

Joint Appropriations Committee Begins Review of Cahill Budget

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TRENTON—The Legislature's Joint Appropriations Committee has started its annual review of the governor's budget.

The review usually lasts three to four months with meetings two and three times a week. The 22 senators and assemblymen on the committee start out looking for economies and end up with an education. Though the ostensible purpose of the committee is to stop any unwarranted spending by the administration, before the budget is presented to the full Legislature, very little cutting is ever done.

But, those committee members who serve conscientiously find out, usually for the first time, just how the state spends the money appropriated.

The committee goes through the budget page by page and committee members can ask questions on any line item, or footnote that catches their fancy.

The \$1.6 billion budget Gov. Cahill has proposed covers 819 pages, it includes the amount each department, division, bureau, hospital, school, prison and so on will spend on administration, salaries, construction, postage stamps, telephone calls, food, computer data, printing, pensions, medical expenses, insurance and so on. It also details what work the department, division or bureau expects to accomplish with the money it spends.

Library Spending

For example, the State Library has a recommended budget of about \$1 million. Three fourths of this is for salaries, but the budget also provides details on how many new books the library intends to put

on its shelves during the fiscal year (21,000), how much stock work on the 1967-68 state budget, health aid to cities to improve sewerage facilities.

In its first forays this year, the committee, reflecting the changing times, has been looking to health, education and welfare as possible economy areas.

An aggregate of \$8 million was cut from the 1965-66 budget, but \$5 million of that eventually found its way back into the areas.

The committee thinks it has found \$5 million it can trim from the Medicaid and categorical assistance programs, but has already been warned by the budget bureau that any cuts that are made here will probably have to be restored before the budget review is completed or afterwards by supplemental appropriations.

Several freshmen on the committee are joining their colleagues in the search for economies but are meanwhile taking full advantage of the educational opportunities the committee meetings afford them.

Assemblyman Edward A. Connell, R-Bergen, interrupted the budget review last week with some questions on the state's school for the deaf. He had just been apprised that it existed and he asked for and will receive, information on how his constituents can apply for admissions.

Assemblyman James P. Dugan, D-Hudson, and Thomas Shusted, R-Camden, said just about the same thing when they emerged from their second meeting Thursday — "I learn something new on every page."



A DAY FOR CAHILLS—That's William Cahill on the left, That's William Cahill on the right. The man surrounded by Cahills is Trenton Mayor Carmen Armenti. The occasion was Friday's New Jersey Conference of Mayors meeting in Trenton. It was there that the city commissioner from New Brunswick, left, met his namesake the governor for the first time. They talked children . . . the commissioner has six, the governor eight.



REORGANIZATION—George L. Clafien, left, was welcomed as the newest member of the New Brunswick Board of Education last night, while Eli L. Saltz, center, and Ernest N. Scott were elected president and vice president, respectively.

Saltz and Scott to Head New Brunswick School Unit

Eli L. Saltz was elected president of the New Brunswick Board of Education last night and Ernest N. Scott was chosen vice president.

Both men were selected as the board held its annual reorganization meeting.

George L. Clafien was welcomed as the board's newest member, succeeding Edward V. Lipman, who has retired from the board. Lipman was president of the educational body.

Saltz, a resident of New Brunswick for the past 20 years, said that a preview of changes and improvements in the school would soon be revealed. The innovations would include tackling the language problems of Spanish-speaking children, the new board president said. "We want to give all of our younger children the feeling of success," he noted.

More innovations

With the help of students, the high school curriculum will also be made more innovative, Saltz said.

The board, he said, is attempting to meet the challenge of making school more meaningful.

Appointed to the board in 1965, Saltz had succeeded Terrell M. Brenner, now the board's attorney. He has served as vice president of the board since 1967.

A local business executive, Saltz is active in civic and religious organizations. He and his wife, Shirley, have three children—Linda, 15, Barbara, and Nancy, 17.

Scott, a music teacher in Sayreville and the leader of the Ernie Scott Trio, vocalist Iris Daniels, and the Young Adult Gospel Choir of the Sharon Baptist Church, Proceeds will help pay for an education trip through the South for the high school's Brotherhood Club.

The board also announced its schedule of public meetings for the year. The dates are: April 7, Livingston School; May 5, Nathan Hale School; June 2, Washington School; July 7, Lord Stirling School; Aug. 4, Bayard School; Sept. 1, Lincoln School; Oct. 6, Intermediate School; Nov. 3, McKimley School; Dec. 1, Woodrow Wilson School; next Jan. 5, high school; and Feb. 2, junior high school.

All meetings begin at 8 p.m.



SIGN HERE — Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, before today's City Commission meeting, receives citizen support from, left to right, Edward McGlynn, Edward Birn and J. H. Tunison, to petition N.J. Legislature to pass a Senate bill to compensate this city for tax exempt lands of Rutgers. (Story on Page 1)

City Launches Drive To Get State Money

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

It's not unusual for citizens to promote a petition seeking redress from government. It happens all the time.

But it's out of the ordinary for one level of government to push a petition asking citizen support for redress from another level of government.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan did just that shortly before the start of today's City Commission meeting.

She later said: "It's the signal to launch the campaign not only in this city and the county, but throughout the state."

The mayor referred to the petition seeking legislative support for state Senate Bill 288 which provides a fair formula for payments in lieu of taxes to communities with tax exempt land owned by Rutgers.

She got immediate support from Edward Birn, J.H. Tunison and Edward McGlynn, an announced Independent candidate for mayor in the November election for the new system of local government.

However, Anthony "Tony" Daly, municipal critic, gave it the cold shoulder, claiming the petition was not the answer to the city's financial ills.

Daly, who appeared refreshed from his annual vacation to Florida, was in rare form as he spoke to the commission for more than an hour.

He spoke on a wide range of subjects, but most of them related to taxes and what he referred to as the "loose management" of the city government.

Daly brushed aside the petition by remarking, "I think you're barking up the wrong tree."

The mayor said copies of the petition were mailed today to mayors of all Middlesex County municipalities.

"Over the next several weeks we expect and hope citizens will support the project," Mayor Sheehan said, adding that city officials are attempting to meet again with the legislature's joint appropriations committee.

What of U.S. Property?

But Daly countered that tax exempt property in New Brunswick is not only limited to the state.

"What about the millions of dollars of federal owned property?" he asked.

The municipal critic also charged the administration with failing to correct inequities on the city tax rolls.

"Discrepancies exist. You have taken no action to correct them," he charged.

Daly also claimed the administration has done nothing about the revaluation program made two years ago by the Realty Appraisal Co. of West New York.

He then switched to municipal employees' salaries, referring to a two-year contract effective Jan. 1 for city policemen and firemen. "You've committed yourself for two years. Now, you find yourself in a financial rut," Daly said.

Daly Warns On Taxes

The critic hammered home this position. "We are getting a confiscatory tax structure in New Brunswick."

His next subject was the See CITY, Page 24

City Employees Meet to Ratify Pact

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

Joy is expected to reign supreme later today in City Hall.

The reason: The New Brunswick Municipal Employees Association's general membership will meet to ratify a pay package its negotiating committee agreed to last night.

The agreement represents more than a 10 per cent pay hike for the 1970 salaries.

It was hammered out after nearly six hours of negotiating between the association and City Commission with state-assigned Norman Weisburd.

However, details—such as what the offer means in total dollars—were deliberately withheld.

The tight blanket of secrecy resulted from a mutual agreement among the association, the commission and the mediator.

Best Ever

On the surface, however, the agreement appears to be the best financial offer made in any given year to city employees by the administration.

George Callas, deputy city administrator, said there would be no official comment from the administration until after the agreement is ratified by the association.

There should be no problem there, since ratification will be recommended by association president John Lepping and nominating committee chairman Dino Zarrella.

When Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan could not be reached for comment, City Commissioner Carl T. Valenti was called. He said all that is being announced at this time is the seven-point agreement reached last night.

"There will be no further comment until action is taken by the employees' association," he said.

The commissioner was referring to the "memo of understanding," which is as follows:

- Agreement to a new wage and salary guide submitted with an increase forward to the next nearest step.
- This apparently means that the guide was agreed upon and the employee is automatically boosted by one grade.
- Raise in minimum starting salary to \$4,300 per year for all positions, except that any position under \$4,000 shall receive the new minimum starting salary plus one increment.
- What the increment means in dollars was not revealed.
- Increase by two increments over the newly installed wage and salary guide figured at five per cent of the minimum of the range per increment.
- No explanation was given, but this apparently means each employee under the association will get a 10 per cent salary hike this year. Add to this the boost in grade mentioned earlier.
- Complete non-contributory medical coverage including family protection in the major medical coverage starting April 1, 1970.
- This means the city will pay for all medical-surgical plans.
- This memo is subject to ratification of the association and subject to being incorporated into a formal contract.
- All increases in the wage and salary guide shall be retroactive to Jan. 1, 1970.
- This memo supersedes and replaces all prior proposals.

The association's leadership expressed satisfaction, even though the original proposals were not met. The group had asked, in addition to longevity and terminal leave benefits, for a \$1,000 hike for employees earning under \$6,000 a year and \$900 for those over that amount.

It appears, without specific facts and figures at hand, that the agreement is far superior to the pay package of 1969 when workers getting more than \$5,300 received \$500 and those under that figure, \$400.

The contract, as far as the language is concerned, was signed Feb. 24. The association was formed Dec. 5, 1968 and had been negotiating since then for its first contract.

Last night's session—the 11th—appears to have been the best of them all.

City Attorney Resigning

New Brunswick City Attorney Joseph F. Bradshaw Jr. is resigning from that municipal post he has held for the past four years.

Bradshaw, who was first named to the position by the previous city administration, confirmed he verbally notified the City Commission of his intentions.

"I have told them (city commissioners) of my plans. There will be a formal letter of resignation," the attorney said.

The former assistant county prosecutor added: "This is completely divorced from politics. And it's not personal."

"I've had a good working relationship with the city commissioners. I've been treated fairly."

Bradshaw, a personable and popular lawyer, had served as campaign manager for the previous administration when it lost to the present commissioners in May 1967.

The staunch Democrat said he does not intend to be a candidate in the upcoming Democratic primary. There is strong speculation that an opposition ticket to the administration's slate is being formed by the "out" Democrats.

Bradshaw declined further comment on his reason for resigning, other than to announce it is not personal and not political.

A graduate of Rutgers Prep, Bradshaw received his undergraduate degree from Franklin and Marshall College and his law degree from the Fordham University Law School.

The municipal official stressed that two of his accomplishments were the city ordinance in 1967 and the current reviewing of drafts for the ordinance on code enforcement.



JOSEPH F. BRADSHAW JR.

School Board to Seek Budget Compromise

March 5, 1970

The New Brunswick Board of Education, which appealed last year's city administration cut in the school budget to the state commissioner of education, may not follow the same course this year.

According to Board President Eli Saltz, the board "would prefer to make an accommodation with the city."

"You don't win any battles in Trenton," Saltz said. He added that he did not consider the state commissioner's restoration last year of \$106,000 to the school budget as a "victory."

Saltz said that the board would meet this weekend to discuss the 1970-71 school budget figures.

The compromise—if one occurs between the board and the city—would be the first of its kind in New Brunswick in that it would come after certification of the 1970-71 school budget by both the Board of School Estimate and the City Commission.

The Board of School Estimate last month chopped \$387,000 from the board's proposed budget and set \$4.9 million as the amount to be raised by local taxation for school purposes. The City Commissioner subsequently fixed that figure as the amount to be raised.

Edward W. Kilpatrick, assistant commissioner of education in charge of business and finance, yesterday described possible amendment of that certified figure as "most unusual" but said he was not capable of ruling on the legality of the move.

Contacted at his Trenton office, Kilpatrick did say,



ELI SALTZ

however, that he was certain that the state education department would take no legal steps to prevent amendment of the certification.

Terrill M. Brenner, attorney for the New Brunswick school board, stated that he believed the city has the power to amend its original certification prior to the adoption of the municipal budget March 17.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan commented that amending the certification would be "difficult and awkward" but not impossible.

"As a matter of policy and principle," the mayor said, "we never close the door." She said the city plans to meet with the Board of Education to discuss the budget.

It is believed that the results of last year's appeal may have influenced the board to seek a compromise with the city before appealing on the state.

Although Marburger restored \$106,000 to the budget last year, the school board in reality made a gain of only \$75,000 through the appeal.

The board and the city early last year reportedly had reached tentative agreement on cutting the proposed school budget by \$186,000. The school board majority later balked at that cut, and the city then announced that it was reverting to its "original" cut of \$297,000.

Thus, the school board's appeal to Marburger, in effect, resulted in the school system's getting just \$75,000 more than the city had been willing to give the board.

Police Reorganization March 8, 1970

Final Step Outlined

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

The second and final step in the reorganization of New Brunswick's Police Department was announced today by Public Safety Commissioner Carl T. Valenti.

But Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone has taken exception to "the manner and method" in which Valenti decided on the promotions entailed in the new set-up, and said he was "snubbed" by the commissioner.

The new arrangement calls for the promotion of four lieutenants to captain's rank and one patrolman to sergeant. Valenti said all promotions are temporary until certified through appropriate Civil Service examinations.

Petrone, however, claims he was not consulted on the appointments. "I had heard rumors of the impending promotions," he said, "and only after I sought out Mr. Valenti did he confirm that the decision had already been determined without my knowledge and approval."

The commissioner said he discussed the matter with Petrone Friday afternoon after attempting to contact the chief several times during the past week.

Highlights of the new plan are the strengthening of the juvenile aid and Community Relations Bureau of the department, the centralization of night patrol responsibilities, the provision of an additional supervisory officer on night duty and an addition of 10 new policemen.

The four new captains who join Capt. Frank Feaster and Capt. Felix Sica at that rank are Capt. Joseph Malanaphy in command of the administrative division, Capt. John Breakaw who will continue to head the Community Relations Bureau, Capt. William Conway who will have supervision of the night uniformed patrol and Capt. George Seamon, who heads the plainclothes division.

To Juvenile Bureau

Capt. Feaster will be moved from the administrative division and assume control of the Juvenile Aid Bureau.

The other promotion is that of Patrolman Edward Selby to sergeant. Selby has been acting head of the Juvenile Aid Bureau since the first phase of the reorganization began last April. He will now be second in command there. The bureau will have four patrolmen and a secretary in addition to Feaster and Selby.

The Community Relations Bureau, now essentially a one-man operation, will add a patrolman, two part-time community agents and a secretary.

The additional forces in both bureaus are made possible through the city's successful application for a Federal-State grant through SLEPA, the State Law Enforcement Planning Agency.

Conway's new duties entrust him with the responsibility for all after-dark operations of the Uniformed Division commanded by Capt. Sica. Under the new plan, Commissioner Valenti explained, there will always be a senior officer either at headquarters or supervising night patrol on the streets.

Petrone emphasized in his statement of opposition that all officers concerned were qualified for the promotions and that he would have made the same decisions had his advice been sought. But he said that under the city's civil service

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agreement, all officers within the department should be given an opportunity to apply for the newly-created positions.

Also For Vacancies

He added that the announced promotions are for newly-created positions, as well as for vacancies that have existed for some time. "There was no immediate need for announcing these promotions before civil service testing was given to all my qualified men," he said.

Valenti supported this position, however, by pointing to the recommendations made by the special Middlesex County Grand Jury on Feb. 5 for immediate expansion of the city's community relations bureau.

That panel had probed complaints of police brutality and all police charges against some of the 200 individuals involved in the disturbance at Neighborhood House on Feb. 27 of last year.

"We felt the promotions were merited and warranted at this time to bring the police department up to date," Valenti said. "We have had men in the top ranks in various acting capacities who are not being paid for the job they're doing. There was no reason for further delay."

Petrone claimed that the new assignments would "magnify already existing morale conditions" within the department. Those who were by-passed for promotions would resent that they were not given a chance to apply for the positions.

Not Being Paid

But Valenti said the real morale problem was with those men doing jobs for which they were not being paid.

The commissioner added that the morale problem was being fueled by Petrone's talking about it. "We're always going to have some dissatisfaction, even if the appointments are made through civil service," Valenti said. "There are specific provisions for this type of

City Employees Give Unanimous 'Yes' to Pay Proposal

March 5, 1970

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

The New Brunswick Municipal Employees Association's general membership was nearly blinded by dollar signs yesterday when ratifying the 1970 pay proposal made by the City Commission.

This is by far the best financial proposal by a New Brunswick city administration to its non-supervisory employees in memory of some long-time residents.

The unanimous action by the standing-room-only crowd in the commission chambers came after the agreement was recommended for approval.

Making that recommendation were John Lepping, association president, and Dino Zarrella, negotiating committee chairman.

The package, wrapped in Christmas-in-March decoration, gives an estimated average salary increase of \$650 for employees covered by the association.

The association, formed Dec. 5, 1968, has a current membership of 169 in the 189 eligibles of the non-supervisory jobs.

Basically, the pay proposal gives each employe an increase of more than 10 per cent.

The general membership commended Lepping and Zarrella, and Ronald Sotak and Mrs. Mildred Selby, negotiating committee members, for their efforts in the 11 negotiation sessions, the last three with mediators.

While many salary increases are in the \$500 and \$600 category, they range from \$430 to one hike of \$1,468. The latter employe was given that amount because of an increase in the minimum from \$4,300 to \$5,737, which represents a 937 boost. The remaining amount represents a shade over 10 per cent, as provided for in the agreement.

The contract, on language only, had been signed last week.

On the signing, Lepping said: "The city administration has fulfilled a responsibility to both its employes and the people of the City of New Brunswick by signing this contract."

"Since it was a first contract, it required much time and effort on both sides, but the results are monumental."

"The contract works both ways and that while the employes are protected, the city is also protected."

Another financial gain, in addition to pay hikes, was that the city will pick up the tab for all medical-surgical and Rider J benefits.

Other benefits in the contract include provision for employment seniority which is to be brought up to date on July 1 of each year and posted on bulletin boards.

Promotions and transfers are to be under Civil Service rules. Association members will receive 12 paid holidays a year.

"It's a good contract for the employes, as well as the city," Lepping and Zarrella agreed this morning.

But apparently a few isolated members are not fully happy over the increased number of dollars in their pay checks.

One of them telephoned Zarrella at his office to complain that she only got a \$674 hike instead of the \$700 recommended by a superior.

"Well, you can't win 'em all," said the usually talkative association official, who appeared to be temporarily lost for words.

"And she got a 15 per cent raise," he mumbled, shaking his head, but mindful of the power of a woman.

Moonlighting, Sleeping on Job Banned

Firemen 'Burn' Salem Mayor

HT Staff Reporter

SALEM—Mayor Samuel E. Zoll, angered by demands of the firefighters union, yesterday ordered the removal of all beds, chaise lounges and easy chairs from the city's six fire stations "so there will be no more sleeping during working hours."

Zoll, a 34-year-old attorney who became mayor in January, also ordered immediate enforcement of an ordinance prohibiting moonlighting by firefighters.

Fire Chief James F. Brennan, who accepted the mayor's directive with "mixed emotions," said he would "carry out the orders to the letter."

The city and the Salem Firefighters Local 1780, AFL-CIO, have been bargaining on a new contract for 15 months. Lt. Joseph L. Sullivan, union president, declined comment on the mayor's crack-down.

THE MAIN UNION demand is for an increase in minimum pay from \$7,650 to \$9,400.

Zoll accused the union of "squeezing the lifeblood out of this community with its overwhelming demands."

"I don't know of any industry or business where they offer that kind of a raise. What do these people want from a community already on the verge of a projected \$25 tax rate increase?"

Zoll said the union also wants the city to pay 100 per cent of life and medical insurance premiums, "which will cost taxpayers \$51,500," and provide a longevity bonus of \$500 a year, "which would cost another \$32,000."

While firefighters are demanding more benefits, the mayor said, they have "refused" to remove snow from around fire stations and perform "minor repairs" such as painting and carpentry.

THE VOTERS OF Salem, a city of some 42,000, cast ballots in favor of both Zoll and their firefighters last November.

Zoll, then a Democratic state representative, was elected mayor, a job that runs for two years and pays \$20,000.

The fire department, which includes a chief, four deputies, 10 captains, 15 lieutenants and 84 privates, was granted a 45-hour week.

Zoll has given Chief Brennan until March 21 to empty the fire houses of anything a man could sleep on. The moonlighting ban is effective immediately. In his campaign, Zoll pledged not to moonlight himself, promising to be a fulltime mayor while letting his law partners carry on without him.

At his inaugural, where a large detail of white-gloved firefighters formed part of the honor guard, Zoll said he planned an "unconventional leadership" for the city.



BEDS WILL BE REMOVED from all firehouses in Salem in accordance with edict by new mayor, Samuel Zoll, who is irked by what he terms the stubbornness of the firemen's union in coming to terms on a new contract with the city.

'School Street' Irks Local Residents

March 5, 1970

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

A citizens' uprising is brewing in a 5th Ward neighborhood over what a housewife called the "illegal" closing of a section of Plum Street as "a school street."

The street, from Somerset to Hamilton streets, was closed between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday for the first time for recreational use by pupils of nearby St. Ladislaus School.

That section of Plum Street runs for one-fifth of a mile and is designated for one-way traffic. Because of inclement weather, the street was closed yesterday.

City Commissioner Carl T. Valenti, director of public safety, confirmed yesterday that he had given verbal approval to close that part of Plum Street for the 1 1/2 hours.

He was surprised that residents of the neighborhood complained and are planning to circulate a petition opposing the closing during those hours on school days.

One of three persons to complain to Vincent L. Cassera, city planning and traffic director, threatened to file a civil suit on the issue.

City Attorney Joseph F. Bradshaw Jr. said "school streets" should be so designated either by resolution or ordinance by the City Commission. Those streets, he added, also should be posted by signs listing the hours of closing.

A check yesterday with City Clerk Anna Murphy revealed there are no resolutions or ordinances for "school streets" at five other schools—Roosevelt Intermediate, New Brunswick Junior High, Lord Stirling, St. Peter's Grammar and Lincoln.

Cassera is drafting an ordinance to incorporate the "school streets" for presentation at the Traffic Commission's next meeting, March 25.

Explaining his action, Valenti said that since there is no ordinance or resolution for the other five schools, Plum Street should be on the same footing for St. Ladislaus School.

"We're concerned about the children at play. We should give them protection," Valenti said, noting that St. Ladislaus has a small playground.

The issue came to light when the Traffic Commission, at its Feb. 25 meeting, tabled a request on Plum Street from Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone.

The traffic officials agreed that before reaching a decision, they would need additional information. Cassera also was directed to begin drafting an ordinance on "school streets."

The chief's letter, dated Feb. 24, was addressed to Valenti and referred to the Traffic Commission. Local practice is that the City Commission does not act on traffic matters until a recommendation is made by the Traffic Commission.

Chief Cites 'Dangers'

Petrone sought adoption of a resolution by the City Commission prohibiting use of Plum Street between Somerset and Hamilton streets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on school days.

The request, the chief said, was made because of "the dangers" presented to pupils of St. Ladislaus School during recess. It was endorsed by school officials and parents of pupils, he said.

Petrone referred to state law—Title 39-4-197—on special traffic regulations. It gives local governing bodies the power to declare by resolution that an emergency or temporary condition dictates special traffic regulations for a

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period of up to three months.

Similar authority for the same period is in a city ordinance adopted April 1, 1941, when the police chief and traffic engineer determine that an emergency exists.

However, Title 40-67-16.7 on closing of streets at certain times for school use is, according to Cassera, the best authority for such an ordinance.

The law authorizes the closing for recreational purposes of any portion of a street within the block upon which the school is located. Plum Street is around the corner from St. Ladislaus School, which faces Somerset Street. That law, adopted July 31, 1964, requires the posting of signs on the street's closing hours.

Cassera emphasized that Plum Street (from Somerset to Hamilton) is "an unusually long, long block."

He said that the Traffic Commission, in previous action, provided for the assignment of a school crossing guard at Plum and Somerset streets, and made Plum and Harvey streets one-way thoroughfares.

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John Lepping Re-Elected Municipal Employees Chief

John Lepping was reelected last night to his second term as president of the New Brunswick Municipal Employees Association.

Other officers elected were Dino Zarrella, first vice president; Andrew Kaszarda, second vice president; Mrs. Mildred Selby, secretary, and Ronald Sotak, treasurer.

Henry Jonas was named as a five-year trustee. Joseph Tinley was chairman of the nominating committee.

The meeting was held in the commission chambers and a near-capacity crowd attended. There were a number of questions on recently released job classifications by Civil Service. The employees can appeal the classifications by notifying Civil Service officials in Trenton within 10 days of notification. Civil Service representatives will then set hearing dates.

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Conway: Keeps Studying, Stickler for Detail

Lt. William T. Conway is a stickler for detail and discipline. He should take his new duties in stride because he accepts challenges and supervising the night patrol is one. He's done it before on a rotating basis, so it's not new with him.

Until recently, Conway, who is 48, was assistant commander of the Uniformed Personnel Division. He returned to shift duty at the main desk at headquarters on his own request.

Conway, a World War II Navy veteran, has been a lieutenant for the past six years. He's been on the force for 18 years.

The ranking officer has specialized in courses on administration and civil disturbances. Two years ago he participated in a special school on riot control at Ft. Gordon, Ga., sponsored by the Army.

And he is continuing his education by studying for an associate degree in police science at the University College of Rutgers, the evening school for adults.

Conway was the central figure in the 1967 ruling on what is known as the stop 'n' frisk law by the N.J. Supreme Court.

The case involved Conway's on-the-spot arrest of two men in a dark parking lot. The officer recovered a gun from one of the men, who were later learned to be suspects in a gun-mill stickup in Elizabeth.



LT. WILLIAM CONWAY

John Brokaw: Was Department's First Community Relations Man

Lt. John G. "Honey" Brokaw, on the force for 18 years, keeps making department history with each promotion.

The likeable veteran policeman became the first black officer to reach superior rank when advanced to lieutenant in 1961.

But this doesn't seem to impress Brokaw, named nearly a year ago as the department's first community relations bureau director.

That appointment followed racial disturbances in the city school system. Brokaw was the best choice the city administration could have made.

Because of the recent presentation by a Middlesex County Grand Jury, a white officer, Patrolman Robert Finkel, has joined the bureau.

Brokaw has been kept busy laying the groundwork for future expansion of the bureau, such as a storefront office.

A 1941 graduate of New Brunswick High School, Brokaw is specially proud of the basketball talents of son Gary, Zebra ace and county scoring ace.

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TO BE RAZED—The former Newark Ladder Co. building, at left, is due to be demolished as is the Salvation Army building, at right, to make way for new housing at New and Neilson Streets. Plans call for leveling eight-and-a-half city blocks.



City About to Move on Redevelopment

By ALVIN KING
Home News Staff Writer

Work crews, armed with sledge hammers, crowbars and welding torches, are about to take the initial step toward converting eight and a half city blocks in a downtown blighted area into new and badly needed new housing.

The first target in the massive George Street redevelopment program is the former Newark Ladder Co. property, which faces New Street at the overpass, runs along Neilson Street and down Morris Street.

Richard M. Keefe, the energetic executive director of the New Brunswick Housing and Redevelopment Authority, said that only a few minor legal details remain before the authority formally acquires the property, now owned by the Marine Hold Co.

In advance of its acquisition of the crumbling building, which once housed a thriving ladder construction firm, and a warehouse on John Street, the authority has received eight bids for its demolition, Keefe reported. They range from a \$5,640 offer from New Brunswick Wrecking to a \$17,300 bid from the Otillo firm of Paterson.

Keefe could offer no explanation for the spread between the two prices. The second lowest offer came from the Morris Lumber and Wrecking Co. of Morristown was for \$12,000.

The authority, Keefe continued, is expected to make the award at its regular meeting March 25.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which is financing the redevelopment program, had asked the local authority to call for a single bid for the entire demolition work, Keefe said, but an exception was made in the ladder company site because of its dangerous condition.

In the near future, Keefe reported, the authority will call for bids for tearing down 162 other structures standing on 142 parcels of land. They include scores of dilapidated turn-of-the-century one and two-family frame houses; single stores; a multi-apartment wooden-frame building; warehouses; and the New Brunswick Salvation Army's headquarters on New Street.

Keefe said that to date, 26 parcels are now owned by the authority. Of that number, 12 houses are boarded up and waiting for the demolition boys. The 16 others currently house a total of 25 families and the responsibility of relocating them rests with James M. Scott Jr., relocation director and his staff.

Declaring that the program is ahead of schedule, Keefe said that contracts for 36 parcels of land and their dwellings are being executed for purchase. One is under condemnation proceedings—the owner refused to meet HUD terms—and 64 contracts of sale are being negotiated, with 10 more awaiting final HUD approval.

Keefe said that once the contract for razing all remaining buildings is awarded, work will proceed and as additional ones are vacated, they, too, will be torn down. Keefe said what he called "all-out demolition" is expected to begin in June.

Scott reported that 24 families have been relocated to date. Four, he said, had been given \$5,000 each to buy new dwellings in keeping with a HUD agreement, to replace those they had owned in the redevelopment site.

All of those relocated, including the four who received cash grants to purchase new homes, got \$300 in moving expenses, Scott declared.

The total cost of that phase to the government to date is \$23,000, he added.

Scott said that five families are presently awaiting relocation. "The program slowed down some because of the bitter winter we had—families were reluctant to move—but with Spring in the offing, we expect to accelerate our work," Scott added.

Is it difficult to find new, decent quarters?

"The housing situation is tight—let there be no doubt about that—," Scott said.

"But it's not an impossible task... it represents a lot of hard work but we are satisfied with the progress," Scott added.

The redevelopment program encompasses an area bounded by Memorial Parkway, New Street, Commercial Avenue and parts of Neilson and Abel Streets.

The authority plans to carry it out in stages—the first covering Neilson and Commercial Streets, Memorial Parkway and Commercial Avenue. Once the vast site is cleared, developers will be called upon to bid for middle low and middle income housing.

Personality in the News

Interest Aids Claflen in New Post

By WALTER L. SHEPARD
Home News Staff Writer

George L. Claflen, the newest member of the New Brunswick Board of Education, brings both interest and experience to what many consider a thankless job.

"I just hope that my experience will help," he comments, adding: "I'm not an educator, but I'm interested in listening and in helping to solve some of the board's problems."

He demonstrates objectivity when he says that "some of our biggest problems aren't solved by money, but by getting people together."

His experience, gained in nearly a quarter-century in engineering and construction fields, has been valuable because of its variety and depth.

A vice president of Hess Brothers Inc., contractors and engineers of Paris, he has been involved for several years in everything from engineering and administration to personnel—including his duties as the firm's equal opportunities officer.

Looks To Challenges

With this background and a willingness to pitch in, Claflen looks forward to the challenges of board membership, including reaching an agreement with the system's teachers on such things as salary and working conditions or whatever else may be necessary to, as he puts it, "achieve best quality education at a price the taxpayers can afford."

He believes his experience as the equal opportunity officer of his firm will be helpful in treating minority group problems.

But, most of all, he appreciates the group with which he is working.

"It's a good board. It's really interested in education," he says.

He can't give any one reason for his selection as the board's new member. While his son, George Jr., was going through the city school system, he was active for several years in Parent-Teacher Association groups due to his interest in the schools. In weekly volleyball sessions with Terry Brenner, the board's attorney, he kept abreast of many of the board's problems.

Slowly he became convinced that he'd like to get involved in the community.

"I decided if I was ever asked to serve the city, I'd say 'yes,'" he explains.

He has had a busy life, particularly in his profession and affiliated organizations. A member of national, state and local societies of professional engineers, he is a past president of the Raritan Valley Society.

Trustee Of Contractors

A trustee of Associated General Contractors of N.J., he is chairman of its labor committee, which is particularly interested in equal opportunity programs. He also has held several committee posts with the national AGC.

A member of the liaison committee of the Construction Industries Manufacturers Association, he's also a trustee of the welfare and pension funds of Teamster's Local 469 of Perth Amboy.

Claflen, 49, was born in New York on June 18, 1921. Still an infant when his family moved to Linden, he went through schools there, graduating from Linden High



WILLING, CAPABLE — Newest member of the New Brunswick Board of Education, engineering executive George L. Claflen brings varied and meaningful experience to the important post.



CAPT. FRANK FEASTER

These Are the Key Men...

Frank Feaster: Department's Top Man in Point of Service

Capt. Frank J. Feaster, who at 39, is the police department's top man in the number of years on the force—32.

He joined the department in August 1937 and can retire anytime he chooses.

He has indicated that he might, but it appears he will put off turning in his retirement request.

But switching duties is nothing new for Feaster, a personable policeman whose easygoing nature grows on you.

He did it in 1965 when promoted from lieutenant to captain to head the Traffic Bureau.

Don't forget, he had been a detective for the previous 24 years. Feaster spent most of them with his sidekick, the late

Detective Lt. Joe Kelly.

They teamed up to play an important role in the arrest of several area men involved in two murders (one in Roselle and the other in Trenton) and a number of stickups here and in suburban communities.

That was about eight years ago and Feaster considers that case a highlight of his career.

The arrests were made in Piscataway Township, but a New Brunswick police superior officer clamped a tight lid of secrecy on the pinch.

However, the Home News reporter covering the police beat that day got a tip from then Piscataway Magistrate Irving W. Rubin, before whom the men were arraigned. The rest

was easy. The reporter got the information and wrapped up his story after a call to a Union County official.

When the police department was reorganized in April last year, Feaster was named as commander of the Administrative Division.

His late father, Joseph J. Feaster, had been a city commissioner and was a well-known political leader. Feaster Park bears his name.

The veteran policeman should have no problem assuming his new duties as head of the Juvenile Aid Bureau.

But the transfer may have been made because his retirement may be in the near future.

Meanwhile, in his off-duty hours, Feaster will enjoy his favorite sports—hunting, fishing and bowling.

Joseph Malanaphy: Backed New Five

Lt. Joseph A. Malanaphy is 45 and has been a policeman for 22 years.

As long as he's on the force, he'll be best known as the former head of the confidential squad, which was born of the May 1967 City Commission election.

Malanaphy was among the leaders of the small band of about 20 city policemen to stick out their necks to support the present administration.

They were lucky because the current commissioners, then known as the New Five, pulled the political upset of the century in New Brunswick.

The special squad made a number of gambling arrests, but apparent pressure and lack of funds led to its demise.

The squad was disbanded when the department's reorganization plan went into effect in April 1969.

After the squad was formed it gave the city commissioners the flavor of a reform government, but that image was to slowly sink into oblivion.

The reorganization sent Malanaphy into the Administration Division and one of his jobs was to train the department's

first tactical squad. That was accomplished with the help of the East Brunswick Police Department, which supplied the instructors and site.

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Plum Street Adversaries Agree

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

Traffic Commission members Milton L. Strauss and Constantine "Gus" Mackaronis yesterday assumed the roles of peacemakers in the continuing Plum Street controversy. And they accomplished what the City Commission couldn't do at its meeting a week ago when residents of that 5th Ward street packed the commission chambers.

Both sides agree. Both sides to the school street issue, after about 15 minutes, left in agreement with proposals to be included in an ordinance and regulation.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Riley of 59 Plum St., the only residents of that street to attend the meeting, were assured of access to their home during the play-street hours.

"As long as I have access to my home, that's all I want," Mrs. Riley said. Her remark followed assurances by Strauss that Plum Street residents would be permitted to drive by the school street barrier when the thoroughfare is closed for the noon recess for St. Ladislavus School pupils.

At the outset, Strauss emphasized: "The barrier (at Somerset and Plum streets) was put up not with the consent of the Traffic Commission." Verbal permission was granted March 3 by Carl T. Valenti, then city commissioner and public safety director, Valenti resigned yesterday when named attorney to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

The original request by the school was for use of the street from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. However, according to Sister M. Bridget, principal, a small portion of the street is being used for a half-hour, from 11:30 a.m. to noon.

Unfeasible. In response to a question from Strauss, Sister Bridget said use of nearby High Street was not feasible, since it would require the pupils to walk in Somerset Street.

A second barrier is at the end of the school property in Plum Street as it extends from Somerset Street. Older pupils were seen at that barrier to keep others from going beyond it into the street, which is a fifth of a mile long.

Strauss stressed that Plum Street is different from the five others used as school streets in that it is an unusually long block, is narrow, one-way and nearly all residential.

"That is why we didn't recommend putting up the barrier," Strauss said. The original request was made by Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone in a letter to Valenti, who referred it to the traffic group. That request to declare the street a school street under emergency provisions was tabled until the group could get more details.

A concise report on the subject, from the original request to the recommended ordinance and regulation, was submitted to the commission by Vincent I. Cassera, city planner and traffic director.

Playgrounds crowded. Cassera has been on top of the controversy from its beginning to Tuesday's conference with Joseph T. Holsman, a principal traffic investigator with the state Department of Transportation.

The school had sought the use of the street for recreational purposes because its enrollment has grown to 400 and its two small playgrounds are overcrowded.

Residents complained about the inconvenience of the closing of the street brings. Sixty-four of them signed a protesting petition. Supporters gathered around St. Ladislavus School, and 213 persons signed that petition in favor of the street

closing. The ordinance authorizes the mayor to close streets for school purposes, and the regulation designates the specific streets and the hours of closing.

Streets have been closed for years for school purposes without legal documentation. The others are Redmond Street, between Livingston Avenue and Drift Street; Comstock Street, between Livingston Avenue and Lee Avenue; Abel Street, between Carman and Hassart streets; Hardenberg Street, between Somerset and Condict streets, and Wyckoff Street, between Bartlett and Stone streets. Those and Plum Street will be incorporated in the ordinance-regulation.

But the Traffic Commission was unable to act on Cassera's detailed recommendation. The Commission lacked a quorum. Strauss forwarded Cassera's report to Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan with his personal approval. Mackaronis abstained.

Mayor Is Silent On Valenti Move

March 9, 1970

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan today declined to comment on reports that City Commissioner Carl T. Valenti will resign to become legal counsel to the city's Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

Valenti, too, said he had "no comment" when asked about persistent rumors that he will leave the governing body some time this month.

The authority is expected to make the appointment at its next meeting, March 25. Valenti director of public safety, will succeed Chester W. Rothfuss, who died nearly three weeks ago.

The expected appointment is important on the local political scene since opposing slates are expected to battle it out in the Democratic primary June 2 for mayor and five councilmen.

Mayor Sheehan also said "no comment" on the current political status of her administration.

Since Valenti is expected to resign before the April 23 nominating petition filing deadline, the administration must find a replacement.

Mrs. Sheehan is expected to seek the Democratic nomination for mayor under the new form of government, which also calls for five councilmen.

Three of the mayor's five running mates are expected to be present city commissioners Aldrage B. Cooper Jr., John A. Smith and William Cahill Sr.

It is believed that Cahill will assume Valenti's public safety department duties when the latter resigns. Cahill is director of the public works department.

An opposition ticket is being formed by supporters of the previous city administration, which was defeated in the May 1967 commission election.

Prominent names associated with that group are George L. Pauk, an attorney who was fired by the city administration as municipal attorney, and Ralph J. Muehlig, an industrial executive who lost when backing Democratic organization candidates in the June Democratic primary for Assembly.

There has not been much word from that political camp, said to be headed by former city commissioner Felix N. Cantore.

Rumors are that Freeholder John Hoagland would be that ticket's candidate for mayor, but it's not likely he would step down from his county office to take a chance on a local position. Hoagland was one of the five incumbents defeated in '67 by the present administration.

Third Slate. The possibility of a third Democratic ticket or an Independent slate looms on the local political scene.

Thomas F. Boylan 3rd, of 10 Jefferson Ave., a 6th Ward Democratic leader, has picked up nominating petitions at the city clerk's office.

Boylan, who described himself as a conservative, Independent Democrat, told The Home News he has not been circulating the petitions for signatures. That should be easy, since only 50 signatures are needed.

However, Boylan said he is "waiting and watching."

He said he had been approached by both factions of the city's Democratic party, referring to Cantore and George Shamy, Democratic municipal chairman.

"I gave a positive no" to both, said Boylan, chairman of the Charter Study Commission which recommended the switch from the commission to the mayor-council system.

While admitting his decision was firm at this time, Boylan said, "I may run as an independent."

Mayor Sheehan also declined to comment on possible successors to Louis Wolfson, chairman of the Parking Authority who died recently, and City Attorney Joseph Bradshaw, who resigned effective March 26.

"Our spiraling tax rate is evidence of our willingness to assume our part of the burden," Mayor Sheehan said. "All we ask is recognition that the current arbitrary amount is inadequate and should be raised."

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE—Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, seated center, is briefed by Junior High School Principal Austin Gumbs, second from right, during yesterday's formation of Juvenile Conference Committee. Others, left to right, are Mrs. John Schrum, secretary; Mrs. Samuel Marsh, and the Rev. Warren S. Harding, chairman.

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DISCIPLINE OUTSIDES THE COURT

Mrs. Sheehan's plan for delinquents

By RANDY YOUNG

A program aimed at disciplining juvenile offenders outside the courtroom was unfolded yesterday by New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Sheehan.

The key to the effort as explained by the mayor at a press conference is a juvenile review committee composed of citizens representing a cross-section of the community and nominated by the city administration. Members are approved by the courts and serve in private rather than official capacities.

Mayor Sheehan pointed out that cases involving minor crimes and first offenses may be referred to the committee by judges from the juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. The judges may also direct that certain cases involving first offenses be routed straight to the committee by school officials or police.

The punishment meted out by the newly formed board can take several forms, according to the mayor. If the infraction is minor, she explained, the youth might be assigned an essay or similar task. If damage to property is involved, the youth might be asked to make good for the loss by working at part-time jobs or making the necessary repairs himself.

Other youngsters may be requested by the committee to join local youth organizations or report on a regular basis to specially-trained workers, added the mayor.

Mrs. Sheehan expressed her delight with the venture and called it "an important step in controlling minor crimes through close study of the social record of the child and his family."

She stressed the committee would free the courts from handling minor grievances and would help rehabilitate juveniles without putting their names into court record books.

The conference committee is an outgrowth of a meeting last month between the mayor and Judges Aldona Appleton and Constantine Stroumos of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. The two judges gave the green light for the program following their discussions with local clergy, police and school officials on the mounting problems facing authorities in the city.

The juvenile committee concept was born 25 years ago in Monmouth County when the juvenile court, working with the probation department, set up an experimental program in Asbury

Park. By 1952 the idea had spread to 230 municipalities in 17 counties and its use statewide was sanctioned by the Supreme Court in January of 1953.

No youth can be forced, however, to appear before the committee against his or her wishes, and cases stemming from serious violations will be handled by the courts.

The 11-member New Brunswick committee held its first meeting yesterday prior to the press conference and considered a proposal for adding nine students to its ranks. The group also decided it would meet on a bimonthly basis and will conduct hearings in an informal manner.

The committee includes four clergymen from the major faiths, two members of the city's Human Rights

Commission, three school officials and two ex-officio police officers.

Patricia Sheehan
Constructive work

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Mayor Sheehan Urges Added Aid for Needy City

By RALPH SODA
Home News Legislative Writer

TRENTON—Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, declaring her city is in no position to subsidize the state, called on the legislature yesterday to double its payments to New Brunswick for tax exempt Rutgers University land within the city.

In an eloquent plea for more funds in lieu of taxes, Mayor Sheehan, accompanied by City Commissioner John Smith, told the joint legislative appropriations committee that Rutgers property would bring in \$2.7 million in taxes this year if it weren't tax exempt.

Double Would Be Minimum. But instead, she said, the city receives only \$110,000, a figure she described as "quite obviously, less than a token drop-in-the-bucket."

Mayor Sheehan said that she would consider doubling of the \$110,000 as a minimum improvement. She noted that

the money received by the city was set by the state in 1961 and that since that time, Rutgers has acquired an additional \$2 million in property in the city.

Coupled with that, she said, New Brunswick is a core city with more aged and poor than any other city in the county, and it did not share in the special urban aid bill provided for the six largest cities in the state, even though it had similar problems.

"Our spiraling tax rate is evidence of our willingness to assume our part of the burden," Mayor Sheehan said. "All we ask is recognition that the current arbitrary amount is inadequate and should be raised."

Must Have Relief Soon. She explained the city was aware of and appreciated the fact that there is both prestige and economic benefit from its status as the home of the state university.

She noted that the city cut its school budget last year in order to hold the tax line and were forced to not only cut it

"Therefore," she said, "we do not suggest that full taxes be paid."

But she said relief must come soon. Ten per cent of the population are senior citizens, she said, most on fixed incomes, who cannot afford a tax increase.

The question of whether a new city hall, a new policeman or a new service is needed is no longer important to these people, she said.

"It is no longer a value judgment. They just cannot afford to pay. They are just Momma and Papa, who are left with their home. The children, who could earn the money capable of maybe supporting a tax hike, have moved away and left them alone. What do we tell them—it is no longer socially feasible to own your own home? We'll have to tax you out of existence."

She noted that the city cut its school budget last year in order to hold the tax line and were forced to not only cut it

again this year—but in order to survive as a municipality, switched from a fiscal to a calendar year budget."

She said she couldn't say what the answer would be next year.

"Gentlemen," she asserted, "I say to you that many of our cities in New Jersey are literally at the end of their rope. We are cutting and chopping and postponing and making do to the limits of our ability."

"We are employing makeshift solutions to long-range problems. I do not know how much longer this situation can continue. I say to you that you have today within your power the option to make one step in our favor—increase this amount this year."

Would Gladly Pay. Under questioning by Assemblyman Joseph Merlino, D-Mercer, Mayor Sheehan said she would be willing to pay for an



CARL T. VALENTI

Recine Succeeds Valenti as Commissioner

By ALVIN KING and JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writers

The City Commission today answered the big question.

It tapped Vito Recine to succeed Carl T. Valenti.

Recine, one of the better athletic trainers in the state, lives at 33 Tunison Road in Rutgers Village.

In a joint statement, Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and Commissioners Aldridge B. Cooper Jr., William T. Cahill Sr. and John A. Smith said: "We are pleased Recine agreed to accept the appointment and to become part of the city's governmental team."

Recine, a supporter of the New Five, will be sworn in as the new commissioner at the commission's next meeting, April 7, and will head the public works department.

Cahill, current head of that department, is expected to take over Valenti's previous public safety department duties.

Last week, Recine was named as one of two recipients in the state for special achievement awards from the N.J. Interscholastic Athletic Association. The awards are for long service to sports.

Recine has been athletic trainer at Sayreville High School since 1962 and held a similar position from 1949-1962 at New Brunswick High School. He served in the Navy from 1943-46.

A registered physical therapist, Recine in 1964 was chairman of the Middlesex County U.S. Olympic Fund Committee.

He is a native of New Brunswick and is married to the former Mary Christ. They are the parents of two sons, Michael and Robert.

The new commissioner was educated at Nathan Hale School and New Brunswick High.

On New Five Bandwagon
Valenti, who rode to glory in the 1967 surprise election of the New Five team, resigned yesterday to become

attorney for the New Brunswick Housing and Redevelopment Authority, a move that came as a surprise to no one in political circles.

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Authority members, headed by their chairman, Richard V. Mulligan, met briefly with Valenti behind closed doors and then came the announcement from Mulligan: "We have chosen Mr. Valenti."

Valenti, who succeeds the late Chester Rothfuss, will start his official duties Wednesday. Mulligan announced his term will run through June 30 — the end of the federal fiscal year — when he will most likely be reappointed for a full term.

Unanimous Choice
Valenti's choice was unanimous. Mulligan, vice chairman Frank W. Jossy, Richard Schoberl and Richard Lane cast "aye" votes. Missing was Thomas E. Hussey. While the position is non-salaried, Valenti will receive

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VITO RECINE

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NEW BRUNSWICK: School coach gets city commission post

The New Brunswick city administration acted quickly last night to fill a vacancy on the five-member commission created by the resignation earlier in the day of Carl T. Valenti.

Hours after Valenti announced he was leaving the commission to take the job of attorney with the city's Housing and Redevelopment Authority, the commissioners announced the appointment of Vito Recine, an athletic trainer at Sayreville High School.

Valenti, who also served

as director of public safety, said his resignation would become effective immediately. He will step into his new post at the beginning of April.

The commission had 30 days in which to name a replacement.

In a statement released yesterday, the commissioners praised Valenti for his "long hours and considerable en-

ergy to the people of our city." At the same time, they expressed delight that Recine had agreed to accept the post.

Recine will be sworn in April 7 and will head the Department of Public Property.

The housing authority appointed Valenti at its regular meeting yesterday. He replaces Chester Rothfuss, who

died Feb. 20.

Valenti has indicated for some time he would be agreeable to the change of jobs.

"This change will afford me the opportunity to continue in public service," he said, "but in a new capacity which will enable me to utilize my professional training and experience as an attorney."

Valenti will maintain his

private law practice in New Brunswick as attorney for the housing authority he will collect about \$10,000 a year in legal fees. This compares with the \$4,500 he received as a part-time commissioner.

Recine is a well-known figure in New Brunswick. He served as athletic coach at New Brunswick High School from 1946 until 1962, and then

switched to Sayreville High School. He was one of five recipients last week of a New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association award for outstanding service to school athletics.

The new commissioner is a member of several athletic organizations and is a registered physical therapist. He served in 1964 as trainer for

the national AAU track and field championships.

Recine lives with his wife and two sons at 33 Tunison Road in New Brunswick.

He will serve at his new post until Dec. 31, at which time the commission form of government will come to a close in New Brunswick.

Voters overwhelmingly approved a mayor-council sys-

tem last November. Primaries are set for April with elections following in May.

Valenti's departure represents the first break in the "New Five" slate that staged an upset in 1967 by ousting the administration of former Mayor Chester W. Paulus.

The "New Five" members have not indicated if they will seek re-election.

Assessing the 'New Five'

To the Editor:
Many people are judging the performance of the "New Five" by comparing them to the previous administration. I feel that this evaluation process leads those who use it to ask the wrong questions about the Shamy-Sheehan "team."

Instead we should look at: the programs that they have or have not developed to support their campaign promises; their ability to provide effective leadership when faced with unusual situations; and their support of a viable accountability process. In short, the Sheehan administration must be supported or opposed by assessing their record. To support Mayor Sheehan because she smiles more than the previous mayor is foolish.

It is equally irresponsible to support the "New Five" on the assumption that they have provided a voice for black people on the city commission. Black is skin color plus a point of view. The present commissioners have no programs to demonstrate any commitment to solve the serious human rights problems. The history of Mayor Sheehan's do-nothing Human Rights Committee is a prime example of this administration's indifference on this issue.

With this background, how, in good conscience, can commissioner Al Cooper ask black voters to support the present commissioners? Cooper should not spend his time convincing blacks to support the Sheehan administration. His time would be better spent convincing the other commissioners to tell their supporters that their fate is inextricably bound up with the fate of black people in this city and elsewhere.

DAVID J. HARRIS JR.,
New Brunswick.

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Harding Named New City Attorney

March 29, 1970

The New Brunswick City Commission will name Middlesex County Assistant Prosecutor J. Norris Harding as the new city attorney next month, Commissioner John A. Smith said today.

Smith announced the commission's selection of Harding for the city's chief legal post succeeding New Brunswick attorney Joseph S. Bradshaw.

The commissioner, chairman of the city's Department of Revenue and Finance, said that Harding has already notified County Prosecutor Edward J. Dolan of his intention to leave the prosecutor's staff and has been meeting with Bradshaw for briefings on matters pending before the city's legal department.

'Most Fortunate'
"We look forward to Mr. Harding's association with us

in city government," Smith said. "We feel we are most fortunate in gaining a legal authority of Mr. Harding's experience and background in this key post in City Hall."

"At the same time," Smith said, "the mayor and other commissioners join me in expressing our regret at the departure of Mr. Bradshaw from city government and our thanks to him for his work during the nearly three years we have been in office."

"Mr. Bradshaw has been of inestimable value to us during the past three years, particularly in the period of transition when we took office in 1967," Smith said. "Mr. Bradshaw deserves the thanks of the people of the city for his loyal and devoted service to them."

Harding has been a member of Dolan's staff since 1966.

He received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1957, with honors, and in 1960 received his doctor of laws degree from Georgetown University. At present, Harding serves as president of the Alumni Association of the University of Notre Dame in New Jersey.

Harding passed his New Jersey Bar in 1960 and served his legal clerkship in the office of Middlesex County State Sen. John A. Lynch. He maintains his law office in the city.

The new city attorney served on active duty with the U.S. Army from 1960 to 1961 and, until 1966, served on the staff of the 1155th U.S. Army Reserve School.

After active military duty, Harding was appointed assistant U.S. attorney for the Federal District of New Jersey

and assigned to both the Newark and Trenton offices of the U.S. Attorney, representing the government in criminal cases. In April of 1966 he was appointed to Dolan's staff.

Harding has been admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a member of various bar associations and holds office in the New Brunswick Bar Association. He is a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in New Brunswick, a member of the Parish Council and chairman of the Middlesex County Delegation to the Pastoral Council for the Diocese of Trenton.

Harding is married to the former Mary Holzhauser of Bloomfield. They are the parents of two sons, Norris and Thomas, and reside at 10 Dewey Drive.



J. NORRIS HARDING

Mayor Sheehan to Testify On Aid Expansion Need

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Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan will testify in Trenton tomorrow on New Brunswick's need for sharply expanded state aid at a session of the Legislature's Joint Appropriations Committee.

Specifically, the mayor requested the opportunity to appear before the committee headed by Sen. Albert D. Schiavo, R-Bergen, to appeal for "fair and realistic payments in lieu of taxes" on state-owned tax-exempt land in New Brunswick—the large tracts occupied by Rutgers University.

The city currently receives \$110,000 a year in lieu of taxes on Rutgers property, "but by any remotely fair standards of property value the city should

receive more than \$1 million—the disproportionate burden being carried by the city's property owners, therefore, is obvious," Mayor Sheehan said.

Two bills are pending before the legislature which would provide more realistic payments for municipalities with large areas of state-owned land which is tax-exempt.

The first (S-288), sponsored by Middlesex County Democratic Sens. Norman Tanzman, John A. Lynch and J. Edward Crabel, authorizes payments in lieu of taxes amounting to an estimated \$16 million.

To finance this bill, Middlesex County Assemblyman Thomas J. Deverin has introduced legislation to raise the state's tax on cigarettes by

two cents a pack. This measure is pending action in the lower house.

"The two bills provide the means to bring fair payments in lieu of taxes to cities like New Brunswick. Our problem is particularly acute because Rutgers' land and the fact that New Brunswick was completely shut out of any state aid under the urban assistance programs passed by the Legislature last year," Mayor Sheehan said.

"It is not pleasant to go 'st in hand to the Legislature's Appropriations Committee each year as we have done," the mayor said. "We are, of course, treated most courteously by the legislators—but we have yet to receive a red cent in additional help."

Help From the State

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan told it as it is when she talked last week at Trenton to the joint legislative appropriations committee about New Brunswick's plight, and asked for a doubling of the state's payments annually to the city for tax exempt Rutgers land within the city.

The city receives now only \$110,000 for Rutgers in lieu of taxes, which Mayor Sheehan quite properly and dramatically describes as a "token drop in the bucket."

She describes upping this \$110,000 amount to \$220,000 as a minimum improvement in the state's recognition of the city's need caused in major part by the fact that the university's actual assessed valuation here is more than half the city's total \$62.8 million assessed valuation.

Mayor Sheehan pointed out, too, that despite the fact that New Brunswick is a core city with more aged and poor than any other city in the county, the city did not share last year in the special urban aid given by the state government to the state's six largest cities, whose problems do not differ from New Brunswick's.

Commissioner John Smith, who accompanied Mayor Sheehan to Trenton, told the committee that New Brunswick also supports an Assembly bill which would allow in-lieu tax payments to a municipality, equal to the percentage of the tax rate paid for municipal

services, exclusive of all other charges such as county taxes.

Concentrating upon the immediate question of doubling the state's payment to the city, Mayor Sheehan pointed out that the city's present \$110,000 annual receipt from the state has been static since 1961, though Rutgers has acquired an additional \$2 million in property in the city since that date.

Mayor Sheehan's approach to the joint legislative appropriations was direct, succinct and compelling.

Her words bear repeating. She said, "Gentlemen, I say to you that many of our cities in New Jersey are literally at the end of their rope. We are cutting and chopping and postponing and making do to the limits of our ability. We are employing makeshift solutions to long-range problems. I do not know how much longer the situation can continue. I say to you that you have today within your power, the option to make one step in our favor — increase this amount this year."

We think Mayor Sheehan has eloquently stated the cause of economic justice for the city. And we urge the legislators at Trenton to pay heed to what she has said, for the immediate improvement in the payment here in lieu of taxes for Rutgers, and for the whole larger broader concept of more state aid for the state's problem cities.

They're Just Looking for a Home...

By HARVEY FISHER
Home News Staff Writer

This city soon may be facing a dilemma involving the relocation of people uprooted from their homes by federal programs.

Acting on the request of the city administration, the New Brunswick Housing and Redevelopment Authority agreed this week to serve as the relocation agency for a federal code enforcement program to begin here probably this summer.

To what extent this can be carried out remains questionable. Time will supply that answer.

Still, even those city officials who privately have doubts about this, believe the code enforcement project definitely is needed here. The program, in part, will offer low-interest loans and outright grants for people in a designated Second Ward area to fix up their homes.

For some, this may be an opportunity that may never again occur.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in December verbally approved the city's \$875,000 grant request for the Feaster Park or Second Ward Code Enforcement Project.

HUD since has reaffirmed that is the amount the city will receive, but the federal agency also has requested the original 1967 application covering a 49-block area in the Second Ward be reduced to a more concentrated area in that ward. The city now is preparing to meet that request.

The original application estimated that 95 families and 62 individuals would be displaced by demolition of buildings or large-scale rehabilitation under this three-year program. This then would involve the relocation of some 400 persons.

Some city officials now contend the relocation figures in the 1967 application may have been excessive, totally inaccurate. Bu City Planner Vincent Cassara, however, says he has no reason to believe those figures were inaccurate.

Here again, time will tell. Since 1967 there has been no new survey of the Second Ward area to deter-

mine the approximate number of people to be relocated.

The city, according to Richard Keefe, executive director of the housing authority, soon will make that survey.

In addition to demolition and large-scale rehabilitation or repairs to buildings in the project area, people also would be uprooted by the city's need to meet certain zoning requirements involving the density or number of inhabitants in areas. This means finding homes for people now living in overcrowded conditions in violation of existing occupancy laws.

If the 1967 displacement figures were accurate, and if these are not drastically affected by any reduction in the scope of the project, the city could be in for a mammoth relocation headache.

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Making this a crucial problem with the likely controversial consequences are 140 families — some 650 people — in the nearby George Street Urban Renewal Project, that must still be relocated within about the next four years.

The relocation needs for both federal projects coincide.

Suggest Relay
Some city officials have suggested this might be handled by delaying displacement of people in the code enforcement program until near the conclusion of that program, while stepping up and possibly completing in the next two years, relocation of those in the George Street project.

In this manner, the housing authority might avoid having simultaneous relocation programs for both federal projects.

However, the relatively slow rate of relocation during this first year of the George Street project casts doubt on whether the authority actually has this leeway.

The George Street plan originally was drawn to accomplish relocation in stages spread out over five years. That soon was replaced by a decision to relocate persons as soon as possible.

In the past 11 months, the authority's George Street relocation staff has aided in the moves of 23 families. That staff has a budget of \$50,000 a year for salaries and operating expenses, excluding payments covering moving expenses to persons being relocated.

Keefe now acknowledges that relocation in the urban renewal project has not progressed "as rapidly as had been anticipated."

According to James Scott, the authority's relocation director, the main problem has been that persons don't always want to move when apartments or houses are available, and such facilities are not always available when the persons are ready to move.

The George Street relocation plan drawn by the authority two years ago showed more than ample relocation facilities.

Five-Year Forecast
According to that plan, it was estimated over a five-year period there would be 3,202 apartments or houses for rent, 305 public housing units available, and 1,176 private homes for sale in this city.

But what that plan showed on paper has not entirely been the case in reality.

Generally, earlier warnings that the city lacks a reservoir of housing to handle any large-scale relocation of poor people and black people appears to be holding true.

Asked about this, Keefe this week stated: "Figures indicate resources (vacant housing units) are not materializing as we had anticipated."

State law requires that whenever the city causes the displacement of any of its residents, it is the city's responsibility to relocate those residents within the municipality if the residents so desire.

This theoretically is a safeguard against a renewal project becoming a human removal project.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan recently was asked by The Home News about possible problems in meeting relocation needs in this city.

She said she has doubts about the displacement figures in the 1967 code enforcement grant application.

And she emphasized: "We have an obligation for providing safe, sanitary housing for anybody displaced by any governmental action. We have to do it. So it will be done."

'The Way It Was Done' Crushes Cop Morale

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

How long is the temporary promotion of a policeman to last under the Civil Service setup?
In the case of the New Brunswick Police department's four captains and a sergeant, it will be months before they get a crack at the permanent promotional exam.
The temporary appointments are a week old and they've stirred up a hornet's nest at the brick walled

headquarters on Memorial Parkway.
The gripe isn't against the men who were promoted, but the way it was done.
The PBA, after a meeting last week, decided not to say a word—not even "no comment."
But some cops, with or without an ax to grind, have

partment's morale, answered: "It's so low we're looking up at the bottom."
While the city administration says the promotions had nothing to do with politics, it has a tough time trying to convince most of the cops.
Back at Civil Service, Don Bennett, supervisor of the Trenton office, says CS announces police promotional tests twice a year—February and August.
The only prerequisite for captain is that the applicant was a lieutenant on a permanent basis for one year.

rell, chief examiner, for special exams," according to Bennett.
Such requests, he adds, are not unusual.
"There's a good possibility if they (city officials) make a good case," Bennett says.
However, the general election date of Nov. 3 is important here because of the switch in local governments from commission to mayor-council effective Jan. 1.

New Appointments Frozen

State law freezes new appointments—including police—from the general election date until the new officials take over.
So on that basis, the permanent appointments must be made by the present city administration before Nov. 3.
Issues, however, are bound to pop up over the promotions regardless of who wins in November because the policemen involved represent both political camps of the city's Democratic Party.
The year 1970 is due for a bumper crop of political yarns in New Brunswick, which will have its first partisan primary election since 1915.
And some of the men-in-blue, who are now seeing red, will try to do something about it.

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let it be known he can't wait for election time.
The cops recall that during the campaign three years ago and in the early days of the present city administration, there was political talk about promotions on merit and after exams.
And like some other campaign promises, it turned out to be just that—so much talk.
One veteran cop, asked to give an opinion of the de-

City's Choice
It's different for the patrolman-to-sergeant step, though. CS gives the city administration the choice of permanent status as patrolman of either three, four or five years.
Referring to the five temporaries, Bennett says CS normally approves them pending the promotional exam.
"The earliest we would announce it (the test) would be in August," Bennett says.
But there's a loophole if the city administration wants the exams to take place earlier.
"If New Brunswick (the administration) says it can't wait until August, it can make a request to John J. Far-

Police Critical of Promotion Method

By ROBERT MARINO
Home News Staff Writer

A number of critics in the New Brunswick Police Department, angry about the way promotions were announced last week surfaced so rapidly it's a wonder no one got the bends.

The undercurrent of dissension, much of it apparently directed at Commissioner Carl Valenti, public safety director, never has been suppressed greatly at headquarters but it was re-emphasized strongly last week.

Petrone Claims Snub

The grumblings have been heard from Chief Ralph Petrone on down. Petrone claims he was snubbed by Valenti and was not consulted. Although his choices for the promotions generally would have concurred with Valenti's, he said he felt the commissioner was undermining his authority.

Much of the anger is being vented from sergeants and patrolmen who felt they were in line for promotion. One patrolman, Edward Selby, acting head of the Juvenile Aid Bureau, was promoted.

But there are six or seven other patrolmen who appear to feel they are in line for the same elevation in

rank. Two have been on the force longer than Selby's 19 years.

The promotion of Selby to sergeant and four lieutenants to captain art temporary, Valenti says, until the men are certified—if and when they pass the Civil Service examination.

At least 45 patrolmen will be qualified by their length of service to take that examination, but because the announcement was made before the examination is held, many feel they are out of contention for promotion.

A promotion that might have caused a serious morale problem for Petrone was apparently averted when Pe-

trone interceded and convinced Valenti that promoting a younger sergeant to lieutenant would have been unwise.

PBA Discusses Issues

Valenti conceded that he did make a change at Petrone's suggestion but would not elaborate.
It was expected that Wednesday night's meeting of Local 23, Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, would deal largely with the dissension surrounding the announcement of the promotions, but Patrolman David Sabo, PBA president, said the members voted that no information be given to the press. He would only say that the promotions were discussed.

Quorum Lack Snarls Traffic Commission

March 13, 1970

The City Traffic Commission was supposed to meet last night to discuss plans for relieving one of the New Brunswick area's greatest traffic congestion problems. The plans were there, but the people were absent.
Only two members of the nine-man traffic commission attended the 7:30 p.m. meeting at City Hall called to discuss and, hopefully, to obtain commission approval of a plan to install traffic lights at the several intersections in the Landing Lane River Road complex.

Another Meet Set

As a result, the few persons present last night agreed to schedule another meeting on the subject on March 25. The lack of attendance thus added two more weeks delay to the problem.
The Landing Lane-River Road complex now handles an average of 1,250 cars an hour during an 11-hour period from morning to evening, a traffic flow described last night by

City Planner Vincent Cassera as "unmanageable volumes."
With the aid of a chart, Cassera explained a plan to install delayed-green traffic lights at the intersections of Landing Lane and George Street in New Brunswick, Landing Lane and River Road and River Road and Metlars Lane in Piscataway.

Each of the three sets of traffic lights could be connected, said Cassera, and by means of a "timing offset" or delay insure a continuous, uninterrupted flow of traffic through the road network.

Cassera estimates the entire lighting complex would cost approximately \$10,000 for wiring and equipment, with the labor performed by municipal crews. New Brunswick would contribute one-third, or about \$3,500, with Piscataway paying the rest. He said there is a strong possibility that Rutgers University also would want to contribute a portion or cost. River Road and Landing Lane serve both the old and new Rutgers

campuses and Rutgers Stadium in Piscataway.
The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders already has approved the New Brunswick-Piscataway plan, providing the municipalities bear the cost. All roads involved are county roads, but the county's policy has been not to install traffic lights.

State Has Last Word

The proposed light system must meet joint approval of the New Brunswick City Commission and Piscataway Township Council after it is approved by the traffic commission. Cassera said the plan will then be reviewed by the county and must be approved by the state Department of Transportation, which has final jurisdiction over traffic signal installations.

Michael J. Amodio, Middlesex County road superintendent, said the critical traffic volumes on River Road and Landing Lane warrant the installation of the interim preliminary system

of traffic signals even though the Metlars Lane-River Road intersection eventually will be replaced by a cloverleaf intersection on the Route 18 extension into Piscataway.

Cassera said the other signal equipment could be used at the River Road-Landing Lane intersection even after River Road is widened in connection with the Cloverleaf. The Landing Lane-George Street signals also would be in use indefinitely since the Landing Lane Bridge is not scheduled for removal, Amodio noted.

The new Route 18 bridge, which will span the Raritan River downstream from Landing Lane, will not be ready for another three or four years, said Amodio.

While heavy traffic volumes will continue to cross the Landing Lane bridge, built in the late 19th century, Amodio noted that the proposed Interstate Route 95 bridge would also be crossing the river. "Maybe," replied Frederick Coppola, acting municipal engineer for Pis-

cataway, whose citizens and municipal government actively oppose the proposed Route 95 alignment.

