



Ribbon cutting

Artist Alan McBride stands in front of his mural new Waterfront Plaza office building on Hudson and depicting Hoboken's history at the dedication of the First streets yesterday.

Amato, Haack feud ends

Shock waves were felt throughout Hoboken City Hall today as two bitter political enemies, Public Works Superintendent Andrew Amato and sewage treatment plant Superintendent Roy Haack made up and complimented each other.

"I think Andrew has been doing a good job all along," said Haack today in Amato's office. "The criticism he has been getting has been unjustified."

Haack said he agreed with Amato's statements that there is a

small group of employees who weren't doing their job.

"It's true, a number of employees are troublemakers," he said. "They leave early and goof off."

Amato said Haack had been doing a good job as sewage plant director despite the poor condition of the treatment plant.

Amato and Haack had been at odds since the public works director took office two years ago, replacing former public works director Raphael Vitale.

Vitale, brother-in-law of Hoboken

Councilman Louis Francone was relieved of his job after Francone sided with Councilman Anthony Romano in an attempt to unseat Mayor Steve Cappiello in 1977.

Haack had been friends with Vitale and he clashed with Amato soon after the public works director took office.

First Haack fired a few men at the sewage plant. Amato ordered them put back, starting a feud that lasted two years.

The make-up of Amato and Haack, however, didn't appease a

Farina to shake up recreation center

Hoboken Health and Welfare director James Farina today said he would revamp the city's recreation programs this fall.

Citing the Downtown Recreation Center as an example, Farina said programs there are not serving the public.

"The center's two employees are there from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., but in the evening when schoolchildren have a need for recreation the center is closed," he said.

Farina said he plans to open up the center in the evenings when there is a need for recreation, and to hire additional part-

time staff to man the center.

"One of the full-time employees is retiring, and the other we will put on in the evenings," he said.

Sue Ellen Newman, chairwoman of the Hoboken Recreation Commission, said Farina's new plans are a good idea.

"The way the programs are set up now in the downtown center are ridiculous," she said. "There is staff in the center when there is no need for them."

Farina said he would also be taking a look at how to improve programs in Hoboken's Uptown Recreation Center.

Cappiello disgusted with 'clean-up'

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said he's disgusted the effects of Saturday's community clean-up along Washington Street lasted only a few hours.

"It's the citizens themselves," he said. "People have to be educated not to throw bottles, cans and other refuse on our streets and into our sewers."

More than 80 persons swept Washington Street on Saturday in an event sponsored by the Coalition for a Cleaner Hoboken, but by Sunday the main business thoroughfare was again full of litter.

Cappiello said he feels part of the problem is due to the high density of residents in the city.

"When you have people living close together it is bound to create problems," he said.

Helen Manogue, who headed Saturday's Sweep A Mile Campaign, said she feels one of the main reasons Washington Street became littered so

fast again is because the city removed all the trash containers along Washington Street last year.

But Cappiello said they were removed because people were dumping their household garbage into them and the containers were becoming overfilled.

While Mrs. Manogue said Cappiello's statement is true, she said that was not a good reason for removing the containers.

"You empty the containers two or three times a day if necessary and

you give out tickets to people who are violating the law by dumping their household garbage in the containers," she said.

"We can fight the problem of litter in Hoboken if we all work together."

Mrs. Manogue and other coalition members had been scheduled to meet with city officials today to demand more trash containers, but she said she did not get the time to get her away from her regular job to do it.

"We will be at the meeting of the city council tomorrow night to voice our opinions," she said.

Hoboken sect revives old-time spirit

Religious institutions may be weakening in many inner cities, but in Hoboken one small denomination is working toward making a comeback and opening a new church.

In the late 18th century, Hudson County became the home of many immigrants from both northern and southern Europe. Among them, in 1886, was Bartholomeo Alessi, who arrived in Hoboken from his native Sicily.

A few blocks from where he made his home, a number of Scandinavian immigrants had founded the Norwegian Evangelical Congregational Church in 1889. Its first meetings were in the home of a Pastor Meyer at 37 Garden St. The first church building was located at 512 Willow Ave., later relocated at 1229 Willow Ave., where the cornerstone was laid March 20, 1913.

Today the building is owned by American Legion Post 107 and is also used by the Hoboken Department of Recreation.

When the building was sold in 1932 because of growing problems and decreasing membership, the congregation united with the Evangelical Free Church of Teaneck. The Hoboken Evangelical Free

Church, originally the Norwegian Evangelical Congregational, and its sister church in Jersey City, the Vroom Street Evangelical Free Church, were the beginnings of what is now 30 churches of the Evangelical Free denomination in the metropolitan New York area.

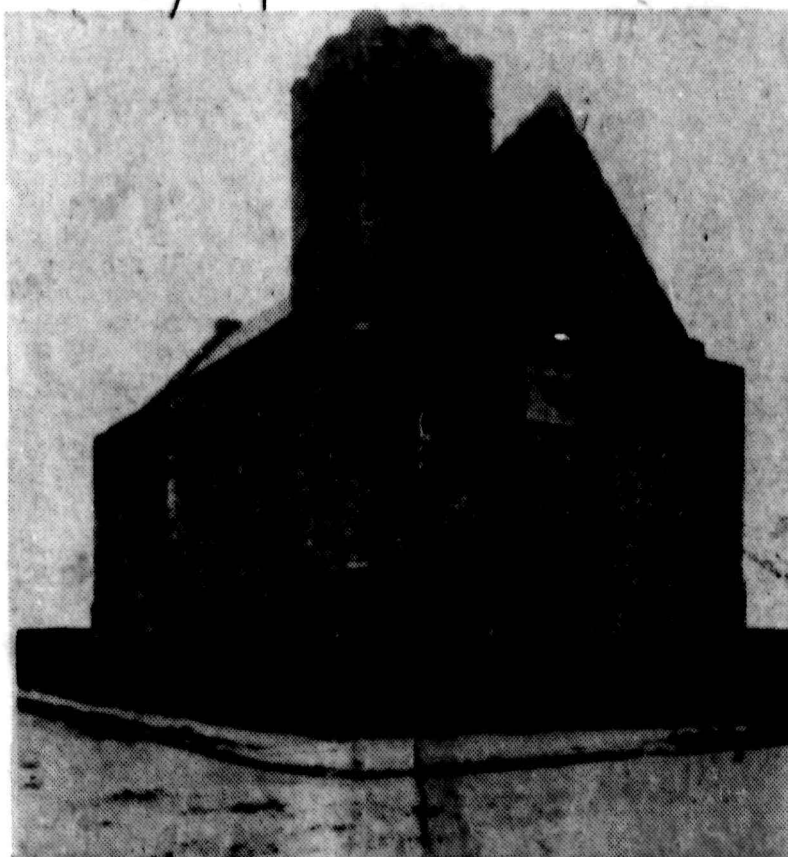
The paths of the church and the Alessi family crossed again in March, 1977. Phillip, son of the Sicilian immigrant, was named pastor of the Vroom Street Evangelical Church, Jersey City.

Since last year, he has been involved in re-establishing the Hoboken church. A Bible study has begun on Thursday evenings and plans are being made for a special ministry.

The budding Evangelical Free Church of Hoboken will sponsor a vacation Bible school for children for a week beginning Monday, with classes from 1 to 4 at the Grace Gospel Chapel, 639 Bloomfield St. Registration is open to all children, according to Joyce Sugas, registrar.

Friday, at 7:30, the church will use its old facilities at 1229 Willow Ave., for the Bible school's closing exercises.

When enough interest is developed, the Hoboken



The original Evangelical Free Church of Hoboken, 1229 Willow Ave., will be the site of closing exercises for a daily vacation Bible school sponsored by a new Hoboken Evangelical Free congregation.

Evangelical Free Church will become a united effort, and will be partially supported by other churches of the denomination in the area. Both the Essex Fells and Teaneck congregations have provided resources to help with the outreach efforts.

Hoboken to enforce its ban on trucks

Hoboken will start enforcing its ordinance barring trucks from using the city as an accessway on Monday. Hoboken Public Safety Director James Giordano said today.

Giordano said almost all of the 50 new 'No Trucks' signs are up at intersections all over the city and there are only a few more left to be posted.

Hoboken has had for years an ordinance on the books barring trucks, except for those making local deliveries, but it never has been enforced.

Giordano has said the ordinance couldn't be enforced in the past

because the signs were not posted warning trucks.

The Public Safety director has estimated around 50 trucks a day use Hoboken streets as an accessway.

"Many are traveling between the Lincoln and Holland tunnels," he said.

Giordano said he also has sent out an order ordering all policemen to be on the lookout for particular stores where trucks stop on a regular basis to make deliveries and block traffic while doing it.

"As soon as we find out where these stores are we will crack down on it," he said.

Planning head pays for litter cleanup

The chairman of the Hoboken Planning Board has been fined \$100 in Municipal Court for violating the city's sanitary code.

Judge Rudolph Naddeo suspended the fine against Robert Goodman, however, when he learned that he had reimbursed the city \$157 to cover the cost of city workers who hauled away a pile of furniture and garbage six feet high. The furniture was outside an apartment building owned by Goodman at 205 Second St.

Goodman told the judge he had hired a private contractor for the work on May 30. When the contractor failed to take it away, Goodman said he called the foreman of the Public Works Department and was assured the city would take it away.

He was issued a summons by a Hoboken policeman June 1.

"It wasn't my fault, he said. 'The city men never came to take it away.'"

Thomas Calligly, Hoboken assistant City Attorney brought out, however, that Goodman had told the foreman that there was only a small amount of furniture and litter outside the building, not the huge pile that actually existed.

The trash was finally cleaned up after Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello spotted it and ordered city trucks to clean the mess at Goodman's expense.

Goodman said he had been willing to pay the bill for the clean-up and he didn't understand why

a trial was held. Mayor Cappiello said there had been a misunderstanding between a number of parties in the Goodman dispute, but the issue had been resolved.

"The foreman did tell him the sanitation department would pick up his stuff but that was before he realized the amount of garbage that was out there," he said.

Yesterday's court appearance by Goodman was his second in Hoboken Municipal Court in the last two months.

On April 26 he was found guilty by Judge Naddeo of not providing heat for tenants in an apartment building he owns at 1026 Washington Street for two months. He was fined \$150.

Two litterers spotted by mayor are fined \$120 each

By DIANE CURCIO

Two men who were spotted littering a park by Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello this weekend were fined \$120 each in municipal court yesterday.

While in Stevens Park on Sunday, the mayor spotted the two litterers and called police to issue summonses. "There's just no sanity in the way people litter in this city," Cappiello said. "We have to impress upon them that this can't go on."

William Alexander of 232 Park Ave., Hoboken and Willie McCullough of 193 Clark St., Jersey City were issued summonses for littering and drinking alcoholic beverages in public.

Cappiello said he saw the pair drink beer and wine and then leave the empty bottles in the park.

After learning that the men were fined, Cappiello said he was "glad his time wasn't wasted."

The mayor said he also saw a group of young people drinking near the Seventh Street pier later Sunday. "It was just a mess of bottles down there," the mayor said. The seven people promised to return to the pier with brooms to clear the spot under the supervision of two police officers, Cappiello said.

Cappiello said he has the names of the alleged litterers—just in case they renege on their promise.

The best way to resolve the litter problem would be legislation banning throw-away bottles, the mayor said.

Cappiello said Hoboken Assemblyman Thomas Gallo is preparing to introduce such legislation.

"A very crowded urban area should have the right to exercise such a ban," Cappiello said. The mayor said the legislation would be tailored to

allow highly populated communities to ban the sale of throw-away bottles within their jurisdiction.

Clean streets became a campaign issue in the recent council election. Two administration-backed candidates lost, indicating a dissatisfaction with the administration, Cappiello said. To regain the support of residents, the mayor said he would make clean streets a priority of his administration.

Open enrollment curb to be protested

Angry parents of children in Hoboken's Calabro School will turn out en masse at tonight's meeting of the Hoboken Board of Education to protest what they say is a decision to change the school's present open enrollment policy.

Mark Silver, president of the Calabro School Parent-Teachers Association, said 17 parents who live outside the school district and who have enrolled their children in the school's kindergarten in September have received letters today stating their children cannot enroll in the school.

Children from throughout Hoboken have been allowed to attend the elementary school since it opened

in 1977, but students living in the school's district have received priority.

Silver said he and other parents feel if the Calabro School becomes a district school it would mean an end to the present open classroom program.

"This could be the death blow to alternative education in Hoboken," he said.

Robert Wendelken, president of the Hoboken Board of Education, said however no definite decision has been made on whether to change the Calabro School's open enrollment program.

"That is a matter that will have to be decided by board members in the coming year," he said.

Wendelken said the board has decided to limit enrollment in September to only district kindergarten students due to the fact that there might be a change in the future in the open enrollment policy.

The school board president also said he felt the program offered in the Calabro School was not the same as it was when the school opened two years ago.

"My understanding is that the school has drifted from an alternative education approach to a more traditional approach," he said.

Silver said, though, he felt the open education approach was still very much alive in the school.

Ban on trucking works in Hoboken

No summonses have been given out to truck drivers since Hoboken started enforcing its ordinance barring trucks from using the city as an accessway last Monday.

Hoboken Public Safety Director James Giordano said, however, he feels the enforcement of the trucking ban is working and decreased the number of trucks using the city as an accessway.

"Drivers have heard we are cracking down and haven't been bringing their trucks in as usual," he said.

Giordano said the truckers' strike also may be responsible for some of

the decrease in trucks in the city and it will be a few weeks before the full impact of the new enforcement program is known.

Hoboken has had an ordinance on the books for years barring trucks from using the city as an accessway but it had never been enforced.

The city has purchased 50 signs saying No Trucks and they have been placed throughout the city.

Giordano said the ordinance could not be enforced until the truck signs were up.

The new ordinance does not affect trucks making local deliveries.

She'll take office with other title 6/28/79 J.J.

Hoboken's new recreation coordinator will finally take office Monday, but for a while she will be called a recreation specialist instead of a recreation coordinator.

Hoboken Health and Welfare Director James Farina said he has not gotten approval from the city law department to appoint Mary Ellen Gallo as recreation coordinator, so, in order to get her in office, he has named her temporarily as a recreation specialist.

Farina had said last month he couldn't appoint Mrs. Gallo as coordinator because the city recreation committee had not yet finished drawing up the specifications for the job. After the specifications were drawn up, he had said, then the city council would have to approve the position and then the state Civil Service Commission would have to approve the job and hold a test.

Suellen Newman, chairman of the city's recreation commission, said the specifications are just about drawn up, but it doesn't really matter because she has been informed by the city law department that Mrs. Gallo couldn't be appointed permanently until next year.

"The budget has already been approved," she said, "and the law

department tells me the position has to be included in the budget before it is approved."

Farina said there are funds available for the recreation specialist's position so it was felt the easiest way to get around the city regulations was to appoint Mrs. Gallo to that position.

He said Mrs. Gallo will be unofficially acting as coordinator even though she will not take over the position for a while.

The recreation coordinator is supposed to coordinate the various recreation programs run by the city and the Community Development Agency as well as to supervise the city programs.

Remember the good old days in Hoboken? 6/28/79 J.J.

By Ruth Blomquist

Here is my recollection of Hoboken, U.S.A. circa 1920-1940.

To begin with let's say "Steve Brody took a chance". How many people under 40 would know he was the first person to jump off the Brooklyn Bridge and survive?

And if you mention the "City of Keansburg", who of this generation, would know you were talking about a boat that left from Jersey City to Keansburg and brought so much simple happiness and pleasure to so many people during that era?

I remember when 10th St. Park, which is now called Columbus Park, had a matron in the playground to maintain order among the kids. She'd walk around with a big bamboo stick and we kids were really scared when we'd see her bearing down on us.

I'm sure she never used it to hit anyone, but we thought she would and we'd really behave. By the way do any of your readers know her name?

Looking behind the statue of

Columbus in the park there's a large empty pond that looks like an empty swimming pool. Who remembers when that was a beautiful goldfish pond? The big summer house behind it was our refuge when there was a sudden summer shower and we'd all run to the summer house to keep dry.

I remember spending hours sitting on a bench watching the adults playing tennis. To me that was so fascinating — how I wished I was old enough to play tennis, too. But when I was old enough the tennis court had disappeared.

Remember when the empty lots on Ninth and Clinton St., next to the park, were the favorite spots in the summer for the traveling carnivals?

With prices so high these days it's tough to get along but think how much more fortunate we are compared to our grandparents. When they got old and their families married and left them — what happened? They had no Social Security to fall back on.

Granted that prices were much lower in those days, but

how many of those people were able to save for their old age? They raised a family and when they couldn't work any more they wound up in the poorhouse.

When Social Security came in their children were agreeable to have them live in the house as long as they turned over their Social Security check.

I remember, during the depression, that families broke up good furniture to make firewood to keep warm because they couldn't afford coal.

I remember my dear mother taking the baby carriage and walking along the railroad tracks to pick up pieces of coal that had fallen off the coal tenders on the trains.

We didn't own a bathtub or a shower. I remember the old iron wash tubs in the kitchen — we'd take out the partition and it was just like a bath tub.

The wash tubs! Every piece of clothing had to be scrubbed on a scrubbing board. Detergents? Fels Naptha or Kirkman soap. Then everything had to be hung out on the line.

Who remembers drying clothes in the winter time when

everything turned stiff as a board and finally had to be dried indoors? Then everything had to be ironed — (no perma pressed in those days) — with a flat iron that had to be heated on the coal stove and you had to iron fast before it got cold.

Think of the average family before 1925 — no electricity — we used gas mantles for light — 15 cents a piece they cost — which was quite a sum, considering they would suddenly burn out or break while installing them — they were so delicate — anybody under 50 doesn't know what they looked like.

Life was much simpler then and a heck of a lot more fun, you could play ball on the main thoroughfares and stop every 3 or 4 minutes to let an automobile pass by. Horses and wagons you didn't bother to stop playing for.

Don't misunderstand me. I'd be among the first to holler to high heaven if they took away any of the modern appliances that make life so much easier when compared to the nostalgic "good old days."

Bill Maxwell House for 'last drop' 6/29/79 J.J.

Officials at the Maxwell House Coffee plant in Hoboken will be receiving a bill for damages incurred at the city's sewage treatment plant from a coffee spill on May 26, according to Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello.

Cappiello said he had ordered Roy Haack, sewage treatment plant Superintendent

to draw up a bill and send it to the company.

Haack said he estimates the bill will be around \$6,000.

Whether the giant coffee maker will pay is a whole other question.

Haack said officials at the coffee plant won't talk to him about the matter.

Company officials were out-of-town and unavailable for comment, but they had said last week they did not think they should pay for the damages.

Haack had said the company dumped 11 truckloads of coffee grounds into the sewer system and it completely overwhelmed the Hoboken sewage plant, causing extensive damage.

Maxwell House officials, however, said they didn't dump the remains of coffee into the sewer system and it was impossible there would be such a big accidental spill without them knowing about it.

Project for seniors closer 6/29/79 J.J.

Construction of the long-planned senior citizens' apartment building at the Grogan-Marineview Plaza complex in Hoboken is a step closer to reality today.

The state Housing Finance Agency has given \$32,894 in seed money to the Hoboken Knights of Columbus to prepare construction plans and specifications for the 17-story building.

"It's been a long time coming; we are very happy," said

James Gabriele, head of the Hoboken Knights of Columbus council.

Gabriele said construction of the 200-unit building should begin within a year-and-a-half and construction itself take about a year.

The total cost of the project, to be located on Third Street, between River and Hudson streets, will be \$6 million, according to Gabriele.

"Now that we have the seed

money there should not be any other problems in obtaining the rest of the money," said Gabriele.

The Knights had first submitted the application to the state for the building over two years ago.

Gabriele said the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development is expected to assist with tenant subsidies.

Garage approved for Hoboken's vehicles 6/29/79 J.J.

The Hoboken City Council has given final approval to the construction of a \$1,300,000 consolidated garage to house the city's public safety and public works vehicles.

The vote came at a special meeting yesterday that was marked with controversy as City Council President Martin Brennan attacked city officials for not letting him know the full cost of the project.

At the end of the two-hour meeting, though, Brennan voted for the garage, leaving Councilman Anthony Romano with

the sole dissenting vote.

The total cost of the new budget had been originally budgeted at \$700,000 last year, but Project Engineer Patrick Caulfield said the additional cost was due to an expansion of the facility that council members had voted for.

Hoboken Councilman Robert Raniere who first introduced the idea of a consolidated garage five years ago, said he was very happy about the council's vote.

He said construction of the new facility should start within 30 days.

Raniere said the reason Brennan was not informed of the additional cost of the project was because no one knew what that cost would be until the bids were received.

Brennan said he felt he was misled on purpose last year when he voted to approve the \$700,000 bond issue to build the garage.

"I have a feeling city officials knew all along it was going to cost over \$1,000,000, but

didn't tell the council because they thought we would have voted against the bond issue," he said.

Councilman Anthony Romano said he voted against approval of the garage because he felt he was not being given the full picture.

The C. R. Construction Co. of Westwood submitted the low bid of \$448,845 for the general construction of the project and council members awarded the contract to the company yesterday.

Amato has a new program to clean Washington Street 6/29/79 J.J.

Saying he wants the litter and garbage off Washington Street, Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato announced today the start of a new program to do just that.

Amato says he will assign public works crews on a regular basis to clean Washington Street on weekends, when litter often accumulates.

"The street is not swept between Friday and Monday and it really looks bad come Monday morning," he said.

Amato said he also plans to crack down on some Washington Street merchants who, don't sweep the sidewalks in front of their stores.

"Some of the owners are quite sloppy and because of that our sidewalks get messed up," he said.

"I want to have a meeting with representatives of the merchants association so we can resolve the problem," he said.

Hoboken Councilman Robert Raniere, who also co-owns Raniere's Furniture store on Washington Street, said he welcomed Amato's plan.

"We all need to work together," he said.

William Roth, who owns Roth

Jewelers on Washington Street, said he felt it was only a small minority of merchants who were not taking care of litter in front of their stores.

"We need to crack down on them, but there has to be an enforcement program to do that," he said. "What is needed are some sanitary inspectors."

Hoboken's only sanitary inspector died four weeks ago, and a new one has not been appointed yet because of unresolved questions by Hoboken officials over whether he needs police powers.

Meanwhile, Amato said he will talk to Councilman Walter Cramer, chairman of the City's Council's public works committee, in the next few days about whether trash cans should be put back on Washington Street.

City officials had said the cans were removed because people would put their household garbage into them and they would become overloaded.

Heleen Monogue, the chairwoman of a coalition for a Cleaner Hoboken, has said the trash cans are needed to help keep Washington Street clean.

Hoboken mayor enters hospital 6/29/79 H.D.

By DIANE CURCIO

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello was admitted to St. Mary Hospital after experiencing chest pains as he arrived for work yesterday.

After climbing two flights of stairs to reach his office the mayor complained of shortness of breath, dizziness and chest pains, according to his confidential aide, William Van Wie.

Van Wie drove the mayor to St. Mary Hospital at 9:15 a.m., where he was admitted by Dr. James Noble, a heart specialist.

Cappiello, 58, is scheduled to undergo various diagnostic tests over the next few days. Van Wie said an electrocardiogram was already done on the mayor. Hospital officials would not release the test results.

The City Hall elevator was out of order yesterday, causing the mayor to climb the two long flights of stairs to his office. Cappiello is reportedly resting comfortably.

Van Wie said the mayor looked "pale and exhausted." But Cappiello's wife, Dorothy, said the mayor "was strong as a bull and it was probably the heat that got to him."

Aside from his duties as mayor, Cap-

piello has served as a county freeholder since last November. Van Wie said the mayor often works 15-16 hours daily. "He'll come in Saturdays and Sundays to marry people or attend community events. He doesn't like to say no to anybody and it's beginning to show on him," the aide said.

The mayor was scheduled to leave on a trip to Yugoslavia today to fulfill a campaign promise. The Hoboken Yugoslavian community that supported Cappiello in his second bid for the mayoralty in 1977 invited him to visit their home.

The mayor's unexpected illness cancelled his plans but Councilman Robert Raniere will represent Cappiello on the trip. Business Administrator Edwin Chius arranged for Raniere's visa yesterday. Chius said the councilman has a passport and can speak some Yugoslavian.

Chius said he and Van Wie will keep the mayor informed on all city business while he is in the hospital. But the mayor had already disposed of much of the pressing city business since he expected to be absent from office because of the trip. Chius said.

Dr. Noble has ordered that only the immediate family can telephone or visit the mayor.

Power dispute keeps sanitation job open 6/25/79 J.J.

Hoboken's only sanitation inspector died four weeks ago, but Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato still has not appointed a new replacement.

Amato says he can't appoint a new inspector because there is a question of how the sanitation inspector gets legal power to serve summonses.

Amato says he has referred the matter to an assistant city attorney, Thomas Calligy, for an opinion.

Calligy said as far as he could determine, the police chief must give the sanitation inspector police power. That would be a tricky situation since the chief would not be able to directly supervise the inspector, since he

would be an employee of the public works department, Calligy said.

Police Chief George W. Crimmins said, however, a new order from the attorney general in 1978 prohibits him from giving special police powers to sanitation inspectors.

The chief said the former sanitation inspector did not have police powers and still issued summonses.

"After the end of the day, when the summons were issued, he would go to court and have them sworn," he said.

When informed of Crimmins' comments, Calligy said he will talk to the police chief and try to resolve the situation.

Cappiello in hospital instead of Yugoslavia 6/29/79 J.J.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, who was supposed to leave on a five-day trip to Yugoslavia, instead is undergoing tests today in St. Mary Hospital after he complained of shortness of breath, and dizziness while walking up the stairs in City Hall yesterday.

The mayor's physician, Dr. James Noble, said Cappiello is in good condition and should be released from the hospital on Monday.

Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius said the mayor was climbing the

stairs between the first and second floors of city hall at around 9 a.m. when he experienced some shortness of breath and dizziness.

Chius said Cappiello was taken immediately to St. Mary Hospital by his personal aide, William Van Wie.

Hospital and city hall sources said that an electrocardiogram performed on the mayor was normal and he had not suffered a heart attack.

Hospital officials said the mayor is not being allowed any visitors except for family

members, but Chius managed to sneak up to the mayor's room through a back stairway.

"He seemed really tired," the business administrator said. "His eyes were completely closed."

Chius said it is not uncommon for the mayor to work 16- to 20-hour days on city business and he had been very tired of late.

The mayor was scheduled to leave last night for Yugoslavia as guest of Hoboken's San Sego club. He was scheduled to spend five days in the country and

meet with top Yugoslav officials as well as meet with the 300 or so Hoboken residents already in the country visiting their homeland.

"He was really looking forward to the trip," said Chius.

A somewhat reluctant Hoboken Councilman Robert Raniere was drafted as a fill-in for the mayor on the trip with less than five hours' notice.

"I don't really want to go," the councilman said yesterday "because I have a lot of loose ends I have to tie up with my business in the next couple of

days."

The councilman said, though, he realized that many of the Yugoslavians were looking forward to the mayor's visit and he felt it was his duty to go as the mayor's stand-in.

Raniere will be missing the council reorganization meeting scheduled for noon Monday at which a new council president is expected to be named.

He has been considered one of the top contenders for the post.

Cappiello had promised the

Yugoslavians in 1977 that he would visit their homeland if he was re-elected as mayor.

Almost all of the Yugoslavians in Hoboken come from the island of San Sego which is near Italy. They came to Hoboken in the 1960s after experiencing political oppression on the island.

Because of Cappiello's illness, a conference last night between the City Council and Board of Education was cancelled.

Hoboken to explore school financing

A special meeting to explore financing of new school construction in Hoboken to relieve overcrowding will be held tonight at a joint meeting of the Hoboken City Council and Board of Education.

Meanwhile, Richard DeBocio, principal of the Calabro School, says it will be "physically impossible" this September to continue enrolling youngsters from outside the school district. This drew complaints from parents at last night's regular school board session.

They got some good news, however — the district's music program, which many feared might be scrapped, will be renewed and possibly expanded this fall, board members announced last night.

Francis McGorty, assistant superintendent of schools, said the council and school trustees will meet in closed session to discuss the possibility of shutting the Connors, Leinkauf and Kealey elementary schools and building a new school complex.

The city's Rue School was closed last year when major structural defects, particularly in the

brickwork, were uncovered and the school's 900 students were scattered among other schools, causing overcrowding.

McGorty said the single school facility being proposed by school planners to handle students from Connors,

Leinkauf and Kealey would be built in the city's southwest section. No final decisions are likely to be reached at the 7 p.m. session, he said. It is being held at the board offices on Clinton Street.

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With the Rue School closing, and the massive city-wide shifting of students, the board decided to eliminate its junior high school program and change to a kindergarten to eighth-grade and self-contained ninth to 12th-grade system.

As a result, the Calabro School, like other elementary schools in the city, will pick up an eighth-grade class this fall. Principal DeBocio figures the school's enrollment will jump from 475 to 410.

"All the city's elementary schools have a space problem with the closing of the Rue School," DeBocio told parents last night. "It will be physically impossible to continue open enrollment at Calabro School in September," he added.

"We can't continue to be open to (children from) the entire city because then we'd have to develop criteria for those who could stay and those who couldn't," DeBocio said.

"However, we will not turn anyone away who has been attending the school; every youngster now in school will be allowed to remain," he said.

This assurance offered little consolation to the parents of 17 children living outside the district who were told by school officials they couldn't register their children at Calabro for classes in September.

Michael Silver, president of the school's parent-teacher organization, asserted that the decision to limit the school's enrollment "eliminates an opportunity for better education for all children in Hoboken. Children throughout the city will be unable to choose an alternative method of education within the framework of the public schools."

"Calabro began as an alternative, modified open classroom facility and operated successfully in that capacity until now. Calabro was a place where youngsters throughout the city might expand their educational horizons beyond those offered by a traditional approach," Silver added. "Implementation of a strict districting policy for Calabro destroys this plan," he said.

DeBocio, however, said that the "open classroom" strategy of instruction would continue, at least for children in kindergarten through sixth-grade. "When the youngster gets close to entering high school, we have to try to readjust him or her to the more traditional method of teaching," he said.

About a dozen parents, most of whom have children at the Calabro School, supported Silver's position. Joseph DellaFave urged that the alternative education system and the chance to enroll in it should be expanded around the city rather than wiped out. Ann Rakow wondered why siblings aren't permitted under board policy to "share" an open classroom experience. Alana Genzler maintained that the non-traditional classroom should "reflect the ethnic, economic and social mixture that is Hoboken."

And Dennis McMullen suggested that the board may have made a "commitment" to an alternative educational system when it authorized construction of the Calabro School two years ago.

At least one board member, Donald Pellicano, said he was "in complete agreement with the open school concept" based on his work with what he called a pioneer non-traditional tutorial experiment carried out 15 years ago in Hoboken.

"I gave it six months," said Pellicano, "but it lasted six years."

Board president Robert Wendelken said that policy may have to be set to establish some sort of criteria of eligibility for participating in the open classroom setup. "We may well decide to provide for a gifted and talented program for children throughout the district as one option," he said.

