzen pays \$60,000 in taxes, according to Ranieri.

"Hoboken would be better off keeping Maxwell House healthy and happy and securing hundreds of jobs, and helping Levolor Lorenzen rebuild and retrofit its Hoboken plant — that would be much more important than luxury housing," he said.

Ranieri said he "presumed" that these and other companies with old buildings had found them "outmoded economically" and that it was more economical to rebuild elsewhere.

"These are two prime examples," he added, "but there are many others."

He asked whether Hoboken was to experience a departure similar to that of the large American Can Co. factory from Jersey City.

"I can foresee the day, within the next three years," Ranieri said, "when Maxwell House will casually say, 'We are moving the balance of our operation out of the city. I can imagine the 11th-hour conferences that would be called by city officials and our Community Development Agency to try to stop it.'"

Meanwhile, the application for the \$4 million condominium seed money grant was sent to Washington yesterday by Fred M. Bado Jr., the CDA director.

Officials said they believed the \$4 million would be approved because the application had been discussed at length before it was formally submitted.

Hoboken's loss

6/2/78 J.J.

Hoboken's school board has a poor public image.

There was that \$5,600 bash, hailed as the greatest ever, but then the board found it not only couldn't pay the tab but was a million and a half in the hole for other expenditures and needed another million to make ends meet.

The board continues to be inept.

The city's parents may wonder how their children can be getting an education. One reason they can and do is the superintendent of schools, Thomas McFeely, a man with all the qualifications a superintendent of schools should have.

Despite the fumbling board, he has managed to keep the schools going.

Now McFeely is retiring. Hoboken has been fortunate in having him as superintendent for 34 years. May his successor do as well!

Siamese twins born in Hoboken

By Pat Ford

A Jersey City woman has given birth to Siamese twins at St. Mary Hospital in Hoboken, the first such births at the Hoboken facility and one of the few in Hudson County in recent years.

The babies, both females, who are joined at the thorax, or chest, were delivered by Caesarian section at 10:20 p.m. Wednesday and transferred soon after to the Margaret Hague Maternity Hospital in Jersey City.

The mother and babies are listed in "very good" condition. The mother's name and address are being withheld by The Jersey Journal at her request.

Extensive tests will be performed this week at the Margaret Hague to determine if either child is missing any vital organs.

If they are not sharing any vital organs, medical experts say, an operation to separate them will be performed within a few months, and they can be expected to live normal lives.

If they are sharing vital organs, such as the heart or liver, one of them may have to be sacrificed to save the other.

At St. Mary Hospital an official close to the case said yesterday that, based on outward appearances, doctors are confident that these twins are not sharing vital organs and have an excellent chance for survival.

The infants were slightly premature, a hospital spokesman said, and weighed a combined 6 pounds, 14 ounces at birth. The mother has one other child.

Dr. Farouk Al-Salhi, director of the newborn services at the Margaret Hague, said this is the third Siamese-twin case he has handled in his 12 years at the Medical Center. The babies died in each of the other instances, however.

Dr. Lilly Gonzales of Jersey City had no idea of what was to come when she arrived at St. Mary to deliver the babies Wednesday night.

"We took X-rays and knew there would be twins," she explained, "but

they were so small, I had no idea they would be joined."

"When I examined the mother before the delivery, however, I saw four legs coming down together," the doctor continued.

"I was scared! I've never delivered Siamese twins before, although I have had twins and Caesarian sections," Dr. Gonzales said.

She ordered the Caesarian immediately, and after the children were born they were taken at around 11 p.m. to the maternity intensive care unit on the sixth floor at the Margaret Hague. That is one of the few intensive care units especially for infants in the state.

HOBOKEN The way it was 37 years ago



By Vincent J. Moders

This is the way just a little part of Hoboken looked 37 years ago.

At left is a part of First Street, then a lively and a main business district of the city. There was no animosity, no rape, no killings and most of all, no muggings.

The worst bum on the street would not steal or molest anyone.

It was a good clean neighborhood.

The merchants and property owners took great pride in the street where they

made their living. Consumers were not afraid to walk day or night in this community because on almost every corner there was a policeman on duty, walking.

Everything and everybody had an air of friendship and concern. People were all happy living and working together regardless of race, creed or color.

At left, you see the corner of First and Clinton Streets.

The building in the center housed a butcher shop and the first floor had a dentist.

The opposite corner was Herman's Housewares shop.

What you don't see is the other two corners, one which still stands, the old Jefferson Trust Co. now defunct for many years, and the other Moders & Sons, fruit and vegetable and deli, established in 1923.

The streets were clean and the cars were few but the point is that the people who lived there were mixed and they did not care for they had respect for one another.

For in 1941, when this picture was taken, these people were a happy and good people.

The picture at right, taken the same year, shows First and Willow Avenues looking towards

Washington Street and City Hall.

These buildings all stand today.

The large building housed 38 families with a bar. The low building housed Paap Studios on the first floor and Ciento's Grocery Store.

The opposite two corners housed Gualario's Bar and eight families above, and the other, Bernies Dry Goods Shop.

I am proud to be born and raised in an area such as this. Hoboken is, and was a very lovely and lively city and I hated to leave it when I did.

Moders and Sons was my business there for 50 years.

Hoboken can't use last year's money

By Ronald Lehr

Even though an "emergency" still exists at Hoboken's Fifth Street pumping station, according to the city's consulting engineer, the state has advised the city it's "too late" to make use of \$66,000 set aside last year for handling it.

Instead, relates city council president Martin J. Brennan, Hoboken's governing body must pass a new emergency appropriation, reappoint Mayo, Lynch & Associates

to draw up specifications and advertise for bids on June 19.

Brennan said an aide to John Laezza, head of the State Division of Local Government, told him that any new appropriation made under the designation of water and sewer utilities wouldn't affect the "cap" on municipal spending.

Last October, the city declared an emergency situation at the Fifth Street pumping station when Joseph Lynch, the consulting engineer,

warned that the station was then — and continues to be — only roughly 50 percent operational.

In effect, says Lynch, only one of three pumps is working and that, he said, is only because some of the component mechanical and electrical parts can be interchanged. One of the three pumps should be used as a spare, said Lynch, but that's impossible now, he added.

During normal weather, the pumping station can just about get by,

but when heavy rains fall, he said, the station is in trouble.

Last May, Hoboken, under the emergency designation, gave the go-ahead without bidding to T & M Contractors, a local firm, to do the repairs, but Lynch said the firm has done only \$3,000 worth of work.

Now, if the city goes out to bid for a new contractor, T & M could demand that it be permitted to finish the

Hoboken fire candidates to get psychological test

Candidates for Hoboken's Fire Department will be given psychological tests similar to the Jersey City examinations that were held constitutional last month by a federal District Court judge.

Fire Chief James Houn confirmed today that he and Mayor Steve Cappiello, the public safety director, have agreed to use the tests for the next batch of candidates for the department.

There are seven openings now, and Houn says there may be three or four more by the end of the year. The seven new appointments will be made

by next month, when the new Civil Service list is released, Houn said.

Police candidates already are required to undergo psychological testing for the Hoboken Police Department.

U.S. District Court Judge James A. Coolahan ruled May 25 that "while a psychological evaluation intrudes on an applicant's privacy, it may save him from losing his life."

"The life of a community as well," the judge added, "depends, at the most basic level, on those whose job it is to protect the community from physical forces."

The challenge to Jersey City's

tests had been brought by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of two firemen, two candidates and one rejected applicant.

Houn said Hoboken has wanted to use the testing for firemen for a long time, but was waiting to see the outcome of the year-long trial on the Jersey City case to make sure the practice is constitutional.

An appeal is expected on Coolahan's decision.

Cappiello said he favors the practice. "I think most public safety departments are using these tests these days," he said.

"These tests would be useful and effective in identifying appointees whose emotional makeup makes them high-risk cases," Houn opined. He claimed further that the tests would be beneficial to the applicant because it may show him that he is not right for the job.

Houn said the reason there are no many openings in the department is that the state has not given Civil Service tests for two years.

There are now 126 men on the job in the Fire Department compared to the full force figure of 137 men, Houn said.

Housing panel's budget up in Hoboken by \$400,000

The Hoboken Housing Authority has approved an operating budget of approximately \$2.5 million for the 1976-77 year — up about \$400,000 from the present period.

Joseph Calligaris said the funds are used in the day-to-day operations of the five projects which the authority administers and the higher

budget was needed because of general increased costs.

Bernard Kenny, the developer of the office building in the Grogan Marine View Plaza complex, again conferred with the authority on an option for another vacant site at Second and Hudson streets.

Kenny's firm, Bekay Engineering

Co., is seeking to build a motel on the site and wants an option to purchase the land.

The authority has put a \$205,000 price tag on the parcel but Calligaris said the authority withheld action last night until it could discuss possible changes in urban renewal regulations with members of the city council and other city agencies.

Andrew Scherer, authority chairman, presided.

Hoboken payrolls probed

By Patrick Ford

The U.S. Attorney's office has subpoenaed payroll records from 1976 and 1977 for 80 to 100 employees of Hoboken's Public Works Department.

The city was ordered to turn over by Tuesday all W-2 forms, payroll records, cancelled paychecks and time records for all employees assigned to the Public Works garage. Officials said all department employees — except office workers — are assigned to the garage.

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The mother and babies are listed in "very good" condition. The mother's name and address are being withheld by The Jersey Journal at her request.

Extensive tests will be performed this week at the Margaret Hague to determine if either child is missing any vital organs.

If they are not sharing any vital organs, medical experts say, an operation to separate them will be performed within a few months, and they can be expected to live normal lives.

If they are sharing vital organs, such as the heart or liver, one of them may have to be sacrificed to save the other.

At St. Mary Hospital an official close to the case said yesterday that, based on outward appearance, doctors are confident that these twins are not sharing vital organs and have an excellent chance for survival.

The infants were slightly premature, a hospital spokesman said, and weighed a combined 6 pounds, 14 ounces at birth. The mother has one other child.

Dr. Farouk Al-Salibi, director of the newborn services at the Margaret Hague, said this is the third Siamese-twin case he has handled in his 12 years at the Medical Center. The babies died in each of the other instances, however.

Dr. Lilly Gonzales of Jersey City had no idea of what was to come when she arrived at St. Mary to deliver the babies Wednesday night.

"We took X-rays and knew there would be twins," she explained, "but

they were so small, I had no idea they would be joined."

"When I examined the mother before the delivery, however, I saw four legs coming down together," the doctor continued.

"I was scared! I've never delivered Siamese twins before, although I have had twins and Caesarian sections," Dr. Gonzales said.

She ordered the Caesarian immediately, and after the children were born they were taken at around 11 p.m. to the maternity intensive care unit on the sixth floor at the Margaret Hague. That is one of the few intensive care units especially for infants in the state.

HOBOKEN The way it was 37 years ago 6/13/78 J.T.



Hoboken can't use last year's money 6/6/78 J.T.

By Ronald Leir

Even though an "emergency" still exists at Hoboken's Fifth Street pumping station, according to the city's consulting engineer, the state has advised the city it's "too late" to make use of \$60,000 set aside last year for handling it.

Instead, relates city council president Martin J. Brennan, Hoboken's governing body must pass a new emergency appropriation, reappoint Mayo, Lynch & Associates

to draw up specifications and advertise for bids on June 19.

Brennan said an aide to John Laezza, head of the State Division of Local Government, told him that any new appropriation made under the designation of water and sewer utilities wouldn't affect the "cap" on municipal spending.

Last October, the city declared an emergency situation at the Fifth Street pumping station when Joseph Lynch, the consulting engineer,

warned that the station was then — and continues to be — only roughly 50 percent operational.

In effect, says Lynch, only one of three pumps is working and that, he said, is only because some of the component mechanical and electrical parts can be interchanged. One of the three pumps should be used as a spare, said Lynch, but that's impossible now, he added.

During normal weather, the pumping station can just about get by,

but when heavy rains fall, he said, the station is in trouble.

Last May, Hoboken, under the emergency designation, gave the go-ahead without bidding to T & M Contractors, a local firm, to do the repairs, but Lynch said the firm has done only \$3,000 worth of work.

Now, if the city goes out to bid for a new contractor, T & M could demand that it be permitted to finish the

Hoboken fire candidates to get psychological tests 6/6/78 J.T.

Candidates for Hoboken's Fire Department will be given psychological tests similar to the Jersey City examinations that were held constitutional last month by a federal District Court judge.

Fire Chief James Houn confirmed today that he and Mayor Steve Cappiello, the public safety director, have agreed to use the tests for the next batch of candidates for the department.

There are seven openings now, and Houn says there may be three or four more by the end of the year. The seven new appointments will be made

by next month, when the new Civil Service list is released, Houn said.

Police candidates already are required to undergo psychological testing for the Hoboken Police Department.

U.S. District Court Judge James A. Coolahan ruled May 25 that "while a psychological evaluation intrudes on an applicant's privacy, it may save him from losing his life."

"The life of a community as well," the judge added, "depends, at the most basic level, on those whose job it is to protect the community from physical forces."

tests had been brought by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of two firemen, two candidates and one rejected applicant.

Houn said Hoboken has wanted to use the testing for firemen for a long time, but was waiting to see the outcome of the year-long trial on the Jersey City case to make sure the practice is constitutional.

An appeal is expected on Coolahan's decision.

Cappiello said he favors the practice. "I think most public safety departments are using these tests these days," he said.

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Brennan instructed Thomas Callig, an assistant city attorney, to investigate what options might be available to the city to tackle the "black spaghetti" power line problem.

The council president said he wants city comptroller John Erbeck to devise a method of financing acquisition of the pumps by the next council caucus.

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At left, you see the corner of First and Clinton Streets.

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What you don't see is the other two corners, one which still stands, the old Jefferson Trust Co. now defunct for many years, and the other Modero & Sons, fruit and vegetable and deli, established in 1923.

The streets were clean and the cars were few but the point is that the people who lived there were mixed and they did not care for they had respect for one another.

For in 1941, when this picture was taken, these people were a happy and good people.

The picture at right, taken the same year, shows First and Willow Avenues looking towards

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These buildings all stand today. The large building housed 20 families with a bar. The low building housed Peap Studios on the first floor and Client's Grocery Store.

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Housing panel's budget up in Hoboken by \$400,000 6/9/78 J.T.

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Joseph Calligore said the funds are used in the day-to-day operations of the five projects which the authority administers and the higher

budget was needed because of general increased costs.

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Kenny's firm, Bekay Engineering

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Hoboken project: Dilemma for many

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A majority of these families require three, four and five-bedroom apartments. A survey of 12 of the 20 buildings included in the project (107 families) show that 42 percent of the tenants would need more than two bedrooms. The square block in question is bound by Washington, Bloomfield, Newark Streets and Observer Highway.

The families must decide now whether to relocate while their buildings are rehabilitated. If they stay, their bedroom space would be sharply limited, it was said.

A Hoboken developer, Applied Housing Associates, has proposed the renovation of 160 to 205 units to the New Jersey State Housing Finance Agency (HFA). Approximately \$1.2 million was allocated by the federal government under the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 8 subsidy program in 1976.

An HFA official, Peter Maher, said the agency is seeking to increase this figure to conform to the fair rent assistance level of 1978. He also pointed out that HFA policy prohibits more than one or two-bedroom apartments in buildings over two stories high where senior citizens are not mixed in with families.

Maher and St. Hilaire met with a handful of residents yesterday for a question-and-answer session and to inform them on the status of their situation.

The rehabilitated apartments would only consist of one or two bedrooms for low-income people. Rents would be subsidized and tenants would continue to pay only 25 percent of their monthly income as they do now.

The project has not received final HFA approval but Applied Housing and

the state and city government have guaranteed full relocation benefits to the current tenants provided Applied Housing gets the mortgage for the project.

At first, residents were offered \$200 and two months rent to relocate. St. Hilaire explained that under the new terms, each resident will receive up to \$4,000 in relocation benefits over a four-year period in four installments per year. The formula for figuring out how much a tenant will receive will be determined by taking the difference in rent (between what they presently pay and the new location's rent) and multiplying it by 12, Hilaire said.

Not everyone will receive \$4,000, but the people are assured that they will have an appropriate benefit payment in their hands before they move out, he added.

However, after four years these people will not be eligible to collect any more money. They must also find living quarters which meet with the city's Community Development Agency's standards during all four years to qualify for the money, the attorney asserted.

St. Hilaire pointed out a severe shortage of housing which could accommodate large, low-income families and meet with CDA standards. But the major problem these people will face will come in four years when they are no longer able to collect relocation benefits or move back into the revitalized buildings.

"Where do these people go? The HFA has become a tool for poor people removal. When the relocation money runs out in four years, what do they do? The new building only includes one and two-bedroom apartments, so they can't move back there. You (addressing Maher but referring to the HFA) keep moving these people with large, low-income families from one slum to another. This has to stop," declared one irate citizen.

St. Hilaire will meet with the tenants tonight in a closed session to discuss what course they will take.

Strange voodoo cult found in Hoboken

6/22/78 J.J.

By Pat Ford

Two flags hung on the door — one red and one white — signifying that a ritual was in progress.

Inside the basement apartment at 328 Bloomfield St. in Hoboken, two "temples" were set up in opposite corners of the room. Scattered about were beads, bulls' horns, an empty turtle shell, rocks with faces painted on them, and countless bowls containing smooth stones and sticks.

A large basket sat in the middle of each "temple" with cash thrown into it. There was a total of \$7,000 in the apartment.

Out back there were chicken coops with chickens and doves which are apparently used in the rituals.

A middle-aged couple — being initiated yesterday — wore white caps to conceal their scalps, which had been completely shaved.

At 3:30 p.m., police raided the sanctuary of what is apparently an African voodoo cult.

Police sources said the raid was made with a warrant that had been issued based on a tip that the two were being initiated against their will.

No arrests were made, however, because the couple told police that they were taking part in a religious ceremony willingly, and thus no laws were broken.

The participants continually warned police and press to stay away from the "temples" or a curse would befall them and they'd need to go through the ritual themselves within a year.

In the garbage can in front of the building a plastic bag contained a large pile of raw, rotting chicken and dove parts that smelled so putrid that bystanders almost became sick from the odor.

Earlier in the day, detectives found another bag with other chicken parts and two decapitated doves.

The Hispanic residents of the apartment explained to Detective Leo Sarano, who interpreted for the police, that they eat the chickens and doves as part of their religious diet.

One of the participants showed detectives his bankbook indicating that he had withdrawn the money for the "fee" for this ritual.

The ceremony is apparently some kind of exorcism, in which the participants have their body hair shaved and have the blood from the chickens and doves poured over them as they sit in the "temples" amid the cult paraphernalia and candles, police learned.

It is a seven-day ritual, and the participants refused to leave the building before tomorrow because of religious reasons.



These are the carved heads and masks which Hoboken police found in a Bloomfield Street house where voodoo rites were being performed.

Police Chief George W. Crimmins, Detective Capt. Anthony Rinaldi and most of the detective

squad were on the scene yesterday, but they could find no evidence of wrongdoing.

The Hudson County prosecutor's office was informed, and the police investigation is expected to continue.

3 cops to get high Hoboken award

6/19/78 J.J.

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The other getting the letters are: Lt. Paul Tewe; Sgt. Steven Duran; Martin Kieley, and Robert McDonough; Detectives Karl Pauso and Robert DeStefano; Patrolmen Antonio Rantas, Edward Lepre, Anthony Falco, Eldemiro Garcia, Daniel Halloran and George Ware (now with the Bayonne police); and former special patrolmen Angel Alices and David Matthews.

Hoboken's Rue School will be closed for repairs

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By Ronald Leir

Hoboken's David E. Rue School, victimized by time, harsh winters and neglect, won't have its weakening brickwork shored up by the time the fall term opens because the city Board of Education can't find the money to fix the school.

But rather than parceling out the

approximately 600 elementary school youngsters among the six other grammar schools around the city in September, the school board is leaning to a plan to shift the children to Demarest Junior High, just a block away.

Aurelio Lugo, a school trustee, told a group of Rue schoolchildren's parents attending last night's board

session, that "even if we had the money (to repair the school) today, there's no way that school will be open in September."

According to George Maier, assistant superintendent of schools, under the proposal he's given the board — which has yet to approve it — in September, when the children at the Rue School vacate the building, here's

what happens:

• All other elementary schools, which presently contain only kindergartens through sixth-grade, will "expand" to include seventh-grade rather than send graduating sixth-graders to Brandt Junior High or Demarest Junior High.

• That move is expected to free up to 14 classrooms reserved for the

seventh-graders at Demarest.

• At the same time, eighth-graders who would normally be attending Demarest will be shifted to Brandt to create additional vacancies at Demarest.

• These steps, figures Maier, would permit the relocation of all Rue School students.

Meanwhile, Otto Rottendorf,

board president, says the board continues to look for money from Washington and from Trenton to fix the school.

The board tabled without discussion a resolution calling for the termination of Dr. Rudolph J. Koller, a school doctor, and of Dr. Gerald Wuehrer, a school dentist, for "economy reasons."

Blame Amato, Lynch for pumping station snafu

By Patrick Ford

The eight-month delay in the "emergency" repair work at Hoboken's Fifth Street sewage pumping station "was largely the fault" of Public Works Director Andrew Amato, but consulting engineer Joseph Lynch was also partly to blame, according to the City Council committee that investigated the matter.

The council's Public Works Com-

mittee presented its findings at yesterday's council meeting following interviews with Amato, Lynch (of Mayo, Lynch Associates) and Philip Seriale, head of T and M Contracting Co., the firm hired without public bidding last month to do the repairs.

T and M started off the job by

Inspector James Caulfield and Electrical Inspector Vincent P. Marzocca last October declaring the situation an emergency.

It also included copies of an emergency appropriation of \$88,000 passed by the council Oct. 24 and a resolution adopted the same day naming Lynch as consulting engineer.

The work was not hired out, however, until May 1, although

Black did some emergency repairs immediately after the emergency was declared.

At yesterday's meeting, the council adopted new specifications on the job and voted to advertise for bids to be received June 19. In addition, it approved a new emergency appropriation of \$82,700 and hired Mayo, Lynch again as engineers.

Councilmen Anthony Romano, Nunzio Maffetti and Louis Francese

voted against these new actions. They passed 4-3.

During the interviews with the council committee, Lynch and Amato gave conflicting stories about their respective roles in the repair work. Seriale's story backed up Amato's regarding the question of who hired the contractor for the work last month.

Amato and Seriale claim Lynch hired T and M, while Lynch contends

that he doesn't have the authority to do so and that Amato did it.

The committee failed to judge who was telling the truth, but agreed that Amato was the only one with the authority to hire the contractor.