The plan outlined by Cassera calls for a two-stage signal system on all lights. The first stage will consist of a delayed green to allow left turns from River Road into Metlars land, from River Road into Landing Lane, and from Landing Lane into George Street.

All three intersections experience heavy left-turn volumes, said Cassera. Since 1967 there have been 29 accidents at the Landing intersection with River Road and 26 accidents at the Metlars Lane intersection.

The two members of the traffic commission present last night were Milton Straus, commission chairman, and Gus Mackaronis, Piscataway Council president. James J. Spera was scheduled to attend in addition to Amodio, Coppola and Cassera, but he arrived too late for the meeting after breaking away from a Piscataway Council session.

313 Sign 'School Street' Petition

March 14, 1970

An outpouring of public support for St. Ladislau School was displayed in a petition filed yesterday at the office of City Clerk Anna Murphy.

The petition was signed by 313 persons who said they supported the school's efforts to have a section of Plum Street designated a "school street."

Mrs. Murphy said the petition was filed by Sister M. Bridget, school principal. The petition is directed to the City Commission and requests support from the governing body at its meeting Tuesday night.

Concerned Individuals

The petitioners said they are concerned

individuals and are thinking about the welfare of the children of St. Ladislau School.

Since March 3, Plum Street from Somerset to Hamilton, one of the city's longest blocks, has been used as a play area from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on school days by St. Ladislau pupils.

The school holds its noon recess at that time and its 400 pupils are too many for the school's two small playgrounds.

Also filed yesterday was a petition signed by 64 residents and property owners of Plum Somerset and Hamilton Streets protesting the closing of Plum Street.

Meanwhile, an ordinance and regulation to incorporate the city's five other school streets is being drafted for study at the Traffic Commission's March 25 meeting.

Vincent I. Cassera, city planning and traffic director, has informed city administration officials that use of school streets is not legally documented by laws on the municipal books.

He also said a state statute pertaining to emergency traffic conditions cannot be used to create school streets. A permanent ordinance and regulation must be adopted by the local governing body to accomplish that, Cassera said.

Mayor Sees Cigarette Tax As 'Painless' Solution

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan said today that a proposal to increase the state cigarette tax to finance increased payments to communities with state-owned, tax exempt land "could be the solution cities like New Brunswick and its taxpayers have been waiting for."

The mayor called for legislative support on the bill sponsored by Middlesex County Democratic Assemblyman Thomas Deverin which would use revenue from the increased cigarette tax to finance "fair payments to help ease the pressure on taxpayers in New Brunswick who are paying more than their share simply because the city happens to be the home of Rutgers University."

Deverin introduced the bill Monday to increase tax on cigarettes by two cents a pack to provide more state aid in lieu of taxes.

In effect, the bill would provide the funding for pending State Senate Bill 228, sponsored by State Sen. Norman Tanzman and co-sponsored by fellow Middlesex Democrats, Sens. John A. Lynch and J. Edward Crabiel.

Hard-Hit

Middlesex County is particularly hard-hit financially because of the presence of state-owned land and facilities including Rutgers property in New Brunswick and Piscataway, and state property in Woodbridge, Edison, Madison Township and Jamesburg.

"The situation for New Brunswick in particular is critical," Mayor Sheehan said. "As we have repeatedly told the Legislature in general and Middlesex County's representatives in particular, the payments the

city receives from the state in lieu of taxes is so small as to be pitiful."

New Brunswick receives approximately \$110,000 in compensation in lieu of taxes on all Rutgers property in the city each year.

"By any reasonable, up-to-

date tax formula based on realistic property values," Mayor Sheehan said, "the city should be receiving more than \$1,000,000."

"With the city being short-changed by the state in the amount of nearly a million dollars, we can see easily how

lopsided the burden is on our homeowners and how little the state has done in the past to help with higher payments," the mayor said.

"Each time we have put our case before the Legislature, we have been told that there is no money available to increase the

payments in lieu of taxes to a fair level.

'Painless'

"This is no longer the case—the plan to finance increased payments through an increase in the tax on cigarettes offers a practical and painless way

for the state to treat New Brunswick's taxpayers fairly," Mayor Sheehan said.

Mayor Sheehan said she was "heartened" by the remark by Republican Assemblyman Peter Garibaldi, leader of the Middlesex Republican delegation, that he supported the thrust of Tanzman's bill in the Senate.

"I hope this means he will give the needs of New Brunswick some consideration," she said.

Garibaldi said he did not agree, however, with the idea for financing Sen. Tanzman's bill, will be happy to consider its support," Mayor Sheehan said.

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"I support the cigarette tax idea as it is the first time

anyone has proposed a practical method of financing relief for New Brunswick, but if Assemblyman Garibaldi can provide a reasonable alternative

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NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J., FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 13, 1970

Plum Street Petitions Filed With City

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer
The petition protesting the closing of a section of Plum

Street as "a school street" was filed this morning with City Clerk Anna Murphy. It was circulated during the

past three days by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Riley, 59 Plum St. and signed by 64 residents and property owners.

Nearly all of those signing the petition live on Plum Street. About three were on Hamilton Street and Somerset Street.

Mrs. Riley emphasized: "We have nothing against the children," referring to the use of Plum Street as a play area during recess for St. Ladislau School pupils.

The school fronts Somerset Street and is a short distance from Plum Street. School officials say the street play area is needed because the school's two small playgrounds are overcrowded.

Sampled First

Mrs. Riley said she did not circulate the petition until she received a favorable sampling from neighbors.

The street closing, she said, brings about an "impossible situation," not only for her, but her neighbors.

Mrs. Riley said she is concerned for the safety of the children at play in the street. They've been drifting to the end of Plum Street to Hamilton

Street, and playing on fences and by automobiles parked on both sides of the narrow street.

The woman said a girl fell from the curb the other day and needed stitches to close the wound.

"There are so many things that can happen. It's not only an inconvenience, it's an impossible situation," Mrs. Riley said, explaining that she had to drive to other schools to pick up her children during the time of the street closing, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Her First Try

She added: "I've never campaigned or petitioned for anything in my life," explaining that the "closed" section of Plum Street to Hamilton Street from Somerset has 42 homes, most of them two-family dwellings.

The closing, although temporary, causes a number of inconveniences for her neighbors as well, she said.

Verbal permission to close the street was granted last week by City Commissioner Carl T. Valenti, public safety director, who said he is surprised that residents are protesting.

A delegation of residents in-

tends to attend Tuesday night's City Commission meeting.

Vincent I. Cassera, city planning and traffic director, has informed municipal officials that there is no legal documentation, such as a resolution or ordinance, declaring as "school streets" the streets used as play areas at five other city schools.

Cassera has been directed to draft an ordinance and regulation on school streets for presentation at the Traffic Commission's next meeting, March 25.

for recommendation to the City Commission.

The city administration policy is that it acts on traffic matters only on the recommendation of the Traffic Commission.

Can't Declare

In another major development on the issue, Cassera said today that the City Commission cannot declare by resolution a school street closing under emergency traffic provisions of Title 39-4-197.3. Cassera said he was so informed by an official of the state Department of Transportation.

In that case, Cassera informed city officials, the only recourse by which the city can provide legal documentation for such closings is to process a permanent ordinance and regulation under Title 40-67-16.7.

Cassera said a recommendation on the ordinance would be on the agenda of the traffic group's next meeting. The ordinance and regulation, however, must have approval of the state.

Commission Members Would Rather Stay Away

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

The New Brunswick municipal truant officer has been caught playing hooky on the job.
If the unofficial official had been keeping his peepers on attendance records of the Traffic Commission, he'd be called the cream of the crop.
The list of city blueblood officers playing hooky from commission sessions include the judge, the chief of police, the public safety director and a planning official.
Commission member Constantine "Gus" Mackaronis complained about the lack of a quorum at Wednesday's meeting when an important agenda was to be acted upon.
Only two members attended. They are Gus, a restaurateur, and Milton Strauss, chairman.
It's not the only meeting when the commission failed to get a quorum of six of its nine members. That's getting to be a habit, and Gus has a good point.
The Hot Potato
He tossed the hot potato at the City Commission

since the traffic group is but an advisory and study unit of the governing body.
The Traffic Commission has met 24 times since Jan. 1, 1967.
Strauss, a merchant and able chairman, holds a perfect attendance record. Gus is right behind him with 23.
Of the 24 meetings, there were 16 no-quorums. This means that there were six or more members at only eight of the sessions over a span of more than three years.
The commission is batting 1,000 this year. It's four-for-four in no-quorums.

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Zoom The Mainline
It's a helluva way to run a railroad, but the no-quorum express is expected to zoom on the mainline at the next session.
Former city commissioner Carl Valenti attended three times, the same number for Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone. However, it appears the chief is the only one allowed a pinch-hitter under the not-too-clear rules of the game.
Police Capt. Frank Feaster went to bat nine times for the chief, giving the cops a .500 batting average—12 of 24.
Judge Meyer J. Cohn managed to make it six times and Dr. Edward B. Wilkens of Rutgers got five attendance stars.

Gus practically threw his hands up in the air in disgust and abstained from voting on a key recommendation involving the Plum Street school street hassle. He and Mill then tabled action on two other points, the Landing Lane-River Road traffic light plan and increasing speed in a portion of Memorial Parkway.

Zoom The Mainline

Far Hooky-Out
A section of the ordinance provides for removing the hooky players. A member is subject to removal by majority vote if he fails to attend four consecutive regular meetings.
Members serve three-year terms without compensation.
Was any action ever contemplated over the chronic absenteeism? Vincent I. Cassera, city planner, was asked.
"I never remember that being discussed," he said.
The Traffic Commission serves a useful purpose providing it maintains its independent thinking on the multiple problems facing the city. The city commissioners depend upon it for recommendations.
The present hazy ordinance should be studied thoroughly before inclusion of such a study group is included in the administrative code under which the new form government is to operate.
That job awaits the victors of the Nov. 3 election.

Mrs. Sheehan wants no strings on sale of land

April 3, 1970

New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Sheehan called on the state Senate yesterday to knock down pending legislation which would block sale of 69 acres along Route 1 owned jointly by the city and Rutgers University.
Warning the Senate that the city faces a "financial and revenue crisis which grows by the month," Mrs. Sheehan termed the action "critical."
The legislation which the mayor has asked the Senate to oppose would require a public hearing before the land can be sold.
"The city is in desperate need of the income the development of this land for light industry would produce," Mrs. Sheehan said.
Critics of the land sale proposal have contended that any such move to increase industrial development would in turn increase pollution of nearby streams as well as deprive the city of possible park and recreational land.
According to Mrs. Sheehan, Senate approval of the Assembly-passed bill would effectively block the sale.
"New Brunswick," she asserted, "with its five and one half miles of area, cannot be asked to provide outlying park and recreational land for residents of communities which are rich in industry and rich in industrial development potential."
She said there are many neighboring areas which could be used for recreational facilities and promised "rigid standards" to combat pollution from any new industries.
Mayor Sheehan indicated in her letter to the Senate that New Brunswick "receives \$110,000 in lieu of taxes for all of Rutgers University property in the city."
"By any reasonable standards of property value," she said, "the city should receive more than \$1,000,000 from the state."

Weston's Mill Pond Tract at Issue April 3, 1970

Mayor Urges Defeat of Bill

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan has called on the state Senate to oppose pending legislation which would require a public hearing before Rutgers University and the city could sell a tract of land at Weston's Mill Pond along Route 1.
In letters to all 40 members of the state's upper house, Mrs. Sheehan said the sale of land by Rutgers and New Brunswick is critical because "the city is in desperate need of the income the development of this land for light industry would produce."
The mayor said the Assembly-passed bill's effect would

be to attempt to block the sale of the 69-acre tract and prevent its "controlled development for industrial use."
Revenue Crisis
Mayor Sheehan told the senators that New Brunswick would be "the real casualty" because "we face a financial and revenue crisis which grows by the month."
"Speaking quite frankly," Mrs. Sheehan said, "I am sure you are aware that the city has been left far behind other urban areas when the time has come for the State of New Jersey to provide help."
The city, she told the senators, receives \$110,000 in lieu of

taxes for all of Rutgers University property in the city.
"By any reasonable standards of property value the city should receive more than \$1 million from the state," the mayor told the senators.
Mayor Sheehan rejected land sale opponents' claims that the sale of the land would deprive the area of park and recreational land and that industrial development would increase pollution of nearby streams.
Rigid Standards
The mayor said there are 200 acres in the immediate area more suitable for park development and that the "rigid standards" on industrial devel-

opment by the city would bar potential pollution.
"New Brunswick, with its 5 1/2 square miles of area, cannot be asked to provide park and recreational land for residents of communities which are rich in industry and rich in industrial development potential," the mayor said.
"The issue in the attempt to block the land sale is not a matter concerning Rutgers," Mayor Sheehan said, "but whether or not the City of New Brunswick can look forward to some relief, through reasonable and careful industrial development, to ease its financial crisis."

Job Classifications Upset Some City Workers

April 4, 1970

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

Some New Brunswick municipal employees are unhappy over the method of the state Department of Civil Service in notifying them of their job classifications.
One male employee was hot under the collar as he walked out of City Hall Friday.
Donald Bennett, supervising principal of personnel technicians, could not be reached for comment at his Trenton office.
Previously, Civil Service officials said city employees would receive by mail a description of their jobs and would have 10 days in which to appeal.

However, the employees were not notified by mail and the letters were to be picked up at the City Hall office of Deputy City Administrator George Callas.
They arrived Thursday at Callas' office. How they got there could not be learned because Callas was not in his office when The Home News checked for details.
John Lepping, president of the New Brunswick Municipal Employees Association, displayed dissatisfaction, but said he did not wish to comment until he got in touch with Callas and Bennett.
Lepping showed his form let-

ter from Bennett. It read: "As a result of the classification and salary survey approved by the Civil Service Commission for the City of New Brunswick, the correct title of your position is senior maintenance repairman (carpenter) in the competitive division."
"If you do not agree that this title adequately describes your position, you may appeal to this office within five days of receipt of this notice."
Lepping said the notice only informed the employee of the title, not the detailed description, which is available in Callas' office. The city has received 13 such copies of the

detailed job classifications, but they are under lock and key and are not available for public scrutiny. Apparently the employees can check them.
Civil Service was approved for New Brunswick in 1968 and it was the last major city in

New Jersey to do so. The association, said to represent about 180 employees, signed its first contract recently with the administration.
The administration, after prolonged negotiations which led to a state mediator being as-

signed, agreed to substantial salaries of the guide recommended by the Civil Service.
Results of the association's first contract were well received by nearly all of the group's members. There were a few dissenters.

Sons Upstage Attorney Dad at Swearing-In

April 7, 1970

Norris Harding, four, and brother Thomas, two, upstaged their father, J. Norris Harding, when he was sworn in yesterday afternoon as city attorney.

Dressed in dark blue sailor suits—each wearing quarter-master first class ratings—the Harding boys found a new playground with a lot of pews.

The brief playground turned out to be the City Commission chambers at City Hall.

And the two boys, beaming with pride, somehow knew something big was happening and that their daddy was involved.

VIP's Attend

After all, all those people were there, like Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and City Commissioners William Cahill Sr. and John A. Smith.

So was Joseph Bradshaw, who resigned recently as city attorney, making the appointment of Harding possible.

Back to the boys. They took to water like any sailor. However, this water was ice cold from the fountain in a nearby hallway. They sipped it from paper cups.

Norris and Tom had fun posing for patient Home News photographer Dick Costello.

Tom looked Dick in the eye and said: "Do I have to smile like this," demonstrating the Pepsodent smile commercial.

Someone remarked the Harding boys should be appointed first and second mates of the former Circle Line boat in the Delaware-Raritan Canal dock. The mayor didn't hear a word.

Meanwhile, the photographer did his thing when the Harding boys sat still for a split second. Their father sighed, and so did their mother, the former Mary Holzhauser.

Resigned Former Post

Administering the oath was City Clerk Anna Murphy. Harding, who lives at 10 Devoy Drive, resigned as assistant county prosecutor to assume his present post. He supported the city administration during its successful 1967 election.

Bradshaw was retained by the present administration even though he was campaign manager for the unsuccessful state in the commission election three years ago. He announced his resignation March 3.

His reasons, Bradshaw said then, were not personal and they were divorced politics. Bradshaw, a popular attorney and a Democrat, has been frequently mentioned as possible political timber, including freeholder. He's been denying it, but time will give the answer.



AYE, AYE, SIR—Thomas Harding, two, and brother Norris, four, beam as father, J. Norris Harding, takes oath of office as city attorney from City Clerk Anna Murphy yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Harding looks on.

Lynch Halts Rutgers Slap

April 10, 1970

TRENTON—An eloquent plea for the integrity of "senatorial courtesy" by New Brunswick Sen. John A. Lynch, Democrat, blocked passage in the Republican-controlled Senate yesterday of a bill designed to delay sale by Rutgers University of a controversial 69-acre tract at Weston's Mill Pond.
But GOP sponsors of the measure say the bill will be resubmitted later in the session for another try.
The measure, which has passed the Assembly, was sponsored by the Middlesex Republican Assembly delegation and requires Rutgers to hold a public hearing before it sells any property to determine that the property is no longer needed for educational purposes. Once that is done, the state will have 60 days to buy the property before it goes up for public sale.

Rutgers about 49 acres. He said the city needed the Rutgers property included so that its smaller piece would be more marketable and would permit development of the tract into a bigger tractable for the city.
But, he said, "Political interests by those opposed to the sale have resulted in this legislation."
"Shocked and Dismayed"
Visibly angry, Lynch told the Senate that he knew he had "no chance" of defeating the bill in the GOP-dominated House. But he said he was "shocked and dismayed" that the Senate would even consider passage of such a measure when he — "the home town senator" — was opposed to it.
"I've been here since 1956," he said, "and I've never yet seen a situation where this august body would stop to a political action like this and force something through that the home-town senator and his people are opposed to."

Desperate Need
But Lynch termed the bill "a phony" and said it was a purely "political attempt" to block the sale by Rutgers and the City of New Brunswick of land "desperately needed" by the city for tax ratables.
Lynch pointed out that the city owns about 20 acres and

Lynch had distributed copies of a letter from New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan urging defeat of the bill in the interest of New Brunswick.
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Mayor Says Local Answer Needed

April 11, 1970

The answer to what New Brunswick should do, as well as what it can do to increase school integration, must be found locally, Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan said today.
"The state should not impose a method unless it will also pay for it," she emphasized.
Specific proposals for increased school integration should come from the Board of Education with the support and assistance of the professional educators and parents of school children, the mayor said.
She was responding to a challenge from David J. Harris Jr., a former president of the Urban League of Greater New Brunswick and a member of the Board of Education's Com-

munity Advisory Committee (CAC), to state her support of a grant of the school system.
"I think that the Board of Education is truly doing its best in its attempt to respond to the requirements of the law" in moving toward more integration of the school system, Mrs. Sheehan said.
Assist the Board
"But I think," she continued, "that the spirit of the law requires that these efforts be continued and that the New Brunswick Education Association and the Community Advisory Committee must lend their energies to assisting the board in working out solutions that are the best possible given our means."
Mrs. Sheehan declared that

New Brunswick has an "ever-croding tax base upon which to support ever more costly municipal services including education. The tax rate is already too high and the ability to pay for our needs is under severe strain."
The mayor said that she spoke out two months ago against the idea of spending \$100,000 for a massive busing plan "because I did not believe we as a community could afford to spend that kind of money as an adjunct to education."
Didn't Add Anything
"That \$100,000 did not add one teacher, purchase one book, reduce one teacher-pupil ratio or in any other specific way improve the status of the educational process," the mayor

or asserted. "It did not even achieve the goal of totally integrated education."
"It was proposed in response to a state mandate to integrate," Mayor Sheehan said, "but in my view the state of New Jersey should couple its orders with the means to carry them out."
The advantages and disadvantages of busing are "truly debatable," she said, adding that nothing she has read leads her to conclude it is a panacea.
The mayor further said that she believes that the "segregated" education in suburban communities that results from busing and zoning is a "much more severe problem for our society to solve."

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Lynch Prevails

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wick's need for a ratable.
But Sen. Wayne Dumont, R-Warren, who moved the bill, said the bill would not stop any sale.
Only A Delay
"It would only delay it," he said. He also noted that this was not solely a New Brunswick issue, because Rutgers has property throughout the state and all this bill does is set policy for the disposition of Rutgers land.
"From what I've observed," he said, "we could do with a

little deliberation on Rutgers' part before it does some of the things it does."
Besides, Dumont said, he didn't see how the bill could be so bad if the four Middlesex Republicans sponsored it.
"They don't live in New Brunswick," Lynch said. "I do." He also said it was "ridiculous" to think the state would pay \$25,000 an acre for the property.
Tanman Agrees
Sen. Norman Tanzman, D-Middlesex, agreed. "The bill is not only phony, it's a fraud," he said. He said if the Republi-

can assemblymen really wanted the state to buy the property. "Let them put a bill in requiring that."
He noted that some opponents to the sale said development of the tract would pollute Weston's Mill Pond.
"If this bill passes," he said, "I'm going to put in another to make sure it's kept as a park."
The bill fell three votes shy of getting the 21 needed for passage. The vote was 18 for the measure to 3 against, with all Democrats in the Senate against the bill. The remainder

of the 40-member house did not vote.
Assemblyman Peter Garibaldi, R-Middlesex, prime sponsor of the bill, was disappointed at the outcome.
"The only thing political here was the opposition," he said. "This bill was prepared because there are a considerable number of people in New Brunswick and adjoining areas who oppose the sale. They are just average citizens who don't want their homes to become factory back yards without a chance to have a say in the matter."

A new police-cadet training program for youths between the ages of 18 and 20 was given the go ahead yesterday by the New Brunswick City Commission.

The program — limited to 10 cadets at any given time — will provide the youths with on-the-job training experience in law enforcement as well as an extensive series of classroom courses to acquaint them with the police duties.

According to officials, once the cadet reaches 21, he will be eligible for promotion to full patrolman provided he is able to meet the Civil Service requirements for the post.

Each cadet will be accepted on a probationary basis for the first three months, after which the city's police chief and director of public safety will decide if the youngster will "make a good police officer."

According to the ordinance adopted yesterday, cadets will receive a yearly salary of \$5,000. However, before they can be accepted into the program, they will be required to pass a regular Civil Service examination.

Each cadet applicant must also undergo a thorough physical and mental examination as well as a "character investigation and oral interview by the New Brunswick Police Department."

The training course will serve to familiarize the cadet with the routine patrol duties of a police officer and

acquaint him with administrative procedures and investigative techniques.

While cadets will be called upon merely to act as "ob-

servers" during actual investigations, they will fill non-official civilian type posts within the department.

All applicants must possess a high school diploma and hold a valid drivers license, officials said.

However, according to the ordinance, if the cadet fails to pass the Civil Service examination for patrolman after turning 21, he will be immediately dropped from the program.

Temporary khaki uniforms will be issued to the cadets during their initial three-month trial period, after which the city will provide "distinct cadet uniforms" selected by the police commissioner.

A similar police cadet program operating in Woodbridge has won the acclaim of police officials throughout the state.

The program serves to provide a constant flow of patrolmen to the Woodbridge force better trained — and according to a local officer, "more sophisticated" — than men who are not broken in until they reach the mandatory 21 years of age.

ison and Hoagland; Mrs. Sheehan (as mayor and state committee woman), and Mayors Bernard J. Dwyer of Edison, Samuel J. Kromann of Highland Park, James J. Flynn of Perth Amboy, Henry E. Tellone of South Plainfield and Ralph Barone of Woodbridge.

Local Chairmen State Committee Chairman Harold Herbert is a member, as well as the following local chairmen: Robert Johnson, Dunellen; George Mendez, East Brunswick; John J. Kuhn, Metuchen; Thomas Klamer, Middlesex; John Szczepank, Monroe; Shamy, Stanley Starog, Perth Amboy; Lawrence Noel, Sayreville; John McIntyre, South Brunswick; Mrs. Mary Serafin, South River; Vincent Cook, Spotswood, and Frank Murphy, Woodbridge.

They are joined by these local vice chairmen, Miss Jean Ambrosio, Edison; Mrs. Ann Brigiani, Jamesburg; Mrs. Elizabeth Rich, Milltown; Mrs. Irma Combs, North Brunswick; Mrs. Dorothy Power, Piscataway; Mrs. Mae Grimley, South Amboy, and Mrs. Ann Marie Stoukas, Woodbridge.

Democratic Hopefuls Face Screening Committee Monday

By TED SERRILL Home News Staff Writer

A 31-member screening and nominating committee will meet Monday night at the Brunswick Inn, East Brunswick, to interview Democratic candidates for congressional and freeholder nominations.

The members of the committee were announced yesterday by County Democratic Chairman Herman Hoffman.

Candidates for U. S. Senate, Congress and the Board of Freeholders have been invited to appear. Hoffman said invitations went to U. S. Senator Harrison A. Williams Jr. and to former Atty. General Arthur J. Sills, campaign manager for state Sen. Frank J. Guarini of Hudson County. Guarini intends to seek the nomination for Williams' seat.

Main Task

Although the committee may endorse a U.S. senatorial candidate its main task will be to pick the regular party slate for county posts.

Rep. Edward J. Patten of the 15th District and his

opponent, Lewis Kaden, have been invited. Both are from Perth Amboy.

Freeholder Louis F. May Jr. will be interviewed, as will be Mrs. Mary Kerr, former Sayreville mayor, the only other freeholder candidate to date.

Hoffman said the New Brunswick Democratic organization may submit the name of a city resident to run for the seat being vacated at the end of the year by Freeholder John J. Hoagland of New Brunswick.

"I have written a letter to the 25 municipal chairmen asking if they want to submit any candidates for freeholder," Hoffman said.

Hoffman said that he hoped the committee's business can be wrapped up Monday and its endorsements announced that night.

Another meeting may be needed, he said, if New Brunswick City Chairman George J. Shamy asks for more time in which to find a candidate.

'Much Logic'

Hoffman maintained that "there is much logic" to the attempt to find a candidate from New Brunswick for Hoagland's seat. The city traditionally has been represented by a freeholder because of its importance to the county as well as the heavy Democratic vote it delivers at election time.

"If a candidate from New Brunswick is equal to or better than candidates from other towns, he should get preference," Hoffman said. But a New Brunswick aspirant should be denied if he has lesser qualifications, Hoffman added.

Reportedly, the search by Shamy for a candidate has been without success to date. Former City Attorney Joseph Bradshaw was said to be the choice, but he declined.

Several county leaders and perhaps city leaders as well, are hoping that Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan will be the candidate. That depends to a great extent on her re-election plans. However, some of the Democratic freeholders are supposedly not enthusiastic about Mrs. Sheehan.

No Shortage

Hoffman said there is no shortage of possible candidates from outside New Brunswick. He said about a dozen names have been forwarded to him, but he does not know the potential candidates' qualifications at this time. Mrs. Kerr is not likely to get a nod.

The 30 members of the screening committee, in addition to Hoffman come from 22 of the 25 county towns. Hoffman said there has been little organizational activity in Plainsboro and Cranbury and the chairman recently resigned in Helmetta.

Elected officials of the group are: State Senator Norman Tattman of Woodbridge, Assemblyman Thomas J. Deverin of Carteret, Freeholders John A. Phillips of Mad-

in a week or two. One of its main duties will be to come up with a nominee for the chairmanship.

The members of the executive committee will not necessarily include all the members of a special seven-member committee headed by Senator J. Edward Crabel that has recently been meeting on the chairmanship question, said Hoffman.

The other members of Crabel's group are Freeholder Stephen J. Capastro, Flynn, Mrs. Sheehan, Murphy, Cook and McIntyre.

Freeholder Director George J. Otowski, who is very much a voice in party affairs behind the scenes, said he deliberately avoids appointments to any party committees because he does not feel the freeholder director should participate actively in politics.

Hoffman said he has no recommendations as to who would be best to take the chairmanship. "But he should be a person of proven ability as an organizer," Hoffman said. "Any bright-eyed individual who says 'I am it' may be deceiving himself."

The latter was a reference to Alan J. Karcher of Sayreville, who has said that if the party cannot find a chairman acceptable as a compromise to all factions, he might seek the chairmanship himself.

Trainer becomes official

Vito Recine, an athletic trainer at Sayreville High School, was installed yesterday as New Brunswick city commissioner at ceremonies in City Hall.

Recine was appointed last week to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Commissioner Carl T. Valenti. Valenti left to become an attorney with the city's Housing and Development Authority.

The commission also approved at its meeting yesterday a resolution naming Commissioner William J. Cahill as public safety director.

Recine will take over Cahill's post as director of public works.

The new commissioner served as athletic coach at New Brunswick High School from 1946 until 1962, and then switched to Sayreville High School. Recine is a member of several athletic organizations and is a registered physical therapist. He served in 1964 as trainer for the National AAU Track and Field Championships.

Recine will serve as commissioner until the end of the year, when the commission form of government will come to an end in New Brunswick. Voters overwhelmingly approved a mayor-council system last November. Primaries are scheduled for April, with elections following in May.

Recine recently stated he would be a candidate for the council. The "New Five" slate which currently holds office is expected shortly to announce its intention of seeking re-election.

New Signs Herald Sixth Ward 'Sweep'

The alternate-street parking signs are up in the Sixth Ward, but residents there will have a month's grace before police are unleashed to ticket violators.

The signs are part of a new program by the city's Department of Public Works to sweep clean the streets in that ward at least once a week.

"We plan on enforcing the ordinance by having the police issue tickets after a grace period of a month," said City Commissioner William Cahill Sr.

Cahill until recently headed the public works department. He now heads the Department of Public Safety.

Conditioning Period The commissioner feels that residents should be conditioned on the new parking regulation within that period of time.

"We have some flaws to work out," said George T. Dailey, superintendent of public works. Otherwise, the program is a clean sweep.

The signs prohibiting parking from 8 a.m. to noon on Mondays and Thursdays on alternate sides of the streets have been up for about a week.

Some residents have been confused on the time listed on the signs. The 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. was misinterpreted to mean from 8 a.m. to midnight, but this is not the case—it is for four hours from 8 a.m. to noon.

Program May Spread

The signs are in streets which do not have parking meters. The program is an innovation for the public works department and may spread to other wards.

The metered streets, Dailey said, are cleaned by the municipal sweeper before 7 a.m.

The ordinance for the alternate-street parking was adopted last August by the City Commission.

Dailey said he has received inquiries from residents of other wards, hopeful that their streets can be swept under a similar program.

"I haven't had any real complaints," Dailey said, referring to the street-cleaning program which began last week in the Sixth Ward on an alternate-street system.



SIGNS UP — The above sign in Seminary Place is one of number throughout 6th Ward for alternate-street parking program in order to sweep streets.

Students Seize Police Flag

By VINCENT R. ZARATE Evening News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK—A band of long-haired, costumed Rutgers University students lowered the American flag in front of police headquarters yesterday and replaced it with their own symbol of flowers on a plastic streamer.

Three policemen started into the crowd of Yippie styled students to retrieve the American flag and lower the plastic streamer as they and demonstrators were showered with orange paint.

One person was arrested in the flag incident witnessed by approximately 30 other policemen who apparently were under orders not to take action against the demonstrators.

Earlier the police had arrested a black student, Lionel Cuffie, 19, of Keyport and charged him with defiling the American flag by wearing it as a cloak.

The demonstration started at noon in Buccleuch Park as a "lark" and ended at 3 p.m. in front of police headquarters with students shouting obscen-

ities about the flag and demanding the return of "the rag" — Old Glory.

When they raised their own plastic streamer covered with flowers, the students sang George M. Cohan's "Grand Old Flag" singing "You're a grand old rag." Then they sang a chorus of "America" in derision before dispersing.

The rank and file patrolmen inside the building which was locked were visibly angry.

The demonstration in front of police headquarters was apparently in protest to the arrest of Cuffie.

No other arrests were made although students lit one firecracker, carried a small American flag upside down and later threw it on the ground.

A student hurled a water bomb — a balloon filled with water — at the main police headquarters door, and another pounded on the doors yelling, "Give us the rag. Give us the rag."

When the students couldn't get inside headquarters, some yelled, "Let's take them."

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Students Seize Flag of Police

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flag!" There was a shout and scores of the students ran to the main flagpole, loosened the rope and lowered the flag.

From outside headquarters, Patrolmen John Heslin and Ronald Weber ran to the pole and began a tug of war for the flag. They were joined by Lt. John Redmond, a 26-year veteran of the department. The three got the flag back and Redmond lowered the plastic streamer,

but he had difficulty in untangling the ropes. The students jeered.

Heslin grabbed Stanley P. Magnan, 22, of 45 Raymond St., Edison and herded him into police headquarters, charging Magnan with creating a disturbance.

Magnan was released an hour later under \$50 bail raised in a fund drive by his room-mate, John Hireschick of Woodbridge. Magnan said he was jabbed in the stomach with a

stick and kicked once. Cuffie denied it.

Cuffie and Magnan were to be arraigned today before Municipal Judge Meyer J. Cohn.

The showdown with police was not planned, according to Bill Keokolski of New York.

ROTC Attacked Keokolski had mustered a group of girls and boys in the park at noon to fight ROTC (pronounced Rotsee) with the POTC (pronounced Potsee.) The "P" Keokolski said stands for "People — Potsee is an army where everybody is a colonel."

His pamphlets urged everyone to fight "Rotsee" with water-guns, cap-guns, frisbees. He urged girl students to love the warriors of Rotsee.

When the ROTC went to the gymnasium instead of the park because of wet grounds, according to a spokesman, the Yippies and the Potsees marched down College Avenue — one of them carrying the American flag upside down.

Near the ROTC headquarters Jack Molnar's head of Young Americans for Freedom, and his buddy, Thomas Racoppi, 21,

of Old Bridge, charged the student carrying the upside down flag and took it from him.

Molnar of Sharpville, Pa. ran with the flag with the Potsees in hot pursuit. They caught him and both sides — about eight in all — began pushing and shoving.

When Keokolski grabbed the flag he shouted triumphantly: "The Potsees have won over the Rotsees. We proclaim victory."

They then took the flag and draped it over Cuffie who in addition to wearing lipstick and makeup, was garbed in a makeshift cadet suit of West Point grey.

When the flag was draped on Cuffie, he smiled and pointed his cap pistol to the sky and fired.

The group ran into the commons dining room shouting, "We got the rag, we got the rag! We beat Rotsee. We beat Rotsee."

Cuffie was grabbed by Patrolmen David Sabo and Richard Trent, who were patrolling the area.

Cuffie was charged with defiling the flag and was released in his own custody.



Lionel Cuffie addresses demonstrators as upside down flag is held on broomstick.

\$50,000 Boost Still Not Enough

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan views the state's decision to increase the city a 50 per cent increase in money received by New Brunswick for tax exempt state property with mixed emotions.

Commenting on Friday's action by the joint legislative appropriations committee to recommend to the legislature that New Brunswick get \$165,000—\$50,000 more than the present amount the mayor said, "While it is \$50,000 more than we had in the past, it is not an amount sufficient to meet the needs or the justice of our case."

"I am most appreciative of this indication by the joint legislative appropriations committee of the recognition of the concerns and priorities in New Brunswick and \$50,000 will certainly help."

"But," Mayor Sheehan added, "I hope and trust that this is just the first step for the legislature to come to grips with the problem of tax exempt properties owned by the state in various communities."

The mayor made an eloquent appeal in Trenton recently for a boost to cover thousands of dollars in lost taxes because Rutgers University land and buildings are tax exempt.

If the legislature goes along with the suggestion it will be the first increase here since 1961 when the amount was upped from \$98,000 to the present \$110,000.



POTC 'Cadets' On Parade

"ROTC wears uniforms, (you) wear a costume," POTC advised its supporters. So stars, far left, war paint, center, and cap pistols, left, were in order in a happening that started near Buccleuch Park and finally reached New Brunswick Police Headquarters, below. (Photos by Richard Costello)

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The Flagpole Confrontation

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Yippies Raise Flowery Print

By BARBARA SELICK
Home News Staff Writer

The arrest of a Rutgers student yesterday for allegedly defiling an American flag led a group of self-styled Rutgers Yippies to march on New Brunswick Police Headquarters.

There, the Yippies, or as they also call themselves, POTC (People's Officer Training Corps), lowered the American flag in front of headquarters and hoisted their own symbol—a pink-and-red flower print piece of plastic.

The action resulted in a second student being arrested. The first student, Lionel Cuffie, 19, of Keyport, a sophomore at Rutgers College, was charged with defiling an American flag after New Brunswick police said they saw him wearing a flag draped over his shoulders on College Avenue.

He was arraigned today in New Brunswick Municipal Court and will have a preliminary hearing next Thursday. No hearing date was set for the second student, Stanley P. Magnan, 22, of 45 Raymond St., Edison, who was arrested for allegedly creating a disturbance in front of police headquarters.

About 35 students attended the arraignments of the pair and two other Rutgers men accused of defiling an American flag by hanging it upside down in their dormitory window. The two, Martin Sussman of Union and Law-

rence Plitch of Bloomfield, are scheduled to appear for a preliminary hearing at 9 a.m. May 5.

The Yippies, who say they advocate love and spontaneity, had planned to confront Rutgers ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) during the scheduled afternoon ROTC drill at Buccleuch Park yesterday.

Armed with kazooes, water pistols and broomsticks, POTC urged its supporters in a handbill "to take off your shirt and . . . in the sun, enjoy the good grass, give a future GI a joint, rap with a cadet and drink wine, feel fine."

But as the 50 POTC "cadets" marched down College Avenue shortly about 12:15 p.m., two Rutgers students, reportedly members of ROTC and the Young Americans for Freedom, snatched away the American flag that POTC was allegedly carrying upside down.

In the ensuing scuffle, POTC reclaimed the flag and, using safety pins, fastened it on Cuffie's shoulders as a symbol of victory over ROTC.

POTC subsequently went into University Commons to eat and rally support, then came out and started marching down College Avenue for the expected confrontation with ROTC. But before they reached Senior Street, New Brunswick Patrolmen Richard Trent and David Sabo arrived and took Cuffie into custody.

"He had a flag draped over his shoulders and was

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RAISING THE SYMBOL — Several Yippies hoist a pink-and-red flower print piece of plastic in front of New Brunswick Police Headquarters after lowering the American flag. (Staff photo by Richard Costello)

Yippies Hoist Flowery Print

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shooting off a cap pistol," according to Sabo. Undaunted, POTC proceeded to Buccleuch Park, but ROTC didn't show. It had stopped raining an hour earlier, but ROTC officials moved the drill into the gymnasium.

A POTC spokesman said late last night that the Yippies plan to mock-battle ROTC tomorrow at its scheduled afternoon drill.

But yesterday the cry was "Where the hell is ROTC?" as a Yippie climbed atop a car in ROTC-less Buccleuch Park and addressed his comrades, some of whom had painted faces and carried water pistols.

The Yippie noted that the police had arrested Cuffie and, on top of that, confiscated the flag that was draped around his shoulders.

Shouting "We want the rag" and led by a bugle-blowing Yippie, the group marched down George Street to police headquarters.

As the first contingent arrived, Cuffie was being released in the custody of Rutgers Professor Gerald A. Berlin of Edison. When the remainder of the crowd showed up—at least 150—some threw their arms around Cuffie as he stood on top of the steps of police headquarters.

Lionel's Cap Gun
Caps went off on the steps and an American flag upside down atop a broom handle waved as a Yippie told the swelling group, "We want Lionel's cap gun back."

"That rag belongs to us," he continued, referring to the confiscated flag. "We need a plenary group to negotiate for the flag and cap gun."

Then another thought struck. "The cops are locked in!" he shouted, referring to the fact that even the press had been barred from entering the locked doors of police headquarters.

"We'll trade them," he suddenly added, pointing to the American flag flying toward the left front of headquarters, "their flag for ours."

Within seconds, the crowd—estimated at between 200 and 300—moved across the lawn and several Yippies lowered the flag.

Meanwhile, Detective Ronald Weber ran up and, as the flag was being unhooked, ordered the student holding it to move back. The student obeyed the order, Weber said, and the policeman grabbed the flag.

POTC Flowers
Then several POTC members began fastening a flower-bedecked piece of material which resembled paper-towel or table cloth material to the lanyards, and up it went.

"Get out of there," yelled Lt. John Redmond as he ran to the flagpole with several other policemen running behind, nightsticks in hand. But the only nightstick apparently swung missed a tall husky young man at the flagpole who told police, "I'm with you."

Meanwhile, other police took Stanley P. Magnan, 22, of 45 Raymond St., Edison, a junior transfer student at Rutgers, into custody and charged him with creating a disturbance for allegedly being one of those who attempted to hoist the flag.

Redmond and the unidentified husky young man, then wrestled with the problem of lowering the twisted piece of material on the flagpole as the crowd sang, "You're a Grand Old Flag" and "America."

Earnest Handshakes
The "flag" was finally lowered, the crowd dispersed, and two Rutgers freshmen who said they were "disgusted at the way the crowd carried on," asked police if they could hoist the American flag. The students, Kurt Schwabe and Tom Kuchera, received earnest handshakes from the police when the job was done.

Members of the police force and press afterward found that orange paint that had been splattered on them during the 1½-hour happening was apparently washable water color. The paint, it appears, came from water pistols or water balloons.



PROBLEM—Lt. John Redmond, left, and police employee John Lombardo, in hat, work at lowering the tangled material that POTC had hoisted as its symbol in front of New Brunswick Police Headquarters.

Inverse Flag Fliers Arrested

Two Rutgers University sophomores accused of defiling the American flag by hanging it upside down in their dormitory window were released on their own recognizance yesterday after surrendering themselves to authorities.

Martin Sussman of Union and Lawrence Plitch of Bloomfield occupants of a room facing George Street in Hardenbergh Hall, had been away from New Brunswick—reportedly in Boston—when Middlesex County Sheriff John J. Flanagan and officers entered the room on Monday.

Appear in Court
Informed yesterday that arrest warrants had been made out charging them with defiling the flag, they went to Municipal Court accompanied by their parents.

In the meantime Sheriff's Capt. Laurence Gudgeon had sworn out additional complaints charging the students with possession of marijuana.

Gudgeon said he seized two smoking lamps found in the room. One was tested by the State Police laboratory and a residue of marijuana was found, he alleged.

The pair was arraigned today in New Brunswick Municipal Court and their preliminary hearing set for 9 a.m. May 5. They were represented by Stephen Barcan of the Perth Ambly law firm of Wilentz, Goldman and Spitzer.

The Rutgers student newspaper, Targum, yesterday printed a sketch of a flag on the editorial page.

In Beholder's Eyes
When the paper is opened to that page, the flag is shown at the bottom, right side up. But the printed material on the page is all upside down.

When the page is turned upside down so that it can be read, the flag appears upside down. Above the upside down flag is the caption: "Warning: You are now displaying this flag illegally."

An upside down flag is an international distress signal.

Gudgeon said he saw the five-foot long flag in the window while driving past on Monday morning. He obtained a search warrant from County Court Judge John B. Molineux.

Flanagan and the officers were admitted into the room by the dean of students. A Rutgers spokesman said that while it was not thought that an upside down flag is against the law, the students had been warned that it would be best to take it down.

A state statute says that defiling a flag, along with mutilation, trampling and defacing, is an offense. Gudgeon and the sheriff said that they consider placement of a flag upside down to be defiling it.

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Mrs. Sheehan warns the Rutgers radicals

By ROBERT RUDOLPH

New Brunswick officials yesterday said further off-campus disorders on the part of radical students from Rutgers University would result in harsher treatment at the hands of authorities.

Mayor Patricia Sheehan, referring to Wednesday's demonstration during which about 200 self-proclaimed "Yippies" stormed the city's police headquarters, said, "The law must be enforced."

While Rutgers' Dean of Student Affairs Earl Clifford praised police for their "restraint and good judgement in the matter," recently named Police Commissioner William J. Cahill warned students to expect more stringent measures if the disturbances continue.

"I am meeting with the commissioners tomorrow (Friday)," Mrs. Sheehan said, indicating the siege of police headquarters would be a major subject of consideration.

The "Yippies" stormed the police station and took down the American flag as police watched from behind closed doors.

Cahill called the demonstrators an "unruly crowd."

"If this is repeated, though," he warned, "it can't be condoned."

The commissioner stressed that the demonstration was an "individual incident" and



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not a constant occurrence at Rutgers.

"If it gets to a certain point," Cahill declared, "we'll put our tactical force into use."

Cahill explained that it was the absence of any real violence or vandalism which dictated the lack of police intervention Wednesday.

"I don't say we should condone it time after time," he said, "but there was no actual fighting Wednesday."

Dean Clifford admitted the demonstration hadn't done much "to improve relations with the police," he did stress that the "Yippies" numbered only some 200 — out of a total student body of over 10,000.

Clifford stressed that any action to be taken against the participants would be decided by the students and faculty and was solely an internal matter.

However, he did assure that the ROTC drills — which served as springboard for the demonstration — would not be curtailed.

"They are regularly scheduled classes," he stated, "and we intend to see the necessary steps are taken to insure that they will be permitted to continue."

Clifford indicated he appreciated the police decision to avoid a confrontation with the students.

"It was spring and there was green grass and it came after a long winter's rest," he said, "it would have been a little unusual if something didn't happen."

Two students, arrested during the demonstration, were arraigned before Municipal Court Judge Meyer Cohn yesterday as friends passed out coffee and donuts to spectators.

Lionel Cuffie, 19, of 16 Van Dorn St., Keyport, charged with defiling the American flag by wearing it as a cape, appeared without counsel. He was given until April 23 to secure an attorney and a preliminary hearing was set for 9 a.m. on that date.

Stanley Matman, 22, of 45 Raymond Ave., Paterson, charged with creating a disturbance, appeared with attorney Robert Mattia who re-

quested and received an adjournment on the case.

Two other youths, Lawrence Plicht of 9 Van Winkle St., Bloomfield, and Martin Sussman of 1046 Mayfair Rd., Union — charged by sheriff's officers Monday with defiling the flag and possession of narcotics — were represented by Perth Amboy attorney Stephen Barcan. A preliminary hearing was set for May 5 at 9 a.m.

Meanwhile, Rutgers University officials yesterday revealed that the growing rash of campus bomb threats had reached critical proportions.

Five scares had been called in to the New Brunswick school by noon, bringing the total to 26 in the past month.

Students evacuated buildings while local police scoured the classrooms for explosives.

Authorities confessed they were stymied in how to go about tracking down the callers.

"They don't always call the same place," a police officer explained. "Sometimes it's the central switchboard, sometimes it's the campus patrol and sometimes it's us at headquarters."

Police said they saw "no possible way" of identifying the callers with the evidence they now had.

"The only alternative is to tap all the phones."

Classes were disrupted for the third straight week while wary students milled about entrances awaiting the all-clear to return.

"They've all proved false alarms so far, thank God," a police lieutenant said.

Nothing has been established linking the threats to any particular group or political faction amongst the student body.

"We don't have any evidence that this is the case," Clifford said while not entirely dismissing the possibility.

"There's no indication of this being tied to any political point of view," another university official agreed. "Or if there is, we don't know about it."

Originally, administration officials had seen a tie-in between the bomb scares and examinations being given at the time. This theory later was discounted.

Zebra Team To Be Feted

The New Brunswick Senior High School basketball team will be in the municipal spotlight April 20 at the Greenbrier Restaurant in North Brunswick.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan announced last night that city officials will promote a dinner to honor the Zebras.

The team, which ended its regular season undefeated, lost twice in tournament play. The first loss was to Perth Amboy in the county tournament and the most recent was to Thomas Jefferson High School of Elizabeth in Group IV state competition.

The mayor said she will name a community committee to promote the dinner, which will be open to the public.

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Guarded NBHS Opens Tomorrow

New Brunswick High School will open tomorrow with police protection geared to prevent a recurrence of the disorders which saw 17 students injured and led to the closing of both the senior and junior high schools Friday afternoon.

Mayor Patricia Sheehan said school administrators met with police officials yesterday and agreed on the need for police protection at the high school. The decision to reopen the schools was made Friday night at an extended meeting of the Board of Education, teachers' association representatives, police, Mayor Sheehan and city commissioners at the high school.

Suspensions Ordered

"An intensive police investigation is under way to determine those responsible for the fighting that caused Friday's outbreak," said Mayor Sheehan yesterday. "The high school principal and Board of Education are ordered to suspend all those identified as taking part," she said.

The mayor said the police investigation will continue until those responsible are identified. Friday night she issued a radio plea over station WCTC asking children or adults who knew anything about the incident to contact police.

"The investigation is far from over and will continue until police find the cause for the fights that broke out in the cafeteria Friday," said the mayor.

Meanwhile, Andrew Ellis, 16, of 322 Suydam St. remained in satisfactory condition at Middlesex General Hospital with possible internal injuries suffered in the initial melee in the high school cafeteria. Middlesex General and St. Peter's hospitals treated 16 other boys and girls, many of whom were hit by flying chairs and food trays during the second stage of the noon-hour donnybrook.

Police are still trying to piece together the sequence of events from the confused impressions received from witnesses to the cafeteria fight. Some witnesses said the fights were fued by a confrontation between white students and a group of black students who appeared to be "high" on drugs or alcohol.

The school was cleared at 12:16 p.m. by the school fire alarm, while a detail of eight plainclothes policemen that arrived during the fight sent for the New Brunswick Tactical Squad. The halls were cleared and guards positioned outside the school about a half hour later.

The school was closed after the students were allowed five minutes back inside to gather their books and coats. Junior High School Principal Austin Gamble decided to close his school at 1 p.m., to avoid a chain reaction from the high school violence.

Tyrell Brown, 16, of 158 Throop Ave., became a belated casualty of the fracas when he allegedly was struck by a tire iron wielded by Anthony Capano, 20, of 1215 Livingston Ave. Brown was treated at Middlesex General, and Capano will be arraigned tomorrow on an assault charge.

Police said Capano's car apparently had been blocked by students as he neared the school to pick up his future sister-in-law. No other arrests were made Friday in connection with the school fighting.

Mayor Sheehan emphasized yesterday that the Friday fights were not connected directly to any specific issue at the high school. Similar disorders last March were termed as racial confrontations when they occurred, but the situation was calmed when both black and white students and teachers joined hands and circled the school in a show of solidarity.

Crisis Upon Crisis

Eruptions began again a few days after the school opened in September, when a small group of white students staged a walkout, but this threat was wiped out by a larger crisis when the school district learned it had lost its liability insurance coverage.

The New Brunswick Human Relations Council has been meeting with a small group of students to discuss possible solutions to the school's problems, among them the fact that 2,200 students are in a school designed for 1,400 where they are not allowed to leave the school even during the 45-minute lunch period.

Principal Willard Lindstrom has begun a "Principal's Roundtable" composed of 12 teachers and 30 students charged with finding solutions to the school's problems, but they only began meeting last week.

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New Brunswick warns students of 'drastic steps'

By ROBERT RUDOLPH

New Brunswick authorities yesterday threatened to take "drastic steps" to squash mounting student upheavals in the university community.

Some 35 high school students were injured Friday when a dispute between several "drunken" students reportedly blew up into a full-scale battle between blacks and whites in the school cafeteria.

However, a demonstration by hundreds of Rutgers "Yippies" went without incident despite the presence of busloads of riot police on campus.

Officials from the local high school met with police and members of the city administration in order to work out a plan to prevent a repeat display of violence when the school reopens Monday.

According to Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone, five plainclothes police "observers" will be stationed at the school. Extra police cars will also be detailed to patrol the area.

"If there's any trouble we'll take over," Petrone declared.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the new "hard line" policy of the city administration will extend to university disruptions as well.

"We just aren't going to tolerate any more disorder," one official warned.

Reopening of the city high school remains tentative. Should 30 per cent of the faculty not show, police said teachers would be unable to control the students and the school would be ordered shut down.

"The police will take drastic steps," Chief Petrone said. "And those found guilty will be dealt with harshly."

Only one arrest was made Friday after witnesses said they saw Anthony Capano, 20, of 1215 Livingston Ave., North Brunswick, beat a student unconscious with a tire iron outside the school.

Police later released Capano in his own custody when it was found the youth he attacked had allegedly held a brick at his car windshield as Capano drove past the school.

17 Students Injured In New Brunswick

NEW BRUNSWICK (UPI) — Police said today they expect New Brunswick High School to be opened Monday despite yesterday's brawl in which 17 students were injured and 154 policemen were called in to restore order.

The high noon fight erupted in the school cafeteria among a handful of students but at least 30 were involved before the melee ended.

Officials shut both the high school and the junior high school, although no violence occurred there, for the rest of the afternoon.

Police said they had received word that the school was scheduled to reopen Monday after Mayor Patricia Sheehan and Police Commissioner William Cahill met at the high school to discuss possible measures to prevent further violence.

Of the students injured, only one was admitted to a hospital for observation. The others were released after treatment by high school nurses at Middlesex and St. Peter's hospitals.

According to New Brunswick Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone, police received their first indication of trouble at the high school about noon. They promptly sent seven plainclothesmen. But as the violence escalated, 60 more police were sent in from New Brunswick headquarters and 94 other officers came in from surrounding communities.

The exact nature of the brawl was not known. But schools in New Brunswick, and particularly the high school, have had their full share of racial tensions.

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High School Opens Under Police Guard

By ROBERT RUDOLPH

New Brunswick High School opened peacefully for classes today with police on guard.

According to Chief Ralph Petrone, five plainclothesmen are stationed at trouble spots within the school, while four radio cars with two men each are patrolling the area surrounding the school.

Two North Brunswick police cars and one Milltown car, each containing two men, also are in the vicinity, Petrone said.

On Standby

Other police, Petrone said, are on standby.

The police chief described the opening of school as "very good."

Board of Education President Eli Saltz said this morning police would be removed from the school as soon as "people are reassured that the situation is back to normalcy."

He noted that school officials had worked over the weekend to improve general security at the school and general communication.

Saltz also said that the New Brunswick Board of Education would take immediate steps to improve communications with the school boards of its two sending districts — Milltown and North Brunswick.

School authorities said that about 735 students were absent from the student body of 1,943 today. Normally, absenteeism would be approximately 200 although on a rainy day like today it could reach 350, the principal's office said.

The absenteeism appears to reflect in part the concern of some parents from North Brunswick and Milltown who said they would keep their children out of school today as an indication of their concern over safety and the lack of representation on the city's Board of Education.

Approximately 30 New Brunswick High School students have been suspended by school officials following the investigation into Friday's fight at the school that injured 17 students.

Ellis, 16, of 322 Suydam St., was admitted to Middlesex General Hospital and is listed in satisfactory condition.

Twelve others were treated at Middlesex General. Another four were treated at St. Peter's General Hospital. Among the injured were five girls reportedly struck by chairs thrown about in the cafeteria.

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Payment Increase Won't Affect Bills

Assemblyman Robert K. Haelig Jr., R-Middlesex, said Saturday that the recommended \$5.9 million increase in state aid to New Brunswick for its tax exempt property, such as Rutgers University, is "just an arbitrary increase" and will not have any effect on two bills he plans to introduce concerning aid to municipalities such as New Brunswick.

The joint legislative appropriations committee recommended Friday to hike the annual payment to New Brunswick from \$110,000 to about \$169,000, a 50 per cent increase.

Haelig's first proposed bill would compensate those municipalities such as New Brunswick and Piscataway as a function of the combined county and local tax rate, with school tax rates excluded.

"This," he said, "New Brunswick and Piscataway Township, which provide police and fire protection for tax exempt property and which absorb costs for sanitation and road maintenance, would receive compensation based, to a significant degree, on the municipal services they provide."

The second bill, Haelig said, would aim at providing adequate reimbursement from the state for educational facilities, which are provided locally for the children of married undergraduates and graduate students who live in quarters on the Rutgers campus.

"According to my figures," Haelig said, "The Piscataway School Board is currently receiving \$23,657 in compensation for 124 students (from the Rutgers married student housing), exclusive of state aid. A fair reimbursement would be \$81,096 or \$654 per pupil."

Haelig proposes an annual compensation after four years of \$1,261,400 for New Brunswick and \$425,178 for Piscataway.

He said the proposals are "more realistic" than past demands for 100 per cent reimbursement because the formulas used reflect the costs of services which the municipalities actually provide to the property in question.

"We'll definitely have co-sponsors," Haelig told the Home-News yesterday. "Certainly we'll have all the Middlesex County people, and legislators from Essex and Mercer counties, which have the same type of problem."

"If we go after the money on a reasonable and rational basis," he said, "we can establish this type of program as a priority."

Haelig pointed to Johnson Park as an example of the inequity of the present state aid system.

"Johnson Park is full of Rutgers students," he said, "and that's every day of the week. The park is financed by local property owners."

"I spoke to Mayor Patricia Sheehan," Haelig said, "and she told me New Brunswick maintains all the roads that run through campus, even though they are used almost exclusively by students."

Haelig said he "is hopeful that the bills will be ready for introduction within a couple of weeks."

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Industrial Park Zoning Due for Vote Tomorrow

There's another industrial zoning change at tomorrow night's City Commission meeting will give the long-range proposal a big push.

The 28-acre park and its badly needed tax abatements cannot come about unless the commissioners approve an ordinance on the zoning change.

It will be one of two ordinances scheduled for public hearing tomorrow night. The second is on the proposed police cadet program.

Land Swap

The groundswop on the industrial park, however, was laid back in November when the city Housing Authority agreed to a land swap with the petitioner, Triangle Industries of Jersey Avenue.

In exchange for that tract, the authority will receive three acres of adjoining land from Triangle.

The company, one of New Brunswick's major industries, then will grade the new tract for the authority, install a buffer zone of fencing and shrubbery, and reconvert it into a playground, including a basketball court.

Triangle will then add its newly acquired two acres to an adjoining tract of 6.7 acres. Both tracts are in a Residence B Zone, and they are to be changed into heavy industrial zones by ordinance.

The 8.7 acres will be blended into a 19-acre tract of heavy industrial zoned land for the proposed park of industries.

The proposal had been presented to the Planning Board earlier this year by George Persley, an attorney representing Triangle Industries.

Police Cadets

On the other ordinance, which initiates a police cadet program here, Capt. Joseph A. Malanaphy said he has received a number of telephone inquiries.

In addition to other requirements, the candidate must be between 18-20 and a high school graduate. The program is Civil Service approved and its goal is to have the cadets become members of the police department.

New Brunswick, like other area communities, is experiencing a problem in recruiting new policemen.

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Cops Guard School In New Brunswick

Evening News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — New Brunswick High School reopened today under heavy police guard and with many of its more than 2,000 students absent.

The school was closed Friday after a riot in the cafeteria during which 17 students were injured.

The disorder involving black and white students has provoked a strong response from parents of children in the sending districts of North Brunswick and Milltown. Many of the parents met yesterday and promised to keep their children out of school "until something is done."

School officials said measures will be taken to maintain peace in the school, including greater police protection. Superintendent of Schools Morris Epps yesterday announced the suspension of 39 students who participated in the fracas. He said conferences will be held with parents of each student before suspensions are lifted.

Teachers Stay Away

In addition to anticipated absenteeism among pupils, many teachers were also expected to stay away. Principal Willard Lindstrom, however, ordered all teachers to report and canceled all days off previously granted.

Racial tensions at the school has been high for several weeks, according to many observers. School officials said they have not determined the cause of Friday's outbreak, which did extensive damage to the cafeteria before the school was cleared.

The junior high school several blocks away was also closed as a precautionary measure.

Only one of the students injured remains hospitalized. He is Andrew Ellis, 16, of 322 Suydam St., who suffered internal injuries and was reported in good condition at Middlesex General Hospital.

Parents Ask Voice

More than 100 parents from North Brunswick and Milltown met "informally" to seek "a voice in the affairs of the school." They said they will keep their children out and seek help of state officials. They also will reportedly seek the removal of some school officials.

"We don't know just where we're going right now, but we do want something done right now for the safety of our children. This situation has been going on too long," a spokesman said. The two neighboring communities account for about a third of the enrollment.

Racial outbreaks also occurred in the school a year ago and again at the start of the school year in September.

New Brunswick parents threaten school boycott

About 150 parents of students at racially tense New Brunswick High School vowed yesterday to keep their children out of school, scheduled to reopen today under

a "security plan" worked out over the weekend.

The parents, from North Brunswick and Milltown, said they would keep their children out of school while efforts are made to get State Commissioner of Education Dr. Carl Marburger to take a hand in the situation.

The crisis reached a peak Friday in the 1,950-student school — which is 20 per cent black — when a fight broke out between black and white students in the school cafeteria.

Seventeen students were injured in the fray and one student was carried unconscious from the building.

Thirty-three students said to have been involved in the clash were suspended Saturday after principal William Lindstrom received written reports from staff members.

The clashes followed repeated warnings of "drastic steps" by authorities.

According to Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone, five police plainclothes "observers" had been stationed at the school while extra police cars had been detailed to patrol the area.

Despite its scheduled opening, police expressed fears over the weekend that if as many as 30 per cent of the faculty do not appear for classes, teachers would not be able to control the students.

Lindstrom, who termed the trouble "a white and black confrontation," said officials can still not fully explain the incidents.

"It's assumed," the principal said, "that when the kids attack each other there must be some deep reason for it," but he added that this is not necessarily so.

Lindstrom said a "security plan" had been drawn up by himself, the city commissioners, the board of education, representatives of the faculty and the police department.

He said: "We requested proper protection from the mayor and the police and setting the school."

He would not elaborate on the plan.

Junior high closes after fights erupt

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By ROBERT RUDOLPH

The racially tense New Brunswick Junior High School yesterday shut down classes for the rest of the week after sporadic fist fights broke out between several students in the school.

According to Principal Austin Gumbs, a bomb scare shortly before noon had frayed tempers because students were forced to stand in the rain as authorities searched the building.

"They were really pretty rattled after that," Gumbs said.

School officials described the fights as "spontaneous combats" and emphasized they bore no likeness to the general melee which erupted in the high school last week and resulted in injuries to 35 students.

Police patrols remained on guard at the junior high school yesterday after Gumbs decided to cancel classes about 45 minutes early. Gumbs said he made the move "to relieve tension."

Gumbs reported the fighting began between two students arguing over a girl in the school gymnasium.

"Rumors spread," Gumbs said, indicating two more fights broke out in the school cafeteria.

"Rather than have something blow up," he said, "I decided to close the school." The order came at 2:15.

Authorities said trouble arose when 40 or 50 students gathered on the lawn and refused orders to disperse.

"We took down what names we could," Gumbs said, promising "action will be taken."

Gumbs indicated he was meeting today with faculty, administration and parents of many of the students involved.



RUTGERS PROTEST — Students swarm over and around car on Rutgers campus in New Brunswick in demonstration against ROTC program.

Big Rutgers Crowd Holds ROTC Protest

By BEN ST. JOHN
Evening News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — Nearly 100 riot-trained policemen were placed on standby duty in Buechle Park yesterday as several hundred Rutgers University students demonstrated nearby against the school's Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

While there was some relatively minor scuffling between students there were no clashes between police and students and there were no arrests.

Police from East Brunswick, South Brunswick, Edison, Monroe Township and Franklin Township were called to assist local police as a precautionary measure when 500 or more students marched on the university gymnasium on College Avenue where the cadets were in class.

Following a brief demonstration in front of the gym, during which time some balloons filled with water were tossed at the building and some name calling was exchanged, the demonstrators moved across College Avenue to the corps office. They remained in front of the office, singing, shouting and blocking the street to traffic for about an hour.

Painted Faces

Many of the demonstrators wore face paint, some wore costumes, others had painted flags or obscene words on themselves or their clothing. Numbers of them were carrying water guns, cap pistols, and small American flags, some of which were displayed upside down.

The demonstrators turned the protest into a "fun-party," as they sang, played tunes on improvised instruments and dodged around cars. One student weaved in and out of the gathering on a unicycle, while

a blonde girl, wrapped in a blanket and wearing a headband, walked among the demonstrators playing a harmonica.

While the students protested in front of the corps building, police moved into the park. When the students learned of the presence of the police, they

returned to the park, where it all started, chanting "Higher pay for cops."

Police Left

The police left the park without incident soon after the students returned, and shortly after the police left, the protest broke up.

The students had gathered in the park about noon in anticipation that the cadets would be in the park for training.

This marked the second time this week that the demonstrators had grouped in the park with intentions of confronting the cadets. Last Wednesday the demonstrators showed up, but the cadets called off their scheduled drill due to inclement weather.

During Wednesday's protest, which included a march on campus and the local police headquarters, one student was arrested for defiling the flag and a second was arrested for creating a disturbance after about 300 students marched to police headquarters to demand the release of the first student arrested.

Gushin Appeals for Use of Land

Jack Gushin, New Brunswick Parking Authority chairman, isn't hard to place. "I'll settle for anything," is the way he describes his appeal to the New Brunswick Housing and Redevelopment to share, temporarily, land that will soon become available when wreckers raze buildings to make way for the George Street redevelopment project.

The mid-town area, his group is asking for at least 100 more spaces "and more if we can get them." The parking group's plan, he continued, is to move all those motorists who buy monthly tickets for its New Street lot to the proposed site, and use the New Street operation strictly for "short term" parkers, Gushin said.

At that time, the parking members were able to make available some 350 spaces for \$1 a year. All it would cost the parking authority is to surface the area the housing group would be willing to give up until such time as the present old dilapidated structures are replaced by low middle and middle income housing.

The lot is adjacent to the authority's current Church to Bayard Street operation. Gushin, a supporter of the New Five administration, has been something of a dynamo since Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan took office.

Middlesex Dems fail to detour primary battle

The June 3 Middlesex County primary battle took its final form yesterday as the deadline for filing nominating petitions slipped by at 4 p.m. As expected, the county Republican ticket revealed no contest among party-endorsed candidates for the two seats on the Democrat-dominated Board of Freeholders.

24 File In New Brunswick

By CAMPBELL ALLEN
Evening News Staff Writer
NEW BRUNSWICK — Twenty-four persons filed yesterday for the first full partisan elections in this city in 37 years. Of the total, seven filed for mayor and 17 filed for the five council seats, as the city switches from the commission form of government to the mayor-council form.

In New Brunswick, a full slate of independents with the slogan, "Save Our City," are seen as posing a direct threat to the administration of Mayor Patricia Sheehan and the Democratic organization of George Shamy. Mrs. Sheehan is being opposed for the Democratic nomination as mayor on June 3 by the city planning director, Vincent Cassera and David Harris, a former director of the Urban League.

emerged a mayor, Henry F. Billemeier, and two councilmen last year. The Democratic council incumbents are Mrs. Dorothy Carter and Mrs. Florence Koval, the last members of a female team, including a lady mayor, who controlled town hall for two years. The two women councilmen will be opposed in the primary election by seven other candidates, all men, including former Councilman John Czernikowski and former Borough Clerk Thomas E. Pawelek.

Following are the candidates with asterisks denoting incumbents: Lemke for the GOP nomination for council. The Democratic aspirant is Richard S. Adam. In Edison Township, Democrat Matthew J. Bolger Jr. is unopposed for a one-year unexpired council term, but Republicans James Sheldon and Charles Griffith will contest the seat in the primary.



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They are Madison Township Mayor Richard Dealy and Piscataway Council president James Spera. The independents filing for freeholder are Raymond F. Haas of Perth Amboy and Sayreville Industrial Commissioner George W. Henry, both of whom filed under the "Unbossed Liberals" banner.

Contests were assured in the borough of Middlesex, where three Democrats and three Republicans will battle for two council seats. There is also a Republican contest for the post of tax collector. Democratic council aspirants are Charles J. Gilroy Jr., Henry M. Shipley and Edward P. Massess. In the Republican primary are John Gianmarco and incumbents John F. Pohl Jr. and Frank J. Santangelo. Democratic Tax Collector Robert Katz is opposed by James S. Rafferty. The GOP candidate is John H. Ross.