"But that's looking down the line," he added. "We must make a decision at either our July or August meeting about whether or not to continue open enrollment at Calabro," Wendelken said.

In other developments, board member Steven Block announced that there would be two city-wide elementary school bands formed next year, that youngsters now receiving lessons in instrumental music would continue those lessons and that efforts would be made to reach all children in the district with an "appreciation of music."

The board won't solicit bids for athletic equipment until its business manager, Anthony Romano, furnishes the trustees with an inventory of materials, board members concurred last night. Pellicano said four requests for the information have gone unheeded.

In personnel actions, the board re-assigned Ignatius Fariola from acting principal of Rue/Demarest schools to the adult education program and shifted Arthur Calabro from the adult education program to director of student personnel services, each effective July 1.

The board also voted to pay 36 teachers stipends totaling \$10,800 for participating in a district curriculum study committee and hired Marie Rivera as a bi-lingual curriculum and resource teacher for five weeks this summer at \$200 a week.

Clock Towers tenants to picket

By Randolph Diamond

Low and moderate-income tenants in the federally-subsidized Clock Towers apartment complex in Hoboken will set up picket lines outside the development Tuesday to protest a 16 percent rent increase by project management.

Officials of the Jefferson-Adams Corp., which manages the project, say the rent increases, to be spread over two years, is needed to meet rising utility, fuel and maintenance costs.

The tenants say "no way" to the increase and declare serious problems exist at the project with maintenance, security, heat and flooding of first-floor apartments.

Meanwhile, officials of the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development who must approve the rent increase say management is justified in asking for the boost for the 170-apartment complex.

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management deserves a 25 percent increase with all its increased costs, said Ronald Santa, a regional HUD official.

Santa said the increase will be approved by HUD officials any day now.

"There hasn't been a rent increase in the project in two years," said Robert Rabkin, a management official. "I don't think it's excessive to ask for this increase. Our costs are going up in all areas, and we can't absorb them by ourselves."

Tim Calligy, president of the tenants' organization at the project, said the 16 percent increase will make the Clock Towers the most expensive apartment complex in Hoboken.

"We are all low and middle-

income families," said Calligy. "We just can't afford it."

Rents at the project start at around \$200 a month for a one-bedroom apartment, but some tenants who receive federal subsidies pay less.

Calligy said that whenever it rains, apartments on the first floor are flooded with up to three inches of water and there was a lack of heat in some apartments last winter in addition to security and maintenance problems.

Calligy refused to cite what the security and maintenance problems were, but said they would be revealed at a later date.

He said the project is never cleaned on weekends, but a cleaning

crew was at the project two weekends ago, right before an inspection team from HUD was due.

Calligy said pickets would man posts in front of the complex on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and further action, which he would reveal, is planned after that.

"We will fight the increase. We will fight it to the end," he said.

The tenants' leader said project residents are especially disappointed with the "double-talking" of Frank J. Guarini and his aides.

"We asked him for help and then we got a letter back that he didn't have jurisdiction over it," he said. "Then we got another letter from him telling us that he did have jurisdiction."

A meeting was held with aides from Guarini's office last week which did not do any good, according to Calligy. Guarini could not be reached for comment.

Rabkin said he is aware of the flooding conditions on the first floor of the complex but said it was because of the poor condition of Hoboken's sewers. He added: "The sewers back up and cause the flooding. It isn't our fault."

He denied there were problems in the maintenance and security areas. Meanwhile, Santa said he will ask the project's management to hire an engineer to determine the exact source of the flooding problem.

The Clock Towers apartment complex has been cited as one of the most successful conversions of an industrial factory into an apartment complex by many

used to house the Keuffel and Esser precision instrument company until it moved to Morris County in the early 1970s.

Development unit to organize — at last

More than one year after a directive from Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello that Hoboken's long-dormant Economic Development Corp. be started up "post haste," the EDC may finally see the light of the day.

Community Development Director Fred Bado announced today the appointment of five local businessmen to the EDC's board of directors and said the corporation's first meeting will be held next week.

Named to the board by Bado are Fred Miller, vice president of the Re-Wal Corp.; Richard Blackinton, general manager of the Hoboken operations of Bethlehem Steel; James J. Pinto, president of the Washington Savings Bank; Fred Hillyer, an executive with Maxwell House in Hoboken, and Jim Unerleider, owner of Geismar's Clothing Store in Hoboken.

Still to be named to the EDC board are one other businessman and three councilmen.

Bado said those appointments should be coming in the next few days.

The CDA director said it will be up to the EDC board of directors to determine when the corporation actually will be formed.

Hoboken council picks new president today

The Hoboken City Council will pick a new president today when it holds its annual reorganization meeting.

It is a race between Councilmen Robert Ranieri and Walter Cramer, according to observers.

The current council president, Martin Brennan, was defeated in a run-off election on June 12th.

Ranieri has made no secret of the fact that he would like to head the council.

He won't be present at the reorganization meeting because he is a substitute for the hospitalized

Mayor Steve Cappiello on a five-day trip to Yugoslavia.

Ranieri, who operates Ranieri's Furniture Store on Washington Street with his brother, is one of the most vocal councilmen.

Cramer, on the other hand, says he has been so busy at his job, chief counsel for Transport of New Jersey that he hasn't even thought about being council president.

"I haven't thought at all about the reorganization meeting," he said. "I can't say if I would want the council presidency."

Hoboken vegetable garden still hasn't taken root

Hoboken Community Development Director Fred Bado said today he has ordered his employees to cut red tape and finish work on a vegetable garden at Second and Garden streets that has taken more than a year to complete.

Bado said youths involved in a summer lots clean-up program will clean and level the lot and he is hopeful the whole

project will be finished by the end of July.

The CDA director said he has also ordered CDA employees to move faster to get bids for topsoil for the vegetable garden.

The CDA had approved construction of the vegetable garden over a year ago but a series of delays involving the city's

only backhoe had delayed the project.

Though the project was approved in early June of 1978, a city backhoe was not brought on the scene until September.

The backhoe was called off, though, in the middle of the day to work on the little league field and did not return for another eight months.

In April the backhoe came back and finished the necessary work on the litter-strewn lot, but CDA officials could not complete the project because they were unable to find three companies to bid on the topsoil, as is required by law.

In the meantime, vandals messed up the lot and threw garbage back into it.

Suellen Newman, a member of the First Ward Block Association, the group which presented to the CDA the vegetable garden proposal, said she is happy officials are moving faster on the project.

"That's great," she said. "We really want to work with the CDA on its completion."

Mrs. Newman had criticized the CDA last week for the long delays on the project. Meanwhile, Bado said the youths involved in the lot clean-up program will clean about 40 to 50 lots in Hoboken.

Last summer youths involved in a similar program also cleaned a number of lots but they were later messed up by vandals and people who threw garbage into them.

Bado said the fact that the lots only remain clean for a little while is no reason not to continue the clean-up program.

"We have to try, we just can't give up," he said.

PBA says lockers too few for cops

There are at least 25 Hoboken policemen who don't have lockers to store their guns and uniforms even though there are 50 empty lockers in an unused firehouse at Fourth and Grand streets, Thomas Meehan, PBA president charged today.

Meehan said some of the 25 policemen are now sharing lockers while others don't have any at all.

"It's a really bad situation," he said. Meehan said the city could easily move the unused lockers to police headquarters.

Police Chief George W. Crimmins said he agrees that the unused lockers could be used and has forwarded the request to Business Administrator Edwin Chius.

Chius said he couldn't comment because he hasn't received the request from Crimmins.

Hoboken to ask for bids on parking study

Two nationally-known parking consultants will be asked to submit bids on a parking study for the uptown section of Hoboken, the Parking Authority executive director Joseph Hottendorf said today.

Hottendorf said he will send letters to the two firms, McGee Associates of Washington, D.C., and Burke Associates of Chicago, asking them to bid on the study following a meeting Monday night of the Parking Authority board.

At that meeting, Hottendorf said, board members will decide exactly what questions they want answered in the parking study.

The Parking Authority board recently met with the two consultants who explained to them how they would go about the work.

Hottendorf said the study will determine how best to go about solving the parking problems for the uptown section.

"Do we need a garage and where would it be located?" are just two of the questions that would be answered," he said.

Hoboken's new City Council President Walter Cramer said yesterday he would make the construction of a parking garage for the uptown section of Hoboken one of his top priorities during his term.

Hottendorf said he hopes to work closely with Cramer to solve the parking problems of uptown Hoboken.

Dumping dispute undecided

The manager of Hoboken's Maxwell House plant, Daniel Kelly, said today he has not decided if his company should pay damages to Hoboken's sewage treatment plant.

"We have not received the bill yet and only when we do will we make a determination if we shall pay," he said. "I will have to review our engineers' reports on the issue."

Hoboken Sewage Treatment Plant Superintendent Roy Haack has said the total bill that will be sent to

Maxwell House will total around \$8,000.

Haack had said Maxwell House dumped 11 truckloads of coffee beans and grounds into the Hoboken sewer system on May 26, which overwhelmed the sewage plant and caused extensive damage.

Maxwell House officials have previously said they don't think they should pay for damage at the plant because the company didn't dump 11 truckloads of coffee grounds and

beans into the sewer system.

Officials have said there might have been a small spill of coffee grounds and beans, but nothing major that would cause extensive damage.

Public Works officials, meanwhile, say the company should be getting the bill any day.

Francone, Amato feud again

Hoboken Councilman Louis Francone wants Andrew Amato, public works director, to stop keeping city equipment in his home.

Amato said he has been storing pumps and other city tools on his property because he was afraid his men would steal them.

"Francone wants me to bring back the city equipment. OK I'm going to take two pumps I've been storing in my house and bring them to the garage tomorrow," Amato said. "We're see how long they will last."

Amato said if the pumps are stolen, he won't take the responsibility.

Francone said there is so little equipment in the city garage that the men often can't find a broom.

Amato answered: "That is ridiculous. How do the men sweep the street each day?"

Amato said he is tired of being picked on by Francone. If the councilman wants to make any more charges he should do so with Walter Cramer, Council President and a reporter present.

"Let him confront me and I'll answer all his charges," he says.

Francone and Amato have feuded since Amato replaced Francone's brother-in-law Raphael Vitale in 1977.

Rats invade Hoboken on 2 fronts

Rats are invading two separate sections of Hoboken, causing near-panic among local residents while city officials are hurriedly trying to restart an extermination program that ended two years ago.

"It's a really bad situation," said Hoboken Health and Welfare Director James Farina, but the extermination program should be back in operation shortly.

Farina stressed there was no danger to local residents because of the rat problem. Farina said the rat problem is in two sections of Hoboken, the western section by the housing projects and the uptown section by Garden and 10th streets.

Residents in the western sections say the problem is particularly bad. "The rats are everywhere," said Mary Johnson who lives in a Hoboken Housing Authority apartment building at 510 Jackson Street. "They're in the hallways, in the apartments and in the streets."

Ms. Johnson said every few minutes a new group of rats can be seen coming out of the sewers in the area.

A Jersey Journal reporter took a tour of the western section of Hoboken and saw a number of rats coming out of the sewers. Another resident of 510 Jackson Street, Jeanette Goodwin, said the situation has become particularly bad in the last few months.

The city ended its own extermination program two years ago because of a lack of funds and residents and city officials both agree the problems started getting out of hand at that time.

Malfetti says more park cops needed

Roving gangs of vandals are terrorizing people in Hoboken parks, Councilman Nunzio Malfetti charged today.

"People are being mugged and abused. They are really afraid," he said.

Malfetti said even when police come to the parks and chase the gangs, they usually return immediately.

"We need some special patrolmen for the parks," said Malfetti.

Public Safety Director James Giordano, said state order prevents his hiring special police. He will add more park patrol details to the regular police schedule, he said.

City getting 'goof proof' pact

For the first time ever, Hoboken's municipal employees will be getting a written contract which both union and city employees say should stop the practice of leaving early and "goofing off" by city employees.

The head of Hoboken's Municipal Employees Association, John Wallington, and Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius both announced today they have reached agreement on almost all major issues in negotiations for the 240 municipal employees for the current year.

Wallington said in addition to the written contract, employees will be receiving a 7 percent pay raise and increased dental and prescription benefits.

The MEA head said with the written contract it will now be up to foreman and department heads to make sure no employees leave early or "goof off."

"For the first time the responsibilities of the employees and their supervisors will be written down," he said.

Wallington had said last month that a number of municipal employees leave early and "goof off," but today he took that statement back and said he had been misinformed of the situation.

"Some employees are 'goofing off' and leaving early, but it's only a minority of them," he said.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello has maintained that he would welcome a written

contract for city employees, because it would state what the employees' responsibilities are and help end idling.

Under the new contract, Wallington said some employees will receive higher job classifications and more pay.

"For instance we will have two types of laborers, one who does light work and one who does heavy work," he said. "It's not fair that the person who does the heavier work doesn't receive a higher salary."

Wallington said the exact number of employees who would receive a higher classification and the exact salary they would be paid, still has to be determined.

"That is the only outstanding issue," he said.

50 families living in squalor

By Randolph Diamond

The rats and roaches, the electric outlets that don't function and the faucet on the kitchen sink that doesn't turn off all bother Angel Cotto.

So do the broken mailboxes, the front door that doesn't lock, and the hallways that smell like a swamp.

But Angel Cotto feels he can live with those things, for they don't directly endanger his life and the lives of his wife, Rosa, and their year-old baby girl, Erica.

It's the exposed electrical wiring, the gas leak on the fitting of the hot water heater, and the leak in the bathroom ceiling alongside a fixture, creating smoke and sparks, that really concern him.

It's as though a tragedy is inexorably poised to strike and there is nothing Angel Cotto can do about it.

The Cottos are just one of 50 families in the five-story attached tenement buildings that run from 800 to 808 Willow Ave. in Hoboken.

The Cottos are not unique among the 50 families in the problems they are having in their apartment. Besides not knowing how to speak English, it's the one thing the mostly Hispanic tenants have in common.

About six different electrical wires run into an extension cord attached to a light in Olga Medina's bathroom at 806 Willow Ave.

Ms. Medina said the electrical outlet by the bathroom light is the only one that works in her entire apartment and, when she complained, the building superintendent hooked all of her electrical wires into the extension cord.

Carmen Gonzalez of 804 Willow Ave. said her toilet usually doesn't function unless she "plays around with it" for about 10 minutes.

And, Hilaria Maldonado, another tenant at 806 Willow, said her light bulbs burn out every three days because the sockets are defective and sewage is constantly coming up through the sink.

Tenants say that when they complain to their landlords nothing happens, so they don't even bother complaining any more.



There's standing water in the backyard of 808 Willow Ave., Hoboken, and boards are bracing shaky clothes poles to keep them from falling down.

A Jersey Journal reporter toured 15 apartments in the buildings from 800 to 808 Willow Ave. and found most apartments had exposed electrical wiring, windows that are not properly mounted in place and which can easily fall out, ceiling water leaks and water faucets that don't turn off.

In addition, the buildings' basements and backyards were completely filled with garbage, the mailboxes were broken and the front doors did not lock.

Tenants who have lived in the buildings for up to eight years said they have never seen an exterminator and rats and roaches are a constant problem.

Records from the state Bureau of Housing in Trenton show that 800, 802, 804 and 808 Willow Ave. were last inspected in the summer of 1978 and approximately 500 violations were found.

The building at 806 Willow Ave., where the Cottos live, was last inspected in 1974 and the records currently show no housing code violations.

The violations on record are in just about every area of the buildings. They range from peeling paint in apartments, to a stairway banister that isn't steady, to the lack of extermination services.

The buildings from 800 to 808 Willow Ave. are owned by Ernest and Liselotte Lieber, an Englewood couple who own approximately 40 other buildings in Hoboken, many with outstanding code violations.

State records indicate the building at 808 Willow Ave. is owned by a L. Munoz. It could not be immediately determined where Munoz lives or if he owns any other buildings.

Ralph Pfleger, chief of the New Jersey Bureau of Housing, said the Liebers and Munoz had been granted extensions to correct the building violations because they had indicated the structures were going to be completely rehabilitated under a grant program administered by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Pfleger said the Liebers had first sent him letters in January 1978 indicating they and their agent, Capock Realty of Hoboken, were very close to negotiating the sale of the buildings, but he felt the Liebers and

Apparently, Pfleger said, there had been a delay in the sale of the buildings, but he felt the Liebers and

Then we can try the landlord if

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Munoz were working in good faith by correcting some violations and attempting to vacate the buildings by not renting to new tenants when an apartment became vacant.

"Take 800 Willow," he said. "The Liebers have indicated to the agency that they have installed a new front building door to cleaned out the garbage in the backyard."

When a reporter visited 800 Willow Ave., however, he found the front door didn't close and the backyard full of garbage and debris.

And, after talking to 15 different families, the reporter found five who had moved into the building in the last six months.

An angry Pfleger said he had been misled.

"These landlords are getting no more extensions to fix the violations," he said. "I'm sending down inspectors immediately to find out what is going on."

Pfleger admitted that, after the initial inspections were done, he had never sent over one of his inspectors or a city inspector to find out if the Liebers were correcting violations as they indicated they were.

Hoboken's Housing Inspection Bureau checks all apartment buildings once every five years under contract with the state Bureau of Housing.

Michael Curcio, chief Hoboken housing inspector, said he had done the original inspection of the properties for the state in 1978.

"I know there are a lot of violations," he said, "but I can't do anything unless the state orders me to. They are running the show."

Curcio said, though, he can make a complaint inspection if he receives a complaint about a particular condition in a building that had not been originally written up during the state-mandated inspection.

"Then we can try the landlord if

doesn't fix the violation under the city laws and we don't have to wait for the state," he said. The inspector said, however, he has received no complaints from the tenants.

"I just can't go over to the buildings. The landlords could say I was harassing them," he said.

Many tenants, however, say they have complained to numerous city and state agencies and they have gotten no response at all.

Juan Garcia, president of CUNA, a local Hoboken group that works for the betterment of living conditions for Hispanics, said many tenants are fearful of complaining.

"They are afraid they will get into trouble if they report conditions," he said. "The fear of being thrown out or being harassed is so great it prevents them from doing anything."

Meanwhile, Mrs. Lieber said she and her husband expect to close a deal for the sale and rehabilitation project any day now.

She said she and her husband feel it would be a waste to fix the current building violations since the structures are about to be rehabilitated.

A reporter tried to ask more about the violations, but Mrs. Lieber referred him to Eileen Cappock, president of Cappock Realty, saying she could explain everything.

Mrs. Cappock, however, refused to comment, expect to say she thought the rehabilitation of the buildings would be good for the area.

A spokesman for the Hoboken Community Development Agency — the joint through which funding for all federally-backed projects in Hoboken is channeled — asserted the agency is not even close to making a decision on the application to rehabilitate 800-808 Willow Avenue.

"It will be the fall, at the soonest," he said.

In the meantime, life goes on for the Willow Avenue tenants.

Leak search to be started

A study to find out where Hoboken is losing one-third of the water it receives daily from Jersey City, will start next week, Business Administrator Edwin Chius said today.

Chius said the private firm during the study, Storch Associates, will be looking for illegal and unrecorded water connections, faulty metering devices and administrative errors among other things.

Hoboken's Council approved the water study at a meeting in mid-June.

Meanwhile, work has been finished on a leak on the Jersey City-Hoboken border where Hoboken officials estimated they were losing 110,000 gallons of water daily.

Hoboken receives approximately 10 millions gallons from Jersey City daily.

Calabro School could lose open class concept

The Hoboken Board of Education is committed to maintaining the open classroom concept in the city's school system, but not necessarily in the Calabro School, Board President Robert Wendelken said today.

Wendelken said a meeting with district parents and the school board will be held on July 27 to decide on policy regarding open enrollment in the school system.

"It has to be determined if the open classroom concept should be left in the Calabro School or moved to another school," he said.

The board president said the Calabro School can only accept approximately 450 students and if there is a big demand by parents for the open classroom concept it might be more feasible to move it to another school.

Because of the redistricting of Hoboken schools, school officials had informed 17 parents who enrolled their children in the Calabro school last month that they would have to go to another school.

The 17 children had lived outside the Calabro school's district but in the past the school had maintained an open enrollment policy after students who lived near the school were served.

Wendelken said at the time the school board was unsure if the alternative education program at the Calabro school would continue.

However, angry parents jammed a school board meeting demanding that the program be continued and subsequent meetings were held between Wendelken parents and other school officials to try and resolve the situation.

An example of what Vecchione's life has been on the job lately took place last week when a shouting match erupted on Park Avenue near 18th Street as outraged homeowners protested the signs, the traffic division chief said. "People want clean streets but they don't want to abide by the law," he said.

Vecchione said he has high blood pressure and does not need this kind of aggravation. "It was trembling by the time the whole thing was over and the one lady looked like she was going to have a heart attack," he said. The homeowners could not be reached to comment on the situation.

Residents' complaints had temporarily halted the work several months ago. But the mayor and public safety director, repeatedly ordered Vecchione and his crew back to the streets.

"The city is in the right. It's something that has to be done," said Public Safety Director James Giordano.

The signs prohibit motorists from parking on a street between certain hours when a mechanical street cleaning machine is in operation on that street. Vecchione said state law mandates that two such signs be erected on each side-street and three signs on main thoroughfares.

"We only drill a 3-inch hole; the sidewalks are not broken like they (the homeowners) claim," Vecchione said.

The sidewalks are not the property of the homeowners, Vecchione stressed. "They only maintain the sidewalks."

If the people are truly opposed to the operation Vecchione said they should sign a petition to stop the work.

Meanwhile, Vecchione and his lieutenants "renew with continue to install the signs. On the sidewalks the signs are placed 35 feet from each curb and when a third sign is needed it is put in the middle of the block. Vecchione said the signs must be uniform throughout the city."

Vecchione said he will continue to do his job despite his high blood pressure and the arguments he gets from residents.

Gallo sees unfair 'beating' over bill

Hoboken Assemblyman Thomas A. Gallo says he's taking an unfair beating on his attempt to have a special bill passed that would allow him to draw a salary as a legislator and get a state pension at the same time.

Gallo serves as secretary to the Hoboken Board of Education and would be unable to receive a pension if he retires from that position because both legislators and school board secretaries are members of the Public Employment Retirement System (PERS). As a legislator, he contributes to that plan.

"Cops and teachers can retire from their pension plans and become legislators, but anyone who is in the PERS can't do that because, as legislators, they contribute to the pension plan," Gallo said.

The special bill, introduced by Assemblyman James Bornheimer, a Middlesex Democrat — "to do a favor for Tommy," he explained — would allow Gallo to collect his \$10,000 legislator's salary at the same time he is receiving a one-third pension. He would not be required to contribute further to the plan.

Gallo said that because legislators are members of the plan, they now cannot collect until they have ended their legislative careers.

One of the bill's co-sponsors, Assemblyman Richard Van Wagner, D-Monmouth, said he would not act hastily on the measure but added there was a great deal of validity to the argument that legislators should not be penalized by a loss of pension just because they decided to run for office.

Amato to try again to clear sewer line

Andrew Amato, Hoboken public works director, says his men will be giving "one more shot" today at trying to remove a hose stuck in a sewer line on Willow Terrace.

Sewage has been backing up into residents' homes since the hose got stuck about four weeks ago while a sewer cleaning company was working there.

Public works crews have been trying for the last two weeks to put a snake in the line to find out where the hose is stuck but they haven't had any luck.

"If my crew can't solve the problem today, I don't know what we are going to do," Amato said.

About 15 of the attached houses on the north side of the first court are affected by the backup but residents on the south side of the court say they have had trouble for over 2 years.

"Sewage is coming into my backyard right now," said an angry Jim Mancuso a Hoboken cop who has been living in the complex since September.

Mancuso said the main sewer line outside the development, in Clinton Avenue between Fifth and Sixth Streets is clogged up and that has been causing the sewer line that services his house to back up.

"If the city doesn't do something, he said, "then we are going to have to take some action."

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said, however, there were no problems with the city sewer line and the city is not responsible for the tenants' problems.

Amato said he found where the sewer line is located on the south side of the first court, but only after getting stuck in a basement crawl space.

Amato went into the crawl space looking for the sewer line, being somewhat overweight, he couldn't get out.

Public works crews had been unable find the sewer line because it was never put on city maps.

A hose being used by a company least one working pump at the plant last March.

Lynch said work is completed on two of the station's pumps. The cost of the whole job, without the additional \$11,000, is \$90,000.

Amato, meanwhile, said the council meeting was called because it was felt the council should have the opportunity to find out what the increased bill was about.

Pump station repair bill up \$11,000

An unexpected bill for an additional \$11,000 in repairs to Hoboken's Fifth Street Pumping Station will be dealt with tomorrow at 5 p.m. in a special session of the Hoboken City Council.

The \$100,000 bill resulted in what Public Works Director Andrew Amato called a minor dispute between him and Joseph Lynch, consulting engineer for the pumping station project.

Sources, however, say Business Administrator Edwin Chius was also involved in the dispute along with Sewage Treatment Plant Superintendent Roy Haack. They all wanted a special council meeting to approve the extra \$11,000.

Lynch said he saw no reason to have a special council meeting on the matter because without the extra \$11,000 the plant wouldn't be able to be run properly.

Lynch said the \$11,000 was to replace a float control which had worn unexpectedly. It is needed, he said, to electrically operate the pumps.

Lynch said some of the \$11,000 also had been used to fix one of the stations pumps last March.

The state, he said, had ordered Hoboken to have at

Strike postpones inspections of tenements in Hoboken

By DIANE CURCIO

The strike by state workers forced cancellation of an inspection of the five Hoboken tenements where Ralph Pfleger, chief of the state housing bureau, said owners misled state officials.

Pfleger said the state granted extensions to the owners after they claimed repairs on violations were postponed because the structures are being vacated and readied for rehabilitation under a grant from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Pfleger said he ordered the immediate inspection of five tenements stretching from 800 Willow Ave. to 808 Willow Ave., after learning that several tenants moved in only six months ago.

The buildings from 800 Willow Ave. to 806 Willow Ave. belong to Ernest and Liselotte Lieber, an Englewood couple who own nearly 40 rooming houses in the city with many outstanding violations. L. Munoz is listed as

the owner of 808 Willow Ave.

Munoz could not be reached yesterday. But Mrs. Lieber said she "did not mislead the state." Mrs. Lieber said the T&M Construction Co. of Hoboken has agreed to pay \$160,000 for the four structures.

Mrs. Lieber said the company has already paid a \$16,000 downpayment but the closing arrangements were postponed. She said a partner in the company recently told her that the deal was still firm and the closing should be scheduled for sometime next week.

The tenants have complained that there are exposed electrical wires, faulty plumbing that backs sewage into the sinks and rodent problems in the apartments, according to printed reports.

State records show approximately 500 violations against the structures at 800, 802, 804, and 808 Willow Ave. Pfleger said the violations were found in a 1978 inspection. In 1974 the 806 Willow Ave. house was inspected

but no violations were lodged, according to state reports. Pfleger said neither state nor city inspectors returned to the buildings to check if the violations were abated.

Mrs. Lieber said "I didn't make statement to Mr. Pfleger that I would not rent out any vacant apartments."

Mrs. Lieber said when the new tenants rented the apartments they knew of the impending sale of the property.

The sale of the buildings dates to January 1978 when Pfleger said he was notified by the Lieber realty agent that a sale was being negotiated.

Mrs. Lieber said the construction company planned to renovate the structures. She said HUD has agreed to subsidize the apartments. Officials at the construction company could not be reached yesterday.

State workers, including housing inspectors, walked off their jobs yesterday after rejecting a contract proposal previously ratified by their union officials.



SWINGING TIME—Young couples keep in time with the beat as they take to the floor for the opening of Studio 124, the new disco sponsored by the Hoboken Community Development Agency at the Multi Service Center, 124 Grand St.

Cramer gets nod in Hoboken

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken's new City Council President Walter Cramer said today the development of the city's waterfront and the building of a parking garage in the uptown section of the city will be his top two priorities.

"We are across from the greatest city in the world and we should be able to attract development to our waterfront," he said. "I want to find out why we can't revitalize our waterfront."

On the topic of parking, Cramer said there is no reason why the downtown section of Hoboken should have three parking garages while the uptown section has none.

"Most of the people are living in the uptown section," he said.

Cramer said he wants to work closely with the Hoboken Parking Authority which has been talking to consultants about doing a study on the parking problems uptown.

Cramer was elected council president at yesterday's council

reorganization meeting by a 7-1 vote, with only incoming Councilman E. Norman Wilson Jr. voting against him.

Missing from the meeting was Councilman Robert Ranieri who was in Yugoslavia as a fill-in for Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello on a five-day trip sponsored by Hoboken's San Sego Club.

Though Cramer had been publicly expressing no interest in the council

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Cappiello orders building cleanup

By Randolph Diamond

Saying the residents of Hoboken are entitled to decent living conditions, Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello ordered city inspectors to crack down on the owners of five Willow Avenue tenement buildings where hundreds of building violations exist.

Cappiello's action comes after a Jersey Journal article detailing numerous violations in the five attached apartment buildings that run from 800 to 808 Willow Ave.

"The tenants shouldn't have to live like that; I'm not going to let any landlord take advantage of our citizens," he said.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the state Bureau of Housing said state inspectors were scheduled to make an emergency inspection of the building yesterday but called it off because of the strike by state workers.

"As soon as the strike is over, the state inspector will be on the scene," he said.

In another development, Juan Garcia, president of CUNA, a local group that works for the betterment of conditions for Hispanics, said he will personally escort tenants to Chief Hoboken Building Inspector Michael Curcio's office in the next few days to complain about conditions in the building.

Curcio said he said yesterday the only way his office could act on violations in the buildings is if he receives complaints from tenants, which he hadn't.

Curcio said if he receives complaints from tenants he can make a special inspection, otherwise he would have to wait for the state Bureau of Housing to take action.

Garcia said he will bring at least 10 tenants to Curcio's office.

The Jersey Journal discovered a number of apparent violations in the buildings including exposed electrical wiring, rats and roaches throughout the buildings, water leaks, garbage piled throughout the buildings, backyard and basement, a fault water heater with a gas leak and broken doors.

Garcia's action, however, may not be necessary if Curcio follows Cappiello's orders to crack down on the landlords.

The mayor said he will be meeting with Curcio today.

Patricia Mitten, chief Hoboken health officer, said she will also send inspectors to the buildings today.

"I didn't know conditions were that bad," she said.

The buildings from 800-806 Willow Ave. are owned by Ernest and Lisalotte Lieber, an Englewood couple who own about 40 other buildings in Hoboken, many with outstanding code violations. The building at 808 Willow Ave. is owned by an L. Munoz.

The Liebers have said they expect to sell

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president position, Ranieri had made no secret of the fact he wanted to be council president.

Ranieri is running in November as an independent candidate for the Assembly in the 33rd District against incumbent Councilman Thomas Gallo, the choice of the Democratic organization.

The fact that he had agreed to go to Yugoslavia and miss the council reorganization meeting was the talk of just about everyone in city hall yesterday with many saying a deal had been struck with the mayor to support Ranieri in his attempt to oust Gallo.

Cappiello, however, denied such a deal had been made. "We are fully behind the organization candidate," he said.

"There have been no deals made. I don't make them with anyone."