"The responsibility for getting the job done belonged to Amato and not Lynch," the report states. "If Lynch was proving difficult, if Lynch couldn't be reached on the phone, then the director should have informed the city council and Lynch would have been ordered to perform his part of the work immediately or the services of another engineer would have been acquired."

As for Lynch, the committee report charged that once the situation was declared an emergency, Lynch appeared to "lose interest."

The committee also concluded that Lynch should have advised Amato to hire a contractor immediately based on Lynch's own recommendations.

The report makes four recommendations:

• That the work be immediately put out for public bid (which was done yesterday);

• That all city directors fully acquaint themselves with their responsibilities — an obvious slip at Amato, who claimed that he thought Lynch was responsible;

• That the city council and the law department be informed if any director has difficulty getting performance from a professional consultant, such as Lynch;

• And that the Water and Sewer Utilities be severed from the Public Works Department because of Amato's "burdensome" responsibilities.

Amato begins meter program

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Hoboken's public works director is starting a program that he claims will repair or replace all of the city 417 non-working water meters by the end of the year.

Andrew Amato, the director, was ordered by the city council's Water and Sewers Committee last week to begin a comprehensive repair program for the meters.

The director said he has assigned two men to work full time, starting next week, on going into homes to look at the non-working meters. Amato said that every residence will be checked, "even if it's my mother's."

The city estimates that 180 of the 417 meters need repairs to the valves on each side of the pipe connection to the meters.

He said those that do would be marked with a red ticket, and the owners will be ordered to hire a plumber and do it themselves. If they don't the city plumber will do it and the owners will be billed, Amato said.

The main problem holding up the project is a lack of equipment, he said, but the city has already purchased two new trucks for the Water Department. They should be delivered soon.

Amato estimates that his men can change "an average of 10 meters a day."

He was asked if residents could expect to see the meters repaired by the end of the 42nd day of the program, since there are 417 meters at 10 per day.

"It's not that simple, he explained. "We still have to work with lousy equipment, and we don't have enough new meters in stock."

The department is now testing six new lightweight meters that would make replacing or repairing an easy

and inexpensive task, Amato explained, but he believes they need "a few months' more of testing."

Councilman Robert Ranieri, chairman of the council's Water and Sewers Committee, suggested the tests two months ago after he and Amato examined the new devices.

Amato said that right now there are only 37 new meters and 45 repaired ones in stock at the meter division of the Water Department.

Ranieri will receive daily reports from him on the progress of the program, Amato vowed, and if he

doesn't finish the meter program by the end of the year, "then I'll have a good reason for it."

Officials estimate that the non-working meters account for a good portion of the 3 million gallons of water used by the city each day that is not registered.

The extent of the non-working meter problem was first brought to light last July by Amato, but little has been done to correct the problem since. The director claims that once his men get the equipment they need, the problem will be "under control."



Store opens in Hoboken

One of several new Foodtown stores scheduled to open in the area, the second new Foodtown store in Hoboken is at 614 Clinton Ave., the site of the former Pantry Pride store.

Hoboken merchants plan prize

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It's not often that a consumer can make money while doing her shopping, but the Hoboken Retail Bureau will be offering that opportunity during its gala sidewalk sale next month.

Charles Lallo, president of the Retail Bureau, announced today that a \$200 savings bond will be awarded to the winner of the raffle to be sponsored by the bureau during the sidewalk sale July 20, 21 and 22.

All that's necessary to win is to watch for the special coupon to be printed in The Jersey Journal sometime next month, fill it out and drop it off at one of more than 30 stores participating in the sidewalk sale.

The Retail Bureau will collect the coupons and hold a drawing during the sale.

"Our merchants are still excited by the success of the Hoboken Hospitality Day in May," Lallo declared, "and I think this is going to be our best sidewalk sale ever. Events like this one and the Hospitality Day help us to show shoppers that Washington Street is alive and exciting and a good place to shop."

Lallo said that the Retail Bureau will acquire permits for all the stores participating. He stressed that permits are required for any store selling goods on the sidewalk.

No warning

6/22/78 J.J.

Hoboken's street sweeper was out of action for a year and the city allowed motorists to park on the streets regardless whether it was a scheduled day for the sweeper.

Monday, with the sweeper finally repaired, the city sent it out and immediately issued 122 tickets for blocking the path of the sweeper. Each ticket could cost \$10.

Ten dollars is a lot of money and those ticketed were plenty burned up over the lack of notice. True, the announcement of the return of the sweeper was made on Friday, but it should not have been expected that everybody saw the notice.

On a prior occasion, warning tickets were given out. That was just as effective as the \$10 tickets, and it should have been this time, too.

Empire builder

6/22/78 J.J.

Hoboken's public works director now opposes the idea of a centralized garage because he has awakened to the fact that he would lose control of his two mechanics. He vows he will never let these men be "taken away" from him.

In the proposed consolidation, the present public safety garage would be merged with the public works garage. It is an undisputed fact that public safety's rolling stock has been maintained in better condition than the public works' vehicles.

The present plan is to combine the two garages under the direction of public safety's chief mechanic.

The reason given by the public works director for his opposition is not acceptable in this day and age. Concentration on empire building is not what city officials should be concerned with.

Efficient service should be their principal concern.

Firm will make proposals on plant

By Patrick Ford

Hoboken officials will receive a number of proposals within 30 days from a California-based operation that is seeking to take over the city's sewage treatment plant.

Joseph Romano, of Envirotech, Inc., of California explained the company's services Thursday to Mayor Steve Cappelletto, Councilman Robert A. Ranieri, Public Works Director Andrew Amato and several other city officials at a meeting in Cappelletto's office.

Romano, staff engineer for Envirotech, also took a tour of the plant with Superintendent Roy Haack.

The company spokesman told the Hoboken officials that Envirotech could provide one of four services to the city:

- Manage the plant with the current personnel, who would be switched to Envirotech's payroll;
- Renovate the plant and update it, and then manage it under a service contract;
- Update and renovate it without getting a management contract; or,
- Instruct Hoboken personnel on the correct and modern methods of operating the facility.

When Romano returns within 30 days he will have proposals on all these services, plus explanations of how Envirotech has improved treatment plants in other parts of the country that were in conditions similar to Hoboken's.

Ranieri, who invited the company to the city after seeing its literature

at a meeting of the National League of Municipalities, is also writing to a personal friend, Councilman Paul Haney of Rochester, N.Y., to get information on how Rochester has fared with Envirotech. The company recently entered contract with that city.

The city officials and the City Council are going to wait for the proposals to come from Envirotech before discussing whether to hire the firm.

Also attending the session were Haack, Building Inspector James Caulfield, and two consultants from Mayo, Lynch and Associates, John Ryan Sr. and John Ryan Jr. The Ryans and Caulfield are engineers.

Following the meeting, Cappelletto, Ranieri and Amato remained for a

meeting on the consolidation of the Public Works and Public Safety garages. They were joined by Police Sgt. Mario Mercado, who is chief mechanic at the Public Safety garage. The group agreed to begin work on the consolidation, and Ranieri and Cappelletto will be meeting with officials of the Community Development Agency to discuss funding next week.

The plan for consolidation has been discussed several times in the past five years, and plans were even drawn up for it two years ago, but funding arrangements fell through each time.

Ranieri said he is confident that the project can be funded this time through some kind of federal grant.



CALABRO HONORED — Frances Calabro reads the plaque at the Salvatore R. Calabro School, Hoboken, which was dedicated in memory of her husband, the late Salvatore Calabro, a school principal who died in 1972. Joining in the dedication at 524 Park Ave., are, from left, Mayor Steve Cappelletto, School Superintendent Thomas F. McFeely and Arthur Calabro, a brother of the late principal.

Hoboken weighs pacts, for equipment, alarms

The Hoboken City Council will go on a shopping spree Wednesday when it awards \$265,319 worth of contracts for various goods and services.

It will also award a contract that is expected to earn the city a few dollars — a contract for maintenance of a burglar alarm system at police headquarters that will serve many businesses in the community.

The city will get 15 percent of the gross paid from the businesses to the contractor, Rapid Alarm Systems Inc. The merchants will pay \$30 for installation of the special alarms, and \$3.53 per month to have them monitored at police headquarters.

The bulk of the money being spent by the council this week is for equipment for the city's Public Works Department, which will be getting two dump trucks, three garbage compacting trucks and one street sweeper.

The garbage compacting trucks, which are needed to collect and dump the trash and garbage picked up by the city apart from regular residential pickups, will be purchased from Cambria Mack Trucks at a total cost of \$164,535.

The residential pickups are made under contract by LaFera Contracting Co.

The new sweeper, being purchased to bolster the two that the city now owns — which are in a state of chronic disrepair — is to be purchased from New Jersey Equipment Co. for \$40,500.

The two dump trucks are to be ob-

tained from Turnpike Ford Truck Sales for \$32,000.

The Public Works Department also is scheduled to receive street cleaning equipment and supplies from Eastern Supply Co. for \$2,106.14.

The other major contract expected to be awarded by the council is to Motorola Inc. for 30 portable radios for walking police patrolmen at a cost of \$44,750.10.

The Poggi Press is slated to receive a contract for furnishing and delivering traffic summonses for \$6,300. Lozman's will receive a contract for supplying ammunition to the police at a cost of \$3,400. Warner Communications will get a service contract for maintenance of the city's communication equipment for \$1,728.

In other business at the meeting Wednesday, which starts at 7 p.m. in the council chambers, the panel is scheduled to have the second and third readings of an ordinance which establishes an historic district commission and sets a downtown area as one such historic district.

The ordinance will be eligible for passage after the third and final reading. The proposed law is being billed by the Hoboken Environment Commission as the savior of the old German Seamen's Mission on River Street. The owners of the commission are trying to demolish it, and the Environment Commission wants to preserve it as a historic site.

The council will have its caucus at 7 p.m. tonight.

Bikes, autos' may share Hoboken's Shore Road

Bicyclists and joggers may be sharing Hoboken's Shore Road with motorists regularly if the state Department of Transportation approves plans being prepared by the city's Community Development Agency.

Robert Dolny, an architect, and S. Kenneth Pye, an aide to CDA, told City Council members at last night's public caucus that an eight-foot-wide bikeway would be placed along the base of the cliff on the road's west side.

Originally, the path was to run along the river, said Pye, but because the city anticipates development of its waterfront, planners felt it would be safer for bikers to hug the cliff.

Separating the pedal-pushers from two lanes of car traffic would be a six-foot-wide elevated and landscaped island extending the length of the roadway from First Street to Elysian Park for joggers.

According to Pye, DOT will bid out the work and pay for it. "The job won't cost the city a dime," he said. Presently, Shore Road is open to bicyclists only on Sundays between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. when police block the roadway to vehicular traffic.

Once DOT has given a written sanction of plans, said Pye, the City Council would be asked to amend its traffic code to provide for a "no parking/no standing" prohibition along Shore Road and to pass a resolution declaring that the city owns the roadway's right-of-way.

In other business, the council talked about new fire equipment, possibly converting the Jackson Street storage garage into a "solar-energy demonstration site." Financing capital improvements to public schools pumping station repairs, and reserved spaces for disabled drivers of the board's annual current expenses but also capital improvements. Cappelletto said he was "for it very much but I want to hear from our law department if it's feasible first."

Mayor Steve Cappelletto urged the council to grant him the authority for the speedy sale of bond anticipation notes to buy two fire pumps. "Time is a factor here," Cappelletto said, "because we've learned that after Aug. 1, the prices on pumps are going up seven percent."

"If we can get the bids out before then," the mayor continued, "we could save the city about \$14,000 on each pump."

George Guzman, who said he was appearing "on behalf of E. Norman

Wilson Jr.," head of Hoboken's HOPE program, wants the city to apply to the state Department of Energy for \$15,000 to put a new roof on the city's Jackson Street garage for a solarium and \$5,000 to \$6,000 to install a carpentry shop, a conference room and a "training" room.

Otto Hotendorf, president of the city's Board of Education, appealed in writing to the council to join forces with the board — and possibly with Jersey City — in a suit against the state to force the Department of Education to finance not only part of the board's annual current expenses, but also capital improvements. Cappelletto said he was "for it very much but I want to hear from our law department if it's feasible first."

City Business Administrator Edwin Chius advised the council that no one bid for the general contracting work on the city's Fifth Street pumping station and that only one firm, Lovell Electric Co., Franklin Lakes, submitted a bid (\$20,400) for the electrical work.

Meanwhile, at the 11th Street pumping station, while two new pumps are functioning properly, a rotary mechanical part on a spare pump had to be sent back to the supplier because it "wasn't winding properly," said Councilman Robert Ranieri.

There are other problems at the station. Brennan said he was advised by Joseph Beckmeyer of Mayo, Lynch Associates, the city's consulting engineers, that the city's electrical inspector would not issue a permit unless dead-bolt locks costing \$104 apiece are installed at each of the station's three doors. And Chius recommended that a wrought-iron railing be placed around the pumping station for security reasons.

The city's Parking Authority also had a written request for council action. Joseph Hotendorf, its executive director, asked the council to provide for reserved parking spaces in front of the homes of three city residents who are disabled drivers. That request was turned over to the law department for study.

Hoboken to staff development agency

Hoboken's long-dormant Economic Development Corp. will be staffed "as soon as possible" and will work with the Hoboken-North Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce to obtain federal funds for industrial rehabilitation, Mayor Steve Cappelletto said today.

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri has been pushing vigorously to have the EDC staffed, and now wants it to work soon on seeking companies that would be willing to match federal Urban Development Action Grants with private investment on a 4-to-1 ratio.

The Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development is the source of UDAG funds, and it requires four to five times as much private investment as it gives.

"I agree completely with Ranieri," Cappelletto said. "And I've

directed Fred Bado to begin post-haste on the paperwork necessary to get the EDC going. It will be in operation as soon as possible."

Bado, director of the Community Development Agency, could not be reached for comment, but the "paperwork" he has to do, according to Ranieri, is to determine how much money CDA has used of the \$340,000 allocated by the federal Economic Development Agency for the Hoboken EDC.

The CDA now handles some of the duties, such as economic development planning, that would be done by the EDC.

The EDC has not operated in Hoboken since 1973, but was reestablished by a City Council ordinance in January of last year.

Although the council approved it, and the federal government approved

funds for it, the EDC was never staffed by the city administration. One city official explained that Cappelletto is "very fussy" about who he would appoint to this agency, and has not settled on the right people with which to staff it.

The law recreating the EDC calls for a seven-member board of directors—four from city government and three from the private sector. It will also have a director, a secretary and two staff members.

It is designed not only to attract new commerce and industry, but also to help firms now in the city to improve their facilities so they will stay in the city.

Toward that end, Ranieri wants the EDC and the Chamber of Commerce to meet with representatives of industry in the city to get them to

put up funds for renovation or rehabilitation of their facilities so that the CDA can apply for UDAG funds for them.

"It would be like offering the companies a 20 percent discount on improvement of their factories," Ranieri said.

The CDA has already applied for \$4 million in UDAG funds to improve the area around the old Holland America Line piers at Fifth Street as a prelude to a proposed \$20 million condominium highrise to be constructed by Applied Housing of Hoboken.

Ranieri and Sixth Ward Councilman Nunzio Malfetti have expressed opposition to luxury housing, and said they prefer using such federal grants for subsidizing industry in the city.

Cappelletto wants county to order revaluation

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto admitted today that he would like to see the Hudson County Board of Taxation order the city to have a revaluation, because it would take local officials "off the hook" with the voters who would probably react angrily to such a move.

"There's no question we need a revaluation," Cappelletto asserted. "Until we have good assessments we will not be able to attract revenue-producing industries to the city."

"All it takes," he continued, "is for someone to give the order, such as the county board of taxation."

In other words, the mayor was asked, did he want the county to give the order so that voters won't take it out on city officials at election time. "That's the idea," Cappelletto said with a smile.

Thus, Cappelletto's comments

make it clear that the board of taxation would not encounter the kind of opposition in Hoboken that it has in Kearny, where local officials are waging a fierce battle to avoid revaluation.

Kearny has appealed the board's order to the state Division of Taxation, the appellate division of state Superior Court and finally to the state Supreme Court, which refused to hear the case.

The board of taxation takes three major factors into account before ordering a revaluation: The number of appeals; the ratio of actual value to assessed value, and the "coefficient of deviation," which indicates the average deviation from the average assessment ratio in a given community.

The ratio of assessed valuation in Hoboken is 62.34 percent. Kearny's is the lowest in the county—57.08 percent.

The coefficient of deviation in Hoboken, however, is considerably higher than in Kearny. Expressed as a percentage, Hoboken's is 36.46 percent and Kearny's is 20 percent.

The state recommends a 15 percent coefficient of deviation.

Exact figures could not be obtained on the number of appeals in Hoboken, but an official of the county

board said Hoboken gets "very few appeals."

Of course, Hoboken and Kearny are not the only Hudson municipalities with low ratios or high coefficients of deviation.

Bayonne has a 61 percent ratio and 42 percent coefficient; Jersey City's coefficient is 39.53 percent; Guttenberg's ratio is 68 percent, and Harrison's is 68 percent.

In fact, one official estimated that Secaucus, which recently had a revaluation, is the only Hudson community with a coefficient of deviation under the recommended 15 percent.

Hoboken's chief tax assessor, Woodrow Monte, has said that his city "desperately" needs a revaluation. He was unavailable for comment yesterday, but his assistant, Frank Bucino, wholeheartedly agreed with Monte.

Council won't block razing of building

A move to nullify a permit already issued to demolish the German Seamen's Mission on Hudson Street, Hoboken, went down to defeat by an 8-to-1 vote of the city council.

The vote was taken after Benjamin Chodosh, an attorney, urged the councilmen to defeat a proposed ordinance amendment because it would deprive the Seamen's Home and the nearby ShopRite Supermarket of doing with their property what they saw fit.

Several persons argued in favor of the amendment which would have given the proposed Historic District Commission the retroactive right to recommend approval of various types of building and demolition permits.

The lone supporter of the amendment was Councilman Robert Ranieri. He pointed out that the matter of demolishing the old seamen's home was still being considered by the courts. The ShopRite market is reportedly interested in the demolition of the old building to enlarge its parking area.

The main ordinance setting up a historic district commission sailed through with a unanimous vote later in the meeting, however, without the amendment.

In other business, the council authorized the re-advertising for bids for the Fifth Street pumping station. They will be accepted at 10 a.m. on

The council declared an emergency to have the work done last October but a contractor was not hired until May. Mayor Steve Cap-

piello halted work because he felt the emergency status might be disputed. The council had appropriated \$60,000 for the work and the Hudson County prosecutor's office is reviewing the records.

The council also awarded contracts, to equip the Public Works Department with virtually all new rolling stock.

These include two dump trucks at a cost of \$32,000; three garbage compactors at a price of \$164,000; a street sweeper, costing \$40,500 and two pickup trucks costing \$9,072. A trailer and tree chopper also was bought for the parks department.

NJ cities praised for rehabilitation

TRENTON (AP)—New Jersey cities have a stronger base for revitalization than most suburban or businessmen realize, but they still face major problems in combating urban blight, a preliminary report by a tri-state planning agency says.

Jersey City and Hoboken led some data into the survey.

The Regional Plan Association said New Jersey cities have made healthy strides toward improving housing, reducing crime, attracting public and private investment and easing racial tensions.

Rejuvenation efforts often are seriously hindered by animosities between neighborhood groups and failure of communities to produce a unified strategy for reversing urban deterioration, the report said.

"Many cities seem to be neighborhoods divided against themselves," the report said. "There is little communication among groups and no common feeling of where the city should go and what it will take to get there."

The report is based on a year-long study focusing on Newark, Elizabeth, East Orange, Passaic and Clifton, with some data from Trenton and Paterson.

William Shore, vice president for public affairs of the Regional Plan Association, presented the preliminary findings at an urban forum sponsored by the Make Jersey Work Roundtable.

He recommended an "adopt-a-city" program under which major corporations would help rebuild cities by locating their headquarters in declining central business districts.

6 municipalities allocated funds for policemen

Jersey City will receive \$1 million while five other Hudson communities also will benefit under the \$12 million Safe and Clean Neighborhoods Act appropriation approved by the Assembly yesterday and sent to Gov. Brendan T. Byrne.

There will be 26 cities receiving the funds, 70 percent of which will be used to pay for policemen in the cities with the rest going for parks, cleaning streets and fixing roads.

Other Hudson communities to benefit will be Bayonne, \$118,433; Hoboken, \$620,305; North Bergen, \$40,020; Union City, \$330,877 and West New York, \$289,220.

However, Union City and Hoboken were among several communities whose funds were cut because the program was unfunded by \$800,000 this year due to a shortage in the state budget.

Union City was entitled to \$662,500 and Hoboken to \$711,104.

Hoboken to switch to computerized payroll

Hoboken will take a step into the modern age next month when it switches to a computerized payroll system, a move that could cut four jobs from the city payroll.

Business Administrator Edwin Chius has signed a contract with Automatic Data Processing of Clifton to provide computer payroll services from July 6 to Sept. 26 while the city seeks public bids for the new system. The three-month contract with

the Clifton firm is for \$5,500, but Chius estimated that the actual annual cost will be in the range of \$25,000. The extra initial expense, he explained, will be caused by the costs of switching over.

There are now six employees in the city's payroll department, and no more than two should be needed under the new system, officials estimated.

Mayor Steve Cappelletto, Chius and Comptroller John Erbeck said the

payroll department will be cut, but could not definitely say that what will happen to those employees. Most of them have seniority with the city and should be able to be reassigned.

Chius said they probably will be assigned to jobs where retirements occur, but he did not know how many retirements are coming up.

The new payroll system will make obsolete the \$120,000 addressograph system in which the city in-

vested 10 years ago. That system was less efficient, according to Chius. It will still be used for awhile to send out water bills, but a billing contract for the water utility will soon be sought by the city.

Besides reducing the city payroll and providing more efficiency, the new system is expected to provide more columns on pay stubs for listing deductions, and will give employees an accounting of cumulative year-to-

date earnings and deduction figures with each paycheck, which they don't have now.

Employees also will get their W-2 forms on time, which has been a problem in recent years because of the amount of time needed to add all earnings and deductions.

City employees will not be happy about one other aspect of the new system: Paychecks will be issued on Thursdays after July 6. Although the

checks are always supposed to come out on Thursdays, employees have received them on Wednesdays for some time.

Erbeck called the computerized payroll "a step in the right direction; it's a must."

Cappelletto said that the loss of jobs was secondary.

"This will apparently be a more efficient operation," he said, "and we really need it."



The Litter Gitter, a trash collection truck, is sent on its rounds in Hoboken by CETA Manpower Director George Crimmins Jr., right.