In South Amboy, Democrats Fred Henry and William O'Leary are contenders for their party's nomination in the mayoral race. The winner will face Republican C. Leslie Batchelor in the fall. Piscataway Contest Another primary contest is in the making in Piscataway's First Ward, where Charles E. Sutton is opposed by Walter E.

Joseph Mangarella, a construction manager, has been nominated on the "Tea Party" ticket. Andrew J. Shirokman Jr., a Republican municipal committeeman, is tagged "independent" while former Commissioner Edward J. McGlynn filed under the slogan "Sensible, Sensitive Government." While the Republicans have posed no candidates for the New Brunswick primary, Mrs. Sheehan will have to contend with additional mayoralty bids from fellow Democrats Vincent Cassera, the present city planning director, and David Harris, former head of the Urban League.

A bracketed independent group called "Peoples' Voice" has offered two council candidates headed by Frederick W. Haeleuk, seeking the mayoralty spot. In total, some 24 independents have filed for seats on the new six-man ruling body.

Second Social Worker Joins New Brunswick Police

By ROBERT MARINO Home News Staff Writer

community relations bureau of the New Brunswick Police Department. Mrs. Carole Loatman says she was for two years a social worker for the Middlesex County Economic Opportunities Corp.

Two areas of particular interest are the Spanish-speaking community and young girls with time but nothing to do after school, she noted.

'Runaround'

So far about 20 persons have come to her with a problem. They feel they are getting the "runaround."

The runaround, she says, results not from the structure of the agency, but from personnel who lack enthusiasm for their jobs.

Since joining the bureau as its second community agent a month ago, Mrs. Loatman has acted as unofficial court interpreter several times. A black, she learned the Spanish language at the University of Puerto Rico where she studied sociology.

One of her goals, she says, is to acquaint Spanish-speaking Americans with laws here, particularly motor vehicle laws.

Puerto Ricans frequently are brought to court to answer charges of driving an unregistered vehicle or illegal transfer of license plates, she notes. But the reason is motor vehi-

cles law is seldom enforced in their homeland.

Girl's Club

Another project she is promoting is a girl's club for junior high and high school students age 12 to 15. Mrs. Loatman, assisted by Mrs. Harriet Brown, the bureau secretary, met with 13 girls Wednesday in the Community Center to make plans for the club. They emphasize, however, the club will be run almost entirely by the members.

Sessions to be held every Monday and Wednesday will include discussions and practical experience in home economics, cooking, budgeting and sewing, she said.

Family and social relationships will also be on the agenda, with topics ranging from beauty care to dating and marriage and if parents permit, sex education.

Thirteen of the 30 expected girls arrived for the first meeting, but seven were drawn away by the excitement of the season opener baseball game between New Brunswick and Princeton Junior High schools. So the remaining girls decided to wait until Monday to elect officers and choose a name for the club.

Other possibilities for the club are a baby-sitting service to subsidize even another possibility—frequent Broadway theater trips. The reason for paying their own way, Mrs. Loatman says, is the girls want to feel independent.

Responsibility

One of the goals of the club is to guide them to a point where they "take responsibility as young ladies," she said.

"But I don't want them too independent so they feel they don't need their parents," she quickly added.

Eventually a club for an older age group will be started, but probably not until next year. Meanwhile, Mrs. Loatman will be visiting girls at the detention home to try to interest them in the club.



RIGHT PLACE TO GO—Mrs. Carole Loatman, newest member of the Community Relations Bureau of the New Brunswick Police Department advises a client about which of the city and county special agencies will help her. Formerly a social worker for the Middlesex County Economic Opportunities Corp., she joined the bureau as its second community agent this month.

School principal key to problem

DEAR EDITOR:

We in New Brunswick read with interest your account of the recent incident at our high school but found that you did not even touch the heart of the problem. Our problem is not so much that there is tension between the students but that there is no leadership on the part of the principal.

He is, if anything, the greatest source of embarrassment to the educational process in our city. He lacks the respect, we believe, of both students and faculty as well as many citizens in this city. If we had a new principal, things might be much better all around. If anything he creates a bigger problem in our high school than a help.

Richard Hanser, New Brunswick

Democrats Go With Patten, May and Campbell

By TED SERRILL Home News Staff Writer

Despite a last-minute flurry of new would-free freholder candidates, the Middlesex County Democratic organization last night endorsed its anticipated primary election slate.

Rep. Edward J. Patten of the 15th District and Freeholder Louis F. May Jr. were unanimously endorsed for re-election by members of a joint screening and nominating committee.

New Brunswick lawyer Peter Daly Campbell gained almost two-thirds of the committee's 31 votes to win the party's backing in seeking a Board of Freeholders seat to be vacated by John J. Hoagland of New Brunswick.

Williams Soundly Backed By a 29-2 vote, the group endorsed U. S. Sen. Harrison A. Williams for re-election. His would-be primary election opponent, state Sen. Frank J. Guarini of Hudson County, who spoke before the committee for 15 minutes, gained the two votes.

Patten and the two freholder candidates will join Williams on the regular party line on the ballot, said County Chairman Herman Hoffman.

Lewis Kaden will vie with Patten in

the primary. Kaden, a Perth Amboy attorney, who already has started a flow of press releases against the congressman. Patten

is seeking his fifth two-year term. Although Kaden appeared before the committee to explain why he will run in



EDWARD J. PATTEN for Congress



LOUIS F. MAY JR. for Freeholder



PETER DALY CAMPBELL for Freeholder

the primary, he had said earlier he was not seeking its endorsement, but was relying solely on the judgment of Democratic voters.

Patten was interviewed by the committee and was endorsed 29-0. Two members from Madison, which is in the Third District, did not vote.

In addition to May, the committee interviewed three freholder hopefuls: Mrs. Mary Kerr, former Sayreville mayor; Piscataway Township Councilman Edward Sinatra, and William Jackson, a former Piscataway Board of Education member and operator of a New Brunswick realty and insurance agency.

Although Campbell easily won the secret balloting with 20 votes, his closest opposition came from a man who was not even screened: South River Councilman and county Planning Board Member John E. Froude.

Froude, nominated from the floor by Mrs. Mary Serafin, South River municipal chairman, garnered five votes.

Sinatra gained two votes, Jackson one and none were given to Mrs. Kerr. Former Sheriff Robert H. Jamison of New Brunswick, also nominated from the floor, See DEMOCRATS, Page 27

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got one vote. Although former Milltown Mayor John Vanderputte was nominated from the floor, he received no votes. Two of the 31 members abstained from the balloting for this one freholder candidacy.

Mrs. Kerr was the only candidate to say that she would file in the primary against the two freholder choices.

After the screening committee departed, however, Sayreville Industrial Commission Chairman George W. Henry announced he would file for the general election as an "Independent Liberal Democrat."

Henry said he would be joined in the election by Raymond Haas, a tavern owner of Perth Amboy, Independent candidates are obliged to file by the April 23 deadline just as primary election candidates, although they will appear only on the general election ballot.

Although Campbell ran into more opposition for Hoagland's seat than expected,

his endorsement was considered almost a routine ratification of the New Brunswick city Democratic organization's right to select a candidate from that city.

It's Tradition

Traditionally, the party is represented by a New Brunswick freholder or candidate. Hoagland's planned retirement from the board at the end of this year just about mandated—under this tradition—the selection of a New Brunswick resident.

Campbell, as a consequence, received the support of most key party chiefs, including party leader David T. Wilentz, who was not present at the meeting in the Brunswick Inn, East Brunswick. Although in semi-political retirement, Wilentz is still active in directing major party affairs. This support had an influence upon the voting committee members.

Wilentz' declined authority was demonstrated by Sinatra seeking the endorsement at the last minute.

Sinatra is a close political associate of Freeholder Director George J. Otowski,

who is said to be one of the principal dissidents from Wilentz' leadership. Sinatra was Otowski's campaign manager in his successful re-election in 1969 and helped support Otowski's campaign financially.

There appeared little doubt — although Sinatra avoided comment — that he sought the endorsement with Otowski's blessing. Otowski was not a member of the committee.

Froude also is said to be associated with Otowski. His nomination apparently was more spur-of-the-moment and was due in large part, if not entirely, to Mrs. Serafin, who is an associate of Otowski and Hoagland on the county welfare board, which she chairs.

Wilentz Opposition

The principal dissent to the Wilentz organization reportedly is being generated in towns like South River and Sayreville, joined by some leaders in neighboring towns.

The four-hour meeting was less highlighted by drama than the assembly screening committee sessions of a year ago when the party's will was exercised in choosing candidates over some contenders who were solely disappointed over not getting the nod.

And yet, last night's meeting appeared to be more of a "democratic process" than the year before, as members not only appeared to vote their inclination, but the results of the split voting were announced.

Prior to two years ago, the candidate selection process was so fixed that no screening committees were appointed. Leaders used to meet in informal session to ratify previously made choices, it is reported.

Sinatra was not available afterwards to state whether he would run in the primary, although it is most unlikely he will.

Jackson said his decision on whether to enter the primary will be based upon what support he finds from backers interested in his potential candidacy.

"I think I have ability to answer some of the problems in county government," said Jackson, who, if he entered the primary, probably would be the first black freholder candidate in county history.

He cited his experience with the school board for seven years, his work with fire departments in the county and state and his knowledge of real estate. "I have enough support with the population as a whole to relate to the freeholders and the public," he said.

May, who had no difficulty in gaining the nod to seek a second three-year term, declared himself "delighted and thrilled." The former East Brunswick mayor predicted a "resounding Democratic victory in November."

Campbell, the Milltown municipal judge for 12 years and now president of the

Middlesex County Bar Association, expressed relief that the suspense was over.

He Has Time

Campbell was asked what he thought about seeking the freholder post in light of Hoagland's report that it is almost a full-time job and has kept him too much from his law practice and family.

"I talked with John Hoagland and feel I can devote the time of it," said Campbell. "As bar association president, I have been working approximately one and a half hours a day."

Campbell conceded he was drafted by the city Democratic organization headed by George J. Shamy.

Unable to find a candidate, the city Democratic leaders thought of Campbell last Tuesday, or had his name mentioned to them as a possibility. Almost three days of talks with Campbell followed and he consented to run at 4 p.m. Friday, he said.

Shamy, to whom Campbell's endorsement was an intra-party victory, described Campbell as "an extremely qualified candidate who fits and meets the new image in candidates."

Shamy predicted that New Brunswick will give Campbell a 4,000-vote plurality in the general election. "I think he will be a very strong candidate throughout the county; I am absolutely delighted."

Unanimously Endorsed

After the votes for Campbell were counted, he was given a unanimous endorsement by the screening committee.

Although neither Williams nor any representative appeared before the committee, the senator did forward the members a set of credentials.

Guarini, who personally sought endorsement, appeared with his campaign manager, former Attorney General Arthur J. Sills of Metuchen.

Sills' alliance with Guarini and the latter's inability to gain more than two votes demonstrates the wide split between Sills and Wilentz. At one time, they were law partners.

Henry said he did not seek primary election endorsement because "I knew this would be a farce tonight."

"This is Otowski's rule," he said, attributing the choice of the organization's nominees to Otowski, a view that no one else took of the proceedings.

"Come November, they had better realize they are going to have a fight on their hands. They (the party's candidates) are not going to pick up a vote in Sayreville. The people in Middlesex need veritility toward economic growth."

Henry, who said he definitely intends to file petitions by April 23, conceded that the principal reason he is running is probably because Otowski has publicly called for a halt to further construction of industry in the county.

Talk About Middlesex Wilentz Role Active

By VINCENT R. ZARATE Evening News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK—Middlesex County Democratic leader David T. Wilentz is actively campaigning for the incumbent city commissioners of Perth Amboy.

Wilentz, 74, has spoke on their behalf before the city police and at a Democratic organization meeting in the city where 18,000 registered voters will decide Tuesday who will occupy City Hall for the next four years.

Wilentz said he will not predict any election, but feels that the four incumbents and a newcomer backed by the Democratic organization will stave off any threat of the "new five" candidates.

When the election campaign opened just four weeks ago, Wilentz said it "looked bad" for the incumbents; not because they had done anything poor or wrong, but because they were in power and the voting trend of late in Middlesex is to vote the ins out.

Wilentz said, "It looks very good for the commissioners now because people are beginning to realize Perth Amboy does not have the serious troubles that other towns are having, and because the commissioners have given the people good government."

Bossism Charged

The "new five" slate, when it filed for election offering the stiffest challenge to City Hall in 16 years, charged that the incumbent commissioners were part of the bossism structure of Perth Amboy and the county Democratic machine, and that the boss of Perth Amboy was not the City Commission but Wilentz.

Wilentz said that bossism is hardly the issue in Perth Amboy. "The candidates have all discussed the real issues of our city, housing, law enforcement, air and water pollution, education and taxation. The election will be decided on those issues."

Wilentz stated that he has "semi-retired" from county politics, but his active role in the Perth Amboy campaign shows that he can still respond to the bell

and has not thrown any towel into the political ring.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and city Democratic leader George J. Shamy are undisturbed about reports from City Hall in New Brunswick that City Planner Vincent Cassera and David J. Harris will give "Sheehan a run for her money in the primary."

Mrs. Sheehan said that although she never takes an election for granted, she is not over-exerting herself in the three-way primary fight for the Democratic nomination as mayor.

Shamy said of reports of Cassera's strength, "Don't bet on it. Pat will have no trouble in the primary."

The June primary, however, will for some time put to rest the strength or weakness of Shamy.

Wants 2 Defeats

Shamy has announced that he wants the Democrats of the city to defeat two persons running for committeeman posts: "If those two win," Shamy said, "my prestige will take a beating because I've publicly announced I want them out."

The two Shamy has marked for defeat are A. Andrew Pastorio in the First Ward, and Angelo Mupo in the Fourth Ward. Pastorio, known throughout the county for his showmanship, is opposed by Arnold Jabin, an engineer, for first District committeeman. Mupo opposes Robert Kodan for Fourth District, Fourth Ward committeeman.

Shamy wants Pastorio out because Pastorio wrote a letter charging Shamy was, and is, "the worst city Democratic leader we ever had." Shamy wants Mupo out because Mupo was, and is, the outspoken supporter or Felix Cantore, former police commissioner, for chairman of the local Democrats.

If Shamy should lose those two key committee fights—now that he's put his prestige on the line—he may not be chairman after the primaries.

If he should win? "I'm not saying I'll be chairman for another year, either. My prestige is at stake, and I didn't pick a fight with them, they picked the fight with me."

CAC Seeks Interest-Free Loan Fund

By GEORGE B. DAWSON
Home News Staff Writer

Jack Gushin, the chairman of the Citizens' Advisory Committee of the New Brunswick Housing Authority, said yesterday that he is promoting creation of a home improvement loan fund that would provide interest-free loans for needy city residents for housing improvements.

Gushin announced the program in a course of a tour by the Citizens' Advisory Committee of areas in the city proposed for development change or improvement. The tour, taken by bus, is the third undertaken by the group since it was reorganized by Mayor Patricia Sheehan in 1961.

Gushin announced the program as the bus paused on Remsen Avenue during a tour of the federal-aid code enforcement area in the Second Ward.

Seeks Contributions

He said he hoped to have industries and businesses in the city create the fund by contributions, and that he had talked to a number of industry leaders already. The loans, which would be limited to improvements for owner-occupied homes, would be interest-free, but the principal would have to be repaid, Gushin said. The money in the fund could therefore be used over and over again, and the donors would someday get their money back.

The group also toured the Willow Grove cemetery area behind the city library, which has been proposed by the city commission for a site for a new city government center; the Schwartz Homes and Robeson Village public housing areas on Route 27; and the Sixth Ward, a relatively well-kept residential district near Rutgers University.

Gushin said, however, that the Citizens' Advisory Committee had been receiving numerous complaints from Sixth Ward residents of overcrowding by Rutgers students, and asked that the code on rooming houses be enforced.

Signed Complaint

Andrew Connolly, the city building inspector who was on the tour, said he had recently signed a complaint against a house owner who had rented his second floor to six Rutgers students in violation of the city code.

Connolly says city laws require that owners of residential buildings obtain a rooming house license if they rent to more than two unrelated persons. The license, he says, allows the city to set standards on space, exits, wiring, and other amenities before the rooms are leased.

He predicted the complaint would be a "test case" on the rooming house issue in the Rutgers neighborhood, and would determine how he could proceed on this question from there on.

Project Opposed

The city commission and Planning Board proposed construction of a municipal office building and a city cultural center on the Willow Grove Cemetery site in January. The cemetery is generally unkempt and has had only a few burials in this century. The city has proposed that most of the bodies be uncovered and reinterred in a cemetery elsewhere to make room for the project.

The New Brunswick Historical Club, however, has op-

posed the project on the ground the cemetery is not in fact abandoned, and the cemetery had historic value.

Ralph McDermott, city Planning Board chairman who spoke for the city in the tour yesterday, said the city was planning to retain a historian to write a history of the plot before any changes were made. He said the city would retain at least two graves — a plot containing the bodies of eight Japanese students at Rutgers who died of influenza in the late 19th century in this country; and a grave of an unknown World War I soldier maintained by the Veterans of Foreign Wars — but would relocate them on the plot.

McDermott said the project could possibly be financed with federal aid, but was hoping to have it financed with city revenue bonds backed by income from private office rentals in the building and a city parking lot outside. Cost of the project is estimated at \$3 million. Gushin said the city has asked the Citizens' Advisory Committee to take a position on the project.

Project Work Done

Richard Keefe, executive director of the Housing Authority, in the tour of the public housing units, said that

painting and masonry work at Robeson Village, built in 1945 as the city's first public housing project, was now complete, and that landscaping work would begin with the new fiscal year on July 1.

He said the authority was planning to contract for similar work at the Schwartz Homes, a larger project opened in 1952, within a few weeks. Neither project had previously undergone major repairs since its opening.

Keefe also showed the committee the land desired by the Triangle Conduit and Cable Co. for industrial development at the rear of Schwartz Homes, and the land which the company has offered the authority in exchange.

Triangle, which has a plant at the rear of the project, has offered the authority a 3.1 acre plot in exchange for a 2.4 acre recreation lot at the end of Van Dyke Avenue. The company says it will landscape and build a basketball court on the plot going to the authority, once the exchange is complete.

Keefe says the exchange agreement is now being reviewed by federal housing authorities and there is yet no word on when it might be consummated. He said he was hoping the industrial firm could have the new recreation area ready before summer.



CITY INSPECTION TOUR — The New Brunswick Citizens' Advisory Committee, an arm of the Housing Authority, held its annual inspection tour yesterday of city neighborhoods and projects. Planning Board chairman

Ralph McDermott, second from left, explains the city's plans for the construction of a civic center in the old Willow Grove Cemetery.



MERCHANT MARINE MESSAGE — Posters commemorating National Maritime Day yesterday, will be on display on U.S. mail trucks throughout the month. On hand for the ceremonies were Harold

A. Simpson, left, superintendent of delivery and collections, Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, and Mayor Fred Gilbert of North Brunswick.

Merchant Marine Honored

U.S. Mail trucks will sport posters, "American Shipping — Partner in Progress," for the month of May to mark National Maritime Day, celebrated yesterday.

Postmaster Vincent R. Loftus placed the poster on a local mail truck during ceremonies held at the post office. Mayors Patricia Q. Sheehan, New Brunswick, and Fred Gilbert of North Brunswick were present.

Mrs. Sheehan recalled the beginnings of the American merchant fleet and commented on the work the ships have done

throughout the history of the United States. "As Americans we are dependent on American ships and the men who sail them," she said. "As partners with industry and the government in furthering our national objectives, our Merchant Marine has contributed immeasurably to our nation's prosperity and progress."

The design for the poster was the result of a competition held among high school students. May 22 was chosen as Maritime Day to commemorate the sailing of the SS Savannah, the first steamship to make an ocean crossing.

Drug Issue Impersonal, Says Harris

Accusing the administration of Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan of avoiding the spotlight he has thrown on this city's drug problems by personally attacking him, David J. Harris today warned, "This will not help the young people of our city."

To demonstrate how easy it is to buy heroin in New Brunswick, Harris, who is running for Mayor in the June 2 Democratic Primary, this past week, arranged for an addict he recently met to make a buy here. A story about this appeared in Sunday's Home News.

Yesterday City Commissioner William Cahill, director of public safety, charged:

"By collaborating with the press rather than the police in the purchase of heroin, Mr. Harris has clearly demonstrated his bad faith and lack of sincerity in his approach to narcotics in our city. This is an obvious and desperate attempt to secure votes through an appeal to fear and emotionalism."

Responding to this today, Harris declared, "The situation regarding the sale of addictive drugs in the City of New Brunswick is entirely too serious to pretend that it can be resolved by a personality attack on me by the Sheehan Administration...."

"To question my integrity and my motivation is only to avoid the problem. This will not help the young people of our city."

Harris said his demonstration of the east with which drugs can be purchased here has "forced the administration into a frenzied investigation of one demonstrative sale," he asserted. "That sale was merely an example of the hundreds of such transactions that take place daily within the city."

Continuing, Harris stated the administration has "not responded to the main problem of the growing traffic in drugs in the city."

And this, he contended, shows a lack of commitment to the task of eliminating that traffic.

He said Cahill's response to points made in the Sunday article "is typical of the lack of concern the Sheehan administration has shown when confronted with serious problems that require a total commitment."

Cahill yesterday charged, "It appears that David Harris chooses to protect and shield a druggusher and used this buy as a 'joustical stunt.'"

But Harris countered this morning by declaring, "A more appropriate response from the municipal leaders would have been a review of the programs they have instituted for drug control."

"The easier way to silence me on an issue like this would have been to state forthrightly that New Brunswick does not have a serious drug problem. I challenge the Sheehan administration to make that statement. I doubt that it can be done."

"I challenge Mayor Sheehan and the city commissioners to state that the drug problem has decreased since they took office in 1967. I ask, has this administration been able to establish rapport with the young people in this city who are virtually in need of a drug program."

"I challenge this administration to show with figures how many addicts it has helped to rehabilitate."



HOT STUFF — Capt. Anthony Farkas, right, is honored at his retirement dinner for 30 years of service on the New Brunswick Fire Department by Chief Angelo S.

Tarrisi, second from right, and New Brunswick Police Commissioner William Cahill and Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan. Dinner was at New Brunswick's Hamilton Inn.

Cassera 'Quiet Man' Of City Campaign

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

Vincent I. Cassera is conducting a quiet campaign for the Democratic nomination as mayor in the June 2 primary election.

Raising his voice — even in the homestretch of the current campaign — is contrary to his character.

And Cassera refuses to criticize his opponents — Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and David J. Harris.

Cassera continues to promote his positive campaign, which to date has been emphasized by newspaper advertisements and handout literature.

As an underdog with Harris, he was asked yesterday to assess his chances of winning over the favorite, Mrs. Sheehan.

Sees a Need

Cassera replied: "I feel there is a very good possibility that I would win. I think the public realizes there is a need for professional leadership."

He added: "They're (voters) interested in a candidate who is familiar with the problems of the community."

Cassera has been city planning director for 17 years and his boss is Mayor Sheehan as director of the department of public affairs.

The 44-year-old candidate has over the past weeks presented his platform series on parking, transportation, city planning and urban design, conservation and preservation, housing urban renewal and property maintenance, and citizen imperatives.

Informed sources say that Cassera will receive the support of the independent "Save Our City" slate which is



VINCENT I. CASSERA

wick and Piscataway.

The city Traffic Commission tabled the proposal, claiming the municipal treasury didn't have the money, and the City Commission agreed that a traffic problem existed but has declined to appropriate funds.

Cassera said he does not consider that action a rebuff to his recommendations, adding: "They (city commissioners) have to make a priority of expenditures."

Emphasizing his positive approach in the campaign, Cassera said: "I wouldn't want to comment on what they (city commissioners) did or didn't do. I'd like to look at it as what I'd propose to do."

Cassera has not utilized the campaign technique of getting out the vote by ringing doorbells on a widespread basis. He has limited that approach to his 4th Ward neighborhood. He lives at 10 Stratford Place.

Day of Reckoning

As the June 2 day of reckoning approaches, Cassera said he will make stronger efforts to distribute his campaign literature and buttons.

His active workers have been limited to friends, family members, and cousins. There are about 10 of them, and they will aid him in sending out the second batch of political literature in the mails.

Cassera said he intends to spend the last few days of the campaign in the neighborhoods to discuss the issues with the voters.

He has no campaign headquarters and plans no motorcade on the eve of the primary election.

Cassera will be at home — which has served as his headquarters — when the returns come in.

Drug Abuse Workshop Helps

The drug abuse workshop held this week for New Brunswick High School personnel represents one promising approach to solution of the drug problem as it affects young people.

The workshop heard Dr. Gerald Edwards, a nationally recognized authority on drug abuse education, as well as a group of educators in the public school system, here.

Dr. Edwards advocated "reaching out" towards youth, including young people known to be using drugs. He noted that young people have to know that the adult community loves and cares for them, before they can become fully receptive to adult counseling. He made it plain that young people must be made aware that they can talk to teachers and administrators with honesty and without fear. This is the atmosphere in which presenting the facts about drug abuse can be made meaningful to young people.

We are all really in a new ball game on the whole vast drug problem. Teachers, legislators, law enforcement people, the communications, all know too little about the problem, about the best approaches to solving it.

We all need to learn. Workshops like that at the high school help.

Drug Problem Spotlighted At Forum for Candidates

May 28, 1970

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

An unexpected crowd of 75 persons became part of New Brunswick history last night by attending the first partisan candidates' forum in a local primary in 55 years.

However, the expected happened from David J. Harris, one of three mayoralty candidates in the Democratic primary Tuesday.

He took the offensive and hammered away at the current campaign's most controversial issue — the growing drug problem in the Hub City.

Harris demonstrated last Friday afternoon how easy it is to buy heroin in New Brunswick. An addict he knows made the "buy" of two bags before a witness and the dope was later turned over to police.

"Severe Problem"

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan said drug use is "an extremely severe problem" and that the city administration will file in mid-July for federal funds to be channeled

through a state agency to promote preventive programs.

But Harris charged that the city has failed to take advantage of rehabilitation facilities available on the county level for drug users.

Mrs. Sheehan said, "We do have a drug problem," noting that the city's proximity and easy access to New York adds to it. However, she said there are educational programs by the police department and in-service programs for teachers. "It's not only a problem of enforcement, but education and rehabilitation."

Harris stressed, "We need an immediate assessment of the problem . . . to know how widespread it is . . . We haven't reinforced the police narcotics squad. If (drug use) cannot always be tied in with the police department."

At the outset of the forum, each candidate spoke on problems confronting the city.

The third mayoralty candidate, Vincent I. Cassera, See **DRUG PROBLEM**, Page 50

Firemen File Notice Against the City

May 28, 1970

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

The New Brunswick Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association, Local 17, has filed a notice of impasse against the City of New Brunswick.

The action was taken by the firemen's attorney, Joseph Fisch, in a letter to the state Public Employment Relations Commission. Fisch wrote: "A contract was presented to the city after initial negotiations and the city has failed to act thereon, nor has it agreed to negotiate further, although repeated requests have been made by the firemen. The intended effective date of the contract is Jan. 1, 1970. Based on the city's refusal to negotiate, all issues are now in dispute."

Await Mediation

The normal procedure in such cases is that PERC assigns a mediator in an attempt to resolve the issue if the city admits that an impasse exists.

Meanwhile, firemen are preparing to circulate a petition to have a referendum on the Nov. 3 general election ballot seeking reduction of their work week from 56 to 42 hours to be effective Jan. 1, 1972 at the end of the present two-year agreement.

City Commissioner William Cahill Sr., director of public safety, said today that there was no written or signed contract when that agreement was reached jointly late last year with the FMBA and the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, Local 23.

When firemen and policemen negotiated for pay increases and other benefits, Cahill said, it had been a practice with the

present and past city commissioners that the agreement was concluded with a handshake.

"We have no written contract with the FMBA or PBA," Cahill said, noting that the administration has such a contract with the New Brunswick Municipal Employees Association. That association, whose members total about 190, earlier this year signed its first contract with the city.

Pay Package

The pay package for the firemen and policemen included \$780 increases in 1970 and 1971 that will give a policeman with or fireman three years service a salary of \$10,000 as of Jan. 1, 1971, a milestone for New Brunswick.

Cahill and former city commissioner Carl T. Valentini, who was public safety director during the negotiations last fall, said the firemen agreed then to forego lowering of the work week for other financial benefits. Those included longevity and overtime pay, both firsts

for this city. It was later agreed, Cahill recalled, that the firemen could submit a written contract, which was received in late December by city officials. The contract contained conditions not agreed to verbally last year, Cahill said.

"But there was nothing in that contract about the 42-hour work week," Cahill said today.

Mean Hiring

There was some discussion during last year's negotiations on the reduction of the work week and it was generally believed that to reduce it to 42 hours would mean hiring between 20-30 new men.

Firemen Frederick B. Schatzman Jr., president of FMBA Local 17, said: "We negotiated for salaries only." He said the FMBA is withdrawing the contract it had sent to the city.

Schatzman added: "We want a 42-hour work week. We can prove this to be feasible to the city with little cost to the taxpayers of New Brunswick."

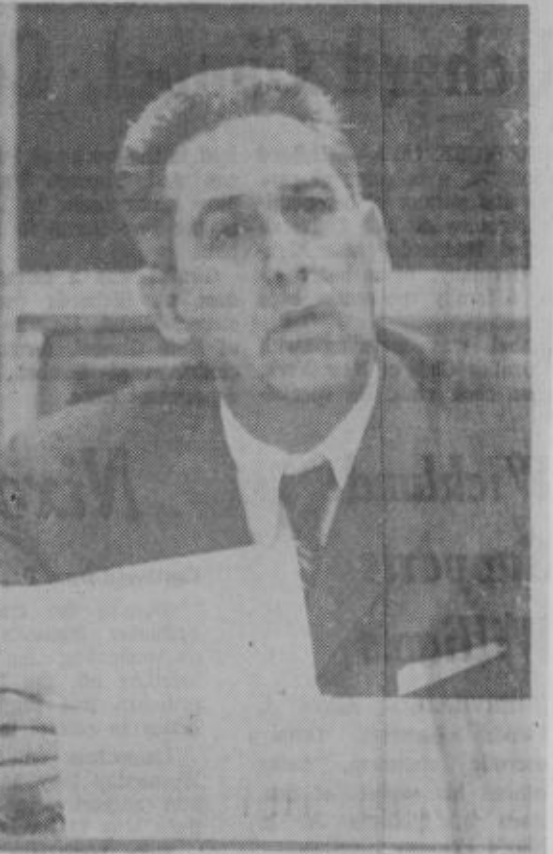
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... drugs 'severe' problem



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... immediate assessment



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... full-time mayor

Drug Problem Spotlighted

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who read from a prepared text, said the three most demanding problems facing the city are mobilization of community resources, control of urban decay and fiscal planning in perspective.

"Sound fiscal planning will be the major emphasis of my administration," Cassera said.

He added, "The steady escalation of municipal operating costs in New Brunswick has been created by a series of unique financial conditions. Among the major fiscal problems facing our city are the spiraling costs of the multitude of municipal services and the increased expenditures it has toward its educational and county res-

possibilities, compounded by the sharp decline of tax rates."

Under the rules of the forum, Cassera was unable to complete his text within the three minutes allotted for an opening statement.

Harris, who was next, did not have a prepared statement. He joked that without it he would not suffer the same fate as Cassera by not being able to complete reading it.

Lack of Leadership

He said there is a lack of effective leadership in the city administration, the police department and public school system.

Harris, for the first time, publicly opposed electing members to the Board of Education. A petition is being circulated by Edward J. McGlynn, an independent mayoralty candidate, to have a referendum on the Nov. 3 general election ballot to change the system from appointive to elective.

The mayor said the main roadblock is money in solving many of the municipality's problems. Mrs. Sheehan said, "The tax burden is excessive but insufficient, for the kind of programs we need in New Brunswick."

Mayor Sheehan pointed to some of her administration's accomplishments in public works, law enforcement, recreation, fire protection and municipal code enforcement.

One of the questions asked of the candidates was, "How do you intend to improve the relations between the police and the public?"

Harris replied that the police department must have new leadership. This statement was met with applause. He questioned the disbanding of the confidential squad and the recent resignation of Carl T. Valentini as city commissioner — he was public safety director — to become attorney for the Housing and Redevelopment Agency.

Communications Center

Cassera said he would go into the neighborhoods, talk to the people, get their complaints and open a communications center at City Hall to channel those gripes. He also promised to be a "full-time mayor."

The mayor said her administration formed the first police-community relations bureau and tactical squad.

Harris said, "The problem with the police-community relations bureau is not the bureau itself. The police-community relations bureau is a job for the leadership of the police department. In order to have a good police-community relations bureau, we must have a police director — a good one from out of town."

Mrs. Carol Kurtz of the Madison League of Women Voters was the moderator. She was assisted by New Brunswick Area LWV members Mrs. John Wright and Mrs. Henry Hartmann. They announced a similar forum will be held prior to the general election.

Cassera Vows He'd Be Full-Time Mayor

Vincent I. Cassera, candidate for mayor in the June 2 New Brunswick Democratic primary vowed today that, if elected, he would become the city's first full-time mayor. A staunch supporter of the Charter Study Commission, Cassera said the problem of the city and the transfer to the mayor council form of government, which he endorsed, demands full-time attention.

Planning Director of the city for 17 years, Cassera stated that as mayor one of his principal goals would be to create regulated free parking for all in the central business district. "To dramatically begin rehabilitation in the downtown area," Cassera said "it is essential to provide a major network of free parking lots to meet the needs and demands of our citizens."

"These free parking areas" he said, "will invite the return of shoppers and attract new business in the city. Municipal free parking can help attain the unlimited potential for our city and reverse the crisis situation in our downtown business district created by highway shopping centers with free parking."

Cassera stated that parking should be an additional fundamental service of municipal government supported by the expedient management of fiscal resources. "This requires a clear, total commitment of all city personnel, agencies, institutions, and business establishments. Coordination, cooperation and continuity would have to be built in as a chief feature of the entire implementation process."

The balance of the parking program as recommended in Cassera's platform is to alleviate parking problems in neighborhood residential and business areas and to give guidance and control to municipal parking codes and ordinances.

Talk About Middlesex Democrats Split

May 29, 1970

By VINCENT R. ZARATE
Evening News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — The floundering Middlesex County Democratic organization is obviously split down the middle on the choice of the Democratic senatorial nomination in Tuesday's primary election.

The organization allegedly is behind Sen. Harrison A. Williams Jr. of Westfield, but there are many Democrats including former Edison Mayor Anthony M. Ylenisic and Perth Amboy attorney Robert (Bobby) Levine who like Hudson County's state Sen. Frank Guarini for the nomination.

The enigma for both sides is how many rank-and-file Democrats will vote Tuesday. The consensus of the poll watchers is not many—maybe 20,000 as compared with the 35,000 Democratic votes cast in Middlesex last year in the five-way contest for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

The big issue that has drawn attention in the senatorial contest is not Williams' voting record or his 12 years as senator, but his admitted conquering of a drinking problem. Williams faced the issue two weeks ago saying he had not taken a drink in nearly two years.

Then, this week, Metuchen's Arthur Sills, the former state attorney general made the drinking question an issue saying Williams treated it as a "badge of honor" when Sills said it only showed Williams to be a "frail vessel."

Democrats of some note say Sills should have never made that speech because it will backfire and that Sills had played dirty pool. Sills said no. "This man is a United States senator and we must expect only the highest from men in high office," Sills said.

Hudson Vote

Sills, the campaign manager in the state for Guarini, hopes Hudson County can deliver up to 60,000 plurality for Guarini and that the other three big counties—Bergen, Essex and Middlesex—will give Guarini four of every 10 votes. "If that happens," Sills said, "Frank's a winner."

city hall employees, he was called in to a secret conference with Barone.

"What did the mayor say to you, Frank?" asked Tomasso. "He was upset because a photographer was taking pictures in city hall without his permission," Guarini responded.

Lewis Kaden, the 28-year-old lawyer from Perth Amboy, has conducted a hard hitting energetic campaign he hopes will give him the nomination as the Democratic candidate for congress.

The campaign is going great, said the enthusiastic Kaden.

Faces Patten

The only thing in his way, however, is the incumbent, Congressman Edward J. Patten of Perth Amboy, the jovial old-style politician who in six years in Washington makes sure that Middlesex County gets its day in the sun.

Kaden's chances of pushing Patten out are seen as slim.

The big thing going against Kaden came out in a radio show the other night when several women telephoned, asking Kaden just who did he think he was at 28 to run for Congress when there were so many other Democrats in Middlesex County with more maturity and experience who were in line long before Kaden opened his Mother Goose book.

Patten, who takes nothing for granted, however, paid for ads and in it Patten said of Kaden "he has not served one day on a citizens committee, not one day on an action group or task force working for Middlesex County. You and your vote have been scientifically analyzed, cross-checked and categorized. In short, you are being blitzed by an expensive campaign."

The Other Contests

For the Republican nomination for Congress, Assemblyman Peter B. Garibaldi of Monroe Township is opposed by Thorvald E. Olsen of South River, "The Rugged Republican."

One of the more significant local primaries involves New Brunswick where Mrs. Patricia Sheehan is opposed for the Democratic mayoral nomination by David Harris and City Planning Director Vincent Cassera.

Cassera, they say, is in the race because he is the only official who, in two years under the Sheehan administration, has not received a pay raise.

Cassera's answer is simply, "Pat Sheehan shouldn't be mayor."



Mayor Sheehan Won't Predict

May 29, 1970

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

Even though Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan is considered an odds-on favorite in the three-way mayoralty race in Tuesday's Democratic primary, she declined yesterday to make a prediction on the outcome.

"I don't make predictions, so I'm not prepared to make one on this election. The few weeks of the campaign are not the only basis for judgment of the voters," she said.

But she will have a busy schedule up to and including Tuesday when the Democrats choose who will carry the party's banner into the Nov. 3 general election.

No Prediction

Mayor Sheehan begged off making a prediction, even though she is the incumbent and has the support of the Regular Democratic Organization.

"I'm proud of my record and content to run on it. I think we've made significant changes, and I believe the citizens are aware of it. But much remains to be done," the mayor said.

She added, "I would like to win (the primary). I think we (city commissioners) could do the job. I'd like the opportunity to meet all of the voters in November."

Her opponents are Vincent I. Cassera, city planning director, and David J. Harris, a training consultant for the Bank Street College of Education in New York City.

Cassera, who is conducting a positive campaign, has refused to be critical of Mayor Sheehan and her administration. Harris, on the other hand, has sparked the only major issue of the campaign — the drug problem in the city administration.

Cassera has said if elected he would become a full-time mayor.

Mrs. Sheehan said, "It's not a 9 to 5, 35-hour-a-week job. It's a job which requires nights and weekends, and not only appearances at public functions, but seminars and meetings with various groups."

Her conferences are not only with other city commissioners and department heads, but also with members of the Planning Board, Traffic Commission, the downtown merchants and school officials.

"The mayor's job is really a full-time one. I'm blessed with an understanding employer (Sheehan) who is a compensation analyst with

Johnson & Johnson.

"A week hasn't gone by that I haven't put in 30 to 40 hours as mayor. The mayor is a representative of the city and as such makes trips to Trenton and Washington, attends testimonial dinners, meets with citizens' groups and administers the city," Mrs. Sheehan said.

She was scheduled to attend last night's City Bowling League banquet in the Greenbrier Restaurant. "It goes with the job," the mayor said.

Mrs. Sheehan explained that she attended as many such functions last year when there was no election as she has so far this year.

Tomorrow she will participate in the Memorial Day parade and the police department inspection. With her at the parade will be her three children, Elizabeth, 12; Daniel, 11, and Michael, 9. They will visit veterans' posts in New Brunswick and Highland Park.

Friday nights are reserved for her children. "I try my very best to make it our night," the mayor said.

Sundays are usually free and she spends as much time as she can with her children.

On Monday, the mayor will participate in the dedication of the Rutgers Continuing Education Center, a unit of the University Extension Division.

That night at Chick's Inn, 233 French St., she will appear at the Democratic organization's pre-election rally.

The mayor said she will visit the various polling districts Tuesday. "It's a very tense day," she said of an election day.

She will take time out from the poll tour to attend a City Commission meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday when bids are to be received. It should be a short session, which will be adjourned to 10 a.m. Wednesday when the mayor will wear a smile or a frown, depending upon the outcome of the election.

Mayor Sheehan and other Democratic party leaders will be at the office of City Clerk Anna Murphy when the returns are tabulated.

The short campaign has been relatively quiet. There have been two candidates' nights, one sponsored by Radio Station WCTC and the other by the League of Women Voters of the New Brunswick Area.

The closing days of the campaign should feature newspaper ads, press releases and spot radio commercials.

But the mayor summed it up: "I must have confidence that the people know me now."

Harris Says Telling Plaza Plans Now Political Ploy

May 29, 1970

David J. Harris, a Democratic mayoralty candidate in Tuesday's primary, today accused Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan's administration with attempting to put over "a political stunt" with yesterday's announcement of the George Street Plaza plans.

Harris said disclosure of the redevelopment plans a few days before the election "is a direct insult to the intelligence of voters and a direct attempt to deceive the voters."

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority yesterday announced receipt of the plans for the plaza project—the 10-acre site in the downtown area.

There are a 10-story motel, another office building, stores and two parking garages.

Mayor Sheehan is one of the three candidates for mayor in the Democratic primary. The third is Vincent I. Cassera, city planning director.

Harris said the news story on the plans did not quote the principals in the redevelopment. "Therefore," Harris said, "I can interpret this as a political statement that is not designed to give a progress report, but a feeling of such."

The announcement of the plans, Harris added, was "basically a public relations story" and he cannot accept it as "a meaningful sign of progress."

Harris charged that Mrs. Sheehan has been unable to coordinate the activity of the various redevelopment groups as the city Housing and Redevelopment Authority, the city Planning Board and the Middlesex County Planning Department.

Groundbreaking is expected to begin on the plaza project in 90 days or by end of the year at the latest, said Richard V. Mulligan, authority chairman.

A new office building is on the site. Planned for construction there are a 10-story motel, another office building, stores and two parking garages.

Plaza Plans Blossom

May 28, 1970

By ALVIN KING
Home News Staff Writer

In an atmosphere of optimism, the New Brunswick Housing and Redevelopment Authority yesterday announced receipt of final plans for the downtown plaza, submitted by the New Brunswick Urban Renewal Corp. The corporation has a 99-year lease on the prime 10-acre site, bounded by George, New and Liberty streets, and Memorial Parkway.

Authority chairman Richard V. Mulligan displayed a rendering of the project, as provided by L. V. Sharp, representing the redevelopers who include as principals Stewart Baiman of Silver Spring, Md., president of Quality Courts Motel Inc., and Herbert Colton, well known Washington, D.C., attorney.

In addition to the present office building now opened at George and New Streets, plans call for:

● A 10-story, 198-room motor hotel, with banquet and restaurant facilities, and meeting rooms, facing Memorial Parkway. The motor hotel will have its own parking area.

● A second office building, adjacent to The Methodist Church at New Brunswick, will have 50,000 square feet of space in 10 floors.

● A complex of stores in between the two office structures, but well recessed off George Street.

● Two garages: One, five stories high, will have one story underground, three enclosed, with the fifth a roof top parking arrangement.

Its capacity will be 1,100 cars and will be rented on a monthly basis for plaza site occupants. The second, facing New Street, will have 650 parking places, will be three stories high and will be available to persons doing business at the plaza.

The motel is the first item on the construction agenda, Mulligan said. He reported that only a tight money market had precluded the developers from starting building the motel last year.

Begin Financing Discussions

Declaring that negotiations are under way between the developers and a Newark firm for a loan, Mulligan said "ground breaking could well start in 90 days or at the latest, before the end of the year."

The present office building has been so successful that tenants have already approached the developers for space in the proposed office structure, said Mulligan, a Johnson & Johnson executive and veteran member of the authority.

Conceding that the nation's financial picture had hurt the redevelopment program, Mulligan said: "It's not all grey up there — there's a lot of blue."

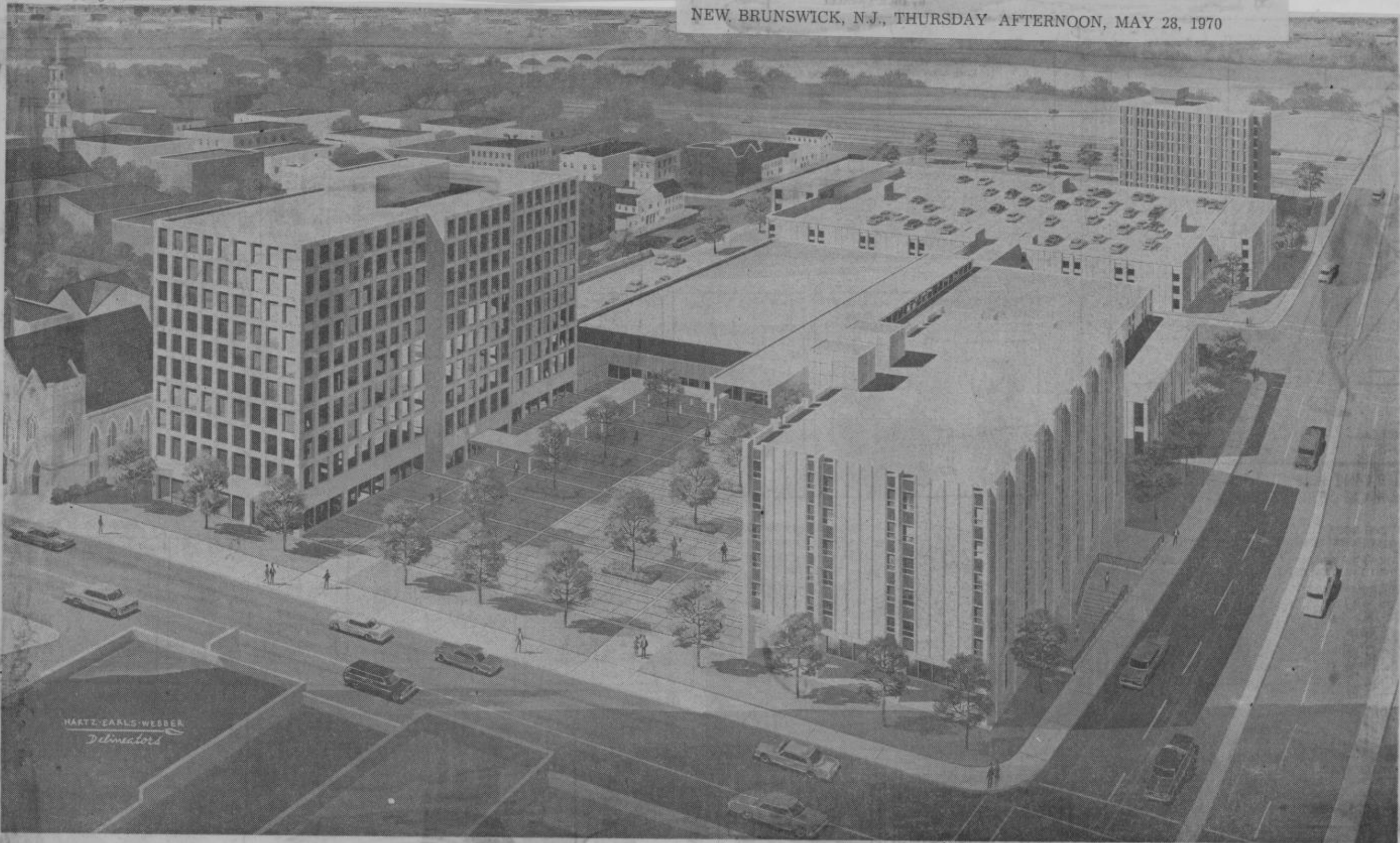
Mulligan, grinning, added: "I've got my shovel shined," referring to the traditional groundbreaking ceremonies when the first spade of earth is turned over to signal the construction's beginning.

Mulligan said the plans were discussed by Sharp at a meeting at which authority members, Mayor Patricia Q.

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Architect's rendering shows the downtown plaza project when completed. Besides existing office building, plans call for a 10-story office building, complex of stores, two garages and motel.

Good News for Plaza Project

May 31, 1970

Final plans for New Brunswick's downtown plaza were unveiled last week, confirming details announced several months ago in The Home News.

In addition to the present office building at George and New Streets, the plans call for a 10-story motel with banquet, restaurant and parking facilities; a second

office building 10 stories high; two parking garages, and a complex of stores between the two office buildings, but well recessed off George Street.

New Brunswick's Housing and Redevelopment Authority received the final plans for the plaza from the New Brunswick Urban Renewal Corp., which has a 99-year lease on the 10-acre site, in an atmosphere of optimism. Authority Chairman Richard V. Mulligan, declaring that he has his shovel shined, reported that negotiations are under way for a loan which would mean that groundbreaking for the motel might start as soon as early fall or at the latest by the end of the year. Tight money markets have delayed the start of the motel construction, but Mulligan says he sees "a lot of blue" in the nation's financial picture.

The plaza project has been more than 10 years in the building, and we certainly hope the omens are good for an early start on phase two of the construction. New Brunswick needs the psychological "lift" that completion of this ambitious project will bring, and the success of the first office building has already proved the economic benefits of the plaza project.

We hope the Authority chairman gets an opportunity very soon to use his shiny shovel—it will be a progressive step for all of Central Jersey when the next "first shovel of earth" is overturned at the plaza project.

Final Plaza Plans Unveiled

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Sheehan, Richard J. Keefe, the authority's executive director, and his assistant, David Williams attended.

The announcement confirms a story reported exclusively by The Home News many months ago when an official outlined, to a great extent, the plans revealed yesterday.

Second Garage Not Included

The only exception then did not include a second garage, nor did he go into specifics about the five-story parking facility.

In other business, Keefe announced that Fannie Klizie, a field representative from the Philadelphia office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, will be here today to discuss the New Brunswick Parking Authority's request for the temporary use of land along New Street for parking.

Several buildings there are scheduled to be razed as part of the George Street redevelopment program.

Attending will be Jack Gushin, parking authority chairman, Keefe, his assistant, Williams; Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and Commissioner Aldridge B. Cooper Jr.

The authority entered into an agreement, effective July 1 through the same date in 1971, with Carl T. Valenti, its new attorney, calling for payment of monthly fees for his work in connection with the authority's low income projects, the plaza and George Street project.

They total \$10,000. Additionally, he will receive \$10 for each eviction proceeding in excess of 24 of such processes. Valenti is a former City Commissioner who resigned to become the authority's legal representative.

Open Housing Code Endorsed

The authority voted to endorse the open housing ordinance proposed by City Residents Against Substandard Housing.

The authority reported progress in acquiring property for the George Street program.

Mayor Points Out 'Favorable' Tax Rate

May 29, 1970

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan said today the city administration has held the 1970 tax rate to one of the smallest increases among Middlesex County communities.

Mrs. Sheehan, one of three Democratic mayoralty candidates in Tuesday's primary, said, "The increase of only 50 cents (from \$7.44 to \$7.94) in

New Brunswick's rate is, we believe, a substantial achievement in a time of soaring costs and increased pressure for new services."

The listing of municipal rates throughout the county shows New Brunswick with a considerably lower increase than many of the neighboring communities, the mayor said.

Communities with lower increases, according to the county Board of Taxation, are Helmetta, 17 cents; Milltown, 12 cents; Monroe, 15 cents; and South Plainfield, 18 cents. Perth Amboy's increase was 41 cents.

Favorable Rate

"Yet despite New Brunswick's problem of tax-exempt

land, namely Rutgers University, we have achieved a most favorable tax rate," the mayor said.

Another factor in keeping the tax rate stable, Mayor Sheehan said, was the \$16 million in new ratables over the past three years. The present city administration has been in office for that period of time.

Democrats to Decide Choice for Mayor Tuesday

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

There are but two more days of campaigning left in the New Brunswick Democratic primary before the voters decide Tuesday which one of the three mayoralty candidates will run on the party ticket in November.

The polls open at 7 a.m. and will close at 8 p.m. and a large turnout is expected even though the campaign issues have not been politically stimulating.

Favorite

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, the incumbent, is the favorite. She has the backing of the Regular Democratic Organization.

However, there is a big split in the Democratic ranks and those Democrats loyal to the previous administration are expected to throw their support to Vincent I. Cassera.

The third candidate is David J. Harris, the most vocal and critical of the three mayoralty hopefuls.

Cassera, city planning director for 17 years, is running on a positive, non-critical campaign under the banner, "Victory for the Hub," a takeoff on the initials of his name, and New Brunswick's nickname.

Harris, a former supporter of the city administration, is running as "Our City Must Have New Leadership."

He is the only candidate to have a headquarters and to

use door-to-door canvassing as a major technique to get out the voters.

Outside Chance

Harris said he will have at least 150 volunteers working in his behalf Tuesday. Many of his volunteers are housewives and college and high school students.

He is given an outside chance, but the conditions would have to suit, such as a big turnout and block voting by blacks. Harris is the first black to seek the office of mayor in New Brunswick.

Harris himself said a voter

turnout of between 4,000 and 4,500 would give him a chance. However, he's optimistic.

There are some political observers who say that Harris can be "a spoiler" in the primary election by taking some of the black vote from Mayor Sheehan.

This primary also will serve, some sources say, as a testing ground for City Commissioner Aldridge B. Cooper, the first black to be elected to office in this city.

Cooper, a well-known city athlete and former Board of Education member, is the ac-

cepted leader of the black community.

Cooper and Mrs. Sheehan were on the New 5 team which captured the imagination of city voters three years ago and swept the then incumbent commissioners out of office.

Council Unopposed

Although Mayor Sheehan has opposition, the five Regular Democratic Organization council candidates do not. In addition to Cooper, they are City Commissioners John A. Smith, William J. Cahill Sr. and Victor D. Racine, and newcomer George F. Hendricks Jr. Hen-

dricks, an attorney, is an officer in the Army and is to be discharged in September.

The city's new mayor-council charter begins Jan. 1 as the present Board of Commissioners is phased out Dec. 31. Mayor Sheehan and her administration opposed the Charter Study Commission's recommendation for a change in the local form of government. It got overwhelming approval from the electorate.

The incumbent commissioners in the May 1967 election got most of the black vote. However, that was in a non-

partisan election, since that type election is required for the commission form of government.

But Tuesday's primary is a partisan election. The Republicans failed to file a ticket, although write-in votes can be made.

There are 15,786 registered voters in New Brunswick. Also, there are a large number of independent voters in this city, even though it has the reputation of being a Democratic stronghold.

Independent Vote

How many of the independ-

ents — those who vote in the general and not primary elections — will register for the primary Tuesday is a factor to be considered, too.

If a voter did not vote in two consecutive primaries, he can vote Tuesday as a Democrat or Republican after declaring the party of his choice.

Cassera, sources say, will get the support of Democrats opposing the city administration and the leadership of George J. Shamy, Democratic municipal chairman.

If Harris can swing sufficient votes from Mrs. Sheehan, polit-

ical observers say Cassera, with the help of the dissident Democrats, may squeeze into the winner's circle. But supporters of the administration counter that such a possibility is a wild dream, that Mayor Sheehan would have no trouble whatsoever in Tuesday's primary.

The mayor herself has refused to make a prediction on the outcome. She is running on her administration's record.

Both Cassera and Harris are optimistic.

The voters will decide Tuesday.

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City Wants \$\$ to Study Blighted Area

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By ALVIN KING
Home News Staff Writer

The City Commissioners and the New Brunswick Housing and Redevelopment Authority are joining forces in applying for a federal survey and planning grant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to study a 57-block blighted area in the lower part of the city.

Known as the Route 18-Waterfront study, the sector stretches between George Street and Memorial Parkway (Route 18) on one side, and from a point at the lower part of the plaza site on the parkway, across Albany Street to a point where several industries, including Johnson & Johnson buildings are located.

The authority has already approved the application. Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan said the commissioners are expected to take similar action, probably at their next meeting in June.

The mayor stressed that this is "not the beginning of another redevelopment program here." "It is," she declared, "a means of determining the potential of that en-

tire area through a detailed study financed by federal moneys at no cost to the city so that an intelligent decision on its future can be made."

'Detailed Look'

The application, prepared by Gross Associates of 235 Livingston Ave., consultants in city planning and urban renewal, is "only a step toward providing the city with a detailed look at the rest of the Raritan River front," the mayor continued.

Declaring the New Brunswick Planning Board is in accord with the application, Mayor Sheehan said the grant, if approved "will provide us and the citizenry with answers to many vital questions."

"And I want to reemphasize that if the grant is approved, the city is not committed to redeveloping the area. She also said the move is in no way connected with the old Albany Street redevelopment proposal which she called "long, long dead."

The previous administration had considered this as a project but it never got beyond the talking stage.

It will be some time before HUD acts on the applica-

tion and if approved, the study would take at least a year.

Vacancies

The sector in question is considered blighted and depressed. Lower Albany Street, which once housed thriving stores, is dotted with vacancies. Many of the houses are of pre-turn-of-the-century construction while some of the industries are to be razed to make way for the Route 18 extension across Albany Street, to connect with the new bridge spanning the Raritan.

At present, two major programs are going on here. One is the plaza, being redeveloped by the New Brunswick Urban Renewal Corp., which has a 99-year lease on the prime site, the other the George Street redevelopment project for low and low-to-middle income families in an area bounded by New Street, Memorial Parkway, Commercial Avenue, and in part by Abel and Nelson Streets.

Work on razing the structures started Friday. To be leveled are some 213 units, 27 businesses, and New Brunswick Salvation Army headquarters.

Primary Heat on Democrats

By GEORGE B. DAWSON
Home News Staff Writer

Democratic contests in New Brunswick and Sayreville feature municipal primary elections in Middlesex County this Tuesday.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan of New Brunswick is opposed by David Harris, a former supporter, and Vincent Cassera, her city planner, in a bid for the Democratic nomination for mayor in the city's first Faulkner Act government.

The primary election is the first for local candidates since 1914. The city adopted its present Walsh Act charter in 1915 and officials have been elected on a non-partisan basis since then.

The primary winner will be opposed in the fall by five independent candidates for mayor, who filed petitions directly with the county clerk for the fall ballot, and perhaps a Republican candidate.

The Republicans failed to file any candidates for the primary ballot, but could name candidates on write-ins on Tuesday. Ralph J. Muehlig, the leading independent mayoralty candidate, and spokesmen for Mrs. Sheehan's and Harris' campaigns, said, however, that they had no plans to mount a write-in effort to win this ballot position.

Mrs. Margaret Bland, president of the New Brunswick Republican Club, also said she knew of no plans to win a ballot position on write-ins by city Republicans.

Mrs. Sheehan is running with a full slate of five council candidates, including four incumbent city commissioners, who are unopposed on the primary ballot.

Mrs. Dorothy Carter and Mrs. Florence Koval, the sole survivors of the successful all-woman Distaff State of 1967, which took majority control of Sayreville municipal government in that year, are opposed for renomination by the Democratic party by five aspirants, including two endorsed by the party organization.

The organization candidates are Alvin W. Jolly and Kenneth W. Buchanan, who won the endorsement in a party committee election after the primary filing. Walter T. Kross, a former Borough Council member; Thomas E. Pawelek, a former party chairman; and Steven Pitak, an independent council candidate last year, are also candidates.

Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Koval had defeated Buchanan in the primary election in 1967.

The two women were members of a ticket headed by Margaret M. Kerr, who filed for mayor and three Borough Council seats in 1967. All defeated organization candidates in the primary and went on to win election.

Mrs. Kerr, however, was denied endorsement for re-election as mayor last year, and was defeated in the primary. The fourth slate member, Mrs. Dolores Zaccardi, declined to seek election to a full council term last year, and was replaced in the primary by an organization candidate.

Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Koval have joined with organization Democrats on the council this year to form a majority on some votes, although they were denied the support of the organization for re-election.

Democrats in South Amboy also have contests for mayor and a councilman-at-large in choosing candidates for election to the first Faulkner Act government there.

Councilman-at-large Frederick A. Henry, who has organization endorsement, is opposed for the mayoralty nomination by William E. O'Leary, a present councilman who was mayor in 1955-57.

O'Leary is being forced from his present council seat by the ward realignment under the new Faulkner Act charter, which reduces the present four wards to three. O'Leary, the present Ward Three councilman, was put into the same ward as Ward Two councilman Albert Sorrentino, and the party leaders chose Sorrentino instead.

Robert Leslie and Theodore Lewandoski, who have organization support for the two at-large council posts, are opposed by Thomas Cross, Thomas O'Brien, and James Duggan.

A fourth Democratic contest exists in Middlesex, and Republican contests exist in Middlesex and Piscataway.

Primary contests also exist in Bridgewater, Somerville and Bound Brook, in Somerset County.

Democratic organization candidates Henry M. Shipley and Edward P. Massessa are opposed for council nomination by Charles J. Gilroy, a retired Marine Corps officer, in Middlesex. Robert E. Katz, whom the Democratic majority on the Borough Council named tax collector this year, is opposed by James S. Rafferty, brother of former mayor Walter Rafferty, for nomination for an elected term.

Borough Council members John F. Pohl and Frank J. Santangelo are opposed by John Giarrmarco for nomination to their first elected terms in the Republican primaries. Pohl and Santangelo were named to their present council positions by the outgoing Republican administration in December.

Walter E. Lemke, the organization candidate for the Republican nomination for First Ward councilman in Piscataway, is opposed by Charles E. Sutton, who is campaigning as a "conservative Republican."

James W. Dobson, a former mayor, has filed for a Republican nomination for the Township Committee in Bridgewater against Elmer W. Schaaf Jr. and Earl H. McFarland, both incumbents. Dobson was a Township Committee member from 1948 to 1965.

Kenneth J. McCormick, the manager of the Somerset Hotel, is opposing organization candidates Peter Van Riper and Gerard Tuttle for the Republican nomination for Borough Council in Somerville. Van Riper is an incumbent.

Three-way races for two Borough Council nominations exist in both party primaries in Bound Brook. Joseph A. Colalillo, an incumbent, Dominick A. Perone, and George Pleska are candidates for the Republican nominations. Frank Garibaldi, Frank Gilly, James Suk are candidates for the Democratic nominations.

Parking Unit Unveils Plan For Pavilion

Plans for a multi-deck parking pavilion in this city's downtown business district were announced today.

Construction could begin in about nine months, according to Jack Gushin, chairman of the New Brunswick Parking Authority.

The facility would be located next to the Bayard Street School and would extend from that school to Neilson Street. Thus, the pavilion would be bounded by Bayard, Liberty and Neilson streets.

Vast Expansion

According to Al Hendricks, a member of the parking authority, the authority already has obtained options or agreements to buy all but one of the properties needed for the facility. This would include the Moriah Yeshiva Academy on Liberty Street.

Actually, the project would amount to a huge expansion of the authority's 82-space parking lot adjacent to the Bayard School, which also serves as offices for the Board of Education.

In addition, Hendricks noted that after the pavilion is built, the authority also might acquire that school property.

Gushin, in a statement given to The Home News Friday for release today, said that as soon as all properties are acquired and cleared, the present parking lot adjacent to the school will be expanded by 60 spaces to accommodate 150 cars. He said those additional spaces are expected to be ready for use before the end of this year.

Gushin said it is anticipated that the parking pavilion "will be a structure of three or four decks."

In his statement he gave no indication how many cars the pavilion could hold or the project's estimated cost.

Gushin was away for the weekend and could not be reached for comment.

Banks Pledge Aid

The parking authority was formed here in 1948, and although it was always legally autonomous, it never had the financial wherewithal — liquid assets — to move on projects of its own. Through a series of ordinances the City Commission in December put the authority financially on its own two feet.

This led to a pledge from area banks of \$400,000 in interim financing to the authority.

The cost of all projects undertaken by the authority will be paid off with funds from parking receipts. Thus, whatever project the authority now undertakes will have no bearing on the city's tax rate or bonding limits.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, who will be facing David J. Harris and Vincent I. Cassera in Tuesday's Democratic primary, said the plans announced by Gushin represent "a giant step forward for the city's residents and shoppers — one that is moving even faster than we had hoped."

Harris termed the timing of the announcement a "political stunt." He recalled that when the mayor and her fellow commissioners were running for office in 1967, they also had accused the former administration of timing strictly for political benefit a news release on the downtown plaza project.

Cassera, who is city planner here, could not be reached for comment.

Gushin said current plans call for preliminary drawings for the new parking facility to be submitted in August by the New Brunswick architectural firm of Meyer and Laudadio.

By that time, he said, the authority should have completed its study into the feasibility of the project and decided on the specifics of financing it.

By September, he said, final plans will have been ordered, with construction to begin in the spring of 1971.

He stated, "We now anticipate under our present timetable that actual construction of the parking pavilion could begin in approximately nine months."

He said a "major portion" of the money required for financing the pavilion will be made available through arrangements with industries and businesses taking out long-term leases for spaces in the new facility.

Although there had been talk for some time about the authority building a large parking facility here, today's announcement was the first to provide the public details regarding location and type of facility.

Mayor Sheehan said, "This new pavilion project most certainly meets head-on the problem of supplying adequate parking, strategically located near the city's business, commercial and office center. . . . Mr. Gushin and all the members of the authority deserve great credit for seizing the initiative and working with such speed to solve one of New Brunswick's most pressing problems."

'Sign of Confidence'

She also noted, "This is exactly the kind of progress toward development of long-range parking projects that we have been looking for. We are most particularly impressed at the speed with which chairman Jack Gushin and the authority members have worked to launch a new pavilion."

She reiterated that the \$400,000 commitment the authority has from area banks represents "an expression of confidence in New Brunswick's resurgence as a major business commercial and office center in Central Jersey."

She also noted that since the authority was given financial autonomy, about 30 additional spaces have been added to the Church Street parking lot.

Harris said he is reserving judgment on plans for the pavilion. He said Gushin's announcement lacked many details and "before I could endorse such a plan, I would have to know more about it."

"Right now I'm suspicious of these last-minute proposals that offer little or no details and facts. I can see this last-minute proposal as an attempt to give the voters a feeling of progress when most of us really are convinced already that little has been done in this city for the past three years."

He also said he feels "uneasy" about having a large parking lot next to a school. "I'd like to know how they plan to cope with bringing that could arise from bringing more traffic into a school area."

He added, "I recognize that parking is a critical problem in the city, but we cannot solve parking problems without taking into consideration overall plans for the business district redevelopment."

"I would like to know how this parking pavilion fits in with the city's overall land use plan, especially for the central business district. We cannot redevelop the downtown area and bring more life to it solely by providing more parking."

The Herald-News, Wednesday, June 3, 1970

Congratulations Patsy - We were very happy to read about your latest victory! Good luck in November! Love, Ray & Bill

New Brunswick Mayor Views Win In Primary as Confidence Vote

NEW BRUNSWICK (AP) — Incumbent Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan said she viewed her victory yesterday over two Democratic primary opponents as a vote of confidence for her administration.

Mrs. Sheehan polled 2,533 votes, winning easily over Vin-

cent I. Cassera and David J. Harris.

Cassera, a favorite of the previous city administration, had 1,383 votes. Harris, the first black candidate to run for mayor here, received 963 votes.

Mrs. Sheehan said she was pleased by her showing and

called it a recognition of the kind of job her administration was trying to do for the city.

About 31 per cent of the city's 15,800 registered voters took part. The turnout was possibly the heaviest for a primary here.