With the election, however, of Wilson who had defeated incumbent council president Martin Brennan, a strong Cappiello supporter, in the Fifth Ward, and the reelection of independent Councilmen Anthony Romano and Nunzio Malfetti there is trouble in the Cappiello camp.

Cappiello now only has the support of six of the nine councilmen and there have been rumors that Ranieri and Councilman Louis Francione are both thinking of jumping ship.

Political observers said Ranieri is disappointed in Cappiello because

the mayor promised him a county job and never came through while Francione is still angry at the mayor for firing his brother-in-law Raphael Vitale, who had been public works director.

Vitale was fired when Francione supported Cappiello's opponent for mayor in 1977, Anthony Romano.

"He needs Ranieri and something had to be promised to him," said one top city hall official.

The one vote against Cramer at yesterday's meeting came from Wilson, who said he had nothing against Cramer but it was part of his plan to vote independently and not with the Cappiello team.

Wilson, who is confined to a wheelchair, was sworn in by his father, former Hoboken city hall director E. Norman Wilson.

Cramer was sworn in as councilman by his 16-year-old daughter Susan and was then sworn in as council president by his wife Lynne.

Cramer told those in attendance yesterday that he keeps on hearing how great the Hudson County community of Secaucus is because of Hartz Mountain and other new developments in town.

"Well, we have a priceless waterfront here," said Cramer who is chief legal counsel for the Public Service Bus Company, "and we are going to do everything possible to develop it and make Hoboken the No. 1 city in Hudson County."

Inspector: Willow Ave. tenement is 'deplorable'

By DIANE CURCIO

The front window in Nilda Perez's third story apartment has been missing for two months.

"What can we do? Who can we complain to?" Nilda, the mother of four, asks with a shrug.

The missing window is only one of possibly 100 violations seen at the 10-family tenement at 1111 Willow Ave., Hoboken.

Hoboken housing officials inspected the dilapidated tenement yesterday. Chief city housing inspector Michael Curcio said the building was in a "deplorable" state.

In a second floor apartment a ragged electrical wire is stapled along the wall leading to a kitchen outlet. The rear window overlooks a dirt-filled yard strewn with garbage and debris.

Many of the tenants keep cats to ward off the rats that infest the building.

The pain on the ceiling and corner pipe in the kitchen in Ludovina Iriazary's third floor apartment is blistered from a water leak that penetrates many other apartments.

Three city inspectors conducted a room-by-room survey of the building. A formal list of violations will be issued to the landlord within a few days, said Curcio.

Inspector Jade Fitzgibbons said at least 100 violations were found in the tenement.

Police notified the housing inspectors about the conditions after responding to a call in the tenement, Curcio said.

Curcio said Ralph Pfleger, chief of the state housing bureau, authorized the inspection of 1111 Willow Ave. and buildings at 805, 807, 809, 811, 813, 815 and 817 Willow Ave.

Ave., where newspapers accounts shed apparent housing violations.

The usual grounds for a city inspection are a formal complaint from a tenant or an order by state housing officials.

Curcio said the last inspection of the 1111 Willow Ave. property was done more than five years ago by state inspectors.

He said there are currently no state violations against the house.

He said his office never received any complaints from the tenants. "They must be afraid of something," he said.

But it was not fear but ignorance expressed by some of the tenants gathered on the stoop yesterday. Mrs. Perez and some of the others said they did not know their complaints must be taken to the city housing inspector and board of health.

Mrs. Perez said she told the landlord of the broken window but he said it would be expensive to replace.

Curcio said he listed the window as an emergency repair under the city housing code. The owner, Jose Ramos, will be given seven days to replace the window, Curcio said.

Curcio recorded the other violations under the state housing code that is stricter than the city rules. Curcio said he will meet with the city law department to draft amendments to the city codes.

Ramos lists 1111 Willow Ave. as his address according to the records of the city tax assessors. But the tenants said he lives in Union City and owns a restaurant on First Street in Hoboken. They said he does not visit the house and they must deliver their \$130 rent to his restaurant.

Ramos could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Ranieri 'shocked' at losing presidency of City Council while on trip abroad

Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri said today he was "shocked" to learn that he is not the new president of the Hoboken City Council.

Ranieri returned from Yugoslavia yesterday after a two-week visit there with members of Hoboken's San Sego Political Club.

"I had been assured by council members that I would be the new council president before I left for the trip," he said.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello had been scheduled to go to Yugoslavia with members of the San Sego Club but when he became ill two weeks ago Ranieri was drafted as a fill-in.

Ranieri missed the July 1 City Council meeting during which Councilman Walter Cramer was chosen as a new president by a 7-1 vote.

The talk by just about everyone in city hall that day was why Ranieri

would go to Yugoslavia and miss the council meeting unless he had been promised something by the mayor.

But Ranieri said today he had made no political deals.

"If I made those deals, I would have been city council president today," he said.

Ranieri is running as an independent for the 33rd District Assembly seat against organization candidate Thomas Gallo and the councilman said he hasn't been promised support

by Cappiello or other city administration officials.

"I would have liked to have been at that council meeting, but when the mayor took ill I thought it was my duty and responsibility to go to Yugoslavia with the San Sego Club," he said.

The political club is made up of over 300 native Yugoslavians, mostly former residents of the Island of San Sego off the coast of Yugoslavia.

Many of the members of the club are Hoboken residents.

Cappiello to talk to harried tenants

By DIANE CURCIO

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said yesterday he will meet next week with the people from the five allegedly sub-standard multiple dwellings on Willow Avenue to resolve the situation.

Cappiello said, "There is no reason why anyone should be denied adequate living conditions."

The tenants in the apartments stretching from 800 to 808 Willow Ave. reportedly have complained of exposed electrical wiring, poor plumbing that

backs up sewage into the sinks, and rodent problems.

The house at 806 Willow Ave. is listed as owned by L. Munoz. The four other buildings belong to Ernest and Lisalotte Lieber, who own nearly 40 rooming houses in Hoboken.

The state inspection records for last year showed approximately 500 violations registered against 800, 802, 804 and 806 Willow Ave.

No violations were lodged against the 808 Willow Ave. structure that was last inspected in 1974. Ralph Pfleger, chief of the state housing bureau, said the owners were permitted to postpone repairs because sale of the property was pending since January of 1978.

But Pfleger claimed he was misled by owners when he learned that several tenants leased apartments only six months ago.

Mrs. Lieber said her tenants know of the scheduled sale and she had no agreement with Pfleger concerning the renting procedure. Munoz could not be reached yesterday for comment.

The apartments are slated for complete renovation by the T&M Contracting Co. of Hoboken. Serial Limited is financing the development, according to Joseph Rivera, a partner in the firm.

Pfleger had planned an immediate inspection of the property after learning of the new tenants, but his plans were aborted by the strike by state workers.

Cappiello questioned the city's right to inspect the houses. A state order or formal complaint from the tenants are the usual grounds for a city inspection. But Cappiello said a newspaper account should be considered adequate notice of the sub-standard conditions. He said he will seek the advice of the law department on the issue.

Rivera said he would attend the meeting. He said the apartment complex on the vacant lot at 812 would be the first objective of the project. The families from the next building can be relocated into the new house while repairs are completed.

Under this turnkey operation, few residents will be displaced by the project, Rivera said.

Neither the Liebers nor Munoz could be reached yesterday for comment.

City employees form Hoboken gripe unit

The Hoboken Municipal Employees Association has formed a grievance committee to take complaints from employees, John Wallington, its president, said today.

Wallington said no complaints have been received so far.

"We will go to the department in which the problem lies and try to work it out," he said.

Wallington said if that procedure doesn't work, he will go directly to Mayor Steve Cappiello.

"Everyone is always at each other's throat in City Hall; there is no harmony," he said. "I want to try and build one big happy family."

Wallington said he had no idea how many city employees would have complaints.

"I know in some departments there have been more employee problems than other," he said.

Wallington cited public works as one department in which there have been frequent complaints in the past.

Stevens' seed sprouts into school

By JEFF BENKOE

Back in 1886, Edwin Stevens, the founder of Stevens Tech, donated two tracts of land at Sixth Street and Park Avenue to the German Evangelical Church in Hoboken and loaned the church \$6,000 to build a parochial school.

Now, 113 years and several lives later, the Community Church of Hoboken is converting the high-ceilinged building into what it was originally intended to be: a parochial school tied to the congregation and the community.

The Mustard Seed Christian School, which will be founded in a philosophy of non-graded individualized instruction, will open in September with a headmaster imported from Garden Grove, Calif., and about 50 pupils from Hoboken and surrounding communities.

During the past 113 years, the expansive red brick building has played several roles. During its first 30 years, and under four principals, the building housed a parochial school for the Evangelical Church. Right before the turn of the century, and until the A.J. Demarest High School was completed in 1911, it housed the city's high school. When a full-time parochial school could not be sustained, it was used as a Sunday school, then classrooms were transformed for the Stevens Hoboken Academy.

During the 1930s two reform churches merged and the building was used seven days a week for two youth groups, the Junior League and Bible school programs.

Five classrooms were renovated and dedicated along with a new chapel in the 1960s.

In July 1966, an anti-poverty group called Hoboken Opposed to Poverty and Economic Stress, Inc. (HOPES) occupied the historic structure as a neighborhood center and office. HOPES moved out three years later.

Last February, Rev. George Kaden, the church pastor, and the church council were considering renting the building to the Steven Cooperative School or the local Head Start program.

Several days later Kaden saw a television documentary on Dawn Treader, an alternative Christian school, located in a historic silk factory in Paterson three years ago. Shortly after, he visited the school.

"After I watched that show and I visited there, I felt the Lord wanted us to start such a school," he said. He went back to his council, they viewed the film privately, and last March they decided to begin their own Christian school in September.

The Mustard Seed School (Matthew 13: 31-32: The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed... it is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree) has a first year budget of \$80,000, of which \$65,000 will go to salaries for Larry Litman, the headmaster, who ran a similar school in Garden Grove, and two teachers.

The seed has already grown with the help of contributions. Kaden said St. Mary's School in West New York donated 85 student desks, other schools gave used school supplies, and the Grove Reformed Church agreed to house Litman and his family temporarily at the Smith Memorial Home in North Bergen.

With the help of volunteers, including a general contractor, temporary partitions have been torn down to enlarge rooms, and the interior is getting a fresh coat of paint.

English, language arts and arithmetic will be integrated with social studies, science and arts and music.



The Martha Institute, at 606 Garden Street in Hoboken.

grated with social studies, science and arts and music.

Pupils, aged five through 12, will be able to learn at their own pace, moving from room to room under the supervision of the three teachers, and will not be placed in specific grades, according to Litman.

He said that although religion will be taught as such for only about 30 minutes per day, the Christian ethic will be interwoven into all segments of the curriculum.

Full tuition will cost \$1,300 per year, and \$650 for a half-day of kindergarten.

Kaden said that no child will be turned away, and there will be full and partial scholarships for pupils from poor families.

The school will ask parents who cannot afford tuition to drive children to school, perhaps teach a class or do odd jobs. Kaden said. He added that Mustard Seed has the potential to become what he sees as the idyllic school: one in which Christian ethics are blended into academic studies, parents are involved, and the community has ready access.

Landlord says CDA biased on contracts

Hoboken landlord Lisalotte Lieber charged today the Hoboken Community Development Agency awards housing rehabilitation contracts only to companies that are politically connected.

Mrs. Lieber said she had presented proposals to the agency's neighborhood preservation coordinator, Sal Santaniello, to rehabilitate some of her buildings, last year, and they were immediately rejected.

"He told us they wanted landlords who are community-based," she said.

Mrs. Lieber, who does not live in Hoboken, said she couldn't believe his statement because their office is in

Hoboken and it is manned by her and her husband six days a week.

She also said a number of the buildings rehabilitations in Hoboken were carried out by outside people.

Santaniello said, however, that he had never made such a statement to Mrs. Lieber.

He said Mrs. Lieber presented a proposal and he told her the guidelines and then she withdrew it. "We welcome proposals from any interested party," he said.

Mrs. Lieber and her husband own about 40 buildings in Hoboken, many of which have outstanding building code violations.

Traffic study slated for accident area

A traffic study will be done at the Hoboken intersection where an elderly Hoboken woman was killed by a speeding car Friday, Hoboken Public Safety Director James Giordano said today.

Giordano said following the death of Elizabeth Galfetti, at the intersection of Adams and Eighth Streets, his office has received many complaints from residents about speeding motorists going up Adams Street.

"We are going to have a traffic counting device in the next few days and also post a man there to see how fast cars are going," he said.

After Hoboken finishes its study, he said, the state will conduct its own study of the intersection.

Giordano said most likely a stop sign would be put at the intersection, although there is a possibility a traffic light will be installed.

The public safety director also said signs warning motorists to go slow will be installed at the intersections of Fifth and Adams where the Kealey School is located and at Seventh and Adams near the Sadie Leinlauf School.

"We have a lot of school intersections and we want to slow down the cars before someone is hurt," he said.

Mrs. Galfetti was killed as she

was crossing Eighth Street when a speeding car crashed into a city-owned van which hit her and hurled her into the air, police said.

Police later arrested Ferdinand Cintron, 28, of Willow Avenue in Hoboken and charged him with manslaughter.

Some witnesses to the accident estimated Cintron's car was going about 70 miles per hour.

New school sets community information night

A community information night has been scheduled for July 30 to introduce Hoboken's newest education center — The Mustard Seed Christian School — to its neighbors and the community at large.

The program, beginning at 7:30 p.m., will be held at the former Martha Institute, Sixth and Garden Streets, Hoboken, site of the newly established school.

Originally the idea of the Community Church of Hoboken, the school will function under the auspices of the Palisades Christian Ministry, an incorporated board composed of members from the Community Church and members representing Grove Reformed Church, North Bergen, First Reformed Church and St. John's Lutheran Church, both of Union City.

Headmaster of the kindergarten through sixth level non-graded school is Larry Litman, of San Clemente, Calif. Classes are scheduled to begin in September and generally will follow the public school calendar.

The Mustard Seed Christian School, which will integrate an awareness of Christian values in all class work, will feature individualized instruction. Plans for the first year call for an enrollment of approximately 60 students with annual expansion to a maximum of some 180 students.

Litman and his family will move to Hoboken in August.

Hoboken, city officials hit with environmental suit

The City of Hoboken, its mayor and other city officials have been named in a suit by the federal Environmental Protection Agency alleging numerous violations of the federal Clean Water Act.

The action, filed in federal district court in Newark, charged Mayor Steven Capriello and officials responsible for operating the city's sewage treatment plant with allowing untreated sewage to flow into the Hudson River.

According to EPA spokesman James Marshall, the suit was based on three years of inspections by both the federal agency and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. The reports documented numerous unresolved malfunctions in crucial treatment equipment.

The action could result in Hoboken being hit with fines of up to \$10,000 per day for the violations.

Specifically the EPA charged:

- Allowing raw sewage to overflow into the street outside the plant.
- Allowing stagnant sewage to accumulate inside the plant.

- Failure of equipment supposed to remove scum from inside the treatment tanks.
- Inoperable chlorination facilities.
- Absence of sludge mixing equipment.
- Improper functioning of treatment monitoring equipment.

"They certainly have been well advised of the problems," Marshall said. "Apparently they have not taken any action on them."

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Marshall added he was in touch with Capriello—who "professed a desire to rectify the situation."

Asked how seriously he took Capriello's good faith indication, Marshall said he did not want to comment.

Neither Capriello nor city Public Works Commissioner Andrew Amato could be reached for comment.

In addition to slammimg the city for Clean Water Act violations, the EPA is hoping the suit will also clear the way for the implementation of the Hudson County Utilities Commission regional sewage-treatment system.

Marshall explained the system was slated to be located at the Hoboken sewage plant site but Hoboken has refused to participate.

The suit requests the federal judge to order Hoboken to join in.

In related activities, the EPA has rejected West New York's proposed alternative method for disposing of its sludge. West New York wanted to treat the waste with lime, dry it and sell it for commercial fertilizer.

The material is currently taken by barge out to sea, but as of 1981 that method will be illegal according to EPA guidelines. Problems with the West New York plan—which was developed by Mayo Lynch Associates of Hoboken—included finding the necessary space for drying the sludge and discrepancies between EPA and Mayo Lynch findings.

West New York Mayor Anthony DeFino has called a special meeting of town officials and Mayo Lynch representatives to discuss the problem for today.

Hoboken Land Co. building registered as historic place

7/13/79 JD
The 90-year-old Hoboken Land and Improvement Co. Building at 1 Newark St., Hoboken, has been named to the National Register of Historic

Places, it was announced today.

The red brick structure was erected by the mason-builder Miles Tierney near the Erie-Lackawanna Railroad in 1889. Since then, the building has come to symbolize the importance of commerce and transportation to Hudson County.

The National Register, administered by the Heritage, Conservation and Recreation

service of the U.S. Interior Department, is a list of structures deemed of historic or architectural importance. Inclusion on the list makes the owner eligible for federal aid in preserving his property.

In making the announcement, Rep. Frank J. Guarini said, "While we need to revitalize our cities, we should not ignore the public and private buildings which have shaped our history."

McDonalds gets Historic go-ahead

7/18/79 JS
A compromise with the Hoboken Historic District Commission and the McDonalds hamburger chain has been reached which will allow the firm to continue with a planned expansion of its Hoboken franchise.

The commission voted 3-2 last night to approve the request by McDonalds to expand its present facilities at Third and Washington streets to the building adjacent on the south.

The agreement allows the restaurant chain to remove the top two stories of the building as part of the planned expansion.

"On any other block in the district we wouldn't even consider it," said Claire Walters, a member of the com-

mission. "We're not in the business of demolishing 120-year-old buildings."

But she said the building was not in good condition and an agreement by the company to "try their very best" to remove the cornice from the fourth story and bring it down to the top of the second helped sway enough commission members to approve the plan.

She praised McDonalds as being "extremely cooperative" throughout the whole application for a certificate of appropriateness.

The group will meet with representatives of Burger King on July 25 to consider a planned revision to a franchise located in a building across the street from McDonalds.

Ambulance Squad to hold car wash on Saturday

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The Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Squad will sponsor a car wash on Saturday at the squad's headquarters at Seventh and Clinton streets. The donations of \$1.50 per car will go toward operating costs of the ambulance. The rain date for this, the second annual car wash, is July 28.

Ranieri would defy U.S. on sewage suit

7/14/79 JD
"Let the federal government put Mayor Capriello in jail and take over the city of Hoboken if it wants to," Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri said today about the government suit charging Hoboken with illegally dumping sewage into the Hudson River.

The councilman said he promises to visit the mayor "once a week" during such a jail term.

Under the suit Hoboken could be liable for up to \$10 million in fines for violating the United States Clean Water Act.

Ranieri says he thinks the suit is a bluff by the federal and state governments to pressure Hoboken to join a regional sewage system to be operated by the Hudson County Utilities Authority.

"I say, let's call them on it," he said.

Hoboken operates its own secondary treatment plant, which services

part of Hoboken, Weehawken and Union City. Ranieri says the state and federal government don't like the fact that Hoboken has broken off from the rest of Hudson County in sewage treatment.

Mayor Steve Capriello, a defendant in the suit, refused to comment, except to say he will try to work out a solution with federal officials.

The suit, filed in federal court

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Thursday, charges Hoboken's sewage treatment facilities were so bad that for the past three years sludge has overflowed treatment tanks and seeped directly into the river.

Federal officials say inspectors found the plant equipment so badly broken, rusted and dirty that it was virtually inoperable.

Andrew Amato, public works director, wouldn't comment on the charges.

"I'll speak my piece in court," he said.

About two months ago, Amato ordered Roy Haack, sewage treatment plant superintendent, to stay at the plant because of serious problems there. Mayor Capriello overruled the order.

Ranieri claims Kennedy promised top council post

7/17/79 JS
It was Councilman-at-large Thomas Kennedy who had promised him the city council presidency, Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri claimed today.

It was last week that Ranieri said that a councilman closely allied with Mayor Steve Capriello had promised him the job, but at that time Ranieri had refused to identify the councilman.

Kennedy, however, denied that he had guaranteed Ranieri the position and also countered a charge by Ranieri that Kennedy had made a deal with Hoboken Assemblyman Thomas Gallo to deny him the council presidency.

Ranieri said Gallo sponsored a bill, approved by the Assembly last week, which made Kennedy's brother, Michael, permanent sheriff's officer without having to take a Civil Service examination.

Because he is running for Gallo's Assembly seat as an independent, Ranieri charged that

on the trip but was taken ill and Ranieri replaced him.

Ranieri said he first realized something was wrong when he called Business Administrator Edwin Chius from Yugoslavia and asked who was the new council president.

"He said he thought Cramer was picked as a temporary president, but he didn't really know," the councilman said.

Chius, however, said he told Ranieri at the time that Cramer was the new council president.

EPA says Hoboken fouls river

7/13/79 JS
Penalties of \$10,000 a day are being sought by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency against Hoboken because the city's treatment plant is discharging large amounts of untreated sewage and pollutants into the Hudson River.

The complaint, filed in Newark

Federal Court yesterday, charges an inspection of the 21-year-old primary treatment plant by EPA engineers on June 25 disclosed "gross deficiencies in the operation and maintenance of the plant." Hoboken handles most of the sewage treatment for Union City

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and Weehawken as well.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Capriello said the city was aware of the EPA was preparing the complaint and said he had met yesterday with the agency's Regional Director Eckert C. Beck to discuss it.

"The complaint is merely an allegation made by the government," Capriello said. "I am not prepared at this time to say we are wrong because I don't know what the complaints are."

He (Beck) advised me to take a good look at the complaint and come back and do some more talking. I have asked for his help and he appeared to be somewhat willing to help us. He made me aware of our responsibility to the Hudson River."

Capriello said he would call a special meeting of the City Council shortly "to make them all aware of the gravity of this situation."

In the complaint, which was filed by U.S. Attorney Robert Del Tufo for the EPA, it was reported that the plant was operated so inefficiently that more suspended solids and sludge were discharged from the facility than had flowed into it.

Among other things, the inspectors found inoperable and missing mechanical components, raw sewage overflowing from a distribution pipe to the street outside, and "no evidence that any kind of disinfection of the wastewater was being practiced."

In addition, the plant's daily

records were found to be inadequate, improperly recorded and in some cases illegible or non-existent.

The complaint said the June 25 inspection was "illustrative" of other inspections in the past three years and showed a pattern of "non-compliance and the progressively deteriorating condition of the plant."

"We regard this as a particularly serious and longstanding example of how failure to operate and maintain a sewage treatment plant properly results in the needless pollution of a vital water source," Beck said.

"Furthermore, failure of Hoboken to join in the Hudson County regional system is jeopardizing economic development in Hudson County. EPA cannot approve new industry or other redevelopment that would add a large load to the county sewers until a regional treatment system is assured."

The suit directs the city to immediately begin corrective actions to upgrade the deteriorated plant and seeks the appointment of an independent expert to supervise that action.

It also seeks a court order compelling Hoboken to join in a regional treatment facility to be operated by the Hudson County Utilities Authority.

A hearing was set for July 19 before U.S. District Judge Herbert J. Stern.

More violations uncovered in Willow Avenue tenements

7/14/79 JS
A number of new violations have been found by city housing inspectors during a state-ordered emergency inspection of the tenement buildings that run from 800 to 808 Willow Avenue, Hoboken, where numerous building violations were discovered by The Jersey Journal earlier in the week.

Michael Curcio, chief Hoboken housing inspector, said it would be a few days before he could compile all the violations and send them to the state.

A highly-placed City Hall official, however, said a number of new violations were found.

Meanwhile, Lisalotte Lieber, who owns the buildings from 800 to 808 Willow Avenue with her husband, Ernest, said it's often the tenants themselves who cause poor conditions in the buildings.

"I had the backyard cleaned and then three days later it was full of garbage again," she said. "Some of the tenants just throw their garbage out the windows."

Mrs. Lieber cited another in-

stance when a woman couldn't flush a toilet for a number of days.

When her superintendent checked into the situation, she said, he found a rubber ball in the toilet.

"Some tenants just don't take care," she said.

Mrs. Lieber said she felt it was only a minority of tenants who don't take care of their apartments.

"The problem is that they cause problems for everyone," she said.

Mrs. Lieber also said she had not fixed major violations in the building because she had been misled by the Joseph Rivera, a partner in the Seriale LTD Co., which plans to renovate the building with federal funds.

She said she had been promised for two years by company officials that approval for the renovation was forthcoming shortly from Hoboken's Community Development Agency.

State Bureau of Housing officials had given the Liebers a number of extensions to correct violations because of what they thought was the upcoming sale of the building.

Community Development officials, however, said the soonest approval would be granted for renovation would be early fall.

"Rivera told us he would contact

Joseph LeFante, state Commissioner of Community Affairs, to arrange an extension of the date we had to correct the violations, till August," she said. "Then I find out our extensions were already up."

Rivera said, however, the delays in obtaining the funding were not his fault.

"The funds didn't become available this April," he said. It took longer than we thought, but that wasn't our doing.

Rivera said he did write to the state bureau of housing asking for an extension for correcting the violations, but he didn't know it had been rejected.

"I never said anything about Mr. LeFante," he said. "That sounds like I was going to make a political deal. We don't do those things."

DPW man charges harassment

7/13/79 JS
A Hoboken public works employee, who was campaign manager for defeated City Council candidate Edward McLaughlin in the Sixth Ward, says he is being harassed by incumbent Councilman Nunzio Malfetti, the victor.

Charles White said Malfetti had him removed from a temporary position as a sanitation inspector after the councilman talked to Public Works Director Andrew Amato.

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Tenants call city 'worst landlord'

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Tenants in a six family apartment building 232 Bloomfield St. in Hoboken are glad the city doesn't have control of the building any more.

Residents of the building, including its superintendent, say for the three years the city had the building under a tax lien there were practically no repairs or maintenance.

The building was taken over in May by Hoboken Landlords Earnest and Lisalotte Lieber and tenants say repairs are finally being done.

The building's superintendent, Jose Gonzalez, says when the city ran the building he would complain and complain and nothing would be done.

"When it would rain there would be about 25 water leaks throughout the apartment," he said. "I had to have glasses set up to catch the water."

"I complained for about a year and finally they came and fixed it sometime last year," he said.

Gonzalez said the city never sent an exterminator when it had the lien on the building and there were roaches throughout the building.

Other problems, he said, including a number of broken windows that the city never fixed, a broken front door that they finally fixed after a year and a lack of electrical outlets.

and Revenue Director Frank Bartletta and complained on six different occasions," he said. "Each time I was told that if I didn't like the conditions I should move."

Gonzalez said he finally talked to Hoboken Mayor Steve Capriello about it, but he said it was Bartletta's responsibility.

"I honestly believe the repairs weren't done because there were all Spanish names on the mailbox," he said.

Another building tenant, Lydia Santos, says she complained a number of times about having no outlets to put a light in the front of her apartment.

"It took them a year to do something," she said.

Ms. Santos said she went to Bartletta and Capriello and got the same response as Gonzalez.

Bartletta refused to talk to a Jersey Journal reporter and referred all questions about the building to Ciro Scarpulla, who collects the rents on all buildings the city has a tax lien on.

Scarpulla admitted the city had done very little maintenance on the building but said it didn't have the money to do so.

We don't have the money to make major repairs. We can only try and maintain the essential services in the building, he said.

Tenants told to leave for building renewal

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The letters, signed by Antonio Morin treasurer of the Morin Association's Construction affiliate, state when renovations are completed, tenants will be given first consideration to return.

Morin said he did not see anything illegal.

"We are asking the tenants to leave; we want to renovate the building," he said.

Morin admitted, however, he had no legal grounds to force the tenants to move.

Santoniello said the CDA works with a landlord in helping to relocate tenants and obtaining relocation benefits for them.

"The landlord just can't order someone to leave," he said.

Numerous violations were discovered in the two buildings last week, including ceilings that were falling or had already fallen down, broken windows and water leaks.

Gaming squad called 'waste'

7/19/79 JS
Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius said today the police department's two man gaming squad is a waste of money.

Chius said in such a small city it is impossible for the two men to work effectively undercover.

"People began to recognize them," he said. "The business administrator said he did not feel such a squad could do a good job without spending tons of money to equip it."

"We would need to spend over \$100,000 to buy wiretapping equipment to really do the job," he said.

Chius said illegal gambling is not just a problem in Hoboken, but one that crosses city and state lines.

He said, it is too big a problem to be handled by two policemen in Hoboken, which spends slightly over \$40,000 a year to maintain the gambling squad.

Hoboken Police Chief George Crimmins, said, however, he felt the squad was necessary.

"It acts as a deterrent to the spread of illegal gambling," he said.

The chief said squad members made 79 arrests last year.

16 families face dangers in dilapidated buildings

Four months ago part of the bathroom ceiling came down on Michael Sellitti.

Luckily for the 18 year-old he was leaving the bathroom at the time and he suffered only a scratch on his back.

The portion of the ceiling that came down has still not been replaced, but that doesn't surprise Michael's mother, Helen.

For it's been more than two years since part of the living room floor broke, creating a small hole in Mrs. Sellitti's first-floor apartment from which she can clearly see into the building's basement.

The Sellittis' problems are no worse, however, than those of other tenants in the two four-story apartment buildings at 525 and 527 Willow Ave. in Hoboken.

The bathroom ceilings have partly collapsed in a number of apartments and in one stairway.

Door locks that don't work, showers that don't turn off, toilets that don't flush and windows that wouldn't hold are just a few of the problems facing the 16 families which live in the two buildings.

In Marcelina Gaecoman's apartment you can't even take a shower. It is totally destroyed. Part of the bathroom tiles

are missing and she can touch part of the outer wall of the building.

Mrs. Gaecoman says the problem has existed since she moved into the building five years ago.

Hoboken has a tax lien on the building for approximately the last three years and the rents were collected by Hoboken's Office of Revenue and Finance.

In May the building was bought by 16 members of Hoboken's San Sego Political Club.

Members of the club had given support to Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto when he was running for re-election in 1977 and, in turn, he promised to visit their homeland with them at their expense if he won a new term.

During the last three years, residents of the buildings say they have complained numerous times to both the buildings' superintendent and city officials about conditions.

"They never do anything, so why should I complain?" said Mrs. Sellitti, who did not report the collapse of her bathroom ceiling.

The superintendent, Michael Callahan, said it was

true the tenants had complained numerous times and he added he conveyed their complaints to Hoboken Revenue and Finance Director Frank Bartletta.

"I usually got no response," he said. "You could say the city got away with a lot, but that's politics, I guess."

Callahan said, though, all and all the city took much better care of the structure than its old landlord, Thomas Pano. "The city provided heat and hot water, Pano didn't do a thing," he said. "He just let the building go to pot."

The city had put a lien on the buildings after Pano had stopped paying taxes.

Bartletta, meanwhile, says he can't understand why Callahan said he didn't do anything about the complaints.

"We're good friends, I can't understand why he would do this to me," he said. "There were hardly any complaints and if there were any, I acted right away," he said.

Michael Curcio, chief Hoboken housing inspector, said his inspectors had made a "complaint inspection" last year after a tenant had complained her bathroom ceiling was falling.