Litter Gitter teaches value of cleanliness

Hoboken is among the first communities to make use of the Litter Gitter, which was made available last week by the McDonald's Corporation. The Litter Gitter is a little truck that recently helped Hoboken's Operation Clean-Up program by carting trash from the city streets to an appropriate dumping spot. The little truck makes up for its shortcomings in English grammar by helping teach youngsters the importance of keeping the streets clean. It may have been inspiration for young Gloria Picca of 824-A Washington St., who was the winner of a \$10 prize awarded by the Hoboken Retail Merchants Bureau for people who help make Hoboken a cleaner place to live.

She was observed going out of her way to dispose of a tissue and the merchants decided to reward her efforts to keep the city clean.

Operation Clean-Up is a joint effort of the Hoboken Environment Committee led by Helen Manogue and the CETA division of Manpower led by George Crimmins Jr. Nick Damiano, owner-operator of the McDonald's restaurant in Hoboken, helped secure the Litter Gitter.

Crimmins said he hopes the city will be able to use the little truck again in the near future.



PARK DEDICATION — Pam Brennan, chairman of the 110 Garden Street Block Association, distributes appreciation awards to Hoboken's civic leaders during ceremonies dedicating the city's new Mary C. Hill mini-park at 12th Street and Willow Avenue. The awardees from left to right are Applied Housing Corp. President Joseph Barry, Mayor Steve Cappiello and Louis Hendi, community relations manager for New Jersey Bell.

Busy holiday fare set for Hoboken

The Fourth of July promises to be a busy day in Hoboken, as the city Recreation Department has prepared a wide range of activities to run continuously from 2 to 10 p.m. at Stevens Park, Fourth and Hudson streets. The highlight of the day will, of course, be the serial fireworks display, which will start popping sometime after 9 p.m. and provide the finale of the day around 10 p.m. Before that, there will be something for almost everyone, according to James Farina, Health and Welfare director. Among the scheduled events are pony rides, baseball, magic shows, concerts, comedy routines and a puppet show.

The activities will kick off at 2 p.m. with an all-star baseball game played by teams gleaned from the finest players in the city's Little Leagues.

From 3 to 5 p.m. there will be free pony rides and puppet shows for the children in the park's playground.

A rock and roll band has been scheduled from 4 to 6 p.m., and a local orchestra is slated from 6 to 9 p.m.

From 7 to 9 p.m., two professional New York acts have been lined up. Kamarr, a magician, will play his "Magic in Flight" routine, and Bobby Fields and Ken Martin, comedians, will do their act.



SIGN OF THE TIMES — Michael Lisa, an employee of the Hoboken Signal and Traffic Division, puts up a new bus stop sign at First and Garden streets. Signs such as this are being placed at every bus stop in the city to replace old ones that did not meet state standards. The Hoboken Parking Authority recommended changing the signs.

Amato ordered to clean yard

Hoboken's health officer today threatened to take court action against the city's Public Works Department if it doesn't remove the piled-up garbage from the yard at its Willow Avenue garage. Patricia Mitten, the health officer, revealed that she had sent a legal notice to Public Works Director Andrew Amato on June 2 ordering

him to have the garbage removed or face a court summons.

She said she gave him an extension on that deadline after the state Department of Environmental Protection became involved and gave its own order to remove the waste. The city's illegal dumping came

to light last week when The Jersey Journal received calls from residents of a 10-family tenement house next to the lot.

The garbage is piled up against a wall of the building and the tenants were outraged by the smell that accompanied it.

Amato agreed that it shouldn't be there and promised to remove it by this week. He said a shortage of garbage trucks and a breakdown in the Secaucus compactor where the garbage is taken were the causes of the illegal dumping. The garbage was still there

Mrs. Mitten said the Board of Health wrote a letter to Amato on May 24 ordering him to remove the piles. She followed this up with personal conversations with Amato and Mayor Steve Cappiello, she said.

The state Department of Health then came into the picture, notifying the Hoboken board that it had received a complaint from neighbors and directing the Hoboken health board to do something about it.

After that someone called the DEP and it gave Amato a verbal order to remove the garbage.

The next step, Mrs. Mitten said, is the court system.

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Councilman swats Cappiello on sweeping summonses

A Hoboken councilman who regularly supports Mayor Steve Cappiello today assailed the city administration for issuing street cleaning tickets without giving residents sufficient notice that the sweeper would be returning to use.

Councilman-at-large Thomas Kennedy called the decision to immediately begin ticketing cars on the

first day of sweeping this year "ridiculous."

When informed that the order came from the mayor, Kennedy said, "I don't care, we still owe the people the courtesy of properly letting them know that the sweeper would be out again."

"We went without the sweeper for a whole year," he asserted. "We

could have gone another week and given some kind of warning."

One of the city's two sweepers was returned last week and started its tour of the eastern sections of the city on June 18. There were 123 tickets at \$10 each given that day, 140 the next and 160 last Wednesday.

Yesterday, however, no tickets were given for street cleaning viola-

tions, because the sweeper was laid up again. Police Sgt. Mario Mercado said that his men worked on it Monday night and all day yesterday at the Public Safety Department garage, and that it was back in working order late yesterday.

It will return to duty today. Mercado said his men also picked up the second machine from the

Garwood factory where it has been sitting for 10 months. He said it still is not repaired, but that he would get the parts from the factory and repair it himself.

"We've waited much too long," he declared. "With our own labor we should be able to fix it before the end of the summer."

If and when they do get it work-

ing, Kennedy wants more notice given to residents of the west side of town than that afforded the east side last week.

Cappiello has said that the belief there was sufficient notice. There was a story announcing it in The Jersey Journal June 18, and Cappiello says police cars with loudspeakers warned residents of the sweeper's return.

Hoboken to get fire boat

Hoboken will soon have a boat for fighting pier fires, courtesy of one of the city's fire captains.

Mayor Steve Cappiello, who is also public safety director, said that Fire Capt. Carmine Gullo is donating the use of his boat to the city for only the cost of maintenance.

A pump would be added, Cappiello said, and the boat will be docked in the Hudson River in Hoboken.

Cappiello said the city wants the boat because there have been seven pier fires in the past month. None caused injuries, but they required a total of 13 hours to put out — five hours just for one of them.

"Some were caused by cigarettes falling between the pilings," the mayor explained. "And some were caused by coals from cooking fires being dumped there—the city is going to watch out for anyone cooking down there from now on."

"The problem with these pier fires," Cappiello said, "is that they're so hard to get at. We hope that with a boat we could get underneath and shoot a stream up into the boards from below."

"If the fire is anything big, however, we'd call on the New York boats as we have in the past," he added.

The seven pier fires occurred on May 21 at Sixth Street; June 17 at

Stevens pier; June 18 at the Penn Shops; June 20 at the Stevens pier; June 21 at Stevens pier; June 21 at Sixth Street; and last Sunday at 10th Street and River Road.

Gullo will operate the boat, Cappiello said, but will train other firemen to use it when he's not available.

Cappiello said the boat will have other uses, such as helping to discourage children from swimming in the Hudson.

The community relations offices in the police and fire departments could teach children constructively about the dangerous currents in the river by taking them out in the boat, the mayor asserted.

Maier to head Hoboken schools

George R. Maier has been named as superintendent of the Hoboken school system, the first such appointment the Board of Education has had to make in 34 years.

Maier, the assistant superintendent for the past year, replaces the retiring Thomas F. McFeely who will step down June 30. McFeely had become superintendent January, 1944, and served in the system for 42 years.

Maier received a contract for three years at a salary of \$42,000 a year at last night's board meeting. He has been in the Hoboken system for a number of years, working his way up from teacher to principal to administrator to superintendent.

McFeely commended the board for selecting a person for the superintendent's job from within the system.

In brief comments at the meeting, McFeely said, "I would like

to commend the board for its selection process, in picking a successor to a very difficult and important position in the community."

"I commend the board on its selection of a local person who knows the needs of the community."

The position, he added, carries a "tremendous responsibility and increasing difficulties" and "those who are the most knowledgeable of these are persons who have lived through the system."

Following his comments, the board moved on a resolution thanking McFeely for his long tenure in the job and for his accomplishments.

A number of nonrenewed teachers were disappointed at the meeting. They said the board had sent out a notice that the 82 nonrenewed instructors discharged for budgetary reasons would find out last night if they were to be rehired, but the board deferred

action on that matter until the meeting of June 28.

Trustee Richard P. England, head of the school government committee, told those at the meeting that he must "apologize for what appears to be a lack of concern on the part of the board. But, I can assure you they are all doing all in their power to assure a maximum amount of rehiring."

In other action at the meeting, the board accepted and reserved decision on bids for two improvements at Thomas F. Connors School, one of the oldest in the Hoboken system.

The first project, for replacement of the boiler, brought five bidders. United Oil Co. of Hillside submitted a bid of \$119,755; Apollo Mechanical Construction Co. of Paterson a bid of \$135,000; Allwood Plumbing and Heating of Paterson, \$142,173; Efficiency Heating and Appliance Co. of

Jersey City, \$144,363; and R.J. Maupai of Oakland, \$150,000.

Three companies bid on replacing windows in the school, Marjo Systems of Rahway, \$163,000; Park Construction of Rochelle Park, \$164,800 and Deerpark Construction of Millburn, \$165,000.

The board approved a 1978-79 school calendar that was slightly different from the one previously recommended. Instead of closing schools for the second week of February for energy conservation, they will remain in session, with the exception of that Monday, Lincoln's Birthday.

Graduation ceremonies will be held tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. at Hoboken High School while the two junior high schools will graduate on Friday, Brandt School at 10 a.m. and Demarest at 10:30 a.m.

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SPECIAL FOR SENIORS — Vincent Barbo, right, director of the Hoboken senior citizens' programs, and Henry Froehner inspect the new car which will be used to take seniors to doctors' offices and for medical checkups.

Hoboken readies ballfield next to treatment plant

Hoboken is completing preparations for construction of a new baseball and football field on 16th Street, next door to the city's sewage treatment plant.

Health and Welfare Director James Farina said today the new field should be in operation by the end of the summer and it will be used for football in the fall.

The city has already awarded a contract to Chris Carmeci of North Bergen to provide fencing for the field and sewage treatment plant at \$7.24 per foot. The ground has already been graded and cleared of debris.

Farina said the city will not plant grass at the field because of the cost and the future maintenance

problems. He added, however, that thick topsoil would be put down for the playing surface.

There will also be a baseball backstop and a row of stands put in within the next two months, Farina said.

The field is in a heavy industrial area. Farina was asked whether this weighed against its desirability.

"Well, it all depends on how the wind's blowing," he replied. "We used to use that site for football games, and I coached there for 10 years. When the wind was blowing toward the river, it was fine; if it's blowing from the river, it's gonna smell, but I don't think it's unhealthy."

Patricia Mitten, the city's health officer, said that if the treatment plant runs properly, there should be no fumes coming from it. She said the state Department of Environmental Protection keeps tabs on the plant for that reason.

She added, however, that there are two factories in that immediate area that have been cited for emitting foul odors, including one, the Lumber Barn, that is being taken to court by the Hudson Regional Health Commission for air pollution violations.

Mrs. Mitten said she hadn't been informed about the Little League field at 16th Street, but that she would look into the health factor before the facility opens.

Cappiello to insist on merger of two garages

By Patrick Ford

Overruling objections from his public works director, Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello announced today that the Public Works and Public Safety garage personnel would be consolidated into one unit under police Sgt. Mario Mercado.

In addition, Cappiello pledged to allow Mercado to run the garage "without political interference," which Mercado, the head of the

Public Safety garage, insisted upon before accepting the post.

Public Works Director Andrew Amato had vigorously objected to combining the men into one unit, which would remove the Public Works crew from his jurisdiction.

Cappiello said, however, that "the operation of the garage would be more efficient if it were a combined unit with Mario in charge. He's shown that he is capable of running a garage

efficiently and at the lowest possible cost."

The mayor's decision must be approved by the City Council, but he said he was "confident" the council will agree with him.

In making his announcement, Cappiello cited a "well-spoken" editorial in Saturday's Jersey Journal, which criticized Amato for at-

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tempting to "build an empire" by fighting to hold onto control of the Public Works garage.

When first asked about Cappiello's decision, Amato said he had "no comment," adding, however: "he's the mayor; he's the boss."

After a little coaxing, however, Amato said the proposal will be a "burden on the taxpayers" because it calls for the city to float bonds to pay for it.

"Our children will be paying for this," he asserted. "I'm not just a director, I'm a large property owner and taxpayer, and as a taxpayer I don't think the city can afford to pay for this."

Cost estimates on the project have been in the area of \$400,000. Amato says that he has been renovating the garage himself in recent months, and that he has already invested time and money in it.

"Why did they allow me to spend all this time and money on my own project and then come up with this?" Amato complained.

"Mr. Ranieri has been trying to take away the Water and Sewage utilities from me, and now they're trying to take away the garage. They are doing all this too quickly. They need more time and studies than they've had."

The director said he did not know how much money he has spent on his renovation project, but said it was well over \$3,000.

Councilman Robert Ranieri, to whom the director referred, has been the prime mover in the drive to consolidate the garages.

Amato also claimed that Ranieri knew of his plans for the renovation of the Public Works garage, because he took the councilman there to show him.

"He never told me not to work on it because he wanted to consolidate the garages," Amato said bitterly.

Ranieri said he did see the work Amato was doing, and admired his initiative, "but you can't compare that project with what we're attempting now with top-flight professionals."

On the charge that he is attempting to take away Amato's Water and Sewerage functions, Ranieri said that this question has been discussed "before and since Amato took over."

"The Public Works Department is so big, it's almost a superdepartment," Ranieri asserted. "It may have been too big for any one man to control. That is not a personal affront to Amato, it's an opinion."

"If he shows that he can effectively operate the Water and Sewerage divisions, he has my support to continue."

Mercado, meanwhile, noting that there have been complaints by members of the Public Works crew about Public Works chief mechanic William Dietrich being slighted in the selection of Mercado as head of the new garage, said that "if their program had been efficient, there wouldn't be a need for anything like this."

"There should have been efficient planning," he asserted. "There's no excuse to stonewall the equipment in that department not working. If they have problems with money or man-

power, the director or someone should have straightened them out."

"Our primary responsibility in the garage is to keep the rolling equipment on the road," Mercado continued. "But from what I've seen in the past few weeks of the Public Works equipment, there is an almost total lack of maintenance."

The sergeant said he has already arranged for a six-week training course to be given to mechanics to prepare them for the new equipment coming into the city.

He said the training course will be the one given by General Motors to its own personnel, and he has arranged for it to be donated to the city's mechanics at no charge.

"An important fact to remember about new equipment these days," he explained, "is that whether it's police cars or the heavy equipment, it's being made with much more sophisticated electrical and mechanical systems. We need more professional ability than in the past."

Malfetti urging industrial help, but 'catch' seen

Another Hoboken councilman has objected to the city's application for a \$4 million federal grant to prepare a waterfront area for a proposed \$30 million condominium highrise, but the city's Community Development Agency director says it's the best chance the city has had for the grant.

Councilman Nunzio Malfetti today joined Councilman Robert A. Ranieri in calling on the city administration to subsidize industry through federal assistance before applying for grants to help build luxury highrises.

But, Fred Bado, CDA director, said that to use the Urban Development Action Grant now being sought from the federal government for in-

dustrial the companies involved must be prepared to put up at least \$5 million in private investment for every \$1 million in aid.

"We can apply for the UDAG grant to help industry," Bado explained. "In fact, we discussed it tentatively while we were preparing our application, but we couldn't find any companies that were willing to put up private investment for modernization or expansion at a 5-to-1 ratio to the federal money."

Bado also observed that the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, which is making the grants, is more inclined to housing projects, and thus the city's best chance to get a grant was with such a proposal.

"It came down to this project (the condominium highrise for the Fifth Street piers) or another proposal for the area from Observer Highway to Fourth Street," Bado continued, "but there wasn't sufficient ability to finance the other proposal."

Malfetti today also called on other city officials to follow the lead of California residents who voted Tuesday to cut property taxes sharply.

He added that Ranieri was right in suggesting that the city look for ways to subsidize industry.

"The very key to the survival of Hoboken is not in the huge highrises," Malfetti said. "They are disjointed annexes to the New York City skyline. We have to reshape our city as a good place to live and work."

"We repeat, the waterfront is ideal for the creation of a needed recreational site, or for an industrial complex or, the prime construction, an expanded deep sea port," Malfetti extended.

"The need is for revenue-producing income, for job-producing facilities, for the upgrading of what precious few enterprises we do possess, and a moratorium on tax dollar giveaways," he said.

"We congratulated Ranieri, the California electorate, and all others with the courage and tenacity to fight for economic freedom," Malfetti added.

Hoboken to get people mover

TRENTON — The State Computer Operating Agency was considered certain today to authorize an accelerating roadway demonstration system extending 300 feet through Hoboken Terminal in a \$6 million project requiring \$1 million in installation costs in the covered terminal.

The COA said the walkway, resembling conventional escalators is capable of moving pedestrians about twice the speed of walking after boarding at normal speeds. It slows down for passenger discharges.

"It is expected that the demonstration unit will be operated for at least a year. Continued operation will be dependent upon detailed evaluation of this experience," the COA said.

If the project proves successful, the state of New Jersey would have the option of having the installation remain as a permanent fixture and thus pick up operational and maintenance costs. If it is terminated and removed, these costs would be borne as part of its expense.

The site of the accelerating walkway system will be at the Transportation Department's Hoboken Railroad Terminal at the interface with the PATH Transit System.

It is a covered, level site with a heavy pedestrian traffic demand for commuters transferring from Conrail's suburban trains to PATH and it "provides a unique opportunity to evaluate the attitudes of transit users to the new technology, as well

as evaluating their adaptability to systems operating characteristics, which are somewhat different than conventional escalators and moving walks," COA said.

The system length of 300 feet at Hoboken is also sufficient to develop needed operating and user data at less cost than at other sites that might require a longer installation and heavier construction costs, COA added.

The COA action came in authorizing a letter of intent to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for use of the Hoboken terminal and for location of the accelerated moving walkway system.

The total budgeted cost of the program, divided into five phases, is

public acceptability of the new technology and provide realistic cost data and other system information needed by planners and engineers to determine potential uses of accelerating walking systems in urban areas.

The agency noted it is an extension of the conventional escalator and moving walk technology developed and in use for more than 80 years. Currently five prototype accelerating systems have reached various stages of equipment development and testing.

It is sponsored by the Federal Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

approximately \$5 million but this includes design development, manufacturing and factory testing of one or more potential systems, for demonstration unit operating expenses, and for equipment modification and improvements, if necessary, after the demonstration. It also includes the expenses of conducting human factor studies, user opinion surveys, for running equipment tests and collecting cost data.

The cost of furnishing the system and installing in Hoboken is estimated at \$1 million.

The COA said it would establish

Hoboken getting central garage at last

Hoboken officials said today that a \$400,000 consolidated central garage for the city would be completed by the end of this year.

The garage, which would be built on the site of the present public works garage at Observer Highway and

Willow Avenue, is being designed to handle all repairs and maintenance of city vehicles, and will be manned by personnel now working in the public safety and public works garages.

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri, who has been calling for such a project for four years, and Business Administrator Edwin Chius, who is working on the financing of the job, each predicted that the consolidation is "imminent" and Chius said it will

be completed by the end of the year.

Chius is working on a bond anticipation ordinance for consideration by the City Council. It would authorize the issuance of up to \$700,000 in bond anticipation notes to provide for the purchase of two new fire pumps for the Fire Department, and would also allow for appropriations for the garage consolidation.

The public safety garage is now

located in the firehouse at Second and Jefferson streets. That space would be used by the Fire Department if the consolidation project goes through.

For the centralized garage at Observer Highway, the existing building would be renovated and a larger, 150-by-70-foot annex would be constructed on the Park Avenue side of the lot.

The garage would contain

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Handicapped kids get summer play

Hopes Inc., Hoboken's anti-poverty agency, has received federal funding to launch a pilot summer recreational program for handicapped children.

E. Norman Wilson Jr., Hopes executive director, said today that the program will include about 10 bus trips to amusement parks or recreational areas around the state.

He said his staff is still compiling a list of possible locations for the trips—the areas must have facilities to handle wheelchairs, and be able to handle groups of up to 20 handicapped youngsters.

There will be no charge for parents of the children, Wilson explained, because the federal Community Services Administration has allocated \$5,100 for the pilot program.

In addition, he added, unlike most Hopes programs, this one will have no income requirements, because it involves handicapped children and because it is a pilot program.

David Little is running the program for Hopes, and Wilson said that he would be willing to help the city's Recreation Department get funding for similar programs on a year-round basis.

"These are the most forgotten people," Wilson, himself a handicapped person, asserted. "Except for the special education program at the schools, there are not many things offered to handicapped youngsters."

"And," he added, "There is certainly a shortage of year-round programs for the handicapped."

Wilson said there should be some trips lined up by next week. He urged all parents of handicapped children to contact Little at the Hoboken Multi-Service Center, 124 Grand St., Hoboken.

"I hope this program will act as a catalyst to inspire year-round recreational activities for handicapped children and adults as well," Wilson said.

Hoboken to give Del Tufo data on just 8 workers

By Pat Ford

Federal officials may be in for a surprise tomorrow when Hoboken turns over payroll records subpoenaed last week by the U.S. attorney's office in Newark.

Because of vague wording in the subpoena, there are different interpretations by various Hoboken officials as to how many employees' records should be turned over.

Although some high-ranking city officials believe that all non-office personnel in the public works depart-

ment — which would be between 80 and 100 workers — are included in the request, U.S. Attorney Robert Del Tufo will be getting the records of only eight employees.

The subpoena, addressed to "any responsible official," asks for the payroll records — including W-2 forms, cancelled pay checks, time sheets and payroll sheets — for "all employees stationed at the public works garage from July 1, 1976 to Dec. 31, 1977."

Only the eight employees

stationed there full time will have their records sent in by the Department of Revenue and Finance, which is compiling the data. Everyone else reports to the central garage, at Observer Highway and Willow Avenue.

"If the government wants more information," said one official in that department, "it can make the subpoena more specific."

Del Tufo's office refused to comment on any aspect of the investigation.

City officials, meanwhile, still claim to be baffled by the federal probe, which began Wednesday when two FBI agents delivered the subpoena to City Clerk Anthony Amoroso.

There had been speculation late last week that the government was investigating possible overtime abuses, but the nature of the records has led others to believe that it might be a tax case being investigated by the Internal Revenue Service through the U.S. attorney.

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Hoboken's belated 'emergency' repair shunned by bidders

By Pat Ford

Has the Hudson County prosecutor scared off contractors from the repair work at Hoboken's Fifth Street sewage pumping station? Local officials were asking that yesterday after no bids were received on the general contract for the repairs.

One bid was received for the electrical work, but officials were not certain even whether that one would be accepted.