Mrs. Sheehan will face four independent candidates in the fall election. Her opponents are Joseph Mangarella, Edward J. McGlynn, Ralph J. Muehlig and Andrew J. Shirkmann.

The city's new mayor-council charter begins Jan. 1. At that time the present board of commissioners will be phased out.

Harris had been a supporter of the city administration but broke away and established a vigorous campaign, including door-to-door canvassing.



THE BIG SCOOP—A massive shovel tears into a building at Morris and Neilson Streets, marking the start of clearing buildings for the proposed George Street redevelopment program. Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, her three youngsters, Betsy, Danny and Mike (the noise was too much for the latter), and David Williams, New Brunswick Housing and Redevelopment Authority's assistant executive director, watch razing operation.

Mayor Tells Questioner That Cassera Has Job Security

The primary is only a day old but the first shot in the general election campaign was fired this morning at the City Commission meeting by independent mayoralty candidate Frederick W. Haleluk of 10 Landing Lane.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, who yesterday won the Democratic nomination for mayor, was the target of Haleluk's questions.

Haleluk asked Vincent I. Cassera, a defeated candidate in yesterday's primary, would be fired.

The mayor assured Haleluk that Cassera, city planning director, has job security since that position is classified by Civil Service.

Mayor Sheehan explained that any question on possible dismissal of Cassera had not been considered, that he enjoys the protection of Civil Service and the fact that the city planner participated in a Democratic election procedure is not sufficient grounds for such action.

"Will Cassera's planning department be phased out?" Haleluk pressed.

The mayor said such action is not contemplated and the role of the planning department under the new mayor-council charter effective Jan. 1, 1971, will depend upon the victors in the Nov. 3 general election.

The new form of government's operation will depend primarily on what is incorporated in the administrative code.

Mayor Sheehan, however, said: "The city's planning department, as presently constituted, is not as effective as it should be."

Haleluk, whose independent political label is "Peoples Choice," is a registered Democrat. He said he voted for Cassera in yesterday's primary.

Haleluk used the meeting to officially get his campaign under way.

It was obvious he could not resist the temptation to rib the City Commission about the for-

mer Circle Line sightseeing boat docked in the Delaware-Raritan Canal at Elmer B. Boyd Park.

The city accepted the boat free of charge three years ago and had high hopes for its use as a recreation facility. It didn't pan out.

The independent candidate said: "It's a sore issue. Why advertise it for sale since they not get rid of the boat?" He do not have the funds to repair suggested the commissioner it.

A RERUN
Partly cloudy tonight, low in 40s. Humid tomorrow, high in 80s, chance of occasional showers. Thursday a repeat performance.

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Moderate Vote Seen

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J., TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 2, 1970

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Moderate Turnout Expected at Polls

By RALPH SODA
Home News Legislative Writer
Approximately 600,000 New Jersey voters are expected to turn out at the polls for today's primary election, highlighted by battles for both the Democratic and Republican U.S. Senatorial nominations and contests in seven of the state's 15 congressional districts.
The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. And the experts foresee the moderate turnout as providing little opportunity for any major upsets.
A light scattering of voters reportedly had turned out to Middlesex County polls by 9 a.m. today. Of the county's 250,270 registered voters, approximately 20 per cent are expected to participate in the primary.
A Home News spot check of eight of New Brun-

wick's 29 polls showed that slightly more than 4 per cent of the eligible voters had turned out by 9 a.m.
According to the check, 188 of 4,325 registered voters had cast ballots in this city during the first two hours of the primary. Of the 188, only seven had cast ballots in the Republican primary.
The spot check covered the second and third districts in the First Ward, the third, fourth and seventh districts in the Second Ward and the third and fourth districts in the Fourth Ward.
Some poll workers described the turnout as ranging from "light" to "fairly good for a primary."
An hour later, at 10 a.m., eight other election districts were checked on by The Home News. In those districts, almost 328 persons or 6 per cent of the 5,484 eligi-

ble voters had turned out by that hour.
Several poll workers in those districts said they believe the turnout was running ahead of the turnout for a similar hour during last year's gubernatorial primary. Less than 5 per cent had turned out in the city by noon a year ago.
New Brunswick has a three-way primary race for the Democratic nomination for mayor.
The turnout in Franklin Township at 10:30 a.m. was far less than New Brunswick's. At that hour, only 64 of 3,035 had voted at the six polls checked. This is slightly more than 2 per cent.
In Milltown, the voting at 10:30 was said to be "light so far."
A count of balloting at seven polls in Edison dis-

closed that 156 of a total of 4,899 registered had voted, or about 3.1 per cent. A township spokesman said this was about the same as last year at the same hour.
Mrs. Ruth Jago, board of elections president, said no major problems had been reported by mid-morning. The challengers for Democratic congressional candidate Lewis Kaden have been "very active," she said.
Voting in East Brunswick as of 9 a.m. was described as "very, very light."
The Highland Park borough clerk said balloting was "very light" and that difficulty in opening new voting machines delayed voting in three districts. The problem was corrected before 8 a.m., he said.
In North Brunswick, voting was reported "very low" See MODERATE, Page 16

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at a poll in Farson's School.
Although most of the headlines have been concerned with the senatorial contests, the battle for the Democratic nomination in Middlesex County's 15th congressional district has stirred up the most genuine interest.
In this fight, 29-year-old Lewis Kaden of Perth Amboy is seeking to wrest the party's nomination from U. S. Rep. Edward J. Patten, the veteran organization choice who won his seat in Congress eight years ago, after a bitter primary battle.
Kaden, adopting a campaign style evocative of the "new politics" of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, for whom he served as an aide, has attracted nationwide attention for the anti-Vietnam war thrust of his campaign.
His militant and prompt denunciation of President Nixon's decision to send U.S. troops into Cambodia last month, won him a spontaneous groundswell of support from area college students.
The effort of the new volunteers has buoyed his campaign and cynical organization leaders, who had not taken his effort seriously at first, are now giving it a second look.
They remain convinced, however, that the Patten popularity is too deeply entrenched in the old-line party faithful to be uprooted in a primary election in which only old-line party faithful traditionally vote.
But Kaden supporters are hopeful their workers can, as they themselves freely express it, "work a miracle", and win their man the coveted nomination.
The senatorial nominations pit former Republican state chairman Nelson Gross against newcomers James A. Quaremba and Joseph T. Gavin for the nomination, on the GOP side.
Gross, who has the support of practically every county GOP organization in the state, is considered a shoo-in.
For the Democrats, the race is between Sen. Harrison A. Williams Jr. of Union County and State Sen. Frank J. Guarini of Hudson.
More Active?
The main push of the Guarini attack, directed by former Attorney General Arthur J. Silis Jr. of Metuchen, has been to emphasize the need for a more active representative for the state in the Senate.
Critics of Williams have claimed that his reputation as a carouser have hurt his effectiveness.
On the congressional level, Middlesex Republicans also have what appears on the surface at least to be a contest, with Assemblyman Peter Garibaldi vying with former South Amboy Mayor Thorval Olsen for the 15th district nomination.
Elsewhere around the state, congressional nomination battles hold local interest.
In the 13th District of Hudson and Union Counties, Rep. Cornelius Gallagher of Bayonne is in a fight for the Democratic nomination with another young anti-war candidate, David Wolfe. Gallagher was the target a few years ago of a national magazine's expose of organized crime's political influence in the Garden State. Also in the fight is James Eagen also of Bayonne.
In the 14th District, Rep. Dominick Daniels of Jersey City is in a fight for renomination as a Democratic candidate with John J. Hallaman Jr., also of Jersey City.
The First District, which includes Camden County, has a fight on the Democratic side between Salvatore T. Mansi of Stratford and William Daisey of Paulsboro.
Democrats in the 2nd District will choose from among William Hughes of Ocean, Sam Costello of Vineland and Charles Yeager of Vineland.
The main GOP congressional battle is in the 6th District for the seat once held by Gov. William T. Cahill. This battle pitches Cahill's choice, State Sen. Edwin H. Forsythe against Assemblyman Walter Smith.



EARLY BIRDS — New Brunswick's three Democratic mayoralty candidates were early voters in today's primary. Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan was all smiles as she voted



at New Brunswick Junior High School. Vincent I. Cassera, center, signs in at same school, and the third candidate,



David J. Harris, expresses optimism with victory sign at Lord Stirling School.

KEEP FALLING
Chance of showers tonight, low in 40s. Cooler tomorrow, chance of rainy periods, high in 70s; Friday about the same.

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'Delighted' Mayor Crushes Opponents

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer
Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan waltzed through yesterday's Democratic mayoralty primary by gaining a near 2-1 margin over her nearest opponent in the three-way race.
The unexpected heavy turnout of an estimated 4,900 Democrats, or 31 per cent of the city's 15,786 eligible voters, was said to be a record for a primary in New Brunswick.
Mayor Sheehan, the Regular Democratic Organization candidate, received 2,533 votes.
Vincent I. Cassera, city planning director, was second with 1,283. He received the support of Democrats opposed to the city administration.
David J. Harris polled 963 votes.
Decisive Win
"I'm delighted with the results. I'm very satisfied. I think it's a decisive win," said a happy George J. Sha-

my, Democratic municipal chairman.
Mrs. Sheehan, New Brunswick's first woman mayor since her election in May 1967, now faces four independents in the Nov. 3 general election.
They are Ralph J. Muehlig, Joseph Mangarella, Andrew J. Shirokman Jr. and Edward J. McGlynn.
The main opposition is expected from Muehlig, who heads the "Save Our City" fusion ticket, which is comprised of five Democrats and one Republican.
Mayor Sheehan, who had declined to predict victory in a pre-election interview, said she was "pleased, proud and grateful for the substantial turnout of the voters in our (her administration) favor. I hope it's indicative of the recognition of the job we're trying to do for New Brunswick."
A Record
Shamy and others of the city's official family said the approximate 4,900 votes cast in the Democratic primary is a record for such primaries in New Brunswick.

An estimated 2,900 voted in last year's Democratic primary.
Cassera, who had declined to criticize Mayor Sheehan's administration, sent the mayor a telegram congratulating her on the victory. He also said, "Sincere wishes for your plans to improve New Brunswick and assist its citizens."
Cassera heard the results over the radio while at his home at 10 Stratford Place. He declined to comment further at this time, he said, although he offered his appreciation for those who worked for him and supported his campaign.
Harris, who lives at 37 Burnet St., and is a training consultant for the Bank Street College of Education in New York, was the first black to seek the office of mayor in New Brunswick.
Endorsement Withheld
He withheld endorsement of any mayoral candidate in the general election until he reviews their platforms.

Harris said the campaign "demonstrated the widespread discontent with the city administration." He claimed that his campaign was responsible for bringing out more than 3,000 voters.
"This is the greatest opposition the city administration has had," Harris said. He is a former supporter of the administration, which ran as the New Five in the '67 City Commission election.
He said the large turnout was indicative that the city administration, police department, public school system and redevelopment agencies need new leadership.
However, Harris added, "I feel great about what happened...the over-all turnout...We received a sizable endorsement..."
Strong Support
Mrs. Sheehan captured 22 of the city's 29 voting districts in its five wards.
Cassera won four polls in the 2nd and 4th wards. The See MRS. SHEEHAN, Page 9



SMILE OF SWEET VICTORY—Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan's smiling face portrays her reaction to voter approval in yesterday's primary.

Mrs. Sheehan Victorious in Heavy Voter Turnout

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"Save Our City" slate has strong support in the 2nd Ward and Cassera lives in the 4th Ward.
Harris was high in three districts in the 1st, 2nd and 4th wards. He lives in the 1st Ward.
The mayor won by wide margins in total votes in each of the five wards.

The individual tally for unopposed Regular Democratic Organization candidates for the five council seats are: John A. Smith, 3,130; William J. Cahill Sr., 3,220; Al-dredge B. Cooper Jr., 2,924; Victor D. Recine, 3,111, and George F. Hendricks Jr., 2,924.
Smith, Cahill, Cooper and Recine are city commissioners and Hendricks is an attorney now serving as an

Army officer in South Korea. He will be discharged in September.
Mayor Sheehan and commissioners Cahill, Cooper and Smith were on the New Five team of three years ago with Carl T. Valenti. Recine earlier this year replaced Valenti, who resigned to become legal counsel to the Housing and Redevelopment Agency.
The Republican party did not field a slate in the primary for municipal offices, and there were only 12 candidates for the 58 posts for committeeman and committeewoman.
The fact that New Brunswick has long been a Democratic stronghold was shown by the few Republicans who took time to vote in that party's primary. GOP freeholder candidate James J. Spera was high with 256 votes.
However, on the Democratic side of the ledger, Free-

holder candidate Peter Daly Campbell, a New Brunswick resident, received 3,017 votes, while his running mate, Freeholder Louis F. May Jr. of East Brunswick, got 2,976.
The Republicans were shut out in 3rd Ward's two voting districts.
While Mayor Sheehan faces four opponents in the November general election, the five Democratic council candidates will have opposition from nine independents. They are Leonard J. Gioglio Jr., William G. Thoenes, Vincent J. DiPane Jr., Louis C. Markette, Robert J. Ferguson, Robert E. Langellus, George V. Buono, Stephen J. Toth and Joseph R. Scranlon.
The winners of the general election for mayor and five councilmen will take office Jan. 1 as the present Board of Commission system is phased out Dec. 31.

Mayor Agrees To Mediate Tenant Fray

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, Commissioner Al-bishop has agreed to intercede for the drage Cooper and George Shamy Monday.
Sheehan agreed, the group said, to write to the Federal Housing Administration in an

effort to act as a mediator in the dispute between tenants and FHA.
Tenants at the apartments are complaining of a lack of security and maintenance.

Read Ann Landers
Sundays, too, in The Home News

Wins Bolster Shamy's Position City Primary Results

Victories in eight contests for Democratic municipal committee posts yesterday have strengthened the leadership of George J. Shamy.

Shamy should retain the chairmanship of the city's Democratic party when it reorganizes Monday night.

Whether or not there will be opposition to his re-election won't be known until reorganization session.

Shamy led the administration of Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan to victory in the 1967 City Commission election and was her campaign manager for the primary.

On the Line

He had said he was putting his political prestige on the line when backing opponents to incumbents A. Andrew Pastorio in the 1st Ward, District 1, and Angelo M. Mupo in the 4th Ward, District 4.

The city administration-supported candidates, Arnold Jabn and Robert Kodan, won easily. Jabn received 77 votes, compared with Pastorio's 53. Kodan enjoyed a 28-vote margin of 104 to 75 over Mupo.

Shamy said he accepted the victories for the committee posts as "a vote of confidence." The attorney said he personally took part in each of the contested areas and it was the first time he had challenged such positions.

Vincent Walsh, incumbent in the 2nd Ward, District 2, who had Shamy's support, won easily over Rosario J. Maimone.

Easy Victory

Incumbents Mr. and Mrs. Adam Grosso of the 2nd Ward, District 5, won easily over Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Bellafrosita, 124-78 and 93-80, respectively. The Grossos had Shamy's endorsement.

Joseph A. Bongl retained his committee post in the 2nd Ward's District 6 by a 144-111 vote over Joseph A. Haydu.

Arthur Pittman, incumbent in the 2nd Ward, District 7, had no problem with opponent Lester Morand. Pittman won by 142-54.

Ernest Kovacs defeated Allen L. Howell by a vote of 105-42 in the 8th Ward, District 3.

Pittman, Bongl and Kovacs had Shamy's support.

No Participation

Shamy said he did not enter the contest in the 4th Ward, District 6, between incumbent Edward J. Burns and John J. Connolly. Connolly won 80-74.

According to Shamy, both were identified with the city Democratic organization.

There was an attempt last year to dump Shamy during the Democratic municipal committee's reorganization.

The opponents to his leadership were associated with the previous administration. Some of them supported some of the candidates to oppose the Shamy candidates in yesterday's primary.

With yesterday's victories under his belt, Shamy should have no problem in fending off opposition at next week's reorganization, if he is opposed.

	REGISTERED VOTERS	VOTES CAST	MRS. SHEEHAN	CASSERA	HARRIS	SMITH	CAHILL	COOPER	RECINE	HENDRICKS
1st WARD										
FIRST	714	185	77	23	66	102	102	102	97	79
SECOND	703	257	93	22	115	126	131	127	122	116
THIRD	396	111	53	22	27	63	66	61	60	62
FOURTH	1279	648	210	117	61	260	270	234	267	238
Total	3092		433	184	269	551	569	524	546	495
2nd WARD										
FIRST	471	186	84	41	34	107	105	105	101	104
SECOND	653	246	73	55	89	114	122	124	107	101
THIRD	464	65	51	29	83	79	82	81	75	75
FOURTH	490	187	50	86	35	85	86	77	95	82
FIFTH	701	283	91	124	43	130	132	122	138	120
SIXTH	661	122	140	17	162	167	136	159	154	154
SEVENTH	637	281	153	23	81	170	175	197	172	153
Total	4077		638	520	328	851	866	843	853	789
3rd WARD										
FIRST	81		7	5	2	7	7	6	6	6
SECOND	179	37	23	3	11	26	24	25	23	22
Total	260		30	8	13	33	31	31	29	28
4th WARD										
FIRST	401		52	18	22	55	55	54	52	51
SECOND	506	147	71	30	17	89	90	81	91	84
THIRD	542	204	88	75	23	96	99	91	95	95
FOURTH	741	238	87	91	30	122	127	101	124	113
FIFTH	379		59	36	10	79	80	82	86	79
SIXTH	511	193	116	40	17	134	140	119	138	132
SEVENTH	557		79	27	89	104	100	114	105	91
Total	3637		552	317	208	679	691	642	681	645
5th WARD										
FIRST	404		72	16	70	80	77	74	77	73
SECOND	422		59	26	10	79	74	67	74	69
THIRD	511		95	49	21	125	125	112	120	114
FOURTH	655		86	51	14	114	120	96	103	101
Total	1992		217	142	115	398	396	349	374	357
6th WARD										
FIRST	346	107	58	20	13	74	74	68	68	73
SECOND	511	168	99	47	9	111	113	88	112	99
THIRD	334		75	28	8	79	86	69	77	74
FOURTH	927	448	215	50	44	210	237	188	218	223
FIFTH	610		121	67	19	144	157	122	143	141
Total	2728		568	212	93	618	667	535	618	610
CITY TOTAL	15786		2533	1383	963	3130	3220	2924	3111	2924

'People's Voice' Replies To 'Save Our City' Bid

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

Frederick W. Haleluk, an independent candidate for mayor in New Brunswick, today took issue with another mayoralty hopeful, Ralph J. Muehlig, who is trying to get his ticket on two lines on the Nov. 3 general election ballot.

Haleluk, whose slogan is "People's Voice," said Muehlig "has already shown his potential ineptness as a mayoralty candidate on any line in the November general election."

Muehlig, a Democrat, heads the "Save Our City" slate composed of five Democrats and one Republican for the office of mayor and five councilmen.

Clerk's Ruling

Middlesex County Clerk Frank Schatzman has said Muehlig is entitled, by law, to only one line. So, Muehlig must decide by tomorrow whether or not he wants to appear on the general election ballot as an independent or Republican.

The election laws specifically state a candidate can have but one line on the ballot. However, the candidate may have designations or slogans after the name with the words "Endorsed by."

Muehlig said his slate would file a statement with Schatzman accepting the Republican write-in nomination. The SOC slate had filed as an independent ticket on the filing deadline, April 23.

In addition to Haleluk and Muehlig, other independent candidates for mayor are Joseph Mangarella, Andrew J. Shirokman Jr., and Edward J. McGlynn. Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan is the Democratic candidate. She won over two candidates in last week's primary.

No GOP Filers

The two-line issue resulted when the names of the candidates on the "Save Our City" slate appeared on a handful of write-in votes in last Tuesday's Republican primary election. The GOP did not file a ticket for the municipal offices.

Muehlig seeks to have the ticket appear on the ballot as independent and Republican.

Haleluk added: "Should his (Muehlig's) name appear on the ballot 10 times he would still receive the total votes cast on all lines. Therefore, it's a total insult to the intelligence of the voter and nothing more than a publicity stunt to get his name known to the voters by any method he can in the short time before November. This is especially true since he has recently moved to New Brunswick."

The "People's Voice" candidate further said that should the courts allow Muehlig two lines, then the second one should clearly spell out his "fronting" for some members of the "Old Five" administration, a reference to Democrats of the previous city administration who were defeated in the May 1967 City Commission election.

In the Mail

Cahill said the city administration's position on the issue was mailed yesterday to PERC. He added that although there is no written contract, the FMBA and the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, Local 23, negotiated jointly last fall and there were verbal agreements.

However, the FMBA, under the state's public laws, is entitled to a written contract.

A notice of impasse was filed recently with PERC for the FMBA by attorney Joseph Fisch, who said city officials declined to negotiate further.

Cahill, in his letter to PERC, reviewed the contract negotiations and that the written contract had been submitted in December to his predecessor.

Impasse?

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

Does an impasse exist between the City of New Brunswick and the Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association, Local 17?

The firemen say it does. The city disagrees.

Therefore, the decision must be made by the state Public Employment Relations Commission.

City Commissioner William J. Cahill Sr., public safety director, said today: "Our (the other city commissioner's) position is that there is no basis for an impasse."

Two-Year Pact

The firemen and policemen have a two-year contract with the city.

Firemen Paul Kovatch, chairman of the firemen's 42-hour committee, said about 3,200 signatures would be needed to put the question on the Nov. 3 general election ballot.

Kovatch said the petitions are being prepared, and that a few legal questions must be answered before they can be circulated early next month.

The City Commission, can, if it chooses, put the issue on the ballot by ordinance.

City officials contend that firemen agreed to forego the hours issue to gain financial benefits during the negotiations last fall.

Carl T. Valenti, Cahill, at that time was director of public works, and became director of public safety April 7 after Valenti resigned as commissioner.

The next step will be up to PERC, which will determine if an impasse exists. If it does, then the state agency will assign a mediator. That should be done within a week, a PERC official said today.

Meanwhile, the FMBA is continuing plans to circulate a petition to have the work week of city firemen reduced from 56 to 42 hours, effective Jan. 1, 1972.

Deputy City Administrator Resigns

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan confirmed yesterday that George S. Callas has resigned as deputy city administrator.

The mayor and Callas, who in May 1969 succeeded Neil Peterson, New Brunswick's first deputy city administrator, said there is no political significance in the resignation.

Mayor Sheehan said Callas hand-delivered his letter of resignation last Tuesday or Wednesday.

Callas said he wanted to be able to devote more time to his business ventures in Monmouth County. He lives in Brielle. He operates and owns six pancake houses, two steak restaurants and another restaurant in Spring Lake Heights.

His latest venture carries the enterprising name of Venture Capital, a holding company of which he is half owner.

Callas said he was sorry to leave New Brunswick, where he was born 36 years ago, but his business dealings require full-time attention.

He recommended to city officials that William R. Saunders fill his post for the remainder of the year and that a replacement be appointed to Saunders' job as program development officer.

Saunders has held that position since Jan. 20 and his annual salary of \$11,500 is paid by the state. He has worked closely with Callas, whose salary was \$11,900.

Mayor Sheehan said Callas' resignation was accepted with "deep regret" and he had been doing "a marvelous job."

The mayor said Callas is anxious to spend more time with his personal business. She said there "is no bad feeling" over Callas' departure.

Brother Is Patten Aide

Callas is a 1951 graduate of New Brunswick Senior High School, Seton Hall University and the Bernard-Baruch School of Public Administration. His older brother, Stephen, is administrative aide to Rep Edward J. Patten, D-N.J.

The position of deputy city administrator has one major drawback — it does not have policy-making powers.

The city ordinance under which the position was created withstood a Superior Court suit filed by William A. Dailey, former city commissioner. The suit was set aside and the enabling ordinance was upheld April 9, 1968.

Dailey was one of the five incumbents to be defeated by the present commissioners in May 1967.

The ordinance provides that one-fifth of the deputy city administrator's salary be paid by departments headed by each of the commissioners.



GEORGE S. CALLAS

Resigns

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the five commissioners. Dailey attacked the legality of the ordinance.

The Walsh Act, state legislation creating the Board of Commissioners system of local government, permits each commissioner to have a deputy, but it does not mention one position for the five commissioners.

Since the City Commission will cease to exist as of midnight Dec. 31, the office of deputy city administrator expires at the same time. So any appointment by the commissioners to that office will be temporary by law.

Begins Jan. 1

The city's new mayor-council charter begins Jan. 1 and provides for a business administrator.

In other city personnel matters, Patrolman Eugene Daino, 43, of 34 May St., has resigned effective June 1. A member of the force since September 1951; Daino had been on extended sick leave due to a back injury suffered while on duty. He has filed for a disability pension.

Joseph Puleio, 61, of Brick Town, formerly of 20 Laurel Place, retired May 15 as custodian of police headquarters. He had been a city employee since 1940.

Puleio was on sick leave since suffering a heart attack at the shore last year. He operated a tavern in New Brunswick years ago, was an active Democrat and a past commander of Joyce Kilmer Post 23, American Legion. It was when he was commander a few years ago that the successful movement to preserve the birthplace of poet-soldier Joyce Kilmer was initiated. The post is located in Kilmer's former home.

Mayor Pat Sheehan Scores in New Brunswick

By CAMPBELL ALLEN
Evening News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK—Mayor Patricia Sheehan breezed by two Democratic opponents yesterday as voters balloted for the first time under a new form of city government.

The race highlighted primary elections yesterday in Middlesex County.

Mrs. Sheehan, who is seeking a second four-year term as mayor, received 2,533 votes, nearly twice the 1,383 votes of her nearest challenger Vincent Cassera, city planning director. The third mayoral candidate, David D. Harris, a former director of the Urban League, polled 963 votes.

Five Democratic Council candidates were unopposed, but they and Mayor Sheehan will face four independent candidates for mayor and 12 independents running for council in the general election in November.

Last year, city voters had approved a switch from the commission form of government to the mayor-council form. That

and 892 votes, respectively, lost to Alvin W. Jolly, 1,474 votes, and Kenneth W. Buchanan Sr., 1,536 votes, who had the backing of the local Democratic organization.

Other losers in the free-writing Democratic primary were council candidates Thomas E. Pawelek and Stephen Pittiak. Two Republican council candidates, Richard D. Scott and Joseph A. O'Brien, were unopposed.

Republicans in traditionally Democratic Sayreville elected a mayor, Henry F. Bilemeyer, and two councilmen last year. If Scott and O'Brien are successful in the fall, the GOP will control.

Black Candidate

The first black candidate in Middlesex Borough, Henry M. Shipley, won a surprisingly easy victory in gaining a Democratic council nomination. An organization candidate, Shipley and his running mate, Edward P. Masessa, polled 358 and 405 votes, respectively, to eliminate Charles J. Gilroy, an ex-Marine colonel. Gilroy, running without organization support, polled 147 votes.

The Democrats in November will oppose Republican incumbents John Pohl Jr. and Frank Santangelo, who defeated John Giamarco in the GOP primary.

The Democratic organization in Middlesex also carried incumbent tax collector Robert Katz to victory over insurgent James S. Rafferty, 341 to 148, for the Democratic nomination. John Ross was unopposed for the GOP nomination for collector.

In Edison, Republican Charles Griffith defeated James Sheldon for the GOP nomination for a one-year unexpired council term, while in Piscataway's



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McGlynn Writes Off the Administration

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

June 19, 1970

The city administration of Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan has not produced as expected over the past three years, it was charged today by independent mayoralty candidate Edward J. McGlynn.

McGlynn, a Rutgers Village resident, is a former supporter of Mayor Sheehan and the incumbent city commissioners who completely took over the local governing body in the May 1967 election.

The independent candidate said the administration has "a credibility gap."

"You don't know when to believe them (the commissioners)," he added.

Continuing on the same theme, McGlynn said: "Perhaps the mayor will answer the more questions that remain unanswered at various commission meetings or were unsatisfactorily answered."

McGlynn said the real issues, such as taxes, housing and community relations, will be overshadowed by subsurface issues, which he said, include crime in the streets, disorders in the schools and the credibility gap.

McGlynn stated: "David Harris proved very dramatically the people are not interested in the real issues."

Harris and Vincent I. Cassera were defeated in the June 2 Democratic primary by Mayor Sheehan.

McGlynn said Harris brought out such issues as the need for more community control in the administration of the public school system, the lack of leadership in the police department and the growing use of dope by the city's youth.

The independent candidate, a long-time critic about the enforcement of gambling laws in the city, said: "Gambling, as far as I'm concerned, is the financial support for other criminal activity, as loan-sharking and narcotics."

He asked these questions about the police department and city administration:

Why was the confidential squad disbanded?

Why was the police department reorganized three times?

Independent Backs City Land Sale

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

June 22, 1970

Independent mayoralty candidate Frederick W. Haleluk today endorsed the Democratic City Commission's stand to sell municipal land at Weston's Mill Pond and attacked its principal opponent — Assemblyman Peter P. Garibaldi, R-Middlesex.

Haleluk said the 69-acre tract off Routes 1-18 and jointly owned by the city and Rutgers University "should definitely be sold. This is especially true since the present zoning laws, planning board and money market have made it near impractical to build within the older lighted sections of the city."

Jointly owned

The city owns 20 acres and Rutgers 49 and efforts to promote the sale of the land and its development collapsed in mid-February.

At that time Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, a Democrat, put the blame on the proposed controversial legislation of Garibaldi. The bill, which would require a public hearing and give the state first option to buy the Rutgers land, passed the Assembly, but has been blocked in the Republican-controlled state Senate.

Not Dead

"The matter is not dead. We are still trying to carry through with our plans," a Rutgers spokesman said today.

Mayor Sheehan, who said city officials are expected to meet soon with Rutgers representatives, also stated there is no change in the original plans for the joint land sale.

Only one offer was received in mid-February and it was rejected because it required a change in the zoning from light industry to residential-commercial.

City officials said the zone will not be changed.

That was the only promotion for the joint land sale which has met with opposition the public. Opponents want the land preserved for recreation and open space.

The Rutgers spokesman said there has been no change in policy of the university to sell the land.

John Gallagher, Middlesex County Republican chairman, is displeased with the State Senate GOP leadership for failing to pass the Garibaldi bill. Garibaldi is a congressional candidate and will try to upset incumbent Rep. Edward J. Patten, a Democrat.

Haleluk said: "Financing in New Brunswick is at a near standstill, mainly because of the urban nature of New Brunswick. Square footage costs to rebuild one building after three or four older buildings have been demolished are prohibitive as required by present zoning laws. The only individuals able to comply with the present zoning requirements are outside speculators."

Few Services

The independent candidate said the city could use the cash from the land sale and subsequent tax raises after development of either research or office buildings.

He added: "These complexes offer the city the highest tax return on land use, considering the few services which must be given. Therefore, I fully support this acreage being sold and definite deed restrictions be placed on its development."

Haleluk said Garibaldi "has confused this issue long enough. He may represent Middlesex County, but not New Brunswick."

McGlynn Backs Firemen — But Attaches Conditions

June 26, 1970

Edward J. McGlynn became the first candidate in the city election to endorse the New Brunswick firemen's campaign for a reduction in their work week from 56 to 42 hours.



EDWARD J. MCGLYNN

The independent candidate for mayor, however put a rider to the firemen's cause.

Conditional

McGlynn said today he supports the firemen's plea for a 42-hour week, but it should not be unconditional.

He explained: "I believe it equitable that after five years, the uniform allowance of \$100 per year should be curtailed and limited to replacement for damage done in the performance of duty thereafter, not wear and tear.

He adds: "While the four-week vacation program would remain, it is suggested that for the first five years, new men be allowed two weeks and three weeks up to 10 years, and four weeks at their option thereafter, with unused weeks accruing to be used to accelerate retirement."

Accrued Time

McGlynn said various arrangements could be made to use accrued time, such as resignations or emergencies where a man would be paid or given time off. The candidate claims that as an incentive, any week of vacation given voluntarily could be earning bonus time to be applied only against retirement.

By making these minor concessions, McGlynn said, the impact of a 42-hour work week upon the taxpayer would reflect in tangible money savings and in reduced needs for more manpower to replace the men a shorter work week would demand.

The city administration has opposed the reduction in the work week because it would mean added financial burden upon the taxpayer through more firemen needed to pick up the slack.

"By such time, a new man would have assistance in building a basic wardrobe which has lasted many men their full 20-30 years of service and would not have been a financial burden on the new man. The \$100 is not all loss of income, for any uniform repair, replacement or laundry is fully deductible from income tax returns which could result in almost full recovery of the \$100."

The firemen are circulating petitions and hope to get enough signatures to put the issue on the Nov. 3 ballot. They want the 42-hour work week effective Jan. 1, 1972, at the end of their current two-year contract with the city.

McGlynn may have hit a sore spot when saying he believes that "a concession in the vacation program should be made."

Cantore Says He's Sticking With Muehlig

July 8, 1970

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

Felix N. Cantore, former city commissioner, chucked this morning when commenting on reports he had switched his support from the independent "Save Our City" slate to the incumbent Democratic ticket.

"Nobody talked to me at all about it. It's strictly a rumor," he laughed.

Cantore said he had heard the rumor, which has been circulating throughout the city in recent days, but emphasized strongly that there's no truth to it.



FELIX N. CANTORE

The head of the Felix N. Cantore Agency and board member of the Middlesex County Bank said he has assured Ralph J. Muehlig of his continued support.

Muehlig, an industrial relations director at the Westinghouse plant in Edison, is the mayoralty candidate on the "Save Our City" ticket. The five council candidates include three Democrats, an independent and a Republican.

Cantore and Muehlig, both Democrats, have joined forces with other anti-administrationist to challenge the incumbents in the Nov. 3 general election for mayor and council.

Cantore was unsuccessful in May 1967 in his bid for re-election when the present commissioners pulled an upset sweep of all five of the commission seats. He had served a dozen years as commissioner.

Cantore told this newspaper that he has not been approached to "pull out" from supporting the independent ticket and to back the present city administration.

"That's a big joke," the former commissioner laughed.

If anyone does pose that question, Cantore added, the answer would be "No!"

"I told Ralph (Muehlig) that I was with him in the beginning and that I'll be with him to the end. I think he has a good chance of winning," Cantore declared in the tone of a seasoned politician.

"Dick Mulligan is a personal friend of mine, but he hasn't said a word about it," Cantore said, referring to Richard V. Mulligan, newly named chairman for the Middlesex County Democratic Party Organization.

Mulligan, Johnson and Johnson executive and former mayor of New Brunswick, had the full support of George J. Shamy when elected as county chairman. Shamy, who managed the successful campaign in 1967 of the present commissioners, is the city Democratic municipal chairman.

Dissenting Democrats two years ago tried to unseat Shamy and replace him with Cantore. The bid, however, failed.

Mulligan is faced with the problem of trying to cement the opposing factions in the Democratic party in New Brunswick and to solidify the ranks on the countywide level to repel the expected onslaught by the Republicans in November.

Cantore said he had talked with Mulligan months ago — possibly six to seven — about politics, but that there was nothing firm agreed upon at that time.

"I'm with the 'Save Our City' ticket now as I was before," Cantore emphasized.

The SOC slate is regarded as having the best chance of upsetting the incumbents among the other independent tickets.

Muehlig made his first appearance of the campaign before the City Commission yesterday.

Lack of Safety Measures At Store Site Charged

July 7, 1970

The city administration has been lax in providing proper safety precautions for the public at the burned-out buildings at Church and Neilson streets, Ralph J. Muehlig charged yesterday.

Muehlig, mayoralty candidate on the "Save Our City" independent ticket, was referring to the six structures destroyed by flames the night of June 3.

The least the city should have done, Muehlig said, was to board up the burned-out buildings and place safety barriers with adequate lighting at night on the sidewalks for pedestrians.

During a weekend inspection of the site, Muehlig said he observed an open cellar with about a 10-foot drop from the sidewalk on the Neilson Street side.

However, it apparently was covered when a reporter of The Home News checked the location yesterday afternoon. Debris was on the sidewalk on Neilson Street.

The only "safety" precaution was a small piece of rope extending for a short distance into the Neilson Street side of Lucky Shop Decorators, which is at Church and Neilson streets. It is a three-story brick building.

There was no rope or barrier to the Church Street side of Lucky Shop Decorators.

'Exciting' Shopping Suggested for City

"If the city is dying, it must be remembered that as a citizen and taxpayer, I, too, shall be among the mourners," Edward J. McGlynn, an independent candidate for mayor, said today.

He added: "If a business folds and leaves another ghost store to deface our decimated mercantile area, then it is I who will pick up the deficit in the tax revenues made by such a store closing."

Still Hopeful

McGlynn said he has not abandoned hope for the reclamation of New Brunswick.

He said: "I have offered my time, my energies and ideas to the present incumbent administration, but my offer has been treated as a mere political gesture. They (city commissioners) have failed to activate any positive programs of their own to help rejuvenate our mercantile area."

McGlynn suggested formation of a corporation to hire a cost-type director to coordinate various advertising and public relations programs of the downtown mercantile community. The director, McGlynn said, would coordinate sales promotion plans and to have the downtown merchants work as a unit.

The candidate added: "The closed corporation would be in a position to act as incorporators for a public corporation which would undertake the task of reconstructing the downtown area into a strong and stable economic base."

This, he said, would revitalize the entire city economy by providing more tax revenues, more jobs and more services and thereby generally motivating other Beneficial effects which would attract new and additional capital to our city."

McGlynn said immediate steps could be taken to make the downtown shopping district more attractive and appealing.

Some of his suggestions to accomplish that are:

Hire private security personnel to mingle in the downtown area to augment police protection, concentrating on fringe areas and parking lots.

Rehabilitate vacant stores to serve various functions as: Comfort stations, lost and found, information, etc.

Install a public address system to announce unadvertised specials, convey messages and play background music.

Arrange for open air concerts.

Provide shuttle buses to fringe parking areas during peak hours or on special sale days.

Study possibility of malls.

Add elements of surprise, adventure and intrigue into shopping downtown and alleviate much of the routine that accompanies the shopping chore by introducing exciting programs and contests.

City Wants to Know About Ups and Downs of Escalator

July 7, 1970

The City Commission today sought an investigation and study into conditions, including malfunctioning escalator, at the Penn Central Railroad station by the state Public Utility Commission.

After the resolution was passed, Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan said: "Public Utilities Commission President William Ozzard has assured me that the PUC will follow up and attempt to see that conditions can be improved."

"I am hopeful that this state action will call forth some meaningful response and that the deplorable situation we have been forced to tolerate will be improved."

The mayor said that due to personnel turnover by the railroad, overlapping jurisdiction and inadequate response, the city has been unsuccessful in its many attempts to have the conditions corrected.

The conditions, she said, are not only unpleasant to the eye, but also hazardous and inadequate for the well being of the public.

Mayor Sheehan said a number of complaints remain uncorrected.

A major inconvenience, she said, has been the lack of operation of the escalator since October 1969.

"There are numerous electrical, plumbing and structural problems which constitute an actual danger to the public," she said.

The mayor reported that a meeting was held last Thursday with Ozzard and Bernard Schrum, coordinator of inspections for the city, to see what could be done.

The resolution passed today was the initial recommended step by Ozzard, the mayor said.

The commissioners, in their resolution, described the malfunctioning of the escalator as causing "a dangerous condition in that it results in confusion, congestion and delay for those using the railroad station."

The resolution said the PUC and the N.J. Department of Transportation share jurisdiction over the operation of the railroad and its station.

Gioglio Asks That Chief Of Police Be Suspended

July 7, 1970

The suspension of Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone was requested at today's City Commission meeting by Leonard Gioglio Jr., 270 Handy St., a New Brunswick patrolman and independent candidate for council.

"I'm here today to formally request his (Petrone's) suspension from duty," said Gioglio after reading press reports on simple assault and battery charges made against the police chief.

City Commissioner William J. Cahill Sr., director of public safety, replied: "A complete investigation is being conducted by me. I have no further comment."

Gioglio was referring to the complaints filed against Petrone in West Long Branch Municipal Court by Mrs. Patrick Koren and Patrick's father, Michael, all of Narbeth, Pa.

The hearing is scheduled for July 21 and Petrone has filed counter-complaints against Patrick and Michael Koren. The allegations resulted from incidents in Route 36, West Long Branch, about 6:30 p.m. June 27 after the horse races in Monmouth Park, Oceanport.

Gioglio read portions of news accounts from The Home News and the Asbury Park Press.

The patrolman said he was having his request for the chief's suspension on a police case back in October 1963 involving the then-city patrolman Robert J. Mishak who was suspended by Petrone for conduct unbecoming an officer.

Mishak was involved in a street fight with two brothers and was suspended when he failed to make a report on the incident and to immediately file complaints against the brothers.

Charges were filed but an indictable complaint against Mishak was dismissed in County Court and lesser charges in Municipal Court were tossed out for lack of prosecution.

Mishak later resigned from the force.

'People's Choice' Ticket Backs City Firefighters

July 13, 1970

The three candidates of the independent ticket, "People's Choice," today announced their full support of the New Brunswick firemen's campaign for a shorter work week.

Firemen are circulating petitions seeking the question to be put on the Nov. 3 general election ballot reducing their work week from 56 to 42 hours, effective Jan. 1, 1972.

The 56-hour week, the candidates said, has been in effect for 23 years.

"The time has come when the life of the fireman should coincide with that of his fellow citizen," said Frederick W. Haleluk, mayoralty candidate, and council candidates Raymond Maroon and Wallace Parlapanedes.

Cite Inequities

They claimed there are inequities for firemen in the vacation and holiday benefits, adding:

"The work week for all other city employees is a maximum of 40 hours. The time is now for serious consideration for the 42-hour work week. The firemen have brought this issue out a year ahead of time because of the fact the present city administration will not listen to anything relating to the firemen."

The candidates charged that the present administration's capital improvement program for effective fire-fighting equipment "will continue its downhill slide."

They said only one piece of equipment was purchased — a fire truck in 1968 and that it cost \$5,000 more than a similar truck bought by another New Jersey city.

New Firehouse

"The city will have to hire 27 new firemen," they said, "to support the 42-hour program, along with the new firehouse to be constructed in the Rutgers Village area."

Haleluk, as the ticket's mayoralty candidate, said: "I propose to obtain the approximate \$250,000 needed annually for this very essential service through the following: Cutting back New Brunswick's over participation in all welfare programs, decreasing the amount to be spent for the Rutgers Village firehouse and reassigning four of the present seven firemen now holding non-firefighting jobs."

"Should these three methods not produce the amount needed, I pledge that New Brunswick will get its fair share of the present urban aid bill passed by the Assembly. The bill (not yet passed by the Senate) will give New Brunswick as much as \$385,000 to help support our fire and police departments."

Star Ledger Young blacks demonstrate against bias

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"Asbury Park can happen here" shouted a group of young people who proclaimed themselves members of Students for a Democratic Society as they demonstrated against racism last night in downtown New Brunswick.

Their ranks were swelled by about 40 young blacks after a rally at a small park. They headed for the offices of Walston and Co., stock brokers.

Blacks in the line of march shouted "brother!" or "sister!" when they encountered other blacks on the way and asked them to join the march.

At the brokerage office, a cameraman inside took pictures of the crowd, now about 80.

Youths, insisting the cameraman was an FBI agent or a member of the New Brunswick police department, shouted obscenities at him.

Outside the Walston offices, youths formed a circle to take down the names of persons in the audience supporting the protest.

Speakers charged that low wages, high unemployment and poor housing conditions which caused the Asbury Park rioting also existed in New Brunswick.

Police made no move to halt the march nor the rallies in the park or in front of the brokerage office.

There were no arrests.

Muehlig Queries Drug Statistics

July 8, 1970

Independent mayoralty candidate Ralph J. Muehlig said today that City Commissioner William J. Cahill Sr., director of public safety, was wrong yesterday when he said narcotics arrests in New Brunswick increased from 1968 to 1969.

When contacted for comment by The Home News, Cahill readily admitted he had been in error. The commissioner said he had been confused by the figures on arrests with those of investigations on narcotics law violations.

Cahill had said the arrests increased when asked the question by Muehlig during the City Commission meeting.

Muehlig pointed out that the police department's 1969 annual report on crime showed there were 93 arrests for narcotic and drug law violations in 1969. There were 158 in 1968, representing a decrease of 65, or 41 per cent.

An industrial relations director at the Westinghouse plant in Edison, Muehlig is a member of the regional board of the N.J. State Law Enforcement Planning Agency. He heads the independent slate of "Save Our City" in the city election.

Cahill said he was confused with the total narcotics investigations figures, which he did not have immediately available.

Figures in Special Report

Those figures, however, are not in the police department's annual report on crime. They are in special reports by the detective bureau to the public safety director.

Muehlig said he believes narcotics traffic and use is the major cause of the "skyrocketing crime rate" in New Brunswick.

The independent candidate added: "For Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan to speak in broad generalizations and to say what the city administration would like to do or is about to do is to brush aside what has not been done for the past three years when 'little and meaningless

leadership was applied to this crucial problem."

"Think of all the muggings and burglaries in this city for the last three years, and then think of the Sheehan administration proclaiming that it is now going to do something about this. Try to explain that to the victims of these crimes during the past three years."

Council candidates for the "Save Our City" slate are George V. Banno, Robert J. Ferguson, Robert E. Langgins, Joseph R. Scranton and Stephen J. Toth.



RALPH MUEHLIG

Patrolman's Complaint Chief's Car Use Hit

Evening News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — A city policeman charged yesterday that Police Chief Ralph Petrone used an unmarked police car to travel to Monmouth Park race track on June 27.

The charges were made in a certified letter from Patrolman Leonard Gioglio to Police Commissioner William T. Cahill demanding an investigation and suspension of Petrone for conduct unbecoming an officer.

Petrone said he did drive the black automobile with license plate KXO 899 to the race track the day in question, but only after he had gone to Spring Lake Heights to register for the state police convention June 28 through July 2.

Petrone said, "I didn't do anything wrong. I used the car to make reservations for the convention and on the way back me, my brother, Angelo, and

Freddie Donelan stopped off at the race track."

Gioglio said the use of the car was "deceiving the taxpayers."

Gioglio accompanied his complaint, he said, with an affidavit signed by Michael Koren of Narbeth, Pa.

Koren and Petrone were involved in a scuffle as they were leaving the track, resulting in counter complaints of assault case.

Gioglio had earlier asked Petrone's suspension because he had been charged with assault but Cahill refused, holding that would be prejudgment of the case.

Tax Assessor Sworn

7-8-70

Louis Schick yesterday afternoon took the oath of office for his second four-year term as New Brunswick's tax assessor during a brief ceremony in City Hall.

The oath was administered by City Clerk Anna Murphy. Schick was accompanied by his wife, Joan. Schick, the city's first full-time tax assessor, was appointed in 1966 by the previous city administration.

He was reappointed by City Commissioner John A. Smith, director of revenue and finance. As a result of the reappointment, Schick has won tenure to the position.



Louis Schick

Drug Arrests No Measure of Activity

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

You cannot measure the activity in narcotics by the arrest record," Detective Capt. George Seamon, head of the city police department's plainclothes division, said yesterday.

The number of arrests, he explained, are not indicative of the drug-use problem in the Hub City even through arrests decreased by 41 per cent from the city's record high of 158 in

1968 to 93 in 1969.

Seamon recalled that arrests two years ago included 57 in New Brunswick when city police participated in New Jersey's biggest dope raid up to that time—Oct. 30, 1968.

"Operation Goblin" as the state police called it, also resulted in an estimated 100 complaints being filed by city police.

The legwork in the city for that gigantic raid was done by

Seamon and Detective Sgt. Everett James, who comprised the city's first narcotics squad. Working with them was a state policeman as an undercover agent.

Six-Months Operation

"We put in almost six months in that operation, working day and night. One of us (he or James) had to 'cover' the state police undercover agent," Seamon said.

The decrease of 65 arrests in 1969, ironically, resulted from the reorganization of the police department when additional duties were assigned to Seamon and James.

Up until then, April 1969,

Seamon and James had worked as a narco team, although they participated in other investigations. Seamon became head of the Detective Bureau and James was in charge of a detective squad.

Because of the additional responsibility, Seamon said he could no longer work on the street as he had in the past, leaving James alone to harass the drug users and pushers.

Originally, James' squad included Detectives Holland Kelton and Kenneth Delano, but they have been assigned to other duties, and now Detectives James V. Gassaro and Joseph DeBosis are working with him.

Arrests Don't Reflect Problem

Seamon, a veteran of nearly 19 years on the force, said: "Our record of arrests in narcotics does not show the problem—good or bad."

The captain said the only way police can keep a pulse on drug use is through "constant street contact with known or suspected junkies."

Seamon said there are 140 narcotics law violators registered with the city police department, and that not all of them are New Brunswick residents.

He added: "We have in the names of more than 1,000 suspected and known drug users who not only live in the city but who frequent the city at one time or another."

For the first six months of this year, Seamon said investigations into narcotics use number 317. May was the highest month with 82 probes.

Seamon said the narcotics investigations include all types of narco offenses or related crimes, such as deaths from drug overdose, hospitalization from drug trafficking, surveillances, and interrogations of known or suspected users or pushers.

Monthly Confidential Report

As commander of the plainclothes division, Seamon submits a monthly confidential report to Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone on narcotics activity in the city.

"For obvious reasons, we can't tell the public what we're doing all the time because we must protect the undercover agent, usually a state policeman, and our own men in-

volvement in the investigations," Seamon said. James also makes monthly reports on narco investigations to Seamon.

On statistics of crime published by the state police since 1967 through its uniform crime reporting system, Seamon said the system, as required by state statute, is specific.

The captain said a police department or law enforcement agency should only take credit for the arrests they initiate and follow through.

"Otherwise," he explained, "you'd have a duplication of the number of arrests which would not give a true picture."

Seamon, who became captain in March, formerly headed the Identification Bureau and started the department's present system of record keeping. Among his duties was to compile the department's annual report on crime statistics.

Crimes Laid to Drugs

In the 1969 report he said: "Narcotic addiction and traffic again was the major cause of crime in the city. This department along with the sheriff's office and the state police continued the pressure on the user and dealer during the year with several large raids in the city."

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The narcotics issue has been interjected into the municipal election campaign by independent mayoral candidate Ralph J. Muehlig, as the present city commissioners did so successfully in their clean-sweep victory of May 1967.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and Commissioner William J. Cahill Sr., director of public safety, were questioned on the narcotics problem at Tuesday's City Commission meeting.

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However, it appears this is only the beginning for independent candidates who will be campaigning on the drug-use issue.

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Long Sought Housing Code for City on Way

July 22, 1970

By GORDON SHARP
Home News Staff Writer

The New Brunswick City Commission last night introduced a long-awaited new housing code that should serve as a prime weapon in the attack on center city housing conditions.

The weapon actually comes in the form of two new ordinances, one setting standards for property maintenance and violation penalties, the other establishing a building code, providing for licensing, inspection and penalties for violation.

The commissioners set Aug. 4 at 10 a.m. in commission chambers for a public hearing on the ordinances.

The property maintenance code will require landlords to make certain improvements in their properties in accordance with the mandate of the ordinance, "governing the maintenance and appearance of buildings to prevent deterioration, decay, and unsanitary conditions, and providing for the making of inspections and penalties for violations thereof."

At the same time, the commission will hold a public hearing on a new housing code calling for more stringent enforcement of "design, construction, alteration, demolition, removal, conversion, use or maintenance of all buildings and structures...providing for the issuance of permits, collection of fees, making of inspections, and providing penalties for the violation thereof."

Housing, however, was not the city's main problem according to several erstwhile candidates.

More Police Reserves

Louis C. Markette, council candidate, urged the council to appoint 20 to 25 members of the police reserve to positions as special officers to beef up the regular force, but Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan replied there was no money available.

She pointed out that the reserves serve as volunteers without pay. Markette's request followed a complaint by Gary Bond of the Friends Religious Society at 33 Remson Ave., who claimed that drug racing, mugging and narcotics traffic continued in the Second Ward area despite a previous petition from residents to the council calling for more police protection.

Mrs. Mary Schenck, a Memorial Homes resident, said there was still a great deal of vandalism and narcotics traffic there despite earlier plans for police protection and the addition of an officer to patrol the area.

Mayor Sheehan said the Housing Authority is making federal application for funds to form its own security force to police the city's public housing. William Thoenes, another council candidate, pledged reorganization and new leadership in the police department if elected. "There are many problems we should be getting to, but it all gets back to better law enforcement," said Thoenes. He also called for a drug education program.

Mayor Sheehan said a program is already being implemented through the clergy, Human Rights Commission, schools and teachers' workshops. "The formation of a communitywide coordinating council is now being implemented for the fall," said Mayor Sheehan. See HOUSING, Page 48

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"Experts disagree on the solutions—but we all know we do have a problem."

Narcotics Probe Pressed

Bond later suggested that the city launch a major investigation, with the State Police, into drug traffic in New Brunswick and Franklin Township. Commissioner William J. Cahill said the police department was already working in cooperation with state police on narcotics investigations.

City Attorney Norris Harding suggested that one way to retard the narcotics traffic was for persons spotting drug transactions to make a citizens arrest and then follow up the complaint in court, but this was disputed by Edward J. McGlynn, independent mayoral candidate.

"Sometimes the person making the complaint suffers more harassment than the persons complained against," said McGlynn. He presented the commissioners with a graphic portrayal, in the form of photographs pasted into a manila folder, showing the rundown conditions of properties and people at the foot of Albany Street and Memorial Parkway. The folder was entitled, "A Visit to Nothing."

The meeting was also attended by representatives of the city's black community, who emphasized the need for more and better recreation, education and housing. Gus Elmore, representing the Concerned Citizens, said there was a need for better recreation facilities for youth in the 16-22 age range.

Both Elmore and Louis Diggs, a member of the Middlesex County Economic Opportunities Corp. board of trustees active in community recreation programs, attended a meeting last week at the MCEOC Multi Service Center here where recreation needs were a prime topic.

Diggs volunteered to organize a youth group with an adult advisory committee to set up and run recreation programs in the former armory buildings on Joyce Kilmer Avenue. Commissioner John Smith told Diggs the commission would be receptive to such a program.

"Listen To Young People"

Vincent J. DiPane, another council candidate and a former city policeman, said a recreation program would help cut down the crime rate. Citing statistics showing that 50 per cent of arrests in the city last year involved youths under 18.

DiPane urged the commission seek the advice of professional experts and to "listen to young people."

"If the youth come here with problems, we should listen to them," said DiPane. "And if you don't do something about it, if you think the crime rate is shocking today..."

About 50 persons, more than half of them black citizens, attended the three-and-a-half hour meeting. Mayor Sheehan excused herself from the meeting after the first hour to attend a testimonial dinner honoring her former pastor, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Endelbrock, who has been transferred from St. Peter's here to St. Paul's in Princeton.

Frederick W. Haleluk, another council candidate, suggested that city firemen be equipped with walkie-talkies. Haleluk disputed a report on the fire at the Park Lane Apartments read by Commissioner Cahill, and claimed that he and his wife were unable to get out of the apartment house from their ninth-floor apartment for more than an hour after they received word of the fire.



BATTLE OF BULGE—There's a battle of the bulge in a brick wall along Wall Street at the Penn Central Railroad station in New Brunswick. The bulge is above the loose bricks near the drainpipe on the southbound platform. Another dangerous condition, according to New Brunswick municipal officials, is at the right, where the brick wall is separated from the wooden barrier at the end of the platform area leading to Somerset and George

Streets. These were among the violations which received more than passing attention a few days ago during an investigation ordered by the N.J. State Public Utilities Commission. Participating were state, municipal and railroad officials. City officials said there were a number of municipal and state code violations at the local station. The railroad has agreed to do something about them, but the answer to that seems when.

Mayor Is Silent on School Board Silence

By BARBARA SELICK
Home News Staff Writer

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan said yesterday that she has no comment to make at this time on the secrecy cloaking the terms of the tentative contract agreement between the Board of Education and the New Brunswick Education Association.

However, she said that she would check with the board into the mystery surrounding the opening day of school.

Meanwhile, Board of Education President Eli Saltz said that "any day now" the board and the association

would issue a joint release disclosing "some of the terms" of the tentative agreement.

In another development, Ralph A. Muehlig, independent mayoral candidate, today declared that the city administration should tell the board to stop the "senseless melodrama of secrecy" regarding the proposed 1970-71 teachers' contract.

Muehlig contended that the residents and taxpayers of New Brunswick are being shown "little or no consideration" when all parties concerned in the teacher negotiations refuse to release details of the tentative contract

until the teachers return from their vacation and vote on the pact on Sept. 8.

"Haven't these people ever heard of ratifying a contract by mail?" he asked. "If this normal procedure had been followed, the public would not have to be kept in the dark for several months about the contract agreement."

The board and the education association reached agreement on the tentative contract on July 6, following six sessions with a state mediator from the Public Employees Relations Commission. But neither the board, the association nor mediator Jeffrey Tener would disclose the

terms of the accord, pending ratification by the NBEA member on Sept. 8.

The Home News has unofficially learned, however, that the agreement includes a \$7,400 starting salary for degree teachers, an increase of \$600 over the 1969-70 starting minimum of \$6,800. The rest of the salary guide is substantially the same as that which was adopted by the board at its February meeting.

At that time, the guide was rejected by the NBEA membership, whose spokesmen said they wanted to vote on a comprehensive contract, not just a salary accord.

The February guide set \$12,000 as the top salary for an experienced teacher with a bachelor's degree; the 1969-70 maximum was \$11,150.

The Home News has further learned that the opening day of school has been set for Sept. 9, the day after the teachers are to vote on ratification of the contract.

The revision of the calendar is a victory for the NBEA, which had objected to the original school calendar, which set Sept. 3 as the opening day. That date is four days before Labor Day, which falls on Sept. 7 this year.

It is believed that the school board had arrived at its pre-Labor Day opening by deciding to use the same school calendar that was in effect in 1969-70. The difference is that 1969 Labor Day fell on Sept. 1, the earliest day possible.

Still unknown, however, is how the board and the NBEA resolved the issue of a greater say for teachers in the educational process in the city. That was one of the major items in the teacher-board dispute this year.

"They (the teachers) want to tell us what to do," commented one board member during negotiations.

However, Mary Allen, NBEA president, contended "I say we each have a responsibility, not a right, to guarantee the children the best education possible." This, she said, would occur only when the school board agrees in "writing" that it would pay more heed to what teachers have to say and recommend.

Sees 'Amateurism'

Mayoral candidate Muehlig, who is manager of industrial relations at Westinghouse Electric Corp., said this morning that efforts to hush up the points in the tentative contract for several months represents "rank amateurism" in labor-management dealings. Muehlig is also a member of the N.J. Board of Mediation.

"It is ridiculous for a public body like the New Brunswick Board of Education to try to keep the fact of a teacher contract from the public until the schools reopen in September," he said.

Muehlig, who is heading the "Save Our City" ticket, said the city administration should "step in" and "stop this nonsense."

"While I recognize that the city administration could have no immediate legal control over the school board in this matter," he said, "I also believe this is a clear case in which the mayor can use the name of her office to get things done in the public's interest."

He declared, "It is about time a chief executive of our city threw his or her weight around for the benefit of the citizens of the city."

Muehlig said the secrecy surrounding the contract becomes "even more outrageous when the public isn't even told the date of the first day of school because the school calendar is one of the points under negotiation."

"It is high time," he concluded, "that the school board recognizes its obligation to the public, and it is high time the city administration clearly and forcefully reminded the school board of this obligation."

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VISITOR FROM GLASGOW
—Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, center, greeted Denise Scibilia, left, and her pen pal, Diane Lowatt of Scotland, at City Hall yesterday.

Scottish Lass Charms Mayor

By MARION DOYLE
Home News Staff Writer

A pretty blue-eyed lassie from Scotland could have walked off with the key to the city yesterday—if the mayor had had one to give her.

"I just wish I had one for you, my dear," said Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, charmed by her young visitor's lulling Scots burr and bright observations, "but we just don't seem to have such a thing around here."

Instead she settled for an autographed message of good luck and spent 10 minutes showing Diane Lowatt of Glasgow and her hosts, the Anthony Scibilia family, of 183 Hamilton St., around City Hall.

Shown Around

She described the city's form and government and showed them the commissioners' chamber.

Diane, in turn, told Mrs. Sheehan how she happened to come to this country—Denise Scibilia has been her pen pal for the past five years—and how she earned her money for the trip by selling cosmetics in Glasgow.

The mayor listened intently as Diane described the "perfrumes" and cosmetics and her good luck in selling them, and how, when she was 12, she signed a questionnaire that a school friend had received from the 1963-64 World's Fair.

"I knew not what I did when I signed that piece of paper," she said laughing. "In fact, I didn't know anything about a World's Fair." But out of it came her acquaintance with Denise, who visited the fair here with her sister, Karen, that year. They visited the Waterman Pen exhibit and gave their names to the computer. Karen was matched up with a

girl from the Netherlands, and Denise with Diane. Their correspondence culminated in this visit.

Lot of Sightseeing

"We're rushing, her around with a lot of sightseeing," said Mrs. Scibilia, who during school season is a crossing guard. She also had her young sons, Keith and Kevin, as well as her two daughters in tow. "We went to Barnegat Light this weekend and tomorrow we're going down to Hershey, Pa. Then Diane's going on to Washington before she goes back home."

Diane said mini-skirts and discotheques are just as popular in Glasgow as they are here but that the latest thing with the boys is to shave off the long hair—"really shave it and it looks just awful"—and wear baggy pants and thick boots. "And when they get into

fights, they kick with the boots. Oh, they're something," she said.

Language Student

A graduate of what corresponds to high school, Diane will enter the University of Glasgow next year if her grades are good, she said. She wants to study French and German.

Denise, a graduate of St. Peter's High, will go to Marquette in the fall.

Diane thinks America is "great," though she admits she had expected everything to look like New York skyscrapers "or houses set far back from the street." That's the only way it had been pictured to her, she claimed.

And she's hoping to come back again. "What's more, she said, after leaving City Hall, she'd vote for our lady mayor if she could."

New Light Is Criticized

July 18, 1970

It appears the traffic light at the Commercial Avenue intersection has been improperly installed and put into operation, independent council candidate Robert J. Ferguson said today.

The light at the tri-corner of Commercial Avenue-Georges Road-Sandford Street went into operation Tuesday morning.

Ferguson, a "Save Our City" candidate, charged the administration of Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan failed "to follow proper procedures and forced the installation of the traffic light in disregard of professional advice."

The candidate said his investigation disclosed the city administration failed to get the required approval for the installation of the traffic light and traffic pattern from the Middlesex County Board of Freeholders. Ferguson charged that the city failed to file the application together with a copy of the municipal ordinance.

"But the Sheehan Administration has done nothing about it to date," Ferguson said.

He charged that the light and traffic pattern "has created a more dangerous and hazardous intersection than existed previously."

Ferguson said: "I want to know why the city commissioners failed to follow the required procedures in getting the approval for the traffic light, and also how state approval was obtained without these preliminary safety steps being taken by the commissioners?"

Langelius Will Stay in Race

July 22, 1970

Robert E. Langelius of 129 Joyce Kilmer Ave. announced today that he "very definitely" will be a member of the "Save Our City" independent ticket in the city's November Mayor-Council elections.

Langelius' statement ended speculation that he might move from New Brunswick because of a change in jobs.

The former Republican Municipal Committee chairman said he is "unequivocally committed" to the campaign.

"I'm looking forward to a long, active and successful campaign with the 'Save Our City' fusion slate," Langelius added.

Job Promotion

The reports that he would withdraw resulted from his recent promotion to field manager from serviceman with the IBM Corp., which resulted in his being reassigned from the Manhattan office to White Plains, N.Y.

Langelius said, however, he found that additional commuting costs were not prohibitive and he has decided to remain here.

Langelius is the lone Republican on the "Save Our City" ticket, which also has an independent and four Democrats.

He said he is seeking office because "today more than ever before strong leadership is required, nationally and locally, and certainly strong leadership is not evident in the present city administration."

In addition to Langelius, the "Save Our City" ticket includes mayorality candidate

Ralph J. Muehlig, and council candidates George V. Buono, Robert J. Ferguson, Joseph R. Scranton and Stephen J. Toth.



LISTENING POST—Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan kept tabs on developing situations during last night's disorders from the office of Capt. George Seamon in police head-

quarters. Here the mayor and Capt. Seamon examine charge sheets of persons booked on a variety of charges. Thirteen adults and five juveniles were arrested last night.



LOCKED OUT — A crowd of angry tenants, mostly youths, from New Brunswick Homes descended on New Brunswick Police Headquarters last night to find the doors

locked. The group was kept under control by several squads of city police supported by units from surrounding municipalities.

Officials Vow Firm but Fair Hand

Deplore Vicious Mischief

By ALVIN KING and GORDON SHARP
Home News Staff Writers

A weary Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and the city commissioners today called last night's outbreak in the downtown area which resulted in 18 arrests "simply vicious mischief — no more, no less" and warned that the disorders "must stop and will stop . . . they will not be tolerated."

Their statement, after an emergency meeting this morning in City Hall, came in the wake of the worse outbreak since the violence that occurred in the summer of 1967.

The mayor and commissioners said last night's incident "was not a matter of grievances or complaints . . . there is clear evidence of narcotics throughout."

No meetings with representatives of the black community are planned for the simple reason that none have been requested. They reported that at no time last night did one person give a reason for the outbreak.

The police, the statement added, "performed in a highly professional manner under difficult circumstances." "We have pride in our police officers," the mayor and commissioners said.

And they expressed gratitude for the cooperation given by black and white adults, and for the ready response of police officers from neighboring communities.

Ask for Continuing Cooperation

"We ask for the continuing cooperation of adults in keeping youngsters off the streets," Mayor Sheehan and the commissioners said.

Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone said that as a matter of precaution, he will have 30 officers, instead of the normal complement of 15, on the streets and in police cruisers tonight.

He has asked service station owners not to sell gasoline in bulk, and has requested tavern and package store proprietors to use "discretion and judgement" in sales.

Petrone, who was on the job with only a few hours sleep, said that chiefs of police departments in bordering municipalities have indicated they will send in reinforcements again if needed.

He said the reason for last night's outbreak "is a mystery to me." Petrone reported they had queried those arrested and "not one complained about the police or gave a reason for the problem. He said he would not recommend a curfew because "curfews penalize the innocent."

Petrone implied that some members of the Students for a Democratic Society were among the agitators, because they were here earlier in the day. One was from Westport, Conn., another from Montclair. He said members of the departments Community Relations Bureau

were out today talking to responsible people in the black community.

Police took strict precautions last night to avoid an escalation of violence as New Brunswick experienced its second night of minor outbreaks of sporadic window-smashing and attempted fire-bombings by restless black youths in the downtown area.

The precautionary measures included roadblocks on all major entries into the city and the summoning of extra police strength from surrounding municipalities. Police surveillance and enforcement resulted in the arrest of at least 18 persons on various charges.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and Police Commissioner William J. Cahill kept track of the situation throughout the night from Police Headquarters, finally leaving around 4:30 a.m. Mayor Sheehan made no public statement, but Cahill said, "We are going to take a very firm

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hand and a very fair hand" in dealing with any further disorders.

At one point during the night's chain of events police dispersed a group of youths at George and Morris Streets by firing several shots over their heads. About 150 were dispersed earlier from in front of Police Headquarters where they went to protest the arrest of several youths during the evening.

The first arrests were made at 9:49 p.m. when police apprehended three juveniles and a young adult allegedly carrying cans of gasoline near the Arnold Constable store on Livingston Avenue. Robert Buchana, 18, of 88 Remsen Ave., was charged with possession of incendiary materials.

Police confiscated three five-gallon jerrycans of kerosene from a lot near the corner of Carman Street and Memorial Parkway at 9:30 p.m., after chasing between 25 and 30 youths from the scene. Also found filled with the kerosene were two 16-ounce soda bottles and several orange juice cartons.