Curcio said that after his in-

spector saw that the ceiling was in bad shape he turned the matter over to Bartletta.

Bartletta said, however, Curcio was lying and that he never spoke to him.

"Does he have it in writing?" he asked.

Curcio would not comment on Bartletta's charges.

The chief inspector said he has received only one other complaint about conditions in the buildings in the last four years and, when his inspector visited the apartment of the woman who had complained, she wasn't home.

Curcio said the two apartment buildings have been cited for state violations since 1973 but he could not explain how many violations were in the buildings or why they were never corrected.

"It's up to the state bureau to take action he said. 'I don't know why they haven't and I'm not allowed to give out what the violations are.'"

Ralph Pfleger, chief of the state Bureau of Housing, said all his records had been locked up by striking state workers and he couldn't explain why the outstanding violations date back to 1973.

"I didn't know conditions

were that bad," said Pfleger after being informed of the buildings' conditions by The Jersey Journal. "I will order Curcio today to do a state inspection for us."

Meanwhile, a number of tenants in the buildings have refused to pay their rent to the new owners because they say the owners wouldn't fix anything.

"We want to have the buildings rehabilitated, so it would be stupid to put more into the buildings right now," said Dario Morin, the treasurer of the San Sego Club. "We don't plan to fix anything."

Tenants say members of the political club are trying to intimidate them so the buildings will be vacated.

"One of them came to us and said if we didn't leave they could get us out in a day," said Oscar Moran a resident of No. 527. "He said they had political connections and could get rid of us."

Five other building residents all back up his claims. Morin, however, denies that anyone in his club would make such a claim.

"We want the tenants to leave, but we're willing to sign contracts with them allowing them to come back," he said.

Community Development Director Fred Bado said members of the San Sego Club had submitted a proposal for renovation of the apartment building but he said approval would not be given for a while.

"It might be six months or longer," he said.

Bado said if any residents are being harassed they should see him.

Meanwhile, Mayor Cappelletto said he feels Morin and other members of the political club should only be asked to correct major violations because of their rehabilitation plans.

"They should not be required to put a lot of money into the building," he said.

Unchanged

Nothing has changed in Hoboken since that last election in which Mayor Cappelletto came out poorly. Unlike President Carter, the mayor did not even bring out any fresh brooms, with a promise of a cleanup.

Indeed, the three mechanical brooms that sweep the streets have all been idle for more than two weeks.

Why?

The public works director says one sweeper is operable, but its regular driver is on vacation and the other driver refuses to drive it.

However, the garage foreman denies that and insists all three sweepers are broken down. Take your choice. Either way, the streets are not being cleaned.

Is this not a sad way to run a city government?

HOPES gets funds for free kid trips

The Hoboken Organization Against Poverty and Economic Stress (HOPES) announced that it has received funds to provide summer recreational trips for children with special needs, and children ages 8 through 13 who qualify under Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Trips include visits to Great Adventure and Wild West City. For applications, to the HOPES Multi-Service Center, 124 Grand St., or the HOPES office, 916 Garden St.

Check finds 'over 100 violations'

A large number of housing code violations have been found in a special state-ordered inspection of the two apartment buildings at 525 and 527 Willow Ave., Hoboken.

While Michael Curcio, Hoboken chief housing inspector, refused to comment on the checkup he did for the state, a highly-placed city hall official said well over 100 violations were found.

The state ordered the city to do the emergency inspection after an article in yesterday's Jersey Journal detailed a number of apparent building violations, including ceilings that had fallen down and holes in the floors.

Curcio said it will take him a few days to write up his report on the buildings. He will then send it to the state.

It will be up to the state, he said, to determine what action should be taken against the buildings' owners.

Meanwhile, Hoboken Health and Welfare Director James Farina said he was disturbed at conditions he saw in the buildings when he took a personal inspection visit.

"This structure is in very bad shape; there's going to have to be a lot of work done," he said. "It's a shame."

The city had a tax lien on the

building until recently when it was bought by members of Hoboken's San Sego political club.

Farina said he couldn't explain why nothing had been done to correct any violations while the city held the premises.

Tenants said they had complained to city officials about conditions, but nothing was done.

Curcio said he had received only two complaints about conditions in the buildings, one of which he turned over to Revenue and Finance Director Frank Bartletta. Bartletta, however, denies ever receiving a complaint.

Farina said the city has an obligation to correct major building violations in any building it has a tax lien on.

"If anyone has a problem in a building where the city is responsible for making repairs and they don't get satisfaction from the building's superintendent, then they should go to Curcio's office," he said.

Farina said he thinks one of the reasons tenants don't always complain when building violations exist is because they are afraid of being harassed by the landlord. "They don't know their names will be protected by us," he added.



Among the building code violations at 527 Willow Ave. in Hoboken are these exposed electrical wires in a bathroom.

Radar patrols reduce River Road speeding

Hoboken police have given out approximately 20 speeding tickets to motorists on River Road since they started radar patrols of the road two weeks ago.

Patrolman Thomas Meehan, who usually mans the patrol car equipped with the radar equipment on River Road, said he has noticed a large decrease in the number of motorists speeding along the road since the enforcement program started.

"Most of the people I have been stopping turn out to be out-of-towners," he said. "They

usually claim they are late for work and that is why they were speeding."

"But these people don't understand they can easily run over a jogger or someone crossing the road at the speed they're going."

The speed limit on River Road is 25 miles per hour, but Meehan said he has clocked some motorists going as fast as 50 miles per hour.

The enforcement program was started after Hoboken officials had two signs installed warning motorists that a radar patrol would be in force along the road.

Crosstown bus out 3 months, awaiting engine

Hoboken's crosstown bus has been out of service for over three months now, and when it will be back in service is anyone's guess.

Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius said the engine for the foreign-made bus burned out and a new engine is on order.

"It takes a long time to receive the parts," he said.

Chius said the bus would be back in service within a matter of days if the city received the new engine.

"We can't do anything until we receive it," he said.

The business administrator said he also has ordered a new bus. Delivery is expected sometime before the winter.

Once that bus arrives the old one, he said, will be used as a spare bus.

Hoboken waterfront stirs zoning feud

By DIANE CURCIO

The debate over development of the Hoboken waterfront is brewing again, as battle lines are being drawn over the proposed city zoning ordinance.

Hoboken CIVICS, the community organization that helped defeat a proposal to build high-rise condominiums on the waterfront last year, opposes the new land-use plan.

CIVICS (Citizens Involved for the Viable Improvement of Their Community) claim the special waterfront zone "established inadequate standards for public access to the riveredge, fails to protect the views from existing city parks and contains loopholes and

vagaries, practically inviting developers to ignore the district's few standards."

Ralph Seligman, the city planning consultant who has worked on the project for the past two years, said the waterfront is protected by a 30-foot height limit; for residential construction. Any construction exceeding the limit must be approved by a special review committee, Seligman said.

For every extra square foot of floor space, an additional 3.5 percent of open space (outside the building, open to the public and adjacent to the river, where possible) must be provided, he said.

Seligman said the view from Elysian Park is protected by an 18-foot construction limit. He said there

is a restrictive covenant in the deed to Stevens Park which prohibits any construction obstructing the view.

He balked at the CIVICS suggestions that no buildings should be erected within a 45 degree angle of Elysian and Stevens Park to guard against visual obstructions. Seligman said that such plans would require the Maxwell House coffee manufacturing plant and the Port Authority warehouse to be leveled.

Seligman said he was angered that the CIVIC groups submitted their criticisms to the press in a written statement but did not approach his office. Seligman said he learned of the CIVICS proposals when a councilman gave him a copy of the plan.

The planner said "endless hours of discussion with merchants, residents and Port Authority and Stevens Tech administrators" were involved in compiling the proposed ordinance. He said CIVICS is "long on accusation and short on fact."

Members of CIVICS could not be reached yesterday to comment on his remarks. The Hoboken City Council convenes tonight.

Ed board invites bids on gym

Hoboken's board of education last night approved specifications for a contract to repair the warped floor of the high school gymnasium, and invited contractors to submit bids.

The board also voted to pay \$1,000 to Albert Hordes its lawyer, as his fee for representing it in a suit by former board attorney Robert Taylor for reinstatement with an increase in salary.

Taylor filed an unfair practice complaint with the state Public Employment Relations Commission after the board fired him and hired Hordes on a fee basis. PERC turned Taylor down.

Mixup lets tenements escape a crackdown

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Lobenzes appealed the results of inspection and then asked for and received a number of postponements on the case.

On Sept. 5, Pfleger said, his office received notification the Lobenzes had sold the buildings to Michael Porto of Union City.

It was when the buildings were sold, Pfleger said, that the clerical error was made.

"The new owners were not noted in the proper records so we weren't aware of the transfer of the buildings," he said. "The whole thing was a mixup."

Tenants, meanwhile, are outraged over conditions in the three buildings.

"The old landlords weren't that great, but at least they would do some things," said Carmen Lopez, who has lived in an apartment with her two sons at 725 Washington for the last

three years. "The new landlord won't do anything."

"There is no extermination at all and we have constant rats and roaches," she said. "My sink has been leaking for months and I keep on asking the super but he won't do anything."

Ms. Lopez says she would complain personally to the landlord but he never comes around.

"He has only been at the building about three times in the last 12 months," she said. "All we have is a box number for him; we don't know how to contact him."

Anna Guzman, another tenant, said she has asked the building's superintendent to fix three water leaks in her apartment for the last five months, but to no avail.

A Jersey Journal reporter toured all three buildings and found numerous apparent violations.

Because state goofed, tenants lived in filth

By Randolph Diamond

The State Bureau of Housing did nothing for 10 months about over 250 housing violations it found in three Hoboken tenement buildings because of a clerical error, bureau chief Ralph Pfleger admitted today.

Pfleger said his office was not even aware there were outstanding building violations at the four-story tenement buildings at 725, 727 and 729 Washington St. until an inquiry was made by a Jersey Journal reporter about the buildings' conditions.

"I will order an immediate reinspection of the buildings," he said.

Ceilings that have fallen down, water leaks that flood apartments when it rains, exposed electrical wiring, and broken windows along with a daily supply of rats and roaches are just some of the problems tenants who live in the three buildings have to deal with.

Pfleger said state inspections of the three buildings were done in May 1978 and the landlords at the time, Theodore and Myra Lobenz of Paterson, were ordered to fix the numerous building violations.

Pfleger said, however, the



Nathaniel deJesus, 2, sweeps broken steps in front of the tenement building at 725 Washington St. in Hoboken.



The exposed electrical wiring in an apartment at 725 Washington St., Hoboken, is just one of the many housing violations in the building.

Parking garages put freeze on air conditioning costs

The Hoboken Parking Authority will save approximately \$7,000 in electric costs because of a energy-conservation program at the city's three garages, its executive director, Joseph Hottendorf, said today.

Hottendorf said the lowering of the ceilings in employee rooms in the parking garages is one reason for the expected saving.

"It keeps the heat in the room," he said.

Another reason, he said, is that garage employees are no longer turning on their air conditioners in the morning.

"We have purchased fans for the employees to use in the morning, he said.

To set an example to his employees, Hottendorf said, he himself won't turn on his office air conditioner unless it is 85 degrees out or higher.



Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, left, leads a tour of the city yesterday for Yugoslav tourist Franjo Messichic, next to Cappiello. Also pictured, left to right, are Yugoslav Vice Consul Ninoslav Kopach; Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri; and Hoboken Yugoslav social club treasurer Dario Morin.

Yugoslav visitor thinks things better back home

By JEFF BENKOE

Franjo Messichic said he does not wish to insult the people of Hoboken, but he thinks at the moment Rijeka, Yugoslavia, makes the Hudson city look sickly.

He insists, for example, that Rijeka is a bustling port city with hardly a trace of unemployment, while Hoboken is trying to attract shipping lines to its empty piers and relieve its 12 percent unemployment rate.

Hoboken officials have had preliminary discussions with officials from the Jugo Line—the Yugoslav steamship firm—to use several Hoboken piers which would create jobs for the city, according to Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri.

But Messichic had this good word for the people of Hoboken. He enjoyed his visit yesterday.

Messichic was in Hoboken as Dario Morin, a Yugoslav immigrant and treasurer of the San Sego Social Club in Hoboken, and Ranieri returned the hospitality that Messichic recently extended to them. Ranieri and Morin returned about two weeks ago from a trip to Yugoslavia as part of an effort to maintain ties between those who settled in Hoboken and their families in Yugoslavia.

Messichic is the vice president of the Yugoslav Culture Society, which sends representatives overseas

to cities where large numbers of Yugoslavs have settled to encourage them to continue to speak the language and preserve the culture of their native land.

Messichic, accompanied by Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, Morin and Ranieri, toured the Bethlehem Steel shipyard, Stevens Tech. Piers B and C, which lie empty on the waterfront, Ferguson Propeller and Reconditioning Ltd. and the Maxwell House Coffee plant, where he got a cup of fresh java.

As he entered the factory, he caught a whiff of a strong aroma and told his companions he could use a cup of coffee. He, of course, was thinking of espresso, which is a staple in his country.

The best the Maxwell House people could do was a cup of regular grind, which Messichic praised.

When he arrived in New York early this week, Messichic had no illusions about streets paved with gold, he said. In fact, he felt that his country is not much different from the U.S. Both have people who would be happy with a good job. The difference is that in his country, most of them get it, he claimed.

He will return to Rijeka the end of this week but hopes to return to Hoboken in October, when a Yugoslav soccer club comes to the United States to compete during a 10-day sports and cultural festival in Hoboken and New York City.

Hoboken's rats feast in sewers

Hoboken officials yesterday said the city's growing rat population is feasting on food caked in the sewer lines, deposited there by residents who flush food down the toilets.

Professional sewer cleaners found the mounds of food in the sewer lines, according to Mayor Steve Cappiello, who advised residents against disposing of unwanted food via the toilet.

Health and Welfare Director James Farina said the rats are more prevalent in the warm summer months.

He said Hoboken has rehired CETA employee Joseph Calabrese, laid off in January, as the city exterminator.

Calabrese is setting baits for the rodents in the downtown area, where several residents have complained of seeing rats in the streets, Farina said. Farina advised residents to cover their garbage and refrain from littering the streets with food wrappers so the rodents cannot feed on food wastes.

"We cannot eliminate the problem of rodents but at least we can control it," Farina said.

Cappiello said the sewer cleaning was part of the routine maintenance of the sewer system. He said blocked sewer lines often back sewage into cellars. He said crews from the Union City Public Works Department helped clean the sewers.

Farina said anyone with a rodent problem can call Calabrese at 420-2864 or the health department at 420-2028.

Washington St. buildings show Hoboken dilemma

By DIANE CURCIO

To a passerby, the windows of three tenements near the corner of Eighth and Washington streets in Hoboken look corroded and the front door paint blistered.

Words like shabby, deteriorated and rundown seem appropriate to describe the buildings.

Granted, the conditions are not uncommon, but for 170-24 families living there, the outside appearance only hints at the dilapidated conditions inside.

The situation on the 700 block of Washington Street is yet another chapter in the ongoing Hoboken housing dilemma.

Hoboken Housing Inspector Michael Curcio said approximately 250 state housing violations stand against the houses.

Maria Fresse, a tenant occupying the second-floor apartment at 725 Washington St., shook her head in disgust at the mention of the violations.

She pointed to the gaping hole above the kitchen sink as a blatant example of the housing violations. Similar holes are in the bathrooms and kitchens of many other apartments. Mrs. Fresse said she is also plagued by mice.

Mrs. Fresse said she complained to the realty agent where she submits the rent months ago, but repairs have not been made. According to Mrs. Fresse, the landlord wants the tenants to do the repairs at their own expense.

Mrs. Fresse said she now pays \$180 for the deteriorated four-room apartment. If the landlord hired workers to repair the apartment, Pumpino Realty Co. informed Mrs. Fresse, the rent would increase to \$225.

Repair work is slow, according to many tenants. Esther Medina said she moved into the fourth-floor apartment at 729 Washington St., with the agreement that the water leak and two broken windows would be fixed shortly.

Mrs. Medina was told the windows were on order and the roof work would be done in the summer. "But it's summer now and where are the workmen and the windows?" she asked.

The city tax records show Michael and Clara Porto as owners of the buildings.

The couple could not be reached for comment. Ralph Pfleger, chief of the state housing bureau, said the couple bought the building in November.

The former owner was Theodore Lobenz, Pfleger said. Pfleger said the 250 violations were found while Lobenz owned the building. But violations were held in abeyance because Lobenz pressed for a court hearing. In the meantime Lobenz sold the building. Yet the city tax records show Lobenz, a Union City lawyer, services the mortgage for the Portos.

Pfleger said the 1978 violations are still valid and the new landlord is responsible for their abatement.

Hearing postponement irks zoning ordinance supporters

Lacking a quorum, the Hoboken City Council put off last night's scheduled hearing on a new city zoning ordinance until Aug. 1 at 10 a.m. in the council chambers. The council's lack of action dismayed several residents who want a more stringent code.

Council president Walter Cramer, appearing with Councilmen Bernard Scrivani, Salvatore Cemelli and E. Norman Wilson Jr., said he was "very disappointed" they couldn't get at least five lawmakers to show up. "We're operating without a zoning ordinance and I want to get this over with," he said.

"We had everybody here for a meeting last night and they all knew then about this hearing," added Cramer, who said Councilman Thomas Kennedy is vacationing in Florida and Councilman Anthony Romano is in Atlantic City. He said he didn't know the whereabouts of Councilmen Robert Ranieri, Louis Francione or Nunzio Malfetti.

"As things stand now, any developer can come into Hoboken and build whatever he

wants," said Cramer. When the old zoning ordinance expired May 31, the city never applied for a waiver from the state to extend the life of the ordinance, Cramer said.

Claire Ciliotta, Dave Johnson and Jim Pfeiffer, who had intended to offer testimony on behalf of CIVIC (Citizens Involved for the Viable Improvement of their Community) as had Helen Manogue, representing the Hoboken Historic District Commission.

CIVIC wants to close what its members see as a "loophole" in a section of the proposed ordinance that permits the city planning board to waive a hearing required for "conditional" use applications by simply passing the application on to the city council with recommendations.

CIVIC wants the code to set a 35-foot height limit for all properties built along the waterfront, except for structures that may be built in front of Elysian Park (which calls for an 18-foot restriction) and Stevens Park.

The group also wants guaranteed public access to the

waterfront, the encouragement of more open space along the waterfront by permitting a developer to trade off land near the water for land in the city's industrial or commercial sections and the tightening of industrial pollution-control standards.

CIVIC members argue further that the eight-story maximum set by the code for one-family homes in an R-1 zone and the 10-story limit set for residences in an R-2 zone should both be reduced to just five stories to preserve neighborhoods' integrity.

The city's Historic District Commission, meanwhile, according to a statement released by Mrs. Manogue, is urging that the commission's bylaws be included as part of the code and that the city building inspector be directed to "refer applications for exterior work within an historic subdistrict to the Historic District Commission for review" and that the inspector "shall also see that the required certificate of appropriateness is issued prior to issuance of any other permits."

\$110 fine for water waster in Hoboken

By CAMILLE KENNY

A Jersey City man was fined \$110 in Hoboken Municipal Court yesterday for illegally using water from a fire hydrant Friday, when many homes in the city were without water.

Jose Cuadradro, 35, of 97 Bleeker St. was arrested when policemen saw him using water from a hydrant to wash a car at 3 p.m. that day. At that time, residents in a 110-square block area of the city either had low water pressure or were without water completely. Hoboken officials said the low water pressure resulted from uncontrolled use of fire hydrants.

Patrolman Nicholas DiPalma, one of the arresting officers, said there was a "load of water" on Shore Road around Cuadradro's car, but he was unsure whether Cuadradro had been washing other cars parked nearby.

DiPalma said Cuadradro had "used some ingenuity" to get the hydrant open.

Police confiscated a large spigot which had been attached to the hydrant, a wrench which he had used to turn on the water, and a hose which was extended from the spigot.

Mayor Steve Cappiello yesterday expressed annoyance that a fire hydrant was used in this manner, and said he has ordered police to be "diligent" about monitoring hydrants.

"And, this was a Jersey City man, mind you, and we buy our water at a very high price from Jersey City," said Cappiello.

Hoboken agrees to repair sewage plant

By DIANE CURCIO
Dispatch Staff Writer

NEWARK—Hoboken conditionally agreed yesterday in U.S. District Court here to spend \$800,000 to repair its sewage treatment plant.

By making the agreement, Hoboken is expected to be able to correct numerous violations of the federal Clean Water Act the city was charged with in a suit brought by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

U.S. District Court Judge Herbert Stern gave his conditional approval to the agreement at the conclusion of an all-day hearing on the suit that was interrupted by a three-hour recess to allow Hoboken and EPA officials to thrash out the details in private.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said the agreement would place a burden on the taxpayers "because the city probably have had to raise the money. He explained that the

city is already carries \$4.5 million in bond indebtedness.

The conditional agreement, which also calls for the city to hire an engineer to supervise the operation, is subject to city council approval. Cappiello said he will call for a special council meeting to discuss the issue next week.

Cappiello refused to comment on the probable reaction of the council to the plan. But city Law Director Larry Florio said emphatically the council is likely to be "reluctant."

Cappiello said the federal grants coordinator indicated federal monies might be available to purchase a \$500,000 digester, the most expensive item on the equipment list for repairs.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles Walsh, representing the EPA, asserted that the "primary concern of the federal government is that the Hoboken sewage treatment plant work properly and efficiently... The long term goal is that Hoboken complies with New Jersey law and environmental policy and join the regional sewage authority."

Walsh said, "Hoboken is jeopardizing the goal of upgrading water quality in Hudson County" because untreated sewage from the treatment plant is flowing into the Hudson River.

Specifically, the EPA charges in its suit that Hoboken is:

- Allowing raw sewage to overflow into the street outside the plant.
- Allowing stagnant sewage to accumulate inside the plant.
- Not providing equipment which is supposed to remove residue from inside the treatment tanks.
- Maintaining inoperable chlorination facilities.
- Has no sludge mixing equipment.
- Has improper functioning of treatment monitoring equipment.

Concerning Hoboken's participation in the Hudson County Utility Authority, a state-mandated regional sewage treatment operation, Cappiello said the city is willing to negotiate its

status. The mayor said the city is hesitant to join the facility "because no specific cost estimates are available" from the authority.

The inaction of the authority is the "fly in the ointment," according to Cappiello.

The regional plans call for the authority to take over the Hoboken sewer operation and build a secondary treatment facility on the plant site. That facility would then serve Hoboken, Union City, Weehawken, Guttenberg and parts of North Bergen.

The Hoboken plant now services Union City and Weehawken for \$30,000 a year from each municipality.

The regional plan was mandated by the state in 1970 to guard against further pollution of the Hudson River. Most municipalities in Hudson County enact primary treatment of the sewage. The regional plan would purify the sewage further in a secondary treatment facility. Hoboken is crucial to the plan since its plant would ultimately service five municipalities.

Hispanics blast delay in opening play street

Juan Garcia is tired of waiting for the volleyball net and other play equipment he said Hoboken city officials promised him two months ago when they asked him to work with Hispanic gang members.

Garcia, the president of a local Hispanic group, CUNA, said the equipment was scheduled to be used to create a play street for the summer

on Grant Street between Eighth and Ninth streets.

"We were supposed to start on July 9; it's already two weeks late," he said. "I keep on asking Health and Welfare Director James Farina when we are going to get the equipment and he tells me it's coming. Where is it?"

Garcia said Farina promised him that he would definitely have the

equipment last Monday and again he broke his word.

"I keep on calling him up, but he never returns my phone call," he complained.

Farina said, however, that there had been a delay in the city receiving the equipment but he did bring the volleyball net down to CUNA's office at 918 Willow Ave. last Monday afternoon at 1 p.m.

"No one was there, so I left the net in the high school gym and told the recreation supervisor there, James Ronga, to tell CUNA members the net was there."

Garcia said, however, there were people at CUNA all day last Monday and that he never received a phone call from Ronga telling him the equipment was in the gym.

Ronga, meanwhile, said Farina did deliver some equipment last Monday for CUNA, but didn't tell anyone there they were supposed to notify the Hispanic organization.

Farina said he has also received

additional play equipment for CUNA and it is waiting to be picked up in Stan's Sports Center.

"I wish he would tell us about it if he has the equipment," said Garcia. "We do have a phone here."

Garcia said he has nothing but praise for Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello who asked him to work with the gang members.

"He seems to want to help, it's not his fault, but Farina's that we don't have the equipment."

Farina said Garcia doesn't seem to understand there are a number of groups that want recreational equipment.

"We're trying to do what we can to help them out," he said. Garcia said he may open the play street to

many of the gang members are being paid by the summer CETA youth program to work as counselors on the play street and Garcia said he is straining to find things for them to do.

"I'm not letting them goof off," he said, "but it's unfair to them that they are not being given the chance to work as counselors."

Court interpreter off job 6 months, but got his pay

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken's Municipal Court interpreter, Justo Della Torre, stayed away from work for six months and continued to collect his paycheck, by private arrangement with Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, he says.

Della Torre today confirmed a report to The Jersey Journal that he had not worked for six months until yesterday but had continued to draw his pay. He explained that he had "a bad sinus condition" which caused him to absent himself from his job for the half year.

Della Torre said he had made a private arrangement with the Municipal Court's former interpreter, Armando Figueroa, to fill in for him during the six months.

Della Torre said he turned over all his paychecks to Figueroa. Della Torre said he did not file an application for sick leave because he

did not want the City of Hoboken to have to pay both him and his replacement while he was away from his job.

He added that Cappiello had given him permission to leave the job without taking a formal sick leave.

William Van Wie, said the mayor was out-of-town and could not be reached.

Pasquale Della Fave, the Hoboken court clerk, said he had known of the arrangement.

Joseph Lavery, director of administrative procedure and labor practices for the state Civil Service Commission in Trenton told The Jersey Journal today that there is "no way" a public employee can be legally paid without taking a formal leave of absence.

Lavery, meanwhile, said he "will turn the entire matter over to the Civil Service Commission's Local Government Services Branch for investigation."

Sweeper looks like it's caught in the muddle

A new reason was given today as to why Hoboken's only operable mechanical sweeper hasn't been taken out of the Public Works Department garage in the last two weeks.

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Public Works garage foreman John Wallington said that a mechanic of the Public Safety Department garage (where the sweepers are repaired) brought the sweeper over to the public works garage and told him it was broken.

Public Safety garage mechanic Bill Metcalf said today, however, that there was nothing wrong with the sweeper except that it needed a replacement broom.

"It would only take about 25 to 30 minutes to put one on," he said.

Metcalf said the broom wasn't put on the sweeper for two weeks because public works employees never send the

sweeper to the public safety garage.

Metcalf denied that a public safety garage employee brought the sweeper to the public works garage two weeks ago, as Wallington claimed.

Wallington, meanwhile, said he never called the public safety garage about fixing the sweeper because that is "not my responsibility."

"The public safety garage fixes the sweeper, not us," he declared.

Wallington furthermore blasted the public safety garage officials for having one of the city's three sweepers in repair for over six months.

"If they have problems fixing them, we would be glad to give them a hand," he said.

Metcalf replied, however, that he did not see how the public works garage officials could help out since it is "so short-staffed."

"We had to send our own mechanics over there to help out with other repairs for two days last week," he said.

Hoboken streets may see sweepers back next week

Two of Hoboken's three broken sweepers should be back in service early next week, Hoboken Public Safety officials said today. That statement was made at a

special meeting of public safety and public works supervisors and employees gathered to discuss the situation concerning the city's sweepers. Public Works Director

Andrew Amato told those gathered that he doesn't want to find out first from the newspaper that his sweepers are refusing to work and that his foremen don't know if the sweepers are broken or not. "If there is a problem, I want to know about it," he shouted. Public Safety Director James Giordano said he will order the Public

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Safety mechanics who service the sweepers to inform public works employees when there is a problem with the machines.

One sweeper that was working, but is now broken, had been parked outside the public works compound for two weeks because foremen thought it was not functioning.

In addition, a sweeper operator had refused to drive a working machine because it wasn't the one he normally drove.

Amato ordered his foremen to train more men to drive the sweeper. Currently, only two men can operate the vehicles, he said.

William Medcalf, public safety garage mechanic, said if no other problem arises two of the sweepers should be back in service next week. The third sweeper, he said, needs a complete engine overhaul and he could not say when it would be accomplished because of the backlog of municipal vehicles in the garage that need servicing.

Meanwhile, Sgt. Mario Mercado, who is in charge of the Public Safety garage, said his men can't handle all the work.

Mercado said he was told by Giordano to cut back on overtime and said he was very short-handed. He could name only three or four competent mechanics.

"They keep on sending us these kids from training programs (the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act program) without any mechanical training," he said. "There's a place for these people, but not in the Public Safety garage."

Mercado said he is very worried about plans for a combined public safety and public works garage which is expected to be built by next year.

"There has been no planning for the organization or administration of the garage," he said.

Typical of many signs posted in Hoboken to warn motorists not to park in the path of the street sweeper on certain days and hours, this one is obviously illegible. The location is Fifth Street east of Garden Street. A second sign at the other end of the block likewise cannot be read.



The crowd at the feast of Saint Ann in Hoboken yesterday.

Devout honor St. Ann

By DIANE CURCIO

An Old World tradition continues to thrive in Hoboken, where yesterday hundreds of women participated in the procession of St. Ann—the patron saint of mothers.

Women flocked around the statue for a chance to hold the image of the mother of the Virgin Mary as the procession wound through the streets of Hoboken. The women willingly bore the burden of the 700-pound jeweled statue to show their devotion to St. Ann, and many of them walked barefoot in the 80 degree heat as an extra sacrifice.

While 12 women shouldered the majestic statue, others thronged to touch the image's robe and to offer dollar bills in the hope of receiving a special blessing. The robe is decked with silver and gold jewelry sacrificed to St. Ann.

"Two years after I was married I offered up my wedding ring," said Anita Sanevere. "She performed a miracle for me." Mrs. Sanevere said she believed that St. Ann saved her husband when he was gravely ill. "It was faith, it's so important and that's what this world needs now," she said.

Mrs. Sanevere said she and her six sisters were

raised in St. Ann's parish. She said they now live in Dumont, Ridgefield and Bayonne. But they all return to Hoboken every July 26 for the feast of St. Ann, she said.

"It's our day," said her sister, Lucille Lee, as they helped carry the embroidered canopy that trails the statue. "Some of the women pray to become pregnant, others to be good mothers. The young girls pray for boyfriends," said Mrs. Lee. She added that the middle name of each of her four daughters is Ann.

The annual procession culminates a three-day feast at the parish. No one in the procession knew for how many years it has taken place. The church pastor, Rev. Emilio Banchi was asked. He cupped his face with his hands and said, "Oh, for a long long time."

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, who as a youngster served as an altar boy at St. Ann's Church, and Union City Mayor William Musto led the procession for the first few blocks. The festivities began at noon following a high Mass at 11 a.m.

The women who march annually say that it never rains heavily from 12 to 6 p.m., the hours during which the statue is carried through the streets. Although a threatening sky loomed over the procession yesterday, the women's claim held true once again.