The city will advertise again for bids to be presented at the council's July 5 meeting. The bids would be opened at the start of the meeting, then reviewed by the city attorney and consulting engineer, and, if approved by a resolution.

The repair was declared an emergency by the City Council last October, but a contractor was not hired until May 1. On May 4, work was stopped by Mayor Steve Cappiello. The council had allocated \$88,000 in October for the repair work.

Last week, Prosecutor James T. O'Halloran subpoenaed all records in the case.

The records were delivered yesterday to the prosecutor's office.

Public Works Director Andrew Amato had been subpoenaed along with his records. He said yesterday that he was later told that he didn't have to go in person.

The council advertised for bids at its last meeting, when it authorized a new appropriation of \$82,700 for repair of the station, still considered an emergency.

Now city officials are concerned that contractors are afraid to bid on the job for fear they'll have to get involved with O'Halloran's office.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said that several options will be studied if no bids come at the July 5 meeting. He vowed that the city "will do all this completely in the open" to avoid any problems.

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Hoboken students win art contest

Nine Hoboken students have won McDonald's Day at the Bronx Zoo Coloring Contest, after drawing an endangered animal with Ronald McDonald.

First prize was a membership at the Bronx Zoo, second prize, a book on animals and third prize, a zoo wheel.

Winners from Brandt School, in the kindergarten third grade bracket were George Picinic, first prize; Alessandra Venturina, second

prize and Valerie Gonzalez, third prize.

Fourth through sixth grade winners at Brandt were Mary Beth Novack, first prize; Sonia Aurorey, second prize and Dawn Lynch, third prize.

Winners in the seventh to ninth grade category were Linda Procaccino, first prize; Richard Vorelle, second prize, both from St. Francis, and Santa Preston, third prize, a student at Sadie Leinhardt School.



FRATERNAL MEETING — Mayor Steve Coppello of Hoboken, seated left, discusses fraternal programs with members of the New Jersey Fraternal Congress at his City Hall office. With him, from left, are Uiana Diechuk, a member of the executive board; Walter Sechan, past president, and Joseph Lesawyer, chairman.

Farina to keep dog run — with corrections

Hoboken's Director of Health and Welfare, James Farina, said today his department will continue to maintain a dog run in Church Square Park while he seeks to correct the health hazard it created.

He said he has received no formal notice of an order by the city's health officer, Patricia Mitten, to shut down the run the city installed in the park last spring. He learned about the order, he said, when he read about it in The Jersey Journal.

"But I agree with the problem," he said. "I agree that it is a health hazard."

He said he will ask Fred Bado, director of the city's Community Development Agency (CDA), if Green Acres money is available for

removing the sand, topping the run with asphalt and installing pipes leading into the city's sewer system.

"I have men working there every day," Farina said. "They remove the waste and clean the sand with chemicals. We do the best we can. But if we want to hose down the run and wash away the waste, an asphalt top and a drainage system are needed."

He estimated the project would cost more than \$5,000 a figure which would require public bidding.

If CDA can't get state money for the job, he said, the city would be responsible.

"One way or another," he said, "the matter will be corrected." Home owners across the street from the dog run have complained about odors, and they say it is disgusting to view.

Miss Mitten has offered Farina the alternative of keeping the run open if he blacktops it, picks up the dog droppings every day and hoses down the area daily.

Hoboken tax rate is tops

Tax rates are down in eight Hudson County municipalities, but up in four others, including Jersey City, where a \$6.18 increase makes the 1978 rate \$100.95 per each \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Jersey City had the largest boost, but Hoboken taxpayers, who got a \$2.63 increase, will be paying at the highest rate — \$107.29 per \$1,000 valuation. In March, Jersey City officials were hoping for a rate under \$100 when they adopted a \$129 million budget.

The rates, set by the Hudson County Board of Taxation, show decreases in Bayonne, East Newark, Guttenberg, Harrison, Kearny, Union City, Weehawken and West New York. Some tax experts said the state's new policy of taking some of

the load off taxpayers through an income tax formula and homestead rebate program might be a factor in such an unusual amount of decreases.

However, rates are up in North Bergen and Secaucus, as well as Jersey City and Hoboken. In the two North Hudson communities, however, the increases were only \$2.07 and 98 cents per \$1,000 valuation.

Secaucus has the lowest rate, \$25.21, followed by North Bergen with \$36.41. North Bergen's real estate was revaluated in 1974 and Secaucus had a voluntary revaluation in 1976. They are assessing property at ratios of 110.21 and 107.74 percent, both over "true value" because property in those communities generally sells at premium (high) prices.

An informal poll of taxpayers from several towns where rates went up showed many were pointing to California's taxpayers revolt in adopting Proposition 13 as a warning here.

Kearny, where there was a \$3.18 decrease to \$50.14, is assessing at 57.08 percent of "true value," lowest in the country.

Court records show the county board of taxation ordered Kearny to revalue, Oct. 10, 1974, effective Oct. 1, 1975, but the town fought the order. The State Division of Tax Appeals and the Appellate Division of the Superior Court upheld the county tax board. The court remanded the case to the state division in its May 10, 1976 decision.

All the municipalities' tax bills

(with one exception) include the county vocational school rate, which has increased to 53 cents per \$1,000, a 19-cent jump over last year. A county spokesman attributed this to the construction of a second county vocational school in Jersey City, but said the federal government would pay most of the costs.

Bayonne is exempt from paying the county vocational rate because it has its own vocational school.

The county's rate, included in all municipalities' tax bills, has increased by 21 cents to \$11.21.

A county spokesman said County Executive Edward F. Clark Jr., the freeholders and other county officials managed to hold down the amount of the increase despite mandated costs.

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Tax rate goes up \$6.18

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imposed on the county by the state for operation of the courts, welfare and maintenance of county patients in state institutions. The county, and 16 others, have joined in a suit to be heard early next month to forbid the state from exceeding its own five percent cap in imposing those costs on counties, the spokesman explained. He also said there was a \$1.5 million increase in the county budget for raises to county employees' unions.

James McCarthy, Jersey City's budget director, noted that the city's

new tax bill, showing a \$6.18 increase, will also list local government costs as rising only 19 cents. The other two portions of that increase on the tax bill shows \$4.46 due to boosts in school costs and a \$1.53 rise in county costs, he said.

In 1977, Jersey City's tax rate was

\$94.77, down \$1.06 per \$1,000 from the 1976 levy.

Tax Commissioner John Barry, president of the county tax board, and Commissioners George Davis, Marita Borzaga and Anthony Ciento, met briefly yesterday to adopt the new rates. The rates follow:

Tax rates

	1976	1977	Difference
Bayonne	71.79	75.76	-3.97
East Newark	69.51	57.01	-12.50
Guttenberg	55.51	56.99	-1.48
Harrison	49.29	51.14	-1.85
Hoboken	107.29	104.66	+2.63
Jersey City	100.95	107.03	-6.08
Kearny	50.14	53.32	-3.18
North Bergen	36.41	34.34	+2.07
Secaucus	25.21	24.23	+ .98
Union City	54.59	55.57	-0.98
Weehawken	53.96	56.99	-3.03
West New York	76.31	72.50	+3.81
Hudson County Vocational School	11.21	11.60	-0.39

Hoboken third in line for school aid

If Gov. Brendan T. Byrne signs special school aid legislation already passed by both houses and providing up to \$100 million state-wide for school repairs, Hoboken's school district would be third in line for its share.

Only Newark and Camden rank ahead of Hoboken for priority funding, according to Ralph Seligman of Mayo, Lynch Associates, consulting engineers for the Hoboken Board of Education.

Seligman told the four members attending last night's public caucus he got the word on the district's placement from David Taylor, a state legislative research employee who helped draft the school aid bill.

Since the bill allow a district \$25 per pupil and since Hoboken has 7,000 pupils, Hoboken would receive an "entitlement" or outright grant of \$175,000 for one year, according to Robert Taylor, board counsel.

But because the bill provides for

six "payout" years, said Taylor, Hoboken should get a total of \$1,042,000 — barely enough to cover the projected \$1 million cost of repairing the David E. Rue School.

Seligman, however, said he learned from Fred Flower, a finance officer for the state education department, there are other fiscal options the board may want to choose.

One, he said, would permit the district to pick up an extra 10 percent above its allocation if a school that is being renovated is made into a "community center," whereby the public would have access to certain areas of the school such as a pool. This option, he said, could bring Hoboken's total state grant up to \$1,436,000.

Otto Hottendorf, board president, said the trustees' immediate concern is to fix the Rue School, where brickwork is falling out, and use whatever other funds might be available to install new windows and

a new boiler at the Connors School, built in 1903.

If the governor signs the aid bill, as he's expected to, according to Seligman and Hottendorf, probably the earliest that work could begin would be next spring, they said.

Should the board decide to pursue

a more ambitious rehabilitation program on a district-wide basis, Joseph Lynch of his engineering firm estimates that costs could reach as high as \$10 million depending on whether the board figured on replacing the Connors School and Leinhardt School, erected in 1903, with new structures.

Humane society calls Hoboken 'the worst'

By Pat Ford

Hoboken is "the worst" of the 52 municipalities serviced by the Associated Humane Societies of Newark, the group's executive director declared today.

Lee Bernstein, who runs the overall operations of the animal-care group, said that Hoboken is "not paying us enough for the abuse we have to put up with there."

The group received a one-year, \$12,000 contract last month to provide animal warden services for the city. Either side is allowed to break the contract on a month's notice, but Bernstein said the Humane Society wouldn't, because it "never runs away from anything."

He asserted, however, that while some have complained about the cost of his group's service, "it would take about \$40,000 per year to straighten out Hoboken's problems, because it needs two-and-a-half full-time wardens to patrol constantly."

He complained that there are only 700 licenses for dogs in the city, but that number should be 4,500 for a city of Hoboken's size.

Patricia Mitten, city health officer, confirmed those figures but said the Board of Health is trying to increase the number of licensed pets. Bernstein complained that his men have been threatened with knives and sticks when they try to pick up stray animals.

In one case, the city sanitarian was pushed down a flight of steps while trying to confiscate a pet.

"We signed a complaint against the man," Bernstein said. "But he was related to a police lieutenant and

he got off with a \$25 fine. Hoboken is just too political."

Bernstein charged that the City Council is not aware of the extent of Hoboken's animal problem.

"It's not just dogs and cats there," he explained. "We've picked up fighting cocks that people were raising in their backyards. And even with that, there was one time when we were about to raid a place with fighting cocks and they were tipped off somehow."

"All we found were three pheasants," he said.

"Then, on top of all our other problems, we have to get involved with this voodoo cult that is allegedly using animals as sacrifices in their religious rituals," he exclaimed.

"These are just a few of the things going on in that crazy Hoboken," he said in frustration.

"Pat Mitten tried hard and does a good job," he continued. "But she can't hope to take care of the problems in Hoboken. It's by far the worst of the 52 towns we service."

Mayor Steve Coppello was off yesterday, and could not be reached for comment on Bernstein's remarks. Health and Welfare Director James Farina, who is responsible for the hiring of the Humane Society, was also unavailable.

"I told Pat Mitten when we took over that it would be about a year before we had the city in good shape," Bernstein concluded, "but I don't think it's possible to solve Hoboken's problems without at least two full-time people."

Amato changes mind, fights Hoboken central garage plan

Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato, in a turnaround from his previous position, declared today that he will fight to block the proposed consolidation of the Public Works and Public Safety garages unless the men are continued in separate divisions.

Amato said he hadn't realized that Councilman Robert Ranieri, Business Administrator Edwin Chius and other officials who are working on the project intended the mechanics from the now-separate garages to become one unit under a single chief mechanic.

He said he only supports the idea of a central garage if the Public Works' crew can remain separate from the Public Safety mechanics.

"They're not taking any mechanics away from Amato," the director asserted.

He said there was a "circus" in his office yesterday, with the men from the Public Works garage "screaming" at him for going along with the plan. Amato had said Tuesday that he agreed with the concept of a central garage.

"I still believe in a central garage

— if my men can work separately," he said.

Ranieri, who is pushing for consolidation of the two crews because of what he calls the "inadequate" maintenance of Public Works equipment in the past, said that no final determination has been made yet on their personnel.

"But Amato is not going to block anything," Ranieri insisted. "As a director, he will have input, but he works for us — the mayor and council — and the final determination will be up to the mayor with the consent of the council."

The councilman said that if Amato has a plan for the new garage, he should put it in writing and submit to the council.

"The city has almost a half-million dollars in new rolling stock coming in," he declared, "and it has to be managed and serviced better than the old equipment."

The proposed central garage is being considered for the site of the present Public Works garage at Observer Highway and Willow Avenue.

The preliminary projections call for a \$400,000 renovation and expansion of the building now standing there. It would house all mechanics and vehicles of the Public Works and Public Safety Departments.

Amato contends that his department would be hurt by consolidation of the two staffs. He said his chief mechanic, William Deitrich, has not been discussed as a possible head of any new unit, despite his 19 years on the job.

He said his crew is taking unfair criticism for the admittedly bad condition of the Public Works vehicles.

"I've been fighting a year for new equipment, I finally got it, and now they're talking about taking it away from us," he said.

We have only two mechanics and public safety has nine. Of course their equipment would be in better shape," he declared. "You give me the equipment and the manpower, and I'll take care of the garage."

There is a meeting scheduled for today between Ranieri, Amato, Chius and other officials to further discuss the garage situation.

Ticket shockwave precedes sweeper

By Pat Ford

A "sneak attack" in Hoboken yesterday caught 122 residents sleeping while the city sweeper was sweeping for the first time in almost a year.

Many residents—including several who called The Jersey

Journal—complained bitterly about the city's decision to issue summonses on the first day of sweeping this year.

Although there was an article in The Jersey Journal Friday warning motorists to beware, many felt that the city should have handed out flyers or posters, and then issued warning tickets for the first week rather than "sticking it to" them at once.

Police said late yesterday that 122 of the 10 tickets were issued yesterday by two public safety officers who work through the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act program.

Last month, when the city originally had expected to get one of its two sweepers back from the Garwood company that has been "repairing" them since last October, the police gave out about 300 warning tickets to prepare motorists for the sweeper's return, Police Capt. Patrick Totaro said.

This time he was never informed that any warnings should be issued, Totaro explained. He added that he did not give the order to ticket the cars, although the men are assigned to him.

The sweeper that was returned to the city Friday actually is not completely repaired, but Police Sgt.

Mario Mercado, the head mechanic in the Public Safety garage, is handling the maintenance of the machine himself to overcome the effect of a missing part.

The sweeper is covering only the eastern part of the city, from Willow Avenue east to the Hudson River. It will be out again today along with its companions—the public safety officers.

"It's unfair to pull this kind of sneak attack," commented one angry resident who wished to remain nameless. "It would be different if they warned us and we knowingly violated the law, but this is not right."

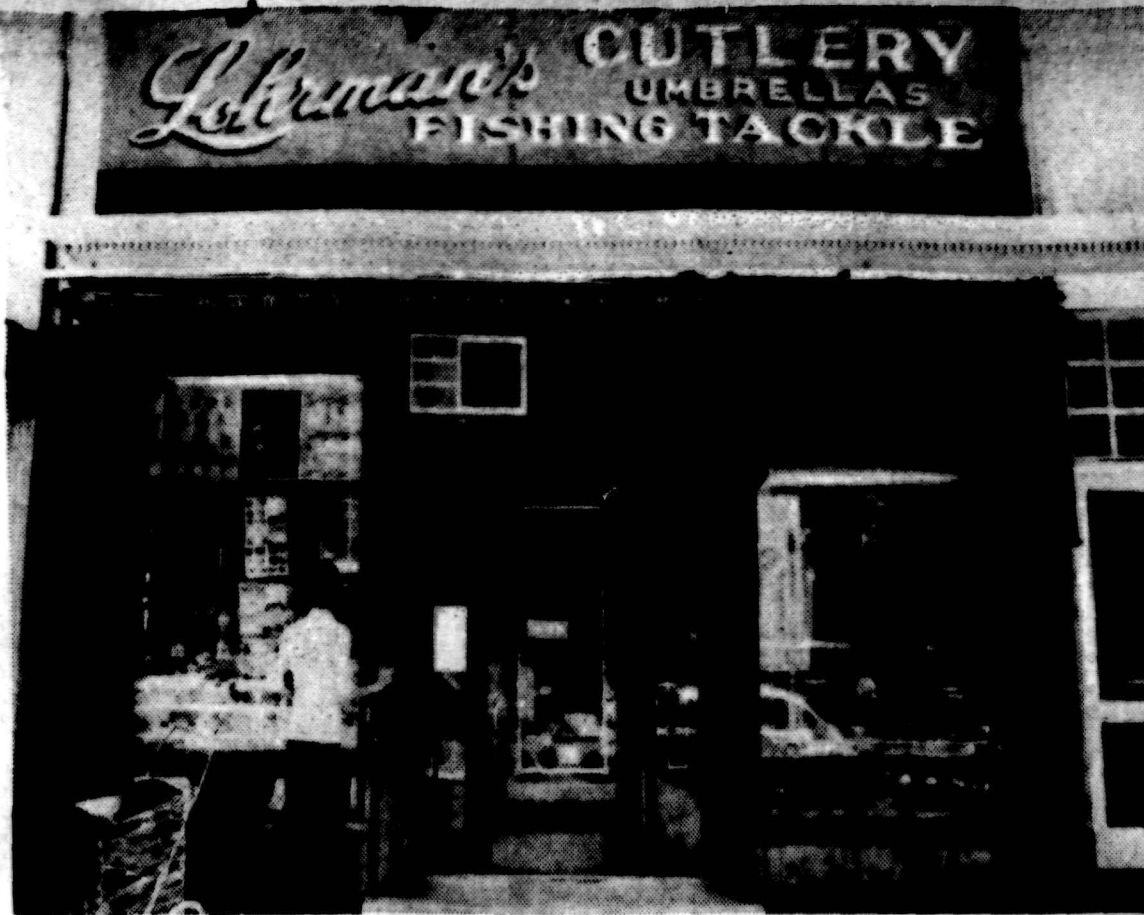
When reminded that the signs prohibiting parking for street cleaning have been up all along, the man replied, "Yeah, but they haven't enforced it in a year!"

Mayor Steve Coppello said he was "sorry" but he feels the city gave enough notice.

"There was a story in The Jersey Journal, and our police cars used the loudspeaker to announce that tickets would be issued," the mayor said.



George Lohrman, left, owner of Lohrman's Cutlery in Hoboken, is closing his store after a rent dispute with the new landlord. The firm has been in Hoboken since 1876.



Dispatch Photos by Linda Catello

Rent dispute closes landmark firm

By SUSAN KELMAN

Lohrman's Cutlery, a Hoboken specialty store established in 1876, will close its doors July 31 because of a rent dispute.

George Lohrman, who will be 86 tomorrow, doesn't want to leave the Washington Street store. He said he is being forced out by the landlord, Brookfloor Corporation.

Gary Levin, principal owner of Brookfloor Corp., denied that Lohrman is being forced out. He said the tenant, who had a monthly lease, could not afford to pay higher rent.

Levin refused to comment on how much the rent would be raised.

"This is not the way I want to get out," Lohrman said yesterday. "The way it goes it seems the landlord doesn't want me here."

The landlord would not let Lohrman stay at 93 Washington St. even if he did pay higher rent—as much as 100 per cent higher, Lohrman claims.

Levin notified Lohrman in April that he should plan to move out at the end of the month. Lohrman was able to get the deadline extended to July 31.

Brookfloor Corporation bought the property, 89 to 93 Washington St. in April 1976. Levin claims the corporation has lost \$15,000 on the property.

"Here's a guy (Lohrman) who thought Hoboken will never change. He thought nobody would put him out," Levin said.

When Lohrman was asked to leave, Levin offered him a Newark Street property for about the same rent as he is now paying—\$375 per month.

The Newark Street building is about half the size of the Washington Street store, Lohrman said.

Because of the lack of available space in Hoboken, Lohrman has been unable to find another landlord or, for that matter, a buyer.

"I do want to retire, but I'd like to keep the store. Where are the kids going to get bait for fishing?" Lohrman said.

The store sells leather goods, ammunition and

fishing supplies. Lohrman also repairs umbrellas and sharpens knives.

"It's like an institution. I've been coming here since I was a little kid," said Hoboken Patrolman Frank Altomere. "He will be sorely missed. All the cops feel the same."

"I've been in it since I was 11-years-old," Lohrman said. "A lot of people are upset that I have to close."

The store will be replaced with a vegetable store. Levin would not reveal how much rent the new tenant will pay.

"Over the years Mr. Lohrman has provided unique services to the residents of Hoboken. He is an expert grinder as the men of the slaughter houses and the women of the textile factories will attest," said Rev. John E. Zavacky of Queens. Zavacky was a salesman at the store in 1974.

Lohrman hopes to find a buyer for the store's merchandise before July 31. He has a prospective buyer, but arrangements are not complete.

"I hope the buyer will keep this store in Hoboken," Lohrman said.

No bidding on pump station

The Hoboken City Council will be awarding a general contract for repairs at the Fifth Street sewage pumping station without competitive bidding after all.

The council, which had advertised for bids twice in the past month but received none for the general contract, will solicit proposals from contractors this week and probably award a contract at a special meeting next week. No date has been set for a special meeting yet.

The repairs at the station were declared an emergency last October by the council at the urging of Public Works Director Andrew Amato and consulting engineer Joseph Lynch. A

contractor was not hired until May 1, however, and was ordered off the job three days later by Mayor Steve Cappelletto.

There was a dispute between Amato and Lynch over who hired the contractor, T. and M. Contractors of Hoboken, which is owned by Philip Seriale, a personal and political friend of the public works head.

The council's Public Works Committee investigated the situation, and though it didn't conclude whether T. and M. was hired by Amato or Lynch, found that both men were at fault for the delay.

The Hudson County Prosecutor's office has subpoenaed records in-

volved in the case, and is investigating to see if any violations of the state bidding laws occurred.

Meanwhile, the council reallocated funds—\$62,700 this time rather than \$66,000 as originally done last October—and voted to accept bids at its June 19 meeting.

No bids were received for the general contract, but Lovell Electric Co. of Franklin Lakes bid on the electrical contract for \$29,000.

With only one pump working at the station, the job is still considered an emergency, so the council decided at the June 21 meeting to advertise for bids for yesterday's meeting with the understanding that if they were acceptable, a contract would be awarded immediately.

Again yesterday, however, no bids were received on the general contract, and Lovell Electric again was the only bidder on the electrical contract—this time for \$28,840.

Business Administrator Edwin Chius broke out the state statute book to point out that statute 40A:11-5.3 stipulates that if no bids are received, the contract can be awarded by the council without re-advertising.