Takeout Gas Sales Halted

Police quickly ordered garages and gas stations to halt all sales of gasoline to be taken off the premises. Several small beer bottles filled with kerosene and stuffed with rag wicks were found by police on the Neilson Street side of the New Brunswick Homes project.

Shortly after 10 p.m., windows were smashed at Davidson's Foodtown and Strauss and Sons office supply store on George Street, both of which had been struck the previous night.

Other businesses suffering smashed windows from hurled bricks or unexploded Molotov cocktails were Lee Chevrolet on George Street, Rutgers Liquor Store at Livingston Avenue and Elizabeth Street, Jordan TV at French and Louis streets, Dennis Liquors on Remsen Avenue, the rear of the Plaza Building at George and New Streets, and the Housing Relocation Center on Morris Street.

Arrested at various locations during the night and charged with inciting to riot were Larry Maiden, 19, of 176 Memorial Parkway; Sherman Jackson, 18, of P.O. Box 1022, New Brunswick; and Donald Childs, 18, of 274 Comstock St.

Jacob Rice, 18, of 134 Baldwin St. was arrested for "refusing to move on." Five others were arrested for "failure to give a good account of themselves."

These were Michael Hoagland, 21, of 377 Remsen Ave.; Carroll Lonnie Johnson, 21, of 43 School St., Piscataway; R. John Thompson, 21, of Lee Terrace; Peter Lundy, 18, of Lee Terrace; and James Jackson, 25, of 176 Memorial Parkway.

At about 2:30 a.m., police brought in Mervin Walker, 19, of 192 Hale St., charged with loitering; Mrs. Barbara Diggs, 22, of 176 Memorial Parkway, charged with failure to move on, and resisting arrest; and Eugene Smith, 25, of 176 Memorial Parkway, resisting arrest and attempting to escape.

In the struggle to arrest Mrs. Diggs and Smith, a probationary patrolman, Kevin Moran, was accidentally sprayed in the face with Mace. In all, 13 adults and five juveniles were arrested during the night.

At approximately 10:45 p.m., firemen responding to an alarm at Neilson and Morris streets were pelted with rocks and bricks when they arrived at the scene.

Several cars full of police equipped with heavy nightsticks and riot helmets arrived at the same time in an-

swer to a call for help from three plainclothes community relations officers in the New Brunswick Homes.

The policemen moved in to confront a crowd of blacks in the New Brunswick Homes parking lot, enabling the plainclothesmen to remove three persons they had arrested in the area. Firemen meanwhile doused a small blaze in a vacant house on Morris Street.

A dance had been originally planned by the city recreation department for the parking lot last night, but was cancelled when trouble followed a block dance for teenagers at the same location Tuesday night.

Shortly after the police withdrew from the area, about 150 blacks descended on the police station, demanding the release of the arrested youths.

Chief Ralph C. Petrone had already locked the headquarters' front door facing on Memorial Parkway and requested police aid from surrounding municipalities. When additional police arrived, they joined the New Brunswick force in two squads on each side of the headquarters building, facing the crowd gathered at the front door.

After perhaps an hour or more of shouting obscenities at police and demanding the release of youths being held, the crowd was informed the youths would not be released and was ordered to disperse. After stoning several passing cars on Memorial Parkway, the mob broke into smaller groups and drifted back to New Brunswick Homes.

Roadblocks Were Set Up

Police meanwhile urged motorists, via radio station WCTC, to avoid Memorial Parkway from New to Albany Streets and New Street from Memorial Parkway to George Street. Roadblocks were set up at strategic points to direct motorists away from the troubled area.

In addition to the 91-man New Brunswick force, 119 additional men were called in from the police departments of Franklin Township, East Brunswick, North Brunswick, Highland Park, Edison, Piscataway and the Middlesex County Sheriff's force. State Police had two observers on the scene.

A number of policemen said they believed many of the youths at police headquarters last night were high on drugs. "I think that the greatest proportion of these kids were under the influence of narcotics," said Commissioner Cahill. Police identified at least four of the arrested adults as narcotics addicts.

Police reported that several items of furniture were looted from the Lane Furniture Co. on Neilson Street but later recovered. No arrests were made in connection with the incident.

City Blamed For Fire Site

7-23-70

A campaign aide of Ralph Muehlig, independent mayoralty candidate on the Save Our City ticket, charged today that the city should have taken steps to correct a safety hazard at an abandoned building destroyed by fire early in June.

On July 10, the vacant building, owned by the K&K Realty Co., was ordered to shore up the wall and tear down the building. The order called for the work to begin within 10 days.

Rutgers Village

Harvey Fisher, the aide, pointed out the building at Church and Neilson streets during a tour of two city areas this morning.

Muehlig, who was to have conducted the tour, was delayed at Westinghouse, his place of employment. Fisher pointed to the ceiling above the show windows. Split in the middle, the ceiling sags precariously over the open display area and doorway.

An open staircase leads from the right display window to the second floor. Fisher said the lack of boarding over the open store front could serve as an invitation to children to play in the building.

He criticized the city on behalf of Muehlig for not boarding the front.

The building, at 54 Church St., adjoins the Lane Furniture store which received smoke and water damage in the June fire. Capt. Thomas Lyons of the New Brunswick Fire Inspection Bureau said the vacant building cannot be torn down because it has an adjoining wall with the Lane store.

Lyons also indicated that New Brunswick Housewreckers, which demolished the other stores destroyed by the fire, could not obtain insurance coverage to raze the three-story building because insurance officials felt a wall might collapse and damage the Lane store.

The second area Fisher indicated was a vacant lot in Rutgers Village which some local residents and area contractors have turned into a dump.

Mrs. Margaret Petrizzo of 74 Wilcox St., said the lot contains a washing machine, refrigerator, stove, aluminum siding, shingles and piles of dirt, debris and garbage.

To stop the dumping, Mrs. Petrizzo erected a sign, "BeWARE, Condemn'd Area." She said City Commissioner Vito Recine, chairman of the Public Works Department, visited the site several times, the latest two weeks ago.

Mrs. Petrizzo said that while Recine's secretary indicated no more dumping would occur, no action has been taken to clear the area.

In addition to odors, Mrs. Petrizzo said a rat coming from the dump area was caught by a neighbor's dog and killed after a fight.

She also directed the Muehlig aide to a second lot next to 12 Roberts Road where concrete, old mattresses and rubbish have been dumped down a 20-foot embankment.

Trucks Dumped

As with the first lot, she said, contractors dump concrete and construction debris down the embankment and one contractor unloaded the last of a concrete shipment while washing his truck on the lot.

Curfew May Be Lifted Tonight

July 26, 1970

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

City and police officials are hopeful of relaxing the curfew of the past two nights, but said a final decision could not be made until a "thorough analysis" of last night's situation has been completed.

A police spokesman indicated that if the city was judged to be as calm last night as it had been the night before, the curfew would be lifted.

A full complement of New Brunswick police, as well as additional patrolmen from sev-

en surrounding communities, the Sheriff's and Prosecutor's offices and the Rutgers Campus Patrol again moved into the city last night to help enforce the 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew.

Franklin and Highland Park police also manned roadblocks on streets leading into the city and only those with a proven need were allowed to enter.

Tactical squads from Madison, Piscataway, North Brunswick, East Brunswick, Highland Park, Edison, and Perth Amboy were brought in to raise

the total number of police on duty last night to a figure well over 200.

Under the terms of the emergency regulations controlling the curfew, the police were given "broad discretion" to determine who should be moving about the city to insure the movement of essential services.

No Protests to Mayor
Mayor Patricia Sheehan said yesterday she had received no calls protesting the curfew and that most people were anxious to cooperate. One of those manning the special phones at

police headquarters where inquiries on the curfew could be directed said most callers praised the curfew for keeping the city cool.

As on Friday afternoon, police patrol cars again toured the Puerto Rican neighborhoods of the city yesterday with Spanish-speaking assistants broadcasting instructions on the curfew.

In addition, Carol Loastman, a specialist in the police-community relations department, made announcements on the

curfew on several newscasts in Spanish over radio station WCTC.

Merchants in the downtown area of the city noted a sharp dropoff in business yesterday afternoon from their ordinary Saturday afternoon clientele. Traffic through the area was light and fewer people than usual were seen walking along George Street.

Some liquor stores which had done heavy business after the announcement of the curfew Friday afternoon noted a slow down yesterday, while others said the amount of customers who would usually come in during a 10-hour day were compressed into eight hours.

Other on the outskirts of the downtown area said they noticed no marked change in the amount of business.

Fear Keeps Some Away

Those businessmen affected said the drop in business could probably be connected with the curfew and fear on the part of

some residents to come into the downtown area.

Mayor Sheehan reiterated her stand that the curfew was necessitated by the supposed presence of outside agitators in the city. The disturbances could not be attributed to any specific issue or any grievance, real or imagined, she said.

Two groups she mentioned specifically in her reference to outsiders — Black Panthers and the SDS — were seen selling their newspapers on city streets yesterday, although it could not be determined if they were from outside the city.

None of those arrested since the disturbances began Tuesday night following a block dance at the New Brunswick Homes could be connected with either of those groups. However, the mayor said the intelligence reports she received indicated their presence was substantial enough to warrant the curfew.

Date Set on Curfew Counts

Judge Meyer J. Cohn set Aug. 4 as the hearing date for 34 persons arraigned yesterday following their arrest during Friday night's curfew. The curfew was ordered by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan to help check racial tensions here.

Of the 34 arraigned in yesterday's special court session, 29 had their bail set at \$100 for minor curfew violations.

Bail was put at \$200 for Andrew Torres, 25, of 47 Dennis St., who was also charged with throwing garbage onto the street and being drunk and disorderly.

Charged with indictable offenses, which carried a bail of \$2,000, were William Earl Belk, 20, of 38 Dennis St.; Kenneth Jackson, 18, of 300 George St.; Amos Jackson

Jr., 18, of 12 Welton St.; and Irving Berlin Schenck, 18, of 176 Memorial Parkway.

Belk was charged with assaulting a police officer, resisting arrest and violating the curfew violation. His arrest at 8:40 last night resulted in a fight that sent Belk and two New Brunswick patrolmen crashing through a store window at Hiram and Dennis streets.

Schenck and both Jacksons were charged with possession of narcotics in addition to curfew violations. They were apprehended on Ryders Lane at 5 a.m. yesterday.

Preliminary hearings for all 34 defendants were scheduled for Aug. 4 at 9 a.m.

Cohn said arrangements will be made so that bail money can be accepted throughout the weekend.

Most of those arraigned yesterday are out on bail.

Curfew Brings 41 Arrests, Peace to New Brunswick

Newark Evening News
July 25, 1970

By RICHARD HAVER
Evening News Staff Writer
NEW BRUNSWICK — An all-night curfew brought relative peace to this city after three nights of disturbances. Thirty-five adults and six juveniles were arrested, mostly for breaking the 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew, but no serious incidents were reported.

According to police, only one store, Harry Strauss & Sons Stationery Store in George Street, was damaged, a window broken for the third consecutive night. A small fire in a vacant house in Neilson Street was quickly extinguished.

City officials were to confer today to determine whether restrictions are to be imposed again tonight. The curfew forced all business establishments to close down and only essential traffic was permitted to enter the city.

Movement came to a virtual standstill as more than 200 law enforcement men from nine communities and the Middlesex County sheriff's and pro-

secutor's departments maintained an all-night vigil. The stillness was a sharp contrast to previous nights when black youths roamed the streets, windows smashed and fire bombs tossed into a couple of stores. Police arrested 17 persons Thursday night.

Although the unrest had been attributed by some black leaders to discontent about the lack of recreation facilities, Mayor Patricia Sheehan early today maintained that "outside agitators" were the prime cause of the week's disturbances. She cited the Black Panthers, Students for Democratic Society

(SDS) and individuals "who were high on something" as the precipitators of the trouble. "This was to destroy rather than express grievances," the mayor said in comparing this week's events and those of three years ago when blacks stormed police headquarters to demand of the new mayor improved conditions for the black community.

Reasons for Curfew

The mayor explained that the curfew decision was reached by city officials "to give us control" and to protect residents from any harm.

To make the restrictions effective police visited business establishments, and used bull horns and telephones. A special "rumor" line was set up for residents to phone police headquarters to inquire about alleged activities in the city.

"We were most gratified at the response," the mayor said. Only one arrest was attributed to failure to close down a business, the operator of a service station at Commercial and Handy streets. One man was charged with resisting arrest and assaulting a policeman following a scuffle at Hiram and Dennis streets.

All the others arrested, including one woman, were charged with loitering and were taken to the city jail or the county workhouse in North Brunswick. They will be arraigned today.

It's Official-School Bells Will Ring Here Sept. 9

July 29, 1970

By BARBARA SELICK
Home News Staff Writer

The secrecy surrounding the opening day for New Brunswick schools was dispelled today with a joint announcement by the Board of Education and the teachers' association that the date would be Sept. 9.

The announcement, which comes a little more than a month before the opening of school, is the first official disclosure of any item in the tentative agreement that has been negotiated between the school board and the New Brunswick Education Association (NBEA).

The Home News had previously revealed the opening day would be Sept. 9 and the tentative agreement also includes a \$7,400 starting salary for degree teachers. That starting figure has still not been officially confirmed, however.

Still More Secrets

Secrecy also cloaks how the board and the NBEA resolved another major item in their dispute over the 1970-71 teachers' contract — the teachers' appeal for a greater say in the educational process.

Today's joint announcement said teachers would meet at 9 a.m. Sept. 8 in the New Brunswick High School auditorium to vote on ratification of the tentative agreement.

School Board President Eli Saltz said in an interview, however, that he thought the NBEA was trying to set an earlier date for the ratification vote. He added that he didn't know how successful the NBEA might be in gathering together its members.

Saltz reiterated the terms of the contract agreement would not be revealed to

the public until after the ratification vote by the teachers.

The Sept. 9 opening date represents a clear victory for the NBEA in that the teachers' group forced the board to revise the school calendar to a post-Labor Day opening.

In June, the board had adopted a school calendar that set Sept. 3 as the opening day. This would have been four days before Labor Day, which falls on Sept. 7 this year.

When that calendar was adopted, NBEA President Mary Allen accused the board of acting in "bad faith" because the calendar was one of the matters in dispute between the board and the NBEA. Board President Eli Saltz replied the calendar could be changed at a later date if it was found that the association had some legitimate gripes about the calendar.

It is believed that school board members originally arrived at their pre-Labor Day opening by deciding to use the same school calendar in effect in 1969-70. The difference is that in 1969, Labor Day fell on Sept. 1, the earliest day possible. Teachers reported for duty on Sept. 2 and school opened on Sept. 3.

By using the same dates for this year, the board members arrived at a pre-Labor Day opening for school.

The calendar adopted by the board in June provided for 184 teaching days and set June 24, 1971, as the closing day of school.

Questioned last night on whether June 24 was still the last day of school under the revised calendar, Saltz replied, "I don't know. I would think so. I don't think that was changed."

"confined to his home" during the curfew, I'm sure he would have preferred to be out politicking rather than being concerned with the safety of the 42,000 residents of our city as her honor the mayor.

I'm sure the mayor had a rather hard decision to make when she enforced the curfew, and I, as a resident of New Brunswick, am glad that we do have people in office who are concerned with our safety.

I seem to recall that "innocent bystanders" lost their lives recently during an incident in Ohio.

Similar action could have resulted right here in our city with sniper firing, bottle-throwing, and homemade bombs.

I wonder what Muehlig's reaction would have been if he and his family were innocently riding down a street and were struck by one of the above.

So, write on, Muehlig, it makes for good reading, and I especially like to read between the lines.

JOAN M. CASSERA,
New Brunswick.

Protecting Our Children

To the Editor:

My heart goes out in sympathy to the bereaved parents of those seven children who lost their lives in the recent bus disaster.

Their lives may never be quite the same, for they have been touched with grim sadness and may the good Lord in his mercy give them the courage to continue living in this cruel world.

Those seven children died needless deaths, which makes this tragedy even more menacing. To lose a child because of an illness that can only end in fatality is an unforgettable shock to parents and other relatives.

To lose a child through an act of negligence, in whatever varying degree, is truly catastrophic.

It seems to me we could all have learned a valuable lesson which might prevent further outrages such as this.

A thorough screening must be made of all people who have the lives of our children in their hands.

Such people must be, above all, trustworthy, reliable, sober, considerate, with a high regard for all children at all times. He should not be a violator of justice.

Then only should he be entrusted with our most valuable possessions, our children.

MRS. JACK FLEISHMAN,
North Brunswick.

Police Job Commended

To the Editor:

I for one would just like to say I believe the police force of New Brunswick did a fine job in curbing any real trouble in New Brunswick. I am sure the residents of this city are thankful for the excellent assistance of neighboring police forces as well.

Also, I am sure everyone must admit our mayor did a good job and used quick and wise judgment in stopping any real trouble before it could ever get started as well as letting the people know the reason for the trouble was not, I gather, racially intended.

FRANK J. EVANOUSKAS,
New Brunswick.

7/30 Sheehan Curfew Defended

To the Editor:

I read with interest Mr. Muehlig's recent comments regarding the curfew in New Brunswick. I gathered from it that this was just another article written for political reasons (I'm sure there will be many more in months to come). You have excellent writers, Muehlig.

It's so easy for people to criticize when they do not have all the facts. It was evident that Mayor Sheehan did have the facts, therefore, a curfew.

Obviously, Muehlig was annoyed because he was

'Project Unity' Tries to Get Students Together

How many problems can result in a high school when students make snap judgments about each other without knowing one another? How many feel they have nothing in common with the other fellow?

Working as a guidance counselor for the past two years at New Brunswick High, Mrs. Gloria Thomas felt that many of the students really didn't know each other well.

So this spring she wrote a proposal for a program, Project Unity, that would provide opportunities for high school students to really get to know each other on an intimate basis.

"I felt the necessity for uniting students at New Brunswick High," the effervescent Mrs. Thomas said.

"The students live in different neighborhoods," she ex-

plained. "They just go to school together." Project Unity, she said, provides a common ground where they can "interact freely."

The validity of her argument was pointed up by 17-year-old Diane Ponder. She said, "I know some students here I wouldn't even talk to before."

One was a "hippie-type girl," said Diane who is a senior at New Brunswick High. "I judged her by her appearance."

Close to 40 students participate in the weekday program that includes trips, group discussions and mini-lessons. On Monday of last week, for instance, a high school teacher lectured on the population explosion and later the youths went to Barnegat Beach.

On Tuesday they toured police headquarters, then had a cook-out in Johnson Park. The following day they went to Island Beach, and on Thursday they visited the DARE rehabilitation program in Newark.

The idea is to get the students to do a variety of things together and thus sensitize them to the needs, feelings and ideas of themselves and others.

The most interesting trip for most of the participants has been a walking tour of Harlem.

"I saw what Harlem really looks like—from inside, not just what people say," 16-year-old Curtis Miles said.

The Harlem trip was good Diane Ponder agreed, noting that the Project Unity groups drew a lot of stars since Harlem residents are "not used to seeing blacks and whites together."

Those participating in Project Unity are quick to declare that the program means more to them than trips.

"It's like..." began Fran Russo, a high school junior. "It's putting it all together. If you're in a group you become sensitized so you know how others feel. Before, you just saw these people around. This brings you closer to know them, not just know about them."

Group discussions and group interaction are an important part of the program. After seeing a play, the students will discuss and evaluate it and try to relate it to their own everyday situation.

Mini-lessons are on topics of concern to students according to Mrs. Thomas. Such lessons have included fashions and "how you express your feelings through body posture."

"You learn more because there are less restrictions than in school," said 16-year-old William Patterson as he looked up from a book he was reading at Project Unity's headquarters in the Ebenezer Baptist Church civic center.

He rates Project Unity "a great success" because it brings people together. "We live here as brothers and sis-

ters," Patterson declared. If the program is continued in future years, he predicted New Brunswick High will have more unity and better student-teacher relations. "And that's true, brother," he added.

Miss Ponder commented that she could write a book on how Project Unity differs from school. For starters, she said, "In school you can't get to

know the teachers and can't express how you really feel."

Project Unity provides just such an opportunity. The result, Mrs. Thomas said, is impeccable behavior from the students, many of whom have a reputation for confrontations with teachers during the regular school year.

"There's no tension," Mrs. Thomas explained, "because of the attitude of the staff—which is very accepting."

The students "can say what they feel without being slapped down." Thus, they have a chance to verbalize—get things out," she said.

The program opened at the end of June and will climax with a one-week trip to Camp Hilltop in Downingtown, Pa. The trip, which begins tomorrow, includes a three-day sensitivity training session with a professor from Newark State College.

"The students will really live together," Mrs. Thomas exclaimed. She and the rest of the staff—seven high school teachers—will decide who will room with whom. Thus, many blacks and whites will have the experience of rooming with each other. The ratio of blacks to whites in the program is about 1 to 1.

Although the program will end on Aug. 7, Mrs. Thomas hopes to have "some carry-over to school" and hopes that some innate qualities of leadership among the students will be developed.

"The biggest thing is the feeling of togetherness," remarked Jon Lane of North Brunswick, a 17-year-old senior at New Brunswick High.

"The only thing that bothers me," he said, "is that not enough people participate—not enough from North Brunswick and Milltown. These are the people who should be participating in the program."

"The majority taking part don't need to be shown there's nothing wrong with the other race," John said.

"At the same time," he concluded, "there's still a greater understanding growing among those of us here."

LEAVING TOMORROW—Discussing Project Unity's trip to Camp Hilltop in Pennsylvania are, left to right,



Gary Pollard, Colleen Ward, Jon Lane and Diane Ponder.

Association President Robert Mitchell said that his group would like to start programs "but we can't do anything unless we know what they want us to do." He asked for suggestions from those over 16 years old.

The Neighborhood House will serve as a funnel for the suggestions.

Mitchell also announced that the association is sponsoring two bus trips for children this weekend. The first will be to the Hayden Planetarium in New York City; the bus will leave the Neighborhood House at 11 a.m. Saturday.

On Sunday, a bus will leave the Multi-Service Center at 11 a.m. for the Philadelphia Zoo.

Black Fathers Ask Teens for Suggestions

In light of the recent disturbances in New Brunswick, the Black Fathers Association today issued a call for suggestions from the young people of the city on what the association could do.

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'Brutality' Talks Will Be Next Week

Semmlon N. Horne, president of the New Brunswick chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said last night a citizens' committee formed to deal with charges of alleged police brutality expects to meet with Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan "sometime next week."

Horne said an exact date for the meeting with the mayor has not been requested pending the outcome of a meeting of a working committee of the citizens' group tonight. The working committee meeting originally was scheduled for last night, but was

postponed when Horne, who heads the committee, was called away on other business.

The working committee was formed Wednesday night following a mass meeting at the Neighborhood House to discuss the various allegations of police brutality made by several persons arrested last week.

The five-man committee is expected to decide on proposals to be brought before the mayor concerning police behavior and administration.

Horne said Wednesday that top priority would be given to a proposal demanding immediate suspension of officers involved in the alleged incidents.

Warning Shotgun Blasts a Danger

We believe that the use of firearms, except as a matter of completely last resort, is a dangerous practice in situations in which racial tensions are high.

Even the firing of shotgun blasts into the air, as a warning, can have serious repercussions. Beyond possibility of injury through ricocheting pellets, there is the clear danger that the sound of firearms will lead to escalating violence and that the very fact of gunfire will lead to widespread stories that "there's shooting going on" and give the public a most exaggerated idea of a tense situation.

We think that the New Brunswick police should carefully examine their policy with regard to the firing of warning shots into the air, and if it is humanly possible employ other means of crowd control and violence avoidance.

Recine Rejects Muehlig City Disorder Criticism

City Commissioner Victor D. Recine today struck back at mayoral candidate Ralph J. Muehlig's criticism of the city administration's handling of last week's disorders, labeling the Muehlig attack "shabby politics."

He called the attack by Muehlig, who is running as an independent under the "Save Our City" ticket, "an attempt to capitalize on last week's disturbance in the city and the Sheehan administration's work in keeping order."

"Panic Reaction" In his statement Monday, Muehlig specifically aimed his barbs at the curfew called Friday and Saturday by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and the city administration, terming it a "panic reaction."

Recine termed Muehlig's charge "totally irresponsible politicking during a tense time in our city."

"I'm certain," said Recine, "that if Mayor Sheehan and the commission had not ordered a curfew and there had been a serious outbreak of trouble, candidate Muehlig would have been complaining just as piously about lack of action."

"Fortunately," the commissioner said, "the response from parents throughout the city—both black and white—and from the business community, from all segments of the population has been virtually unanimous on the side of Mayor Sheehan, Public Safety Commissioner William Cahill, the rest of the commission and the police officials and the action of all them took in keeping order with reasoned steps."

A major factor in the success of these steps, said Recine, was parental cooperation.

"The cooperation from parents throughout the city in controlling their youngsters was tremendous," he said.

To label the city administration "panic-stricken" as Muehlig did in his political statement Monday insults Mayor Sheehan and the commissioners—officials elected to keep the city orderly with courage and cool thinking."

"It is quite obvious that Mr. Muehlig finds it easy to carp about policy and to criticize the steps the city administration took when he is not answerable for these policies—or their consequences," said Recine.

Damage Limited Recine said the mayor, Cahill and police officials assessed the situation and all available information. They then recommended decisive steps aimed at isolating the trouble-makers, limiting damage and preventing outside elements from capitalizing on New Brunswick problems.

Recine said the decision to institute the curfew was taken after weighing all the evidence and what was best for the entire population and the safety of its residents. "The reaction from people in support of the mayor and the commission is ample evidence that they consider Mayor Sheehan and the other officials acted wisely," said Recine.

"The fact that serious trouble was averted is what counts—not the irresponsible criticism from an office-seeker who does not have to make the decisions," Recine concluded.

Real Cops Spoil Masquerade

July 31, 1970

By ALVIN J. KING
Home News Staff Writer

Euclid J. Taylor, Jr., 41, who worked as a volunteer with the police department's Community Relations Bureau to help "cool" last week's disturbances here, was arrested at 9:10 a.m. today at 130 Handy St.

Taken into custody by a detail of officers who included Capt. John Brokaw, the bureau's head, George Seaman of the Detective Bureau, Detective Sgt. Everett James and Patrolmen Donald Bowling and Roosevelt Howard, Taylor was accused of impersonating an officer and carrying a concealed weapon.

learned today that it was information supplied by Taylor that resulted in last Friday's curfew. Taylor is reported to have told police and the city commissioners that a number of armed blacks were in the four-building New Brunswick Homes complex and that serious trouble would develop.

Ironically, Taylor was among those who told a gathering at the Neighborhood House Wednesday night that he felt unnecessary force was used in the arrest of 20-year-old William Belk of 38 Dennis St. at Hiram and Dennis streets last Friday, the night a curfew was imposed by the City Commissioners.

Just before the arrest today, City Commissioner William J. Cahill, who is director of public safety, called The Home News to report that Taylor was not an officer — in fact, he was a "complete fraud."

Ralph C. Petrone that Taylor be considered for appointment. Petrone said he told Brokaw that Taylor would have to be processed like "anyone else." A check at City Hall showed that Taylor did file application last week.

PR Chief Urged In City Schools

By BARBARA SELICK
Home News Staff Writer

Establishing a community relations department is the top recommendation of a report summary released today on improving New Brunswick's school-community communications.

The staff department should be manned by a coordinator, who, according to the report, should possess "a facility in the written and verbal arts, an openness towards new and challenging experiences and a combination of training and experience permitting him to be both an authority and a listener, a doer and a fighter."

"He must be able to 'use different strokes for different folks' but always straight," the report, authorized by the New Brunswick Board of Education, says.

The report was the result of a semester-long study by graduate students enrolled in Dr. Lawrence Kaplan's course in "Clinical Analysis of School Community-Relations" at the Rutgers Graduate School of Education.

The Kaplan Report, as it has been dubbed, found that the New Brunswick school system's ability to communicate with the community was far stronger than the machinery by which community communications

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Nevertheless, the study found most city parents felt their children were receiving a good education in the public schools. This was less true with black citizens, however, and untrue with families where a language barrier existed and with families that send their children to private schools.

The sampling also indicated that virtually all except blacks felt school authorities were attempting to keep people informed about their schools. Black and language barrier groups also showed up strongly as the only groups which felt they were not adequately informed about the school system.

System-wide distribution of information and feedback of community-wide response is hampered, the report said, by the school-to-school differences in "communications approaches."

The Home News also came in for criticism for its "very traditional coverage of bad news, sports and spot announcements of specific events."

Kaplan's summary of the report laid heavy stress on the importance of effective communications as a foundation for ending racial polarization within the city as far as the school system can do so.

Grand Jury Probe Asked

August 1, 1970

Phony Cop Hot Political Issue

By ALVIN KING
Home News Staff Writer

The use of a pseudo police officer as a volunteer in last week's disorders here without first checking into his background—subsequently developed he had a long police record—became the talk-of-the-town topic today and a new hot political issue in November's Mayor-Council elections.

There were these developments in the wake of the arrest of 41-year-old Euclid J. Taylor, 41, of 130 Handy St. on charges of impersonating a police officer and carrying a concealed 10-inch knife:

City Commissioner William J. Cahill denied that Taylor's information caused the City Commissioners to impose a strict curfew July 24.

Ralph J. Muehlig, candidate for mayor on the "Save Our City" slate, asked the Middlesex County Prosecutor's office for an immediate grand jury investigation into the city's hiring practices, specifically the case involving Taylor.

Taylor, held in Middlesex County Jail in lieu of \$1,000 bail, pending a preliminary hearing in Municipal Court Aug. 7, had applied for a position on the police department's Community Relations Bureau, posing as a New York City police officer, scheduled to retire today.

New Brunswick Probe - August 1, 1970 Police Aide Has Record

By VINCENT R. ZARATE
Evening News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — A Police Department probe began in earnest here today to find out how a man with 22 arrests, including rape and assault, was allowed to work with city police during last week's racial disorders.

The man is Euclid J. Taylor, 41, no home address. When booked on charges of impersonating an officer and carrying a concealed weapon, a knife, Taylor was asked his occupation.

"Public relations, City of New Brunswick," he answered. Chief Ralph C. Petrone said New York City police records showed that Taylor had 22 arrests since 1962, including rape, assault and theft and seven charges of impersonating a police officer in New York, Chicago and Detroit.

Petrone also acknowledged that Taylor was a volunteer with the police community relations bureau during the three tense nights of racial disorders last week.

The details on Taylor are scant at this stage, Cahill said, but he reported the following: Taylor worked Thursday night with Patrolman Donald Bowling, Bowling had introduced Taylor to Capt. John Brokaw, head of the community relations bureau, composed of policemen, de-

Penn Central Fixing Station

8-2-70

The Penn Central Railroad has agreed to repair the stone wall on the Wall Street side of its passenger station in downtown New Brunswick and make several other maintenance improvements.

This was reported yesterday by the state Public Utilities Department, which toured the station with railroad and city officials on July 14 to inspect the repair needs.

The state said that the railroad had begun work on some of the repair projects last week and would start the rest of the work this week.

However, the state said that the immediate work would not include repairs to the south platform—where the concrete has crumbled away—or the replacement of the Wall Street stairs.

According to a state spokesman, the railroad said that the platform work would take more time to plan, and that it was negotiating with the state Department of Transportation on the replacement of the stairs.

The condition of the New Brunswick train station has been a sore point in recent months, and was the subject of a critical resolution by the City Commission early in July.

Development will delay the program's costs, including the hiring of personnel, and grants up to \$150 for who are cited for need of repairs but who can prove hardship. Low-interest FHA loans will be available for major improvements.

Other repairs being undertaken by the railroad, the Department of Public Utilities said, includes the repair of temporary wiring for platform lighting on the north side and canopy lighting at the station entrance, and the capping of broken drain leaders under the George Street overpass.

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a volunteer is unclear, Petrone said he insisted that Taylor not be allowed to be armed until he had been checked out. However, Petrone acknowledged he later heard reports that Taylor did, in fact, carry a gun.

A check by The Home News today at the city clerk's office showed that Taylor was not listed as being temporarily named a special policeman.

Meanwhile, a telephone check was made with New York police and authorities here were advised New York had no member by the name of Euclid Taylor on the rolls.

Yesterday, according to Cahill, Bowling and Howard went to New York police headquarters and discovered that Taylor had a long arrest record. It includes charges of rape, carrying a concealed weapon, using a concealed weapon and impersonating an officer in New York, Chicago and Detroit.

Based on that information, Taylor was sought out and picked up today.

Taylor is believed to have been in this area for about a month. He told authorities he had come here to marry a local woman.

When Taylor was booked today, one of the questions asked of him was his occupation. "Public Relations, City of New Brunswick" was his answer.

Cahill announced he has asked for all reports in this case as well as on every arrest. In the wake of demands at Wednesday night's meeting that officers who allegedly used brutality be suspended.

Pseudo Policeman

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participated in arrests during the disorders. "Who owns that gun?" Muehlig said.

"I believe New Brunswick may have witnessed another case of political interference with the police department and the faster this is investigated, the better off our city will be," the candidate added.

Muehlig said there was no reason for allowing Taylor "to become part of our police operation without first having a check made on him... this is a simple, standing routine that takes only 24 hours." "Why wasn't it followed in this case?" he asked.

And Muehlig also posed this question: Do other city workers have police records and if so, are they in sensitive positions?

Repairs Required... By Law

Here are some of the key points of the city's new property maintenance code which is to be acted upon at Tuesday's City Commission meeting:

—The first target is most of the Second Ward. Ultimately, the entire city will be covered.

—Premises will be kept landscaped, lawns, hedges, bushes kept trimmed. Parking is prohibited in front yards, except on driveways. All buildings must be structurally sound and all exposed surfaces, susceptible to decay, kept painted.

—Dwellings of six or more units must have a superintendent, janitor or caretaker. In premises of 35 or more dwelling units, the superintendent or janitor must reside on the premises. Where there are more than 70 apartments or rooming units, the employee must work on a full-time basis.

—Every dwelling must have hot and cold running water. —Each apartment must have heat, maintained at a minimum inside temperature of 68 degrees, between May 1 to Oct. 1 and between the hours of 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

—Basement floors must be paved with concrete; walls and ceilings must be free of cracks, loose plaster and shall be painted.

—In dwellings of four or more dwelling units, fireproof storage bins must be available.

—Dwellings of six or more units must have at least one window or skylight facing directly outdoors. Bathrooms and water closets must be adequately ventilated.

—A dwelling unit shall be occupied by those comprising an immediate family and no more than two other persons. Rooming units shall be rented by adults and emancipated minors only with an occupancy limit of two persons.

—After Jan. 1, no cooking will be permitted in non-dwelling units.

A major portion of the code covers the duties and responsibilities of tenants and owners of non-residential properties.

—Side walks, foundations, chimneys, flues, vents will be maintained. Fire escapes, with banisters or railings, must be kept structurally sound.

—Every habitable room must have two or more permanently installed electrical wall units. Bathrooms, washrooms and water closet compartments must have adequate lighting.

—Every habitable room must have at least one window or skylight facing directly outdoors. Bathrooms and water closets must be adequately ventilated.

Aim Is Clean Hub City

New Code To Fight 'Blight, Decay'

By ALVIN KING
Home News Staff Writer

The city is about to zero in on two prime offenders — non-resident owners of homes and commercial properties who, in the words of Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, "bleed every penny from them by neglect," and destructive tenants.

Mayor Sheehan's comments are a prelude to Tuesday's city commission meeting when New Brunswick's new property maintenance code, one of the most sweeping pieces of legislation of its kind in the city's history, comes up for final action. While some opposition is expected, and some candidates for the mayor-council elections in November are trying to make it a political issue, the measure is expected to be adopted.

Fledging that enforcement of the provisions will begin as soon as the code is enacted, Mayor Sheehan stressed that the multi-regulations are not directed against the

owner-occupied family dwelling. "No one seeks to impose meaningless or costly expenditures on those residents already exercising their civic responsibilities as good neighbors."

Its purpose, the mayor continued, is to protect and maintain properties here, and for the first time the city will have the machinery to cope with the problems which out-of-city owners and thoughtless tenants create.

'Evenhanded Approach'

Mayor Sheehan described the code as an "evenhanded" approach to the problem of maintaining and improving buildings here, and at the same time, protect the financial interest of owners who hesitate to make necessary improvements because of prior experience with tenant neglect and vandalism.

Additionally, the mayor went on, the well-being of

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tenants has been taken into consideration.

She referred to those who have been unable to secure reasonable maintenance and repair services, despite high rents.

The mayor noted that most of the code's structural provisions have been in effect through various individual regulations—plumbing, electrical, etc. "The new code will have the effect of 'pulling' all of them together as a package which, in addition, covers commercial properties, inspection provisions and administrative remedies," she said.

"Our city will have, for the first time in history, a powerful tool to use against the unscrupulous and uncaring—be they absentee landlords of housing units or commercial properties, tenants unwilling to assume their responsibilities, or students who deprive our residents of available housing," Mayor Sheehan declared.

Her remarks about students referred to instances where eight and 10 students rent an apartment designed for average families desperately in need for housing. She also noted that two and often three families occupy apartments designed for average-sized families.

The mayor said responsibility on the part of all is the proposed law's keynote, because it is designed to have everyone live up to his obligations as a member of the community.

Abuse and neglect that downgrade an otherwise pleasant block is, in reality, the start of decay and blight, Mayor Sheehan said. "This is what we want to see stopped," she continued.

Instances of Violations

The mayor cited as instances of blatant violations, landlords who make no provision for garbage, permit illegal occupancy, convert one and two family units into multiple dwellings and fail to provide maintenance and repair.

"We ask for the cooperation of all citizens in this city wide and serious effort to preserve protect and hopefully up-grade the total building stock within our city and most particularly, the dwellings," Mayor Sheehan said.

She said that urban renewal has proved to be a slow and painful, as well as expensive process. "To that extent that property maintenance can preserve and protect our neighborhoods and businesses from the spread of urban blight—the entire community benefits," she concluded.

Mayor Sheehan Denies Charge Of Phony Patrolman Influence

By VINCENT ZARATE
Evening News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — Mayor Patricia Sheehan today denounced charges made by her chief rival in the coming election that "intelligence" reports given to police by a man with a long police record led to the curfews July 24 and 25 during racial disorders.

The mayor issued a major statement defending her administration after reports last week circulated through the city that police intelligence leaned heavily on Euclid J. Taylor, 41, a man who passed himself off as a New York City policeman and landed a job as a volunteer here in the important Police Community Relations Division.

Independent mayoralty candidate Ralph J. Muehlig has asked for a Grand Jury investigation of the incident, Muehlig is the chief opponent of Mrs. Sheehan in her bid for re-election in November.

Mayor Sheehan admitted that Taylor, who was later found to have accumulated 22 arrests since 1962 on charges including rape, assault, theft and impersonation of policemen seven times, was at police intelligence conferences that eventually led to the curfews. But, she said, the curfews were imposed after a series of police reports that indicated the situation was serious.

She claimed the police reports showed "an increase in violence and destruction" and "evidence of the possession of arms and ammunition." She added that there was "wide-

spread use of firebombs" and "evidence that the local units of Students for a Democratic Society and the Black Panthers were actually agitating and would attempt to capitalize on the actual crisis for their own purposes."

Mrs. Sheehan said, "in view of the vicious and self-serving statements during the last week concerning the reasons for the curfew in New Brunswick, I would like to set the record straight to the facts leading to the curfew."

"For anyone to claim that the opinion of one unknown individual was responsible for a drastic decision is totally ridiculous. I feel it personally offensive and resented it most deeply."

Taylor's record was discovered after police checked on his background as part of the processing of Taylor's application for a policeman's job.

Taylor is under arrest now on charges of impersonating a policeman and carrying a concealed weapon. He is in jail in lieu of \$1,000.

The incident has drawn other criticism, in addition to Muehlig's, from candidates running on a slate opposed to the incumbent Sheehan administration.

New Code for New Brunswick

One of the greatest problems facing deteriorating center cities is the lack of property maintenance by absentee landlords. Old buildings are allowed to become older by sheer negligence on the part of landlords and tenants alike. Besides the lack of residential care, commercial properties, too, are allowed to deteriorate for many of the same reasons.

New Brunswick, like most older cities, has had a problem with deteriorating older buildings. And while building codes have been on the books, they have often been too widely scattered throughout city ordinances to make their enforcement effective.

But the City Commission has proposed a sweeping revision of its housing codes. The revision would not only bring together all the ordinances and codes governing residential and commercial properties, but it also would provide effective machinery to combat the neglect of absentee landlords and destructive tenants.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, commenting on the new regulations, said, "Our city will have, for the first time in history, a powerful tool to use against the unscrupulous and uncaring — be they absentee landlords of housing units or commercial properties (or) tenants unwilling to assume their responsibilities."

She pointed out examples of blatant violations, such things as landlords who make no provision for garbage, permit illegal occupancy (by allowing more than the permissible number of tenants in the dwelling) convert one and two family units into multiple dwellings and fail to provide maintenance and repair.

Certainly the new code is but a first step in a long and painful process of at least stopping the spread of urban blight. While we heartily endorse the administration's new code, we believe that the most important step in the process of saving property is enforcement. It has been enforcement in the past which has been the stumbling block to effective prosecution of building codes. We hope that this new code does not come a cropper on the same shoals as previous codes.

The code deserves the support of all New Brunswick and it deserves the most serious and vigorous prosecution by the city once it becomes effective.

George Gottuso Named City Program Development Officer

August 4, 1970

Filling a vacancy left open since last June 5, Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan has named George M. Gottuso, 23, as program development officer for New Brunswick.

Gottuso, who now resides in Trenton, will fill the void left when the city's first program development officer, William Saunders, resigned to become deputy city administrator.

A native of Utica, N.Y., Gottuso received a B.S. in Contracting and Construction from Syracuse University. While attending college, he held a full

Police Brutality?

August 3, 1970

The president of the New Brunswick chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has raised the issue of police brutality which allegedly occurred during the city's recent disturbances.

It would, of course, not be proper for us to comment on the validity of such charges. What we think these charges deserve, however, is the fullest possible public airing and investigation. During times such as these, the stability of the community is at best a tenuous thing. Both the citizens of the city and its police force are more tense than usual. But what is absolutely necessary in such times is the confidence of the populace in the efficiency and fairness of the police force.

Charges of police brutality therefore deserve the closest kind of investigation, not necessarily to prove wrongdoing, but rather to clear the air of any doubts which any portion of the populace might hold as to the fairness of the police force.

So let's have a speedy investigation of these charges undertaken by the city and let's get the issue resolved as promptly as possible.

Criticism Continues Mayor Angrily Denies Imposter's Influence

August 3, 1970

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan this morning flatly denied reports that it was information furnished solely by Euclid J. Taylor—subsequently charged with being a police imposter—that led her to call a strict curfew on July 24.

Responding to what she described as "vicious and self-serving statements" appearing in the press during the past week, the mayor declared: "For anyone to claim that the opinion of one unknown individual was responsible for such a drastic decision is ridiculous. I find it personally offensive, and I resent it most deeply."

In the meantime, Mrs. Sheehan's administration was further criticized over the weekend in the wake of Friday's arrest of Taylor on charges of impersonating a police officer and carrying a concealed knife.

Contradiction Claimed

Former City Prosecutor George L. Pauk, who was named campaign chairman Sunday for the "Save Our City" independent candidates, said Public Safety Commissioner William Cahill had rejected his help on July 23. Pauk termed this an "outright contradiction" of Cahill's explanation that "we wanted anyone who could help us in a critical situation."

Frederick W. Haleluk, mayoral candidate of the "People's Voice" ticket, said the curfew was a "farce" and that those arrested on curfew violation charges should be released.

Taylor is accused of duping police and city officials into believing he was a retired New York City police officer. The 41-year-old Handy Street resident worked with the Police Community Relations Bureau during the disturbances of the week of July 19.

It was reported that Taylor told officers that Black Panthers and SDS members were holed up in the New Brunswick Homes complex on Memorial Parkway, and that it was his report that eventually resulted in the mayor's imposition of the curfew.

Mayor Relates Events

But Mrs. Sheehan said her decision to call the curfew was reached only after a series of lengthy conferences with the other city commissioners, ranking officers of the police department and a senior officer of the state police who had been assigned to the city during the disorders.

To "set the record straight," she reported on the Tuesday through Thursday events that led to the Friday, July 24, curfew.

"It was clear that the disorders were increasing in intensity and violence. It was also clear that it was other than young children who were involved."

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Imposter's Influence Denied

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outside elements either connected with these groups or others would attempt to do the same.

Pattern Elsewhere Cited

"All of our intelligence reports, from all sources throughout the community, indicated an extremely grave and tense situation. In addition, the reports on disorders elsewhere indicated a pattern of rapid escalation; loss of control; serious injuries to individuals, both civilian and police, and extensive damage to property."

The mayor said her decision to impose the curfew was motivated by her "concern for safety and security, as well as an urgency to isolate those bent on trouble so that they could be swiftly dealt with."

She said her decision was "supported unanimously by all the law enforcement personnel present."

Mrs. Sheehan concluded her written statement: "There is no question that it was supported as well by most of our residents and business people. We could not have done it so successfully otherwise. If the same factors were present right now, I would make the same decision."

Pauk Queries Explanation

Pauk attacked Cahill's explanation Friday of how a man with a lengthy police record was able to, as Pauk put it, "infiltrate the police department." When police checked Taylor's background last week, they discovered he had been arrested a number of times. Several charges were for police impersonation.

According to Pauk, Cahill said that because of the disorders, there was insufficient time to check out Taylor's credentials before pressing him into duty with the Community Relations Bureau.

In explaining how Cahill had rejected his assistance although the help of others was being sought at the time, Pauk said he had gone to police headquarters on the night of July 23.

"Several policemen asked me questions about certain criminal laws in anticipation that these laws might be applicable for arrests that night. It was obvious the policemen were asking my advice because the city prosecutor was not there at the time."

Politics Disclaimed

Pauk said he answered questions for about two hours. Cahill then arrived and immediately asked him to leave.

Pauk, who had served as city prosecutor for four years until he was fired in January, said: "I had the city's interest at heart. Politics was the furthest thing from my mind at a time like that. But if Mr. Cahill wanted to think otherwise, there was nothing I could do."

"Mr. Cahill's reaction to me that night sharply casts doubt on his most recent explanation that the city needed all the help it could get. If so, then certainly Mr. Cahill was selecting those who would provide that help."

"If Mr. Cahill could make a value judgment about me when I volunteered my services during those troubled times, then certainly he was in a position to make a value judgment about a long-time police imposter. But look what happened!"

"Imagine it," Pauk continued. "Mr. Cahill accepted with open arms a man with a long criminal record and at the same time turned away a former city prosecutor..."

"I just cannot accept the explanation that there was not enough time to check into Euclid Taylor's background. If you are going to allow a man to operate as a representative of the police department, to drive a city vehicle and carry a gun, then I say you make the time to check into his background. And in this case, a quick telephone check to New York police would have revealed that the man was an imposter and the city was being duped."

Grand Jury Probe Asked

"As far as I'm concerned, Mr. Cahill's explanation is a blatant attempt to cover up his administrative bungling in this fiasco." The slate that Pauk is managing asked Friday for a grand jury investigation into the case.

Haleluk promised that if elected, he will institute written chains of command and "a police director who knows police organization and hiring practices."

Haleluk said the administration of Mayor Sheehan has made New Brunswick "the laughing stock of informed elected city officials."

Haleluk said, if Taylor could convince the mayor to enact a curfew and thereby cost the city an additional \$5,000 in extra police salaries, "then the present administration must go lock, stock and barrel."

Drug Codes in Three Towns Face Court Test

August 4, 1970

Ordinances adopted here and in two neighboring municipalities to bar sales of potentially dangerous medicines to persons under 21 years old will not be enforced pending a hearing in Superior Court.

The restraint was issued yesterday by Superior Court Judge John C. Demos on applications filed in conjunction with three suits filed against the governing bodies of New Brunswick, Highland Park and North Brunswick.

In their complaints, the companies claim that the ordinances effectively apply to some 200 products.

Demos signed the restraining orders after conferring with Newark attorney Donald S. Coburn and the municipal attorneys, J. Norris Harding of this city, Philip Blacher of Highland Park and John Kuhlthau of North Brunswick.

Harding said the New Brunswick City Commission offered no opposition to the restraint because of the commissioners' intention of making some amendments to the ordinance, which was adopted here June 16.

He explained that the commissioners became aware almost immediately that the scope of the ordinance was too broad — that it covered too wide a range of products.

Harding said that discussions had been in progress with representatives of drug and pharmaceutical companies with a view to amending the ordinance.

Demos' order is returnable Aug. 21 but it is possible that further action might be postponed. Meanwhile, the three ordinances will remain unenforced.

In its complaint, Supermarket Services said that it does more than \$1 million annually in business with stores in Middlesex County. And the company said the ordinances, if enforced, would cut off a substantial portion of its business with stores in the three municipalities.

Similar ordinances have been adopted in Milltown and Sayreville, but neither town was named in a court action. The Milltown code does not go into effect until Sept. 1 and in Sayreville, the Borough Council held a hearing on the measure, heard no objections, but withheld final action pending receipt of further legal advice.

Challenge Codes

Challenging the ordinances are Mayfair Supermarkets, Inc., Grand Union, Great Eastern, operators of retail stores in the three municipalities; and Supermarket Services, Inc., a wholesaler which sells various products in the drug and toiletry lines to area supermarkets.

While the respective governing bodies intended to make it difficult for teen-agers to buy such products as cough medicines with high alcoholic content, the supermarket chains contend that the ordinances

School Board Attempting to Fill Communications Gap

By BARBARA SELICK
Home News Staff Writer
The New Brunswick Board of Education has started some spadework aimed at alleviating its communications problems. The problems are documented in the recently released Kaplan Report, the result of a semester-long study of New Brunswick's school-community relations by a group of students at the Rutgers Graduate School of Education.

coming in and joining in the school program." This "joining in" could be in any number of forms, Saltz said, citing parent conferences and participation in the PTA as examples. "The important thing is to get them involved," he declared. Saltz said, "Apparently, our big problem is that we want to communicate, but the question is how. We have tried radio, newspapers and flyers but this doesn't do it." So the board is looking to community involvement such as that under the Mott Program in Flint, Mich., where the school system gets people interested in the schools by sending representatives to work

through church and other community groups. Saltz noted that New Brunswick already is involved in the community through offerings such as its New Americans course for immigrants and adult sewing courses. But more involvement is necessary, Saltz said, and the board is looking into federal and state programs to try to find funds to hire a representative or representatives to work in the community. A "community aide," is needed, he said, the equivalent to the community relations person called for in the Kaplan report.

community relations department directed by a coordinator who would possess "facility in the written and verbal arts, an openness toward new and challenging experiences and a combination of training and experience permitting him to be both an authority and a listener, a doer and a fighter. He must be able to 'use different strokes for different folks' but always 'straight.'" Saltz asserted that the board believes that either federal or state money is available to hire such a community aide or aides. He added that he believes finding the necessary personnel would not be a problem. Studies of similar programs in the nation has shown there is tal-

ent in the community that can be tapped for such positions. Saltz said. The right man or woman for the job could be "a very active, community-type person," for example, he said. The board president said he believes the second most important finding of the Kaplan report is the need to improve internal communications. The board will seek to alleviate this problem by making someone in the administrative office of each school responsible for seeing that all communications are properly distributed, Saltz said. Saltz also announced that last Thursday the board met with various community groups "in form plans for a better method of coming together on

a regular basis." Representatives attending were from the Concerned and Responsible Citizens, the board's Community Advisory Committee, the New Brunswick Education Association, the Parent Council and the schools. The representatives will meet again with the board on Sept. 8 to discuss such problems as "How do you get groups to meet?" and "How many people do groups represent?" The board and representatives also will "go into the Kaplan Report still further," Saltz said. "Truly Difficult" In regard to the special problems at the high school, the board president said school personnel are working on a

"truly difficult task." "We have to evolve a system that gives students a piece of the action but does not bypass the school administration and make them ineffective," Saltz said. "It's a very difficult problem, but we will do it," the board president said. Saltz indicated the board will continue to "lean" on Dr. Lawrence Kaplan of the Rutgers Graduate School of Education for guidance in overcoming its communications problems. He noted that the graduate school has access to thousands of studies on school-community relations, adding New Brunswick is not alone in its communications problems.

Editorials

August 4, 1970 A Very Disturbing Series of Events

The series of events surrounding the arrest of Euclid J. Taylor on charges of impersonating a police officer and carrying a concealed weapon would be unfortunate under any circumstances. But they assume even more pointed importance in the heat of a highly-charged political campaign.

We will leave the issue of what influence Mr. Taylor did or did not have over Mayor Sheehan's decision to impose a curfew to be fought out among the various political factions.

What seems to us to be the main point in this whole debate is how Mr. Taylor was able to be accepted as a volunteer by Public Safety Commissioner William Cahill without having his record or references thoroughly researched.

We accept Commissioner Cahill's statement that he was in need of every able-bodied man to assist the city during its recent time of troubles. But Commissioner Cahill should be as aware as anyone that the personnel who are placed in positions of responsibility during such a time must be completely trustworthy. With emotions running at a fever pitch, the slightest mistake on the part of a law enforcement official can bring down the city in chaos. If Mr. Taylor was in fact put on as a volunteer before his record was thoroughly checked out, then the city administration deserves a severe reprimand. Such haphazard selection of law enforcement personnel is intolerable, even in the calmest of times. But during disturbances, it is inexcusable.

What is even more disturbing about this episode are the reports that Mr. Taylor was allowed to carry a gun and was permitted to drive city-owned vehicles. If true, how was this allowed to happen? Is this the normal procedure the city follows when a man is put on as a volunteer, a volunteer unknown to anyone in this city and a volunteer of unknown qualities?

Whatever the political outcome of the situation, we think at the very least the city should draw up a set of guidelines to be followed in hiring any man as a volunteer. Beyond that, the responsibilities and rights of any volunteer should also be delineated—including his use of firearms and city transportation.

We hope this situation is quickly resolved, for it only casts shame on our city and on all who took part in the episode.

Board of Education Doesn't Need Public Relations Man

The top recommendation of a report on improving New Brunswick's school-community communications is the establishment of a community relations department manned by a coordinator who should possess "a facility in the written and verbal arts, an openness towards new and challenging experiences and a combination of training and experience permitting him to be both an authority and a listener, a doer and a fighter." In the lingo of communications he is known, so far as we are concerned, as a public relations man.

The report, a semester-long study by graduate students enrolled in Dr. Lawrence Kaplan's "Clinical Analysis of School-Community Relations" at the Rutgers Graduate School of Education, had some interesting findings. For example, it found that the ability of the schools to communicate with the community was much better than the ability of the community to communicate with the schools. The report criticized the school district's internal communication system, the sharp differences from school to school in the ability to communicate with their respective "customers," and the lack of communication between students and administrators of the upper schools.

So far as we are concerned, the establishment of a community relations department is absolutely unnecessary and totally wasteful. What the report points up to us is the need of the schools to improve their communications, certainly a task which we think can be done with the present staff at the schools.

During average times at the schools, it has been our experience that the flow of information into and out of the schools is fine. But at the slightest hint of trouble, the schools promptly go into Star Chamber proceedings where the only information which can be obtained is usually rumor. Quite frankly, the establishment of a policy of candor and freedom of information would seem to us to be the only things necessary to overcome the community communications gap, rather than the retention of some high-priced PR man.

City Housing Code Wins Passage

By ALVIN KING
Home News Staff Writer
New Brunswick's new housing maintenance code, a sweeping piece of legislation, was adopted at today's City Commission meeting after a

sometimes bitter two-hour hearing. Some critics strongly attacked the measure and asked that action be deferred to provide interested persons a greater opportunity for an in-depth study of its provisions. Voting yes were Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, Commissioners Vito R. Recine, Aldrage B. Cooper Jr. and William A. Smith. Commissioner William J. Cahill is on vacation. At press time, there was a public hearing in progress on a second code which sets penalties for violations on the part of both owners and occupants. The biggest blast against the new regulations came from Anthony F. Daly, who disagreed with Mayor Sheehan's description that it "is a tool in which we can remedy conditions that need to be corrected." "It's not a tool... it's a hammer by the city and landlords," charged Daly. Only "Scrap of Paper" Daly predicted that the measure would never be enforced, that the code is "nothing but a scrap of paper," and that it could mean the eviction of "tenants who have no place to go." Daly named the New Brunswick Housing and Redevelopment Authority and the city itself as "slum lords." The city owns Lambert Homes, which

reverted back to New Brunswick two years ago. The authority has several projects here. "This is nothing but a grandstand play," said Daly, noting that the code comes "just before the November elections." Three candidates for office, Edward J. McGlynn, who is running as an independent for mayor; Louis C. Markette and William G. Theone, also independents seeking two of the five council seats took issue with the mayor and commissioners on the measure. Queries Second Ward Choice Theone wondered why the Second Ward was singled out as the initial target to determine if homes and commercial establishments are not meeting legal requirements. Mayor Sheehan said this area was designated before the present commissioners took office in 1967, and that ultimately, it is hoped to cover the entire city, provided federal funds are forthcoming. Markette took issue with hiring staff to enforce the code when the crime program overshadowed any other. He noted that when he suggested that money be allocated to train police reserves at a recent commission meeting, he was advised then funds were not available. See HOUSING, Page 5

County May Bill Curfew Cost to City

By TED SERRILL
Home News Staff Writer
The Middlesex County freeholders will determine if the overtime wages incurred by sheriff's officers and park police during the New Brunswick disturbances and curfew patrols can be billed to the city.

Freeholder Thomas T. Molyneux, in response to a question this morning by Anthony Daly of New Brunswick, said the county counsel will look into the possibility of billing the city commission once the comptroller's office determines how much overtime was worked and what the total cost is.

Daly voiced his opinion that the county should not pay any overtime wages, particularly those incurred after Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan imposed a curfew for the nights of July 24 and 25 and asked law enforcement agencies to assist city police.

Molyneux noted that correction officers at the workhouse in North Brunswick also worked overtime in processing

several dozen persons who had been arrested during the disturbances.

During its business meeting, the freeholder board accepted the 1970 official audit as prepared by Auditor Burton Sher. Freeholder Louis F. May Jr., finance and administration chairman, said there were five minor recommendations that already are being implemented. Sher, he said, cited the "sound financial position of the county" and indicated that the county's efficient record keeping made his audit-taking job easier than usual.

The freeholders authorized the park police to establish controls over the number of persons swimming at the popular swimming area in Thompson Park, Monroe.

Authorization was given for placing barriers at the Lake Manalapan swimming area and issuing permits to would-be swimmers who, on particularly busy days, would have to wait their turn.

Parks Superintendent Robert Beecher said this decision was

taken in part because an unaccompanied young girl drowned at the lake this summer. He said that lifeguards were upset at the great numbers of people on the beach.

A snow fence was temporarily put up as a barrier, pending placement of a permanent barrier to separate the swimming area from the rest of the park. A ratio of 200 persons on the beach to one lifeguard will be strictly observed, said Beecher. As there are up to six lifeguards on weekends, the maximum allowed on the beach at one time will be 1,200.

As a solution to the parking problems around the main building of Roosevelt Hospital in Edison, the freeholders decided to build four additional parking areas. Construction bids were advertised after specifications were approved.

One and one half of two circular flower beds in the driveway areas at each end of the building will be razed to make room for the additional parking. The number of new spaces

was not immediately available. Also not immediately available was why the freeholders failed to approve subsidies for the Marathon Bus Co. and the Plainfield Transit Co. Otowski had said Tuesday the resolutions of approval tentatively were to be acted upon today, but they were never introduced.

Postponed for consideration of the vacationing Freeholder John A. Phillips, road department chairman, was a request by New Brunswick City Engineer Robert Kane for approval of a traffic light at the corner of Georges Road (a county-owned road), Commercial Avenue and Sandford Street. County Traffic Coordinator Cornelius A. Wall's opinion also is being sought.

Kane's request to the freeholders for approval came eight days after the light had already been installed and placed in operation.

Freeholder Stephen J. Capestro, park department chairman, reported that the new Tamarr

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ack Golf Course in East Brunswick took in \$23,000 in July, its second month of operation.

Although the county's nine-hole Raritan Arsenal course in Edison was expected to lose players with the opening of the 18-hole facility, Capestro noted that Raritan Arsenal has picked up in players since a year ago. Its July income was \$10,000.

Capestro attributed the Raritan Arsenal progress to the 50 per cent reduced green fees for young people and senior citizens. They appear to be taking advantage of the low fees in great numbers. Capestro commended the conduct of high school players on the course.

Otowski announced the appointment of Dr. Robert Stuckey to the \$30,000-a-year job as

medical director and chief executive of the Raritan Bay Community Mental Health Center in Perth Amboy. Although the center has not received an \$800,000 two-year grant that would pay 75 per cent of staff salaries, Stuckey's appointment is effective immediately.

Despite the lack of federal funds, Otowski said the center will open in late September with a "circumscribed and crippled" operation. A state grant of \$95,000 for salaries is available. The freeholders today purchased furniture and equipment for the new building, awarding \$9,200 in contracts to six firms.

Stuckey has been the chief consultant to most of the county's mental health programs and was medical director of the Mt. Carmel Guild Guidance Clinic in Union City between 1963 and 1966.

Imposter Had Gun, Candidate Claims

A council candidate disclosed today that police imposter, Euclid J. Taylor Jr., brandished a gun and had a hunting knife strapped to his side while working as a representative of the police department's Community Relations Bureau in the recent disturbances here.

Robert J. Ferguson, running on the "Save Our City" ticket said his information came from police officers whose names he would not divulge.

Taylor is under arrest for carrying a concealed weapon, a knife he allegedly had on his person when arrested at 130 Handy St. last Friday, and for impersonating a police officer.

At Gunpoint? Ferguson said he had learned from city policemen that Taylor "actually questioned people at gunpoint" during the outbreak. He predicted this will be substantiated by any further investigation into the Taylor situation.

Ralph J. Muehlig, mayorality candidate on the "Save Our City" ticket, said he could not believe there is such a shortage of respected people in the city's black community that the city had to turn to a Taylor, who, it subsequently developed, has a long police record. "This was an insult to the black community," Muehlig said. He said he could not conceive why the mayor and other city commissioners so "readily accepted Taylor's 'intelligence' report that armed Black Panthers had taken over New Brunswick Homes." This, too, was an insult to black residents, Muehlig

charged. Muehlig said Police Chief Ralph Petrone's disclosure earlier this week that he had been submitted payroll sheets for Taylor and others in the Community Relations Bureau "seriously questions the credibility of statements by the city administration that Taylor was not in the employ of the city, that Taylor simply was a volunteer."

Petrone said Monday in a radio interview that these payroll sheets listing the hours worked by Taylor and others had been given to him by Capt. John Brokaw, head of the Community Relations Bureau. The chief at the time also said others in the past have been employed by the bureau without his prior approval.

Wants to Know Why Muehlig also said he has been informed that Commissioners Aldrage B. Cooper and John Smith did not attend the July 24 meeting at which the decision was reached to impose a curfew on the city.

"I would like to know why they were not present at such an important meeting. I would like to know why the mayor has not told the people that two of the commissioners were not at that conference," Muehlig added.

"I believe the people of our city have been kept in the dark about events that occurred during the week of the disturbances. In fact, the people of New Brunswick have been kept in the dark too long about too many things," he said.

'Decent' People Leaving City?

To the Editor: Mayor Sheehan came into office promising she would bring the people of our city together. What a joke. Since she became the mayor we have had two riots in the streets and several riots in the schools. People are afraid to go out into the streets at night. Children are afraid to

go to school. Fire bombs are thrown into stores. Windows are broken. The city can't get insurance. What goes on here? Why has Mayor Sheehan waited so long to bring the people together? If she doesn't hurry up, all the decent people are going to leave New Brunswick.

Mrs. RUSSELL DE MARC,
New Brunswick

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able. Mayor Sheehan said the city's present staff in various departments would handle inspections, and that no additional inspectors would be added.

McGlynn described the administration's approach to the problem as unrealistic. He questioned the mayor about the \$800,000 federal grant.

The mayor said the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development had awarded the sum, to be used to survey property, hire personnel and for grants up to \$150 for owners ordered to make certain repairs but who could prove hardship. The mayor acknowledged the city had received no money as yet.

McGlynn said the program is a "pie in the sky" situation, since federal authorities could, at any point, cut off or eliminate funding for such programs.

Postponement Urged McGlynn and Daly were joined by William Jackson of Piscataway, who has a real estate office here, in asking that a vote be postponed.

Jackson had a number of recommendations to make regarding code enforcement. He said city officials should first attempt to inspect property in the presence of both sides reaching an amicable agreement where a violation is found.

There was one tense moment when 18-year-old Santiago Henriquez of 396 Remsen Ave. told the commissioners he and his companion, David Figuero, 15, of 146 Delavan St., had a list of demands concerning building violations in houses in the Dennis, Neilson and Hiram Streets area.

When Henriquez gave the officials "one month to correct them," Mayor Sheehan said legal machinery didn't work that fast, and that his request could not be met.

"You mean people got to continue living with roaches and other conditions?" asked Henriquez. With that, he declined to submit the list. Both remained for most of the meeting, however.

Henriquez said he and Figuero "represent the people," adding more specifically, the Puerto Rican community.

When Figuero complained of housing conditions, Mayor Sheehan said the new law is a two-edged sword—it places the responsibility of maintaining property on both the owner and tenant.

Mayor Bars 'Brutality' Suspensions

By ALVIN KING
Home News Staff Writer

A proposal that Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan direct City Commissioner William J. Cahill as public safety director or Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone to suspend immediately all police officers accused of brutality in the recent disorders pending further investigation was rejected yesterday.

Instead, Mayor Sheehan and Commissioners Aldridge B. Cooper Jr. and Vito Recine in a two-hour meeting in City Hall with representatives of the New Brunswick Chapter, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, agreed to ask the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office to conduct a follow-up investigation after Cahill has received all reports he has demanded of police officers concerning the three days of turmoil.

As an alternative to a request for an investigation of existing or future brutality complaints by an independent body, the city officials suggested that the state attorney general's division of Civil Rights be consulted if the NAACP so desires.

Proposals were made by NAACP representatives including Semmon N. Horne, the chapter's president; Roland Crump, vice president; Mrs. Bertha Buchanan, an organization member; Ernest H. Miller, and Mrs. Lucille Davis, described as community representatives.

Mayor Sheehan and Horne, serving as spokesman for his group, described the meeting as amicable. Horne added that hopefully "lines of communications had been opened."

Just before the session, closed to the press, got under way, William E. Belk, 20, of 38 Dennis St., who has accused three city patrolmen—Michael Mikatajuk, Levi Nuttall and Walter Irwin—of brutality, appeared. American Civil Liberties Union attorney Jack Wyszoker, who is representing Belk, said the youth showed up to answer any questions the city and NAACP representatives might have.

A fourth patrolman, John Cannon, has been charged with assault in the arrest of James Saunders, 25, of 133 Remsen Ave., who was charged with curfew violation.

Wyszoker said Cooper asked the lone query of Belk: "Did you know there was a curfew on (July 24)?"

"No, I was out of town," Wyszoker quoted Belk as replying.

Belk is free in \$2,000 bail on charges of assault on Mikatajuk, curfew violation and resisting arrest. Belk and Wyszoker left immediately. Wyszoker later reviewed answers to the proposals. He is the chapter's legal representative.