THANK YOU — Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, at right, receives a plaque from the Hudson County Mental Health Association for his continued help and interest in the association's work for the mentally ill. Cappiello is appointing Mrs. Alice Vacullo, center, as 1979 fund-raising chairwoman for the Hoboken Unit of the association and Joseph Caporino, co-chairman of Hoboken's 17th annual cocktail party.

Clock Towers tenants to fight rent increase

Residents of Clock Towers in Hoboken say they don't plan to take sitting down a 16 percent rent increase scheduled for next month.

The president of the tenants' association, Tim Calligy, said he will ask Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and the City Council to do an independent audit of Clock Towers' books.

Clock Towers currently receives a tax abatement from Hoboken and Calligy said this is reason enough for the city to get involved in the federally-subsidized complex.

Calligy said he felt officials of the Jefferson-Adams Co., which manages Clock Towers, used inaccurate figures in presenting their proposal

for a rent increase to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

HUD officials granted the firm's request for a one-year 16 percent rent increase at the housing complex next month.

Calligy said HUD officials had not responded to the tenants association's complaints about the rent increase as required by federal law.

"They granted Clock Towers management the increase beginning in August even though management themselves didn't ask for it until September," he said. "Why was the

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rent increase granted early when management didn't want it?"

Calligy also said the Jefferson-Adams Co. hadn't hired an engineer to help alleviate flooding on the first floor as it had promised.

Calligy said the tenants' association goal is to get HUD to rescind the increase.

Officials from both the Jefferson-Adams and HUD were unavailable for comment.

Hoboken: Give us your cars

By DIANE CURCIO

Many suburban towns hold the dubious title of "bedroom communities" to urban centers. One Hoboken official is trying to bring a new dimension to the relationship between city and suburb in a campaign to make Hoboken the "garage" for Manhattan.

There are nearly 300 vacant parking spaces in the Hoboken municipal garages on Hudson Street. And Parking Authority Executive Director Joseph Hottendorf would love to see cars bearing New York plates take the spots.

Hottendorf boasts that the garage is just two blocks from the PATH station where New Yorkers can board a train for a quick ride home.

The three Hoboken municipal garages stretching from First to Third streets along Hudson Street can accommodate 1,600 cars. Although parking is at a premium in

Municipal officials seeking NY drivers to fill garages

Hoboken, uptown residents shun the garage because "it's just-top far away for them to park there and then walk home. I can't blame them," Hottendorf said.

But to realize the full profit potential of the garage, Hottendorf is advertising the facility every chance he gets. He's already appeared in some metropolitan magazines and is now vying for a spot on cable television.

Hottendorf stresses the safety of the municipal garages. "When we have one robbery, it's a major incident, but in New York if they have one robbery a night it's a blessing," he said.

Last year, Hottendorf said customers from New York comprised 23 percent of his customers at the facility which charges hourly, daily, weekly and monthly rates.

A \$8.5 million bond sale was necessary to build the facility and the city is saddled with an annual debt payment of \$750,000. But profits from the parking garage paid for 46 percent of last year's annual debt payment. Hottendorf is hopeful of settling 50 percent of the annual debt payment next year by bringing more customers to the garage.

In his drive to snare more New York customers Hottendorf has not forgotten the folks back home. He said the authority is planning a study to determine where the most urgent municipal uptown parking needs are and how to solve them.

He said the city allocated \$45,000 in the 1979 budget to construct a 24-space parking lot at 11th Street and Willow Avenue.

OK of sewage funds predicted

By DIANE CURCIO

The Hoboken City Council is expected to approve spending an estimated \$800,000 to repair the city sewage treatment plant during a special meeting tomorrow afternoon.

The council was briefed yesterday on the details of a suit brought by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency alleging numerous violations of the federal Clean Water Act.

Council President Walter Cramer said the council is reluctant to sign the consent order authorizing the pollution abatement actions. "But we don't have much choice. The violations are there," he said.

Hoboken to spend \$800G correcting EPA violations

Hoboken conditionally agreed to correct the violations at a hearing before U.S. Judge Herbert Stern in federal court last Thursday. But the agreement still needs the approval of the council.

The EPA threatened to fine the city \$10,000 per day for the violations if the 16th Street sewage treatment plant were not fully repaired. A three-year study of the facility showed it was dumping untreated sewage into the Hudson River.

During a two-hour closed-door session yesterday, Cramer said the council discussed sanitary engineers who might be

hired to monitor the repair program. A stipulation of the agreement with federal authorities calls for Hoboken to hire an engineer to establish a repair timetable. The other duties of the engineers would include: submitting a progress report to the court every 30 days and a weekly report to the federal government; and conducting a cost analysis of repairing the primary digester for the plant.

A digester is a crucial item in the proper operation of the plant. A new digester could cost as much as approximately \$500,000, Cramer said. Hoboken

hopes to secure a federal grant to recoup the digester, Cramer said.

The cost of various other repairs to the facility will total approximately \$300,000, Cramer said. But other City Hall sources said the ultimate price of the sewage repairs could be \$1 million.

The city is expected to finance the repairs through the sale of bonds.

The city already carries a \$4.5 million bond debt.

Cramer said the federal government has submitted the name of nine engineering companies for Hoboken's approval. He said the city is adding others to the list and a decision on the new engineer is expected by next week.

Industries the big winners in Hoboken's tax shuffle

Many Hoboken homeowners are paying higher real estate taxes this year while factories are enjoying a whopping reduction.

A sampling of 214 of approximately 4,000 pieces of property showed that taxes went up on 92 of them, down on 47 of them, and stayed about the same on the remaining 75.

Mayor Steve Cappiello's tax bill dipped from \$1,662.95 in 1978 to \$1,572.97 in 1979.

One councilman, Louis Francone, also will pay less on his home. Two others, Robert A. Ranieri and newly-elected Norman E. Wilson Jr., will pay more.

Francone paid \$1,051.44 in taxes in 1978 but will pay only \$1,017.25 in 1979.

Ranieri, meanwhile, paid \$2,317.46 in taxes in 1978 while he will pay \$2,392.24 in 1979.

Wilson paid \$1,405.49 in 1978 while in 1979 he will pay \$1,431.68. The really big winners as far as tax savings go are industry in Hoboken.

Bethlehem Steel paid \$686,656 in taxes in 1978 but will pay only \$634,774 in 1979.

Maxwell House likewise paid \$755,107 in taxes in 1978, but will pay only \$700,086 in 1979.

Though both Maxwell House and Bethlehem received higher assessment rates in 1979 that increase was offset by a drop in Hoboken's rate by \$13.10 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation this year.

The tax rate in 1978 was \$107.29 while in 1979 it is \$94.19.

Assessor Woodrow Monte said about 85 percent of the properties in Hoboken received higher assessment

rates in 1979 while about 15 percent of the properties received lower rates.

Monte said his office did not have all the figures compiled and said he could not tell what percentage of homeowners in Hoboken would be paying higher taxes this year.

The assessor did say, however, that he favored industries in deciding who should receive tax cuts because they are Hoboken's biggest resource. "If Maxwell House left Hoboken, the people would really be crying," he said.

Monte reacted angrily to the many complaints received from local residents about the higher taxes they are paying.

"Hoboken," he said, "lost way over \$2 million in tax ratables between 1978 and 1979."

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For example, the owners of the Lawton-Turso Funeral Home paid \$1,400 in 1978 for a parking lot in back of the home but will have to pay \$4,100 this year.

Cappiello had said in June that most property owners would be getting big tax breaks.

Cappiello said today he was not aware that wasn't the case.

The mayor said he had been informed by tax officials that most residents would be paying lower taxes.

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If the assessment was not raised, then the tax rate would have had to have been raised to make up the difference, he said.

Without a rise in assessment, Monte said, the 1979 tax rate would have been \$110.10 per \$1,000.

"We are already the laughing stock of New Jersey," he said.

The biggest losers are the owners of vacant land.

Hudson's mayors briefed on garbage disposal

Hudson County's 12 mayors or their representatives are being briefed today on the county solid waste (garbage) disposal situation so they can decide on immediate and long-range solutions, all costing more money.

The briefing by Thomas Leane of the county planning board, coordinator of solid waste plans, was called by County Executive Edward F. Clark Jr. at the county administration building as many questions on the situation remain unanswered.

The State Assembly and Senate have passed a bill backed by Hudson and other counties postponing for 18 months their leaving of existing landfill areas where they presently dispose of their garbage. However, the future of that bill is up in the air since Gov. Brendan T. Byrne has not signed it.

There are fears that existing landfills might be unable to operate until the end of this year, according to informed sources, because the Hackensack Meadows Development Commission has certain height restrictions.

Three private sanitary landfill operators, the Municipal Sanitary Landfill Authority in Kearny, Avon and Egan, both in North Arlington, would feel the impact of the restriction on the height of their landfills set by the HMDC.

A further complication was a temporary restraint against the MSLA from continuing to operate one of its two sites in Kearny by order of Superior Court Judge Frederick C. Kentz Jr., last Thursday. The order, obtained by HMDC on ground MSLA continued dumping operations despite a ban issued by that agency, May 30, is subject to a court hearing Aug. 10.

There is also a dispute over a proposal by a MSLA authority engineer that HMDC turn into a partial landfill site 175 acres of underwater land in the Richard DeKorte State Park under development. Environmentalists have promised a fight.

One big issue being discussed today is that the Hudson County municipalities, even assuming that most landfills will soon be closed, would only be able to truck 10 percent of their

garbage to the new baler built by the HMDC under a new proposal by that agency.

For example, if a municipality dumped 20 truckloads a week, two would go to the baler but 18 to less expensive landfill sites.

County officials note the rate for using the baler has been set at \$8.70 per ton for three months while the cost for dumping at existing landfills will continue to range from \$3 to \$4 a ton.

However, they claim there are a lot of unanswered questions concerning what happens when existing landfills reach the saturation point. The HMDC is reportedly making surveys.

The HMDC has indicated it might have some further solutions, such as installing a second baler and setting up an interim landfill site until two resource recovery plants are built within the next two or three years.

County officials estimate that if Hudson towns permanently switch to the baler, it will cost \$1.6 million for the first year for 800 tons a day.

Bayonne has its own landfill but it being represented at today's meeting because it is expected it will have been involved in the long-range solution to the problem of garbage disposal.

Hoboken tax increase has landlords hot

By RICHARD REMINGTON

A revolt appears to be brewing in Hoboken as a result of the recent reassessment of land which has produced increased tax bills, despite a \$13 drop in the tax rate.

City Councilman Nuzzio Malfetti yesterday requested 1,000 petitions for tax appeals from the Hudson County Tax Board, saying numerous residents have complained to him of the increased bills they received in the mail last week. Malfetti's request is significant in light of the fact that only 1,825 petitions were filed from the entire county last year.

What has roused the ire of Hoboken landowners was the reassessment of all land last spring by Municipal Assessor Woodrow Monte. Monte used his authority to conduct the reassessment without the approval of city leaders.

Hoboken's land is now assessed at \$42,819,000, up from \$25,661,100 last year.

Monte argued the reassessment was necessary because the gap between the true value of properties and their assessed value for tax purposes had grown too wide. As examples, Monte said a home assessed at \$14,900 was sold for \$98,000 while a Washington Street property assessed at \$25,400 brought a market value of \$140,000.

In a meeting before the county tax board last month, Monte argued that the increases in assessments would be offset by a drop in the tax rate when property owners received their tax bills. The tax rate, in fact, did fall from \$107.29 per \$1,000 assessed value in 1978 to \$94.18 this year.

However, a random comparison of 1979 tax bills with 1978 bills showed otherwise. The 1978 assessment of \$7,500 on a parcel of vacant land on Madison Avenue was increased to \$15,000 this year, thus boosting the tax bill from \$563 last year to \$1,412 this year.

The assessment on a Park Avenue home was boosted from \$13,180 last year to \$15,200 this year; taxes have increased from \$1,405 to \$1,431. A \$15,000 assessment on a Bloomfield Street house was increased to \$17,700 leading to a \$88 increase in the tax bill to \$1,667.

The assessment was doubled on a property owned by Public Service Electric & Gas on Madison Avenue to now total \$127,700. The tax bill has subsequently been boosted from \$7,220 last year to \$11,900 this year.

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Farina to seek more housing inspectors

Hoboken Health and Welfare Director James Farina said today the number of housing inspectors in Hoboken must be increased in order for the city's housing inspection bureau to do an adequate job.

Farina said he will talk to Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto about the shortage of staff in the bureau tomorrow. Farina said he would like

to double the inspection staff from two to four.

"He said he is taking the action after reading a number of articles in The Jersey Journal detailing hundreds of uncorrected housing violations in tenement buildings in Hoboken."

The housing inspection bureau only has two inspectors in addition to

its head, Michael Curcio, who also does some inspections.

There is also one CETA trainee in the bureau but funding for his position is scheduled to end on Sept. 31.

Prior to this January the city had three full-time inspectors, but one man was laid off because of Hoboken's financial problems.

Farina said he would like to see at least two more inspectors added to the staff of the bureau.

He said Curcio's office had just received orders from the state to do 500 re-inspections of particular buildings in Hoboken leaving his inspectors very little time to do special city complaint inspections.

Farina said he would like the two new inspectors to concentrate on special city complaint inspections.

Curcio said it often takes his office a few days to send out an inspector when a complaint is received, but he said if his staff were increased he could do an inspection on the same day he received the complaint.

City Hall guard asked by Hoboken employees

Hoboken Municipal Employees Association is calling for a guard to police at the door at City Hall after a burglary yesterday in the water department.

Donna Cibutti, a secretary had locked up \$52 in cash, a watch and other valuables in her desk drawer Wednesday night.

She found them missing when she returned to work yesterday.

Police say they are investigating the incident, but Jud Fitzgibbons, vice president of the employees association said something must be done to

protect city employees.

"There are strangers walking around here all the time," he said. "It could make for a very dangerous situation."

Ms. Cibutti, an officer of the association, said a number of women employees are very concerned about their safety during working hours.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto said he will take a look at how security measures could be improved.

The mayor said, however, he did not feel the posting of a guard at the front door would be a good idea.

Fined for parking in Hoboken? You may get your money back

Are the tens of thousands of parking tickets which have been given out by Hoboken's meter maids illegal? Will Hoboken have to pay back the hundreds of thousands of dollars it has collected in fines?

Thomas Calligy, Hoboken's assistant law director, doesn't know the answer to those questions, but he is trying to find out.

Calligy told The Jersey Journal today that he is researching the matter and trying to find out what New Jersey law Hoboken leaned on in drawing up a 1961 ordinance which gives meter maids authority to hand out parking tickets.

But although he has been looking through statutes for several weeks, so far he has not had any luck.

Calligy said there is a law that allows parking violations officers to give out summonses if they are employed by a parking authority.

All but one of the city's parking violations officers (meter maids), however, are employed by the Hoboken CETA program, he said.

Joseph Hottendorf, Hoboken Parking Authority executive director, said today that his agency supervises the meter maids, though they are not employed by the authority.

Hottendorf said he did not see "a problem" with the 1961 ordinance and said Calligy's research was just "a doublecheck" to make sure the ordinance was all right. He said he knew there were specific statutes which the city based its 1961 ordinance on, and he said he had given Calligy specific information to that effect.

Calligy's questions about the 1961 ordinance came about as he was researching the question of how the city's sanitation inspectors were given their power.

Hoboken has been without a full-time sanitation inspector since Edward McIntyre, the city's only sanitation inspector, died about six weeks ago.

Calligy had said a new sanitation

inspector could not be appointed until he found out who had given the sanitation inspector the police power to give out sanitation summonses.

Hoboken Police Chief George Crimmins Sr. had said a recent order from the State Attorney General's Office forbade the conferring of police power on sanitation inspectors as had been done in the past.

Calligy was not able to find out how a sanitation inspector can be given power to issue summonses, and he said he has turned the matter over to the state Attorney General's Office for an opinion.

Meanwhile Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato said

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his son and another public works employee are serving as acting sanitation inspectors.

Amato said the two acting inspectors have given out approximately 100 "warnings" to local merchants who

litter the streets. On one occasion, they called a policeman, who gave a summons to an offending storekeeper.

"If they have to give out a summons, they call a cop," Amato said.

Amato raising funds, may run for mayor

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato's Fourth Ward political club will hold a \$100-a-plate dinner in October to fill a political war chest.

Amato said today that his club members expect to sell 150 tickets for the dinner to raise \$15,000.

Another dinner, he said, will be held the following October to raise another \$15,000.

Amato said he is still "loyal" to Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto and his political organization.

"Steve Cappelletto brought me in here and I won't forget that," he said. "I have no plans to run against him."

He owes a great deal of gratitude to the mayor, he said, for taking him into the administration and making him public works director even though he had little formal education.

Amato said he left school after the fourth grade because his family was very poor and he had to go to work. Consequently, he added, he is somewhat deficient in reading and writing skills.

He is not "illiterate," the public works director said, but he still has

trouble sometimes understanding what he is reading.

"I can usually understand something when I'm alone, but sometimes where there are a lot of people around I get nervous," he said.

Amato reported he has been going for weekly tutoring at St. Peter's College and has come a long way toward overcoming his weakness.

"I should be ready for a high school equivalency examination by sometime next year," Amato said.

As for the dinners, Amato said the money raised could be used to support

Cappelletto if the mayor ran again in 1981.

The Public Works director refused, however, to say flatly that the money would go to the mayor.

"We don't know whether he is going to run again," he said.

If the mayor didn't run, would Amato consider using the money for a mayoralty bid of his own?

"It's too early to tell," said the public works director. "But you can rest assured that we will be part of whoever becomes the next mayor."

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Hoboken welfare to lose 5 staffers in CETA cuts

Hoboken welfare clients may have to wait up to two hours for service when the department loses five of its 13 employees, on Sept. 12th, Health and Welfare Director James Farina said today.

Farina said there is nothing that can be done because the city doesn't have the money to hire the laid off employees.

The five workers are all CETA employees.

Farina said there is a possibility one or two of the employees could be put on the city payroll. He will meet with Mayor Steve Cappelletto later today.

Cappelletto is also scheduled to meet with public works officials. A large number of CETA employees there are also scheduled to lose their jobs.

Cappelletto said his concern is maintaining the basic level of city services.

Hoboken, WNY teachers to start school before signing contracts

Teachers in two Hudson County school districts will return to their classrooms next week without having new signed labor contracts.

In West New York, teachers are not expected to meet for another two weeks to ratify the tentative agreement worked out by the local Education Association and the Board of Education earlier this week.

In Hoboken a meeting has been set between the teachers' union and Board of Education for Wednesday to try and work out a new contract. A mediator from the Public Employment Relations Commission will join in the talks.

Robert Wendelken, president of the Hoboken board, said the unresolved issues concern working conditions, but he refused to elaborate.

William Rutherford, president of the Hoboken Teachers' Association, said he felt confident that "with intensive negotiations a settlement could be reached." He also declined to go into what issues are still to be resolved.

Like West New York, the teachers will be working under their old contract until a new one is signed. Both districts begin their new terms on Wednesday.

Catherine Haviland, president of the West New York Education As-

sociation, said minor details are still to be worked out but, because of the Labor Day holiday, a meeting of the 500-member unit would be unlikely for about two weeks.

As president, Mrs. Haviland is required to schedule the meeting and present the tentative contract. A telephone answering machine at her home and the association offices help inform the caller of the tentative settlement, states that no meeting date has been set as yet and records messages for Mrs. Haviland.

She said yesterday she was

delighted with the board of education's recent decision to require 106 of the district's 110 non-tenured teachers.

"I still believe the rehiring should have been done in June as it has been in the past and should not have been an issue in our negotiations, but I am happy to see that the majority of the non-tenured teachers will be rehiring."

Details of the settlement will not be released until after both the teachers and the board have ratified it but both union and board officials have credited Mayor Anthony DeFino with working out the tentative settlement which averted a strike and ended marathon negotiating sessions. Money was the issue that the two

groups have been stalled on for the last 10 months.

DeFino said he is not sure where the increases will come from but that they were within the 7 percent guideline established by President Carter.

The Rev. Ronald Roziak, president of the board, has said that some programs will be streamlined and less time will be spent at certain activities.

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One Eleventh Street homeowner, however, did benefit from the reassessment. Although the assessment increased from \$18,900 last year to \$20,600 this year, the tax bill fell from \$2,017 to \$1,940.

County tax board officials are quick to note that the increase in taxes is not attributable entirely to Monte's reassessment. More than half of Hoboken's real estate is tax-exempt, far higher than any other municipality in Hudson County, thus creating a greater tax burden on the dwindling number of home and store owners.

Payments in lieu of real estate taxes are received from many of those properties, but the payments are far less than what Hoboken would receive in taxes.

The situation has been aggravated with the flight of industry from the Mile Square City. And what industry that remains is located in aging structures of declining value.

When Standard Brands sold its building in January, 1977, for \$450,000, the assessment stood at \$2 million. The current owner, Anthony D'Aquila, successfully appealed that assessment last year and saw it reduced to \$750,000.

That lower assessment means Hoboken

will receive \$117,000 less in taxes than the building this year than if it were assessed at \$2 million. The loss has to be made up through other sources, such as home owners.

Malfetti said he needs more time to study the situation before deciding how to proceed with his 1,000 petitions.

Cappelletto, while saying the reassessment was entirely in the hands of Monte, noted that, "Anyone who thinks they are unjustly over-assessed has the right to appeal. We have the forms right here in City Hall."

Regardless of the actions taken by Malfetti and Cappelletto, county tax board officials say they predict a far higher number of appeals this year from Hoboken than in 1978.

The deadline for filing for a tax appeal hearing is Aug. 15. Hearings commence Sept. 1.

Property owners are required to have paid 75 percent of their taxes before filing the appeal and owners of income-producing properties must submit documented evidence of income received and costs paid to the board. Under a new regulation, the blue form on the appeal petitions must be filed first with the city clerk in a municipality.

Sewage repair pact makes Ranieri unhappy

Councilman Robert Ranieri, chairman of the Hoboken water and sewer committee, said he will vote against spending \$800,000 to repair the city's sewage treatment plant at a special meeting this afternoon.

The council is expected to approve the repair job as part of an agreement Hoboken city officials made with the federal government to avoid a possible \$10,000 a day fine.

The Environmental Protection Agency had threatened court action because of violations at the treatment plant which allegedly allowed raw sewage to flow into the Hudson River.

Ranieri said he wants to know what happened to the \$2 million spent at the plant between 1968 and 1978.

"I want a City Council investigation," he said.

Ranieri wants to talk to every employee who worked in the plant during those years.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto

said the \$2 million could have been spent for routine maintenance at the plant.

Ranieri said that might be the case, but the city's books are so mixed up he can't tell.

Hoboken officials have said they hope to receive a \$500,000 grant from the federal government to help pay a share of the repairs at the plant.

Cappiello OK'd clerk's leave, but forgot to tell anyone

The case of the AWOL Hoboken court clerk has been solved.

Mayor Steve Cappiello gave her permission for an extended vacation, but didn't tell anyone.

Mrs. Marion Roland, chief of the violations bureau, said the clerk, Delphine Tavish, had asked to take the summer off, including five weeks' vacation due her, starting June 1.

Jrs. Roland said she told her, "I can spare you, but I can't give you permission."

Mrs. Tavish went "upstairs," and returned to tell Mrs. Roland she had permission.

"I didn't ask her — strangely, perhaps — whom she had the permission from, but I assumed that it was the business administrator, since he is the one she should have gone to," Mrs. Roland continued.

"I didn't sign anything," she added.

At the end of five weeks, Mrs. Roland noticed that weekly pay checks for Mrs. Tavish were still coming to Mrs. Roland to distribute.

She returned them to Business Administrator Edwin Chius.

Chius declared he was "outraged" over the fact that Mrs. Tavish had taken off without asking

him. Mrs. Tavish is away from Hoboken, but Chius said he would have something to say to her when she returns.

As for Mayor Cappiello's role in the incident:

"She came to me and I gave her permission, and I intended to mention it to Chius, but there must have been a failure of communication," Cappiello said. He added that he "assumed" that she would then go to her superior (Mrs. Roland) to make out the formal papers for a leave.

Cappiello said Friday he agreed with Chius that only Chius had the right to grant leaves.

As to why the weekly pay checks for Mrs. Tavish continued to be printed, Mrs. Roland said it was explained to her that "the computer" continues to spew out checks for some weeks after it should stop.

The incident differs from the one in which the court's Spanish interpreter obtained Cappiello's permission to take a leave, in that the interpreter continued to collect his pay, which he says he turned over to the man who replaced him during his absence.

Hoboken engineers cited in pier probe

Brooklyn waterfront boss Anthony Anastasio, indicted last January on racketeering charges, was accused yesterday of getting \$8,000 in cash kickbacks from a Hoboken engineering firm.

The latest charges in the case allege that Anastasio, nephew of Albert Anastasio of Murder Inc., notoriety, received two payments of \$4,000 each on May 8 and July 5 from the Jackson Engineering Co., 1418 Willow Ave.

A superseding indictment said that since 1977, Anastasio received a total of \$52,700 from Jackson Engineering, a marine repair and service firm that did business with the International Longshoremen's Union. The July payoff allegedly was

made at 342 Court St., Brooklyn, headquarters of I.L.A. Local 1814, the largest in the 125,000-member union. The local is headed by Anthony Scott, Anastasio's brother-in-law and a co-defendant in the racketeering indictment.

The trial of the politically influential I.L.A. officials had been scheduled to begin Aug. 15 in U.S. District Court, Manhattan. Yesterday, however, it was postponed until Sept. 12.

The charges against the two men center around allegations that they collected at least \$300,000 from waterfront employers in order to stay in business. The trial is expected to last about 6 weeks.

Mayors want to dump garbage woes in Byrne's lap

By John J. Farrell

Hudson County's mayors plan to visit Gov. Brendan T. Byrne's office tomorrow in order to persuade him to sign a bill extending the life of sanitary landfill garbage dumping areas for another 18 months.

The bill, passed by the State Assembly and Senate, would give Hudson County municipalities some more time to use existing landfill areas while officials work on interim and long-term solutions of the solid waste disposal problem.

Eleven Hudson municipalities presently dump in six landfills in the meadowlands area, explained Thomas Leane, county coordinator of solid waste plans, but several of the private operators of those dumps claim they would have to close anytime from the end of September to December. This is due to the Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission ordering that they must adhere to the contours (height and length) set for the developing deKorte Park.

Leane, who said attempts are being made to have the HMDC change the contour, said if the bill is not passed the municipalities will "face a real crisis."

Among the nearby private sanitary landfills are one operated by the Municipal Sanitary Landfill Authority in Kearny and Avon and Egan, both in North Arlington.

A further complication is an order obtained by the HMDC from Superior Court Judge Frederick C. Kent Jr. restraining the MSLA from



Jersey City Mayor Thomas F.X. Smith points out the location of the Meadowlands baler to Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, left, and Hudson County Executive Edward Clark during a meeting of mayors on solid waste.

continuing to operate Site I-D, one of its two sites in the Kearny meadowlands. A hearing on continuance of the ban is scheduled for Aug. 10.

Union City and Weehawken are

listed as among users of the site. There were reports yesterday it is still being used, despite the court order. Jersey City, Hoboken, East Newark, Secaucus and Kearny use the other MSLA site where there is no ban

so far. Guttenberg uses the Avon site, Harrison, the Egan site; West New York, partly the Egan site and the P & M North Arlington site. North Bergen

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also uses P & M. Bayonne has its own landfill site within its borders, but is concerned about long-range plans.

In fact, Bayonne Mayor Dennis P. Collins suggested at yesterday's meeting that the mayors pass a resolution urging all mayors to adopt a resolution asking the governor to sign the landfill extension bill. State Sen. William V. Musto, mayor of Union City, said he favored passing the resolution and "walking into the governor's office Thursday," proposals which won approval.

Jersey City Mayor Thomas F.X. Smith urged getting state senators from other areas to join in visiting the governor to show the matter concerns eight other counties as well as Hudson.

The mayor added that it was "sad" things had to reach this stage since "we had to everything to elect him" (the governor).

State Sen. Frank E. Rodgers, mayor of Harrison, commented, "They (other senators) will go in with us without (formal) notice. Their problems are larger than ours," he added, obviously referring to Morris and Union Counties as among those with landfill headaches.

There was a discussion of a new proposal by the HMDC to operate its own baler until the end of the year at the rate of \$8.70 per ton. However, the municipalities would be able to dispose of a certain percentage of their waste in the baler and the rest in existing landfills at current rates ranging from \$3 to \$4 a ton a year. A permanent switch to the baler would cost the towns \$1.6 million.

A second 1,000-ton-a-day baler would be installed by the HMDC in January. With the closing of landfills, they would go to the balers at the \$8.70 per ton price or a different price if another outside operating concern was involved. HMDC is negotiating with County Sanitary Landfill Authority, a part of MSLA, for operation of the balers.

County officials charge the HMDC repeatedly states it has the responsibility to meet its mandate, but it refuses to answer their questions as to how it will do it.

The HMDC is reportedly making surveys on what to do when existing landfills reach the saturation point.

"It got its responsibility by a bill introduced by Bill Musto," Musto commented after the meeting. He said there was "no justification" for HMDC's attitude and claimed the municipalities badly need to continue using the landfills.

County officials say that HMDC Commissioner Michael J. Breslin promised at a meeting last Jan. 10 that the commission would "look favorably" upon entering into negotiations with Hudson County to build a resource recovery facility in the southern HMDC district, but there have been no answer to subsequent communications sent by the county counsel's office. Now they are concerned because of reports HMDC is thinking about building its second plant in Newark as a joint venture with Essex County.

The mayors were told of the long-term solution since the building of a resource recovery facility in the Greenville yards by the Port Authority appears to have encountered significant opposition.

The solution mentioned by Leane was the HMDC building a facility next to the Public Service generating station No. 2 in western Jersey City, something which would require five to six years' time in developing. Officials say that would cost millions.

Several of the mayors appeared frustrated by such other facts as the federal government having only money for planning such facilities, but none for construction, and Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello's statement that New York garbage is dumped in this state, some legally by court order and a lot illegally.

Nine mayors were present, but mayors of North Bergen, West New York and East Newark were absent. However, Richard Tedesco, West New York Mayor Anthony M. DeFino's aide, represented him, and Nicholas Mastorelli, executive director of the North Hudson Council of Mayors, said he would report back to those unable to attend the session.

Protection sought for 'special place'

Hoboken is a "Special Place," and the new zoning ordinance adopted by the City Council on Wednesday should have taken that into account — but didn't.

That is the opinion of the Hoboken Environment Committee.

The new ordinance could have been "a tool" in maintaining and promoting the "Special Place" concept, says the committee, asserting, "While it may not be the function of the zoning ordinance to be totally visionary, we believe that the proposed ordinance contains little that will increase the revitalization of the city nor will it add to the momentum that has brought about the revival which has occurred to date."

Among other objections, the committee says the ordinance does not take into account the fact that "many of the uptown houses are less than 20 feet wide."

Such existing buildings are "non-conforming." If they are taken down because of fire or other cause, under the new zoning code they could not be replaced by buildings less than 20 feet wide — which would shatter the appearance of the row of houses on the block.