One official said that the prosecutor would be informally informed of the latest development to insure that no questions are raised on the procedures.

The electrical contract will be handled separately, and the council will have to decide whether Lovell's bid is acceptable. If not, it would have to be voided and re-advertised.

In other business at yesterday's council meeting, the panel set a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. Aug. 9 on alternative places for parking when the proposed bike path on River Road displaces approximately 70 spaces.

The meeting next month will be held jointly with the Planning Board, the Parking Authority and Police Chief George Crimmins.

Councilmen Thomas Kennedy, Walter Cramer, Nunzio Malfetti, Robert Ranieri and Louis Francane all voiced concern over the parking situation in the uptown area.

The only citizens who addressed the council were Helen Manogue, chairwoman of the Hoboken Environment Committee, and Norman Cantor of Hoboken, the committee's attorney.

Cappiello pledges he'll resign public safety post this month

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, who serves as city public safety director and is also a candidate for county freeholder in the November election, vowed today to appoint a new public safety director before the end of this month.

The mayor pledged that there is "no way" he will serve in all three capacities if he's elected a freeholder. He has been harshly criticized by some residents and officials for running for the freeholder post when he already holds two jobs.

He was overwhelmingly nominated over new comer David Cadamuro in last month's Democratic primary, nonetheless. Cadamuro had campaigned against Cappiello's multiple job holding. The mayor does not receive an ex-

tra salary for being public safety director. He does receive \$20,150 as mayor and is a heavy favorite to win election to the \$12,000-per-year freeholder slot.

"The person appointed as public safety director will have experience in the department," Cappiello said.

He refused, however, to pinpoint any individuals. He said there is a "serious possibility" that the post may be split in half and filled by Police Chief George W. Crimmins and Fire Chief James Houn.

Residents vs. officials

Elysian Park a battleground

Hoboken's Elysian Park may become a battleground before the summer is over as angry residents and public officials clash over

proposed renovations to the uptown facility.

The one thing that is causing most of the controversy is a proposed sprinkler to be used for children. A temporary sprinkler was installed in the park yesterday, and that had some residents "burning up."

"We're opposed to the riff-raff that is going to be coming up to our park with this new sprinkler," declared Kathleen Caulfield, a resident of the Castle Point section whose husband is the city building inspector.

"Already we have a lot of day care children and Puerto Ricans up here," she said. "I believe they should put the sprinkler downtown and leave us alone."

"We Castle Point residents pay the highest taxes in the city," she said. "Don't we put out enough for all

the programs for poor people? I'm not opposed to sprinklers, I just don't want them up here."

Mrs. Caulfield threatened to mobilize her neighbors to picket the park because of the sprinkler being installed yesterday. However, after learning that it was just a garden hose that is only a temporary sprinkler, she said her neighbors would be willing to see how this works out.

Peggy Burke, who lives near the park at 11th and Hudson streets, heard about the complaints from Mrs. Caulfield and others, and that got her "fighting mad," she said.

"A lot of us in the Second Ward want the sprinkler," she asserted. "There are only a few people against it, and they say they are worried about 'undesirables.' Well, my kids go to school with Puerto Ricans and get along well. I think they can play with them too."

James Farina, director of health and welfare, has promised that a public hearing would be held before the renovations at Elysian Park are started.

He said he installed the temporary sprinkler at the request of Councilmen Walter Cramer, Thomas Kennedy and Robert Ranieri.

Just the same, he was reminded, Councilman Nunzio Malfetti, whose Sixth Ward borders on the park, has asked that sprinklers not be installed. "It's three against one," Farina said. "Majority rules."

Farina sees himself unfairly in the middle of the issue. "I want the council to decide the question," he said yesterday after hearing loud complaints from both sides.

Meanwhile, Cramer and Farina criticized Community Development Agency Director Fred Bado for dragging his feet on the renovation project. After meeting with Bado yesterday, Farina said that the project finally seems off the ground.

He said an architect would be hired soon.

Cramer was furious. "I've been after Bado to get this project moving since March," he said. "He told me then that there was at least \$50,000 immediately available. I told him to move on it."

"But every time I call him he's not available, and the only work that's been done has been done by Farina," Cramer asserted.

Judge backs teachers on summer pay

The Hoboken Board of Education has lost again in its running battle with the Hoboken Teachers' Association over summer pay.

Hudson County Superior Court Judge Frederick C. Kuntz yesterday upheld an arbitrator's finding that the board owes some 436 teachers a total of \$239,300 in back pay.

Until the summer of 1976, the board for many years paid its teachers one sixth of their yearly salary increments each July.

In that year, the board unilaterally stopped the

practice and the courts eventually ruled that it had to continue the pay because the teachers' contracts required it.

On May 29, 1977, an arbitrator ruled that the board owed the teachers summer pay for the 1976-77 and 1977-78 school years.

The board and the union reached different conclusions as to the amount due, based on different methods of calculating the amount.

The board went to court to prove its case and lost yesterday. Board attorney Robert W. Taylor contended that the summer pay sought by the union would result in total payments above those listed in the salary guides and would thus be illegal. He also argued

that the summer pay in question was only an advance payment.

The board said the teachers' claims had therefore already been paid since all teachers have received the full salary guide amount for the year 1976-77 and for most of the 1977-78 school year.

Those arguments, however, were rejected by the arbitrator, who said, "The board violated the agreement between parties when it unilaterally changed the established practice in its method of computing and paying summer money by July 15, 1976."

Board officials could not be reached yesterday and it was not known whether they would appeal Kuntz's affirmation of the arbitrator's award.

Public hearing set to rule on parking

By SUSAN KELMAN

The Hoboken City Council yesterday set a date for a public hearing to determine the impact of banning parking on Shore Road could affect as many as 210 vehicles a day. "In the parking industry they say that for every parking space three vehicles are affected," Hottendorf said. Seventy spaces are available on Shore Road.

"We're dying for parking now. This will just worsen the problem," said Joseph Hottendorf, director of the Hoboken Parking Authority.

Hottendorf estimates that the elimination of parking on Shore Road could affect as many as 210 vehicles a day. "In the parking industry they say that for every parking space three vehicles are affected," Hottendorf said. Seventy spaces are available on Shore Road.

Parking will be banned on Shore Road if a proposed bicycle path is built there. Presently, the road is closed 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays for joggers and bicyclists.

"We need parking and we need recreation," Hottendorf said. "I think whatever the residents want

should be done." A public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. August 9 to determine just what the residents want.

The Parking Authority, Community Development Agency and Chief of Police will all be invited to express their views, according to Councilman Robert Ranieri.

"The proposed bicycle path will dictate prohibition of traffic," Ranieri said after yesterday's meeting. He said Department of Transportation regulations force the council to ban parking when the bicycle path is completed. Ranieri hopes to have the path completed by Christmas.

"Where are these poor people going to park? They're parking on corners and getting tickets," said Councilman Louis Francane.

Ranieri estimates that for every 100 people who find parking on Hoboken streets, 10 are unable to find legal parking. He proposes to build a private-public parking lot over the Maxwell lot on Shore Road and Eleventh Street. The lot would cost \$2 million to \$3

million to construct, Ranieri estimates.

The lot, which might be partially funded by the Department of Commerce, the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Maxwell, would accommodate 500 vehicles, Ranieri said. He said that at least 300 to 350 spaces are needed to alleviate Hoboken's parking problem.

In other action at yesterday's meeting, Councilman Thomas Kennedy asked that the City Council direct Public Works Director Andrew Amato to place a chain at Shore Road and Fourth Street. The chain was broken in a May 14 traffic accident, Ranieri said.

"If you put a chain across the road and it's silver, someone is going to drive through it," said Hottendorf, who was not at the council meeting.

He said that this past Sunday the area was opened to motorists. "Some Sundays it's done and some it isn't," he said.

The Parking Authority will hold its regular meeting Monday evening to discuss the Shore Road problem in addition to routine business.

Malfetti opposes garage bonds

Hoboken Councilman Nunzio Malfetti said today that he is "unalterably opposed" to the proposal to issue bonds for construction work on a consolidated central garage for the city.

In a statement released today, Malfetti said the proposal to use \$700,000 in bond anticipation notes for the garage consolidation and two new fire engines is "in no way a feasible proposal."

The Sixth Ward councilman stressed that he does not want to "take sides in the political squabbling" on the issue.

But, he asserted, "Public Works Director (Andrew) Amato is not just whistling Dixie in his reference to the bond issue's effect on the individual taxpayers."

Amato has vehemently opposed the consolidation proposal, although he favored it at first. He said he changed his mind on it when he discovered that his men would be combined with public safety mechanics

under Police Sgt. Mario Mercado.

In addition, Amato opposes using city taxpayers' money on the proposal. He said he has already spent thousands of dollars to renovate the garage himself. He would not give an exact figure on how much he has spent.

"I've cut spending in my department by 45 percent," he contended. "And I put a lot of my own time into fixing up that garage (at Observer Highway and Willow Avenue). Now they want to spend \$400,000 on that and \$150,000 on the Jackson Street garage and take them away from me."

Malfetti cited the recent trend toward cutting taxes — such as Proposition 13 in California — and said that it is unfair for the "small property owners to bear the brunt, which may well be the straw that breaks the economic backs of our city."

Noting that Hoboken's tax rate is the highest in the county, Malfetti

urged the administration to seek industry that will provide jobs and tax revenue for the city rather than going

with the garage project, which he admitted is needed, but which the city can't afford, he says.

Hoboken students improve

Recent testing has disclosed a marked improvement in the reading and mathematics levels of 11th grade students at Hoboken High School, Superintendent George Maier said today.

He reported that while only 35 percent of the students attained a mastery level in reading as 10th graders, this figure soared to the 60 level in mathematics.

The scores also showed improvement in mathematics where last year's 35 percent figure rose to 63 percent.

"The results are most encouraging," said Maier, who added that they pointed up the need for continuing both the state-funded Compensatory Education Program and the federal Title I project. Both programs concentrate on reading and mathematics skills.

The testing also was conducted among students in the third, sixth and

ninth grades, Maier said, and indicated that more work will be needed at those levels. The statistics were compiled by John Sepp, supervisor of research, planning and evaluation.

For the district as a whole, 41 percent of the third graders achieved the goal of a 75 percent achievement level in reading while 42 percent were above the 65 percent achievement level in mathematics.

For the sixth grade, 36 percent were above in reading and 34 percent level, 28 percent scored above the goal in reading and 31 percent topped the achievement level in mathematics.

The statistics were drawn from the results of the Minimum Basic Skills Test under the state-mandated testing program. "I am particularly gratified to see that the reading and mathematics ability of our high school students is improving at this vital time in their life when they are preparing to go on

to higher education or to enter the world of business where these skills are essential," said the superintendent.

Cappiello supports sprinklers in park, assails racial slur

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello today announced tentative support for the plan to install sprinklers for children at Elysian Park.

At the same time, Cappiello expressed dismay over what he called "inflammatory" remarks by a local resident opposing the sprinkler.

The resident had complained that the sprinkler would attract "riff-raff" from the downtown area, particularly Puerto Ricans.

"I am part of the downtown riff-raff," Cappiello asserted. "When I was a kid we took our vacation under a fire hydrant spray, and I learned to swim amid the raw sewage in the Hudson River."

"It's too late now," he added. "The statement's been made. I just hope it doesn't cause problems among our Hispanic residents."

A temporary sprinkler — a garden hose connected to a fire hydrant — has already been installed in the uptown park at 11th and Hudson streets.

A major renovation has been planned at the park, which would include construction of a permanent sprinkler for kids to frolic under on hot steamy days.

Many residents of the nearby Castle Point section — and Sixth Ward Councilman Nunzio Malfetti — have opposed installation of the sprinkler because, they say, it will disrupt the quiet nature of the park.

Health and Welfare Director James Farina said public hearings would be held before the renovation plan is completed.

Cappiello and Councilman Robert Ranieri each said they anxiously await public hearings, and that they'd meet with any residents to discuss the proposal.

Hoboken among the worst

U.S. targets Hudson housing in federal improvement plan

Three Hudson housing authorities are among 200 singled out by the federal government for inclusion in a new \$200 million program to improve living conditions in the nation's worst federally-subsidized apartment complexes.

Jersey City, Bayonne and Hoboken were named along with Newark, Elizabeth, Paterson, Trenton, Camden and Atlantic City.

Newark's Stella Wright housing project had the dubious honor of being named one of the nation's most

problem-ridden, federally-supported housing units by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

According to HUD secretary Patricia Harris, four federal agencies — HUD, and the labor, justice and interior departments — would join together to form a unique partnership, to be called the Public Housing Urban Initiative Program, to help solve problems afflicting public housing units across the nation.

This program will then choose 60

demonstration projects from the 200 authorities singled out nationwide.

"Although troubled projects represent only a small percentage of the vast public housing inventory, the problems they generate loom very large for the tenants who have to live in them," Ms. Harris said.

The program will consist of four parts, a rehab program for public housing units which "fall below acceptable conditions," and interagency anticrime program designed to improve security at housing projects, the identifying of management

deficiencies which may have led to the deterioration of housing projects, and an urban partnership program designed to improve relations between city governments and public housing authorities.

Ms. Harris, noting that some 65 percent of the tenants of public housing units were under 18 years old, said funds could also be spent for jobs and drug prevention programs.

Nationwide, she said, public housing units serve some 3.4 million people in 1.2 million units in 2,700 communities.

Hoboken students rank last in basic skills test

By GARY M. FURMAN
Dispatch Staff Writer

TRENTON—Hoboken, one of nine school districts in Hudson County which administered a statewide test in April, still has the lowest percent of students able to meet minimum basic reading and math skills.

Results of the state's 1977-1978 Minimum Basic Skills Test released yesterday showed that Hoboken's third and ninth grades scored the poorest statewide on the reading part of the test. The 1978 test showed that there was

little difference in how Hudson County school districts did against each other.

The scores are from tests taken by 397,000 students statewide in the third, sixth, ninth and 11th grades. Students who fell below the minimum standard of 75 percent correct in reading and 65 percent correct in math will, upon validation of test scores, receive remedial help.

At a press conference yesterday, William Mathis, director of the state Education Department's Bureau of Research and Assessment, cautioned that 1977 test scores

should not be directly compared to the 1976 results.

He explained that the tests were completely different; this year's test looked for competency in basic skills and last year's looked for how much children had absorbed from what they were taught.

Said Mathis: "This whole comparison thing is a real nuisance. The tests are too different and that is what is making some people say their schools have made great gains. Well, that is fraudulent. You get into too many problems when you compare scores."

Gustavo Mellander, president of Passaic County Community College, believes the 1978 tests were deliberately made easier this year to make the controversial "thorough and efficient" education laws appear to be a success.

Asked whether there was any truth to this allegation, Mathis said bluntly "absolutely not. That would be a disservice to the public."

Deputy state education commissioner Ralph Latalle said yesterday he was encouraged by the overall test results statewide.

Hoboken housing inspections 'deficient' says state aide

By Pat Ford

A high-ranking state official has termed Hoboken's housing inspection reports "deficient" and ordered his staff to re-train the city's inspectors and monitor their reports for several months.

Philip Cayton, director of the Division of Housing and Urban Renewal in the state Department of Community Affairs, said yesterday that his staff has found "serious violations" that were not noted in reports from Hoboken inspectors.

Cayton met with Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto June 23 to outline the "deficiencies" and work out an agreement on how to correct them.

Included in the terms of that agreement were plans to send state representatives to Hoboken later this month to conduct a training program for the city's six housing inspectors. In addition, the state Bureau of Housing Inspection headed by Philip Phlegor has already begun to review Hoboken inspection reports submitted over the past year to weed out "deficient" ones, Cayton said.

A Hoboken landlord, Jose Rivas of 210 Park Ave., wrote to Cayton last

month to inform him that Rivas would not pay his \$200 state inspection fee because of "unfair" enforcement of the state building code.

Hoboken's inspectors are responsible for enforcing the state code as well as the municipal laws, and reports of inspections done on behalf of the state are sent to Cayton's division.

The state director said yesterday that Rivas' charges were valid and that his office had received other complaints. The state was already looking into the matter when Rivas' letter arrived, he said.

Cayton confirmed Rivas' specific charge that Hoboken's inspectors cite many minor violations, such as door chain locks missing, while ignoring

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"serious violations" such as fire hazards.

"The state will participate much more in Hoboken's inspection program than in the past," Cayton vowed. "We have already reviewed many reports, and we are compiling a priority list to send back to them."

"They will have to re-inspect the buildings that we send back, and we'll check their re-inspection," he explained.

The training program that the

state will give to Hoboken will provide:

- Complete training on knowledge of the building code;
- Knowledge of the proper procedures for inspections;
- Knowledge of the proper applications of the code and procedures.

Michael Curcio, Hoboken's chief housing inspector, said yesterday that two new members have been added to his staff, including one Hispanic woman hired through the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act

program. He said he would be conducting his own training program for them. He has said he will cooperate with the state.

As for Rivas, he was unavailable for comment, but Cayton said that he is confident Rivas will pay his fee now that action is being taken to correct Hoboken's flaws.

Cayton also said that the state should be able to work out a compromise on the \$130 fine levied against Rivas for not paying his fee. It might be dropped completely, he said.

The state official warned Rivas and others not to expect immediate results, however.

"This training program and our reviews of the Hoboken reports will not be completed in two weeks," he asserted. "This will be done over a matter of several months to insure that their program gets on the right track."

Hoboken welfare board picks Mary Costello as city director

The Hoboken Local Assistance Board last night gave its approval to Mary Costello, a veteran employee in the city's welfare department, for a five-year appointment as welfare director.

John Link, board chairman, said the appointment now goes to the state for final approval.

Mrs. Costello has been filling in as acting director since the dismissal of Jerry Forman last April and has been receiving the director's salary of \$18,917 a year. She has been employed by the department for many years and was chief clerk when she assumed the acting director's post. Her

clerical position is being filled by a worker under the federally-funded Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

Forman had been suspended from the director's post on Jan. 11, 1977 pending the outcome of an investigation into alleged payment of dental claims for work never performed.

The board held weekly hearings on the matter and Forman was charged at the time with permitting false claims to be processed and filed and permitting the disbursement of funds illegally. He was dismissed by the assistance board in April of this year.

Survey needed

Hoboken's River Road, the locale of Poe's "Mystery of Marie Roget", is a delightful place to meander along the Hudson River. It winds below the green rock cliffs first noted in the log of Henry Hudson. It carries little traffic and was recently repaved.

The last two summers, the city has chained it off on Sundays and has invited the public to ride bicycles on it. Plans have been under way for two years to create an all-week bicycle path on River Road, setting it apart from the roadway.

However, a councilman through whose ward part of the road runs has discovered the bike path would eliminate up to 70 parking spaces in an area where there is no alternative parking.

The councilman also questions whether the bike path is really needed. He said few if any bicyclists are seen upon the road on Sunday, the day they would be most likely to use it.

It may be significant that the plans for this small project have taken two years to draw up and the city officials are still not ready to put them into effect.

The parking aspect is being studied, but the question whether the bike path would be used should also be thoroughly explored . . . and answered.

Apparently no adequate survey on that point has been made. Why not find out how many people would use the bike path before spending \$120,000 on it?

Hispanics picket over racial slur

By SUSAN KELMAN

About 100 angry demonstrators, most Puerto Ricans, picketed in front of the house of the Hoboken building inspector for about an hour yesterday afternoon in response to a newspaper article that quoted Kathleen Caulfield, wife of City Building Inspector James Caulfield, as saying that Puerto Ricans were riff-raff.

The demonstrators, some as young as two years old, chanted "Caulfield is prejudiced."

A nine-year-old girl and several other children from the First Baptist Church Day Care Center carried signs which read, "We are not riff-raff. We are human beings."

The demonstration was organized by the First Baptist Church Day Care Center, the only Hispanic day care center in Hoboken.

The demonstrators congregated a bit before 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 1101 Bloomfield St. From there they marched to City Hall and protested in front of Mayor Steve Cappelletto's office for about an hour.

Cappelletto did not respond to the demonstrators. An aide said he had left at 12:30 p.m. and would be out of town for the remainder of the day.

"The mayor chickened out," shouted Sandra Colon, chairman of the board of the day care center. She led the demonstrators in a march down Washington Street to the Caulfield residence.

The demonstrators were met by James Caulfield, who said Kathleen and two young children were inside the house at 916 Castle Point Road.

The group demanded that Kathleen appear. After about fifteen minutes, Mrs. Caulfield and her husband addressed the crowd from the terrace of their home.

"We apologize for the way it developed, but I don't apologize for the quote because we didn't say it," James Caulfield told the crowd.

The crowd demanded that Kathleen admit she was misquoted.

Mrs. Caulfield, who appeared pale and shaken during the ordeal, told them she had not said they were riff-raff.

A demonstrator, who is director of the day care center, said yesterday he believed Mrs. Caulfield lied to the crowd.

"She thinks our kids are Puerto Ricans and will bring trash, and Puerto Ricans from all over town will go to the park," said Colon Genaro, the day care director.

Mrs. Caulfield, who opposes installation of a sprinkler at Elysian Park, was quoted in the Jersey Journal as saying the Puerto Ricans should go to a sprinkler downtown.

"I don't even know where downtown begins," Mrs. Caulfield said yesterday. "The entire story was out of context."

A temporary sprinkler was installed in Elysian Park at 10th and Hudson streets Friday. Mrs. Caulfield said yesterday she opposed the sprinkler because the park was small and would be crowded.

She protested she had said nothing about the sprinkler attracting more Puerto Ricans to the area. She did say, however, that she had told the newspaper reporter that many Puerto Ricans use the park.

She said the remark was taken out of context in the Jersey Journal story.

A demonstrator said the sprinkler issue could be settled in public hearings. The city will hold public hearings before a permanent sprinkler is installed in the park.

Mrs. Genaro said the demonstrators were interested solely in Mrs. Caulfield's apology.

After the apology, the demonstrators quickly dispersed. The demonstration had blocked traffic on Washington Street for several blocks, police said.

Police reported no arrests in connection with the demonstration. A police spokesman, however, called the demonstration one of the biggest in years.

Mayor Cappelletto was unavailable for comment.

NJ mayors watch Westway

The flooding potential of New York City's \$1.2 billion Westway project on three Hudson River communities was among topics discussed during his Tuesday trip to Trenton, Jersey City Mayor Thomas F.X. Smith said yesterday.

Smith, Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto and Bayonne Mayor Dennis P. Collins met with state Attorney General John Degnan and were assured Degnan will stay on top of studies being conducted by the New York State Department of Transportation and the federal Flood Insurance Agency to determine if the super highway will raise the water level on the New Jersey side of the river.

The studies should be completed within 90 days, according to Smith.