The following is a list of the other proposals, and the NAACP, Page 6

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results jointly announced by Mayor Sheehan and Horne:

● That Mayor Sheehan take necessary legal actions to release in their own recognizance all defendants arrested and still held in police custody for curfew violation.

The answer: Resolved or in the process of being resolved.

● That the police department's Community Relations Bureau be enlarged in membership to include a representative cross-section of community residents, and in scope to improve police-community relationships.

The answer: The NAACP chapter was asked to submit a detailed proposal to city officials.

● That the Director of Parks and Recreation first

consult the community to determine what recreational facilities are needed and desired, and that the commissioner, where feasible, facilitate their construction.

The answer: Recreation in general was discussed. Key needs are events for older youths and for parental involvement. Community suggestions are always welcomed.

● That an effective drug control and rehabilitation center, with community participation, be established.

The answer: Programs now planned or under way were discussed. A request was made for the names of citizens willing to serve on a community-wide council.

● That the mayor and commissioners adopt a drug control ordinance similar to that adopted in North Brunswick.

The answer: This has already been done.

● That the mayor implement the full powers of her office to demand a full scale investigation of mistreatment and abuse of Middlesex County Workhouse inmates.

The answer: This will be directed to the attention of the Board of Freeholders.

● That the mayor effect a program to provide adequate housing for needy citizens here.

The answer: In a general discussion, it was agreed that those displaced by urban renewal should have first priority in new housing. The new property maintenance code was cited as a means of upgrading existing dwellings.

Yesterday's meeting was the result of a mass meeting conducted by the NAACP July 29 at the Neighborhood House when it was voted to form a committee to meet with the commissioners, specifically on the police brutality issue.

Cahill is on vacation. No reason was given for Commissioner John Smith's absence.

Mrs. Sheehan defends handling of disturbances

Spokesman August 7, 1970

New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Sheehan yesterday characterized as "vicious and self-serving" criticism of her handling of the recent racial disorders in the Middlesex County seat.

Political rivals charged that the mayor issued a city-wide curfew on information from a nonexistent "New York policeman," who had reportedly advised her that Black Panthers were stockpiling arms in an alleged plan to "take over the city" when she acted to impose a curfew in the riot-torn city.

It was revealed last week that the "police officer" who had been working with city officials to cool the racial tension, was an impostor with an arrest record ranging from rape to grand larceny.

Euclid ("E.J.") Taylor, 41, was arrested by New Brunswick Police Friday on charges of impersonating an officer and carrying a concealed weapon.

When booked, Taylor listed his occupation as a "public relations" representative for the city.

New Brunswick officials explained that Taylor had gained their confidence after introducing himself as a New York City policeman on terminal vacation. They said Taylor had volunteered to work with the city's Community Relations Bureau during the trouble and was accepted because "we wanted anyone who could help us in a critical situation."

However, George L. Paik, a former city prosecutor who is now campaign manager for an opposition slate in the upcoming election, claimed yesterday that his offers of assistance had been rejected by Police Commissioner William J. Cahill.

Paik, who was fired as prosecutor last January, said he "cannot accept" the administration's explanation that there wasn't time to check on Taylor's credentials.

Paik charged that the city had "accepted with open arms a man with a long criminal record and at the same time turned away a former city prosecutor."

Health Officials Strike Oil—the Polluting Kind

The New Brunswick Health Department is investigating another complaint of pollution in the brook behind the Department of Public Works garage on Jersey Avenue.

Health Department officials investigating water samples drawn from the brook Wednesday found a substance they identified as the lubricating oil used when cutting metal pipes.

Sanitarians Richard Spilafore and Norman Schneider and Plumbing Inspector Bernard Schrum inspected catchbasins behind the Container Corporation of America plant on Quentin Avenue yesterday in an effort to find the source of the pollution.

Spilafore said the pollution could have come from one of two sources, the Container Corporation plant or the Independent Iron and Metal Co. He said the brook is dry to the south of the CCA plant.

A storm drain running beneath CCA

flows into the brook, he said, and the brook, when filled with runoff water after a rain-fall, flows north past the city garage into Franklin.

Yesterday's inspection behind CCA revealed debris covered by a red substance the officials identified as printing dye. The inspectors identified this as a possible source of the pollution.

Health Officer John J. Hanson said he sent a letter to CCA yesterday threatening to take the company to court if "paint sludge and oil" is not removed from the area near the catchbasins.

And, Hanson said, John Gaston of the N.J. Environmental Science Protection Bureau visited the site yesterday for an inspection. Hanson said the state will follow up the results of its own investigation.



POLLUTED BROOK — This is the brook behind the New Brunswick Department of Public Works garage on Jersey Avenue where two samples of water were found to contain oil used in lubricating pipe cutters.

A Clarification

To the Editor: I would like to set the record clear. New Brunswick independent candidates for Council, Louis C. Markette and William G. Thoenes, are not in opposition to each other. Whomever this information was received from should check the state election code — Title 19-Section 40. They should also review my candidates' campaign platform and their major issues. If you call this "opposition," then every candidate running in this campaign is in opposition to each other. As far as being a "novice in the political field" (as was stated in the article), it seems to me that I have plenty of company, including some of the candidates running against Louis C. Markette and William G. Thoenes. We also plan to visit every ward in this City of New Brunswick from now to election day to bring our issues to the voting people.

If anyone wants to know "how I am going to handle this situation" they will find the answer on November 3, 1970. As far as "walking a tight rope over Niagara Falls, juggling six balls at the same time," I believe that our campaign is well balanced and will stay that way until election day.

My candidates still stick to their issue — public safety — and this has been their major issue since the beginning of this campaign. Now it looks like everyone running in this campaign is on the bandwagon concerning public safety since the latest disturbances in New Brunswick. This issue has been on the records also at the New Brunswick Commission meetings, but the public never gets to hear the full story in the news media. I hope for the sake of the people of New Brunswick we all get together, including the news media, and give the public all the facts discussed at these meetings.

THOMAS J. McDONALD,
Campaign Manager
Louis C. Markette,
William G. Thoenes,
New Brunswick.

A Boring Meeting?

To the Editor: I read with amazement The Home News' account of the Monday Board of Adjustment hearing on University Mews that Mr. Muehlig "traps city planners," for Mr. Muehlig's appearance was a bust. He came in very late and simply repeated what had been said by many persons before him and, I might add, much more eloquently and effectively. The hush for Mr. Muehlig was a courtesy gavelled by the chairman since Mr. Muehlig speaks in a very low tone. If this was a highlight, then The Home News found the entire proceeding very boring and decided to find one thing upon which to build some kind of a story—the hush given Mr. Muehlig.

In reality, the highlight was the Board of Adjustment's lack of information, not due to the Planning Board per se, but the changes in plans made or Planning Board recommendations, incorporated into the drawings submitted to the Board of Adjustment without a re-hearing or formal approval of the changes.

Additionally, it seemed that the Board of Adjustment was exceedingly careful on Rutgers' behalf and remotely concerned with the problems of the individual residents.

In a way, I cannot blame The Home News, for it was a long meeting and for the most part dull and unimaginative and perhaps in retrospect, Mr. Muehlig's appearance and the subsequent courteous hush was a very welcome highlight at that point. It is too bad Mr. Muehlig added nothing but reiteration to the meeting.

ED MCGLYNN,
New Brunswick.

Investigate Political Interference

To the Editor: I would like to congratulate the citizens of New Brunswick and the candidates for the New Brunswick mayoral and Council seats who are demanding and who may possibly obtain an investigation into political interference in the New Brunswick Police Department.

If the people of New Brunswick will look back to the summer of 1967 and remember the disturbances in New Brunswick, which received national notoriety, they will recall that their policemen's association, the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, asked for an investigation into the political interferences which took place at that time. The investigation was never conducted and the request

ignored. I feel that if such an investigation was conducted then and the situation corrected, we might not have had the problems which are occurring at this time.

I hope the public and the candidates who are demanding this investigation have better results than the P.B.A. did in 1967. If an investigation is conducted and politics is eliminated in the police department, perhaps other communities which are having similar problems will follow suit. I believe this may also reduce the problems of acquiring and keeping good men on our police forces.

FRANK A. BLUE,
New Brunswick.

Mayor Sheehan asks police 'pro'

New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan yesterday called for the appointment of a "professional" police director to clear up the "chaotic administrative conditions" in the city's police department.

The mayor's statement came in response to criticism over the administration's apparent error in allowing a man said to have a record of 22 arrests—including seven for impersonating an officer—to work with the police community relations bureau to help cool racial disturbances in the city.

The alleged impostor, Euclid J. Taylor, 41, was arrested for impersonating an officer and carrying a concealed weapon, after New Brunswick police checked the New York City police department, where he reportedly claimed he had worked for 20 years.

Mrs. Sheehan placed the blame for allowing Taylor to work undetected on New Brunswick Police Chief Ralph Petrone.

The mayor said that if

Petrone had initiated the "most basic personnel checks," Taylor's story would have been found false. She said she "refuses to accept the blame for something which is the chief's responsibility."

Although the city has been barred from appointing a police director under the present commission form of government, a switch back to the mayor-council form after the coming election would allow the move.

"Petrone, meanwhile, called Mrs. Sheehan's charges "politically motivated" and said he is "sick and tired of political interference with the police department."

Although he said he would welcome the chance to work with a "professional" police director, Petrone condemned the present administration for "interfering" in the department's handling of the recent racial trouble.

"The only thing I want is to run the police department to the best of my ability," Petrone said.

Mayor, Commission Congratulated

To the Editor:

I can't recall a lower political trick than the one displayed by New Brunswick mayoral candidate, Ralph Muehlig, the head of the so-called "Save Our City" ticket.

I refer to Muehlig's attempt to make political hay out of the curfew ordered over the past weekend by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and the City Commission.

Muehlig says the mayor and commission overreacted. Of course, you can bet that if the city officials hadn't ordered a curfew and there had been real trouble, Muehlig would have been just as loud in blaming Mayor Sheehan and the commissioners for doing nothing.

That's the way politicians think. As far as I am concerned, Mayor Sheehan and the

Second Highest Rate for Size

City a U.S. Crime Leader

New Brunswick ranks second in crime among the more than 470 cities in the nation with populations between 25,000 to 50,000 independent mayoralty candidate Ralph J. Muehlig disclosed today.

Muehlig, who heads the "Save Our City" slate, said that "unbelievable statistics" will be borne out when the FBI Uniform Crime Report for 1969 is released to the public Thursday.

The only other city to top New Brunswick in that population category, Muehlig said, is Highland Park, Mich., which has held the No. 1 spot for the past four years.

Muehlig said the crime index for New Brunswick last year was 2,787, compared to 3,383 in Highland Park, Mich., and 2-

755 for Newport Beach, Calif., which was third.

The crime index, Muehlig said, is the number of reported crimes covering murder, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary or breaking and entering, thefts of articles valued at more than \$50 and auto theft.

Muehlig apparently is making crime a major issue in the campaign which will end Nov. 3 with the election of a mayor and five councilmen under the city's new charter.

He is considered to be the main opposition to the Democratic mayoralty candidate, Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan.

Favors Director's Post
Muehlig also said there is a need for outside professional help in the police department

in the form of a public safety director.

Such a recommendation was made Sunday by Mayor Sheehan when criticizing Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone.

While noting that crime has been on the increase throughout the country, Muehlig said "these FBI statistics clearly show that New Brunswick in the past three years has done a much poorer job in combating crime than other cities."

Mayor Sheehan and the other city commissioners were elected to office in May 1967 when they defeated all of the then five incumbents.

Muehlig said: "The Sheehan administration has carried us to an epidemic in crime, and nothing short of a complete overhaul of our public safety

activities will be adequate to solve our problems."

Muehlig said he'd release a more detailed statement on the crime issue as the election campaign progresses.

If elected, Muehlig said, he would establish priorities and a schedule to meet them.

He added: "We are going to need organizational and technological help and we intend to get it immediately from every appropriate agency in the state and federal government as well as private and public foundations."

"Certainly we need more policemen, improved training for policemen, and outside professional help in the form of a public safety director. All of this will be needed to implement

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commissioners, along with the New Brunswick police, deserve credit for acting quickly and keeping trouble to a minimum.

The entire matter was handled with cool and reasonable thinking. I hope the people of New Brunswick appreciate what their officials accomplished in a time of tension on all sides.

BENJAMIN JOHNSON,
New Brunswick.

Poor Taste?

To the Editor:

How small can a political leader get? A fine example has been set by Mr. Gallagher, Middlesex County Republican chairman, who is the new chairman of the New Jersey Highway Authority. What he did to the executive director of the Garden State Parkway when it came to this year's opening of the Garden State Arts Center at Holmdel was in the poorest of taste.

D. Louis Tonti, the man most responsible for the creation of the arts center, was omitted from the program. And then, adding insult to injury, Mr. Gallagher also made sure that Mr. Tonti was not on the podium on opening night as has been the custom since the opening of the center.

I also believe it was poor to have Mr. Tonti removed and replaced in his office by Mr. Gallagher and the new commissioners. To have partisan politics thrown into an occasion such as the operation of our state's greatest cultural achievement is pretty small in my estimation.

CAROLE MEYERS,
Madison.

Agreeable

To the Editor:

At the July 21 City Commission meeting which I attended Mr. Dipane, independent candidate for councilman, suggested to the mayor and commissioners a crash program on crime control. I agree.

What are his ideas?

Louis C. Markette, independent candidate for councilman, raised the issue of supplementing regular police with police reserves. Again I agree. Also Mayor Sheehan was asked the answer to the question what ever became of the meeting with former City Commissioner Valenti and the police reserves which I attended?

Having almost 11 years of labor relations experience, I am greatly interested in the results of any organization efforts by the city employees.

Job security for all city employees is a must. A complete and meaningful grievance procedure, allowing all employees full freedom of participation in community activities, particularly in the field of politics without fear of job reprisal, is necessary.

WILLIAM G. THOENE,
Independent Candidate for Councilman,
New Brunswick.

City Crime Leader

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meant a new program of law enforcement in the city. But most important is pinpointing the proper direction for our future law enforcement efforts, and making sure these efforts meet the city's specific needs at the moment."

Emphasizes Safe Streets

Muehlig, a member of the N.J. State Law Enforcement Planning Agency, noted that when Mayor Sheehan and the other commissioners ran these years ago they made crime a major issue of that campaign.

"Now look what has happened," Muehlig said. "We have more crime than ever before."

He said one of the most urgent tasks facing the next mayor of New Brunswick will be to "make the streets of New Brunswick safe."

"I believe," he added, "we must make the people again feel that they can walk out and shop on our streets without fear of insult or attack."

Muehlig said that since the Sheehan administration came into office in 1967, crime has risen steadily in this city.

New Brunswick was 19th in 1966, rose to 10th in 1967 and into third in 1968, Muehlig said.

Minimizes Drug Factor

Muehlig took issue with the recent statement by City Commissioner William Cahill, director of public safety, that the growing crime rate in New Brunswick is caused by increased use of drugs, and that the city is a favorite gathering ground for youths from suburban communities.

"In crime as in so many areas," Muehlig said, "the Sheehan administration has not delivered on promised charges. There has been no reform. The city is worse off. . . ."

Muehlig said he believes the

Kaplan Report Confirms Many Beliefs

By BARBARA SELICK
Home News Staff Writer

New Brunswick High School students have a "quite low" opinion of the school administration.

Most New Brunswick parents feel their children are receiving a good education in the public schools.

Relations between the Board of Education and its Community Advisory Committee are not very good.

The Black Steering Committee has a much more favorable opinion of the Board of Education than the Concerned and Responsible Citizens group does.

So what else is new? The recently-released summary of the Kaplan Report on New Brunswick's school-community relations provides no earth-shaking revelations but does verify what many people believed all along was true.

Semester Study
The result of a semester-long study by a group of students

at the Rutgers Graduate School of Education, the Kaplan Report says that New Brunswick High School students have a "quite low" opinion of the school administration for a number of reasons.

"The student body felt the administration was only partially aware of student problems and that they were not trusted by the administration," the report says.

"One of the major complaints voiced by the students was that they were burdened by picaresque and harassing rules which served little in solving the problems of the school," it continues.

The report points out that the students were aware that a certain percentage of their own group was guilty of breaking school rules and causing disruptions. However, these same students believed that the school rules and actions of the administration were "not at all successful" in controlling those who were responsible, and, as

a result, the entire student body had to suffer.

Students wanted to be informed why certain decisions were made, the report says, and what the facts were behind these decisions. "Over and over," the report states, "the students contended that the administration tried to cover up incidents that occurred within the school and that many stories became distorted by the administration's failure to inform the students of the exact nature of the incidents."

Instead of meeting student problems face-to-face, the administration would always circumvent the real issue, or so the students predicted.

Eye on Policy
One other viewpoint strongly expressed by many responding students was the failure of the school administration to include the student body in any decision-making school policy," said the report.

The report that the school administration will have to

make some basic changes in the present decision-making process in order to establish communication with the students.

"School officials will have to establish a decision-making body comprised of students, teachers and administrators that will work towards a high school that truly represents the views and interests of all groups," it is recommended.

"This will only be successful," the report warns, "if the administration is willing to

give some authority to the students. As a powerless group, the student body would serve little in satisfying the needs and problems of their group."

Curriculum Praised
On the other hand, the report states that the student body appeared to be quite content with the curriculum in the high school. The students felt the course selections were good and that everyone had the opportunity to take the courses they wanted.

"There was more than ade-

quate participation in school activities and in general the students spoke very highly of the organizations of which they were members," according to the report.

Turning to the Board of Education's Community Advisory Committee (CAC), the study found that the "belief exists that the board feels that it doesn't really need an advisory committee."

The report also states that the board has failed to define precisely the role of the CAC, that there are no formal channels for two-way communication between the board and the CAC, that the CAC is not representative of the community, and that the "sentiment of CAC members towards the board is in need of repair."

Suggests Expansion
The study recommends that the base of the CAC be expanded to reflect the diverse ethnic, religious, civic, political and socio-economic composition of New Brunswick and that the board re-examine its motives for establishing the CAC.

In examining feelings toward the board of "two polar groups" — the Black Steering Committee (BSC) and the Concerned and Responsible Citizens (CRC) — the study found "ample evidence" of a diver-

gence of thinking.

The report says that CRC considers board members "evasive," believes that the board "leans too heavily" toward the Black Steering Committee, and feels the board would like to stifle the CRC.

While the Black Steering Committee agrees there is a need for communication between the board and itself, the report says that the BSC believes that the board is trying to encourage dialogue with interested community groups, and "is aware of the favorable relationship it has with the blacks."

Bridge Gap
The report recommends that the board appoint an ad hoc committee to try to bridge the gap between the CRC and its

self, that the board "plug the confidential information leak in its own office," and the board "try to open communication links with black leaders who are currently being supported by the black community."

"The effect of adverse literature could be diminished by the board's publication and distribution of materials, such as a newsletter, which would give the true side of the story," the report continues.

It also suggests that the superintendent's office "examine such items as the establishment of individual school discipline policies, the performance of hall aides and the accusation that particularly troublesome discipline cases are avoided because of racial overtones."

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TRANSIT REPORT: STOL airport in New Brunswick urged

By ROBERT RUDOLPH
Home News Staff Writer

A government-backed study recommends that an airbase for short take off and landing aircraft be built in downtown New Brunswick as the first step in construction of a shuttle service which will stitch together the entire northeast sector of the country under a network of short distance commuter flights.

The study — which warns that pollution along highways

will shortly reach "emergency" levels — suggests construction of these "STOL-Craft" bases as a means of thwarting the deadly buildup of pollution from automobiles on metropolitan highways.

Entitled "Project Eagle," the plan was developed by the Rutgers University Eagleton Institute for the Federal Aviation Administration after a comparison was made between automobile pollution and high-density aircraft

flights over the same areas.

Donald G. Herzberg, head of the Eagleton Institute, explained that STOL bases would be supplemented by "Aquadromes" — moveable floating airfields which could be anchored off New York and other seaboard harbors for commuter usage.

Using conventional propeller-driven planes, Herzberg contends that a flight from New Brunswick to New York would take the commuter

only 18 minutes. The planes would use air space at far lower altitudes than the commercial lanes utilized by large jetcraft.

"It's ridiculous to think of solving mass transit problems in the future by any other way except air travel," Herzberg contended.

The "Project Eagle" report follows a study requested by Middlesex County Freeholder Francis J. Coury to determine the effects of increased

amounts of automobile pollution along metropolitan highways, compared to aircraft pollution dangers.

According to the report, "domes" of carbon monoxide gasses can build up and spread out from highways, choking, blinding and even killing drivers and nearby residents.

The study shows that children playing in parks or playgrounds near heavily used roadways can suffer sight,

hearing and breathing impairments when exposed to these fumes.

Detailing methods for measuring and predicting pollution levels from automobiles, "Project Eagle" warns that conditions violating Air Pollution Emergency Standards exist along certain metropolitan arteries and will continue to worsen unless preventive action is taken.

In the comparison study, the report claims that the

amount of pollution given off by STOL aircraft is so low as to produce "no known physiological effect on humans."

The finding "warrants establishing a demonstration air service," the report says.

It acknowledges that STOL bases would create their own pollution problems.

The report paints a frightening picture of choking exhaust fumes building up along highway access routes to these bases — presumably to be located in the center of a community's business district — and presenting an actual hazard to lives of nearby residents.

The study suggests that persons living or working in the central part of cities equipped with such STOL-ports would be forced to live in a sealed, self-contained atmosphere cut off from the outside in order to protect their health.

However, using Manhattan as an example, the "Project Eagle" findings claim that "no threat to the environment" would occur from the placement of high-density STOL-craft operations on "Aquadromes" anchored near the city.

While condemning the pollution thrown out by a car's internal combustion engine, Cooper Bright, director of Eagleton Institute's Center for

Transportation Studies, calls the jet engine a far lesser danger.

"Their pollution is just so much more detectable to the eye," Bright asserted, referring to the great clouds of fumes which trail behind jetliners on takeoff and landing.

The Eagleton study on pollution used a one-mile stretch of Highway 18 near New Brunswick to test conditions which may arise once a STOL base is constructed in the city's business district.

The report suggests these findings can be applied to similar conditions which may occur throughout the Newark and New York area under different weather conditions.

The Route 18 segment was chosen partially because its geographical location in the mountain-bounded Raritan River Valley helped to promote stable atmospheric conditions which "enhance the possibilities of high pollution concentrations in the New Brunswick area."

The report shows that an "equalization" of atmospheric conditions in the early morning hours creates a greater peril for drivers caught up in the rush hour traffic than the same homeward bound traffic backup in the evening would produce.

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Police Command Blasted by Mayor

By ALVIN KING
Home News Staff Writer

Stung by the criticism, confusion and furor over the now-infamous police impostor case, Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, in a blistering statement issued today charged that:

- Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone failed to make the most "basic personnel check on Euclid J. Taylor Jr., which would have turned up the true facts."
- Chaotic administrative conditions existing "within the command of the police department demand there be a professional law enforcement administrator in charge," a move that would put Petrone second in command.
- The five-page statement, the strongest the mayor and City Commissioners have issued since taking office in 1967, comes in the wake of Taylor's role as a volunteer in the late July racial disturbances. Posing as a New York City patrolman about to retire, he applied for a job in the police department's Community Relations Bureau, but in the interim, worked as a volunteer during the outbreaks. He was unmasked as a fraud, however.
- Taylor is being held for Middlesex County Grand Jury action.
- The mayor's statement said "no event underscores the need for competent, effective leadership at the top of the city's police department more than the case of the police impostor, Euclid J. Taylor."
- In spite of major reorganizational steps taken since the administration took office, "it is obvious that nothing short of the appointment of a highly-qualified director—from the outside—will do if our police department is to ever have proper leadership and command," the mayor's statement continued.
- Mayor Sheehan said that while the concept of a professional director had been considered for some time, the present Commission form of government barred the commissioners from making such an appointment. Voters will select a Mayor and Council form of government in November, and the change will officially go into effect Jan. 1. Under the new system, a professional director can be named.
- Then the Mayor directed her fire at Petrone by saying: "Regardless of the chief's public disavowal of responsibility and his claim of suspicion about Taylor, it is crystal clear that even the most basic personnel check would have turned up the true facts. . . this would have

occurred had the chief ordered these steps taken when he first met Taylor on July 22."

Only the action of Commissioner William J. Cahill, public safety director, "turned up the true facts in the case of Taylor, and this occurred more than a week after the impostor was introduced to the commissioners as a member of the New York City police department," the statement continued.

Declaring there had been much distortion in the entire matter, Mayor Sheehan gave the following chronology in the case:

"On Wednesday, July 22, Patrolman Donald Bowling and Roosevelt Howard came to Captain John Brokaw in

the company of Mr. Taylor. The two patrolmen volunteered for plainclothes work, and they related Mr. Taylor's claim that he was a retiring New York City police officer interested in working in New Brunswick. This took place the day after the first trouble in the city. (The reference here is to wholesale vandalism following a block dance.)

"The three were sent to Chief Petrone for a conference. From this point on, Patrolmen Bowling and Howard operated as an intelligence-gathering team with Mr. Taylor. Ultimately, an identification card was issued to Mr. Taylor by the Police Department, not the city administration.

"The fact that Mr. Taylor was with the two patrolmen on duty obviously means that Chief Petrone himself sanctioned a role for Taylor before the commissioners were aware of it. He accompanied Patrolmen Bowling and Howard who served as an intelligence team.

"Our first contact with Mr. Taylor came late Thursday and early Friday morning, July 23 and 24. He was introduced to us as a retiring New York City homicide detective on terminal leave who was interested in working for the New Brunswick Community Relations Bureau.

"The other commissioners and myself had no inkling that even the basic steps toward checking out Mr. Tay-

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Chief Petrone's credentials had not been undertaken at Chief Petrone's direction.

"Chief Petrone's first feeble efforts to confirm his so-called suspicions did not come until Monday, July 27, when he ordered a check of Mr. Taylor for hiring purposes.

"The chief was galvanized into action only after Mr. Taylor failed to show up at police headquarters where he was to have been fingerprinted in line with his application for employment with the Community Relations Bureau.

"As the result of certain irrational statements made by Mr. Taylor Wednesday night, coupled with the lack of positive verification of his background, we met late Thursday, July 30, to review the entire matter.

"Following this review of the facts as we then knew them, Commissioner Cahill dispatched Patrolmen Bowling and Howard to New York City. That was at 2:00 a.m. Friday. Before dawn, the officers were back in New Brunswick with the facts on Mr. Taylor.

"The simple truth about this entire issue is that Commissioner Cahill, a civilian without police training, took the step that finally resulted in the unmasking of Mr. Taylor.

"Chief Petrone, with his many years of experience, could have taken the same action more than a week before, if he actually had the suspicions of Mr. Taylor, which he claims to have had.

"It is logical that the members of the commission have a right to expect that routine police personnel matters are handled reasonably and efficiently.

"At one point, Chief Petrone is quoted as saying he became suspicious when Mr. Taylor failed to show up for fingerprinting as ordered on Monday, July 27. Later, Chief Petrone is quoted as saying he was suspicious "all the time."

"Either way, it is obvious to me that Chief Petrone failed to initiate an immediate check on Mr. Taylor," said the Mayor's statement.

"Quite frankly, we refuse to accept the blame for something that should have been routine police business and the responsibility of the chief of police.

"More serious among Chief Petrone's statements is that he was not consulted on the matter of the curfew and that he was not in favor of it. This is simply not

true.

"The chief attended the meetings at which the curfew was discussed. He absolutely gave no indication he had reservations about the step. The decision was unanimous. In fact, Chief Petrone enumerated a list of police chiefs in neighboring communities on whom he could call for help.

"Further, Chief Petrone went so far as to tell us that he thought the situation serious enough that we should consider calling on the National Guard.

"The Taylor case, in addition to other events affecting the Police Department administration over the past three years, quite clearly demonstrate that professional full-time leadership is needed if the department is to function at full efficiency.

"In the past, we have tried to work within the framework of the existing command of the Police Department. However, this is obviously not enough if the people of New Brunswick are to have the kind of law enforcement they deserve. The key to the structure is the man at the top.

"The appointment of a full-time police director is not a political gesture. Given the new form of government which makes it possible, we have been looking for a high-ranking professional. This is the type of official we shall appoint at the earliest possible moment."

'City Seeking A Scapegoat'

Ralph C. Petrone, New Brunswick Chief of Police, accused the city administration of looking for a "scapegoat" by criticizing him throughout the statement issued by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan today.

"The city administration is looking for a scapegoat to head off mounting criticism directed at their handling of the recent crisis," said Petrone after hearing of the mayor's statement through newsmen.

Petrone said he had not received a copy of the statement and was therefore not prepared to reply fully. But he particularly disputed the mayor's contention that he had favored the curfew and took issue with her version of his role in the hiring of Euclid J. Taylor.

Petrone repeated his earlier statement that he did not favor a curfew. He made the statement to The Home News on Friday, July 24, shortly before

the curfew was called by Mayor Sheehan. At the time, Petrone contended that "curfews penalize the innocent."

Petrone also denied he had anything to do with the hiring of Taylor. "I am not responsible for the hiring of police personnel," said Petrone. The chief said he was suspicious of Taylor from the first and was checking his record when Public Safety Commissioner William J. Cahill also became suspicious.

Cahill said he began to question Taylor's story after the man made some remarks critical of the police force at a public meeting. This happened a week after Taylor was first introduced to city officials as an applicant to the police Community Relations Division.

Petrone indicated he would have more to say tomorrow after he had read the full of the mayor's statement.

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Political Figures Urge City Police Department Reforms

August 11, 1970

Vincent J. DiPane Jr., an independent candidate for city council, said today that if elected he would propose a minimum strength of 120 men for the New Brunswick police department.

The force presently has 91 men and minimum and maximum strengths are not limited by local legislation.

Included in the proposed ordinance, DiPane said, would be regulations governing the minimum number of men actually deployed to any given shift.

Specifying a certain number of men to a shift has been a continuing proposal by DiPane, a critic of the city administration's handling of the police department.

At the same time, David J. Harris said he sees a danger in charges and counter-charges obscuring the central issue of much-needed reforms within the city police department.

Harris, an unsuccessful mayoral candidate in the Democratic primary in April, said Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan's recommendation for a professional police director should not be confused by the Euclid J. Taylor affair.

Harris recalled he made such a proposal during the Democratic primary when Mrs. Sheehan won that party's nomination for mayor.

"It has been clear for some time now that our police department has been suffering under ineffective leadership. This lack of leadership has contributed to the problems of recruitment, training, administrative procedures and the deployment of men," Harris said.

The leadership problem, he said, has also caused division within the department and has hampered the effectiveness of otherwise competent and well-informed police officers.

DiPane has opposed the mayor's proposal for a professional police director when the new charter goes into effect Jan. 1.

Under Review

The regulations under which the department operates were adopted in 1923. City Commissioner William Cahill, director of public safety, said recently they are under review and new regulations should be proposed for adoption by the commissioners in a few months.

Cahill's predecessor, Carl T. Valenti, an attorney who resigned this year from the commission, also labeled the present police regulations as outdated.

DiPane, a former city policeman, said he would include the following in the proposed legislation governing the police department:

Initiate a formal in-service training program on a continuous basis, a competitive promotion program with detailed requirements and restrictions for promotions, a continuous recruitment program to make it possible to maintain the level of authorized strength, periodic inspection of administrative and other personnel, and standard personnel records for all police officers and patrolmen.

There must also be rules of discipline establishing a code of conduct and punishment for members of the police department, DiPane said.

Through the adoption of these ordinances, DiPane said the

city administration could exercise its responsibility of control over the police department. However, there would be no direct interference with the daily operation of the force.

DiPane said: "These basic policies are currently lacking and once they are adopted we should have a sure step toward efficient and effective crime control making the appointment of a police director unnecessary."

Petrone's Lawyer Replies to Mayor

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone did not comment today on Sunday's stinging criticism by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan but released a copy of a letter to the mayor from his attorney, John A. Lynch Jr.

Lynch said he was "shocked" at the mayor's criticism published in The Sunday Home News.

"As his attorney, Chief Petrone has consulted with me concerning this matter and feels that he can only do more damage to the city by publicly answering your charges. However, I would like to clarify the record and answer some of the charges," Lynch wrote.

Former Squad

The lawyer said the city administration's creation of the former confidential squad, which did not report to the chief, undermined the chain of command and split the police department into factions.

"While on the subject of morale, didn't your administration promise to get rid of policies in the police department?" Lynch asked.

"You have, in fact, made Chief Petrone a mere figurehead in the administration of the department and now want to blame him for not properly administering," the attorney said.

Lynch said the mayor's attribution of the entire blame for the "Euclid Taylor incident" to Chief Petrone "is without foundation in fact."

The attorney added: "Chief Petrone did not hire Mr. Taylor. He was hired by the city administration through the community relations bureau. Chief Petrone had no reason to believe that Mr. Taylor was doing police work."

"There have been other people with criminal records who have done work for the community relations bureau, as you well know. As soon as Chief Petrone heard that Mr. Taylor was carrying a gun he immediately took every possible action to confirm the facts. In the meantime, he advised that Taylor could not carry a gun. However, he was overruled by the commissioner after advice

from counsel. Ultimately the chief's actions resulted in full disclosure."

Mixed Reactions

The mayor's strong recommendation for a professional police director brought mixed reactions today.

"I am opposed to the appointment of a director of police for the City of New Brunswick — the best we can do is to wait for the money we have available when the new mayor-council form of government goes into effect Jan. 1," said Frederick W. Haleluk, an independent candidate for mayor.

DiPane, a former policeman in New Brunswick, said DiPane's proposal for a professional police director is a "scorcher" and that the present city commission is a primary obstacle to efficient crime control.

"This problem," he said, "must be eliminated and can now using the curfew issue be, through the adoption of city ordinances regulating the police department."

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Petrone's Attorney Replies to the Mayor

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closed Taylor was a fraud and he is now in the county workhouse in default of \$1,000 bail pending grand jury action on charges of impersonating a police officer, carrying a concealed weapon and passing a false check.

Chief Petrone said he was not in the county workhouse in default of \$1,000 bail pending grand jury action on charges of impersonating a police officer, carrying a concealed weapon and passing a false check.

The mayor subsequently ordered a curfew after two days of window smashing and fire bombings.

The mayor's statement called for a professional police director. The present city commission is a primary obstacle to efficient crime control, the mayor-council charter does.

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the police department, not the politicians. That's what he would be getting paid for."

Haleluk's comment was an obvious reference to the takeover at police headquarters by the mayor during the recent crisis.

Not on Payroll

Taylor, who was given an identification card by city police, was not on the municipal payroll, a check with George Cox, city comptroller, revealed today.

Haleluk dug back into the Democratic primary election to quote the mayor as saying that "political interference has no place in the police department."

The mayoralty candidate said that remark by Mayor Sheehan was made during a candidates' forum over radio station WCTC.

"Yet the mayor is now changing her mind, shifting the blame for the curfew on Police Chief Petrone. Last week, Commissioner (William) Cahill and Mayor Sheehan made only little reference to the police chief."

"During the same radio program, Mayor Sheehan made no strong statements recommending the hiring of a police director. Such position was taken by David Harris (one of three candidates in the Democratic primary)," Haleluk said.

Mrs. Sheehan won the Democratic primary, held in April. Haleluk said the mayor commented at that time that the recommendation by Harris for a police director "deserved consideration."

The independent candidate said Petrone should not be blamed for personnel procedures that fall under the duties of subordinates.

Haleluk charged that the Sheehan administration was "used" by being "talked into" a curfew.

Mayor Sheehan has denied charges her curfew order for the nights of July 24-25 was based on Taylor's intelligence reports that armed Black Panthers were holed up in the New Brunswick Homes apartment project on Memorial Parkway, a short distance from police headquarters.

Muehlig Defends Petrone

August 11, 1970

Ralph J. Muehlig, mayoralty candidate for the independent "Save Our City" ticket in the city election, yesterday went to the defense of Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone, who has been criticized by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan.

Petrone, Muehlig said, should not be blamed for making it possible for Euclid J. Taylor, 41, of 130 Handy St., to play out his alleged role as police impostor before and during the recent disorders.

Taylor's alleged masquerade was unmasked by city policemen and he's now in the county workhouse awaiting grand jury action on three charges, including impersonating a policeman.

Muehlig said, "Police Chief Petrone has contended all along he didn't want Euclid Taylor without a check first being made of the man."

Taylor, who allegedly said he was a New York City policeman about to retire, was permitted to work as a volunteer with the city police department's community relations bureau.

Muehlig said Petrone has implied that someone went over his head to get Taylor "into the police department." More than a week ago City Commissioner William Cahill, public safety director, said Taylor was put to use because time didn't permit a background check during the disturbances.

"Now suddenly an accusing finger is pointed at Chief Petrone," Muehlig said.

The SOC candidate further stated, "I would like to know the involvement in this of every commissioner, the mayor, and every superior police officer, including Capt. John Brokaw."

"I find it interesting that in the mayor's statement Sunday Capt. Brokaw's name was not mentioned once. He is the head of the community relations bureau. It was that bureau for which Taylor was working. Taylor was brought to Capt. Brokaw first, not to Chief Petrone."

"Is the city administration now saying it will blame one of its subordinates—the chief—for this affair, but that one of the chief's subordinates should walk away with his hands clean?"

Muehlig said that as far as he's concerned the responsibility "for this whole mess" rests with the mayor and the other city commissioners. Mayor Sheehan is the Democratic

candidate for mayor in the November general election.

"All of the facts in the Taylor episode have yet to come out," Muehlig said.

He added, "I called for a grand jury investigation into this soon after I became aware of the role played by Taylor and I still believe that a grand jury investigation is mandatory."

Muehlig recalled that when Mayor Sheehan and the other commissioners ran for office in May 1967, they criticized the leadership in the police department.

"In what way has that leadership really changed since then?" Muehlig asked.

Muehlig said there have been token changes.

Meanwhile, Muehlig stated, crime has risen in New Brunswick "to unbelievable proportions."

The SOC candidate has been critical of Mayor Sheehan's curfew order following the recent disturbances.

Mayor Sheehan has denied that her curfew order was based solely on Taylor's reports of potential violence from armed men hiding out in the New Brunswick Homes apartment complex on Memorial Parkway.

Mayor Sheehan, in her statement published Sunday, said Petrone could have learned that Taylor was an impostor by making a routine check.

This, however, was later done in New York City by Patrolmen Donald Bowling and Roosevelt Howard, who had introduced Taylor to Brokaw. Brokaw later introduced Taylor to Petrone.

Taylor was given an identification card by police and he worked with Bowling and Howard, who were on temporary plainclothes assignment. They later unmasked Taylor as an impostor.

Another political candidate, Frederick W. Haleluk, pointed out that Taylor was introduced to Brokaw by Bowling and Howard.

"Therefore," Haleluk said, "it was Brokaw's duty to check up on Taylor, not Petrone's."

Haleluk, an independent candidate for mayor, further states, "Bowling and Howard were teamed up with Taylor, with Taylor being allowed to have a gun and drive a city car which was used by the three to chase a car driven by a young woman at high speeds to East Brunswick."

Assault Charges Against Chief Canceled

August 11, 1970

By RICHARD GORMAN
Home News Staff Writer

WEST LONG BRANCH — Eleven charges of simple assault and battery involving New Brunswick Police Chief Ralph Petrone were withdrawn or dismissed in Municipal Court here this morning. Petrone was assessed \$10 court costs.

In a four-minute hearing before Municipal Court Judge Charles L. Morgan, attorney for the chief, his brother Angelo and a friend, Fred J. Demerlan, and for Patrick and Michael Koren of Narberth, Pa., indicated that all parties wished to withdraw all complaints.

A charge of assault and battery against the chief was dismissed for lack of prosecution when Mrs. Patrick Koren, who reportedly was eight months pregnant at the time, did not appear for the trial. In announcing the withdrawals and dismissals, the judge said the incident outside Monmouth Park in Oceanport on June 27 "appears to have been a donnybrook."

Morgan said the court would not force prosecution upon any of the complaints. He assessed court costs at the rate of \$10 for each complaint signed. Petrone signed one.

Outside the courtroom Petrone smiled and said, "I'm happy I'm vindicated."

Petrone's attorney, John A. Lynch Jr., said the Korens' contention that Mrs. Patrick Koren was in the car at the time of the incident was untrue. And, he added, that's why she didn't appear in court.

Lynch identified those in the Koren car at the time as Michael, Patrick and Michael's wife. Neither Koren woman appeared in court.

Lynch said the first indication of this outcome arose when the prosecutor said the Korens were willing to withdraw the charges.

The incident which led to the charges occurred outside the racetrack on June 27. About 6 p.m., as Petrone was leaving, he said, the driver of a car cut him and a second car off. The driver of the car swore,

the chief said, and Koren believed it was Petrone.

About a mile away on Route 38, he continued, the driver ran to Petrone's car and attempted to punch the chief, who was driving. Petrone's brother Angelo and Donelan, who were in the car, came to Petrone's rescue and the other Koren became involved.

Lynch said three people were in the Koren car but complaints were signed by four people.

Lynch said his client is considering filing suit for criminal libel against New Brunswick Patrolman Leonard Gioglio for allegedly circulating notices with a newspaper account of the incident.

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Assault

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The incident and a typewritten account of Petrone kicking Mrs. Patrick Koren in the face during the incident.

Gioglio requested the City Commission suspend Petrone pending the results of his court appearance. City Commissioner William Cahill, director of public safety, said the matter was still under investigation and declined to take any action against the chief.

New Brunswick PRA Local 23 went on record supporting Petrone's actions. In a statement issued last month by PRA President Joseph Patterson, the association said, "We take issue with any person or persons who would attempt to besmirch a policeman or chief of police without knowing the full facts in the case or assuming that he is guilty of a crime before he has had his day in court."

Assault charges dropped against Chief Petrone

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A series of charges and counter-charges, with New Brunswick Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone as one of the figures involved, were dropped yesterday in West Long Branch Municipal Court.

Eight charges of assault and battery were withdrawn by the complainants. A ninth charge, lodged against Chief Petrone, was dismissed by Municipal Judge Charles L. Morgan when the complainant failed to appear in court.

The charges came as the result of an argument on Route 36 on June 27, shortly after the participants left the Monmouth Park Racetrack in nearby Oceanport.

In one car were Chief Petrone, his brother, Angelo Petrone, and a friend, Fred Donelan of New Brunswick. In the second car were Mrs. and Mrs. Patrick Koren and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Koren, all of Narberth, Pa.

The case was postponed once because the Pennsylvania residents were unable to get to New Jersey for the hearing.

Yesterday, Judge Morgan dismissed the assault charge against the chief when Mrs.

Koren failed to appear in court. The chief, in turn, dropped his charges against the Korens.

There was a courtroom conference among the various attorneys present and all parties asked to withdraw their charges.

Judge Morgan agreed, but fined all concerned \$10 for the court's time and trouble.

He'd better be careful. They might come in," George J. Shamy said this morning when commenting on Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone's request for a probe of the city police department by the state attorney general's office.

Shamy, however, said he could not comment in detail until he had time to study Petrone's seven-page statement released today for publication in which he charges the city administration with political interference.

"Before I make a comment I'd like to see the full text of the release," said Carl T. Valenti, an attorney and former city commissioner.

Welcomes Agreement

Valenti, who resigned in March to become legal counsel to the city Housing and Redevelopment Agency, had served as public safety director since the administration of Mayor

Petrone's Move Evokes Comment

August 13, 1970

Patricia Q. Sheehan took office in May 1967.

"I welcome his (Petrone's) agreement with the mayor on her recommendation for a full-time police director," Valenti said.

Mayor Sheehan and City Commissioner William Cahill, the present public safety director, are vacationing and could not be reached for comment.

Also out of town is City Commissioner John A. Smith, director of revenue and finance, who had been named acting mayor in Mrs. Sheehan's absence. Smith's office said he was on a business trip.

Investigation Halted

"I would welcome an investigation into the operation of the police department and the alleged political interference," said Vincent J. DiPane Jr., an independent candidate for city council under the new charter.

Shamy, when briefed by a newsmen on Petrone's statement, remarked: "If he calls taking orders from the police commissioner (Cahill) and the mayor then he's misinterpreting political interference."

"It's the responsibility of the mayor and the commissioners to take over in times of crises. Politics is being played by the chief. It's no secret that

(Ralph J.) Muehlig (an independent candidate for mayor) is getting his information from the chief as to what is happening at police headquarters."

Shamy, Democratic municipal chairman, is campaign manager for the city administration candidates in the November general election. He had engineered the present commissioners to their win three years ago.

The attorney stressed: "There's been no political interference!"

Shamy added: "He's (Petrone) attempting to distract from the real issue of his failure as a chief of police."

"We let all department heads function without chopping heads. There was no political reprisal."

Those comments referred to the takeover of City Hall in the commissioners' upset victory of May 1967.

Shamy Charges Politics

"I think this is political," Shamy said, referring to the chief's statement.

Shamy continued: "There's no question that Petrone is allied with Felix A. Cantore (a former city commissioner who appointed Petrone to chief) and Muehlig."

"This is another indication

that he is politically allied with Cantore and Muehlig. Cantore is backing Muehlig and Petrone is committed to Cantore. And it's obvious politics is being played by the chief of police."

DiPane, a former city policeman, said that when he was president of the New Brunswick PBA Local 23 the PBA general membership directed him in June 1968 to seek a state investigation of the police department.

"I requested an investigation and the state PBA alleged there was political interference during the disorders here of July 1967," DiPane said. The investigation was never made by the attorney general's office.

The council candidate recalled he brought the matter to the attention of the city administration at a City Commission meeting. DiPane said he criticized the administration for political interference into the operation of the police department during those disorders.

He said the state PBA alleged that Shamy gave orders over the police radio at headquarters. DiPane said this was denied by Shamy although he had affidavits on the controversy.

Editorials

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Some Wild Charges Fly

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, perhaps staggered by the responsibilities of her office, has made what we consider to be a most dangerous and irresponsible statement.

In a statement issued Sunday, the mayor, speaking for herself and the City Commission, charged that Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone failed to make the most "basic personnel check on Euclid J. Taylor Jr. which would have turned up the true facts."

But, far more serious, the mayor went on to say that chaotic administrative conditions existing "within the command of the police department demand there be a professional law enforcement administrator in charge" — a move that would reduce Petrone's responsibilities.

We will comment on the Euclid Taylor case only to the extent of saying that if Mayor Sheehan has not discovered after three years in office that the buck stops with the mayor, then she has been living in an incredible fantasyland. The fact remains the mayor and the City Commission are ultimately responsible for such a serious lapse.

But Mayor Sheehan has really stepped out of bounds when she claims that chaotic administrative conditions existing in the police department demand the appointment of a professional law enforcement administrator. Of course, Mayor Sheehan went on, such a move will not be possible until the new Mayor-Council form of government goes into effect on January 1, 1971. Such a statement is a little like telling someone there's a timebomb in his bedroom and that help won't be available for another four months. In the meantime, we'll just have to wait and hope that the bomb doesn't go off before that time.

What makes this sordid episode even more turgid is the fact that the mayor and her commissioners strongly opposed the change in government to Mayor-Council, a form which they now say is New Brunswick's only salvation in bringing about an end to the "chaos" of the police department.

Chaotic administrative practices do not develop overnight. So that means that if what Mayor Sheehan says is true, this condition has existed for some time. What has prevented Mayor Sheehan from speaking out in the past? Why has she stood mute while the city's crime rate has zoomed astronomically? Why has the climate of fear in this city been allowed to reach hysterical proportions while the mayor and her commissioners have remained silent up until now?

The charges which Mayor Sheehan has leveled cannot be ignored. If she has documented evidence to back up her charge of administrative inefficiency, then Chief Petrone should be suspended immediately and a formal hearing should be held so that Mayor Sheehan can present her evidence — that is, if her charges contain something substantive.

Council Aspirant Critical Of 'Tight-Lipped' Board

August 13, 1970

Tight-lipped practices on revealing public information by the Board of Education on major issues was attacked today by William G. Thone, an independent candidate for city council.

Thone's main criticism was aimed at the security system for the public schools as announced by the board at its Aug. 4 public meeting.

Thone emphasized today that he was not critical of Selby's appointment. "I approve of Selby for the job. I think the man has good character and has done a good job in the Juvenile Aid Bureau."

Prosecutor's Office Probing Taylor Case

August 12, 1970

The office of Middlesex County Prosecutor Edward J. Dolan is investigating the case involving Euclid J. Taylor, who was unmasked as a police impersonator during this city's recent racial disorders.

Muehlig also sought a probe by the county prosecutor into reports that Taylor carried a gun while he was a volunteer worker here.

Does not Muehlig levy specific charges of misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance of office against the four city commissioners who signed the curfew proclamation and Police Capt. John Brokaw?

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FBI Figures Are Shocking

Words cannot express how appalled we were to learn that according to FBI figures, New Brunswick now ranks second in crime among the more than 470 cities in the nation with populations between 25,000 to 50,000.

It is bad enough that New Brunswick ranks second in crime among cities its size in the United States. What is frightening, though, is to compare last year's figures with those of 1966. In 1966, New Brunswick ranked 19th on the crime index among cities its size. Since that time, the figures have skyrocketed. In 1967, the city was 10th. And in 1968, the city was third.

Such shocking statistics demand the promptest action from Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and the City Commission. We have in hand part of her proposed remedy. Mayor Sheehan tells us she will appoint an administrative police director in January, if she is elected. But these statistics demand action now, not in January. What do Mayor Sheehan and the City Commission propose to do now to bring down the zooming crime curve?

We reiterate our position: If what Mayor Sheehan has said about Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone has any basis in fact, then it is her responsibility, may duty, to suspend the chief and to convene a formal hearing to confront him with the evidence.

Action is imperative. To delay any longer taking decisive steps to curb the ballooning crime rate courts disaster for the City of New Brunswick.

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Chief Urges New Brunswick Probe

NEW BRUNSWICK — Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone asked for a state investigation of his charges that political interference has lowered morale in his department and made him "little more than a figurehead."

Petrone, chief six years and a policeman 28 years, asked the state attorney general to investigate and to end what Petrone called "interference by city and political officials who have no professional training in police work and at times placed the city and its policemen in near dangerous situations."

He criticized the administration of Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan which he charged has interfered with the operation of his department since 1967, when the Sheehan administration took office.

responsible for not checking Taylor's background immediately. She called for the appointment of an outside police director to run the department and said such a director could be named after the November elections. The city is due to abandon its commission form of government in favor of mayor-council Jan. 1.

Petrone said: "I am not against the hiring of a full-time police director trained in police work. Let me make it clear, I am not opposed to the elected city officials making policy. This is their responsibility."

as far as handling the disorders. In 1967, he added, some policemen were promoted without competitive examinations even though "earlier, a promise had been made that promotions would be based on competitive examinations and experience."

When the department was reorganized this year, though police chief, he was not consulted, Petrone said. Nor was he consulted when the city administration created a confidential gambling squad, he added.

Valenti Disputes Chief's Claim on Promotions

August 14, 1970

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer
Former city commissioner Carl T. Valenti today attacked the credibility of Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone's statement published yesterday that he, the chief, had not been consulted on a police promotion since the city administration took office in May, 1967.

The chief made the charge in his lengthy statement in which he complained bitterly over what he described as political interference by the administration of Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan.

Petrone was among those to participate in the swearing-in ceremonies at City Hall for James when he was promoted to sergeant.

whether or not there would be an investigation of the police department and so-called political interference. Valenti had been director of public safety and resigned in March to become legal counsel to the city Housing and Redevelopment Agency.

that if the AG's office decided to conduct a probe in New Brunswick, the county prosecutor would be notified. Middlesex County Prosecutor Edward J. Dolan is probing the Euclid J. Taylor case.

J. Muehlig, firing most of the blasts at the city administration, Muehlig is the mayoralty candidate for the independent "Save Our City" slate.

A council candidate on that ticket, Robert J. Ferguson, charged last week that, according to information he got from police, Taylor brandished a gun and wore a hunting knife while working for the bureau.

City police have conducted their own probe on the gun issue, but said they couldn't give details because of the county prosecutor's investigation.

City Hall Welcomes Any Probe of Police

August 18, 1970

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer
"We are not afraid of any kind of investigation," City Commissioner John A. Smith said today as acting mayor.

Smith was referring to Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone's request last Thursday for a probe of the police department and alleged political interference from the city administration.

at the moment, I may have something later on," the chief said. Petrone declared: "My request for the investigation stands. I asked for it."

The chief told a Home News reporter that if he had anything further to say on the Valenti statement he would get in touch with the newspaper.

Smith, an attorney and director of revenue and finance, said he was speaking for the administration.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and City Commissioner William C. Cahill, director of public safety, have been vacationing at the shore, but will be at tonight's meeting of the City Commission.

Smith said Mayor Sheehan possibly would have a formal statement concerning recent controversial issues which have come up during the municipal election campaign.

recommending that a professional police director be appointed under the new charter Jan. 1, Cahill declared: "This administration interfered with the operation of the police department since the commissioners took office in May 1967."

The chief said the administration undermined his authority and hampered efficiency of the department.

Probe Welcomed by City Hall

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DiPane, a former city policeman, said: "Valenti is only playing the role of the mouthpiece for the New Five (city administration) in calling for an outside investigation and Police Chief Petrone's resignation."

DiPane added that neither Valenti nor the city administration "can escape responsibility for conditions involving the police department."

He said the city administration had more than enough time "to take positive steps to correct the situation..."

DiPane continued: "It seems to me that the present call for Petrone's resignation is an effort to divert attention from the administration's shortcomings, and is a clear admission of fault."

Diversionary Tactic Charged
Vincent J. DiPane Jr., an independent candidate for council, criticized Valenti for requesting that Petrone resign.

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Petrone Asks Probe of Political Meddling

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer
Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone yesterday sought a state investigation of the New Brunswick Police Department, thereby lifting his self-imposed silence since Sunday's scathing criticism by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan.
The chief said he asked state Atty. Gen. George F. Kugler Jr. to conduct the investigation, charging there has been political interference with the department since the Sheehan administration took office in May 1967.
No Stranger to Controversy
Petrone, no stranger to controversy, said he's been little more than a figurehead in the department since then.

He charged that the police department "repeatedly has been politically interfered with" and this has caused "a serious breakdown in morale of city policemen."
The Home News contacted Kugler's office late yesterday and learned Petrone's request for a probe had not been received.
A spokesman said he could not comment until a study of Petrone's text had been made.
The chief said, "The people in the city administration have tried to get rid of me since they came into office in 1967. Right from the start they tried to force me out. They undermined my authority and constantly told me what to do."
Petrone, however, said that as a layman he was not

certain under what state authority the attorney general's office could make the probe.
New Brunswick PBA Local 23 in July 1968 asked then Atty. Gen. Arthur J. Silles to investigate the city police department. The investigation was never made.
Petrone, in a seven-page statement, said, "Since 1967, I have been harassed repeatedly by the city administration. I was brought up on charges at one point (1969) and absolved of those charges. I went on sick leave (last year) and when I attempted to return to duty, I was again harassed by the administration."
"All this and the resulting publicity has been of great embarrassment to me and my family. It is not right that a police chief should be treated this way."

"All I ask is that I be permitted to run the police department as a police chief so that New Brunswick will have a more effective police department with policemen not torn into factions."
"I have asked the state attorney general, or someone he designates, to conduct the investigation into this because I believe anything short of that high level of investigation might be caught by the same political interference that has hampered the efficient operation of the police department. I want the public to know what has been going on so that it will not happen again."
"I'm not trying to go over anyone's head," Petrone said.
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City's Response to Police Brutality Charges Fails to Satisfy Protesters

By GORDON SHARP
Home News Staff Writer
Some neighborhood representatives say they are still not satisfied with the city's response to charges of police brutality, and have called for an independent investigating unit and a "candidates night" to air solutions to the problems besetting the New Brunswick Police Department.
Semmon N. Horne, president of the New Brunswick chapter of the NAACP, and Jack Wysoker, ACLU lawyer and an attorney representing one of those charging police with assault, both expressed their disappointment with the city commission's response both during and since a City Hall meeting last week.
Horne and other NAACP representatives met with Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and Commissioner Aldridge B. Cooper and Victor Recline Aug. 5 to discuss citizens' suggestions for changes in police administration.

Wysoker attended the meeting briefly and later reviewed the commissioners' response to the list of suggestions.
"Their response was very disappointing," said Wysoker. "I doubt that much of anything will come out of whatever investigation they're undertaking."
The commissioners indicated they would refer police reports of the arrests during the July 24-25 curfew to the county prosecutor's office, but both Horne and Wysoker said they doubted this action would solve any problems.
"The commission should follow the lead of Chief (Ralph C.) Petrone," said Horne. Petrone has asked the state attorney general's office to investigate what he calls "political interference" with his department, claiming he could not go to County Prosecutor Edward J. Dolan because Dolan is a personal friend.

Same Problem?
"The mayor might have the same problem," said Horne.
"Nothing will be done about police brutality unless the situation is placed on a priority basis," said Wysoker. "So far nothing has been done and we have been given no indication that anything will be done."
"Unless this is given priority and the commissioners are serious about doing something, this kind of inaction will continue and will just invite recurring community aggravation over their lack of concern," said Wysoker.
"We need some kind of independent investigative agency with the power to look into these charges and do something about them," he continued. "The appointment of a professional police commissioner or any other reorganization will be meaningless unless some kind of priority is given to the problem."
Wysoker recalled a meeting between former Commissioner Carl Valenti and members of the NAACP, ACLU and Black Steering Committee following the disturbances of 1967, and noted that nothing had been done since that time to avert future disorders.

Major Issue
It was the unmasking of Taylor that erupted into a major political issue, since opponents to the administration claim Mayor Sheehan's order for a curfew July 24 was based on information supplied by Taylor.
This has been denied by the mayor and City Commissioner William Cahill, public safety director, who admitted the administration "had been used."
Mayor Sheehan, in her Sunday statement, said Petrone could have learned of Taylor's masquerade by calling the New York police.
Taylor is awaiting grand jury action on three charges, including impersonating a policeman.
"Dolan is a personal friend," Petrone said. "If I went to him (to conduct the probe) there may be implications that I went to a friend for help."
Petrone said he does not believe that Mayor Sheehan composed the blistering statement published in The Sunday Home News.

Welcomes Probe
Valenti said, "I welcome the suggestion of an investigation. I hope it comes about. If not by the attorney general, then by the State Investigating Commission or the U.S. attorney for New Jersey."
"I hope it is prompt and complete. I think Petrone has a lot of questions to answer."
Valenti, a strong supporter of the administration of Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, said the administration has nothing to hide.
He added, "It has always acted out of a sense of duty and responsibility. It has always acted with utmost integrity and honesty. Any proper and impartial investigation will prove to be true."
The attorney, known for his conservative personality, said, "When I first heard that Petrone was calling for an investigation, it sounded like a joke — as if the president of the Easton National Bank had called for an audit."
"Nevertheless, although Petrone is probably only grandstanding, I truly hope the request is treated seriously because such irresponsible charges should be investigated."
Valenti said that after reviewing Petrone's seven-page statement, he concluded "it is obvious that Petrone is desperate. His desperation points up a dangerous reliability gap as long as he continues as police chief."

Being Ignored
"The problem is being ignored by the city administration," said Wysoker.
Roland Crump, vice president of the NAACP, suggested a forum of candidates on the subject. All those running for mayor, said Crump, should be given a chance to offer their solutions to the police problem, in response to public questions in a manner similar to "candidates' night."
"Now is the time to make the candidates commit themselves," said Crump, "so there isn't a repeat of this trouble after the election."
Horne suggested that the attorney general's office investigate the police brutality charges if they come into the city at Petrone's request to investigate alleged political interference.
"They might inquire into the morality of a situation where a white policeman hits a black policeman," said Horne. He asked why Petrone had waited three years to accuse the administration of hampering him in his job as police chief. "We've been hammering at this for three years and nothing was done."
Petrone has accused the city administration of trying to get rid of him and undermining his authority since the present commissioners assumed office in 1967.
"One thing I would hope," said Horne. "Since the mayor and Commissioner Cooper indicated to us that policemen saw police brutality, I would hope those witnesses would come forward."
"To get the answers, we will ask that all those who participate in these cases be given immunity," Horne concluded.

Link to Cantore
The attorney said Petrone was appointed chief (Jan. 1, 1964) by Felix N. Cantore, defeated former commissioner of public safety. "The two of them are connected in private business deals," Valenti said.
Cantore, according to Valenti, is attempting a political comeback by working behind the scenes for Ralph J. Muehlig, an independent mayoral candidate, who is opposing Mayor Sheehan in the November municipal election.
"Petrone," Valenti added, "is doing all he can to push the

Shamsy Silent
George J. Shamsy, in an apparent change of mind, said today he has decided against making a statement in reply to Petrone's charges at this time.
"I don't think I need make a statement. I have no comment at this time," said Shamsy, campaign manager for city administration candidates in the November municipal election.
Petrone's statement was in reply to the stinging blast by Mayor Sheehan against the chief and included her strong recommendation for a professional police director for the new mayor-council form to begin Jan. 1. The present system of local government prohibits such a position.
Independent council candidate Louis C. Markette, in a statement released today, rushed to Petrone's defense in the current political squabble.
He said, "I believe that Police Chief Petrone did have his hands tied all during this present administration's handling of this city. Keep politics out of the police force!"
Mayor Sheehan and City Commissioner William Cahill director of public safety, are on vacation for the rest of this month and could not be reached.
They may, however, appear at the City Commission meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. tomorrow.

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Valenti Says Chief Should Resign Post

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when men were being considered for appointment, Petrone immediately ordered background checks and psychiatric exams. On at least two occasions, the background check ordered by the chief resulted in the men not being appointed."
Taylor, however, had been working as a volunteer in the community relations bureau. Petrone says he has no power over those being appointed to that bureau. The chief said the bureau was formed by the administration and that he only receives a monthly report on its activities.
"Petrone says he is not consulted about hiring clerical personnel. In his confusion has he forgotten that the voters of New Brunswick approved Civil Service almost two years ago?" Valenti asked.
Valenti referred to the chief's statement in which Petrone said he was "harassed" and suspended by the administration.
"Has he forgotten that the suspension was due to disclosures made by New Brunswick Patrolman Leonard Gioia and not by the administration?" Valenti said.
Shors Case
Valenti also referred to simple assault charges against the chief resulting from an incident in West Long Branch. However, those charges were dismissed for lack of prosecution.
"If I remember correctly," Valenti said, "the judge was quoted as saying that it was 'a real donnybrook.' What kind of a police chief is this?"
"This appears to be a man that is desperate, confused,

responsibility for background checks." That was a reference to the role of police impostor Euclid J. Taylor, who said he was a New York cop about to retire before being unmasked in the recent racial disorders here.
The attorney continued, "During the past three years, VALENTI, Page 9

Petrone Asks State Probe Of Political Interference

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said when asked why his request had not been forwarded to Middlesex County Prosecutor Edward J. Dolan.
Dolan's office is probing the activities of Euclid J. Taylor during the recent racial disturbances as a volunteer worker for the city police department's community relations bureau.
Taylor allegedly carried a gun while working with two city policemen trying "to cool it."
A check with the New York City Police Department uncovered Taylor's role of impersonating a policeman. He allegedly told local police he was about to retire from the metropolitan force.

Checked the Law
The chief said that, Harding checked the law and said that if Taylor was a New York City policeman he could carry a weapon.
"Although I was overruled on this gun question, I then on my own ordered a check into Mr. Taylor's background," Petrone said.
He added, "During the civil unrest last month I was also ordered by the city administration (Mayor Sheehan and Cahill) to make no statements to the press. I was told that all statements from the police department would be made and issued by John McDonald, who is employed in the public relations department of Rutgers University. I was given the order to keep quiet and to let Mr. McDonald do all the talking."
Denies Mayor's Remark
The chief denied the mayor's published remark that he was in favor of asking for the National Guard. Petrone said he "was not really consulted about the curfew."
The chief stated, "I had said on July 24 I was opposed to the curfew and I remained opposed to a curfew."

Petrone charged that "political interference in the police department began during the civil disorders in New Brunswick in July of 1967. The chief said that at that time Mayor Sheehan and Shamsy came into his office to tell him what to do on handling of the disorders.
According to Petrone, Dolan entered the office, saw what was going on and told the mayor and Shamsy to leave.
Adding to the low morale of the force during the early days of the city administration, Petrone said, was the formation of a confidential squad, which bypassed his office. The squad was disbanded during the April 1969 reorganization of the police department. It was formed primarily to stamp out illegal gambling."
No Consultation
Petrone said he had not been consulted by city officials on promotions or major personnel transfers earlier this year. This, too, he said, led to a breakdown in morale.
"Since the Community Relations Bureau was formed (April 1969), I have not been consulted about anyone chosen to work in that department," the chief said.
However, he had concurred with the appointment at that time of the bureau's first director, John Brokaw, then a police lieutenant, and now an acting captain.
"I didn't know Thomas Strong, who has a prior arrest record, was working with the bureau until I was asked to sign a pay voucher for him," the chief said.
Strong was the first of two community agents to be hired for the bureau. He was named in March. Strong is an admitted ex-narcotics addict and had served time in the N.J. State Prison. He's been working with young people in a campaign against drug use.
Petrone recently, was not informed that Gilbert Nelson Sr. worked for the Community Relations Bureau during the civil disorders last month," the chief said of the father of Gilbert Nelson Jr., an assistant county prosecutor.
Petrone said he didn't learn about Nelson Sr. until Brokaw submitted on Aug. 3, a pay voucher for 40 hours.
Report Monthly
"I have nothing to do with the Community Relations Bureau. All I receive from it is one report a month. The bureau was formed by the city administration," Petrone said.
The police chief said he has not signed the pay voucher for Nelson Sr.
Petrone said he's also withholding his signature from pay vouchers submitted by Brokaw for Euclid J. Taylor and for Patrolmen Roosevelt Howard and Donald Bowling. The two patrolmen were to be paid for overtime work.
This is the first public disclosure that Taylor was not an unpaid volunteer.
Neither Taylor nor Nelson Sr. is on personnel or payroll records at City Hall, according to George Cox, controller.
Cox said he must receive an employment authorization from a city commissioner before the employe is put on municipal payroll.

posed to the elected city officials making policy. This is their responsibility. I am not against the hiring of a full-time police director trained in police work. But I am opposed to city officials interfering with the operation of the police department."
New Brunswick police have declined to comment on their probe into the report that Taylor carried a gun while working for the community relations bureau.
Petrone said yesterday, "I never gave him any authority to carry a gun." The chief recalled he had informed Cahill and J. Norris Harding, city attorney, that "he (Taylor) had no right to carry a gun."

Major Issue
It was the unmasking of Taylor that erupted into a major political issue, since opponents to the administration claim Mayor Sheehan's order for a curfew July 24 was based on information supplied by Taylor.
This has been denied by the mayor and City Commissioner William Cahill, public safety director, who admitted the administration "had been used."
Mayor Sheehan, in her Sunday statement, said Petrone could have learned of Taylor's masquerade by calling the New York police.
Taylor is awaiting grand jury action on three charges, including impersonating a policeman.
"Dolan is a personal friend," Petrone said. "If I went to him (to conduct the probe) there may be implications that I went to a friend for help."
Petrone said he does not believe that Mayor Sheehan composed the blistering statement published in The Sunday Home News.
The chief said, it was apparently composed by "a ghost writer." The mayor claimed that "chaotic administrative conditions exist" in the police department's command.