"We want to be able to preserve the character of our neighborhoods," says the committee in a report given to the City Council by John F. Sullivan, vice-chairman.

The report points out that the city's new master plan, on which the zoning ordinance was to have been based, calls for conserving "the grain

'I'm sick and tired' of sloppy collection, Amato tells carters

Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato said today he is "sick and tired" of the "sloppy" job being done by the city's private garbage collection contractor, the La Fera Contracting Co. of Newark.

The public works director said he has written a letter to company officials for the second time in two months letting them know he won't "put up" with their poor service any longer.

Amato said if the company doesn't do something immediately to improve the service he will bring his complaints to the Hoboken City Council's public works committee.

Pointing from his city hall office to some garbage cans on Washington Street that, he said, were never emptied, Amato asserted he wouldn't let the firm "get away with it any more."

Amato said he received no response from company officials after his first letter, but this time he will demand one.

A secretary at the La Fera Co. said company officials were not available for comment.

Hoboken council wants cops in parks

By William H. Taft

Hoboken's City Council "demands" that the city's police department start to safeguard Hoboken's parks from drunks, vandals and hoodlums.

This ultimatum was hurled by Council President Walter T. Cramer after he and other council members complained vigorously about the absence of police protection in the parks, at a council meeting yesterday.

The councilmen's outburst followed publication of an editorial in The Jersey Journal suggesting that

some of the many temporary and part-time employees be switched from sweeping the walks in the daytime and put to guarding the parks against vandalism at night.

Cramer asserted, however, that the council was demanding not "real policemen, carrying nightsticks, so they could do something about it."

Councilman Thomas Kennedy said a resident had told him that his two sons had been bicycled stolen from them in different parks on the same day.

"The kids get harassed in the parks in the daytime, and the older

people get it at night," declared Kennedy, himself a police officer on leave.

He said he was going to express his dissatisfaction to Public Safety Director James Giordano, and would demand police protection in the parks from midnight to 8 a.m. as well as in the daytime.

Councilman E. Norman Wilson Jr. said rowdies congregated at a park and make life miserable for those who try to use it.

Cramer said the situation is especially bad at this time, mid-

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summer when people want to get out in the parks in the evening to beat the heat after their day's work.

"We demand policemen in the parks until 10 p.m.," Cramer asserted. "After 10, we shouldn't need them, because there is a 10 o'clock park curfew ordinance — but the police haven't enforced that either."

Police Chief George Crimmins told The Jersey Journal today that he did not know of any park curfew in Hoboken.

He said a CETA worker assigned as a public safety officer is on duty in each city park — Stevens, Elysian and Church Square — until 11 p.m. every day. In addition, Crimmins said, motorcycle police occasionally ride

Park patrol beef-up ordered by Cappiello

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said today he will order a beef-up of patrols in the city's parks in light of criticism from three city councilmen that drunks, vandals and hoodlums are causing problems in the parks.

Cappiello said he plans to talk to Public Safety Director James Giordano to figure out how to patrol the parks better.

The mayor said he has also ordered Health and Welfare Director James Farina to reassign some of his maintenance workers who work during the day to a night shift.

Cappiello said he believes the presence of the maintenance workers will discourage those people who might be inclined to break the law.

The three councilmen, Robert Ranieri, Thomas Kennedy and Walter Cramer, said they had received numerous complaints from local residents about how unsafe the parks are.

Ranieri scores mayor's record

Saying "The City of Hoboken is falling apart again," Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri today blasted Mayor Steve Cappiello for what he called "a lack of effective government the last few months."

Ranieri said the city seems to be "falling apart" while department directors blame one another for failing to solve the city's problems.

"The sweepers are broken and no-one knows why, our court interpreter takes off on leave and gets paid for it, no-one is doing any planning for the new public works-public safety garage, these are just a few of the things that are going on," he said.

"The buck stops at Mayor Cappiello," he went on. "All to progress we have been making

the last six years under the Cappiello administration is going down the drain."

Ranieri said he is not trying to attack Cappiello but just to make him aware of what is going on in the city before it is too late to do anything about it.

I'm trying to snap him out of his slump," he said.

Ranieri said one reason for the mayor's lack of efficiency the last few months is that he is too busy at freeholder meetings attacking the Hudson County Democratic organization.

"He is so intensely concerned about players councilman at the freeholders meetings that he forgets he's the mayor of Hoboken," Ranieri said.

Cappiello refused to comment on Ranieri's statements.

Much ado

At first it looked like a political blunder, but a second look reveals that Mayor Thomas F.X. Smith made the right choice when he decided to keep his date with a group of senior citizens instead of participating in the Walter Mondale circus in Hoboken.

It was a rather routine political "happening" and "picture opportunity" . . . except for the exalted presence of the vice president of the United States.

He promised a lot of goodies in the next ten years if the windfall oil profits tax is approved. Then State Transportation Commissioner Louis Gambaccini estimated that the transit effect would not be felt in Hudson for six years, even if the windfall tax is passed promptly.

Why Hoboken was chosen for this non-event was not quite clear. Mondale said it was because Hoboken had the Edison's first steam ferry and Thomas Edison drove the first electrified train from Hoboken to Montclair. Commuters would have given a tart comment to Mondale about present train service, but he arrived at the tail of the morning rush and only a few commuters were around.

Oh, well, it gave the Carter administration an opportunity to make another pitch for the windfall profits tax, so it probably was time well invested.

... about nothing

However, the unlikely team of Alan Sagner and Steve Cappiello stole the spotlight with a dazzling display of finesse under pressure.

After inviting questions or a statement, Sagner gagged Bayonne's Mayor Dennis Collins who was putting in a pitch to save the Eighth Street railroad bridge which is scheduled for demolition.

Instead of letting Collins make his pitch, giving Mondale the chance to say he'd look into the problem and get back to him, Sagner ruled Collins out of order.

Mondale made his "you'll get a response" reply anyway. Nice to see someone follow the political script.

Cappiello created some local excitement when he introduced State Senator William Musto as "the head of the Hudson County Democratic organization."

Mayor Smith's diplomatic response later was: "It doesn't matter. I never pretended to be anything but a spokesman for Hudson County and as long as we can accomplish what needs to be done I don't care who they call the leader."

Yes, it's a pleasure to listen to a politician who can follow the political script.

Cappiello urges one N. Hudson city

By Randolph Diamond

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello called today for Hoboken and the six North Hudson communities to consolidate into one city.

Cappiello said a merger of the municipalities would lead to more efficient government for everyone involved by eliminating the duplication of services among them.

The mayor said he has already talked to Union City Mayor William Musto and other North Hudson mayors about the merger possibility and there has been interest.

Musto has called on the North Hudson municipalities and Hoboken in the past to join hands to form one separate city.

Cappiello said he wants to talk to North Hudson mayors further about the possibilities of a merger and then involve the public.

"We should have a series of public meetings through the region," he said.

The mayor said after the public hearing a referendum could be held to let the voters decide.

Cappiello said the main block he sees to the creation of the new city is that the politicians now in office might be afraid of losing their power.

But the mayor said the solution would be to create the new city only after the terms of those politicians now in power expire.

Cappiello said it is just not efficient for Hoboken and the North

Hudson municipalities to run separate services.

Citing the examples of the Hoboken and Weehawken Fire Departments, the mayor said a merger between the two has to happen.

Cappiello said the two municipalities are so close to each other it just makes sense to have a consolidated fire department.

Hoboken and Weehawken officials have been talking for some time about a consolidated fire department but the mayor said now the talk will become action.

Cappiello said he is very close to reaching agreement with Weehawken Mayor Lindsley for the two municipalities to combine their fire

communications systems.

"We should be able to save about five men by doing that," he said.

Cappiello said Lindsley is now on vacation but he expects to finalize things with the Weehawken mayor when he comes back.

Cappiello said the merger of the two fire departments communications systems would be the first step towards a merger of the departments.

The mayor said the fact that Hoboken and the other North Hudson municipalities are so close to each

other is a big reason for them to join together.

Cappiello said, however, he saw problems with officials of Secaucus wanting to join the new master city.

He said this is because Secaucus is geographically isolated from other North Hudson municipalities and because it is the only North Hudson Community with space left for new buildings, there might be a problem.

The mayor said Secaucus officials might not feel their interests lie with the rest of the North Hudson-Hoboken region.

Cappiello said he feels there will be great pressure from the taxpayers to form the consolidated city, once they realize the taxes they pay

probably will be going up without it.

The mayor said with all the services the municipalities are being forced to provide by the state and federal government such as providing secondary sewage service, taxes are likely to go up for local residents.

Cappiello said a consolidated city may be the only way to change the tide for the taxpayers.

What would be the name of the new city?

Cappiello said he hasn't given much thought to the matter, but the name North Hudson would be fine.

The new city, he said, would be the biggest one in Hudson County, even surpassing Jersey City in population.

Ranieri drifts away from Cappiello

By DIANE CURCIO

The rift between Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and his former running mate Councilman Robert Ranieri is widening beyond repair, according to political observers.

Political handicappers predict Ranieri will announce a formal split with the mayor. But the councilman Monday denied such a possibility.

Yet he said he was "deeply hurt" because time and time again Robert Ranieri has learned he cannot depend on the commitments of the administration.

The lesson Ranieri refers to concerns the recent election of the Hoboken City

Council president and the upcoming state Assembly election. In each case, Ranieri was left like the proverbial bride "waiting at the altar."

Ranieri said the council presidency was promised him. But he was in Yugoslavia fulfilling a pledge made by Cappiello when a 7-1 vote dubbed Councilman Walter Cramer the new president.

Cappiello had planned to visit the home of his Yugoslavian immigrant supporters. But the mayor suffered a weak spell and was hospitalized a day before he was scheduled to leave. Ranieri, who speaks some Yugoslavian, was drafted as the substitute.

Cappiello recovered. But political watchers say Ranieri has yet to recover.

The council election marked the second time Cappiello crossed him in recent weeks, according to Ranieri.

The councilman said Cappiello reneged on his promise to support him in the November election for the 33rd District Assembly seat. Cappiello merely shook his head when asked if he promised to support Ranieri.

Cappiello, like the Hudson County Regular Democratic Organization, has endorsed incumbent Thomas Gallo for the post. The mayor said Ranieri "would probably make a good assemblyman but he must learn to adhere to the rules of the game."

And the November game plan has apparently slotted Gallo for the assembly seat. Cappiello said Gallo intends this to

be his last term in the Assembly.

Furthermore, Cappiello said he knows of no rift between Ranieri and himself. Ranieri was elected councilman-at-large on the Cappiello ticket in 1973.

The councilman hedged when asked if he still considers himself a loyal member of the Cappiello ticket. "I'm loyal to no individual. I'm loyal to the idea of a better improved community. But I question the reciprocation of that loyalty."

Ranieri said the stance by the administration has "forced" him to run as an Independent Democrat on Nov. 6.

The 33rd district is comprised of Hoboken, Union City, West New York, Weehawken, North Bergen, Guttenberg and a portion of Jersey City.

Tenement rehabilitation plan snarled

A proposal to rehabilitate the tenement houses at 800-808 Willow Avenue in Hoboken — where hundreds of housing violations were found by The Jersey Journal — appears to be dead.

Seriale Ltd., the corporation which proposed renovating the buildings, must get approval from a public corporation to float the bonds for the project.

But Hoboken Housing Authority Director Joseph Caligurie said the corporation has not provided enough information that the authority could

even consider floating the bonds.

The application of the company to rehabilitate the buildings at 800, 802, 804, 806 and 808 Willow Avenue in addition to buildings at 1308, 1310 and 1312 Washington Street is already in the hands of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and it is too late to submit any new information.

Seriale and HUD officials have said in a letter that is part of their application to HUD that if the Hoboken Housing Authority was not interested

in funding the project, the Union City Housing Authority would do so.

But Union City Housing Authority Director Gildo Aimone said he knew nothing about the proposal nor did he even know if it was legal for Union City to finance buildings in Hoboken.

A spokesman for the Newark area office of HUD said, however, that it would not be legal for the Union City Housing Authority to float bonds for a Hoboken project.

Seriale Ltd. officials were unavailable for comment.

Hoboken may help an industry

Hoboken Community Development Agency Director Fred Bado said today his agency is working with Hoboken's Universal Folding Box Co., Inc., to obtain a \$1.2 million loan for expansion. Bado said the company, located at 13th and Madison streets, now employs 150 people in its 90,000 square foot working area.

Universal was awarded a \$900,000 U.S. Defense Department contract to produce 67 million cartons and dividers, the largest contract for folding cartons awarded this year. He said the company plans to add 36,000 square feet at a site adjacent to its present location and hire 35 additional workers.

Stanley I. Batkin, Universal president, said the order will not interfere with the company's regular business.

The CDA director said he is hopeful the \$1.2 million loan can be secured from the state Mortgage Finance Agency. In addition Bado said, the CDA will try to help the company obtain another loan of approximately \$200,000 from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development for pilings under the foundation for the new building. He said the pilings are needed because of poor soil in the area. Bado said he hopes both loans will be approved within the next month.

According to Bado, Universal officials had been considering moving out of Hoboken but the loans have convinced them to stay.

Hoboken roof repair cost may hit ceiling

Hoboken's Downtown Recreation Center may not reopen this fall because of construction problems, Hoboken Community Development Director Fred Bado said today.

Bado said T and M Construction of Hoboken began last week to put a new roof on the structure, but had to stop when it was discovered the beams supporting the roof were in such poor condition that to fix them would add thousands and thousands of dollars to the cost of the job.

The company had been awarded the contract by the Hoboken City Council for its low bid of \$18,500.

The roof at the center has been constantly leaking, often making the recreation center unusable.

The CDA is funding the project, but Bado said he doesn't think his agency has any more money to put into the roofing job.

"There are three roofs at the center and we already approved a change order for an additional \$4400 when the contractor discovered the

beams were weak after taking off the first roof," he said.

"There is no crawl space under the main roof, so we can't even determine what the cost would be without taking off the main roof," he said.

Bado said he believed it could be far over the \$4400 cost for the other two roofs.

Bado said he will talk to city lawyers for their advice on the matter.

Meanwhile the T and M Construction Company, he said, has stopped all work on the project.

Bado said he does not blame the construction company for asking him for additional money since they had no way of actually knowing the beams were in such poor shape.

The CDA director said there is a possibility that a new federal grant might be obtained to pay for the roofing costs and other renovation costs at the center, but he said he wouldn't know about that until September.

For Assemblyman, tax hearing will be Hoboken homecoming

An Atlantic County assemblyman will be returning to his hometown of Hoboken at 2 p.m. Tuesday to preside at a public hearing of an Assembly subcommittee dealing with business taxation. The hearing will be held at City Hall.

Assemblyman Michael Matthews, chairman of the Subcommittee on Business Tax Structure, said the hearing will enable the lawmakers to gather the views of the

business community and help develop possible legislative changes. Assemblyman Thomas A. Gallo of Hoboken, although not a member of the committee, urged local business leaders to attend the session.

Gallo said Matthews told him he was born and raised in Hoboken and attended St. Peter and Paul's School but has not returned since he left many years ago to live in Atlantic County.

Cappiello wants to time workers

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello will require all city departments to punch time clocks or sign time sheets by September.

Cappiello said he has ordered Administrator Edwin Chius to implement the new procedures to make city employees more accountable.

Chius said he will first start with the time sheet system and see how that works out before putting in time clocks.

Cappiello tells tenants city can't audit Towers

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said today there is nothing he can do to stop a 16 percent rent increase at Hoboken's Clock Towers apartment complex.

Members of the tenants' association at the complex had asked the mayor to have the city conduct an audit of Clock Tower's books.

The tenants' association had argued that since the project receives a tax abatement from Hoboken the city had the right to conduct an audit. Association members have said they don't believe costs to the Jefferson-Adams Corporation, the

project's management, have increased enough to warrant a 16 percent rent increase.

Cappiello said he would like to help the tenants out but said the city cannot afford to spend the money to do its own audit.

Representatives of the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, who had approved the rent increase for the federally subsidized project, said the increase would not be rescinded, Cappiello said.

Members of the tenants' group and the Jefferson-Adams Corporation could not be reached for comment.

20 rooming houses may shut

Twenty of Hoboken's 91 rooming houses will be forced to close down unless they correct housing code violations, Health Officer Patricia Mitten said today.

Mrs. Mitten said the 20 rooming houses are now being inspected by the City's Housing Inspection Bureau to see if violations that had been found by the bureau during inspection visits during the last few months have been

corrected. "If they have not been corrected, we will give them 10 more days to do so," she said. "Then we will close them."

Mrs. Mitten's office regulates all rooming houses in Hoboken and can deny a rooming house owner a license to operate if building or health violations are found.

Meanwhile, yesterday Hoboken

Municipal Court Judge Chris Pappas ordered the owner of a rooming house at 208 Bloomfield St., Nobileto Diaz, to board up the house by Monday because he had not corrected numerous housing violations.

Diaz is also the owner of record of an apartment building at 233 Madison St., Hoboken, where hundreds of building violations were discovered by The Jersey Journal.

Ranieri doesn't like consolidation idea

Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri said today that the idea of consolidating Hoboken and six separate North Hudson communities into one city is a bad idea.

"I don't think we should just wipe Hoboken off the map," he said.

Ranieri repeated statements he made last week that the administration of Mayor Steve Cappiello is not running the city effectively.

"It was just six years ago that Cappiello was talking with former Jersey City Mayor Paul Jordan about Hoboken consolidating with Jersey City," he said. "Now he is talking about consolidating Hoboken with

North Hudson. It seems to be a lot of talk and no action."

Ranieri said he would like the City Council to appoint two citizens to study the issue.

"If the North Hudson communities would then do the same thing, consolidation could then be studied to see if it is feasible," he said.

"Consolidation may seem like it would help us cut expenses, but we might end up in a bigger hole like New York City because of it," he said. "But let's study it and find out what the story is."

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello was out-of-town and unavailable for comment, his aides said.

Chius assails Amato selling tickets for fund

Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius said today it is "morally unethical" for Public Works Director Andrew Amato and his associates to sell tickets for Amato's political fundraiser in October.

"It's bad enough when it's done during election year, but it doesn't have to be done two years in advance," he said. "People should know what they are buying the tickets for."

Chius said, though, he wouldn't stop Amato from selling the tickets because it isn't illegal.

Amato said he sees nothing wrong with selling the tickets and said he had not been ap-

proaching contractors and companies doing business with the city.

"I don't have to," he said. "They're coming to me."

The public works director would not disclose how many tickets had been sold to the \$100-dollar-a-plate political fundraiser.

Amato had said he hopes to sell 150 tickets and the money would be used to build a political war chest for the 1981 mayoral campaign.

The public works director has refused to say, however, if he will use the money to run for mayor or if it will go to Mayor Steve Cappiello or some other candidate.

Hoboken to act on Rue bonds

The Hoboken City Council will vote tonight on whether or not to approve the issuance of a \$1,140,000 bond issue to pay for the reconstruction of Rue School.

The elementary school was closed last year because the old building was literally falling apart and was deemed as safety hazard to children.

If the bond issue passes, School Superintendent George Maier said the Rue School should be able to be reopened to students in September, 1980.

Though the city of Hoboken must float the bond issue, the state would reimburse Hoboken for the bonds' principal and interest, thus the renovation would be at no cost to the city.

Council members are expected to pass the bond issue, but informed sources said there is a possibility that it might be tabled because of some unresolved legal questions.

The meeting is scheduled to take place at 7 in the City Council chambers.

Hoboken board of ed illegally constituted

By DIANE CURCIO

The Hoboken Board of Education is illegally constituted because it failed to fulfill a technicality in state law when it changed from an elected board to an appointed body in February, it was learned yesterday.

Hoboken City Council President Walter Cramer said state education statute 18A:126 requires the City Council to pass an ordinance to create an appointed body.

But no such action was taken because the council did not know it was necessary, Cramer said. "Until an ordinance is passed, the status of the board remains in question," Cramer said.

Furthermore, an appointed body is composed of five or seven members, according to state statute, whereas nine members now serve on the Hoboken board.

Cramer said the council must now decide between a five- and a seven-member body.

Board President Robert Wendelken said he did not know of the legal technicality.

He recalled a memo from the county superintendent of schools concerning the reorganizational meeting of the board where it read "five or seven" at the bottom. "But at the time, I didn't know what it meant, so I ignored it," Wendelken said.

On a public referendum last year, Hoboken residents were asked "Should the local school board continue as a Title II (elected) board?" The voters rejected the elected board and Mayor Steve Cappelletto appointed a new board on Feb. 1, 1979.

The question remains whether the board's actions during the several months since then are valid. Wendelken said he considers the body a "de facto (functioning) board which can perform the functions of a de jure (legal) board until such time as it is corrected."

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Council rejects Ranieri call for sewer probe

The Hoboken City Council last night rejected a bid by Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri to appropriate \$25,000 to conduct an investigation into why the city's inoperative sewage treatment plant has "been allowed to fall apart," in Ranieri's words.

Fifth Ward Councilman E. Norman Wilson Jr. backed Ranieri's proposal, but that was by no means enough to carry the resolution, which was opposed by six lawmakers. A seventh councilman, Nunzio Malfetti, simply voted "present."

Council President Walter Cramer

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advised Ranieri to come up with some substantial wrongdoing before asking his colleagues to support such a probe, while others suggested he take up his complaint with the county prosecutor.

Hoboken faces federal penalties of up to \$10,000 a day if it hadn't hired one of half-dozen engineering firms recommended by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to draw plans and specifications for fixing the treatment facility.

The city administration, meanwhile, has launched an "in-house" repair job that officials figure will cost \$800,000, but Ranieri feels the actual cost will rise "into the millions."

Since its construction in 1958, the city has paid off all but \$5 million of the \$14 million bonded to pay for the plant, according to Ranieri. Since 1966, the city has put an estimated \$2 million into the plant, "yet we've nothing to show for our money — only a hollow shell where the effluent comes in and goes out into the river," said Ranieri, chairman of the council's water and sewerage committee.

"There has been a 'Sewer-Gate' coverup here," Ranieri declared.

Council members dealt the Board of Education a temporary setback last night when it tabled the introduction of a long-awaited \$1,149,000 bond issue for the reconstruction of the shuttered Rue elementary school.

They said that when the school board switched from an elective to an appointive district last spring, the council never formally approved the changeover by introducing and passing an ordinance "authorizing and organizing" the new system and that his omission could jeopardize the 100-percent funding expected from the state to fix the Rue School.

Moreover, council members said, state statutes call for the selection of "five or seven" members for an appointed school board, but the board, as now constituted, consists of nine members.

These legal questions are expected to be resolved in some way by next month's council meeting so that, at that time, the bonding ordinance can be introduced, council members told two attending board members, Otto Hottendorf and Dominick Pellicano.

In other business, the council introduced an ordinance allowing local industries and commercial businesses to apply for a five-year tax abatement on any new buildings or improvements, providing for a full exemption the first year and 20 percent less each succeeding year. An existing law already covers residential exemptions.

The council passed a resolution authorizing the city's Community Development Agency to seek a federal "action grant" to help a local folding box firm expand and hire an additional 35 employees. Now, 100 people work there.

The council agreed to change its rules so that all future meetings will be held at night to accommodate Malfetti, whose private business hours now conflict with daytime council sessions.

The council created the unsalaried office of city historian which Ranieri said he'll recommend Mayor Steve Cappelletto fill with John Heany, a retired businessman who Ranieri says is "well-versed" in Hoboken lore. It ratified the mayor's appointment of Michael Mastropasqua to replace Joseph Hottendorf on the rent leveling board.

No members of the public opposed an ordinance providing seven percent pay raises to non-uniformed municipal employees, the same increase given previously to police and firemen.

The council tabled payment of a \$311,610 water bill from Jersey City for the months of April, May, June and July pending further study of the bill, and it received bids for a new City Hall boiler and a municipal recreation and parking area on Observer Highway.

Hoboken board reserves decision on new disco

Now that it has concluded hearings on a disco proposed for 12th and Adams Streets, the Hoboken Board of Adjustment is reserving decision until its members have reviewed the lengthy testimony.

Speaking against the proposal last night on behalf of some of his constituents in the Second Ward, Councilman Walter Cramer said he foresaw problems with noise and parking.

"There are several trucking companies in that area," said Cramer, "and they may have trucks coming in to load or unload while the disco is operating, between 9 p.m. and 2 a.m., and that might cause traffic difficulties."

"Also, the applicant isn't providing any off-street parking so his customers will be parking along the street and that's going to tie up spaces in the area," Cramer said.

"If he gets a liquor license, that's a potential problem, too, because it may lead to change the complexity of the neighborhood," the councilman said.

"True, there's really only one house close by, but those people have been living there for the past 10 years."

Church rising from ashes

The first steps toward resurrection of Hoboken's historic Mount Olive Church, devastated by a three-alarm fire in 1977, were taken yesterday when a giant crane hoisted steel beams inside the structure to reinforce the stone ruins.

Reconstruction is scheduled to be completed by Nov. 30 and the church's assistant pastor, the Rev. William Beatty, said he hopes the 400-member Baptist congregation can celebrate Christmas in the new church.

The cost of the reconstruction is \$610,000. The church secured a \$250,000 loan from the First Jersey National Bank in Jersey City for the project. But the congregation is still a long way from meeting the building costs.

The Rev. Odell Stuart said the congregation has raised \$75,000 through donations from individuals and church groups.

The church, located at 721 Washington St., dates back to the Civil War when the Stevens family donated the land to a Methodist congregation to erect a church. The Baptist parish bought the church in 1969.



Seated in her "throne" is Ronny Bertotti, selected as the 1979 winner of the fifth annual Hoboken senior citizen beauty pageant. "Attending" the queen, from left, are Moretta Moura, 1978 queen; Vincent Barbo, city senior citizen affairs director; and Catherine Dickinson, a Jersey City native and the reigning "Mrs. New Jersey." Crowning took place in Hoboken's Multi-Service Center.

Winning pageant real thrill for woman, 65

"It's such a thrill; I never experienced anything like it," said 65-year-old Ronny Bertotti.

Mrs. Bertotti was crowned yesterday as the queen of Hoboken's senior citizen beauty pageant in which she and three other contestants competed.

The contestants vied in evening gowns and talent competition and each had an on-stage interview before the 250 people in the audience in the city's Multi-Service Center.

Mrs. Bertotti is a woman of varied interests and activities. She walks three miles from her job sorting comic books at the Hudson County News Co. in North Bergen to her Park Avenue home in Hoboken.

She takes the bus in the morning but when she gets off work from her party-time job at noon, the bus isn't running anymore. Mrs. Bertotti

doesn't own a car and she wants to work, so she walks.

Mrs. Bertotti volunteers at St. Mary Hospital in the afternoon helping answer phones, typing and doing clerical chores. In the evening she visits friends and on the weekends she visits her two sisters who live at the Jersey shore.

During her spare time, she engages in macramé which, she says, she finds fascinating and enjoyable. Vincent Barbo, Hoboken senior citizens' coordinator, says the purpose of the contest is to promote "inner beauty."

"We want people to know that senior citizens are viable; they can project to the rest of the community," said Barbo.

Mrs. Bertotti will compete in the state finals of the New Jersey Senior Citizens beauty pageant in September in Atlantic City.

Hoboken landholders appeal for tax relief

By RICHARD S. REMINGTON

Hoboken residents are expected to file nearly three times as many tax appeals as they did last year, although officials said that fewer tax appeals have been reported for the rest of Hudson County so far.

More than 200 appeals are expected from Hoboken, a sharp increase from last year, when 71 appeals were filed. The appeals are the result of a citywide reassessment last spring which increased the tax bills of many property owners.

The Hudson County Tax Board had not completed its tabulation of appeals by yesterday. But officials estimate 1,000 appeals were received, down from last year's 1,800. Appeals had to be filed by Wednesday.

Among the larger cases, the Port Authority is appealing a \$1.8 million assessment placed on its Park and Ride Lot in North Bergen. It is the first time North Bergen has assessed the lot and, if upheld, \$70,769 in tax revenue would be generated.

Although the Port Authority is a public corporation and

therefore ordinarily exempt from property taxes, North Bergen argues the parking lot is being used for private purposes to gain profit.

Assessments on public property used for private purposes have been upheld by the courts.

Under the same theory, North Bergen also placed an assessment on a parking lot operated by Palisades General Hospital. That assessment also is under appeal.

In West New York, about 100 tenant-owners of the Tower West condominiums have filed individual appeals. The building contains about 180 condominiums, each owned by their tenants.

Tax appeal hearings will start Wednesday, when 25 appeals from Jersey City are scheduled to be heard. Twenty-two cases will be heard from Union City Aug. 23, another 23 Jersey City appeals will be heard Aug. 28, and 21 appeals from Hoboken will be heard Aug. 29.

More appeals will be heard after Labor Day.

Hoboken set to install new boiler

A special meeting of the Hoboken City Council will be held tonight at 5 p.m. to vote on the installation of a new boiler system in Hoboken City Hall.

If the council approves the installation, Business Administrator Edwin Chius said the new system could be operating by the beginning of October.

Chius said a new boiler had already been purchased for \$25,000 and that it will cost \$48,600 to install the system and make it operational.

The old boiler was constantly breaking down and when it was working there were often complaints that some offices were too hot and others too cold.

Amato to charge fees for containers

Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato said he has instructed his employees to start charging for permits from contractors using giant containers to get rid of building debris.

The City Council passed an ordinance last March setting fees of \$5 for the first 48 hours of use and \$10 for each subsequent day.

City officials were upset that contractors were leaving the containers

on the street for days, taking up parking spaces. They felt the fees would stop this.

Amato said he has not charged for the permits because there was a question from the law department as to how to word the schedule.

Amato said today he read the ordinance and has concluded that he can write the fee schedule on the permits without the law department's help.

Youth bureau head denies Hoboken near gang wars

Lt. Joseph Pereira, head of Hoboken's youth bureau, denied today there are problems with youth gangs in the city.

Yesterday Juan Garcia, the president of CUNA (a local Hispanic organization) said he would hold weekly meetings among 10 Hoboken gangs to prevent violence.

Pereira said he doesn't believe there is even a Hoboken gang in ex-

istence. He said Garcia refused to talk to detectives.

"If there are any problems with gangs we want to help CUNA deal with it," he said. "We want to cooperate with them."

Garcia said Pereira doesn't know what he is talking about when he says the 10 gangs don't exist.

"They exist but I'm not going to give the police department the names of the gangs or the people in them," he said.

"I'm trying to develop some trust among the members and if I talked to the police now it would blow everything."

Garcia said he is willing to cooperate with the police to give them some information about the gangs but he has to protect the confidence of members.

The police have to be patient and they will get some information," he said.

Hudson school chief admits goof on Hoboken ed board

Hudson County Superintendent of Schools Russell Carpenter admitted yesterday "we should have known" of the illegal status of the Hoboken Board of Education.

The superintendent added: "Why we didn't, I can't comment on right now." Carpenter complained: "I just don't have the staff to sit at board meetings and count heads," as an explanation of the failure to spot the illegal board immediately.

Carpenter said he told president Robert Wendelken as early as January that the appointed board should seat only five or seven members.