Among the areas that could be endangered by a rise in the river's water level are a Hoboken sewage treatment plant, land along Jersey City's waterfront and a Bayonne industrial tract near Route 100 that is already prone to flooding.

"If the studies indicated anything deleterious could occur, there would be legal suits," Smith said.

Smith later met Economic Development Director Paul J. Byrne in an effort to gain support for locating a proposed multi-million dollar food distribution center in Jersey City.

Smith also conferred with with Governor

Brendan Byrne over a proposal that the state purchase or lease land for a 200-acre area of water near Liberty State Park that the Department of Environmental Protection has declared environmentally active; reviewed the status American Stock Exchange's possible move to Jersey City with State Treasurer Clifford Goldman and discussed street repair projects with Transportation Commissioner Louis J. Gambaccini.

Smith said he is still hopeful the American Stock Exchange will move across the Hudson River, but added, "I've said from the beginning our chances were limited" because of New York City's image of being an international financial center.

Crimmins hails CETA 'spruce-up' project

The Comprehensive Employment and Training Act program has often been criticized for being the "modern-day WPA," but one Hoboken official thinks he has a project that reflects what CETA is all about.

George Crimmins Jr., Hoboken's CETA director, has heard all the stories about CETA employees "leaning on brooms" in the fashion of the old Works Progress Administration — a Great Depression program that was noted for its "goldbrickers."

But Crimmins says that the municipal facilities beautification program now being performed by CETA employees "is the best project we've ever had — it's equivalent to top professional work."

The project is designed to spruce up the city's municipal buildings with the use of seven painters. It runs on a \$63,000 grant from the federal government. It started last February and

runs through October — unless Crimmins can talk the government into extending it, as he'd like to do.

Since February, the men have painted three firehouses, the sewage treatment plant, the public safety garage, the Multi-Service Center and much of the Wallace School, which is being completed now.

Several other schools and possibly a firehouse are up for new coats of paint.

Three repairmen are also employed under the program, and they are now working to complete the beautification of the islands that run down the center of 11th Street.

"Only two of the seven were painters before they entered the program," he explained. "Now, they're mixing their own colors to get certain shades, and they even suggested the two-tone blue color being applied to the walls at the Wallace school."

Siamese twins died of heart defects

An autopsy performed by a top pathologist and a specialist in infant heart problems showed that the Siamese twin girls died of heart failure. Dr. Farouk Al-Salih, director of newborn services at the Jersey City Medical Center said yesterday.

The girls were delivered by Caesarian section June 7 in St. Mary Hospital, Hoboken. Shortly after birth, they were transferred to the Medical Center's intensive care ward for infants where they remained until their death Tuesday.

Dr. Al-Salih said the autopsy was performed by Dr. William Blanc, who is a professor of pathology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University. Dr. Robert Levine, who is the director of pediatric cardiology at the New Jersey College of Medicine, and members of the Medical Center staff. The autopsy showed the infants had many medical problems that made their chances for survival very slim.

The twin girls, who were connected at the chest and upper abdomen, did have separate, but connected, hearts that had severe congenital malfunctions.

In addition to the heart conditions, the babies shared one liver. They also shared 20 percent of the small intestine.

The parents of the girls, who were known as Baby A and Baby B, have continued to request anonymity.



Pooling their talents

Overseeing swim instructor Fred Miller as he teaches his daughter, Kimberly, the backstroke as part of the Hoboken Summer Recreation program yesterday as James Bonga (left), a program director, and Frank Sasso, another swim director, look on.

Hoboken school board greetered by good, bad news

The Hoboken Board of Education got some good news and some bad news at last night's meeting.

First the good news: Gov. Brendan T. Byrne is expected to sign a \$100 million school aid bill tomorrow, according to board president Otto Hottendorf, and that would mean at least \$1.4 million for Hoboken.

Now the bad news: Because Hoboken will revert to an appointive school board next year, the burden of paying off any new school debts will fall squarely on the city government which lacks a rating in the bond market, unlike the school board.

which has an A-rating, according to board counsel Robert W. Taylor.

Precisely what impact the district's future bonding will have on the city depends on the final version of a five-year master plan for Hoboken's schools being developed by Joseph Lynch, the board's consulting engineer.

Completion and submission to Trenton of that plan, said Taylor, "is requisite to get the (school aid) money."

Hoboken, said Lynch, can expect roughly \$1.4 million right off the bat as an outright grant and much, if not all of that, will be used to fix the

deteriorating brickwork at the Devil's E. Rue School.

But equally pressing, Lynch told board members, is the need to correct a "hazard, a nasty situation" at the Thomas G. Connors School where, he said, the windows "could pop out at any time."

The board, last night, took steps to do away with the only coal-fired boilers still being used in the district at the Connors School by awarding a \$119,755 contract to the United Oil Co., Hillside, to install a modern boiler there.

School trustees said there is money available in the board's

maintenance and repair account to pay for the new boiler.

Should the board decide to venture into other work beyond the Rue and Connors School projects, said Lynch, the city would be obliged to pick up about one-third of the bonding cost and the state would amortize the remainder over the payment period.

If the school board convinced the city fathers to go that route and if that decision were made after Jan. 31, 1979, when Hoboken changes to Type I school district, the city, which at this point, has a bad credit rating in the bond market, could have difficulties finding leading institutions willing to buy the bonds, unless the city per-

sued the state Division of Local finance to extend its bonding capacity, said Taylor.

In other matters, the board attorney told the board he's been asked by the Hudson County prosecutor's office to "supply the minutes of the board's June 29 meeting" in response to a citizen's complaint about a possible violation of the Sunshine Law.

Taylor said he'll comply with the request. When Taylor recommended that the board confine public remarks by speakers to those items listed on the board agenda, Thomas Vezzetti, a citizen, protested, saying that the board has previously made exceptions

for some members of the public but not for him.

The board also granted permission to the city Health and Welfare Department to use the Hoboken High School pool and gym for recreation purposes for city youths starting today through Aug. 15.

James Farina, board vice president and city recreation director, said he'd hoped to use the high school cafeteria as well but had met with resistance from the principal. Farina said youngsters would be served lunches on the high school field. Farina estimated the program's cost at \$7,500 for eight recreation personnel. The city will pay, he said.

Electric cars not new here

By Irving Wagon

Recently the government's Department of Energy, concerned over the dwindling supplies of oil, kicked off the first phase of a \$180 million project to encourage the development of the electric car. Five companies have been named to test 165 vehicles this year, with the government testing an additional 35 to be used by various agencies.

Electric cars and vans are nothing new in Hudson County. Battery operated vehicles were used in Hudson before the development of the gasoline engine car.

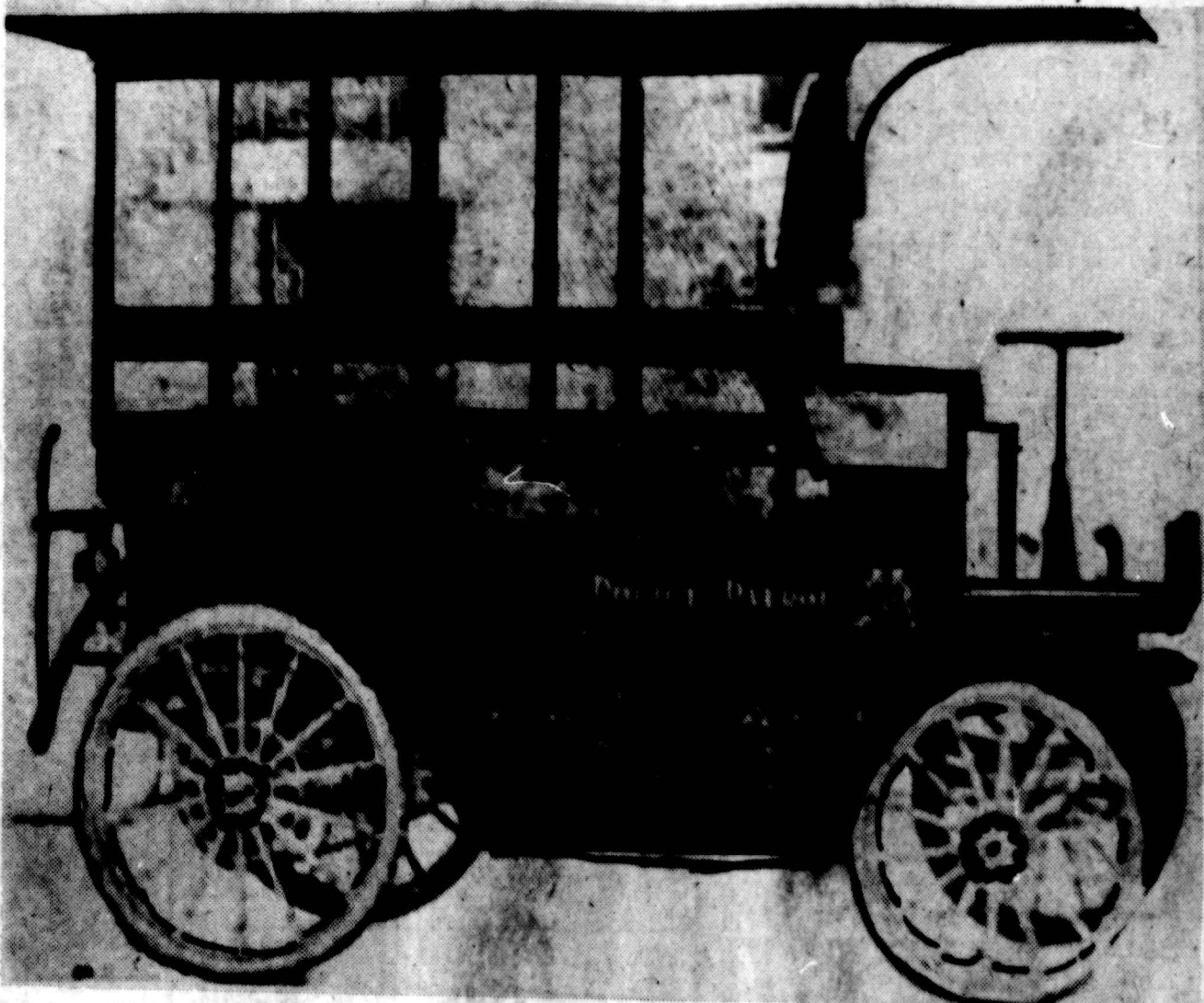
In the early 1900s several dairies used electric vans to deliver milk to customers. The local social set owned an electric car in addition to the old horse and buggy. The lady of the house usually drove the car in a show of independence.

In July 1909, Hoboken Police Chief William Hayes asked the police board to purchase an electric patrol wagon to replace the horse drawn one which he said was inadequate. He added that most of the time one of the two horses was sick. Chief Hayes pointed out that the wagon could double as an ambulance.

His request was granted and the Hoboken police department became the first department to be "motorized" in the county. The "Black Maria" could carry 11 men to the scene of a disturbance at a top speed of 18 miles per hour.

The wagon lasted about a year; was replaced a horse drawn rig and a year later the horses were replaced by a gasoline motor wagon.

In the early twenties, Union City Commissioner Fred Berke owned and drove an electric car. He traveled all over the county on official business in the car. It was the showpiece of North Hudson at the time.



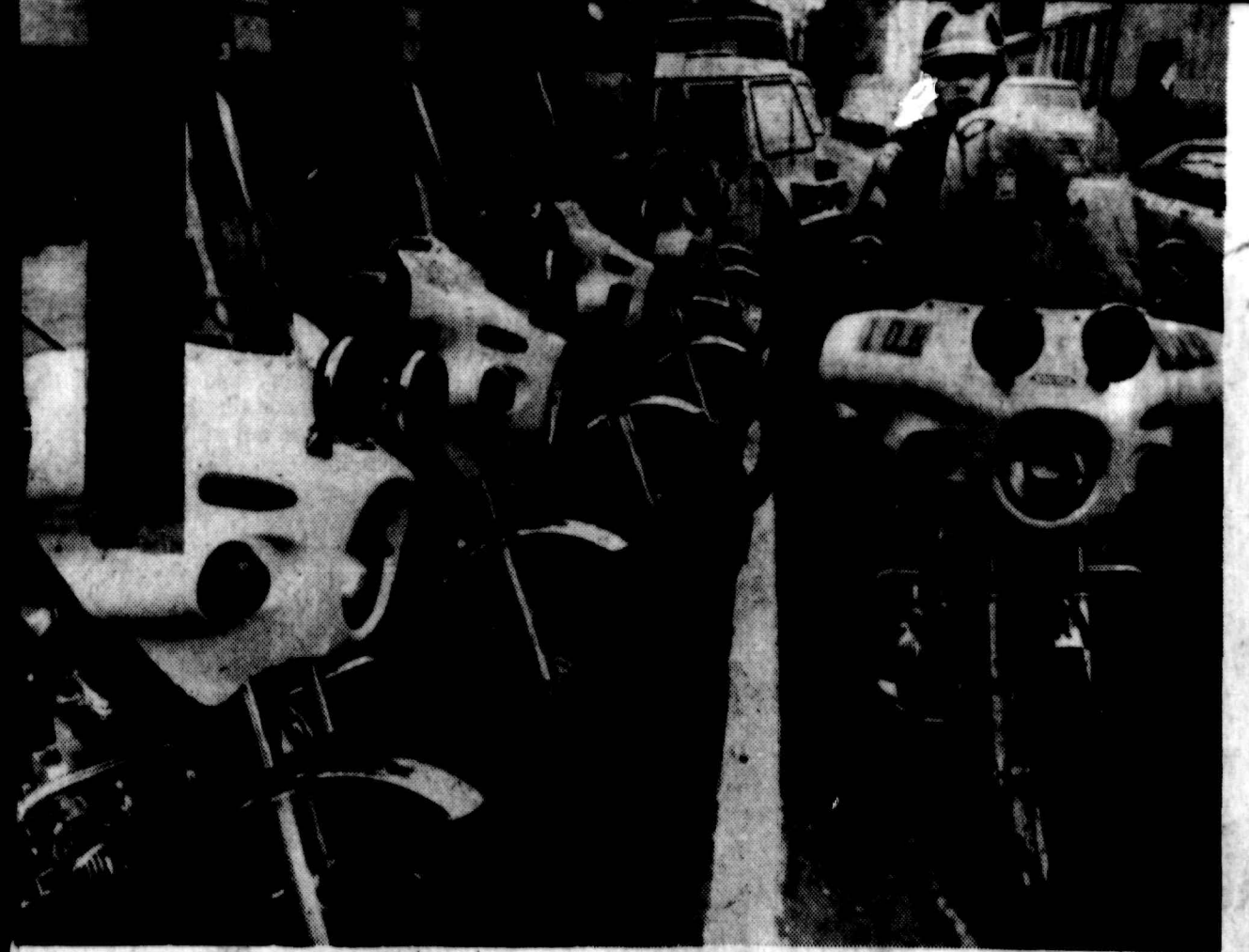
Hoboken's 1909 electric paddy wagon. It was the first mechanized patrol wagon in the county.

Brunswick Laundry of Jersey City operated a fleet of 55 electric service vans for more than 30 years from its garage at St. Paul's and Tonnele avenues. Estimated cost of the fleet was \$225,000, a little over \$4,000 each. The new cars to be tested cost around \$7,000 each.

Government officials are hopeful that a breakthrough in battery development, controls and electric motors will help the electric car succeed. One of the problems is that the present day cars only get about 25 miles on one charge.

And, any day soon, a comedian on

television will again revive the old vaudeville wheeze telling his stogie that he drove from Jersey City across country to San Francisco on \$32 worth of electricity. "That's great," the stogie will reply and the comedian will add sadly, "Yes, but Oh that extension cord!"



Sgt. Mario Mercado rides one of the eight new motorcycles purchased recently by the city. The eight-man motorcycle patrol is expected to hit Hoboken streets during the fall after the officers complete a training course.

Hoboken getting 'cycle patrol

Hoboken will soon have an eight-man motorcycle patrol on the streets.

The city has received eight new motorcycles, purchased during the spring, and policemen have been selected to serve in the unit, according to Police Sgt. Mario Mercado, who heads the Public Safety garage.

Mercado will soon run a week-long training program for the men assigned the new unit. The program will have 40 hours of classroom and field work.

The men will break in the new bikes by riding them for a minimum of 350 miles during the training

course. The classroom work will be done in a classroom at the firehouse at Second and Jefferson streets.

The city purchased the cycles for \$17,000, and bought three Cushman scooters for the Public Safety officers who follow the street sweepers for \$13,467.

The training course for cyclists will also include the men who operate the scooters, but their course will be shorter than the 40-hour cycle training period.

Chief George W. Crimmins said that no decision has been made yet on when to start the motorcycle patrol,

but estimated that it would not begin before the fall because of a manpower shortage caused by vacations.

Sgt. John Aiello will eventually be the commander of the unit working under Capt. Patrick Totaro, head of the uniformed division.

Included on the squad will be Patrolmen Anthony Falco, Simeon Cumberbatch, William Gohde, Aurelio Lugo, Walter Werhahn, Edelmiro Garcia and William Lemp.

Hoboken had a motorcycle patrol in the 1960's, but it was discontinued six years ago and the cycles used then fell into disrepair.

Day Care Center 100 has a family feeling all its own



Germaine Ladson, 4, mixes paint for art work.



My Tui, 4, takes off her shoes in one of the cubicles.



Arjit Das, 8, uses a modified typewriter.

By William Taft

In an area largely drab and dingy, Hoboken has produced something bright and shining, a scintillating success.

The city's Day Care Center 100 is impressive, and so are its achievements.

It serves 124 children of working parents, most of them for a full day. They are 3 to 9 years old, and they do much more than just play games, eat, rest and while away the time.

Some of their programs:

• The youngsters have staged and enacted "Our Town" and "The Miracle Worker." They have made papier mache puppets for "Dracula." They have made superb tragic and comic masks for Greek dramas.

• They make their own movies. That means: They write the script. They do the

acting. They shoot the picture, and develop and print the film, then put it all together.

• They do batik work, hand-printing textiles by coating with wax the parts not to be dyed, producing finished T-shirts, wall hangings and other fabric items. They also do weaving.

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Day care center has own family feeling

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• The 3- and 4-year-old preschoolers "commissioned" the after-schoolers to design and paint with oil on canvas a picture 5 feet by 3 feet, depicting ethnic groups among the 18 represented in the Day Care center.

• The after-schoolers took individual photos of the preschoolers and developed and printed them, and then the preschoolers made cards of the pictures for their parents.

The center is directed by Dana Berry, who is dedicated and intelligent. It is currently housed in Hoboken's Multi-Service Center at 2nd and Grand Streets. It serves these three categories of children:

Sixty pre-school boys and girls, 3 and 4 years old. Actually the entering age is set at 2 years, and 9 months, but because there is a waiting list of over 100, no 2-year-olds get in. All 60 receive full day care.

Twenty-four children in the "before-and-after-kindergarten" group.

Twelve of these 5-year-olds attend public or parochial school kindergartens in the morning and go to the center in the afternoon. The other 12 do the reverse.

Forty children, aged 6 through 8, in the after-school program.

In the summer, these last two groups are cared for all day.

The center has a van to transport the children to and from the kindergartens. Parents pick up the children between 5 and 5:30 in the afternoon.

Perhaps the most remarkable thing about Hoboken Day Care 100

Center is the bond of affection and respect between the children and the teachers and between the children themselves. There is little or no bickering.

Ms. Berry puts it this way: "We try to develop above all a real family sense, so that we can call ourselves 'the Hoboken Day Care 100 family,' and I believe we have largely succeeded."

Amato knocks plan for \$500,000 repair

By SUSAN KELMAN

Hoboken Director of Public Works Andrew Amato said yesterday he is opposed to the proposed city council ordinance which would provide \$500,000 to reconstruct the public works garage.

The city council will vote on the proposal - which also provides \$200,000 for the purchase of two fire trucks - at tomorrow night's meeting.

"I am opposed to the \$500,000, but not to the \$200,000," Amato said, "we desperately need fire equipment."

The reconstruction of the garage on Observer Highway would provide 11,000 feet of additional space, Amato said.

If the ordinance is passed, the public safety and public works garages would be combined on the Observer Highway site.

"That money should be used to repair Jackson Street garage and leave the other garage alone," Amato said. He said it would only cost \$100,000 to repair the Jackson Street garage.

Amato admitted, however, that the Jackson Street garage would only be big enough to house the public works department.

He is opposed to the combined public works/public safety garage. Mayor Steve Cappelletto announced earlier this month the combined garage would be controlled by Hoboken Police Sgt. Mario Mercado.

City Business Administrator Edward Chius said yesterday the ordinance would be financed by a "reordering of priorities."

Hoboken again scene for shooting of film

By Patrick Ford

Will they begin putting the hand and footprints of stars in the sidewalk outside the Clam Broth House in Hoboken soon?

Will there be stars in the pavement along Washington Street before long?

Another major motion picture crew is in Hoboken this week filming many of its "inner city" scenes in what may become known as "Hollywood-on-the-Hudson."

"Night Flowers" is the name of the latest Hoboken production, and it stars Jose Perez and Gabriel Walsh as two mentally unbalanced characters whose lifestyles lead to their tragic demise.

The film crew started its Hoboken work yesterday at Hernandez Restaurant at 301 Willow Ave. while police and production assistants scurried about to keep would-be stars from making unscheduled cameo appearances. Third Street was blocked off part of the time, but Willow Avenue remained open and police stopped cars during the shooting.

The Willow Production Co., which is making the film, will be shooting at various locations in Jersey City, Hoboken, Teaneck, Rahway State Prison and Newark over the next six weeks.

The first two days of shooting were done last week at Pollak Hospital in Jersey City. Other Hoboken locations include 14th and Hudson streets, Newark and Washington streets, 11th Street and several other locations on Washington Street, according to David Appleton, producer of the film.

Appleton produced the highly acclaimed "Hester Street" several years ago, and, like that one, "Night Flowers" is a low-budget film.

"I specialize in low-budget, high-quality pictures," he said with a smile.

"Hoboken and Jersey City are ideal for the type of picture we're making," he explained. "We were looking for Inner City U.S.A. and this area is perfect for that."

"We've received a lot of cooperation from (Jersey City Mayor) Thomas Smith and (Hoboken Mayor) Steve Cappelletto. They're helping us a lot, and they don't look for money for use of the streets."

Appleton contends that, although unions charge less in California, it costs less to shoot here.

"Any time you shoot in California, they make you get a permit and hit you for money. They are very

cooperative here, though."

There was excitement in the air around the Hernandez Restaurant yesterday. Scores of technicians and important-looking assistants ran around setting up a scene being shot inside.

Perez was the principal in this scene. He is best known for his highly-acclaimed performance in "Steam Bath" and for his work on the television series "On the Rocks."