Blames Shamsy
"I think (George J.) Shamsy is running the whole show," Petrone said.
Shamsy, an attorney, is the Democratic municipal chairman and was the campaign manager for the present commissioners in their upset win of May 1967.
Petrone, who is 38, was appointed to the force in 1943 and became chief Jan. 1, 1964. The appointment to chief was made by Felix A. Cantore, banker-businessman who was among the five incumbents to lose in his bids for re-election three years ago.
The chief said, "The interference has come from city and political officials who have no professional training in police work and at times this has placed the city and its policemen in near dangerous situations."
"I have been reluctant to speak out about this publicly because I thought such a statement by me might cause even a further breakdown of morale and might result in a public uproar that in the long run would be detrimental to the city as a whole. I had hoped that given time the situation might correct itself. I now believe that will never happen unless the public is made aware of the circumstances that have prevailed for the past three years."

No Check Made
Petrone charged there was political interference when Taylor "was assigned without my approval to the Community Relations Bureau in my department."
The chief said no check was made of Taylor's background before he began working with the bureau.
"Subsequently, after I, not the city administration, ordered a check, it was learned this man had a record of numerous arrests, and he was not, as he had claimed, a former New York City policeman," the police chief said.
The mayor had said that Cahill, not the chief, had initiated the investigation in New York City of Taylor's alleged claim that he was a policeman about to retire.
"Euclid Taylor, during this time," Petrone said, "lived in a house owned by the family of a city commissioner for at least several weeks prior to his joining the community relations bureau."
Taylor, 41, gave his address as 130 Handy St. when arrested. According to records at City Hall, that property is owned by City Commissioner Aldridge B. Cooper and his wife, Judith, and Mr. and Mrs. John Steinline. Mrs. Steinline is Cooper's sister. The Steinlines live at that address.
Petrone said he was seeking the investigation in hopes the findings and subsequent orders will free the police department of this alleged political interference in the future.

More Obvious
The interference, he said, has become more obvious in the past few days because "the city administration has tried to tell the public that I am to blame for the Euclid Taylor situation. This is not true. I am being made a scapegoat for political reasons."
Petrone added, "Let me make it clear. I am not op-

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125-Man City Police Force Is Seen Needed

The New Brunswick Police Department needs a minimum of 125 men, Louis C. Markette, an independent candidate for council, said yesterday in supporting Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone in the chief's current fight with the city administration.
The force has a current roster of 91 men.
Markette charged that the city administration has been interfering with the operation of the police department since the commissioners took office in 1967.
The candidate claimed that the politicians took over headquarters and tied the hands of the police chief during the racial disorders of July 1967.
"Keep politics the hell out of public safety," Markette said.
Safety of All
Markette said it was the responsibility of the police chief to "uphold safety for all of the people in this city."
The city needs a larger police force and its population of more than 40,000 dictates it, the candidate said.
"If Chief Petrone misuses his authority, I think

this would be a much safer city to live in than it is today. . . . His great record as a police officer cannot be cut down by certain parties that think he is no longer needed."
"Keep politics out of the police force, if Chief Petrone had used his authoritative power as chief during the latest disturbances in this city, it would have been handled in a more intelligent and orderly way."
Markette said the chief "should have full authority and responsibility without any interference from the administration or anyone else."
Against Director
Markette said appointment of a professional police director under the new form of government is unnecessary.
While another independent candidate Ralph J. Muehlig, came to Petrone's defense, he agreed to the need of a professional police director. Muehlig is the mayoralty hopeful of the "Save Our City" ticket.
Markette, running under the political banner of "Concerned Independents," made public safety his first campaign issue.

Kara in Race, Replaces Toth

Stephen J. Toth has bowed out as a council candidate on the "Save Our City" ticket and has been replaced by Peter P. Kara, a former assistant fire chief in New Brunswick.

Announcement of the change was made today by George L. Paik, "Save Our City" campaign manager, who said that Toth decided to withdraw for personal reasons. Paik described Kara as "one of the most respected individuals in our city."



PETER P. KARA

Kara

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In a statement, Toth said he had reluctantly reached the decision to pull out because of certain family pressures and health problems now make it impossible for me to devote the necessary time to campaigning.

Under the law, candidates have 40 days before election to withdraw. A replacement candidate is given 30 days before election to file nominating petitions.

Paik reported that while disappointed with Toth's decision, he was glad to see Kara as a replacement.

Kara, a fire department member for 31 years before his retirement in September, 1967, described himself as "proud to have been chosen by the 'Save Our City' candidates to run with them in the November election." His statement added: "I think the voters deserve a real choice, a real alternative to the present Sheehan administration. The people in City Hall fooled the citizens at the election three years ago into expecting there would be changes—great progress."

A charter member and secretary of the Hungarian Men's Democratic Club and treasurer of the New Brunswick Fire Relief Association, Kara has, for 23 years, been manager of radio station WCTC's "Hungarian Melody Times" on Sunday.

Kara is a member of New Brunswick Exempt Fire Association, Lodge #24 of the Elks, the Hungarian American Athletic Club, the William Penn organization, the American Hungarian Studies Foundation, Musicians Local 204, and the consistory of Magyar Reformed Church.

He and his wife, the former Ann Horvath of Woodbridge, live at 266 Easton Ave.

The other council candidates on the "Save Our City" ticket are George V. Buono, Robert J. Ferguson, Robert E. Langellus, and Joseph R. Scranton.

Ralph J. Muehlig, mayoralty candidate on the "Save Our City" ticket endorsed Kara's statement. He said New Brunswick has been drained of much of its spirit, adding the Sheehan administration has allowed major problems to intensify and go unchecked.

Petitions for Kara's candidacy will be circulated and then filed with the city clerk. In the interim, Kara will join other

retiring candidates will campaign for the ticket as his time permits. Kara has lived here most of his life. He joined the fire department in 1936, was named captain in 1952 and promoted to assistant chief 10 years later. Since his retirement, he has worked as a security officer at The Edison Bank in Edison.

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Mayor Stands Firm On Rebuke of Police

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, interrupting her vacation at the shore to attend last night's City Commission meeting, fielded a flurry of questions — most of them politically inspired.

As expected, the city police department in general and Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone in particular got most of the attention from the office seekers.

But the mayor stood firm and repulsed repeated attacks of charges of political interference by the city administration into the operation of the police department.

Mayor Sheehan patiently reiterated the administration's actions concerning Petrone and the police force.

Stands Behind Criticism

She again stood behind her scathing statement of Aug. 9 in which she criticized Petrone and called for a professional police director beginning Jan. 1 when the new mayor-council charter takes effect.

Independent council candidate William G. Thoenes got the ball rolling on the public safety issue and drew the following comment from the mayor on her statement: "That is absolutely true! The chief is responsible for the administration of the police department."

"This (city) administration has not interfered with the police department," Thoenes pressed further, questioning the mayor on a Home News editorial which stated that she should suspend Petrone and hold a hearing if she has evidence to back up her charges of chaotic practices in the police command. He said the mayor should do something about it or retract it.

Mayor Sheehan replied, "There is no way you can make specific charges because you feel he (the police chief) is incompetent or inept."

'Worked Around' Chief

The mayor said her administration "has worked around" the chief for the more than three years the commissioners have been in office.

The administration's accomplishments in the police department, she said, included pay raises, more training, more equipment and more manpower.

Mrs. Sheehan wholeheartedly supported yesterday's published stand of City Commissioner John A. Smith as acting mayor that the administration fears no investigation, particularly one requested of the police department by Petrone to the state attorney general's office.

She said, "This administration welcomes any investigation from any source. This administration has nothing to hide!"

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and chain of command of the community relations bureau headed by acting Capt. John Brokaw. Thoenes wanted to know if that authority is in writing and if so, where it is.

The mayor said the responsibility lies with the chief and the entire operation of the bureau is spelled out in a state grant which funds the bureau, including salaries of community agents.

"Was (Euclid J.) Taylor a community agent?" Haleluk asked.

Mayor Sheehan replied: "Mr. Taylor was never hired by the city. He expected to be a community agent."

Petrone had revealed he is withholding his signature from a payroll voucher submitted for Taylor's services by Brokaw.

Volunteer

It has been reported that Taylor was a volunteer worker with the community relations bureau before he was exposed as an alleged police imposter during the recent racial disorders. He's awaiting grand jury action on charges of impersonating a policeman, carrying a concealed weapon and passing a bad check to a city policeman.

Taylor was the central figure in the resultant political furor as opponents to the administration charged the mayor ordered the curfew on the basis of Taylor's "intelligence reports" of possible violence.

The mayor said, "To say because of this man the City of New Brunswick was under curfew for two nights is nonsense. We were combed by him," the mayor admitted, adding that Taylor "in a small way" was related to the curfew.

"Will there be an investigation of the Taylor matter?" Haleluk asked.

"It's going on now," the mayor said. Brokaw, she said, has filed his report. "I've yet to hear from Chief Petrone in reply to my written request," Mayor Sheehan said.

She felt she was right in her decision to order the curfew and said, "It was not a decision the chief of police did not have a role in."

Candidates Tangle

The mayor and independent candidate Vincent J. DiPane tangled briefly when she began to ask questions of him.

"I came here to ask questions, not to answer them," DiPane said. There was applause from the audience. He attacked the competency of the administration in its operation of the police department.

He asked, "Has the administration asked for a probe in the operation of the police department or individuals (police personnel) by public or private agency?"

Mayor Sheehan answered, "I have no comment."

DiPane, who did not give details on his unusual question, did not press the issue.

Louis C. Markette, an independent candidate for council, was told the police chief is in full charge of the department without political interference. He read a statement supporting Petrone. Markette also denied he opposed the housing code ordinance as he was quoted in an account of the commission's previous meeting.

The mayor said the city doesn't have

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MAYOR PATRICIA Q. SHEEHAN
Stands pat on statement



WILLIAM G. THOENES
Suspend or retract



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the money to follow through Markette's suggestion that 20 to 25 police reserves be screened to beef up city police on a temporary basis.

Mayor Repeats Stand

Robert E. Langellus, an independent council candidate also questioned the mayor on the political interference issue. Mayor Sheehan said the administration had no wish, design or action to interfere with the policeman's duty to enforce the law.

He cited the former confidential squad as an example of interference. He added, "I happened to read a couple of their reports and there is a lot to be desired." The commissioners didn't ask him how he

obtained a confidential report by the now-disbanded squad.

Langellus said he was not criticizing the squad and lauded its performance during its short life. The squad bypassed the police chief.

Ralph J. Muehlig, mayoralty candidate for the independent "Save Our City" slate, questioned the mayor on New Brunswick's number two status in crime for cities between 25,000 and 50,000 in population. He asked for an official reply, and the mayor said she didn't have one since the FBI statistics Muehlig referred to have not been made available to her.

"I have no official reply to you on this question," the mayor said shortly before the 2½-hour meeting was adjourned at 10 p.m.

Demands Police Suspension

Gus Elmore, a city resident, demanded of the City Commission last night that three policemen be suspended pending investigation into allegations of police brutality in the recent arrest of his brother, Walter, 19, also of New Brunswick.

He identified the officers as Patrolmen John Heslin, John Cannon and George Saloom.

"I demand something be done about it immediately," Elmore said. He stated he was representing the Concerned Black People.

He charged that "racism is practiced by the city administration" and that it should be stopped.

The mayor said there is an investigation into allegations of police brutality concerning arrests in recent disorders. That probe, she said, is being conducted by City Commissioner William J. Cahill, public safety director, in cooperation with the county prosecutor's office.

Cahill reported that there has been no report given to him that shows police brutality was committed.

Complaints not filed
The commissioner also said no complaints as such were filed with the county prosecutor's office.

Mayor Sheehan said, "If the officers are found guilty of charges, providing they are filed, then they can be suspended."

Raynal Harris, a city resident, said the black people are being abused by city policemen.

Harris, who said he's an ex-military policeman, charged police were committing brutality against both blacks and whites.

"If you feel you have specific charges, they will be processed," the mayor told Tarris.

Wows the House With Punch Line

Independent council candidate Louis C. Markette brought the house down at last night's City Commission meeting when criticizing City Commissioner John A. Smith and wound up as the comic by providing the punch line.

Markette, referring to the absences of Smith, Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and City Commissioner William J. Cahill, got an immediate response from Smith.

Smith said he heads for the shore Thursday night and returns Monday morning.

Markette complained that the news media reported Smith could not be contacted Wednesday because he was out of town on a business trip.

"But we had breakfast together. Remember?" Smith volunteered.

"That's right! And I picked up the check," Markette recalled as the room burst into laughter.

Editorial Termed 'Unfair'

City Commissioner William J. Cahill, director of public safety, last night took issue with an editorial in yesterday's Home News entitled "Where Are City Officials Now?"

Cahill, at the City Commission meeting, made a brief statement in rebuttal to what he said was "an unfair editorial."

The commissioner said that since he took office in May 1967 he has been out of the city for one 48-hour period and one two-week vacation. He is presently on vacation, has been at the shore, but is home for a few days.

Cahill said he picked the present vacation schedule last December when he made arrangements to rent a bungalow. Before he left, Cahill said, he informed The Home News and Radio Station WCTC that for the next two weeks he could be contacted in emergencies by the fire and police departments.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, who also was criticized in the editorial, made no comment. She has been at the shore but cannot be reached by telephone there.

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Editorials

Where Are City Officials Now?

Where is the mayor? Where is the public safety commissioner? After all but charging that the chief of police in New Brunswick was an administrative incompetent — and suggesting that the only solution to the problem was the appointment of an administrative director of police after her re-election — Mayor Sheehan and Public Safety Commissioner William Cahill promptly took off for a month's vacation.

We are certainly sympathetic to the harrowing job of running New Brunswick and to the need for a vacation and a rest. But it would seem that if the mayor and the City Commission plan to ignite an issue, they should be around to defend their position. It would be acceptable if the two were readily available, but the only way either one of the vacationing officials can be reached is through the state police — and then only in an emergency.

What's worse, in the absence of the mayor, New Brunswick is left without a "spokesman" to answer the questions which would naturally arise from the current controversy about the police department and its administrative efficiency.

While Commissioner John A. Smith is the city's acting mayor in the absence of Mrs. Sheehan, even he was unavailable for comment last week. He was away on a business trip.

We consider this an almost unbelievable state of affairs. Surely the mayor and Commissioner Cahill cannot be so callous as to believe that bombshells can be dropped with no effect. After all, when one suggests there is a timebomb ticking in the heart of the city, the administration can't believe it can announce the presence of the timebomb and then shout, "Every man for himself" as it leaves on a month's vacation.

We hope Mayor Sheehan and Commissioner Cahill will attend tonight's City Commission meeting. We hope they are prepared to defend their position and to answer some important questions — a week after they were raised.

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Someone Should Be There, Independent Says of Hall

"He should be in the city all the time while Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan is away," said independent council candidate Louis C. Markette of City Commissioner John A. Smith, acting mayor.

The mayor, who is on a month's vacation, is at the shore. She can be reached by telephone in an emergency, a City Hall spokesman said today.

For that matter, the mayor telephoned The Home News this morning in response to a request a reporter made Tuesday night at the City Commission meeting.

"I admit that I had breakfast with Commissioner John A. Smith. It was on Wednesday, Aug. 12, at 8 a.m. At 11:30 a.m. I called City Hall and his secretary said he was out of town on business. I received the same answer on Thursday, Aug. 13," Markette said.

Out of Town
The candidate said he was told Smith was out of town on business. Smith, Markette said, acknowledged Tuesday night that he had left for the shore Thursday.

"Then as acting mayor he was not here on Friday. He then returned on Monday," according to Markette.

The candidate added: "I know that Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and Commissioner William J. Cahill are on vacation and I did not criticize either one of them. It was only a point of information that they should not take their vacations all at the same time in order to protect the city in case of an emergency."

Cahill, who was at the shore the past two weeks, said he was available for emergencies through the police and fire departments.

Smith said today he is available by telephone at the shore, and that when he leaves one of the other commissioners, Cahill, Aldrage B. Cooper Jr. and Victor D. Racine, could serve as acting mayor if the occasion needed it.

An attorney, Smith was readily available to the press when a reporter telephoned his law office this morning.

One and the Same?

To the Editor:
Are Ralph Petrone and Ralph Muehlig one and the same?

Item: Felix Cantore appointed Petrone Chief of Police. Felix Cantore appointed Muehlig as "chief saviour" of the Save Our City slate.

Item: Muehlig contends that he has information from a police official that Euclid Taylor's name is on the time sheet. Petrone announces he refuses to sign a time sheet containing Taylor's name.

Item: The headline reads "Muehlig Defends Petrone" and in the article Muehlig says there is more to come. Next day Petrone does have more to say.

Sounds like one voice to me. Could it just be that the brain behind that voice is George Paik, former municipal court prosecutor and present campaign manager for the "saviours"?

A statement from an impartial chief of police is one thing. A statement from a chief having a vested interest in holding his own job is something entirely different.

STANTON PHILLIPS,
North Brunswick.

August 20, 1970
An Apology

We apologize to Public Safety Commissioner William T. Cahill for a factual error which appeared in our editorial of Tuesday. We said at that time that Commissioner Cahill, along with Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, had taken off for a month's vacation following publication of a statement about the supposed administrative chaos in the police department.

The facts, however, are otherwise. Commissioner Cahill has indeed taken a month's vacation from his full-time job and has just completed two weeks vacation at the shore. Commissioner Cahill, however, has returned from his vacation and is now available to the public and to the press for the remainder of his vacation from his regular job. While we were aware that Commissioner Cahill was on vacation, we were not aware that he could be reached in an emergency at the shore through the city police and fire departments, not through the state police as we stated in our previous editorial.

The same does not hold true for Mayor Sheehan. The mayor is on a month's vacation from her job at Johnson & Johnson — and apparently from her job as mayor, although she did find time in her "busy" schedule to preside at Tuesday's City Commission meeting. She can only be reached through the state police and is completely unavailable for comment.

And while Commissioner Cahill has returned from vacation, the fact still remains that questions which were raised by the mayor's statement went unanswered by anyone for a week — and to a large extent still remain unanswered.

And the fact remains that today — right now — the mayor is still unavailable except in an emergency. Surely the mayor must realize that only partial vacations are available to anyone in public life — that her duty to the public is her primary function.

Chief Not Apolitical?

To the Editor:

Although I am not a resident of New Brunswick, I feel that the recent events are such that they are important to all of us. The question is really not whether an imposter can fool police officials or not. This particular imposter has been able to fool more than one department in more than one city.

What is serious in this situation is the role of Police Chief Ralph Petrone. Here is a police chief who apparently uses his office and the entire police department to help his friends in a political election. The kind of coordination that existed between Mr. Muehlig's statements and those of Ralph Petrone suggest very strongly that Chief Petrone is using his position to promote candidates and embarrass the present administration. This is a very serious situation.

No police chief should be allowed to use his department and the other members of the police force for political ends. Mr. Petrone should let Muehlig and Cantore fend for themselves, and if he cannot remain an observer, he should resign.

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Edison

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**State Probe Unlikely
Of Police & Politics**
August 20, 1970

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The chances appear slim today that the state will investigate Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone's charges of political interference in the police department's operation by the city administration.

That was interpreted from a brief comment to The Home News this morning from an official of the office of state Atty. Gen. George F. Kugler Jr.

The official, Evan W. Jahos, director of the Division of Criminal Justice, said: "We have not determined to conduct an investigation. We've reviewed the information the chief (Petrone) sent us. I don't anticipate on the basis of it that there will be an investigation, but we will continue to study it."

Jahos said he was speaking for Kugler and that the AG's office would not rule out completely at this time the possibility of an investigation in the future.

Petrone said he had no comment until he was officially notified of the AG's decision.

The chief last Thursday requested the investigation and it was his first public comment to the criticism of Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan in her statement of Aug. 9.

The mayor said this morning that: "His (Petrone's) statement was irrational. We have nothing to hide or worry about."

She, like other commissioners, said they would welcome an investigation by the AG's office or any other which has the authority to do so.

City Commissioner William J. Cahill, director of public safety, told The Home News this morning: "I and the other commissioners welcome an investigation. I think the attorney general's office is taking this in light of a political statement by Petrone."

"I don't think the attorney general's office placed much credence to his (Petrone's) request," Cahill, who is still on vacation, is at his home here, while See **PROBE**, Page 38

the mayor, also vacationing, has returned to the shore but was expected to be at City Hall this afternoon on official business.

Meanwhile, City Commissioner John A. Smith, director of revenue and finance, is acting mayor.

'Grandstanding' Charged

Carl T. Valenti, former public safety director who resigned from the commission a few months ago, had called for Petrone's resignation and suggested that the chief through his statement against the administration was "grandstanding."

Petrone alleged that the city administration interfered politically and undermined his authority as the department's top officer since the commissioners assumed office in May 1967.

The chief said the interference into the operation of the police department by politicians had caused a breakdown in police morale.

Petrone, on another subject, said he would forward to the county prosecutor's office his report when completed on the Euclid J. Taylor case.

Mayor Sheehan at Tuesday night's City Commission meeting said Petrone had not filed his report as did acting Capt. John Brokaw, head of the department's community relations bureau.

The chief said this morning he'll send his report to the county prosecutor's office because that staff is currently conducting a probe into the role Taylor played in the recent racial disorders here.

Taylor, who alleged he was a New York City policeman about to retire, worked as a volunteer with the bureau before being unmasked as a police impersonator. He's awaiting grand jury action on three charges.

The controversy has mushroomed into a major issue of the current municipal election.

August 20, 1970
**Law Implies City Hall
Can Act Against Chief**

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

"I'm challenging the city administration to put up or shut up," Vincent J. DiPane Jr., an independent candidate for council, declared last night.

DiPane, a former city policeman, said City Commissioner William J. Cahill as director of public safety is empowered under the police department's 45-year-old rules and regulations to suspend any member of the force.

The candidate was referring to the widening rift between the administration and Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone which, DiPane said, has had a demoralizing effect on members of the police department.

DiPane noted that the rules and regulations adopted March 3, 1925 list 22 categories under which charges can be filed, including incompetency.

He stressed that Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan has indicated that the city administration considers Petrone "incompetent and inept" and had worked around him.

The Walsh Act, the enabling legislation for the city commission form of local government, DiPane says, places the responsibility for filing charges against police and conducting disciplinary hearings with the director of public safety.

The regulations state, "Any officer or member of the force shall be subject to reprimand, deduction of pay, suspension from duty, reduction in rank or dismissal, according to the nature or aggravation of his offense."

The council candidate added, "If Mayor Sheehan is sincere about her criticism of Petrone in her Aug. 9 statement which said chaotic administrative practices exist in the police department, then she should ask Cahill to invoke the rules and regulations and suspend Petrone and hold a hearing."

The department's rules and regulations, he said, spell out the procedure.

Up to the Aug. 9 statement by the mayor, DiPane said, there had never been a public disclosure by the city administration that would indicate this condition existed. Nor has the city administration initiated any type of charge against Petrone, DiPane added.

Political Move

"This is a further indication that this is a political move on their (the commissioners') part," DiPane said.

The mayor, DiPane said, should spell out specifically what she meant by "chaotic administrative practices" in her statement blasting Petrone.

DiPane, who resigned as a policeman two years ago this month, said that he found Petrone to be capable of performing his duties as chief.

"The chief's function is to carry out the policy of the city administration. They (the commissioners) cannot delegate responsibility to him, but they can delegate the authority," DiPane said.

Not Outdated

According to DiPane, the 45-year-old regulations are not outdated but lack the necessary guidelines.

Cahill had previously said that the regulations are to be updated and the ordinance should be introduced in September.

DiPane concluded: "Here are the rules. They (commissioners) made the charges. They (charges) are strictly political unless they (commissioners) can back them up with facts. If not, they should retract them for the good of the city."

August 21, 1970
Candidate for Mayor Denies Brushing Off Cantore

Independent, mayoralty candidate Ralph J. Muehlig said today he is not disclaiming any political support from former city commissioner Felix N. Cantore as was charged by Edward J. McGlynn, another aspirant for mayor.

Muehlig told The Home News: "He (Cantore) has not contributed money to my campaign. He's not out campaigning for me. He's not in any way involved in the organization of the campaign."

However, Muehlig, who heads the "Save Our City" ticket in the November municipal elec-

tion, added: "But I certainly hope he will vote for me. I welcome his vote and support. I won't turn away anyone's support."

"I welcome the support of any interested party in the City of New Brunswick."

While McGlynn did not mention the source in his statement, it was obvious he was referring to comments made a few days ago by Muehlig in a newscast over radio station WCTC.

Muehlig, industrial relations manager at the Westinghouse plant in Edison, recalled that

part of that statement was as follows: "Once and for all I'd like to say that there is absolutely no political affiliation between myself and Chief (Ralph C.) Petrone nor myself and Felix N. Cantore."

The Sheehan administration has attempted to avoid the issues I have raised by making statements about the chief, Mr. Cantore and myself."

Muehlig then commended on published remarks made recently by George J. Shamy, Democratic municipal chairman and campaign manager for the incumbent administra-

tion candidates, and Carl T. Valenti, former commissioner now attorney for the Housing and Redevelopment agency.

"That's not so," Muehlig's answer to Shamy's remark that it's no secret Muehlig has been getting information from Petrone on what's happening at police headquarters.

"That's ridiculous," was his reply to Valenti's charge that Muehlig and Petrone were recently leasing coordinated political statements trying to discredit the mayor and the city administration, and cover up for Pe-

trone.

Muehlig dropped a political bombshell Aug. 11 when releasing FBI statistics which put New Brunswick in the No. 2 spot in crime in cities with populations from 25,000 to 50,000.

McGlynn, an independent, criticized Muehlig for disclosing the crime figures two days before the release date. "This is either a pipeline at a very high source or the misuse of a trust and a violation of protocol," McGlynn said.

"I did not get it (the FBI report) from the New Brunswick Police Department," Muehlig told this newspaper while declining to mention his source.

When the "Save Our City" candidates filed their nominating petitions back in April, they were accompanied by Cantore, who was a member of the previous administration, which was defeated by the present commissioners.

Muehlig said today he has not seen Cantore often since then.

The SOC candidate has been making crime and safety in the streets major campaign issues. When questioning Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan on the crime statistics at Tuesday's City Commission meeting, the mayor said she had no official reply to the question.

McGlynn recalled that Muehlig was part of a coalition with other Democratic dissidents who were unsuccessful in an attempt in June 1969 to unseat Shamy as party chairman.

McGlynn also opposed Muehlig's proposal that a fire truck be stationed in the Rutgers Village-Edgebrook section during morning and evening rush hours to improve fire protection. Muehlig made the suggestion in a statement yesterday.

August 21, 1970
Cahill Doesn't Plan to Push '25 Law to Bounce Petrone

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

City Commissioner William J. Cahill, who acknowledged that Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone is not the administrator he should be, said yesterday he does not intend to suspend the chief under an "incompetency" clause of the police department's regulations.

That possibility had been suggested by Vincent J. DiPane Jr., an independent candidate for council and a former city policeman. DiPane had challenged the city administration to either suspend the chief or retract the allegations of incompetency.

No Legal Basis

Cahill, director of public safety, said there is no legal basis for pressing that section of the police regulations, adopted in 1925.

The commissioner explained "full incompetency"

must be proven. That, he added, would be as follows: "Incompetency, lack of energy and incapacity, mentally or physically." It's one of 22 causes for suspension as listed in the department's regulations.

Cahill said: "Even though we (the commissioners) charged (the chief) with chaotic administrative practices, there is nothing that can be done legally. He (the chief) is not the administrator we desire."

According to Cahill, the meaning of "incompetence" in the police department regulations does not relate to the job the chief is doing but to his mental and physical fitness.

However, since the police chief's position is under the protective wing of the Civil Service Commission he could appeal, if convicted, to that commission's board of examiners and then to its director, James A. Alloway, who can overrule the board.

Referring to Petrone's role during the recent disorders, Cahill said: "He actually made it a chaotic situation after it was over."

The commissioner said he does not question the qualifications of Petrone as a policeman and a detective, but does as an administrator.

'At No Time Gagged'

Replying to Petrone's charges that Cahill kept him from talking to the press, the commissioner stressed: "At no time was he gagged. At no time were his hands tied, as far as law and order were concerned."

During crises the city administration has been accepting the voluntary public relations services of John McDonald, an employe of Rutgers University. McDonald gives his time as a public service.

Cahill said that Petrone had complained to him that reporters were "twisting his statements." The commissioner said he then suggested, but did not order, that the chief not talk to reporters.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan said the fact that a person "is not totally effective as an administrator" is not grounds to fire him.

She added: "He (Petrone) doesn't function as an administrator."

The chief's involvement in the Euclid J. Taylor case, the mayor said, is an example of what she meant by "chaotic administrative practices" at police headquarters.

Taylor, who authorities say identified himself as a New York City policeman about to retire, worked during the recent disorders as a volunteer for the police department's community relations bureau. He was unmasked by city police as an imposter. Three charges were referred to the grand jury.

Taylor Case Issue

It was his role that erupted into a major political issue between the city administration and independent mayoralty and council candidates in the municipal election campaign.

It also touched off the current controversy between the police chief and the city administration.

Taylor allegedly carried a gun, but city police said they could not give details on their probe because it also is being investigated by the county prosecutor's office.

On another subject, the mayor said she does not have a specific reply to the rising crime rate in New Brunswick.

Crime statistics have been injected into the campaign by Ralph J. Muehlig, mayoralty candidate for the independent "Save Our City" ticket.

"We are not unaware of it," Mayor Sheehan said, referring to the crime problem.

Muehlig has been emphasizing that New Brunswick is No. 2 in the nation in cities of 25,000 to 50,000 population, according to statistics for 1969 released recently by the FBI.

The mayor commented: "Our figures are accurate," hinting that some departments may "water down" their See **CAHILL**, Page 11

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statistics. Mayor Sheehan said youths from surrounding communities, not only New Brunswick, are included in the city's statistics on crime.

To be considered, she added, are such factors as the narcotics problem, the city's central location and access to transportation facilities to and from New York City, where drugs are easily purchased.

"We are making every effort to combat it (crime) by building up the police force," said Cahill, who with the mayor, stressed that at least 10 new policemen have been added this year.

The department roster is now 96, and more men may join the force before the end of the year. The city has recruited six ex-GIs through a basic law enforcement training program at Ft. Dix, the first in such a program in the nation. New Brunswick was the first municipal participant.

"We have one more coming from Ft. Dix," Cahill said. Several other GIs, the commissioner said, were scheduled for New Brunswick, but changed their minds and re-enlisted in the armed services.

Both the mayor and Cahill said the administration is stepping up its police recruitment. Cahill revealed: "Capt. Joseph Malanaphy has returned from an Air Force Base at Charleston, S.C., where the second class of Project Transition is being held."

"We are the only city in the nation which has drawn on this school (Project Transition). The program is being coordinated to be set up at various military bases throughout the nation."

Cahill said Malanaphy spent two days at the base

interviewing prospective policemen. The captain, Cahill said, got possible commitments from three of the 21 servicemen in the class.

Malanaphy heads the Juvenile Aid Bureau and also is in charge of recruitment and training and the tactical squad.

"We've been working on this (recruitment) right along," said the mayor. Cahill said the city is now in a better recruiting position because of the increased salary range, improved benefits and added manpower.

Mayor Sheehan and Cahill said there are plans to add personnel to the detective and juvenile aid bureaus. An inservice training program under Capt. George Seamon, they said, has been giving uniformed policemen plainclothes training of a week to 10 days.

The training is strictly voluntary and sets up a potential personnel pool of plainclothesmen in the uniformed division to draw upon when needed.

Morale is a problem, Cahill said, and he introduced a new system of keeping in touch with the men during the recent racial disturbances. The commissioner said PBA President Patrolman Joseph Patterson and another PBA officer, Patrolman Leon Hodash, a plainclothesman, sat in on decision-making conferences, with commissioners and police brass.

"This brought about better harmony," Cahill said, and the offer was readily accepted by the PBA.

Cahill said the City Commission will continue to do everything possible to recruit as much police manpower as possible. The recruitment campaign is paying off, too, with 10 new officers added in the first eight months of the year with four remaining.

August 25, 1970
On the Housing Crisis

To the Editor:

The Home News editorial speaking about no citizens in New Brunswick opening up their homes to foreign students starts to hit on a deep-rooted problem in Middlesex County and the state.

New Brunswick gains in so many ways by the fact Rutgers University is located within its borders. I for one am very proud that it is located in our city. Many of the surrounding towns such as Highland Park, Piscataway and Edison benefit more because many of the well-paid employes have planned their future and families live in these surrounding towns.

Unfortunately the small landlords of New Brunswick now can only attract multiple student and welfare recipients as tenants, the main reason being the surrounding communities will not allow student housing and low income housing to be built in their nice upper middle income havens. Therefore we must as citizens of New Brunswick make every community pay us for our suffering. We must get Senator Tanzman's bill, in-Lieu of taxes, passed in the New Jersey Senate. This bill will give the city of New Brunswick \$1 million in state money to cover the cost of the large tract of state-owned Rutgers land located in our city. I urge every citizen to write the state senators to get this bill passed.

The present housing shortage in New Brunswick for students could also be helped if the bureaucratic social agencies would remove their requirements that all available housing units be offered to them along with the students. Most of these units are in small homeowne's homes. Therefore, let the owners have the students if they want them—but don't shove the welfare and urban renewal program families on to them.

We're supposed to have a choice. Unfortunately, it seems the city agencies with their crash programs made a law—let's unmake this law.

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City of New Brunswick

August 23, 1970
City Police Rip 'Unjust' Criticism

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

In a statement critical of both local politicians and news media, New Brunswick Local 23 of the Patrolman's Benevolent Association has taken issue with the use of statistics released through the FBI's Uniform Crime Report and the use of the police department as a political football.

Patrolman Joseph Patterson, president of the local unit, said the statement was agreed upon at a meeting of the membership Wednesday evening during which criticism of the police department by political factions in the city was discussed.

"We feel we are being criticized unjustly," the PBA said. "We will not become politically involved or embroiled in any running controversy with any of the candidates or the local news media."

Began During Unrest

The city police department became the center of controversy during the recent unrest in the city, after which it was uncovered that Euclid Taylor had worked with the force while impersonating a New York City policeman.

After the release of the FBI crime reports showing New Brunswick to rank second in the nation in crime for cities its size, the force again came in for some criticism.

The Taylor case has become a political hot potato, with Ralph Muehlig, independent mayoral candidate, charging the city administration with responsibility and they in turn charging Police Chief Ralph Petrone with error. Petrone in turn asked the state attorney general to conduct an investigation into political interference with the police department.

The PBA said in its statement it had requested an investigation three years ago. "We asked for an investigation in 1967 into our police department by the N.J. State Attorney General's Office, because we believed that there was political interference. Three of our members went to Trenton and spoke with Assistant Attorney General Thomas Hayden in regards to a probe and we are still waiting to hear from that office."

Both Public Safety Commissioner William Cahill and Muehlig said yesterday they also would welcome the investigation by the attorney general—but for different reasons. Cahill said he felt the probe would vindicate the commissioners, while Muehlig indicated the opposite would be true.

Muehlig added he would like to see an investigation into both the 1967 PBA request and the more recent request by Petrone.

Morale Being Destroyed

The PBA said the morale of the police department and the faith of the citizens in the department are being destroyed by the news media reports and politicians who

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downgrade the police. Patterson said he and other uniformed patrolmen on the streets were held up to ridicule after disclosure of the Taylor incident and the subsequent charges and counter-charges.

But Cahill and Muehlig both replied that they did not mean to criticize the patrolmen. "My main disagreement is with the chief," Cahill said. "And I said previously, I don't disagree with him as far as his effectiveness as a policeman or detective, but only as an administrator."

Muehlig said his gripe was with the city administration's handling of the police force. "If corrective procedures are needed within the department, then it is the responsibility of the city administration to take those corrective measures."

Police Chief Ralph Petrone said he too agreed wholeheartedly with the PBA statement, adding it reflected his sentiments almost exactly. "I've said this right along," he said. "I'm tired of political interference in the running of the police department."

Although there was general agreement among all parties that policemen on the street should not be pawns in a political argument, there was some disagreement on the use of the FBI reports.

"There are many who only look at one side of the crime report," the PBA said. "We believe a check of the arrest records should have been made. A check also should have been made into what was subsequently done by the courts."

Arrest Total Cited

They added that while there were 10,212 total reportable offenses received and investigated and 2,757 offenses in the total indexed crime for 1969, there were 2,190 total arrests.

The arrest figure, however, includes juveniles and those made under city ordinances, both of which are not

included in the FBI report of offenses.

"I feel there is too much being made of the FBI and New Jersey crime statistics," Cahill said. "As I have said previously, I don't think the crime report in itself points to a bad police department or bad police work. I think our department is one of the finest in 100 per cent reporting of crime."

Muehlig took sharp issue with Cahill on the use of the statistics, however. "May I remind Mr. Cahill that on May 7, 1967—two days before the city commission elections that year—before 400 people in St. Mary's CYO, he quoted the 1966 FBI crime report and said he was astounded at the statistics for New Brunswick."

The Save Our City candidate added that at that time New Brunswick was 19th in the nation in crime for a city of its size. "I remind Mr. Cahill that since then New Brunswick has become second, and I remind him that he quoted the same FBI report that we are quoting today. In 1967 they spoke repeatedly of a shocking crime rate. It is a lot more shocking today."

Population Fluctuates

Both Cahill and the PBA said that while New Brunswick's population is only 41,000 permanent residents, its location as the center of education, transportation, business and industry make its population swell to more than 100,000 during the day.

And the PBA went further in saying that the police force is only one arm of law enforcement, and a closer look at the county and state court system might do more to stem the rising crime rate. "We only arrest the suspected violators," they said. "We do not try, sentence, and parole the accused and convicted."

Petrone said that while the PBA did not feel the policemen were being attacked directly by the politicians, the statements of recent weeks during the controversies cast the department in a bad light and lowered the estimation of the police in the public's eye.

August 24, 1970
DiPane Calls on People to Demand State Probe

Crime in New Brunswick has reached the critical stage, says independent council candidate Vincent J. DiPane Jr., who today called upon city residents to press for a state investigation.

DiPane, a former city policeman, urged a letter-writing campaign for a probe of the police department and allegations of political interference by the city administration.

Such an investigation was sought Aug. 13 by Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone in a seven-page statement to state Atty. Gen. George F. Kugler Jr.

Under Study
Last Thursday, however, a spokesman for the AG's office said: "I don't anticipate on the basis of (Petrone's statement) that there will be an investigation, but we will continue to study it."

The spokesman would not rule out the possibility of a future probe, but kept the door ajar.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan has said the city administration would welcome a state investigation.

Petrone said this morning he has not heard from the AG's office on his request for the investigation.

"If you (city residents) have a sincere desire to help, please write the attorney general's

office, urging that this probe be conducted immediately," DiPane said.

The city administration has been critical of Petrone's capabilities as an administrator. DiPane has challenged the administration to back up those charges or to retract them.

City Commissioner William J. Cahill, public safety director, has said he does not intend to suspend Petrone under the "incompetency" clause of the police department's rules and regulations. That clause, Cahill explained, refers to mental or physical incapacity.

DiPane, a critic of the administrations handling of police problems, said: "Crime is not a way of life that must be tolerated, nor must we believe that the problem must go on uncontrolled."

"We have been living with an (crime) epidemic that has claimed over 25 per cent of our population as victims. If not as a personal victim, then a victim through loss of property."

Ex-Policeman
The candidate said that as a former policeman he believes "the problem can only be dealt with effectively after the internal problem between the city administration and the police chief is resolved."

"I further believe that the

problem is of a critical nature, and requires an investigation by persons removed from the local political apparatus."

DiPane added: "There has been a total of 10,300 reported incidents of crime in New Brunswick from 1967 (to 1969). In addition, for the first time in the history of New Brunswick, the value of property stolen exceeded one million dollars."

These figures include the following types of reported crimes—murder, forcible rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny and auto theft. There are other types of crimes such as narcotic law violations which are not included in the figures mentioned."

DiPane says there has been no effective measures to stabilize the crime situation in New Brunswick.

"Now, out of political necessity," he said, "the problem has been spotlighted. However, charges and counter-charges have been made by the city administration and Chief Petrone. As a result, the police department and the citizens of New Brunswick will be affected."

'Grave Nature'
"In view of the grave nature of this problem I urge every citizen of New Brunswick to write to the attorney general's office, seeking an investigation into this matter with a view toward correcting the internal problem of the department of public safety."

Mayor Sheehan has declined to comment on the crime statistics which put New Brunswick No. 2 in the 25,000 to 50,000 population class in 1969.

The mayor said at least week's City Commission she could not comment on them officially because she had not received the FBI Uniform Crime Report for 1969.

Ralph J. Muehlig, who asked that question at the commission meeting, said he intends to pursue the issue and was critical of the mayor's failure to comment.

On DiPane's request for public participation, Muehlig said he agrees with whatever she

needed to get the investigation conducted. If that means a letter-writing campaign, then he's for it.

In a statement Sunday, Muehlig, mayoralty candidate for the independent "Save Our City" slate, agreed the AG's office should conduct the probe sought by Petrone.

Muehlig Claims Mayor Sheehan Is 'Indifferent'

"It's about time Mayor Sheehan stopped flaunting an arrogant indifference to the dramatic problems of New Brunswick and learned what's going on in the city she is supposed to be managing," independent mayoralty candidate Ralph J. Muehlig declared today.

The statement issued by Muehlig was the most blistering he has made against Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan since the election campaign began.

Muehlig, who is heading the

"Save Our City" slate, said he is "incensed" at the mayor's "lack of reaction" to the recent disclosure that New Brunswick last year ranked second in the nation in crime for cities with 25,000 to 50,000 populations.

Muehlig at last Tuesday's City Commission meeting asked the mayor if she had any official comment on the crime figures. The mayor said she had no official statement to make, and noted she had not seen the

FBI statistics he referred to.

"The mayor better wake up before New Brunswick is number one in crime," Muehlig asserted today. "It's about time she began recognizing and responding to the pertinent issues of the day. I don't care whether she believes my questions are politically inspired or not. The point is—and she better recognize this fast—our city now has a reputation of being a nationwide crime leader and all this has happened while she has been mayor."

'Playing Politics'
"And if she considers that playing politics, then I'm going to be playing a lot of politics before this election is over. She and her fellow city commissioners owe the residents of this city a lot of answers. All they have been doing is trying to weasel out of issues with meaningless or flippant generalizations for responses."

"I want to know why New Brunswick is second in the nation in crime for cities of its size. I want to know what suddenly has given New Brunswick this infamous standing. I want to know why the mayor hasn't seen these FBI statistics when every law enforcement agency in the nation was mailed a copy weeks ago. I want to know why the mayor hasn't made it her business to see a copy. And if the mayor is going to be so pompous as to imply she cannot get a

copy, I'll be glad to present one to her personally."

Muehlig continued, "Furthermore, is the mayor trying to tell the people of New Brunswick that she still is unaware that crime in our city rose so considerably during 1969? She should have known this eight months ago. Is the mayor trying to tell the people that she is unaware that the FBI puts out these statistics every August? Has she forgotten how she and her fellow commissioners used to try their own advantage FBI crime statistics for 1966 during the 1967 election?"

"Has the mayor and her fellow commissioners forgotten that during their 1967 campaigning they spoke repeatedly about the city's 'shocking' crime rate. And 'shocking' that their word, not mine. Well, that crime rate is a lot more shocking today, and it's not going to decrease so long as our lady mayor skirts the issue. It's not going to decrease so long as she tries to be cute and unresponsive about the crime epidemic gripping our city. Tough city administration is needed, and I certainly haven't seen this from the Sheehan administration."

'No Change'
"Our city rose from tenth place in the crime standing in 1967 to third place in 1969. I want to know what steps the city administration took to stop New Brunswick from rising

even higher on the crime ladder in 1969. And when the mayor of our city tells me she has no response to these crime statistics for 1968 or for 1969, then I say her arrogance is an affront to the people of this city; then I say there has been no reform in this city, no change."

Yesterday Muehlig said he is opposed to the proposal to relocate the county administrative offices to Camp Kilmer.

Muehlig said he had expected the Sheehan administration

"would have raised its official voice loudly and publicly" as soon as the proposal was announced.

"I certainly would expect that much leadership from the elected officials of New Brunswick," he said. "That this still has not come is only indicative of the way the Sheehan administration shies away from the issues of the day."

"With all due respect to Freeholder Coury, who has presented the suggestion to move the county buildings from New

Brunswick, I believe that such a move would do irreparable harm to the long-range economy of our city. I recognize that I am viewing this solely from the standpoint of New Brunswick. I can do no less."

Muehlig added, "Regional Plan Association in New York repeatedly has said that if New Brunswick ever again is to become a center of activity in Central Jersey, the city must develop into a center for business offices and specialty

shops. Regional Plan Association has said that the existing location of the county buildings in New Brunswick is a key to the city becoming that office center. I agree."

Muehlig is a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Middlesex County Planning Board.

The council candidates on the "Save Our City" ticket are George V. Buono, Robert J. Ferguson, Peter P. Kara, Robert E. Langelius and Joseph R. Scanton.

Cahill Doesn't Know Who Approved Gun

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

"I really don't know anything about this," City Commissioner William J. Cahill said yesterday when asked if he knew who gave Euclid J. Taylor Jr. permission to carry a gun.

Taylor allegedly brandished a gun while working as a volunteer with the police department's Community Relations Bureau during the racial disturbances a month ago.

He was unmasked as a police impersonator and faces grand jury action on three charges.

No Mention of Gun

Cahill, director of public safety, who has admitted, "We (city commissioners) were used (by Taylor)," said he does not recall any mention of the gun in a report by acting Police Capt. John Brokaw.

Brokaw, of the Community Relations Bureau, submitted the report on the Taylor case to Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, who asked for it.

Mayor Sheehan sought a similar report from Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone. However, the chief said his investigation would go to the county prosecutor's office, which is conducting a probe of its own.

Middlesex County Prosecutor Edward J. Dolan had no comment on the case when reached today at the shore, where he is vacationing.

Dolan said two men have been assigned to the Taylor investigation. He said: "I'll be back probably on Tuesday to check the mail and may have comment then."

Major Political Issue

The Taylor case has become a major issue in the city municipal election. Independent council candidate Robert J. Ferguson three weeks ago charged that, according to police sources, Taylor had a gun and a hunting knife and that the volunteer questioned persons at gunpoint.

Cahill said a volunteer worker in the Community Relations Bureau is not automatically permitted to carry a gun and to

drive a city-owned car.

"No one but a city employee is permitted to drive a city car," the commissioner said. A permit is needed to carry a gun, he said.

Another independent candidate, Frederick W. Haleluk, a mayoralty hopeful, had said that, according to his sources, Taylor was driving a city car accompanied by two policemen and pursued an auto in a traffic case into East Brunswick.

Procedure Not Clear

Cahill explained that the procedure for accepting volunteers or hiring paid employees in the CRB "is not clear." He added, "It has never been drawn up."

"In the future," Cahill said, "if anyone is accepted as a volunteer for the CRB or a paid employee, there will have to be a known background check by police."

Taylor was accepted and given an identification card by police without a background check being made. When such an investigation was made, Taylor was unmasked as a police impersonator. Taylor allegedly said he was a New York

City policeman about to retire and that he wanted to work in New Brunswick.

The CRB, which was formed more than a year ago under two state grants totaling nearly \$35,000, has two community agents. But they were hired before Cahill took over the public safety department earlier this year when Carl T. Volenti resigned.

Cahill said present plans call for the hiring of two more community agents. Interviews are being conducted now, the commissioner said.

The commissioner said he has the final say on hiring of paid employees. On the question of accepting volunteers, Cahill said, "I shouldn't have to, but that will remain to be seen."

Brokaw, the commissioner explained, reports and is responsible to Petrone or the police chief's office.

The chief, however, had said during the current running controversy with the city administration that he only receives a written report once a month from Brokaw.

August 25, 1970

Editorials

Commissioners, Not Cops, Criticized

It is unfortunate that New Brunswick Local 23 of the Patrolman's Benevolent Association feels it has been unjustly criticized by the local news media and by several candidates running for office in this November's election.

We would point out to the PBA that any criticism emanating from this quarter has not been aimed at the police department, but rather at the present city administration. It is the present city administration, not the police department, which must assume ultimate responsibility for the Euclid Taylor affair. It is the present city administration, not the police department, which has accused the chief of police of allowing the police department to fall into administrative chaos.

And it is under the present city administration that the crime rate in this city has risen from 19th to second in the nation for medium sized cities.

We do not wish to play the numbers game with a subject as serious as indexed crime. But if we must, we shall. To those who argue that the city's population rises from approximately 40,000 to 100,000 during the day, thus throwing the relative size of the city out of proportion for its crime rate, we point out that this certainly is nothing new. New Brunswick has been the county seat and the home of Rutgers University for many years.

It is only during the last few years, however, that the crime rate has skyrocketed. And we would also point out that the highest crime hours are certainly not the hours between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., when the working population swells the overall population of the city. Rather it is during the hours when the city's population is made up only of permanent residents that the crime rate is at its highest.

We have never made the claim that the police are not "doing their job." All we are suggesting by pointing to the rising crime index is that more is needed—obviously. And all we have heard that the city administration plans to do is to appoint an administrative police director—in three months—if it is re-elected.

And if blame is to be assessed for "low morale" in the police department, what better place to start than the present city administration, which has all but claimed that the chief of police is an administrative incompetent.

Terror, Crime Dwell at City Homes

August 27, 1970

By ALVIN KING
Home News Staff Writer

The director of security for the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation of Baltimore painted a grim picture yesterday of New Brunswick Homes, a four-building low-income housing project on Memorial Parkway.

George Luck, a lieutenant in the firm, meeting informally with New Brunswick Housing and Redevelopment Authority members, described the situation as "bad . . . very bad . . . something is going to happen."

Luck said since the FBI took over Aug. 15 on a \$30,000 one-year contract, two officers working the 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. shift six nights a week (Sunday excluded) were warned by a group of teen-agers: "We're going to kill you."

One opened his jacket to reveal a gun tucked in his belt, the officers told Luck.

And, Luck went on, his men came across a group of youngsters sitting in a circle, sniffing glue.

"They just stand around and one day, when you least expect it, somebody will be hurt," Luck predicted. "They let you

know they're there . . . they play a psyche game . . . and they make it known they don't give a damn who knows it," he continued.

Capt. William Conway, representing the police department at the meeting, drew from Luck an admission that the officers did not alert police immediately after seeing the gun on the youth. Luck said that after he received their report he got in touch with Lt. Phillip Cahill at headquarters the following day. A city patrolman was assigned to the four-building project and the Samuel D. Hofmann Pavilion for the Elderly as an observer, Luck said.

Obviously irked because the guards had not notified police about the glue sniffing and gun incidents at once, Conway said "this manner of reporting can be likened to locking the barn door after the horse has escaped."

Luck said his men do not have police powers. He asked for and received Conway's assurance of complete cooperation with the police department. "We are not police officers . . . we are here to take care of this project, and we

will work with the police," Luck pledged.

Authority Executive Director Richard Keefe had a different version of Luck's comment about Keefe "being terrorized" at the project. Keefe said he had often seen youngsters with pipes, sticks with protruding nails and other items.

The executive director said he felt these were "more in line with harassment tactics," adding that at no time had he personally been threatened.

The Baltimore firm was hired after repeated complaints from tenants of narcotics addicts using buildings as a meeting place, purse snatchings, assaults and break-ins.

Initially, off-duty city patrolmen were hired, but the program did not work out to expectations.

Later in the afternoon, city police and members of the Middlesex County Sheriff's office, armed with a search warrant for narcotics, raided the apartment of Oliver L. Brooks, 24, of Apt. 3-E in the project.

Sheriff John J. Flanagan said that while they failed to find drugs, they arrested Brooks on charges of illegally possessing

two double-barrel shotguns, one rifle and an assortment of ammunition for these weapons. Judge Edward Picone of South Brunswick, presiding for Judge Meyer J. Cohn, set bail at \$500 for a Sept. 3 preliminary hearing.

The big push to raze most of the proposed George Street project buildings, most of them a century or more old, will begin Sept. 14 when bids will be received for the demolition of 38 dwellings.

Keefe said that the project, bounded by George, New, Abel and Nelson Streets and Memorial Parkway, had a total of 154 buildings when the authority acquired the site.

So far, only five have been razed, Keefe reported. The proposed contract, once carried out, will leave a balance of 91, some of which already have been acquired by the authority. Purchase of others is being negotiated.

Keefe said that demolition work on the 38 houses is expected to start late in September and should be completed early in January.

Downtown Site Will Be Used For Recreation

August 29, 1970

Instead of a parking lot, a portion of the George Street redevelopment project will be temporarily used for recreation, according to action taken yesterday by the New Brunswick Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

Several weeks ago, Jack Gushin, chairman of the New Brunswick Parking Authority, asked that the land formerly occupied by the Newark Ladder Co. at New, Morris and Nelson Streets be converted for parking until needed for the massive housing program.

HUD Inspection

The request was passed on to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which had an on-site inspection made and recommended its use for recreation rather than parking.

Yesterday, the authority went along with the suggestion, which brought a "we're delighted" reaction from City Commissioner Aldrage B. Cooper Jr., head of the parks-playgrounds department.

Richard M. Keefe, the housing authority's executive director, said the 31,000-square-foot lot will be paved, fenced in and lighted after which equipment will be installed. If all goes well, Keefe added, work will start in two weeks.

Similar Proposal

Larry Goldblatt, 21, a fourth year architectural student at North Carolina State University, made a similar proposal last week. He suggested that the area be sodded and "used as a tot lot."

Goldblatt said at that time, "The people of the area desperately needed accessible open space that is a part of their day to day environment. Currently their lives are polluted by the 'brickstrewn, weed-thickened plaza,' he said.

A \$25,000 budget is contemplated, with HUD picking up 75 per cent of the costs. Most of the balance will be in the form of credits to the authority, Keefe reported.

Activities

Planned activities include volleyball, basketball and a small tot lot, with possibly ice and roller skating added. The temporary playground will serve area children, particularly the large numbers who live in New Brunswick Homes, a four-building low-income project nearby.

The authority awarded a \$32,715 contract for competitors for New Brunswick Homes and the Samuel D. Hoffmann Pavilion for the Elderly yesterday. They will replace existing incinerators.

The low bidder, Combustion Equipment Co. of New Jersey with offices in Ridgefield, received the contract. Purpose of the program is to reduce air pollution caused by burning garbage and trash under the present system.

Police Director Barred by Law

August 27, 1970

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

New Brunswick municipal attorney J. Norris Harding said today that a police director — as envisioned by Mayor Patricia K. Sheehan — is legally impossible under the present City Commission form of government.

Harding said: "There is no legal authority which permits City Commissioner William J. Cahill Sr., public safety director, to delegate his responsibility for, and authority over the police department to anyone else. He cannot now create a police director under the guise of his deputy."

The city attorney said he came to that opinion after again examining the Walsh Act, passed in 1911, which created

the commission form of local government. Harding's opinion is in direct opposition to the claim made yesterday in a press release by Ralph J. Muehlig, mayorality candidate for the independent "Save Our City" slate.

Muehlig said his campaign staff's research reveals that the police director could be appointed under the Walsh Act as a deputy to the commissioner in charge of the public safety department. Muehlig's release also contended that the research by his staff failed to

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find a state statute prohibiting such an appointment.

Harding said he has advised the mayor and the other city commissioners of his conclusion.

"I understand," Harding said, "my predecessor, former city attorney Joseph F. Bradshaw, had given the same advice to the commissioners several years ago when they were exploring their ability to appoint a full-time police director at that time."

The police directorship became a controversy in the city election campaign after Mayor Sheehan, in her statement of Aug. 9, said such an appointment would be necessary under the new municipal charter to begin Jan. 1.

The mayor had criticized Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone, claiming he had not lived up to his administrative responsibilities.

Harding said the Walsh Act places total executive, administrative and judicial powers over the police department in Commissioner Cahill as director of public safety.

The section of the act referred to by Muehlig, Harding said, citing R.S. 40:72.9, creates the office of deputy and allows each commissioner to appoint a deputy to assist him.

"But a 1968 court case dealing specifically with the New Brunswick deputy (Neil Peterson) severely limits what authority a deputy may exercise. In that case former commissioner William A. Dalley brought suit against the City New Brunswick for hiring a deputy to all the commissioners, Harding said.

The city attorney stressed that Superior Court Judge David D. Furman upheld the city in its right to hire a deputy.

According to Harding, the judge, in defining the authority and duties of a deputy under the Walsh Act, said:

"The basic intent of the Walsh Act is to have the departments of city government segregated without overall political machine domination of the five departments, where a fixing or pinpointing of responsibility is thereby preserved."

The function of the deputy director of each of the departments is to provide technical services in coordinating the activities, the programs, the budgets, for example, of each of the five departments. The ordinance and the appointments thereunder are an attempt to secure such benefits to the city government of New Brunswick within the framework of the Walsh Act. The deputy director can not exercise the powers of any one department.

"There is no testimony this morning that he is, in fact, exercising the powers of any one department. He may not wield, for example, the judicial func-

tion, the legislative function or the executive function of any individual commissioner. He may render advice. He may der the law from taking final action for any department. He may present facts on the basis of service and investigation. He may render advice. He may make recommendations, but he may not himself fix the policy or fix the decisions of any single department of the city government."

Harding said it was his understanding that the full-time police director called for by Mayor Sheehan would serve as more than "a conduit between the police department and another executive."

A professional police director, Harding said, would have the authority to make immediate decisions, establish policies without the necessity of further consultation and run the day-to-day operations of the police department.

"He (the police director) must be the executive," Harding said.

The city attorney also stated that it is clear to him that the type of deputy permitted under the commission form could never legally be a police director.

Bradshaw, who resigned as city attorney in March, could not be reached for comment. His law office said he's vacationing.

However, former city commissioner Carl T. Valenti, an attorney, said the statute cited by Muehlig is not applicable.

Valenti said: "We were researching that question the day after the election, practically. Our considered opinion was that the Walsh Act does not make a specific provision for a police director. He (Muehlig) is using the director deputy statute under the Walsh Act. He is using the police director statute not under the Walsh Act, but the Faulkner Act."

The Faulkner Act, passed in 1950, provides the legal machinery for a municipality to change its form of government as New Brunswick has to may-or-council, beginning Jan. 1. A police director can be appointed under that system.

Petrone Waiting for the Official Word

August 27, 1970

Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone is patiently playing the waiting game. He's waiting to hear official-ly from the state on his request for an investigation into

the city police department and allegations of political interference by the city administration.

He's waiting to hear from three policemen on their asso-

ciation with Euclid J. Taylor, who's awaiting grand jury action on three charges, including impersonating a policeman.

Not A Word

"I haven't heard one word," Petrone told The Home News this morning when asked if he had received notification from state Atty. Gen. George F. Kugler Jr.

Petrone made the request Aug. 13 for the state probe. The chief alleged that the city administration has been undermining his authority since it took office in May 1967.

The chief's public statement followed the blistering charges of Aug. 9 against Petrone by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan that he failed in his responsibility of checking out Taylor.

Last Thursday, a spokesman for the attorney general's office said he does not anticipate an investigation on the basis of Petrone's statement, but would continue to study it.

Petrone said this morning he has yet to receive a reply to his written request made last week of acting Police Capt. John Brokaw and Patrolmen Donald Bowling and Roosevelt Howard.

"I'd like a full report. How they met him. What they did. I have not received anything from them," the chief added.

At the Aug. 18 City Commission meeting, Mayor Sheehan announced she had received a written report from Brokaw on the Taylor case, but not from Petrone.

The chief, a few days later, told reporters he would send results of his report on the is-

sue, when completed, to the Office of Middlesex County Prosecutor Edward J. Dolan.

Petrone said he would do so because Dolan's office also is conducting an investigation into Taylor's involvement with the city police department's community relations bureau. Brokaw heads that bureau, which was formed more than a year ago through state funds.

The mayor said Bowling and Howard came to Brokaw in the company of Taylor, Bowling and Howard volunteered for plainclothes work and related Taylor's claim he was about to retire as a New York City cop and was interested in working here. This was July 22, the day after the first trouble.

There was a conference with Petrone, and Bowling and Howard operated as an intelligence-gathering team with Taylor. Later an identification card was issued to Taylor by police, not the city administration, the mayor said.

It was later learned by Bowling and Howard, who were ordered to New York City by City Commissioner William J. Cahill, that Taylor was not a member of the metropolitan

police force. The mayor contends this should have been done by the police chief, not Cahill, who is director of public safety.

But Petrone claims his suspicions of Taylor led to the discovery that the latter was not a law officer.

Taylor allegedly carried a gun while with the community relations bureau. However, New Brunswick police decline to comment on that accusation, saying their probe on the weapons issue has been sent to the county prosecutor's office.

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By LONNIE MACK
Home News Staff Writer

Downtown shoppers were greeted yesterday with smiles and friendly greetings from five attractive East Brunswick High School coeds instead of the usual ticket and "park it in the back" from the Parking Authority lot attendants.

But the most pleasant greeting was the sign at the gate which read "unlimited free parking."

Yesterday was the first day of a joint project of the New Brunswick Parking Authority and Downtown Merchants Authority to permit free Saturday parking in the five Parking Authority lots for shoppers.

Despite the free parking privileges in the municipal lots, shoppers were not exactly knocking down the gates. "Most of the people didn't know about it, and were pleasantly surprised," said Jeanne Lamo of East Brunswick, the Downtown Merchants' official greeter at the Bayard Street lot.

An East Brunswick coed was stationed at each of the five lots to assist the attendant and to inform motorists of Saturdays' new "no rates."

Flurries Forecast

The regular parking attendants at the lots said business was about normal, but they expected the Saturday trade to pick up after more people became aware of the free Saturday parking.

Harry Dunham, attendant at the lower Church Street lot, reported at 2 a.m. that 199 cars had entered the 80-car lot. He said this is about the usual

volume for a Saturday.

The attendants reported many workers in the downtown area were taking advantage of the free parking. One attendant said, "This free parking is supposed to be for the shoppers and not for the people who work around here. 'We should be collecting from them (the workers).'"

He noted that with the exception of several additional cars belonging to downtown employees, shopper parking was the same as it would be on any other Saturday.

"The sign should read 'for shoppers only,'" the attendant asserted.

However, there appeared to be plenty of free space available—most of the lots were only 50 to 75 per cent full at 2 p.m.

What do the attendants at the private lots think of the free parking at the Parking Authority lots?

"No comment," said an attendant at one of the private lots. "It is really hard to tell how it will affect us," he murmured. "Maybe this is just a bad day," he added as he looked at the 10 lonely cars in the 70-space lot.

One private lot attendant indicated that the merchants were trying to induce the private-lot owners to join the free Saturday parking project. "We will just have to wait and see," he said.

Of course the shoppers agreed it was a "good thing."

And why not? After all, aren't the best things in life free?

'Lots' Of Joy In City



Yesterday's shoppers in downtown New Brunswick did not have to go any further than one of the five Parking Authority lots to find a bargain. The authority

in conjunction with the Downtown Merchants Council initiated its free Saturday parking system in the municipal lots.

McGlynn Drops Out of Race

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer
Edward J. McGlynn, a critic of the city administration and one of the most vocal candidates in the New Brunswick municipal election, today announced he's throwing in the towel.

McGlynn, who lives at 18 Pennington Road in Rutgers Village, had filed as a mayoral candidate under the independent banner of "Sensible, Sensitive Government."

McGlynn said his reasons for bowing out as a candidate are (1) the public's refusal to become involved in the city's problems and (2) that he is yielding to the wishes of his wife, Florence, that he devote more time to his family. The

McGlynn has eight children. An insurance auditor for the Insurance Company of America, McGlynn said he would officially withdraw by notifying Middlesex County Clerk Frank Schatzman.

McGlynn withdrew as a City Commission candidate during the campaign in 1967 when the present commissioners, running as the New Five, won an upset victory.



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first announced mayoralty candidate, promoted the circulation of petitions to have the school board changed from appointment to election. Under the present system, vacancies are filled by the mayor.

Needs 425 Signatures
"I have about 1,200 signatures," he said today. He needs 1,625.

"What do you intend to do with them?" he was asked. "I might frame them," McGlynn kidded, but said anyone interested in pursuing the issue should contact him.

McGlynn said the weekend drive to get additional signatures was a flop, saying there was little response from volunteer workers and that the vacation season cut into the campaign.

"I have no further interest in pushing it at this time. It should have been over the top by now," McGlynn said.

A resident of New Brunswick since 1951, McGlynn said he's been interested in the administration of the city government since then. He has been a frequent visitor to City Commission meetings.

Back in 1959 he was unsuccessful as a candidate for commissioner.

Meanwhile, McGlynn cannot be expected to step out completely from the political spotlight, he said he will have an occasional statement when the situation warrants it.

Editorials

August 31, 1970

Merchants Show Grit and Courage

We credit the New Brunswick Downtown Merchants Association with courage and plain old grit. Confronted with the massive and growing problems of a decaying urban center, and surrounded on all sides by a growing complex of suburban shopping centers, the merchants have through the years fought a valiant struggle to remain viable.

Perhaps their greatest accomplishment so far came off Saturday when, in a bid to offer the same attractions as the suburban centers, the merchants banded together to provide free parking in the 898 spaces of the city's five Parking Authority lots.

Such an arrangement was reached by agreement between the authority and the merchants whereby the merchants will lease the five parking lots from the authority on Saturdays at an annual rate of \$10,000. The rate was agreed upon between the merchants and the authority after a study was made of revenues attracted by the authority on Saturdays. The merchants came up with the \$10,000 figure and the authority agreed to the price.

What is impressive about this arrangement—besides offering free Saturday parking—is that the merchants are providing the funds through a strictly voluntary method of contribution. And, according to Robert Cohn, the council's president, the response from the merchants has been close to 99 per cent.

The smashing success of the recent "Sidewalk Sales," together with this new free parking arrangement, gives evidence of the fact that New Brunswick merchants are not willing to give up the struggle without a gutsy, aggressive fight.

Current plans call for the Parking Authority to construct a parking deck on Bayard Street in the near future. With the completion of that deck, together with free parking on Saturdays, there appears to be hope that New Brunswick can maintain its commercial position even with competition from the suburbs.

Awaiting OK on U.S. Aid, City Sets Code Project in Motion

August 30, 1970

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer
The city administration today announced a job recruitment program as officials await final approval of a million dollar-plus federal grant to finance the proposed code enforcement project in the 2nd Ward.

William Saunders, deputy city administrator, said qualified applicants from New Brunswick and suburban communities will be given first preference.

He's promoting the staffing recruitment now so that the municipality can be ready to start the neighborhood improvement project in the area of Feaster Park when the monies are available.

The program can begin almost immediately after final approval is made by the Philadelphia regional office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, said Saunders.

The positions to be filled include: project director, assistant project director, assistant building inspector, two housing inspectors, cost estimator, contractual adviser, community organizer, bookkeeper, clerk-stenographer and clerk-typist.

Saunders served as program development officer before becoming deputy city administrator in June after George Callas resigned.

According to Saunders, the recruitment program is a standard staffing pattern and those hired will be full-time for the term of the neighborhood improvement project—three years.

But Uncle Sam must first give the sign of approval for about \$1,400,000, the amount of a revised application forwarded to HUD by the city July 27.

\$400,000 Boost
The application had been revised upward from the previously tentatively approved figure of approximately \$800,000.

The increase, Saunders said, is in the areas of site improvement and administrative costs.

Another part of the revision, he explained, is that the code enforcement area had been reduced from 49 to 33 blocks.

The neighborhood project area was reduced, according to the city official, after several site visits by HUD personnel.

Saunders said: "The city has met all of the requirements requested by HUD for receiving a contract to begin the neighborhood improvement program."

HUD has been reviewing the application since late July, and says Saunders, it may be from one to two months before word on the federal agency's decision is received.