"I don't think they attempted to do something illegal...the board members have just made a gross error," said Carpenter. The superintendent said Wendelken was told how many members should serve on the board when he asked about the procedures of changing from an elected to an appointed body.

Wendelken could not be reached for comment yesterday. But in an earlier interview the board president stated he had disregarded a memo from Carpenter on the

new-type board which was marked "five or seven" at the bottom because "I didn't know what it meant."

The illegal status of the board emerged when Hoboken City Council president and Board of School Estimates member Walter Cramer recently learned that state statute requires a city ordinance to create an appointed board. No such action was taken.

Mayor Steve Cappiello merely appointed a new board after the voters rejected the elected body on a public referendum last year.

Moreover, the statute involved mandates the removal of at least two people from the nine-member board to meet the membership requirements.

Carpenter said the surplus members should be removed immediately. He admitted his office was not aware of the illegality of the Hoboken board. "I just don't have the staff to sit at board meetings and count heads...but we should have known...why we didn't, I can't comment on it right now," Carpenter said.

Carpenter said he is asking the state

Department of Education, Division of Controversies and Disputes to decide whether the business conducted by the board during the past several months is valid. The appointed board was sworn in Feb. 7.

The most controversial action by the new board was the firing of its attorney, Robert Taylor. The dismissal was by an 8 to 0 vote with trustee Otto Hottendorf abstaining.

Taylor, who is contesting the firing, said part of his case is built on the premise that the board is an illegally-constituted body.

The former board attorney said he sent a letter to all members advising them that the former elected board should serve until the official reorganization meeting in May. The board members, however, over-rode his advice and assumed their seats in February.

Taylor said he filed a petition with state Education Commissioner Fred Burke outlining the questionable status of the board. Taylor said he received a reply in which the commissioner indicated that the actions of the board were proper.

A spokesman for the state Department of Education said Taylor's dismissal protest will probably be decided after a hearing

Tax appeals down by 171

Appeals from 1979 real estate assessments total 1,654, a drop of 171 from last year, according to figures released today by Tax Commissioner John J. Barry, president of the Hudson County Board of Taxation.

An analysis of the number of appeals filed this year shows 183 were from Hoboken taxpayers. Last year, when the county-wide total was 1,825, only 71 appeals were on Hoboken properties. That means the number of appeals from that city, where there was a recent land revaluation, increased almost threefold this year.

Several tax observers noted Jersey City taxpayers filed 654 appeals by this year's Aug. 15 deadline, compared to 907 in 1978. They attributed the 253 drop to a corresponding drop of the tax rate from last year's \$100.95 per \$1,000 assessed valuation to the current \$96.98 rate.

The 244 appeals filed by West New York taxpayers, an increase from last year's 206 total, includes 104 filed by individual owners of apartments at the Tower West condominium.

Palisades General Hospital, River Road, North Bergen is appealing the township's \$266,400 assessment on its parking lot, claiming that should be tax-exempt like the hospital itself. The township claims the parking lot is used for commercial purposes since the hospital charges parking fees.

The hospital has also filed an appeal of the township's \$303,900 assess-

ment on four of its vacant lots on Marine Road.

Commissioner Barry begins hearing assessment appeals from Jersey City property owners 9 a.m. Wednesday. Three other sessions are scheduled in the ensuing week and others will be announced later.

The comparative figures follow:

	1979	1978
Bayonne	28	26
East Newark	4	5
Guttenberg	3	6
Harrison	23	15
Hoboken	183	71
Jersey City	654	907
Kearny	32	42
North Bergen	218	206
Secaucus	68	75
Union City	159	154
Weehawken	37	52
West New York	244	206

Hottendorf, Farina may lose school posts

By Randolph Diamond

Although it's strictly unofficial, the word around Hoboken is that Otto Hottendorf and James Farina will be dropped from the Board of Education when the dust settles over the latest legal difficulties plaguing the nine-member board.

Meanwhile, City Council president Walter Cramer has directed the city law department to draft two ordinances for the Sept. 5 council session for the creation of either a five-member or a seven-member school board, with the likelihood that the latter will win out.

The issue revolves around the question of whether Hoboken voters, when in 1973 they opted in a referendum for an elected school board, also voted on a specific number of board members.

Cramer says the council "fixes the number" and the mayor "makes the appointments over which we have no say."

It was Cramer who started the

ball rolling when he discovered some 10 days ago, while casually researching state school laws, that the city administration had apparently erred by failing to cut back the number of persons to serve on the school board, after the passage of a public referendum last winter switching Hoboken from an elective to appointive school district.

"I asked the law department to check it out because there are no precedent cases for this type of situation and (Lawrence) Florio (city law director) agreed with me," said Cramer. "We, in turn, double-checked with Trenton and they (the State Department of Education) confirmed it," he said.

Is the board, as presently constituted, illegal? "I'd look upon the present board as a de facto creation," said Cramer, an attorney for Transport of New Jersey, the largest private bus company in the state, "so I'd say we're in kind of a grey area."

Cramer says he finds merit in the theory some have advanced recently,

citing state school statutes, that because the council didn't certify new school board appointees last spring, that is grounds for continuing the old board members as "holdover" appointments.

Robert Wendelken, board president, said he doesn't know what the board should do at this juncture and he says the hiring of an attorney might be the best way for the board to find out. "I'm a bit confused about the whole issue and the board is going to have to sit down and discuss it," he said.

But one board member feels only one point needs clarifying. Hottendorf, the senior board member, suggested that school board history be researched to determine if, in 1973, when Hoboken voters opted in the referendum for the elected school board, they also voted on a specific number of board members?

"If the referendum did call for a nine-member board then, I'm of the

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opinion that we're in the clear and perfectly legal now," said Hottendorf. And Cramer thinks Hottendorf may be right.

The state Department of Education, taking the position that appointed school boards in cities with populations fewer than 250,000 should be limited to five or seven members, has faulted Robert W. Taylor, the former board attorney, for failing to counsel the new board along those lines.

But Taylor, who was dismissed by the board and is trying to win back his job, disputed that. He said the referendum by which Hoboken returned to an appointive board this year was a city project not involving him.

"That was done by the city administration — not by the board," said Taylor. "They (administration officials) never discussed it with me. I had no particular responsibility in that area at all," he said.

However, Charlotte Brown, a state education department spokeswoman, said that while Hudson County Superintendent of Schools Russell W. Carpenter has primary responsibility for making sure local schools are run in accordance with state regulations, "the board counsel

should have advised them of the proper procedure."

A board ad-hoc committee, meanwhile, continues to review names of lawyers and legal firms it's considering as potential replacements for Taylor and one board source says the name of Walter Cramer is one of four on the list. No one will be hired, however, until the board's latest crisis is settled, he said.

Is Cramer interested? "I would advise the board not to appoint anyone until Taylor's disposition is resolved; otherwise, it may end up in the embarrassing position of having retained one attorney and being forced to re-hire another."

"At this time, I wouldn't be interested in the position," Cramer said. However, associates say that if Taylor loses his legal battle and Cramer is offered the part-time post, he will accept. And, he feels there is no conflict of interest in that he wouldn't be serving in a "policy-making" role, they say.

For the record, the Hoboken Board of Education began in 1895 as a three-man board. In 1895, 12 trustees served, with three chosen from each of the city's then four wards. In 1911, there were eight members, with the mayor serving as an ex-officio member, and in 1912 the board went to nine members, excluding the mayor.

Missing Hoboken couple indicted on bomb charges

By RICHARD REMINGTON

A married couple from Hoboken currently being sought by the FBI were indicted on bomb charges yesterday by a Hudson County grand jury.

Jim and Jean Hayes, believed to be using phony names, were indicted on charges of possessing a bomb with unlawful intent and possession of explosives with unlawful intent.

The two lived at 321 Willow Ave. across from St. Mary Hospital for three years, according to police.

The indictment lists 12 aliases for Hayes and seven for his wife. Hayes is described as weighing 160-170 pounds, age 33-35, red-haired and bearded. His wife is described as 5 feet 4 inches tall, weighing about 150-160 pounds, age 30-33, with short brown hair and brown eyes.

On Aug. 2 Hoboken firemen were inspecting the rear of the Hayes' building when they noticed what appeared to be marijuana plants on a landing outside the Hayes' top-floor apartment. Two policemen entered the apartment with a search warrant for drugs when they noticed apparent bomb-making materials in plain view, police said.

Another search warrant was obtained and police said they discovered two cans of black powder, pipes, pipe cuttings and detonating materials used for constructing pipe bombs. In addition, bomb-making in-

structions were found along with leftist literature by Fidel Castro, Che Guevara and Lenin, police said.

Hudson County authorities and the FBI said the Hayes are currently not being investigated with any unsolved cases in their area. Investigators with the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office say they have no recollection of dealing with either Hayes in the past.

The two are suspected of being somewhere in the New York metropolitan area. Jean Hayes was last seen by a civilian leaving the area at the time the search warrants were executed, according to authorities.

Meanwhile, Assistant Prosecutor Paul DePascale said drug charges against the couple remain open pending further lab tests on the suspected marijuana plants. Police said about one to two pounds of marijuana were found in the apartment, a sufficient amount to obtain an indictment.

Mondale to tour Hoboken terminal

Vice President Walter Mondale will be in Hoboken Wednesday to signal the Administration's commitment to energy conservation and mass transit. Joining him will be Sen. Bill Bradley, who will arrive at the Erie-Lackawanna Terminal by train.

At the terminal, they will inspect the facilities of the old structure, inspect the trains and look over commuter facilities on the PATH connection.

A glimpse of the future will be on hand, as the newest Conrail electrified trains will be on display.

Following the tour, Mondale is expected to make a major announcement on the Carter Administration's mass transit policy. A cornerstone of Carter's entire energy program is linking mass transit to the windfall oil profits tax, with millions of dollars going to upgrade the nation's transportation systems.

Secret Service agents are already in Hoboken, making arrangements for Mondale's tour. More details are expected to be announced Monday at a press conference, an aide to Mondale said.

Cappiello favors creating 7-man school board

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said today he favors the City Council creating a seven man school board over a five man board when it tackles the issue at its September meeting.

"If we go from nine members to five members we would be losing four persons but if we go from nine to seven we would be losing two," the mayor said.

Cappiello said he thinks all the current board members are competent and he would like to keep as many of them as possible.

The mayor refused to say which members he thought he would ax from the board.

"It's such a hard decision, how do you tell someone they are no longer on the board," he said.

The word around, however, is that board members Otto Hottendorf and James Farina will be the ones to go when the mayor announces his decision.

Walter Cramer, City Council president, has directed the city law department to draft two ordinances for the September 5 council session for the creation of either a five-man board or a seven-man board.

The action comes after state education officials said the Hoboken school board was illegally constituted

Hoboken urged to hire full-time sanitation chief

The head of Hoboken's Environmental Commission, Helen Manogue, said today it's about time the city hired a full-time sanitation inspector.

Hoboken has been without a full-time sanitation inspector since last May, when Edward McIntyre died.

Public Works Director Andrew Amato said he hasn't been able to hire a full-time inspector because he has been waiting for a legal opinion from the city law department as to how the sanitation inspector can get the power to issue summonses.

Assistant City Law Director Thomas Calligy, meanwhile, says the state has given him an opinion and he'll forward it to Amato in the next day or so.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Manogue said the streets continue to be litter-filled.

"This is the biggest problem in Hoboken," said Mrs. Manogue. "We took a poll of 300 citizens and almost everyone says 'unclean streets are our biggest problem.'"

Mrs. Manogue says the city really needs three sanitation inspectors to do the job properly.

"We need to have the sanitation inspectors on different shifts to really keep patrol of the city," she said.

Amato said, however, he doesn't think three sanitation inspectors are needed.

"You have a sanitation inspector on Washington Street and someone else in littering Bloomfield Street," he said. "It's some people that just don't care."

Amato cited a recent cleanup effort by Mrs. Manogue and other citizens in which they swept up Washington Street.

"It was dirty again in a few hours," he said.

Both Amato and Mrs. Manogue agree on one thing. The police who are on patrol 24 hours a day should give out more summonses.

Mrs. Manogue said the men were empowered to give out summonses a few months ago, but haven't been doing so.

But Hoboken Police Chief George Crimmins Sr. said that the police are giving out the summonses.

"I don't have the exact figures for the last few months but they've given out four in August already," he said.

Hoboken tenants can expect rents to rise

Hoboken tenants can expect to pay higher rents this winter because of increases in home heating oil prices, according to Joseph Hottendorf, chairman of Hoboken's Rent Leveling and Stabilization Board.

Hottendorf said the city's rent leveling law allows landlords to pass along increased maintenance costs to tenants, but he said he couldn't estimate how much rents might increase.

"The landlord would have to come before the board and document his increased bills for home heating oil and then the board would probably approve it," he said.

Hottendorf said, though, the board will not approve any rent boosts for landlords in advance of the ex-

pected increased costs for home heating oil.

He said the board has received at least 50 inquiries from Hoboken landlords asking if they would be allowed to raise their rents because of the increased fuel costs.

Since January, the cost of a barrel of oil has gone up from \$13 to \$23 and it is expected to be even higher by winter.

Hottendorf said he could not estimate how much more rent the average tenant might have to pay.

Officials in Jersey City, however, have estimated the average tenant there will be paying \$30 higher per month in rent and informed sources said similar increases could be expected in Hoboken.

Energetic Mondale to visit Hoboken

Vice-president Walter Mondale is planning to visit Hoboken on Wednesday as part of the Carter Administration's efforts to drum up support for the president's latest energy package.

Mondale is expected to tour Conrail's Erie-Lackawanna terminal in the Mile Square City and then meet with approx-

imately 100 transportation and energy officials at Stevens Tech.

The Vice-president is expected to speak about the proposed windfall profits tax on oil companies, which is designed as the chief funding mechanism for the Carter administration's energy program.

Gov. Brendan Byrne, who will host Mondale for his New Jersey visit, is

holding a "mini energy summit" in Princeton this weekend which was also designed as a platform to push the President's energy program.

Joining Mondale will be Sen. Bill Bradley who will arrive at the Erie-Lackawanna terminal by train. At the terminal, Mondale and Bradley will inspect the facilities of the old trains and look over the commuter facilities on the Port Au-

thority Trans Hudson (PATH) lines.

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Here's Mondale's schedule for Hoboken visit tomorrow

Vice President Walter Mondale is due to arrive in Hoboken tomorrow at 9:15 a.m. — unless he gets caught in rush-hour traffic en route from Newark Airport.

His arrival at Hoboken's historic Erie-Lackawanna Terminal is supposed to coincide with that of Sen. Bill Bradley, due to come in aboard a vintage railroad car.

Whether Mondale will live in among the commuters expected for glad-handing is doubtful because of his tight schedule and security.

He and Bradley are to tour the old passenger car and the most modern electrified cars operated by Conrail

and then inspect the nearby PATH commuter facilities.

Sometime between 9:45 and 10, probably, the Vice President will shuttle into the terminal waiting room and, before a contingent of press representatives, deliver a speech on the administration's commitment to mass transit.

Hoboken cop says, 'force is a fact of life'

By Randolph Diamond

"Force" by members of Hoboken's police force toward people arrested for crimes "is a fact of life," said Capt. Russell Sweeten, commander of the Hoboken Police Department's uniformed division.

"If someone gets arrested and they resist, we have to take the person by force," he said. "If I'm trying to get you into the patrol car and you're resisting, I'm going to do whatever I have to do to get you in the car. I'm not going to worry if you bump your head on the top of the car."

The commander said that most arrests probably couldn't be made without the use of force by police. He said the Hoboken police now receive about 12 complaints a year from people who say they have been victims of police brutality but follow-up investigations show that few of the complaints are justified.

Sweeten said he's worried the Hoboken Police Department will be inundated with brutality complaints if a federal suit charging the Philadelphia police with violating the human rights of minorities is successful.

The suit against Philadelphia by the U.S. Justice Department charges that members of the police department there have consistently brutalized citizens of "the City of Brotherly Love" and that police and city officials have done nothing to stop it.

"Every minority leader will hit us on this if the suit is successful," Sweeten said.

The commander said force is not anything unusual to the Hoboken or Philadelphia police, but is a part of every American police force today.

\$2.8 million bond issue looms on Plaza project

Secaucus taxpayers are likely to be asked soon to support a bond issue for at least \$1.2 million and possibly as much as \$2.8 million to finance improvements to the town's central business district.

Mayor Paul Amico, an outspoken supporter of the project, says Secaucus is losing a "tremendous amount" of consumer dollars he claims are spent elsewhere because shoppers are turned off by traffic congestion and inadequate parking space.

Even if a shopping mall is developed on the Mori track along Paterson Plank Road, the town's Plaza Center "has to be revitalized," insist Amico. "If the work does come to pass, the merchants are going to have a real good time," the mayor said.

But others aren't too sure. Councilman George Heflich and Kenneth Reuter, both minority-bloc members, say they'd oppose any bonding because there's no "guarantee" that Plaza Center merchants would "cooperate" by investing in storefront modifications recommended by planners.

Moreover, they say that only one section of town would benefit from the improvements

and that if Secaucus can't secure any federal or state funds to help cover the cost of the work, they feel it would be grossly unfair to ask the entire town to shoulder the fiscal burden.

They were reacting to last night's briefing on the project by its proponents, Martin Santini, president of Ecoplan, Inc., of Englewood Cliffs, and David Mendelson, a traffic consultant for Garmen Associates, affiliate with Ecoplan. Thus far, Ecoplan has received close to \$80,000 from Secaucus for planning services.

The initial thrust of the plan, as outlined by Santini and Mendelson, is to eliminate angle parking along Front Street and create, in its place, off-street parking space for 80 cars — just 15 more than those now available in the same area.

At the same time, Ecoplan proposes the construction of a memorial park and "stepped" fountain projected to cost \$400,000 that would be the "focal point" of the Plaza Center together with various improvements including paving, pedestrian crosswalks, new lights, benches, trees, new traffic signals and relocating street signs, all of which is figured to cost around \$800,000.

Part of this plan envisions Humboldt Street becoming a two-way street and being extended through the Plaza area, crossing Paterson Plank Road and connecting with Plaza Center Road, with a section of the existing island being pared away.

Ultimately, the plan calls for the town's acquisition of three off-street sites on the fringes of the Plaza area comprising a total of 54,000 square feet and their development as municipal parking lots providing 155 spaces at a cost projected by Ecoplan at around \$635,000.

Ecoplan also recommends that Secaucus invest \$1 million by relocating all Plaza area overhead utility lines underground.

The plan was endorsed last night by the Secaucus Businessmen's Association, represented by Philip Ronzel, and by Dr. Thunder Haas, a Harmon Cove resident who said the lack of "aesthetics" is what's "keeping people away." But former Councilman Anthony Just said that any new parking may only turn Secaucus into a "parking lot for out-of-towners."

Amato and Cappiello in fundraiser mixup

Hoboken Public Works Director Andrew Amato today accused Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and his close aides of "twisting things," concerning the selling of tickets to \$100-a-plate political fundraiser scheduled for October.

The tickets for the fundraiser arrived from the printer yesterday and Amato said he immediately started hearing rumors that his club members were going to use Cappiello's name to sell the tickets.

"The fundraiser is for me, not Mayor Cappiello," he said. "The mayor has nothing to do at all with the affair."

Amato said he walked into the mayor's office this morning and told Cappiello that the rumors weren't true.

Cappiello said, however, he is the one who called in Amato and said his name was not to be used in selling tickets.

While refusing to name anyone in particular, Amato said "a number of people close to the mayor are creating problems for him."

Amato also said he is angry about rumors going around City Hall that he is having private meetings with anti-administration Councilman Anthony Romano.

"I was eating in the Fifth Street diner and Romano walked in," he

said. "So we talked to each other for a little while." "I can go to any place I want and talk to whoever I want," he said. "I'm not hiding anything."

Amato has said he hopes to sell 150 tickets to his political fundraiser and the money will be used to build a political war chest for the 1981 mayoral campaign.

The public works director has refused to say if he will use the money to run for mayor or if it will go to Cappiello or some other candidate.

Circus Art Center has its own ABCs

Instead of learning the usual alphabet letters, one Hoboken school is offering its own ABCs — acrobatics, balancing and clowning.

Throw in a little tumbling, trapeze, juggling, highwire walking and ballet and you have a good curriculum description of the Circus Art Center, 412 Washington St., Hoboken.

Opened on July 9, the center holds classes from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

Founded by Nina Krasavina and Gregory Fedin, a husband and wife team who were performers with the Moscow State Circus for 25 years, the school is open to both children and adults.

In addition to the circus arts, the school offers a variety of health classes such as stretching and floor exercises.

After leaving the USSR five years ago, the couple worked with several American circuses and sports shows. "We realized," Ms. Krasavina said, "there were not very many American-born performers, practically no teachers and no schools. Because we were getting a little older and needed to settle down, we decided to open a circus art school of our own."

At first the circus school was located at the Episcopal Church of St. John the Divine in Manhattan, but space and usage time presented problems. A search for other quarters eventually brought them to Hoboken, where they now occupy 4,000 square feet of space over a department store.

Although their adult students, for the most part, followed the school across the river for classes, most of the children could not. "We hope to enroll a lot of children, here," Ms. Krasavina said, "both in groups and as individuals."

Children will learn a "little bit of everything." Everything includes: tumbling, trapeze, balancing, equilibrium, wire walking (both slack and tight), ballet, juggling, clowning and acrobatics.

Students attending The Hudson School, Hoboken, will take part of their physical education schedule at the center.

Ms. Krasavina, a native of Leningrad, and her husband, originally from Moscow, were taken into the Soviet state circus as students. They met there and were married 11 years ago. Now residents of New York, both are awaiting their American citizenship.

Romano is sworn in on Parking Authority

Joseph S. Romano has been sworn in as a commissioner of the West New York Parking Authority to finish the unexpired term of chairwoman Ethel Renner, who resigned two weeks ago.

A resident of Hasbrough Heights, Romano's appointment was approved at a West New York town commission meeting last week where a town employee residency requirement ordinance also was approved.

The Bergenline Avenue merchant was sworn in at Mayor Anthony DeFino's home yesterday afternoon.

The Parking Authority has also hired a new secretary-treasurer to replace John Misa, who resigned earlier this month.

John Mirabelli will replace Misa in the only salaried Authority position.

The Authority still has not chosen a new chairman to replace Mrs. Renner but inside sources said Vice Chairman Dennis Guyre, who presided over Tuesday night's meeting is the likely candidate.

Hope to absorb fifth of laid-off CETA workers

Unlike other North Hudson communities which will be drastically short-handed due to the loss of funds and lack of extensions under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, West New York is hoping to hold its own by absorbing almost 20 percent of the 75 laid-off workers.

The Board of Commissioners passed an ordinance last week for a \$225,812 emergency appropriation to cover the salaries of the 16 CETA employees who will be put on the town payroll.

"We have been commended by other communities on the number of employees we have been able to absorb," said Richard Tedesco, director of the West New York CETA program.

Between federal cutbacks and the maximum term of 18 months of employment requirement, West New York will be losing 60 percent of its 126 CETA workers.

West New York will not be

void of manpower shortages due to the cutbacks, however.

Mayor Anthony DeFino said he asked department heads to go over their staffs and decide which areas were the most expendable.

"We are going to be losing a number of workers in the housing department, code enforcement, maintenance area and many multi-skilled workers, but we will just have to do the best with what we have."

The Successful Block Watching Program was entirely funded and staffed by CETA workers and will no longer exist after Sept. 30, the mayor added.

"We have tried to retain the workers with the most experience as well as the services most needed by the town people," he added.

Union City will be losing 218 CETA employees and Hoboken will lose 87 and both communities have said they will only be absorbing a handful.

Hoboken administrators plan sweeping changes

By Randolph Diamond

Over half the students in the Hoboken School System are below level in their reading and mathematics skills.

That statement is true but the actual figures deserve a closer look.

For in the 1976 school year 41 percent of the students scored above level on the statewide reading tests and 50 percent scored below level.

But in the 1979 school year the figures show that 48 percent of the students scored above level on the reading tests while 52 percent scored below level for an overall gain between the two years of 7 percent.

The match scores of students show similar gains.

The facts are clear: More and more students are getting a better education in the Hoboken school system.

But Hoboken's two new top school administrators know they have a long road ahead of them.

School Superintendent George Maier and Assistant Superintendent Walter Fine have been in office only a little over one year and they realize there are no easy answers.

The two men, however, have accepted the challenge.

And come next month school will be back in session in Hoboken and all the two men's planning and ideas the last year will be put to the test.

The changes both students and teachers will see in the school system will be the broadest ever made.

First there is a 39-category evaluation system to improve the quality of teaching in the system.

All teachers, according to Fine, will be evaluated in 39 areas ranging from their knowledge of a particular

subject to how they relate to the students.

Teachers who are found to be deficient in certain skills will be sent to master teachers in the school system to brush up.

Of course teachers have been evaluated in the past, Fine said, but never to this level.

"We are not doing this to penalize the teachers," he said. "Our purpose is to improve their skills."

Though Fine said teachers will be told in advance when their lessons will be evaluated, the assistant superintendent said he doesn't think this will hinder the evaluation process.

Another major in change in the school system is the revamping of the entire district's curriculum.

Or perhaps it should be said the

drawing up of a curriculum.

For according to Maier, Hoboken has never had any formal subject curriculum.

Now that there is a curriculum, Maier said, teachers will now know what they are supposed to teach the students.

September will also see the reorganization of the Hoboken schools.

Instead of a child going to elementary school for six years and then junior high and high school for three years each the system will convert to a combined K-8 school with high school starting in the ninth grade.

Maier sees the new concept as leading to better education in Hoboken for students will stay with one teacher until the 8th grade.

Career education is another area

Maier said he will like to improve in the school system in the years to come.

Maier said the Hoboken schools have not in the past offered adequate career programs to train students in vocational fields.

His plan is to reverse that by opening resources centers in each of Hoboken's elementary schools.

Each resource center would cover a different area, he said, one might be for woodworking another for printing and another for training in the medical field.

The whole idea, he said, is to start career education early and then give the student the opportunity to specialize in a particular field by the time he reaches high school.

Both Maier and Fine admit none of their plans will work unless the children of parents enrolled in the

school system become involved.

For it is the parents, they say, who set examples for children who can make sure their child attends school every day and does his homework.

Many times when the parents don't care about the schools, then they say, the effect rubs off on the children.

Currently, Fine said, only the Wallace and Calabro Schools have parent-teacher organizations, which he said are excellent ways to involve the parents.

"My goal is to expand them to all of our schools," he said.

Can Fine and Maier turn Hoboken's school system around?

Probably only time will tell. But the two know they had better get moving.

Rent board chairman quits, other members decline post

Joseph Hottendorf, chairman of the Hoboken Rent Leveling and Stabilization Board, leaves office Friday after six years — and there's no successor in sight.

Hottendorf, who was the board's only chairman, presided at his final meeting last night but when the board brought up its reorganization no one wanted the chairmanship. Hottendorf nominated Alfred Avitable for the post, but Avitable declined.

So the board temporarily tables its reorganization until a future date, with no officers. Members of the board are Vilma Hernandez, Patrick

McNamara, Florence Lipane, Mary Lemanowicz, John Torres and Avitable.

Hottendorf said he was pleased at the progress made by the board during his six years as chairman. The ordinance he helped draft created a

greater rapport with local banking institutions to help homeowners and the board has never lost a case in court, he said.

The cases before the board last night for increases at 708 Garden St., and 334 Hudson St. were tabled.

Loss of CETA workers will 'end the gravy train'

By Randolph Diamond

Some Hoboken city departments will be merged, some employees will be reassigned and all employees will be asked to do a full day's work as Hoboken officials try to fill the gaps to be created by the layoffs of some 87 Hoboken CETA employees.

But the mayor admits he is keeping his fingers crossed because losing such a large number of employees is a big blow to the city.

There would be about 600 city employees on the payroll once the 87 lose their jobs on Sept. 12. Hoboken Business Administrator

Edwin Chius said he and department directors are currently making plans to improve efficiency in the Hoboken city government.

Chius said the merger of departments is probably a few months off but employee reassignment and an increased workload for them will take place by the end of September.

"The end of the gravy train is near for city employees," said Chius. "Everyone is going to be expected to put in a full day's work."

City officials, including Chius and the mayor, often have said some city employees have been leaving early

and not doing a full day's work.

The business administrator said the start of a time sheet program in all departments will make it easier to supervise employees.

Under the time sheet program, Chius said all employees will have to sign in at the beginning of the day and out at the end.

Chius said he will make inspections once the program starts to make sure employees are working their proper hours and that no one falsely signs the time sheets. If employees

aren't doing their jobs, Chius said they will be fired.

The business administrator said a central office pool may be set up where secretaries can be rotated to different departments depending on the workload.

Chius said it has not been determined yet which departments would

be merged but one contender, for example, would be a merger of the Tax Collection and the Water and Sewage Collection offices.

The business administrator said of the laid-off CETA employees, six will definitely be put on the city payroll.

Transit \$\$ for cities

Mondale tells us the plan

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The Hoboken PATH station was mobbed yesterday morning as the rush-hour set listened to Vice-president Walter Mondale's pitch for improved mass transit.

By PAUL MOSES

Vice-president Walter Mondale visited Hoboken's faded 72-year-old train terminal yesterday to announce a new \$16.5 billion plan to improve mass transit by taxing oil company profits.

"The special interests are already trying to keep this money to themselves," he said, later adding, "We need your help... Let's keep the pressure on."

Speaking beneath ornate wrought iron grillwork and a towering, peeling ceiling in the terminal's cavernous waiting room, Mondale gave details for the first time on the transportation facet of President Carter's energy plan.

He said \$13 billion would be used to rehabilitate and expand mass transit systems.

Another \$2.5 billion would be used to encourage car pooling, and \$1 billion would go to researching fuel economy and automotive improvements.

No decision has been reached on how the funds would be allocated, but Mondale said, "There will be no question the New York-New Jersey area will be a recipient of substantial amounts of money."

Mondale acknowledged the Carter administration faces a September fight in Congress over the windfall profits tax, which would "take billions from those few who don't need it and use it to help poor people." He thanked Rep. Frank Guarini and Senators Harrison Williams and Bill Bradley for their support.

"We can save massive amounts of energy if we can provide people with clean, comfortable, and safe mass transit," the vice-president said. A federal official estimated energy savings could begin at 250,000 barrels of oil a day.

New Jersey Transportation Commissioner Louis Gambaccini said the state has prepared grant applications to garner funds for rehabilitating mass transit facilities.

Gambaccini listed three possible renovation projects for funding under Mondale's proposal: the North Jersey Coast line, running from New York through Newark to Long Beach Island and Bayhead; the Morris and Essex division of the Erie-Lackawanna line, and the Raritan Valley line between Newark and Phillipsburg, N.Y.

A spokeswoman said the state Department of Transportation has applied for funds to upgrade the Susquehanna Railroad lines in Hudson, Bergen, and Passaic counties.

Gambaccini said the transit proposal's \$5.6 billion for purchase of new buses could benefit New Jersey, which has 1,100 buses over 12 years old. Many of the older buses run in Hudson County, he said.

Mondale said he hopes funds can be available under the new program by Oct.