He was supposed to be meeting a ravishing beauty named Julie Garfield in the restaurant, but they were pilled in there along with cameras, hot lights and numerous production workers.

Outside, there were spare tables, a cigarette machine, trucks carrying equipment and food scattered about by the crew from breakfast.

A steady stream of people came by, stopped to look, walked away and were replaced by new onlookers. Many of the viewers were from St. Mary Hospital, which is across the street from Hernandez.

The actors went inside the Bosworth Funeral Home between shots to take advantage of the air conditioning.

Movie fever was stirred up in the Hudson area in April when Metro Goldwyn Mayer filmed "Voices" in Hoboken, Jersey City and Bayonne. There have been many other films shot partly in this area in the past year, attracting such stars as Farah Fawcett-Majors and Faye Dunaway.

Hoboken officials said there is another company in the city now scouting locations for a film to be shot in August.

Appleton thinks much of the activity has been caused by the work of Sidney Kingsley, chairman of the New Jersey Motion Picture and Television Development Commission.

The producer called the proposal to put a film studio in the Meadows "terrific," and said it would be a boon to film-making for the entire eastern section of the country.

"Night Flowers" is being directed by Luis Sanandres and was written by Walsh, one of the stars.

Is Walsh trying to be the next Sylvester Stallone, who reportedly wrote "Rocky" so he could star in it himself?

"It's happening a lot," Appleton replied. "That's one way for an actor to get work."

Hoboken budget timing set

Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius has prepared a timetable for the 1979 municipal budget.

In a letter to all department directors and division heads, Chius outlined the dates for each department to submit its budget requests.

The departments will receive budget instructions and forms on Aug. 21. From Sept. 7 to Dec. 7 each department will be expected to submit requests.

The deadlines are in September for preliminary requests, and in October and November Chius and Comptroller John Erbeck

will review the requests and discuss them.

By Nov. 30, Mayor Steve Cappelletto and Chius will have a first draft of the new budget. By Dec. 21, following further hearings, a second draft will be completed.

The plan calls for the mayor to submit his budget to the City Council by Jan. 15, with the council approving it by Feb. 10 and setting a public hearing.

The public hearing must be held at least 28 days after introduction and approval of the budget by the council, but no later than March 20, 1979.

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The vote on the resolution was 6 to 1. England, Farina, Wendelken, Hottendorf, and trustees Leo McLaughlin and James Monaco voted for the resolution, with trustee John Raslowsky opposed.

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described the car. Cappiello jumped out of his chair. He grabbed the phone and called the bank to find out whether the car was still there.

With his other hand, he grabbed another phone and called Crimmins. He ordered the police to block the car until he could get there.

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He said it was important for the public to understand that if the bicy-

The northern end is adjacent to the Maxwell House coffee plant, and many employees park on it.

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tained a keen awareness of my responsibilities and a deep sense of pride in the quality of my work. While daring to teach, I have never ceased to learn."

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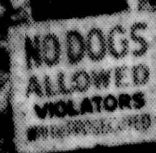
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This would be the fourth negotiation for Ranieri, who was on the city's

The four unions who come up for

The appointment of Ranieri was made by City Council President Martin Brennan.



A dog's world? 7/12/78 J.F.

This sign doesn't do much to encourage the use of the dog run, the empty space to the left of the fence, at Church Square Park in Hoboken. Officials promised to have the sign replaced with one limiting dogs to the area and aside for them. (Story on Page 7.)

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earlier in June, in which, he said, she indicated, his plan was acceptable. Ms. Mitten is on vacation and could not be reached to say whether she has relented on the blacktopping.

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Hoboken loses \$500,000 to U.S. job surge

Jersey City officials have been presented with a \$2 million budget gap.

City officials had anticipated \$4 million in federal anti-recession funds this year, but that figure has been cut in half because of a drop in the

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national unemployment rate, according to Frank Beirne, Jersey City, finance director.

The cut in federal anti-recession funds is expected to hit every community in Hudson County. Officials in Bayonne and Hoboken say they have also received notification of funding cuts.

Hoboken has been informed it will lose nearly \$500,000 in federal funds this year. Mayor Steve Cappiello says "This could put us in big trouble. We

already anticipated these funds in our budget."

Bayonne officials say their city is scheduled to lose about \$320,000 in federal funds.

Even though Hudson County's unemployment rate is above the national average, the federal Treasury Department bases the anti-recession funds given to communities on the national rate.

Hudson County's unemployment

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Jersey City assistant municipal controller Wilfredo Diaz said, however, the funds were being used to pay some salaries of firemen who otherwise might have been laid off.

He said the federal government mandated the funds be used in a way that would help keep a municipality's unemployment rate down.

Jersey City Mayor Thomas F.X. Smith, asked what the loss of funds would mean, said he had "no idea" what the reporter was talking about.

Later, he said, "There obviously is a problem, but I am confident it will be corrected by legislation."

Jersey City management analyst Barry Genessen says the anti-recession legislation ended with the check Jersey City received about a week ago, but new legislation is now pending in Congress.

He said a bill is expected to come out of a House committee next week to continue some type of anti-recession funding.

Genessen says he believes the bill will take local unemployment rates into account and it is possible, it could be passed by Congress before it recesses in August.

Beirne said if the new legislation passes, Jersey City could receive an anti-recession check in October which could make up the expected deficit.

Meanwhile, Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius says because of the \$485,300 funding cut-back, Hoboken will eliminate some

purchases that had been planned and possibly cut some employees although he stressed the personnel cuts had been considered before.

Hoboken Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri said "This could have an effect on our negotiations with the employees union, and could hurt our newer employees," he said.

"If it comes down to a question of raising taxes versus laying off employees, the employees must go," Ranieri said.

Officials in towns in West and North Hudson said they have not received notification from the federal government yet.

Guttenberg Mayor Robert Sabello said his town would feel any cuts in funding even more than the large Hudson municipalities.

"Guttenberg is so small that something like this — people losing their jobs — touches most of us," he said. "It isn't like in the bigger municipalities where, because the number of people involved, it is more or less impersonal."

Sabello said he was sending a strongly worded letter to Rep. Joseph LePante asking him to oppose any cutback in anti-recession funding for Hudson County.

Union City Mayor William V. Musto said he will oppose the cut-backs. "You don't accept this without a fight," he said.

North Bergen and Secaucus officials also plan to ask their congressional representatives to protest any funding cuts.

Board's new five-year plan

The Hoboken Board of Education has adopted a five-year plan that will finally eliminate an annual budget deficit of \$1.5 million.

The deficit started during the Depression era, according to Trustee Richard England, when the city did not have enough money to pay teachers and so deferred salaries until after a new school year started in July.

England said it persisted until two years ago when the deferral of

payment was discovered and a \$1.5 million loan was obtained to meet the deficit.

To make up for that loan, the system will set \$150,000 out of the current school year's budget and \$337,500 from the budgets for the succeeding four years.

The money will be placed in a special account where it will remain until \$1.5 million has been accumulated, as per an agreement with the state Board of Education.

In other action at last night's meeting, England and board president Otto Hottendorf were named as the school appointees to the Board of School Estimate.

The system will need a board of school estimate beginning January because the voters recently approved a change from an elected board to an appointed board. The voters do not approve the budget any longer under an appointed school board. The board of school estimate holds hearing on the budget before they act to approve it.

Hoboken Terminal won't be shut, says Cappiello

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said today that the \$300 million modernization and re-electrification project for the Morris and Essex Division of the Erie Lackawanna Railroad would not affect the railroad's Hoboken terminal.

Responding to speculation that the modernization program would include the elimination of the Hoboken stop in favor of direct links to Pennsylvania Station in Manhattan, the mayor scoffed at the suggestion.

"The Hoboken Erie Lackawanna Terminal handles about 250 trains a day," he said. "They just don't have enough room in Penn Station to accommodate that many trains."

Cappiello pointed out that Louis Gambaccini, state Transportation commissioner, was "closely involved" in planning the revitalization of the Erie Lackawanna Terminal as a Port Authority commissioner several years ago, and thus understands the importance to the city of saving the terminal.

In addition, Cappiello said, "knowledgeable railroad people" have assured him that Penn Station can't handle the extra traffic.

"I firmly believe that the Erie Lackawanna Terminal will be in use for a long time," the mayor asserted. The state last week got an additional \$33.6 million from the federal

Urban Mass Transportation Administration for the modernization project, bringing the total federal grants for the project to \$106.9 million. The state is adding approximately \$60 million, and more federal funds are expected.

The program includes the purchase of about 180 new cars—known as "Jersey Arrow III" cars, which are self-propelled and have already been delivered. They are being used on other lines until the re-electrification is completed.

The project was proposed more than 10 years ago, and the DOT has been holding federally mandated hearings on it since 1973.

The line is used by thousands of commuters who take the Erie Lackawanna into Hoboken and switch to buses or PATH trains into Manhattan.

Hottendorf disputes Kenny on garages

Hoboken Parking Authority Executive Director Joseph Hottendorf said today that if the proposals from the developer Bernard Kenny for space in the authority's garages were "reasonable and fair," as Kenny claimed, the authority would have accepted them.

Hottendorf was responding to assertions by Kenny that his inability to work out an agreement with the authority was jeopardizing his attempts to negotiate competitive leases with the tenants in his almost-completed five-story office building.

Kenny had listed three proposals which he considered "fair and reasonable," but Hottendorf said the authority had already explained to Kenny at length why they weren't "fair and reasonable."

The first was to take over one of the garages and pay rent equal to the debt service and operating costs. Hottendorf contended that this is not allowed under the terms of the authority's bonding agreement.

The second was for Kenny to take 200 spaces exclusively on a monthly basis and pay \$5 over the prevailing parking rate. Hottendorf claims that no other tenant has a space set aside exclusively for him. The authority would lose money by setting aside 200 for Kenny, because those spaces could not then be used for transient parkers, as monthly spaces are now.

The third proposal was for Kenny's tenants to have the 200 spaces exclusively for business hours only at \$25 per month. Hottendorf said that nights and weekends are not good times for the garages, and that to take the 200 spaces at \$25 each during the day would take away 200 customers who are now paying \$35 per month.

Hoboken official would retire all employees over 70

By Pat Ford
Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius said today that he would push to have the city force all employees over 70 to retire by the end of the year "unless they are absolutely irreplaceable."

Chius, who said he would call a meeting of city directors to discuss his proposal, cited the need to trim spending in the wake of cuts in federal anti-recession aid.

Helen Lodato, president of the Hoboken Municipal Employees Association and a member of the over-70 set, said she would not oppose the plan as long as it is carried out fairly

and does not result in selecting one or two people.

Chius estimated that about a dozen employees would be affected. Councilman Robert Ranieri noted that there are 27 employees on the payroll who are over 65, but that Chius' figure was right on the over-70 count.

"I know three employees over 70 who are already planning to retire," Chius said. "We wouldn't want to hurt anyone who needs more time for a pension, but most are eligible already."

"With the unemployment money that they would be entitled to if they

were forced to retire, they would make out almost as well during their first year as if they were working," he contended.

The city had been informed that it would not receive \$485,300 of the funds it had anticipated under the Title II Anti-Recession Fiscal Assistance program.

In addition, the city has purchased much new equipment for the Public Safety and Public Works departments this year. It is also planning to reconstruct the central Public Works garage into a new consolidated facility at an estimated cost of \$300,000, and plans to purchase two

new fire engines at an estimated \$200,000.

"We have to cut our spending," Chius asserted. "It is impossible to make many significant cuts without touching the payroll, because that makes up most of our budget."

"These employees would feel it much less than a younger person with children."

Chius explained that employees are supposed to retire at 70 anyway, according to Civil Service regulations. The city must sign a waiver of that requirement stating that the services of a particular employee are essential.

"We should reevaluate each of

those employees and begin a transition period soon so that a younger person can take over for that worker at the beginning of the year," he said.

The administrator said that even with these requirements, the city has to make "selective layoffs."

"Selective layoffs means that there are certain areas we can't touch, such as the Fire Division, which is short-staffed now and needs seven new appointees immediately because the overtime is costing more than the new employees would," he explained.

"Also, certain top people can't be cut because we don't have many people who can absorb their duties."

Puerto Rican officials to follow local blueprint

By MADEIRA NASH

Puerto Rican Secretary of Housing Jorge Pierluisi was in Hoboken yesterday on a one-day tour of rehabilitated housing projects with an eye to implementing "light U.S. management operations" to upgrade needy sections of his native territory.

Pierluisi, accompanied by Raimundo Matos, executive director of Puerto Rico's Housing and Urban Development Corp., and Jon Brennan, of Puerto Rico's office in Washington, spent the morning on a tour of renovated structures in Hudson County with management officials of Applied Housing, Inc., a Hoboken-based rehabilitation development, contracting and management company.

The officials sought to gain ideas on how to apply federal Section 8 funds from Housing and Urban Development toward working with private developers, they said.

"You have to follow leaders," Pierluisi said as he arrived at a special Puerto Rican-style luncheon tended by residents of Applied Housing's Hudson-Washington apartment complex on Hoboken's 13 Street. "Private enterprise does a much better job than the government—faster, with better management and more efficiency," Pierluisi said.

Puerto Rico is a leader in public housing, having built about 55,000 units, Pierluisi said. It needs 200,000 more for its three million residents, many of whom live in overcrowded and unsafe dwellings, the secretary said.

Section Eight funds are used in Puerto Rico now only for new construction, but Pierluisi envisions federal dollars going to upgrade "historical sections such as Old San Juan, and housing on vacant armed forces bases."

George and Joseph Barry, father and son owners of Applied Housing, one of the nation's biggest housing redevelopers, were contacted by Pierluisi about six weeks ago.

Puerto Rican residents are migrating back to rural areas, Pierluisi said.

Home cookin'

Jorge Pierluisi, housing official from Puerto Rico, gets a taste of Puerto Rican cooking, Hudson County style, from Sonia Rosato, during his visit to the Hoboken office of Applied Housing, a company which rehabilitates buildings.



Demolition begins on the old German Seamen's Mission in Hoboken — Ironically, the same day the building was declared an historic landmark by a federal agency. The "anchor" in foreground is not a seafaring relic, but part of the wreckers' equipment.



LIVING DOLLS — Melissa Noble, 11, left, and Sandra Cruz, 13, were among the Hoboken youngsters who showed off their best dolls in a doll contest sponsored by the city's Recreation Division and the Community Development Agency at Elysian Park. The winning doll belonged to Jeanette Rivera, who received a plaque. The contest was part of the city's "Operation Summer Fun" program.

Center serves Hispanic children



Jorge Tirado, 3, paints with bold strokes at the Primera Iglesia Bautista Day Care Center in Hoboken.

By Patrick Ford

Primera Iglesia Bautista Day Care Center in Hoboken helps Hispanic parents keep working by providing bilingual, bicultural care to pre-school children.

The center opened two years ago when local parents, at the urging of the Rev. Jose Gonzales, then pastor of the Primera Iglesia Bautista (First Baptist Church), applied for and received funding from the state Bureau of Day Care.

It serves children from Seventh to 14th streets in Hoboken, while Hoboken Day

Care 100 serves the children in the downtown section.

The center has grown to a population of 45 children, and will expand next month to 56 after receiving more funding from the city and state.

The children are cared for by 14 staffers — three certified teachers and 11 teachers' aides. The center operates from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and the youngsters are served two hot meals and two snacks.

Like Day Care 100, the center is run by a board of directors made up of parents. Sandra Colon, a parent, is chairwoman of the board.

"We have no welfare clients here," said Jenaro Colon, director. "Some people don't understand what a day care center is about. The parents all work hard, that's why they need a day care center."

The center will be celebrating a big day Aug. 12. That's the day when the 5-year-old children "graduate."

"We'll have two plays and a group song, caps and gowns for the children and an open house for the community that day," explained Vivian Zino, the head teacher.

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Historic citation can't save mission

By Pat Ford 7/26/78 J.S.

Demolition of the Lutheran Seamen's Mission in Hoboken began yesterday, the same day that the building was placed on the National Register of Historic Sites.

The building, which was officially closed in March, is being sold by the owners, German Seamen's Mission of New York, to Singer Shop Rite, which reportedly plans to use the property to extend the parking lot for its supermarket adjacent to the building.

The Hoboken Environment Committee had sought to stop demolition of the building because of its value as an historic site, but State Superior Court Judge Frederick C. Kentz Jr. ruled earlier this month that the group could not legally halt the demolition.

The Seamen's Mission yesterday became the fourth Hoboken building granted national status as an historic site, joining the Erie Lackawanna Terminal, the Holy Innocents Episcopal Church at Sixth Street and Willow Avenue and City Hall.

The property comprises three sections: A stucco structure on Hudson Street facing Hudson Place, a brick building behind it and a third building in rear connected to the second but having a courtyard in between.

Its main historical significance was its use as a waystation for soldiers embarking for Europe during World War I. It served much of the German population, which was strong

at one time but has dwindled in recent years.

"It is unconscionable to proceed with demolition in light of the mission gaining national historic site status," declared Helen Manogue, chairwoman of the Hoboken Environmental Committee.

"This gives the lie to the people who said we were crazy to try to have the mission declared an historic site," she asserted. "It proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that it is significant historically, culturally and architecturally."

Joseph Barry of Applied Housing Associates, a Hoboken development firm, which had attempted to help save the mission for its own rehabilitation project, said he had contacted officials of Singer Bros. Shop Rite Co. and asked them to meet with the Environment Committee and city officials to work out a compromise.

"They said it was a sensible idea," Barry explained, "and then they never contacted anyone. Now they've started the demolition."

As Mrs. Manogue talked about the latest development, she became increasingly bitter.

"Some people come into Hoboken and make money, but show no understanding or sensitivity for the people of the city," she said haltingly, her voice brimming with anger. "This is only the fourth building so honored and it's being destroyed."

Sidney Singer, one of the heads of the company, was unavailable for comment.

The center takes up a surprisingly small area, using the basement level of the old church. The children are spread out for many of the activities and for meals, and they sleep on cots in the afternoon. The cots can be stacked for economy of space.

The kids are taken on trips to the nearby Elysian Park, to Madison Square Garden for the circus, to Radio City Music Hall for a movie, or on a variety of bus trips.

They draw, paint, color, learn to write their names and learn table manners.

Along one wall, there's a line of tape marks showing the height and weight of each child, and they check them often to understand that they are growing.

Hoboken developing bilingual science study

The Hoboken Board of Education is conducting a four-week research project to develop a bilingual science curriculum for kindergarten to third grade that could serve as a pilot for districts throughout the state.

Edwin Duroy, head of bilingual education for the board, said there is a good chance that all children in the Hoboken schools would use the curriculum for those grades.

The children have science books now, but no established curriculum, he said.

The research is being done by five of Hoboken's bilingual teachers on a \$4,777 grant from the state Bureau of Bilingual Education.

It is one of three special bilingual projects being handled by Hoboken this summer. The others are a remedial English course for bilingual teachers and a tutorial program for slow-learning elementary pupils.

The curriculum researchers are working out of a small conference room in the depths of the Wallace School, sifting through hundreds of books and visual aids to be recommended for the curriculum.

The size of the grant, when divided six ways, leaves little money for each teacher working on the project, but Duroy called them "dedicated professionals who do it because they care, not for the money they'd earn."

Similar projects have been funded by the state in other districts to work on curricula for reading, mathematics and language arts, but this is the first for sciences.

The teachers have gone to Manhattan to look through the library and resource centers to get ideas for material.

One of the staffers is drawing posters to be used with the material, and others are making up specific course outlines in botany, zoology, ecology, safety and astronomy.

In their conference room, they have books and papers piled on tables and on the floor, making it look somewhat like a medical school dorm on the night before finals.

The work with the bilingual teachers on English is being done by the state, and Hoboken is one of the "Language Proficiency Centers" set up for the program.

There are six teachers being trained now by Anthony Yacullo, an English teacher at Hoboken High.

Three of the six are from Hoboken, and the others are from Bergen County.

The training is designed to improve the teachers' scores on the language proficiency tests administered by the state as a condition for certification. All bilingual teachers must pass the tests, which are oral, are done on tape and are scored by the Educational Testing Service in Princeton.

They must pass the tests by Aug. 31 to be certified for the year. Duroy stressed that no Hoboken teachers failed. He said the three in the program now are just trying to improve their scores.

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The teachers report for four hours a day, five days a week for four weeks.

Duroy acknowledged that many bilingual programs are plagued by teachers who are weak in English, but claims that Hoboken has been "lucky" in that respect.

"We do have some teachers who need work in English — and are get-

ting it — but they teach in the early grades where Spanish is used 80 percent of the time.

"For the third grade and up, where English is used predominantly, our teachers are very strong in English," he asserted.

The third summer program is aimed at a selective list of the lowest achievers in mathematics, English as a second language and reading skills. About 100 students are involved in

the program, which is split between Wallace and Connors schools. Maria Rivera, coordinator of the section at the Wallace School, said the staff is trying to make the learning experience more meaningful for these children by using more of a variety of teaching aids and visual material.

Miss Rivera and Dennis Raphael, the teacher at Connors School, are running the program with 11 college students or recent graduates as tutors.

The standard schedule for the children is for an hour and 15 minutes of reading and English as a second language, 45 minutes of recreation outdoors, and an hour and 15 minutes of math and lunch, which is supplied through Comprehensive Employment and Training Act program.

Miss Rivera explained that the children are divided into groups according to their needs: addition, subtraction, multiplication, reading, language skills. Tutors then work with them on those specific weaknesses as well as reviewing the other areas.

The gratifying thing for Duroy and his staff is that the program is completely voluntary, yet most of the children have returned every day.

Detectives complain about witnesses, TV

By SUSAN KELMAN 7/26/78 A.D.

Hoboken detectives say they could solve about 50 more robberies, larcenies and homicides each year if witnesses would help them.

The Hoboken detective bureau solved about 16 percent of all larcenies, 30 percent of all robberies and 100 percent of all homicides last year.

And to make things even worse, the detectives say that they have so much paperwork that they spend only a few hours each day solving crimes.

Where one form would suffice eight years ago, eight forms are needed today to describe each crime to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the county prosecutor and the courts, the detectives say.

"I'm not a detective. I'm a damn secretary," Det. Rafael Cruz complained.

"Most days you don't spend any time on patrol. You spend one hour on the phone and four hours on the typewriter," Det. Ernie Mack added.

But the most frustrating problem for the detective is that witnesses refuse to talk to them.

"We could get plenty of cooperation if it wasn't for our court system," Mack

said. Few witnesses are willing to spend day after day in court for minimal compensation.

Cruz said that when his own home was burglarized last year, several neighbors witnessed the crime. None of them, however, came forward with the information and no one was arrested.

Sgt. Carmen La Bruno blames the situation on legislators and judges who restrict police powers.