Touring the crowded Hoboken train terminal during yesterday morning's rush hour, Mondale gave a boost to the Carter regime, noting, "This is the first federal administration that has made a commitment to mass transportation."

He viewed a 50-year-old "antique" railroad car still in use, chatted with photographers with talkative New York Mayor Edward Koch and smiling Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto, and shook hands with hurried commuters.

Mondale said he visited the Hoboken terminal to announce the mass transit plan because it was "utterly magnificent" when built in 1907, and "even today, after years of disrepair, is a symbol of Hoboken spirit."

He said it "was here in Hoboken that the world saw its first steam ferry," and that it is time for Americans to regain such spirit by embarking on a plan to give mass transit priority over the automobile.

Gov. Brendan Byrne, who invited Mondale to New Jersey, voiced approval of the \$16.5 billion program.

Rep. Frank Guarini said the funds are desperately needed. "I see no railway from here to Bayonne. I see no connection between the Holland and Lincoln tunnels," he said.

"I was hoping we'd show the worst of the trains in our system (to Mondale), not the best, so he could see how really desperate our situation is."

Although it costs more to ride a bus across the Hudson River than to drive a car, federal officials said the \$16.5 billion program contains no funds to lower fares.

"I doubt very much that we'll see fares go down," said Assistant Transportation Secretary Mortimer Downey. "That's a local decision."

He said increasing ridership could allow local administrators to retain current fares, however.

Ranieri to be heard on objecting to license transfer

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Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri will get a chance to object to the transfer of a liquor license to the owner of Hoboken's Grand Hotel after all.

Albert Pierro, the chairman of the local ABC board, said today the board will rescind the approval it gave to Pasquale Severino at its Aug. 13 meeting after reading in The Jersey Journal that the legal notice announcing the transfer wasn't published until after the meeting.

"Ranieri has every right to object and we will give him the

opportunity to be heard," he said.

A legal notice announcing the transfer, was not published until Aug. 15 and Ranieri, after reading the notice, submitted his objection the following day.

Ranieri says he is objecting to the transfer because Severino had not renovated the Grand Hotel as he promised to do two years ago.

Pierro said today he did not know the legal notice ran after the ABC board meeting at which the decision was made.

Yesterday the ABC board's

two other members also said they were unaware the advertisement had not run until after their decision.

Severino said today he had a secretary submit the advertisement to The Dispatch at the beginning of August.

Joseph Lerner, state director of the Alcoholic Control Board, says that Ranieri should have had a chance to object to the transfer of the liquor license before the board should have made a decision.

"If he doesn't get satisfaction from them he has a right to

appeal to us," he said.

Pierro stressed that the approval the local board gave Severino was conditional pending receipt of the final plans for the creation of a downstairs restaurant.

Pierro said there would be no stand-up bar in the restaurant.

"Liquor would just be served at the tables," he said.

The question still remains as to why Severino was given title of the vacant hotel he had bought from the city two years ago.

Ranieri says the agreement

was for Severino to do a major portion of renovation work before the title to the property became his, which he hasn't done.

The title however, was deeded to him by the city law department.

Assistant City Lawyer Thomas Calligy says he did so on the advice of former city building inspector James Caulfield.

Caulfield said today that Severino had lived up to his agreement with the city and had done the necessary renovation

work that was required of him to get the deed.

Meanwhile, Severino says he has obtained the necessary financing to renovate the Grand Hotel and says he will turn it into Hoboken's first condominium.

He said he expects to receive necessary state approval within 90 days and will create 13 apartments in the old hotel.

The apartments, he said, would be ready sometime between next January and April.



Hoboken Public Works employee Charles White examines equipment used yesterday by the Aaxon Industries Corp. of Woodbridge to dredge the sewers on Third Street in Hoboken.

Hoboken's clogged sewers undergo dredging operation

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By CAMILLE KENNY

Workmen began yesterday morning to dredge Hoboken's clogged sewers, a job expected to take about four months, city officials estimate.

Aaxon Industries, Inc., of Iselin, signed a \$150,000 contract with the city last Friday, and began to work yesterday on the interceptor sewer line on Third Street.

The city decided to have the sewers cleaned last winter after a study by Storch Engineers revealed a "serious and emerging problem" with the city's sewers, said city Business Administrator Edwin Chius.

"We could see it was a problem that has been lingering a long time," said Chius. "The sewers have been a problem for years. In

some sections of town, we still have wooden sewers."

The city Department of Public Works constantly has a list of 50-odd complaints about backed-up and clogged sewers causing floods in private homes. Chius said that as soon as five or six were answered, others residents complained.

Chius said the work was begun on the interceptor line because other sewers cannot be drained until the main line is cleaned. He added that more money is needed to do the job completely, but Aaxon Industries will do the worst areas of the city.

"Then we will decide how good a job they've done and spend money in the future for maintenance of the sewers," Chius said.

He said he hoped to train and establish a "sewer cleaning crew," responsible for cleaning the sewers on a regular basis to insure they are never seriously clogged again.

"This crew would clean the sewers on a systematic basis rather than an emergency basis."

The cleaning work is being done with a 20-40 vacuum machine, a relatively new model which picks up sewage but not sewer water. A city engineering consultant recommended it as suitable for Hoboken's problem.

The city council earlier this month rejected a lower bid for the contract from another firm because it did not have the 20-40 vacuum available.

3 who claimed sex bias now Hoboken principals

8/30/79

The Hoboken Board of Education last night promoted three women who charged seven years ago that the board was discriminating against them by denying them promotional opportunities.

Dorothy Ziegler was named principal and is expected to be assigned to the Rue/Demarest School. Upgraded to vice principal were Helen Culhane, who'll probably go to Leinikau School, and Carlotta Winslow, tentatively set for duty at the high school.

There's a slight catch, though. All three are appointed in an "acting" capacity, according to the board resolutions.

Board officials gave no public explanation for that, but privately they said they were awaiting the final arrangements of a settlement satisfactory to all parties.

Part of that settlement could involve two other female employees who the Office of Civil Rights in Newark, based on an evaluation of the district it conducted after holding a hearing on the discrimination complaint last winter, felt were entitled to consideration for promotional rights,

according to George R. Maier, district superintendent.

If these women are not promoted — and there's little likelihood of other vacancies occurring in the near future — the Office of Civil Rights figures they could very well make a claim to the board for some kind of cash payment representing the amount of money they might otherwise have collected in administrative posts, said Maier.

Maier declined to name the two women, but sources familiar with the case identified them as Ann Accetta, a Wallace School instructor, and Julia Beham, a high school teacher.

Two board members, Dominick Pellicano and Richard England, voted against all three promotions, and a third, James Monaco, abstained on the appointments of Miss Culhane and Mrs. Winslow.

Only Pellicano told why. "Please don't think me a male chauvinist because I voted against these three ladies," he told the audience. "One reason I'm doing this is that I haven't had an opportunity to evaluate their

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qualifications and the other is that I feel there could very well be other people in the system possibly more qualified for these positions," he said.

Mrs. Ziegler, former president of the Hoboken Teachers Union, presently serves as vice principal of Demarest School. Previously, she taught at the high school. (Two women, Margaret Malone and Alice Keating, previously served as Hoboken principals.)

Miss Culhane, a veteran of more than 40 years in the system, now holds the chairmanship of the high school history department and Mrs. Winslow, who has served more than 25 years, is a high school science teacher.

In other personnel actions, the board effected a district-wide shakeup of administrative and supervisory employees by voting for a series of lateral transfers involving five vice principals and seven supervisors.

The board also hired 11 new teachers to fill vacancies created by leaves, retirements, resignations and promotions, reinstated 22 high school teachers let go in April after they got certified to teach on the elementary school level (that leaves two not rehired) and reappointed 14 bi-lingual education instructors after the district was refunded for the program.

The board hired Jacqueline McClellan and Carmela Lisa as special education teacher, Vincent D'Agostino as truant officer, Jean Avitable as clerk in the board secretary's office and Claire Taglieri as purchasing clerk in the business manager's office.

The board learned from Maier

that a librarian assigned to the Brandt School is being removed for a classroom assignment. Maier was answering a question by Ann Vermeil, a member of the public.

The board voted to reject a single bid received for sidewalk repairs at the Leinikau School as excessive but awarded annual contracts totaling around \$70,000 for athletic, paint, lumber and medical supplies, uniforms, window shades, window-cleaning, milk, science equipment, graphic arts and mechanical drawing devices.

The board also authorized Anthony Romano, business manager, to enter into a joint transportation agreement with the Hudson County Vocational School to bus handicapped Hoboken youngsters to special schools outside the district.

Council will get plans for uptown off-street parking

Initial plans for Hoboken's first municipal outdoor off-street parking lot will be presented to the City Council tomorrow night, Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius announced today.

Chius said bids on the 24-car lot at 11th Street and Willow Avenue are scheduled to be received on Sept. 19. The construction could be finished by the end of the year.

Chius said the total cost of construction for the new lot would be \$45,000.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said he feels the lot will ease some of the parking problems for residents living in the neighborhood.

But he said the only real solution to the tight parking situation in uptown Hoboken is the construction of a new garage.

He said a lottery will probably be held to determine who gets the space in the lot if there are more than 24 applications.

Hoboken will make school board 'legal'

The City Council is expected to take action tomorrow night to reauthorize what state education officials say is Hoboken's illegally constituted school board.

Two ordinances are to be considered, one to create a five-man school board and the other to create a seven-man board. The current school board has nine members.

The city switched from an elected to an appointed school board this spring, but the City Council never passed an enabling ordinance — as required by law.

City Council President Walter Cramer discovered the mistake last month.

Education law says the new board can have five or seven members only.

Mayor Steve Cappiello has stated he is in favor of a seven man board because it would be better to only lose two of the board's current members instead of four.

Hoboken housing inspectors blasted

The Hoboken Housing Inspection Bureau again has been cited by the state for doing an inadequate job in inspecting the city's housing.

Ralph Pfleger, chief of the State Bureau of Housing, said recent audits showed that local inspectors on numerous occasions failed to write up violations on inspection visits.

The bureau chief said he has ordered his inspectors to meet with Michael Curcio and his staff to make sure they understand how to do inspections properly.

Pfleger said Curcio and his staff constantly failed to write up such violations as broken stairways, lack of handrails in stairways, lack of peepholes in the doors and no double-bolt locks.

Curcio said, however, he and his

two-man staff just don't have the time to write up such violations. Curcio said he is very short-staffed and had to concentrate on major violations which directly threatened people's health and safety.

Curcio said, however, he is now citing all violations found during inspection tours.

In April, 1978 Curcio and his staff had been cited by the state for doing inspections improperly.

Pfleger said, though, he thought the problems had been straightened out and Curcio was doing a good job until he started to get complaints recently.

Curcio's office inspects Hoboken's housing under contract with the state and receives an annual payment.

Pfleger conceded Curcio's two-man staff is not enough to inspect all the buildings in Hoboken.

One of the city's building inspectors was laid off last January but Mayor Steve Cappiello stated recently he would add more inspectors to the bureau as soon as Hoboken receives its state payment.

Pfleger said Hoboken is due to receive \$45,000 shortly, but there has been a delay because of the poor inspections Hoboken inspectors have done.

"We have had to do some inspections over ourselves," he said. "We're not going to pay Hoboken for not doing proper inspections."

Waterfront planners will meet at Stevens

Gov. Brendan Byrne's State Waterfront Study Commission has scheduled a meeting for 10 a.m. on Friday in Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, according to a spokeswoman for commission chairman Kenneth McPherson, a Jersey City attorney.

Some Hudson County members of the commission said that the panel may request the creation of a waterfront development plan from Stevens engineering personnel that would include the Jersey City, Hoboken and North Hudson riverfronts.

There has been some division among Hudson mayors on the method of developing the waterfront with each community which lies along the river sometimes choosing its own destiny much to the chagrin of adjacent neighbors who favor regionalized development.

A case in point is the furor raised by West New York Mayor Anthony M. DeFino over the proposed shopping mall on River Road in North Bergen. DeFino also has a suspicious eye on Weehawken where Mayor Wally P. Lindsley has created a municipal port authority.

Union City Mayor and State Sen. William V. Musto, a member of the waterfront commission empaneled by Byrne, yesterday questioned the effectiveness of the group because it lacked input from the Port Authority.

"How can you make development plans on the waterfront without referring to the New York side of the harbor or involving the area's largest developer in some of the planning?" asked Musto.

Ranieri gets invitation

The National League of Cities has invited Councilman Robert Ranieri of Hoboken to attend a conference on labor negotiations next Tuesday in Baltimore, Md. He will be one of three elected officials to participate.

Ranieri, a member of the league's steering committee, will take part in a discussion of "Negotiating and the Elected Official." League members from the 11 northeast states will participate.

Rooming houses a 'blight'

By DIANE CURCIO

Seventy-two residents from the 1000 Bloomfield St. block in Hoboken have signed petitions urging the state housing bureau to inspect two dilapidated rooming houses on the block. Residents claim the houses are a blight on the block of otherwise well-kept homes in the core of the brownstone district.

Residents yesterday cited the deteriorating sidewalk outside 1029 Bloomfield St., crumbling chimney and leaking water pipes at 1033 Bloomfield St., garbage strewn about the two homes and gaping open front doors.

"Many of us (neighborhood homeowners) have spent a lot of money and work in our houses and it's so frustrating to have something like this," said Joseph

Rafter, referring to the rooming houses. Rafter is one of the organizers of the petition drive.

"People are worried... They (the rooming houses) just have an overbearing look of a place falling down... If a fire ever started here in these row houses it would wipe us out," he said.

Rafter stressed that the residents' protest is not aimed at the tenants. "It's not directed at the people in the houses. Our only concern is the housing maintenance," he explained.

Rafter said at least five neighbors questioned the organizers' motives concerning the tenants before signing the petitions. "Cleaning up the place once is no good."

"The owner must make a commitment to maintaining the property," Rafter said.

The two boarding houses are owned and operated by Ernest and Liselotte Lieber. The Englewood couple owns more than 20 Hoboken houses in the 1st Ward alone.

The Liebers manage the properties from the offices of the Lieber Realty at 134 Bloomfield St.

Mrs. Lieber said she "did not know" about the crumbling chimney or leaking pipes. She said state officials inspected 1033 Bloomfield St. on Aug. 27. But she said she has not yet received a report on the inspection.

Ralph Pfleger, chief of the state bureau of housing inspection, said his office

was processing the inspection report, and that the results would be publicized after the owner receives the report. Pfleger said the state has tentatively scheduled an inspection of 1029 Bloomfield St. for Sept. 12.

Mrs. Lieber contended that any housing violations found in the structures would be abated. She claimed that the tenant is often to blame for the conditions of a house.

As an example, Mrs. Lieber complained that she was forced to start eviction proceedings against one tenant at 1033 after a house painter found piles of open food cans in his room. She said the tenant was repeatedly warned to clean his room but ignored the owners' pleas.



Brushing up

Linda Gustafson gives the hair of her son, Patrick, a last minute touch as she prepares him for Wellesley School, Hoboken, where the new term begins today. (More pictures on Page 2.)

Restructured schools start up in Hoboken

School started in Hoboken today but with teachers still without a signed contract and with a problem that could cause a snag.

An extra ninth period has been added to the high school's eight period day to accommodate for the first time the ninth grade and teachers are being asked to spend an extra 13 minutes in school a day without receiving additional pay for it.

In addition to Hoboken, new terms began today in North Bergen, Weehawken, West New York and Guttenberg. Union City and Secaucus hold freshman orientation for high school students today and will begin classes for all grades tomorrow.

Hoboken High School Principal Joseph Buda said the extended high school day is to start tomorrow but William Rutherford, president of the Hoboken Teachers' Association said the union hasn't received notice of it.

Rutherford said until a contract is signed the teachers will be working under last year's contract, which provides only for eight periods.

The HTA president refused to say

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whether teachers would work the extra period without a contract. "We would file a grievance," he said.

A negotiating session is scheduled for tonight between the teachers association and the school board. Both sides say they remain hopeful a settlement can be reached.

No one would discuss details of the negotiations but there were indications that the fact the teachers are being asked to work the extra period without receiving added compensation has been the main issue.

Schools Superintendent George Maier said it would be impossible to accommodate the ninth grade in the high school without the extra period.

Maier said the time between classes and the time of the home room period have been reduced so even

with the ninth period teachers would be asked to spend only 13 minutes more a day.

Hoboken students are entering the high school in the ninth grade as the entire school system is restructured, eliminating the junior high schools. The seventh and eighth grades will now be included in the elementary schools.

Maier said there will be some confusion in the high school as both students and teachers get used to the ninth grade.

Meanwhile, Maier said another problem exists with the high school gym floor.

A new floor is being put in, he said, but work will not be finished for at least another 10 days. Gym classes will be held outdoors in the meantime. If it rains the superintendent said the classes will have to be canceled altogether.



One of the two buildings on Hoboken's Bloomfield Street that residents have called eyesores.

Hoboken can't remedy all sewer backups

Although Hoboken is spending \$150,000 to clean out the city's sewer system, Public Works Director Andrew Amato says the sewers have been neglected for so long that they may still back up into people's homes after the cleaning.

"Just because we're cleaning the lines now doesn't mean we're not going to have problems in a couple of months," Amato said. "Do you know how much debris is in these sewers? In many cases it's to the top of the sewer. They have been neglected for years."

Amato said he doesn't think the Aaxon Co. of Iselin, which the city council hired to do the cleaning job last month, will be able to get all the debris out of the sewers.

The Public Works director said he has recently received about 30 complaints from local residents about sewage backups even though many of the sewers that serve those homes have already been cleaned.

"I got two complaints from residents on lower Willow Avenue just yesterday," he said.

Amato said he thought the sewer lines on Willow Avenue had been cleaned but that it was possible that the people who had complained were served by different lines than the ones that are being cleaned out.

Amato said he will be checking maps of the city's sewerage lines in the next few days to find out if the residents complaining about sewage backups have had their lines cleaned out or not.

Hoboken to hire only 8 of 87 CETA workers

By DIANE CURCIO

Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius said yesterday the city can afford to hire only eight of the 87 CETA workers laid off due to impending cutbacks in federal funding or the expiration of their terms of employment.

Three fire alarm operators, two police dispatchers, one clerk-typist in the law department and two welfare investigators dropped from the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) program will be put on the municipal payroll at an approximate annual salary of \$9,000 each, he explained.

Chius said he made provisions to hire these

workers in the 1979 budget because through "personal knowledge and observation" he found them to be essential to the city.

The federal government is expected to cut approximately 50 percent of the usual \$1.1 million Hoboken CETA allotment, according to CETA Director George Crimmins, and new federal CETA guidelines authorized last year limit workers to an 18-month stint in the program.

The 18-month limit and cutbacks forced Crimmins to reduce the original 145-member CETA staff to a 58 workers.

Training new personnel for the eight jobs would disrupt the essential services to Hoboken.

Chius said. Therefore, he then provided for their salaries in the 1979 budget without then knowing of a reduction in the CETA monies.

However, he said these people must undergo appropriate Civil Service tests for their positions.

Chius said the hiring of the clerk-typist is a "perfect example" of the success of the CETA program. Ellen Gates, a former garment worker, was hired as an assistant in the law department three years ago, Chius said. She was trained on the job and is now replacing a retired legal clerk.

Chius added he is still deliberating on whether

to retain a rent leveling board worker funded by CETA on the city payroll. He said he would have to transfer funds laterally within the administration department to place the worker on the city account.

Chius said the position could prove crucial this winter when many landlord-tenant disputes are likely to arise due to increased heating costs.

The new federal CETA budget is to be completed by Oct. 1, the start of the new fiscal year.

Mayor Steve Cappiello advised all city directors to press their remaining work staff to maintain city services.

Dario, Powers lose bid for Hoboken rehab contract

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Applied Housing, Inc., a Hoboken-based developer, has won first crack at renovating as many as 100 dilapidated housing units with the aid of federal rent subsidies and a city tax abatement over a bid by a rival development firm that includes a Union City commissioner and the president of the Union City Board of Education.

In other developments last night, Hoboken City Council, as expected, adopted one ordinance authorizing temporary tax exemptions for commercial industrial and multi-family

properties and introduced another calling for the organization of a seven-member Board of Education.

Philip Seriale, a principal in the firm Seriale & Associates, appealed to the council to intercede with the city's Community Development Agency, whose director, Fred Bado, "doesn't feel we're qualified" to undertake a proposed residential rehabilitation job in the city's uptown section.

Instead, he said, Bado is giving the green light to another firm applying for the right to

perform a similar job — at a Downtown location — but with the use of a tax abatement — an abatement Seriale claims he and his partners aren't seeking.

Seriale's partners are Commissioner Ronald Dario of Union City; John Powers, Union City school board president and secretary-business manager to the Hudson County Vocational School; Joseph Rivera, like Seriale a contractor; and Sol Siegel, a Bayonne housing consultant.

Reached at home, Bado identified the other firm mentioned by Seriale as Applied

Housing, together with an "Hispanic non-profit group." He said they're proposing to gut some 80 units of housing in the area of Second Street and Willow Avenue.

Bado said the plan is being submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's regional office in Newark, with CDA's endorsement, for HUD approval under the federal Neighborhood Strategy Area program that calls for "substantial residential renovation" coupled with federal rent subsidies.

Still to be settled, however,

even if HUD sanctions the plan, is the question of ownership, said Bado. Applied Housing has "options on portions of the properties" and, if the firm and Hispanic group can't acquire all the units they want to renovate, Hoboken may be forced into a situation where the city would be asked to "condemn" the property involved, said Bado.

The Seriale partners say they have a "contract to purchase" the properties at 800-812 Willow Ave. and 1308-10-12 Washington St. from the present owners, but that isn't really what disturbs Bado.

What worries Bado more is the Seriale group's proposed financing method — persuading the Hoboken Housing Authority to form a non-profit corporation to issue more than \$3 million in tax-exempt bonds. "I found no indications in their application this was realistic," said Bado.

"However, I'm not rejecting their application," Bado said. "they can reapply after Oct. 1 for the second year of the NSA program." Bado was to meet today with the Seriale group.

Councilman Robert Ranieri persuaded all but two of his colleagues, E. Norman Wilson Jr. and Anthony Romano, to vote for the commercial tax exemption ordinance, claiming that the Universal Folding Box Co. would, otherwise, "leave Hoboken in one year."

The school board is being reorganized because when residents voted last winter to change from an elective to appointive board system, the board continued as a nine-member entity — in violation of state regulations which limit Hoboken's new board to either five or seven members.

Mayors shake heads over obsolete sewage facility

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By PAUL MOSES

North Hudson mayors are bewildered over how to dispose of North Bergen's new \$12 million sewage treatment plant, which is already considered obsolete four months before its scheduled completion date.

"How do you tell the public this?" Union City Mayor William Musto wondered at one point during yesterday's meeting of the North Hudson Council of Mayors.

The new plant is scheduled for completion by Christmas, but will not be included in the federally-

mandated treatment system of the Hudson County Utilities Authority.

Officials at the meeting agreed it is "ludicrous" and "morally wrong" to abandon the 43rd Street plant, but that it does not fit the authority's plans for a \$300 million treatment system.

Mayor Anthony DiVincent is negotiating with the authority to pay for the project, which he terms "a white elephant."

The plant was partly financed with a \$2.7 million grant from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority. North Bergen has funded the remainder with bonds.

DiVincent said "it's a problem we inherited" from former North Bergen Mayor Peter Mocco, and noted that improved treatment was required under a court order.

The North Bergen plant will operate up to 10 years until the authority's facility is ready, allowing the township's western portion to be developed. The court order banned building in North Bergen until there is "adequate" sewerage treatment.

The new plant would allow reversal of a downward slide of tax rates — a \$30 million industrial park will be built when the plant is completed — that has raised homeowners' taxes.

But other Hudson County municipalities will, in effect, pay for the prosperity the new plant could bring North Bergen if the utilities authority buys it.

Musto objected to North Bergen's plan to revive its economy through the plant, saying its cost should not be passed to other communities financing the utilities authority.

West New York and Hoboken also are negotiating with the authority to take over debts for their treatment facilities.

Hoboken accepts ink-spill payment

The City of Hoboken has accepted a \$200,000 settlement of its civil suit against the Alco-Gravure Inc. printing firm stemming from a spectacular midnight explosion which destroyed a city sewage pumping station on 11th Street, Sept. 18, 1975.

The settlement ended a trial before Superior Court Judge Raymond W. Young and a jury in which Carl Schaefer, assistant city attorney, contended that the explosion was caused by the defendant firm's negligence in spilling a special type printing ink with a naphtha base into a sewer.

Police reported at the time of the blast that it blew out windows in the

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neighborhood and a concrete slab from the pumping station landed on the roof of an apartment in the neighborhood.

No one was injured in the explosion of the one-story plant on 11th Street, between Washington and Hudson streets.

The automatically-operated station, in conjunction with another sta-

tion on Fifth Street, pumps sewage along to a treatment plant.

The city claimed that after the blast an immediate search was made to detect the cause. City witnesses asserted sewer manholes were removed and the source of a strong odor was traced to the Alco-Gravure plant some seven blocks away at Ninth and Monroe streets.

They claimed Alco called the fire department after the blast, reporting

there was an odor and ink had been accidentally spilled into a sewer.

Alco-Gravure was defended by Gregory Reilly, who denied any negligence and claimed through an expert witness, Prof. Paul Cherisnoff of the New Jersey Institute of Technology, that methane gas is always prevalent in any sewer system. He testified that an accumulation of such gas caused the ex-

plosion, not the accidental discharge of ink and there was not a sufficient amount of naphtha in the ink to set off the blast.

Federal environmental protection authorities were on the scene shortly after the blast, temporary pumps were set up and a new, more modern pumping station was erected with federal funds. It was learned the settlement compensates the city for its expenses.

Hoboken CDA gives reprieve on housing rehab plan

9/7/79 JS

The proposal by Seriale Ltd. to rehabilitate several old Hoboken tenements appeared to be very much alive today, with the city's Community Development Agency pledging to assist in working out financial arrangements.

Joseph Rivera, a partner in the firm, said his group will make a formal presentation to the Hoboken Housing Authority next Thursday.

One representative of the firm, Commissioner Ronald Dario of Union

City, went before the City Council Wednesday night and said he felt the application Seriale filed with the CDA was unjustly rejected. He asked the council to look into it.

Yesterday Seriale representatives conferred with CDA officials in the office of Fred Bado, the director. Bado said the CDA will help Seriale representatives, who also include John Powers, president of the Union City Board of Education, work out an acceptable financial

package for the rehabilitation work.

Bado said the Seriale proposal will be eligible for funding in October when the CDA receives a new allotment of money under the federal Neighborhood Strategies Program. Hoboken has 125 units that can be rehabilitated this year. Both the Seriale proposal and that of another firm, Applied Housing, call for 87 units.

CDA officials had been scheduled to announce yesterday they had re-

jected the Seriale application in favor of one by Applied Housing to rehabilitate parts of the 100 and 200 block on Willow Avenue. CDA support for the Seriale plan came at the conference yesterday afternoon, however.

Under the program outlined by Seriale, bonds would be floated to pay for the rehabilitation work. The bonds must be sponsored by a public authority or agency and Seriale officials had not received approval

from such a body. Hoboken Housing Authority officials said previously that they had just seen preliminary plans and did not have enough information to consider it. In their presentation, Seriale representatives had said that if Hoboken was not interested in floating the bonds, the Union City Housing Authority might be. Union City could not do this under present regulations, said a spokesman for the Housing and Urban Development Agency.

Rivera said the Seriale group is prepared to present detailed plans to the Hoboken Housing Authority next week and already has a commitment from a bond underwriting firm to oversee the issuance.

Bado said that it was the question of financing that prompted the CDA to favor the Applied Housing proposal. Applied has rehabilitated almost 1,000 apartment units in Hoboken. There have been practically no other rehabilitation jobs by other companies.

But Bado said this has nothing to do with political favoritism. "Applied has done a good job," he said. "It's true other companies have a disadvantage because they are new to the game and Applied has a proven track record."

Sai Santaniello, Hoboken CDA Housing coordinator, said one of the reasons the CDA will work strongly with Seriale is that they want to encourage other developers and show they are not biased toward the rehabilitation giant.

In addition to the rehabilitation of the Willow Avenue buildings, the Seriale LTD proposal also called for the rehabilitation of apartment units at 1308, 1310 and 1312 Washington St.

Cappiello would cut 8 police, fire jobs

9/7/79 JS

The elimination of the positions of three Hoboken police sergeants, one police lieutenant and four fire captains is being proposed by Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello.

Cappiello said the cuts are necessary to keep Hoboken's tax rate stable and will not have a great impact on police and fire service since the eliminated positions are now vacant.

An ordinance to eliminate the positions was to have been discussed at last Tuesday's City Council caucus meeting but was tabled. Police Director James Giordano said he knew nothing about it.

The vice-president of Hoboken's Police Benevolent Association, Charles Kosbab, said the PBA would do everything possible to fight the cuts, including taking court action.

"It's so unfair," he said. "You have guys who have been on the Civil Service list for sergeant for seven months waiting for an opening. How do you think they would feel?"

Officials from the Hoboken local of the International Firefighters Association could not be reached for comment.

Giordano said he was shocked when the ordinance came up at the City Council meeting since no one had told him anything about it.

The public safety director said he had no idea who had ever asked the law department to write it up.

But Cappiello said there had been numerous discussions on the cutsbacks going back a number of months and Giordano had participated in them.

Cappiello said he didn't tell Giordano that the ordinance was coming before the City Council because he thought the public safety director was aware of it.

A meeting is scheduled Tuesday between the Hoboken City Council's Public Safety Committee and Giordano to discuss the issue further.

Court interpreter quits in Hoboken

9/10/79 JS

Justo Della Torre, Hoboken's court interpreter, who stayed out of work for four months while being paid, has resigned.

Business Administrator Edwin Chius said he received the interpreter's resignation today and immediately accepted it.

Chius said Della Torre cited a bad sinus condition as the reason.

Della Torre said a few weeks ago he was thinking of resigning because of his health, but Chius indicated that the court interpreter might be out of his job even if his health improved.

Della Torre did not take the recent Civil Service test for the position. Chius said he was considering hiring one of the two women who had

passed the test.

He said he didn't file a formal leave of absence because he didn't want the city to pay both him and his substitute.

Della Torre said he turned his weekly paycheck over to his substitute, former municipal court interpreter Armando Figueroa.

Della Torre said Mayor Steve Cappiello had given him permission to take the leave, but the mayor said he thought it would only be for a few days and not six months.

Chius said Figueroa will act as court interpreter temporarily.

Hoboken expects grant for recreation center

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Hoboken is likely to receive a grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior to renovate Hoboken's Downtown Recreation Center, Peter Beronio, Hoboken community services director, said today.

Beronio said although there is only \$12 million being offered across the whole country under a new Interior Department program, he has received word that Hoboken is likely to receive the grant.

Beronio said the grant would be

for a little more than \$300,000 which would be enough to pay for a complete renovation of the center.

The aging structure is now closed and workers from the T and M Construction Co. in Hoboken, have been putting a new roof in place of the building's old leaky one.

But cost overruns have stopped the job and city officials say they are waiting to hear if the grant is approved before proceeding.