"You know a guy is guilty, and when you arrest him, you have to tell him he doesn't have to talk to you. Then you have to tell him that if he needs a lawyer you'll get one for him," La Bruno said.

In particular, the detectives believe that the Miranda ruling, which mandates that police read defendants their rights, have allowed several Hoboken criminals to remain on the streets.

"Sometimes I see a guy out on the streets before I even finish the paperwork," La Bruno said.

The real-life work of detectives is very different from the television version where all suspects are caught within a half-hour, La Bruno said.

"The same people who won't come forward, want the crime solved the next day," La Bruno said. "After all, that's the way it's done on television."

First psychological tests slated

Hoboken will give psychological tests to prospective firemen Friday for the first time in its history.

Fire Chief James Houn said today that 10 fire department candidates have been informed to report to Dr. I. Harold Smelson in Elizabeth on Friday to take the exams.

The door to the testing was opened last month when U.S. District Court Judge James A. Coolahan ruled against a group of Jersey City men who had sued the city over the psychological tests for firemen, claiming they violated their rights to privacy.

Coolahan ruled that the tests were a useful tool in helping evaluate whether a candidate was qualified for service on the fire department.

Immediately following Coolahan's decision, Houn informed Mayor Steve Cappiello, also the Public Safety director, that he would use the psychological testing for Hoboken candidates.

Although the city only plans to hire seven firemen now, Houn sent the notices for the psychological tests as well as medical checks to 10 candidates "in case any fail."

The last three men would become eligible for at least two openings expected for January. Firemen Charles Lisa and John Kinnough are expected to retire Dec. 31, and will be replaced soon after, Houn explained. He said he is also hoping to get one or two additional men at that time.

Smelson gives psychological tests to policemen from many communities, including Hoboken, and has given tests to firemen in other municipalities, according to Houn.



Hoboken Detective Sgt. Carmen LaBruno at work.

Amato must tell objection to garage bond

Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato has been ordered by the City Council to appear at the council's Aug. 2 caucus to explain his opposition to a \$500,000 bond ordinance for the proposed central garage reconstruction.

Amato has been vocal in his opposition to the measure, but failed to show up at the council's caucus last week. He was excused by Council President Martin Brennan because he was sick. Yesterday he received a letter from City Clerk Anthony Amoroso informing him that the council wants him there next time.

"I'll be there," the director vowed yesterday. "I accidentally took

a double dose of medication for my cold last Wednesday, and I was feeling dizzy.

"I wasn't dodging the meeting," he asserted. "I'll answer any questions the councilmen have."

Several councilmen, including Brennan and Walter Cramer, chairman of the council's Public Works Committee, expressed bewilderment over the statements in the press by Amato and Councilman Nunzio Malfetti.

Both men have vehemently opposed using local taxpayers' money for the garage project, yet in addition to Amato's absence, Malfetti voted "yes" on the introduction of the or-

dinance.

Some officials even speculated that if Malfetti had voted no, the ordinance could not have been introduced, because only six councilmen attended the meeting—two-thirds of the body.

Two-thirds majority is needed on votes which would increase expenditures above budgeted amounts, but Brennan said that didn't apply here.

"It would have been introduced even if Nunzio voted no," Brennan maintained.

Malfetti was unavailable for comment on his vote.

Amato, meanwhile, explained that he does not believe the plans for

the consolidated garage provide enough room for the equipment. The council proposal is to renovate the second Public Works garage on Jackson Street for storage of vehicles.

Hottendorf seen on panel

The Hoboken Board of Education meets tonight at 7 to discuss "appointments to the Board of School Estimate," but informed sources revealed today that the appointees would be Board President Otto Hottendorf and new trustee Richard England.

Hoboken residents voted on Feb. 14 to return to an appointive board, for which members are appointed by the mayor and voters no longer vote on school budgets.

Thus, a Board of School Estimate must be formed by January, consisting of Mayor Steve Cappiello, two city councilmen and two board members. That panel then holds hearings on the school budget before approving it.

The Hoboken board has been an elective one for five years, and in four of those five, the city and board became embroiled in fierce struggles over the school budget.

All of the current board members have been elected by the voters.

A board source said today that Hottendorf will automatically be appointed to the school estimate panel because of his status as board president.

Sources said that England is being touted for the board by Hottendorf, and that the rest of the school board is reportedly willing to go along.

England impressed many school officials with his grasp of this year's budget crisis, into which

28-story condominium tower OK'd in Hoboken

By SUSAN KELMAN

The Hoboken Environment Commission yesterday approved a proposal by a private developer to build two high-rise towers of condominiums and commercial space.

One of the towers would be 28 stories. The lower three stories would be used for a parking lot and office space. The second tower would be eight stories.

The condominiums are part of a larger project which would include a public water-

front park. The city has applied for a \$4 million Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant to build the park.

If the city does not build the park and improve the waterfront area, the condominiums would not be built, according to Joseph Barry of Applied Housing Associates, the developer.

Barry said the condominiums would sell for as much as \$77,000. A one-bedroom condominium would sell for about \$55,000. Two

bedrooms would start at \$63,000. Several "very expensive" three-bedroom units would be available, Barry said.

The piers have to be taken apart and rebuilt, Barry said. He predicted that the city would receive the \$4 million grant to help rebuild the piers. Hoboken would be notified by Oct. 31 if the grant is approved.

The Hoboken Environment Commission, a citizens group, accepted the project under several conditions. The commission asked that

the public park be built before the condominiums and that the park be dedicated so it would remain public.

Applied Housing accepted the conditions, Barry said yesterday.

He noted that the environment commission could "tie up the project for years with litigation" if it didn't approve it.

The project still has to be approved by the Hoboken Planning Board which does not meet again until August.

CETA program—is it worth the money?

Hoboken 'wastes' \$330,000

By SUSAN KELMAN

Hoboken officials are wasting about \$330,000 of federal funds on the CETA summer employment program, Mayor Steve Cappiello said yesterday.

Cappiello is opposed to the program—which employs 534 youths for 25 hours each week—because the city does not have a choice about who is hired.

"That's very dangerous," Cappiello said. "We have problems with some of the kids every year."

The program, which is administered by the county, is designed to hire youths from 14-21 who are disadvantaged. A family of four,

for example, must have an income of under \$7,500 for a child to qualify.

"I object to the federal guidelines. With the strings attached to the program, I don't want to have anything to do with it," Cappiello said.

The program is administered by Charles Tortorella, who said his staff tries to train youngsters for careers. The jobs are for the benefit of the youngsters, not the employer, he said.

"It's designed to put the money in the kid's pocket and keep him off the streets," he said.

Cappiello and Police Sgt. Carmen La

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Bruno said that having 534 youths in summer jobs helped reduce crime. Neither Cappiello nor La Bruno could estimate what effect the elimination of the CETA program would have on the crime rate.

The youngsters work in various non-profit organizations, but are paid with Comprehensive Employment and Training Act funds. Agencies involved include area schools and churches and city agencies.

Fifteen-year-old Sheila De Gennaro works in the administrative office in city hall through the CETA program for five hours each day.

Miss De Gennaro said she could get the work done in two hours each day. She types, files and answers the phone.

But other youths have even less work to do. Two photographers, for instance, started working July 13. Their cameras, however, did not arrive until July 24.

Tortorella said he had planned to hire

photographers with their own equipment. When persons without equipment were hired, the cameras had to be ordered, he said.

Nancy Schaeffer, administrative secretary for the Hoboken Public Works Department, said that in the past, the youths hired under the CETA program were not qualified for office jobs.

"They are not too fast. They never worked in an office before and most things it takes them longer to do than it would take us," she said.

Cappiello said that sometimes the city hall staff must do a youngster's work over. "You sit them down and you hope to God they don't mess you up," the mayor said.

There's an exception, however, to the waste of federal funds, and that is in the parks and vacant lot program, Cappiello said.

James Farina, director of health and welfare, said he has more than 50 youths working in the parks. He said he is able to do a lot of work in the summer that he couldn't

do in the winter because of the additional workers.

The city is a lot cleaner when the CETA employees are working, Cappiello said. About 40 youths are cleaning vacant lots for the city as part of a Community Development Agency program.

Although city officials are discouraged about the CETA program, most employees say it's the best thing that ever happened to them.

"It's my first big job and I love it," Miss De Gennaro said. "I'm getting used to handling phones and typing, and I want a career in business."

The picture, however, is clouded by other employees who are not so lucky.

Sixteen-year-old Doris Monroig works in the public works department. Last year, she was sent to the welfare office.

"There was never enough work to do. I couldn't even answer the phones because there were too many employees. I was so bored," she complained.

Police consolidation—blue wave of the future

Hudson mayors in favor

By SUSAN KELMAN

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Union City Mayor William V. Musto has long been a proponent of consolidating public services. He said yesterday, however, that it could not be done immediately.

"We have to educate the public. It took me thirty years to get a lottery, thirty years to get jai alai and thirty years to get casino gambling. This can't be done overnight," he said.

Last year, the North Hudson Council of Mayors studied the possibility of consolidating the fire departments of the municipalities. The study showed that consolidation would increase protection of residents, but not necessarily decrease the cost of the service, Cappiello said yesterday.

Contrary to the study, Cappiello said, the municipalities can economize if the departments are consolidated.

While several police chiefs and municipal officials surveyed said they are afraid their municipalities would lose their identities, Cappiello said consolidation would help maintain the stability of the North Hudson area.

"The whole area has an identity," Cappiello said. "It's basically residential multi-unit dwellings."

"With the proper attitude, you can have the regional effect without losing the individual identity," said West New York Mayor Anthony DeFino.

Cappiello admitted if a joint force is established, police personnel would be laid off. For this reason, the idea of a joint force is not a popular one, he said. Mayor Robert Sabello of Guttenberg is not in favor of the consolidation. He said a joint force would not benefit his small community. "We have a good police department," he said. "All our men come from here and they are always here in case of an emergency. That might not be true in other communities," he said.

Guttenberg has one of the smallest police departments of the municipalities. The force has 17 members, while the Hoboken force has 140 men.

Mayor Peter Mocco of North Bergen thinks the council should study the proposal.

"I have been in favor of consolidation of the fire departments for five years. But in the case of the police, there already is an umbrella organization, the county police," Mocco said.

Although Cappiello and Musto consider consolidation of public services one of each of their priorities, it is unlikely they will act immediately.

Cappiello predicts it could take five to ten years to work out the logistics of the plan.

The majority of the members of the North Hudson Council of Mayors favor replacing the police departments in their municipalities with one North Hudson police force. The police chiefs in the North Hudson area, however, are reluctant to consolidate the departments.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said yesterday that consolidation of the police departments would be the most economical way for the municipalities to increase public service.

But several of the police chiefs surveyed yesterday—including Hoboken Chief George Crimmins and Weehawken Chief Joseph Lake—said they could not approve the plan before a specific proposal is made.

"I have to make a study of this before I can approve it. Weehawken has its own identity, its own way of doing things and I wouldn't want us to lose that," Lake said yesterday.

The biggest problem with creating one force is what Cappiello calls "home rule." "While the chief sees some merit to it, nobody wants to give up being general of the army," Cappiello said.

Cappiello's proposal includes setting up a central communications network to serve the municipalities. Individual police departments would be replaced with branch offices of the central police force.

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\$20G park sprinkler doubtful in Hoboken

By DAVID FELDMAN

Fred Bado, director of Hoboken's federally funded Community Development Agency, said last night that he did not think the mayor and council would include a controversial twenty thousand dollar recreational sprinkler in its improvements to Elysian Park.

Bado made the comments after a town meeting called to discuss \$50,000 worth of improvements to the park, including the sprinkler, landscaping, protective rubber matting for playground equipment, new lighting and improved restroom facilities.

Councilman Walter Cramer from the Second Ward where the park is located chaired the meeting. Cramer told Bado "Twenty thousand dollars for a new sprinkler is rather high. I like sprinklers but we shouldn't concentrate that much money on one specific item."

Cramer also said that the money being spent on improvements would come from the federal government. He said that the town originally anticipated an additional fifty thousand dollars from New Jersey's Green Acres project but the money is no longer available.

Al Seabra, a landscape architect from Mayo Lynch and Associates, the firm designing the improvements, said the proposed new sprinkler for Hoboken children could be cheaper depending upon the park's underground pipe system.

Bado said after the meeting he now thinks the sprinkler already in Elysian Park will be upgraded at a significantly lower cost.

Juan Garcia, director of Citizens United for New Action, a group he described as primarily Hispanic, said that racism, not a sprinkler, was at issue.

"The new sprinkler would be a welcome addition to the park," Garcia said. "And if the town doesn't build the new sprinkler then I will put the kids in our Hispanic day-care center in the park. Then we will see how Ms. Caulfield likes it."

Garcia was referring to comments by Kathy Caulfield, the wife of city building inspector James Caulfield, who was quoted as saying that the sprinkler would attract Puerto Ricans to the area.

Ms. Caulfield later claimed the statement was taken out of context when 100 Puerto Ricans from a nearby day-care center demonstrated in front of her home.

Councilman Nanni Malletti from the Sixth Ward, which borders on the east end of the park, said in an interview that Mr. Garcia's charge of racism was "absolutely wrong."

Bado said the proposals for the park improvements will be presented to the mayor and council in late August. Construction, he said, should begin sometime in the fall.

Applied Housing decides to drop work in housing rehabilitation

Applied Housing Associates of Hoboken, which has done many housing rehabilitation projects throughout Hudson County, will no longer be involved in such projects because of difficulties with hostile tenants over relocation, according to Joseph Barry, who heads the company with his father, Walter.

Barry said yesterday that he would make a "major declaration" today at the state conference on urban housing chaired by Assemblyman Peter Shapiro.

"I'm going to tell them that Applied Housing will no longer do any urban rehabilitation projects because of the problems we encounter with tenants over relocation money," Barry said.

Applied Housing last month scrapped a \$6 million project that would have resulted in the rehabilitation of 160 to 200 units bordered by Washington, Bloomfield and Newark streets and Observer Highway in the downtown section of Hoboken.

Barry had sent letters to all of the tenants involved, asking them voluntarily to move in return for his assurance that they would get up to \$4,000 over four years in relocation funds from the city and state.

The tenants joined together, led by Hudson County Legal Services attorney Stephen St. Hilaire, and vetoed the deal, objecting that the rehabilitation

proposal did not allow for any three, four or five bedroom apartments, which would have precluded many of them from moving back to the buildings after their rehabilitation.

Barry then announced that he would not engage the tenants in any legal battles, and scrapped the project. He said then that the tenants' move could "spell the end of urban rehabilitation in Hudson County."

The company still has other construction projects going, including a planned \$30 million condominium highrise for the Fifth Street piers in Hoboken.

Elysian Park facelift assured, but not this summer

By Ronald G. Lehr

A \$50,000 facelift is in the works for Hoboken's Elysian Park, city officials promised some 35 area residents last night, but exactly when it will start nobody is saying.

Final plans won't be completed by the architect, Al Seabra of Mayo, Lynch & Associates, the city's consulting engineers, until "late August," according to Fred Bado, head of the city's Community Development Agency.

CDA, the city's federally funded agency which is supplying the money for the renovations, must ask the City Council for authorization to prepare plans and specifications and advertise for bidders.

Also in doubt is exactly what the final plan will be. Bado said the CDA proposal will cost between \$70,000 and \$75,000 plus 9 to 10 percent more for professional fees — an expense the city must pick up — but since there's only \$50,000 available, the proposal may have to be scaled down. Bado says city employees could do certain jobs.

One item likely to face cutting — the most expensive on the list — is a new sprinkler system which Bado and Seabra figure will cost \$20,000 to in-

stall at a location just outside the dirt play area off the Hudson Street side of the park.

The cost could run that high, according to Seabra, because of excavation work that would be required to put in piping and a drainage system.

Second Ward Councilman Walter Cramer, in whose ward the park at 10th and Hudson Streets is situated, declared at a well-attended public input session conducted in the council chambers last night, that, "We have

no intention of spending \$20,000 on a sprinkler."

Added Cramer: "The existing sprinkler is near an inoperable underground comfort station along the park's Shore Road border — a facility crippled two years ago by a fire and never repaired."

Bado says CDA wants to spend \$10,000 to fix the bathroom's toilets and sinks, although he conceded later that the figure is simply an estimate.

"The architect never got inside to inspect the facility because it's locked," he said.

Other major costs, said Bado, would be \$7,000 for new lighting at the park's east end around Castle Point Terrace and \$5,000 for sodding the ballfield area just off Hudson Street. CDA is also proposing to:

- Plant shrubbery through the center of the now-dirt ballfield area

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Continued from Page 1 and spruce up the flora around the park statue.

- Level the ground underneath the park's play equipment and place protective rubber mats there for the children's safety.

- Repair broken concrete along the park walkways, scrape and paint the Shore Road fencing and fix sections of Hudson Street fencing.

As for the sprinkler, Bado said, "We are investigating the possibility of putting in a portable unit just for the summer that we could place next to the bathrooms to take advantage of the existing plumbing."

Juan Garcia, one of nine members of the audience who offered recommendations on how to improve the park, said the local Hispanic community's "main concern is the sprinkler. I deal with hundreds of children every day and this is what we need."

Other speakers voiced other concerns. Margaret McFeely urged Bado to install fencing to curb dogs. She also appealed to the four lawmakers

present to provide "uniformed police patrol" to crack down on marijuana smokers and youthful bicyclists who "knock people down."

Donald Pellicana warned, "You're going to see 20 trees lying on the sidewalk along Hudson Street soon if you don't stop the erosion going on there."

He also advised against taking away any more playground space. "I'm tired of treating our kids like the American Indian," Pellicana said, noting that the city had installed a basketball court some years ago but displaced it by sodding the area and planting flowers and setting up a flagpole.

Helen Macri said that even if the city had managed to get a \$50,000 Green Acres matching grant for the park, "Even \$100,000 won't be enough to adequately fix up the park unless you have maintenance."

George Crimmins, a Hoboken CETA coordinator, recommended blacktopping of certain play areas for handball games and the planting of "high hedges" along Hudson Street to

prevent balls from going into the street.

Sue Newman, a member of the Hoboken Recreation Commission, said she's offered written recommendations to Bado calling for the purchase for "under \$5,000" of fiberglass playcubes and a "sunken slide" and "comfortable seating" for older and disabled persons.

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Housing rebuilder will skip NJ jobs

By BILL ANEARN

A prominent Hudson County housing rehabilitation firm and representatives of 107 Hoboken families that it had problems relocating, exchanged angry words yesterday. Some observers believe the clash marks the start of a battle in which the losers may be other tenants of decaying housing in the county.

Yesterday morning in the state building in Newark, Joseph Barry, a partner of Applied Housing Associates of Hoboken, told a state conference on urban housing that his firm would have to stop rehabilitating slum buildings in New Jersey because of problems with tenants and their legal representatives, and state laws that insulate tenant relocation.

"You can evict to tear down housing, but you can't do it to rehabilitate neighborhoods," Barry said from his office yesterday. "We would love to do more construction in New Jersey, but because of the law, we have almost become the subject of extortion by tenants we are trying to relocate," said Barry.

Barry said that the company's last project—the refurbishing of 20 buildings between Washington and Bloomfield Sts. in Hoboken which are now occupied by 107 families—was scrapped last month because of what he called "the relentless opposition" of Hudson County Legal Services, which represented the families.

"They stop us from rehabilitating the community, but they take no responsibility for producing anything themselves," Barry said about Legal Services. "What are we supposed to do—wait until the buildings are so run down that they become abandoned, and then take over?"

According to Barry, Applied Housing, which is currently working on three projects that involve 500 living units, will continue to rehabilitate New Jersey housing that is abandoned—where no relocation is required—and will begin out-of-state work on occupied buildings.

Stephen St. Hilaire, the housing staff attorney for Hudson County Legal Services, said yesterday that Barry's attacks on his organization, which the Hoboken residents requested as their

representation when Applied Housing developed plans to rehabilitate the Hoboken project and relocate the 107 families, and his attempts to depict St. Hilaire as their leader are unbelievable.

St. Hilaire also said that Barry is wrong "when he implies that Legal Services is taking a leadership role." He added, "Mr. Barry sees the 'displaced,' as in Hoboken, as mindless automatons that cannot think for themselves and need us to express their rage at what is happening."

St. Hilaire said the reasons the Hoboken families and Legal Services had opposed the rehabilitation were that there were no three, four and five-bedroom apartments in Barry's plans, and the requirements for relocated families moving back into the refurbished housing were "totally inflexible."

"His physical rehabilitation is excellent, but it is the people he needs to develop some sensitivity about," St. Hilaire declared.

Applied Housing Associates (AHA) gave up on the \$6-million Hoboken project when St. Hilaire and his clients brought up the state rules and regulations that forced Barry to relocate tenants and give them first crack at the completed housing.

Applied Housing had run into relocation problems last year in projects at Floral Park in North Bergen and at Bayonne Gardens. According to Barry, after court action, Applied Housing was able to relocate and repair Floral Park. The Bayonne project is still progressing.

The state conference in Newark was chaired by Assemblyman Peter Shapiro, and the four-member committee included Jersey City Assemblyman Charles Mays.

The Hudson Legal Services are available to county residents with income of less than \$3,000 a year, and to families with less than \$3,500-a-year income, adding \$500 for each child.

Jaime Vazquez, chairman of the Puerto Rican Congress of New Jersey and a Jersey City community leader, also attacked Barry yesterday, saying there appears to be "a conspiracy in urban centers to displace minority communities."

Hoboken Council to name 2 to school estimate board

The makeup of Hoboken's new Board of School Estimate will be set Wednesday when the city council is slated to appoint Councilmen Walter Cramer and Sal Cemeili to the panel, which will shape school board budgets after this year.

The board of education appointed Board President Otto Hottendorf and Trustee Richard England to the board Thursday, and Mayor Steve Cappiello completes the five-member body.

Hoboken returns to an appointive board next year after five years as an elective one. With the new system, under which Cappiello appoints board members, the school estimate board takes the place of the voters, who decide on the budget in the elective system.

In other business at Wednesday's meeting, which starts with a public caucus at 9 a.m. and the meeting at 10, the council will hold the public

hearing and final readings of two ordinances, one of which would appropriate \$700,000 for two new fire engines and for construction of a consolidated central garage for the city.

The garage is expected to cost \$300,000, and the fire engines \$200,000. The other ordinance would increase the amount a property owner can have abated from his tax assessment from \$4,000 to \$10,000 for doing renovations to his property.

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri hailed the latter ordinance, noting that construction costs have soared since the figure was set at \$4,000 several years ago.

The council is also expected to reappoint Jack Mahoney, Irene Bolsius and Carlos Perez to the Recreation Commission, which was formed last year to advise the city on ways to improve recreational facilities and programs.