The city had been informed by HUD in February that it had tentatively approved the \$800,000 grant.

The original application, Saunders recalled, asked for \$250,000 for processing and administering grants up to \$3,500 and loans at 3 per cent to home owners and property owners in the code enforcement area to repair violations.

The city, in its application submitted in July, asks that HUD increase that amount to about \$600,000, Saunders said.

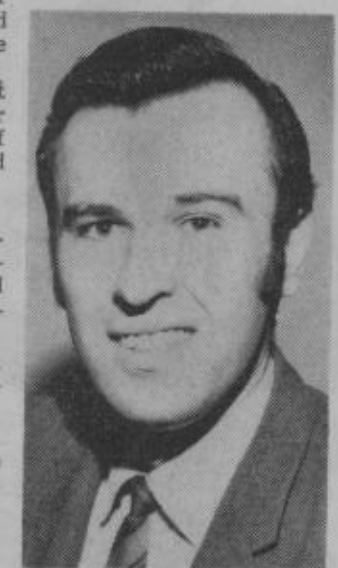
The municipal official said the code enforcement project is not aimed at penalizing the property owner, but to rehabilitate the neighborhood and put it back into the community.

Saunders said that the improvement program, referred to locally as the Feaster Park project, is not limited to buildings, such as homes, apartments, rooming houses and businesses, but to outside facilities, as streets, sidewalks and landscaping.

On job recruitment, Saunders said that if the positions cannot be filled by city and area residents, officials will be forced to go elsewhere.

One of the sources could be "a talent bank" on professional people who submit resumes with the state Department of Community Affairs.

Saunders suggested that applicants write him, including educational and job experience. His address is City Hall, 76 Bayard St.



WILLIAM SAUNDERS

can be substituted for academic credentials.

The City Commission earlier this month adopted a property maintenance code ordinance which requires the improvements.

The project director, or director of community improvements as he will be known officially, will fill an important role in the program. He will be responsible for the direction and supervision of all units under the administration of the neighborhood improvement program.

The main objective of the program is to eradicate blighted neighborhoods.

Requirements Listed
The director should be a college graduate and have at least three years' experience in real estate development, city planning, public housing and urban renewal.

Another requirement is that we have knowledge of the philosophy and principles of urban renewal and functions and regulations of related agencies.

New Jersey Plans Low-Cost Housing for Its Public Colleges

By BEN ST. JOHN
Newark News Staff Writer
TRENTON—The State Department of Higher Education has initiated a statewide program to provide long-range student housing at the public colleges and at Rutgers University.

Ralph A. Dungan, chancellor of higher education, said initial study is underway to determine the market's capability to produce a large quantity of low-cost student housing.

"Conventional methods of constructing dormitories are too expensive and beyond the means of our students," Dungan said.

"This venture we hope, utilize the advantages of new building techniques and mass buying to provide good housing at prices students can afford."

Flexible Housing
"We are interested in good, contemporary design as well as inexpensive and flexible housing," he said.

Dungan reported that the New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority, a public authority which finances and builds support facilities for public and private colleges with funds obtained in the private market, has contracted with the architectural firm of Ewing, Cole, Erdman & Euband of Princeton to begin the planning studies.

Based on the results of an investigation of the systems building market to be completed by the architects this fall, selected manufacturers will bid for the construction contracts.

Present plans call for construction of the first units in Spring 1971.

The extent of the student housing problems in the state are pointed up at Rutgers University where several hundred students enrolled for the fall semester are still without living quarters.

University officials are formulating emergency housing measures to temporarily house the homeless students who arrive at the New Brunswick campus Sept. 10.

On top of about 300 American students who are still without housing for the term, there are about 400 foreign students who are also affected by the shortage.

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During the running controversy between the City Commission and Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone, we have insisted that the kind of criticism made by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan cannot be treated as mere campaign rhetoric.

As we have stated previously, when the mayor of a city claims as she did on Aug. 9 that chaotic administrative practices exist "within the command of the police department," or when the public safety commissioner says as he did on Aug. 19 that "... we charged (the chief) with chaotic administrative practices," we must demand that the commissioners do more than say that they will appoint a police director in January if they are re-elected.

If Mayor Sheehan feels that the chief is "incompetent or inept," as she said on Aug. 19, then the chief should be brought up on charges immediately. If the mayor does not have the evidence to back up her statement, then she should withdraw it immediately.

According to Commissioner William T. Cahill, however, such claims form an insufficient basis for the removal of Chief Petrone. Such a position is based, according to Commissioner Cahill, on "The Rules and Regulations of the City of New Brunswick," adopted in 1925.

Under Section 9 of those rules, provision is made for removal from the police force for "incompetency, lack of energy and incapacity, mentally or physically."

The interpretation placed on this rule by Commissioner Cahill is that the meaning of "incompetence" in the police department regulations does not relate to the job the chief is doing, but to his mental and physical fitness, which the commissioner implies is not an issue.

Independent research into this rule has led us to question the interpretation offered by Commissioner Cahill.

"American Jurisprudence," a well-known legal treatise, in discussing various grounds for removal of public officers, states, "Inefficiency, incompetency, and incapacity have been held grounds for the suspension or removal of public officers. Incompetency in this connection has reference to any physical, moral or intellectual quality, the lack of which incapacitates one to perform the duties of his office."

So it would seem that the interpretation placed on the rule by Commissioner Cahill is at least open to question. Beyond the particular interpretation of the rules of the city, however, is the interpretation to be found in state statutes governing the removal of policemen and firemen from office.

In New Jersey Statutes 40, colon 47, section 6, it reads, "no person shall be removed from office or employment in any such police department ... for political reasons, or for any other cause than incapacity, misconduct, non-residence or disobedience of rules and regulations established for the government of the police force and department ..."

In this particular statute, "incapacity" appears as an unqualified word and thus is open to interpretation.

In the third edition of Black's Law Dictionary, incapacity is defined as "want of capacity; want of power or ability to take or dispose; want of legal ability to act; inefficiency, incompetency; lack of adequate power." Cases are cited to support such definition.

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Middlesex hasn't decided yet about new county seat

By ROBERT RUDOLPH

The Middlesex County Board of Freeholders' Public Properties Committee yesterday said it would recommend construction of a \$7.5 million county office building in New Brunswick even while officials are mulling over a proposal to shift the entire county seat to Camp Kilmer.

The committee, which met in a day-long session yesterday, has decided to recommend to the Board of Freeholders that the county move ahead on plans to build a six-story office building on the site of the present county records building in downtown New Brunswick.

Opponents of the proposal—put forth by Freeholder Francis J. Coury—to move the county's administrative headquarters to a modern complex built on the present site of Camp Kilmer confronted Coury during the morning meeting yesterday.

Among the most outspoken of the plan's critics was New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, who termed the suggestion "deserting" the city in a time of crisis.

Coury indicated that in making his suggestion he was not—as the mayor implied—trying to destroy the city, but rather that he was concerned with the welfare of the county first. The welfare of New Brunswick—which contains only nine per cent of the total county population—he said, was secondary.

Coury's proposal calls for an entire administrative complex to be constructed at Camp Kilmer and the present New Brunswick facilities sold to private business.

However, the county is faced with a Sept. 26 deadline to apply to the federal government to purchase the Kilmer property.

Coury, chairman of the public properties committee, stressed that the county would not apply until it learned whether or not it might acquire the land for free or at a reduced cost.

The committee has asked the application deadline be extended until the first of the year so a full study can be made.

In pointing out the need for immediate action by the county, Coury pointed to federal lands at the nearby Raritan Arsenal which had previously been sold to private owners at \$3,000 an acre. According to Coury, that land is now worth \$40,000 to \$50,000 an acre.

Mrs. Sheehan, meanwhile, called upon other county officials to halt Coury's proposal rather than "assist him in abandoning New Brunswick."

The mayor termed Coury's plan a "wild" scheme to play "musical chairs" with the county seat.

Piscataway Mayor Francis J. Knight joined Mrs. Sheehan in objecting to the proposal, explaining that he did not want the burden of what would be tax free property placed upon his township.

During the second half of yesterday's discussion, the committee recommended the welfare department be moved out of the present administration building and into either the Elks Club building in New Brunswick or an optional site on Livingston Avenue.



PARKING PAVILION — The New Brunswick Parking Authority revealed plans yesterday for its proposed \$2 million parking pavilion at Neilson, Liberty and Bayard streets. Inspecting a scale model of the pavilion are, from left, Harry Schwartz, authority member; architect Robert Meyer; Jack Gushin, authority chairman, and Al Hendricks, an authority member.

500 More Spaces for City

\$2 Million Car Deck Planned

By RICHARD GORMAN
Home News Staff Writer

The New Brunswick Parking Authority revealed plans for a 500-car multi-deck parking pavilion and produced a scale model of the modern structure at a news conference yesterday at City Hall.

Jack Gushin, authority chairman, said the authority has acquired six parcels of property in the area bounded by Bayard, Liberty and Neilson streets and the Bayard Street School. When three other parcels have been acquired, he said, the authority will begin bonding to finance the \$2 million structure.

Will Demolish Buildings
Gushin said he expects the authority to acquire the remaining parcels within "weeks," and, once this occurs, the authority will seek bids for demolition of the buildings.

He described the buildings as stores on the ground level with residences above. One of the buildings is the Moriah Yeshiva Academy at 1 Liberty St., which Gushin said will be vacated by July 31, 1971.

The pavilion will range from three to five stories. It will be located on the incline leading toward the Raritan River and will provide parking for more than 500 cars. The chairman said 200 of these will be leased to nearby business firms while the remaining 300 will be used for public parking. The lower level will provide spaces for the authority's offices and administrative operations as well as conference and meeting rooms.

Once preliminary plans are approved, Gushin continued, the authority will request final plans from its architectural firm, Meyer and Laudadio. Plans are expected to be completed in time for construction to start in July with completion expected in the fall of 1971.

Gushin said the "key" to success of the project is obtaining the proper financing through bonds. If the present bond market continues, he said, "We'll be home free." He said he expects commitments for financing within the next 30 days.

from left, Harry Schwartz, authority member; architect Robert Meyer; Jack Gushin, authority chairman, and Al Hendricks, an authority member.

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The pavilion is the first major project the authority has undertaken since it achieved autonomy in December 1968. By bonding, Gushin said, the taxpayers of New Brunswick will not be assessed for construction costs. The authority has arranged for \$400,000 in interim financing through local and area banks.

The authority announced plans for the new parking facility on Memorial Day and indicated preliminary plans would be revealed by the end of August.

Gushin said the 1971 completion date is "a trifle optimistic but within the realm of reality." He said the building will be constructed so that if future needs merit, more levels could be added, thus increasing parking space.

He predicted the new pavilion will alleviate the "dire" need for parking space in the downtown area, but would not solve all the city's parking problems.

Gushin said the parking pavilion would not in the slightest help the Middlesex County government parking problems, nor is it designed to. "We have nothing to do with the county," he said.

The board of freeholders three years ago shelved a proposal that a 700-car parking deck be built to provide space for employees at Kennedy Square, jurors and visitors. The estimated \$4 million cost was considered prohibitive.

Since then, county officials acknowledged the county's parking needs have been growing more acute each year. The freeholders' public property committee is recommending construction of a 110,000-square-foot office-courts building.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, who attended the press conference, explained that the city originally intended to add another deck to the parking facility on Church Street, but when informed that the foundation had to be strengthened and bids were received, the cost was prohibitive.

The parking authority then turned to plans for the

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Parking Pavilion

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new \$2 million pavilion. She said the structure "will be an immediate plus in easing the intolerable congestion" of downtown traffic.

New Plans Seen

Harry Schwartz of P.J. Young's on George Street, said the pavilion will allow Hub City merchants to provide the same kind of service now being offered in other shopping areas. He described the merchants as "extremely interested" in the proposal.

Gushin took the opportunity to point out that an additional 24 parking spaces were added to the Church Street parking lot. And, he indicated, further developments would be forthcoming from the authority within a month.

Parking Deck Is Good News

We are extremely pleased at the recent announcement by the New Brunswick Parking Authority of its plans to build a 500-car multi-deck parking pavilion.

Although the plans for the parking deck are not new, the fact that the parking authority has progressed smoothly enough in the past three months to come to the point of unveiling a scale model is certainly satisfying.

Once preliminary plans are approved, the authority will request final plans from its architectural firm. Current plans of the authority call for the beginning of construction next July, with completion expected by the fall of 1971.

Perhaps the most encouraging thing about the parking authority's plans is that it has managed to obtain \$400,000 in interim financing from local lending institutions. The authority expects that the parking deck should cost about \$2-million and, even in the currently tight bond market, the authority expects to have no trouble obtaining the remaining funds to complete the project.

Many have bemoaned the fact that New Brunswick as a business and commercial center is dead. But the plain truth is that it just isn't so. The first group to sound warnings about the economic health of a town are banks. By the very nature of their business, banks and lending institutions must be sure that any money they loan will have an excellent chance of being repaid.

In the case of the parking authority, it has obtained, with no apparent difficulty, a commitment to \$400,000. Certainly any bank or group of banks which lends that kind of money must be fairly certain that the parking authority and the proposed parking deck are a sound financial risk.

And certainly news that banks have that kind of confidence in the economic vitality of the City of New Brunswick is reassuring. There is no question that once the parking deck is completed, the attractiveness of New Brunswick as a commercial center can only be enhanced.

And that cheers us greatly.

Sept. 13, 1970

Petrone, Cahill Meet, Agree

By ALVIN KING
Home News Staff Writer

City Commissioner William J. Cahill and Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone, who have been through a series of bitter verbal sparring bouts in recent weeks over various issues, met for more than two hours yesterday to discuss problems attendant to the police department.

It was a meeting that Petrone had requested Sept. 2 when he described the situation at headquarters as "critical." Both the chief and Cahill, who is director of public safety, described the session as harmonious.

One of the top items on the agenda was more manpower. Petrone initially asked for a complement of 130—the department now has 95 officers and patrolmen—and yesterday, according to Cahill, they set a tentative figure of 120.

Cahill reported the department has a list of 10 certified applicants. Of that number, three are from the Army's Transition program, which funnels soldiers with military police experience to police departments after they have undergone 90 days of training to acquaint them with civilian procedures. New Brunswick was the first city in the nation to draw police offi-

cers from that program.

The city will continue to participate in the Transition project, Cahill said. In discussing boosting the force, Cahill said "there has never been any disagreement (with Petrone) for more men . . . we want to provide New Brunswick enough manpower to patrol and protect the city."

Bureau Requests
Petrone and Cahill also went into requests made by the heads of the detective and juvenile aid bureaus for additional men in those divisions.

Each would like an additional eight or

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10 men, Cahill reported, and the requests will be given consideration.

Cahill said that while Petrone's suggestion that civilians replace officers now doing clerical duty has some validity, he still feels that some regular policemen should be assigned to such divisions as records and identification. "True, civilians would be less expensive but I feel that a fully trained police officer is the best man to have in those divisions," he added.

The commissioner said that ultimately, some of the officers might be replaced by civilians by "attrition," that is, when they retire.

Another Petrone suggestion that meter maids be hired to give patrolmen greater time to perform more important duties did not come off too well.

Cahill said he feels policemen can perform a dual job—handling traffic matters and patrolling, while a meter maid is limited to ticketing cars, and their salaries would probably not be too much under what patrolmen now receive.

"Not for the present," was Cahill's decision on that issue.

Illness in the department was another topic. Petrone has complained that his ranks were decimated by men on sick leave or limited duty, coupled with vacations, days off, etc.

Cahill has suggested that those who have been on long term sick leave should be given periodic physical examinations by the city physician to determine their prognosis. "In this way, we will be able to keep track of whether they will return to their duties, or whether they should retire if it is evidence that their physical problem is of such a nature that they will never be back on the job," Cahill said.

Cahill stressed that no attempt would be made to force retirements. But in fairness to the department and to its personnel, he feels that officials should know the status of those who are off duty because of illness or injury.

Cites Issues for Candidates

To the Editor:

Sept. 13, 1970
It appears that the two major candidates for the office of mayor of the city of New Brunswick, Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and Ralph J. Muehlig, are determined to stay away from any substantive discussion of the problems facing New Brunswick.

Mayor Sheehan continues to present us with an overdose of personal "honesty and integrity" that has little or no bearing on the realities outside her office, especially in the New Brunswick Police Department. Does she really expect us to believe that the only valid issue on which to attack the leadership of the department is the matter of Euclid J. Taylor? It would be more useful to the voters if she would explain the creation and subsequent dissolving of the confidential squad, the resignation of the former commissioner, Carl T. Walecki, and the charge that certain policemen are not required to report to the chief of police but to the director of public safety, William Cahill and/or George J. Shamy.

Muehlig, on the other hand, has become the city's best second-guesser. How can he quarrel with the curfew strategy when we consider the facts that no lives were lost nor were permanent injuries sustained by anyone. It would be helpful for us to know what he would have done with what he has chosen to term a few "troublemakers." While he is presenting that plan, he should also share with us his plans for representing all the people in a city that is multi-racial and beset with urban ills.

The candidates could strengthen the democratic process by developing campaigns that appeal to the more humane and rational side of human beings rather than cause widening of divisions and the arousal of prejudice and hate.

DAVID J. HARRIS JR.,
New Brunswick.

A dream is sinking in New Brunswick

New Brunswick's "Dreamboat" may soon be scuttled. A former Circle Line dayliner, the \$10,000 ship was given to the city three years ago with the idea that it could be turned into a recreation site for elderly citizens.

Docked along the Raritan Canal, the engineless tour boat was the scene of three band concerts—two of which were rained out.

Within a short time, what Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan called a "dream center of recreation" was nothing but a rotting, abandoned hulk.

"You want to buy it?" the mayor asked recently, eager to dispose of the eyesore.

In fact, she recently contacted Circle Line president Francis Barry, the man who gave the city the ship—and asked him to take it back.

"When I said no, they asked me if I knew anybody who would buy it," Barry said.

"It was a good idea that just didn't pan out," Mrs. Sheehan said.



New Brunswick's "dream center of recreation" . . . a good idea that just didn't pan out

Photo by Robert Rudolph

Mangarella: Sell City Hall, Power to Cops

Joseph Mangarella, a newcomer to New Brunswick politics, today issued his campaign platform and pledged, among other things, to sell City Hall and to construct a massive recreation-municipal building complex called Aquarius Park along the Raritan River waterfront.

Mangarella, 47, who lives at 20 Newell Ave., is a native of the city and is a construction manager for Garlatti Associates of Highland Park.

He saw combat action with the U.S. Marine Corps in the Pacific during World War II. A registered Democrat, Mangarella said he will "stick to the issues" during the campaign.

Mangarella said he gained experience and knowledge of the city and its problems by living and working with all of the people some of the time.

He pledged to reduce taxes and not to interfere with the operation of the police department.

He said: "I would like to present to you my honest and sincere platform; a program to point the city in the right direction and to keep it on the right course once again.

"Every point in my program will be started immediately upon entering office. I know for a fact that my most difficult task will be in bringing back to City Hall the faith and confidence of the majority.

"I do know through honesty and hard work that this will be accomplished. I will explain each of the 31 platform pledges during my campaign."

His platform pledges are as follows:

- Full-time mayor.
- Sell City Hall and its adjacent property.
- Build a new City Hall located in Aquarius Park, adjacent to police headquarters.
- Make a complete inventory of everything the city owns including land and buildings.
- Hold public sale of obsolete items including land and buildings.
- Locate all departments and official buildings in Aquarius Park for top efficiency. The city will hold no other land or buildings except Aquarius Park.

● We will again go into the garbage and trash removal business under an all black corporation.

- Remove all parking meters.
- Make 57 per cent of the streets in New Brunswick one-way, including George and Albany streets, with every other space parking.
- Promote a cure for addicts.
- Build a new fishing pier on the Delaware-Raritan Canal.

- Promote a new tough, stay tough anti-pollution program.
- Conduct meetings for young men and women from ages of 16 to 22 three times a month.
- Build a new firehouse at no cost to the taxpayer.
- Endorse a 42-hour week for the firemen.

- Buy new smaller but faster equipment for the fire department.
- Initiate a new ambulance system completely independent of the fire department.
- Promote a gardening project on 16 acres of land owned by the state off Route 1.
- Fight crime. Initiate a \$25,000 fund to compensate for the reporting of crime.

- Double all fines. Issue ultimatum to police chief to lower crime by at least 60 per cent in 90 days. Give full power to the police department. Police to have self-governing powers. Return building codes and inspection department back under public safety.
- Sell all existing swimming pools and build two large ones; one in Aquarius Park and one in Buccleuch Park with city to run food stands.

- Immediately revitalize downtown shopping area.
- Support an elected Board of Education.
- Purchase four used school buses.
- Hire a strong, knowledgeable construction superintendent to coordinate all service departments.

- Promote new efficiency in the welfare department.
- Advertise monthly audits of all tax monies.
- Support programs for the underprivileged.
- Use any powers possible to break the lease of the plaza project.

- Lower taxes 200 points in two years.
- Promote a twice-yearly show of appreciation to residents of New Brunswick.
- Sever ties with Rutgers University until full compensation is given for our services and tax losses.

'Save Our City' Slate States Stand on Crime in Series

Crime in New Brunswick is receiving the uppermost position in the current campaign of the independent "Save Our City" ticket in the city election.



RALPH J. MUEHLIG

Ralph J. Muehlig is the mayoralty candidate for the "Save Our City" slate and the ticket's council candidates are George V. Buono, Robert J. Ferguson, Robert E. Langellus, Peter P. Kara and Joseph R. Scranton.

The candidates' statement on crime said: "We believe a crime epidemic is strangling our city. We find no acceptable reason for the shocking fact that New Brunswick is second in the nation in crime for cities of similar size.

"We recognize there is a nationwide increase in crime, but we contend the immensity of the crime increase in New Brunswick is not normal; it is abnormal. And this must be stopped.

"A reign of fear is keeping people off our streets, away from our businesses. Our streets must be made safe so that people will not be subjected to repeated abuse or attack. This city must win the reputation of not tolerating hoodlums, and that reputation only will be earned through action, not words."

Narcotics

The candidates said the city must begin to confront one of the greatest underlying causes of crime—narcotics.

They continued: "This not only requires a crackdown on users and especially the pushers, but also meaningful narcotics prevention programs, narcotics rehabilitation programs, and any available help from inside and outside sources.

"Furthermore, we believe the mounting evidence that much of New Brunswick's crime is committed by young people demands that this city concentrate much of its efforts toward an all-out crime prevention program for youths.

"Until this problem is tackled, until a full attack on crime is given major priority, the total citizenry will be gripped in terror.

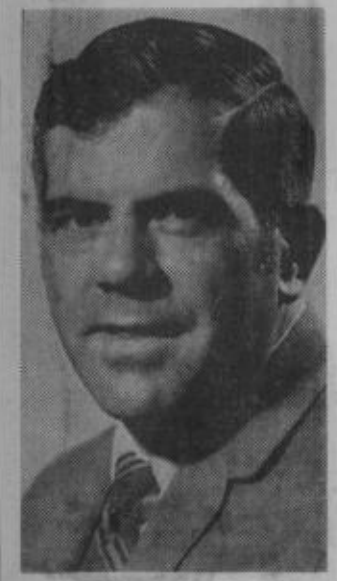
"We believe the streets must be made safe for all

people, especially in low-income areas where the residents are the biggest victims of crime. In fact, we believe maximum crime fighting results can be produced sooner with relatively minimum efforts by concentrating police activities in high crime areas."

The candidates said that if elected they "will spend much time analyzing and attacking the causes of crime. But when crime becomes so flagrant as to terrorize a city and jeopardize its economy and very existence, then we say law enforcement must be the immediate priority. The government has a responsibility to protect all of its citizens. That responsibility must be met immediately. It is not being met now."

Subsequent statements on the ticket's platform will be on the subjects of public safety, education, planning, taxes, and finances, and people and government.

The city electorate at the Nov. 3 general election will choose a mayor and five councilmen under the new charter to begin Jan. 1, as the present board of commissioners system ceases Dec. 31.



JOSEPH MANGARELLA

Democrats win top billing on New Brunswick ballot

The Democratic Party won Line A in the drawings in New Brunswick yesterday for positions of candidates in the Middlesex County elections Nov. 3.

Democratic candidates are Sen. Harrison A. Williams Jr., Rep. Edward J. Patten, running for re-election in the 15th District, and New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan.

There is no Republican candidate for New Brunswick mayor, so Line B, which went to the Republicans, will carry the names only of Nelson Gross, candidate for the U.S. Senate, and Peter J. Garibaldi, running against Patten for the congressional seat.

At Line C, Joseph Job tops the list of independent candidates for the U.S. Senate.

Other independent candidates for U.S. senator are Joseph F. Mans, Line D; Julius Levin, Line E, and

William J. O'Grady, Line F. Mayor Sheehan heads the Democratic municipal ticket along with these running mates: all candidates for City Council: John A. Smith, William J. Cahill, Aldrage B. Cooper, Victor Recine and George F. Hendricks.

In the drawing, independent candidates for mayor won these positions: Edward J. McGlynn, Line C; Joseph

Mangarella, Line D; Ralph Muehlig, Line E; Frederick W. Haleluk, Line F, and Andrew J. Shirokmann, Line G.

Independent candidates for City Council running with Muehlig on his "Save Our City" ticket on Line E are George Buono, Robert Ferguson, Joseph Scranton, Robert Langellus and Peter Kara.

Mayoralty Debates Hit Snag

The proposed debates between the mayoralty candidates in the November elections have run into a snag.

Ralph J. Muehlig, who heads the "Save Our City" ticket, today accused George J. Shamy, campaign manager for incumbent Mrs. Patricia Q. Sheehan, with refusing to let the mayor debate Muehlig.

Shamy, in turn, said this is untrue. Shamy said Mayor Sheehan will debate Muehlig "anytime, anywhere providing the other two mayoralty candidates, Andrew J. Shirokmann Jr. and Joseph Mangarella are invited."

Shamy said he did not intend to have Mayor Sheehan debating Muehlig alone, and then, if challenged by similar meetings

between Mangarella and Shirokmann, to go through the process again. "If Mangarella and Shirokmann decline, then Mayor Sheehan is perfectly willing to meet Muehlig face to face," Shamy declared.

A total of six debates are proposed. George L. Pank, Muehlig's manager and Shamy, after a meeting last night, apparently could not resolve the issue.

According to Pank, Shamy said the mayor would debate with all the mayoralty candidates present. Pank said Muehlig wants to debate with the mayor alone. Muehlig confirmed his position last night.

"I'm perfectly willing to debate the others some other time, but I don't want to confuse this with the debate with Mayor Sheehan," Muehlig said.

"The only way the city is going to get answers is if I demand them directly," Muehlig said. "No one in the city has received a straight answer in the past three years, and now the mayor and Shamy still don't want to give any."

"Probably I should debate directly with Shamy in any event, because he's the only one trying to run the city—and

that's one of the main problems," said Muehlig.

Muehlig claimed last night that these were merely "forums" and not debates.

"I recognize there are other candidates and they will have their chance to appear through other forums," said Muehlig. "But in this particular case I challenged the mayor to debate. First she said publicly she was all for it, any time, anywhere. Now she and Shamy are trying to find ways to get out of it."

Shamy yesterday defended the mayor's desire to debate. "Certainly neither Pat Sheehan nor any of our other candidates will run from a debate," Shamy said. "Exposure will not help Muehlig. I think people will see and compare and understand that Mayor Sheehan has had exposure to the problems of the urban center."

"A debate will get the other candidates well-known, but known for what they are," Shamy said.

Pank scheduled all six debates at public schools throughout the city, after first checking with the school business manager, he said. Muehlig said he would continue to pursue

the matter until the opposition agreed to a meeting.

"Either the mayor wants to debate me or not," Muehlig said. "I'm going to insist that the mayor, Shamy or her whole ticket meet me head-on. Any other forum won't supply the people with the answers they need."

Muehlig criticized the resignation of Carl T. Valenti from the City Commission to become attorney for the New Brunswick Housing and Redevelopment Authority. Valenti, who had been director of public safety, made the switch in March.

Muehlig recalled that when the New Five campaigned in 1967, the candidates pledged to serve out their full four-year terms.

"That was just another pledge by the Sheehan administration that has turned out to be a lot of hot air," Muehlig charged.

Muehlig further accused Valenti of denying, as recently as last September, that he would reject the attorney's post if it was offered to him. "Yet, six months later, he accepted the appointment," the candidate added.

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Sheehan's Slate Draws Line 'A' for Election

The New Brunswick Democratic ticket, headed by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, will enjoy the benefits of the top line in the Nov. 3 general election as a result of yesterday's drawing for ballot positions in the county clerk's office.

The Democrats won Line "A" for that party's candidates from the municipal to

federal levels. Bracketed with the mayor are the party's five council candidates, City Commissioners Aldrage B. Cooper Jr., John A. Smith, William J. Cahill Sr. and Victor D. Recine, and political newcomer, George F. Hendricks Jr., an attorney. Although the Republican candidates will be on the second

line, or Line "B," it does not affect the city's election since that party failed to file a slate. This will be the first partisan election for local offices in New Brunswick in 55 years. The present city commissioners were elected in nonpartisan elections every four years. But that system of local government ceases Dec. 31 and

the new mayor-council charter begins Jan. 1. Edward J. McGlynn won Line "C," the top position among the five independent mayoralty candidates. McGlynn, who filed under the slogan of "Sensible, Sensitive Government," announced two weeks ago he would withdraw. He has not yet filed the re-

quired petition to remove his name from the race. The other independent mayoralty hopefuls and their ballot positions are as follows: Joseph Mangarella, "Tea Party," Line "D"; Ralph J. Muehlig, "Save Our City," Line "E"; Frederick W. Haleluk, "People's voice," Line "F," and Andrew J. Shirokmann Jr., "Independent," Line

"G." Bracketed with Muehlig are council candidates George V. Buono, Robert E. Langellus, Robert J. Ferguson, Peter P. Kara and Joseph R. Scranton. Council candidates with Haleluk are Wallace Parlapandes and Raymond P. Maroon. It had been rumored the three "People's Voice" candidates would

withdraw, but Haleluk denied this yesterday. The withdrawal deadline for candidates, however, is Sept. 24. Rounding out the 22 candidates in the city election are the four independent candidates for council not bracketed with mayoralty hopefuls. While it has not been decided how they will appear on the

ballot, their names will be in succession as follows: Louis C. Markette, "A Concerned Independent," Leonard J. Gioglio, "Honesty In Action," William G. Thoenes, "Independent," and Vincent J. DiPane Jr., "Independent." Gioglio is a city policeman and DiPane is a former member of the local police force.

City Attorney Rules Firemen Vote 'Nonbinding'

By JOHN PRIBISH Home News Staff Writer City Attorney J. Norris Harding said today he has ruled that the petition filed Friday by firemen for a reduced work week is being accepted under the nonbinding statutes of state law.

He said a resolution on the question will be acted upon at tonight's City Commission meeting and that the commissioners may have comment on it then.

However, Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan said this morning: "We (her administration) have a tradition of following the wishes of the electorate."

The firemen are seeking a reduction of their work week

from 36 to 42 hours. It was in 1947 that the hours were reduced from 84 to 56. The nonbinding ruling means that although the referendum on the 42-hour week is approved by the voters, it must be adopted through an ordinance by the City Commission.

When Joseph Fisch, the firemen's lawyer, filed the petitions containing more than 3,700 signatures, he was doing so under the binding statute.

The binding law, according to Fisch's interpretation, means that if the referendum is approved by the voters, at the Nov. 3 general election it automatically becomes law Jan. 1.

Approval by ordinance from the governing body would not

be needed, he said. Action Tonight The resolution to be acted on tonight states that the City Commission receives the petition signed by 10 per cent of the 10,636 who voted here in the 1969 general election. It will request county officials to place the question on the Nov. 3 ballot.

Previously, firemen had said they wanted their reduced work week to become effective Jan. 1, 1972 after the expiration of the present two-year agreement with the city administration. That agreement expires Dec. 31, 1971.

However, firemen now say their referendum, if okayed by the voters, goes into effect

Jan. 1 by law. City officials have said firemen agreed to delay their efforts for a reduced work week when they negotiated with policemen in late 1969 for pay increases and other benefits which began last Jan. 1. The policemen did not request a written contract as the firemen have.

"We've agreed on a contract," John Miraglia, the city's labor relations consultant, told The Home News this morning.

Miraglia said there are no roadblocks to the written contract and that he's been working on it with Fisch. It's just a matter of time before it is signed by firemen and city of-

ficials, he said. "All we've done is finalize the contract. There are no changes in wages, hours or working conditions," Miraglia added.

The fire department has a roster of 90 men, but eight are in nonfirefighting capacities. Fire Chief Angelo Torrisi has been ill and was readmitted a few days ago to St. Peter's General Hospital where his condition was reported today to be satisfactory.

There has been some public opposition to the reduction of hours sought by the firemen in their work week. The firemen, however, contend they had little difficulty obtaining signatures to their petitions.

A new firehouse for the Rutgers Village-Edgebrook section of the city has been proposed by the governing body and plans are being reviewed. This will mean more men must be hired to man the new facility when it is constructed.

In another municipal development, the city's 33 part-time school crossing guards will be posted seven days before the election, as required by law.

The election is the result of a recommendation in a report on the issue submitted by a hearing officer to PERC during the summer.

If the school crossing guards accept the employees association as its bargaining agent, negotiations, however, will be as a

separate unit. The guards, because of their part-time status, were excluded from membership in the association when that group was formed in December 1968.

Miraglia said negotiations will begin soon after the election if the association is accepted as the guards' bargaining unit.

The election is considered to be a formality. The guards work from two to 3½ hours a day and are paid up to \$12 a day.

The mayor said the city administration did not file an appeal of the election, as it could have, on the advice of Miraglia and the recommendation of the hearing officer.

Fire Prevention Week To Be Marked in City

A series of programs stressing fire prevention will be conducted by the New Brunswick fire department's fire prevention bureau in connection with the annual observance of Fire Prevention Week Oct. 4 through Oct. 11.

Capt. Thomas A. Lyons Jr., the bureau's chief inspector, said two films, "Condemned," for older students and "I'm No Fool With Fire," for younger ones, will be shown throughout the school system.

Fire safety programs are scheduled in the city's hospitals and nursing homes will feature a new film, "Rx For Fire," which stresses the proper handling of fire equipment and uncovering fire violations.

Firemen will distribute fire prevention posters and pamphlets in many industrial plants, banking institutions and business establishments.

Lyons reported a fire truck will be on display in the George Street area during the

noon hour each day where fire prevention materials will be distributed. The city's fire stations will be open to the public during the week with firemen acting as escorts and explaining the functions of the various pieces of apparatus.

For a third year, "Fire Hurts" will be the week's theme, Lyons said. He cited as an example the most recent fire which gutted stores and apartments at Neilson and Church Streets. "Merchants

were put out of business, many lost their jobs and the city lost tax rates," said Lyons to cite the theme's importance.

Lyons, named captain of the fire prevention bureau here in 1952, has as assistants Lieutenant Richard A. Daly and Inspectors Louis Ciccarelli and Alex Sagi. Their duties include making continuous inspections of mercantile, industrial, institutional, multi-housing, private housing and various business establishments to uncover pos-

sible violations. They also investigate suspicious fires.

"While we have special activities during fire prevention week, fire prevention is our job 365 days of the year," said Lyons.

Fire Prevention Day began Oct. 9, 1911 to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire and was expanded to a full week's observance in 1922.

The city's fire prevention code has been in effect since 1945.



CAPT. LYONS

Woman Mayor Chides 300 Of Her Sex

By ANN CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan of New Brunswick isn't worried about putting her head in the lion's mouth.

Yesterday she told 300 prosperous-looking Democratic women they hadn't made very good use of the franchise in the 50 years they've had it.

"Sure we show up for lunches and teas and rallies," said the willowy blonde widow, one of 14 women mayors of American cities with a population over 10,000. "But

where are we the day after election? Have we gotten the kind of government we want?"

Her answer was 'no' and it created an uneasy little stir among Bergen County Democratic Women, whose handsomely coiffed heads were bent over \$7-a-plate sliced London broil at the Tammy Brook Country Club.

"Women are not really involved in politics and in public service," Mayor Sheehan said. "We're not carrying the ball the way we should in carrying out the responsibilities of citizenship. The result is that we're left with a mess we helped create by default."

Briefcase Told Story

Mayor Sheehan followed Anne Martindell, vice chairman of the Democratic State Committee, who said a "red" fire for men. "Male politicians were eager to flirt with me and carry my briefcase," said the handsome, graying politico, "but not to hear my serious opinions."

As soon as she complained publicly, Mrs. Martindell noted, she had to start carrying her own briefcase.

The candidates who followed Mayor Sheehan, Mrs. Martindell, and Mrs. Katherine Elkus White, former Ambassador to Denmark, skirted the women's lib issue, sticking to the flaws they found in the Nixon Administration.

Rep. Henry Helstoski, D-9th, running for his fourth term, cited Richard Nixon's 1968 campaign pledges: solutions to Vietnam and inflation, and reduction of street crime.

The terms of Nixon's Vietnam commitment will produce 10,000 American dead in the next three years, Helstoski said. "This is not a solution, in my estimate. We have more than filled our commitment in Vietnam."

A 6 per cent rate of unemployment in Bergen County is not a tolerable level of unemployment with which to curb inflation, in Helstoski's view.

Crime Increase

Those who fell for the GOP line that connected rising crime with a Democratic administration, should note that

the highest crime increases have occurred in Republican-controlled states—New York, California, and Maryland—the congressman said.

"Nixon said he would bring us together," Helstoski said. "Instead he has unleashed Spiro Agnew upon us, dividing parent and child, rich and poor, black and white, the cities and the suburbs."

Arthur Lesomans, Democratic candidate in the 7th congressional district, hit the same themes, charging that the GOP used Agnew to cover its unwillingness to tackle the real issues of the war, inflation, national division.

Former Gov. Richard J. Hughes, pinch-hitting for Sen. Harrison A. Williams Jr., warned the diners not to hand the Congress over to the Administration.

"Spiro Agnew is committing political arson throughout the United States," Hughes said. "The kids he is talking about are not kids from another planet. They are our kids. He is setting generation against generation in an appeal to dissimilarity, panic, and hysteria."

On the sartorial side, mid-gauche variations worn by Mrs. Helstoski and half a dozen other participants were listlessly received.



CHOW TIME—New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Sheehan was joined by her three children, from left, Michael, nine, Danny, 11, and Betsy, 12, yesterday as she added

an official touch to the grand opening of a new McDonald's Drive-In on Somerset Street.

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Mayor and Mrs. Anthony (Joe) Stillo were hosts Saturday night for Mayor Mrs. Patricia Sheehan of New Brunswick at the Stateline-Zebra football game. The Stillos were more hospitable than the Phillipsburg football team.

Cooper Raps Muehlig On Firemen's Hours

In a statement released today, City Commissioner Al-dredge B. Cooper Jr., council candidate on the Sheehan administration slate, renewed his attack on Ralph Muehlig for his position on the question of a 42-hour week for firemen.

"Muehlig had no business making a private deal with the firemen before the voters have even had a chance to vote on the question," Cooper stated. "He has committed himself to the firemen, no matter what the people in this community want. This is not the way a democratic form of government works. Elected officials have no business tying themselves down to individual interest groups. The Sheehan administration has repeatedly said that while we are opposed to the 42-hour week, we will abide by the wishes of the electorate. The question is on the ballot and is up to the voters, not up to Muehlig."

"I don't care what Muehlig says or how he juggles the figures," Cooper stated, "a 42 hour week is going to cost the taxpayers at least \$300,000. When you cut work time by a quarter you have to increase manpower by the same amount."

"If we have a 42-hour week we will need a new platoon to take up the difference—that means 27 new men. The base pay alone for 27 men is \$25,000. That does not include all the fringe benefits that the city also pays, such as longevity, medical and retirement benefits."

"Muehlig has bargained prices for everyone," continued Cooper, but the voters should know that these bargains usually disappear after the election, and the real price has to be paid. And that means \$300,000 for no extra protection. "If Muehlig suggests that the city pick up the bill for a private ambulance service, he begs the question of the total cost to the taxpayer. A private ambulance service is vastly more expensive than using city employees," Cooper said.

"If, on the other hand, Muehlig suggests that we get rid of the ambulance service altogether, requiring that our elderly and disabled citizens pay for the service themselves on a need basis, that makes it intolerable for those who can least afford it. This community has an obligation to its older citizens. They deserve to feel that at least in their moment of need they will not be left to fend for themselves. The Sheehan administration is not going to shortchange them," Cooper stated.

"While we feel that the firemen should get a fair deal," he went on, "we also feel that once a bargain is made it must be kept. The firemen agreed that in exchange for their pay raise, they would not bring up the question of a 42-hour week until the end of the present contract. The present contract expires at the end of 1971."

"The Sheehan administration feels that since it has kept its word, the firemen should keep theirs," Cooper concluded.

Schick's 'Lifetime' Job Hit by Muehlig

Independent mayoralty candidate Ralph J. Muehlig charged yesterday that the Sheehan administration has given a lifetime job to the very man they accused of giving favorable property assessments in 1967.

Muehlig, who heads the Save Our City slate, said he was referring to Tax Assessor Louis Schick.

But City Commissioner John Smith, who said he had explained the Schick issue "at least 20 times" since the 1967 campaign, countered by saying the commissioners were now completely satisfied with Schick's performance.

Smith agreed with Muehlig's charge that underassessments were a major issue in the last campaign, but claimed all the assessments were corrected and brought up to date before the election and the issue was dropped.

Schick, who holds an \$11,000 a year job, was first hired to a four-year term by the previous city administration to replace a three-member part time board. Smith said that since by law an assessor is given tenure when he begins his second term, he was faced with either giving Schick tenure or firing him.

"We never questioned his competence after the issue three years ago," Smith said. "So we decided to reappoint him."

Schick, who heads a local insurance firm and supported the previous city administration, was fired by Smith on Dec. 5, 1967, on charges of conflict of interest. Specifically, Smith said at the time that there was a danger of Schick giving low assessments to companies or individuals who gave him insurance business.

The assessor was reinstated the following March on the condition that he no longer sell insurance to owners of property he assesses in the city and that the books of his private business may be open to inspection by members of the commission.

Smith said he is satisfied that Schick has been following those conditions, and there was no reason not to reappoint him last July.

Muehlig also questioned why so many property owners were winning tax appeals against the city with the city attorney and city with the city attorney and Schick putting up little resistance. But Smith said this was due to a Supreme Court decision which ordered that all properties be assessed equally.

"The practice used to be in most towns that you assessed the commercial areas at close to 100 per cent, yet only assessed the homeowners at 25 per cent," Smith said. "Since the court decision, we can't do that anymore. If a homeowner challenges his assessment and it's over 50 per cent, we have no grounds to fight him."

Muehlig, Smith Swap Slaps Over Investments

City Commissioner John Smith and independent mayoral candidate Ralph J. Muehlig traded blows today over the issue of the investment of city funds.

Muehlig, who heads the Save Our City slate, continued his attack on the Sheehan administration for "failing to invest hundreds of thousands of dollars," Muehlig said that if he is elected he would immediately order a study of city financial records for the past 15 years.

But in a separate release, Smith charged that Muehlig's claim that New Brunswick is losing money by not investing funds "fits perfectly the pattern that has become routine with his campaign."

Smith, who heads the Department of Revenue and Finance, said every available opportunity is taken to invest idle funds and "the return on these investments has contributed that much more to easing the tax burden on our property owners."

Cropped Up in Debate

The financial issue arose during Wednesday's debate, when Muehlig charged the city had lost \$125,000 by failing to invest excess municipal funds in short-term treasury notes.

The STC candidate said today he would initiate a "cash-flow" study to give the city the information it needs to anticipate how much money there is available on a month-to-month basis for short-term investments.

Smith said that in 1969 the city realized more than \$46,000 on investment of funds, and this year to date the figure is more than \$39,000.

But SOC council candidate Robert Ferguson charged that for the first two years of the Sheehan administration "not one penny of hundreds of thousands of dollars in excess cash" was invested in short-term treasury bills.

And he added that even though the administration had made some investments since May 1969, "these still are far short of what could be invested."

On another charge raised during the week, Muehlig said he would instruct the city attorney to take immediate action on all tax lien property on which the city can foreclose.

He said at Tuesday's forum that the city could have foreclosed more than \$500,000 by foreclosing on these liens.

New Jersey's Mayors Are Sadly Underpaid

New Jersey's mayors are underpaid, and they've got the statistics to prove it.

A just-released study by the New Jersey Conference of Mayors shows that one in five mayors receives no pay at all, and on the average, the chief executives bring home \$1,655 a year.

Many mayors — far too many — serve only part time, but their salaries are, nonetheless, shamefully inadequate. Of the state's 567 municipalities, 321 pay their mayors \$100 or less per month. Some pay "per meeting," and 26 that pay their mayors nothing also refuse to reimburse their mayors for out-of-pocket expenses.

North Plainfield has the unfortunate distinction of being the largest municipality with an unsalaried mayor. New Brunswick pays its part-time chief executive \$5,500. East Brunswick and Franklin pay their mayors \$3,500 and \$1,500 respectively.

Mayors have a clear case for demanding bigger salaries. Most, however, hesitate to ask for increases for fear of alienating their taxpaying constituents.

Perhaps the mayors should ask to be paid according to the abuse they take. They'd be sure of a raise — and they'd deserve it!

Firemen Argue On Hours Issue

The rank and file members of the city's department today took on two superior officers — Lt. Richard Daly, assigned to the Fire Prevention Bureau and Assistant Fire Chief James Moran — over statements Daly and Moran made concerning the controversial referendum for a 42-hour work week.

Firemen Paul H. Kovatch, chairman of the 42-Hour Work Week Committee, disputed Daly's contention that he had resigned from the department's Mutual Benevolent Association for a shorter work schedule.

Kovatch said Daly was pressured into resigning because his interests do not coincide with those of the FMBA.

Kovatch said Daly's hours and work in the Fire Prevention Bureau are considerably different from those with which most firemen must contend.

"As a consequence, he has no interest in a 42-hour week — his main concerns are money and appointment to a captain's vacancy," the statement continued.

Turning to Moran, who is presently acting chief, Kovatch took issue with Moran's contention that the short week issue has not affected morale but "it may affect the FMBA a little."

Moran, Kovatch declared, has less than three years to serve, and would be a prospective candidate for chief if the current chief, Angelo Torrisi, retires. "Hence, he has no interest in a shorter work week," he added.

Morale, Kovatch, is disastrous, largely because "some men like Moran have been in hiding since the 42-hour work week question has come up."

"I believe a basic ingredient of a good officer is to support his men in a crisis," he added.

"It's ironic that back in 1947, Moran and others were among those spearheaded a successful drive to reduce the work schedule from 84 hours to 56 hours," Kovatch said. "Where are they now?" he asked.

Despite Cold, Mall Becomes A Reality

By GORDON SHARP
Home News Staff Writer

A cold wind cut into the crowd, the ceremonies started a half hour late, and the predicted "cascade" of balloons scheduled for release down George Street turned out to be more like a trickle, but yesterday's experimental New Brunswick pedestrian shoppers mall was at least a reality.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, hatpin-neat as usual, stood before a microphone on the temporarily-erected bandstand at George and Paterson Streets at precisely 10:47 a.m. and said she was "delighted" to see the crowd.

She was preceded by Robert Cohn, president of the Downtown Merchants Council, who welcomed the potential shoppers, a mixed bag of perhaps 200 men, women, teen-agers and children who braved the chill breezes whipping around the corner at P.J. Young's Department Store. Several hundred others were walking, strolling or running up and down George Street, a number already carrying shopping bags.

"I am delighted to see all you people," said Mayor Sheehan. After a few brief remarks



WARM-UP—Rock fans of all ages and sizes gather round the temporary bandstand at George and Paterson Streets, centerpiece for the mall, to pick up vibes from Jimmy Sica and the Dimensions, closest thing to a

heater outside of the store interiors. Group kicked off the mall project with several numbers prior to the formal opening by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan.



GREAT WIDE WAY—George Street seemed to take on the expanse of Manhattan's famous Broadway as traffic was cleared for the day, allowing shoppers and sight-seers

such as Donald Clarrick to walk down the middle like Matt Dillon with sons Robert, 9; Greg, 6 and daughter Allison, 3.

urgings the people to take advantage of the bargains offered for the day, Mayor Sheehan pointed aloft to the corner of Young's, where a man was just beginning to release the first of the brightly colored balloons.

The balloons streamed forth and, backed by a stiff gust, blew down into George Street. They were apparently filled with hot air instead of helium, and as they reached the street hundreds of small hands dashed to grab them.

Halted Cars

As the children ran for the balloons, a policeman threw up his hand to halt a stream of cars that had just begun to nose into George Street from Paterson Street, one of three street intersections on which vehicles were permitted to cross the "mall."

The brief ceremony over the eight-piece jazz-rock group of Jimmy Sica and the Dimensions

picked up where they had left off when the ceremony began. Their first number for the day was a song about New Orleans, a town "on the river" and a "ride on the river with a riverboat queen."

One of the passers-by was Joseph Favale, a resident student chaplain at Livingston College, who said he was passing some time while his car was being serviced. After a brief discussion of an Ohio grand jury's indictment of 25 persons and exoneration of the National Guard for killing four students at Kent State University, Favale observed the crowds crossing and recrossing

George Street. "If anyone else had organized this, they'd have called it a riot," said Favale, smiling.

Enthusiastic

Harry Schwartz of P.J. Young's was enthusiastic about the general run of events. "We think that the response has been tremendous," said Schwartz. "We have never been as busy or had as many people in the store as we have this morning."

Schwartz predicted great success for the future of the mall project. "I think it will build up as time goes on," predicted Schwartz. He said the council has planned other things such as band entertainment for future Saturdays.

The Downtown Council conceived the mall project as a boost to the New Brunswick business district, in an effort to revitalize the city center as a shopping area. The proposal was approved by the City Commission on Oct. 6.

Under the proposal, George Street will be closed each Saturday for three months, with traffic prohibited from Livingston Avenue to Albany Street. Traffic will be permitted to cross George Street at Bayard, Paterson and Church Streets.

Free parking in city-owned lots will cost the Downtown Council \$10,000 under an arrangement with the Parking Authority. Transportation to and from the mall area is provided by the usual buses, which are restricted to five miles an hour through the mall.

Uniformed police at each intersection handled cross-street and bus traffic efficiently yesterday, with little interference with the throng of wandering shoppers.

In addition to the rock group, which attracted a day-long knot of young people to the Paterson Street intersection, an extra attraction was Bunko the Clown distributing free animal balloons to children, and the joy of spending free \$5 gift certificates contained in some of the balloons dropped in the opening ceremony.



BIT NIPPY—Some shoppers were bundled in coats and jackets that may well have been in mothballs just last week, as the sun played hide-and-seek with the clouds and crowds. Those who didn't anticipate the cold weather could always duck inside the nearest apparel shop to take advantage of the bargains in warm weather gear.

Muehlig's School Suit Plan Called 'Grandstanding'

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan today labeled her rival's proposal to file a citizen's suit to halt the planned withdrawal of some 700 North Brunswick students from the city's high school as a "grandstand play, without any awareness of the problem's full dimension."

Ralph J. Muehlig, independent candidate on the "Save Our City" ticket, announced yesterday that he wants to block the move which would occur in 1974 after North Brunswick builds its own high school.

Mayor Sheehan said Muehlig's proposed suit is not legally possible now, since the suing party must exhaust his remedies before the N.J. Commissioner of Education.

"And there is presently before the commissioner an exact and identical issue involving Mor-

ristown and Morris Township," she added.

The mayor said Muehlig knows her administration has been close to the North Brunswick situation and its relationship to New Brunswick High School's future.

"He knows, as do the people of our city, that we have been in constant contact with State Education officials who are the only ones who can presently act," she added.

Mayor Sheehan said that once Commissioner Carl Marburger has ruled in the Morristown-Morris Township issues, the city can proceed on the North Brunswick New Brunswick matter in accordance with his determination.

Muehlig, the mayor continued, now believes he is a "chump" of "educational here and would like the public also to believe it. "Yet in his own

position paper issued on education, he makes no reference to the North Brunswick question... why does he raise the issue now?" she asked.

Muehlig, replying to the mayor, said the Morristown-Morris Township case is similar, but by no means identical to what is happening here. He charged there are basic differences in the two issues.

Noting the two cases are almost two years old, Muehlig said that by the time Marburger rules, North Brunswick may have already started to build its own school.

Muehlig said North Brunswick was permitted (by the state) to erect its own facility "because our city never provided that township with an acceptable school building program to alleviate overcrowding at the high school."



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION — New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan reviews a program marking the first 100 years of the New Brunswick Historical Club with Dr. L. Ethan Ellis, left, profes-

sor emeritus of history at Rutgers University, and Club President Dr. Richard G. Durkin. The club celebrated its 100th anniversary with a dinner at the Commons last night.

Historical Club Observes Its 100 Years of History

The New Brunswick Historical Club honored 37 religious, educational, business, industrial and fraternal organizations early last night as it observed its 100th anniversary with a dinner at the Rutgers Commons.

The second oldest society of its kind in New Jersey was formed Nov. 18, 1870, when "A few gentlemen met informally at the house of Rev. Dr. R.H. Steele, 108 George St., New Brunswick, N.J. for the purpose of considering the formation of a historical club."

543 Papers Heard
Since the earliest meeting as recorded in the club's first journal, a constitution was written and adopted, 18 presidents were elected and 543 papers on historical matters were delivered before the club. Dr. L. Ethan Ellis, professor emeritus of history at Rutgers University, reviewed the club's accomplishments during its first century and offered suggestions for subsequent historical papers during the next 100 years.

Ellis said he devoted a portion of last summer to researching the founding and early history of the club, deriving much of his material from three sources.

Ellis said he relied on the minutes of the first meetings, old newspapers and a pamphlet containing a collection of historical papers delivered before the club from 1870 to 1938. The professor emeritus said he returned to the minutes for information on the club from 1939 to 1969.

The earliest club members met several times at the parsonage of the First Reformed Church on George Street, but it was not until Jan. 25, 1871, that a constitution was adopted to collect and preserve the local history of New Brunswick and Middlesex and Somerset counties.

The provisions of the constitution liberally were interpreted, Ellis said, as the club's members devoted only 25 of the total 543 papers to Middlesex County. None were devoted to Somerset County, but 27

concerned Rutgers, 156 centered on New Brunswick and 147 discussed New Jersey.

Topics Suggested
Thirty-six per cent of the total number of papers were related to topics outside New Jersey, Ellis said.

Ellis, an articulate speaker who frequently employed dry humor, offered suggestions for historical papers during the club's second century.

One item suggested was a paper on the construction, destruction and emigration of churches from one section of New Brunswick to another. The congregational shifts could be linked with changes in population patterns, he added.

Dr. Ellis suggested a club member investigate the five hotels which occupied Albany Street from the railroad plaza to the Raritan River 40 years ago, or the shift in ethnic population involving first the Dutch, then Irish and German Catholics, then the Hungarians, and finally the blacks and Puerto Ricans in sections of the Hub City.



SIGN-IN—Gov. William T. Cahill accipit pen from Assemblyman Peter P. Garibaldi, R-Middlesex, sponsor of a bill creating a K-12 Career Development Program in New Brunswick Schools, as the

governor signed the bill into law yesterday. Looking on are Assemblyman Martin Kravarik, R-Middlesex, and George Richardson, D-Essex, Assembly assistant minority leader and a sponsor.

Cahill Signs Vo-Tech Bill Affecting New Brunswick

Gov. William T. Cahill yesterday signed a bill into law designating New Brunswick one of three New Jersey school districts selected for a pilot technical education program for pre-kindergarten to grade 12 pupils.

The bill establishes a Career Development Program designed to introduce children to vocational careers at an early age and "accept work as a necessary and vital segment of the human endeavor."

The bill, which received strong bipartisan support, will

provide \$318,000 to train 18,000 students under 180 teachers beginning in January. In New Brunswick, the program will involve Livingston elementary, Roosevelt Intermediate and the junior and senior high schools.

The bill's primary sponsor was Assemblyman Peter P. Garibaldi, R-Middlesex.

Other sponsors were Martin Kravarik, Robert K. Haelig Jr. and Thomas MacRae, also Middlesex Republicans, and Democrats S. Howard Woodson of Mercer County and George

Richardson of Essex, assistant assembly minority leader. Among other Republican sponsors were Millicent C. Fenwick of Somerset County.

The bill unanimously passed both houses of the legislature Thursday.

The other two districts involved are Camden and Rahway. The program was developed with the cooperation and endorsement of the district superintendents and the education committee of the N. J. Manufacturers Association.

State PBA President Backs New Brunswick Policemen

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

New Brunswick policemen today received support from John Heffernan of Maplewood, president of the state Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, on their stand not to support the firemen's referendum for a 42-hour week on the Nov. 3 general election ballot.

"He's backing us 100 per cent," Detective Kenneth Delaney, a state delegate for New Brunswick PBA Local 23, told The Home News this morning.

No Violation
"He told me we haven't violated any PBA bylaws," said Delaney, former president of PBA Local 23.

Delaney explained that the bylaw on political activity

states the PBA prohibits supporting any candidate or organization.

Patrolman Joseph Patterson, president of PBA Local 23, announced Friday that the PBA would not support the firemen in their efforts for a reduced 42-hour week from 56 hours.

At the same time, Patterson said the PBA voted to split with New Brunswick Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association Local 17 when negotiating contracts with the city administration. This means the firemen and policemen will negotiate separately for future contracts.

The policemen said the firemen "violated the trust of our organization" and jeopardized our future bargaining position with the city.

Firemen Frederick B. Schatzman Jr., president of FMBA Local 17, today told this newspaper: "It is my understanding that making a statement on a political issue may be in violation of PBA rules. If so, I would demand a retraction of the PBA Local 23 statement on our fight for a 42-hour week."

Schatzman said he was referring to the statement published in The Home News on Saturday. The firemen said he was unable to contact Heffernan during the weekend and has asked Gus Duba of Jersey City, president of the state FMBA, to intercede. Both Patterson and Delaney said the PBA stand and statement is not in violation of the organization's rules.

A delegation of firemen will attend tomorrow night's meeting of the City Commission to protest the city administration's opposition to the reduced work week for city firemen, Schatzman said.

Cost Cited
Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan revealed the administration's opposition at a recent mayoralty debate. The administration contends it would cost an additional \$300,000 to implement the 42-hour week Jan. 1.

The 42-hour week became a political matter because Mayor Sheehan's administration opposes it and Ralph H. Muehlig supports it. Muehlig is the mayoralty candidate on the independent Save Our City ticket.

Schatzman said he had asked Patterson, if the PBA would not support the 42-hour week, not to disclose its stand in a public statement.

The FMBA Local 17 president said: "Mayor Sheehan and Commissioner Aldridge B. Cooper Jr. keep on saying that it will cost the city \$300,000 to run a new platoon for the fire department."

Ambulance Service
"Mr. Cooper also said, and I quote: 'A private ambulance service is vastly more expensive than using city employees.' "Have Mr. Cooper and Mayor Sheehan and the rest of the city commissioners found the true cost of the city ambulance service and the 42-hour work week for the city taxpay-

er?"
"Have they tried to sit down with a committee from the fire department and to listen to their suggestions on these two matters?"

Flat Refusal
"No. They've refused us flatly on all occasions. We ask the mayor and city commissioners to tell the people what they've done about our pending contract. It's about time the city commissioners told the people of New Brunswick the truth about the fire department."

The firemen and policemen negotiated jointly and reached agreement in late 1969 for the current two-year contract, which began Jan. 1.

"Our contract is not signed," said Schatzman. The written

contract, he said, is in the hands of the firemen's attorney, Joseph Fisch of Franklin and John Miraglia, the city's labor consultant. The policemen have not requested a written contract.

Schatzman said a delegation of firemen will attend the next mayoralty debate — Thursday at 8 p.m. in Lincoln School — hopeful of asking written or verbal questions pertaining to the fire department and the 42-hour week proposal.

The city administration has said it would abide by the wishes of the electorate. If voters approve the referendum, and the incumbent candidates are elected, then the 42-hour week will become a reality Jan. 1.

Muehlig Would Sue Over High School

Ralph J. Muehlig, independent majority candidate, said today he will bring a citizen's suit to block the planned pull-out of 700 North Brunswick students from New Brunswick High School after North Brunswick builds its own facility.

Law Enforcement Steps Vital 'Firsts,' Says Cahill

The three-year record of law enforcement by the Sheehan administration was described today by City Commissioner William J. Cahill as "a series of vital first steps toward creation of an effective over-all public safety program."

The state, Muehlig continued, is inconsistent when it orders New Brunswick to develop a plan to ease racial imbalance in some of the elementary schools here, and at the same time, passively permits racial imbalance to occur in the high school.

2-Car Crash Snarls Traffic

EDISON—An accident on the Morris Goodkin Bridge tied up traffic for more than 90 minutes on Woodbridge Avenue and in both directions on Route 1 yesterday.

City's Loss of Businesses Blamed on Rise in Crime

"Save Our City" mayoral candidate Ralph J. Muehlig today charged there has been a net 14 per cent loss of business in the city since the end of 1966, and said he had completed a detailed study of the number of businesses in 1966 as compared to those here now.

Ordinance Codification Is Approved

"This is a milestone for New Brunswick," Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan said last night after the City Commission adopted a general ordinance codifying municipal ordinances.

Fire Hours Fan Flames

By JOHN PRIBISH Home News Staff Writer
Fireman Paul Kovatch didn't pull any punches last night when accusing the City Commission of giving misleading information to the public on the controversial 42-hour week sought by firefighters.

Mangarella Leaps Into Mayoral Race, Waving Flag of Truth

By GEORGE TRAPP Home News Staff Writer



TRUTH FORUM—Independent Tea Party mayoral candidate Joseph Mangarella presents his platform to a group of 30 people at Woodrow Wilson School in Rutgers Village last night. It was his first public appearance of the campaign.

Joseph Mangarella, the city's long-silent, independent Tea Party candidate for mayor, finally jumped into the thick of the election campaign last night with the first of his series of "truth forums."

But after thinking it over, Mangarella said, he decided it was a "plot" to start a big fight between Muehlig and himself so that Mayor Sheehan could walk off with the vote unscathed. The writer stated he was a public official who would stand to lose much if his identity were revealed, but Mangarella said "I'm positive it came from the incumbents."

Cooper Chides Muehlig For 'Giving Away Power'

By GEORGE TRAPP Home News Staff Writer

City Commissioner Aldred B. Cooper today took aim at Save Our City (SOC) mayoral candidate Ralph J. Muehlig for "giving the county veto power over New Brunswick affairs."

tion is even held he is already giving away decision making powers of a mayor. Muehlig says, "Charges Absurd" Muehlig, however, said the charges were "absurd," and claimed he said the city should listen to the advice of the professionals. "Further, why didn't the administration listen to the advice of the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Improvement?" he asked.

City Told to Join Tiny Vote Districts

By GEORGE TRAPP Home News Staff Writer

If New Brunswick officials do not consolidate the two depopulated districts in the Third Ward after the Nov. 3 general election, the Middlesex County Board of Elections will, Mrs. Ruth Jago, board president, warned yesterday.

Election Day Drink Depends on 'House'

By GEORGE TRAPP Home News Staff Writer

Whether you will be able to have a nip in your favorite tavern in New Brunswick or pick up a six-pack at a liquor store on election day will depend upon the owners.

Fireman Says Data Misleading

By JOHN PRIBISH Home News Staff Writer

Cahill said a new shift of 27 men would be needed, and that base salaries for them would total \$275,900. The mayor and Cahill said the new platoon would not include additional men required when the proposed firehouse in the Rutgers Village area is constructed.

Final Debate Tonight

The last of the series of five debates for mayoralty candidates in the Nov. 3 city election will be held at 8 tonight in Washington School, French and Louis streets.

Participating are Democratic Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and independents Ralph J. Muehlig and Andrew J. Shirokman Jr. The previous debates were at Nathan Hale School, Woodrow Wilson School, New Brunswick Junior High School and Lincoln School.

The attendance was disappointing only at the Junior High where 100 persons turned out. However, that night conflicted with the Regular Democratic Organization's county committee meeting.

At least 200 attended the debate at Nathan Hale, 300 at Woodrow Wilson and 150 at Lincoln School.

Since tonight's debate will be the last, a large crowd is expected.

Muehlig, head of the Save Our City slate, has been using the debates to advance his campaign charges against the incumbent Sheehan administration.

His biggest political charge to date was made at Thursday's debate in Lincoln School when he accused the city administration of favoritism in underassessing property owned by Jack Gushin, Gushin, a building contractor and chairman of the Parking Authority, denied the charge, as did Mayor Sheehan and Tax Assessor Louis Schick.

The 42-hour work week referendum put on the ballot by city firemen is expected to be a major issue tonight.

At previous debates Muehlig had said if elected his administration would give the firemen the reduced work week from the present 56 hours. But at Thursday's debate he said he would abide by the wishes of the electorate, a position previously taken by the mayor, who opposes the reduced work week.

The referendum for the 42-hour week is nonbinding; the local governing body is not required legally to adopt an ordinance for the reduced work week if the issue is approved by the voters.

A large delegation of firemen attended the last debate and the 42-hour week has mushroomed into a major issue.

The controversy has split the fire department into two camps — pro-Sheehan and pro-Muehlig.

The mayor and Muehlig differ, too, on the percentage increase of crime.

Muehlig, who has made crime and safety in the streets a major issue, claims crime has increased in New Brunswick 138 per cent since the Sheehan administration has been in office.

But the mayor contends that the rise has been 77 per cent, not 138 per cent, from 1967-69. She said the crime index for New Brunswick was 1,577 in 1967 and 2,797 in 1969.

Tonight's debate will not be the last time the two major candidates for mayor are to appear on the same platform. They are to speak at a candidates forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the New Brunswick Area at 8 p.m. Wednesday in New Brunswick Senior High School.



SINGING TRIBUTE — Sr. Carol Ann Vinci of St. John's Parish, Dunellen, billed as a local "singing nun," said she came to October 26, 1970

honor Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan at right and sang three popular tunes, ending with a rendition of "The Impossible Dream."

Party Unity Pledged At Sheehan Dinner

By GEORGE TRAPP Home News Staff Writer NORTH BRUNSWICK

Pledges of party unity, disclaimers of bossism and the appearance of former Gov. Richard J. Hughes marked the fund raising dinner of the New Brunswick Democrats last night as an overflow crowd of 900 jammed the Greenbrier Restaurant here to honor Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan.

George Shamy, Democratic municipal chairman, estimated that proceeds from the dinner added approximately \$3,500 to the city Democratic slate's campaign coffers. "If everyone paid for their tickets,"

The large turnout forced the restaurant to close its doors to all other activity for the evening and caused some delays in the program. But the only major hitch in the evening's activity came when Rep. Edward J. Patten, D-N.J., called for Mayor Sheehan's re-election in order to "save the city of New Brunswick."

Laughter, Pain That comment drew laughter from some quarters, and pained expressions from many others since Patten had inadvertently referred to Mrs. Sheehan's chief opponent Ralph Muehlig, who is running under the "Save Our City" slogan.

The congressman then headed to a similar affair in Woodbridge, and the toastmaster called after him. "I hope you don't blow that one."

A host of county and city Democratic leaders urged those

present to support the entire slate of Democratic candidates, and many made light of recent charges by Muehlig that Shamy was the political boss of the city, controlling the mayor and commissioners like "puppets on a string."

"Anyone who knows Pat Sheehan knows that no one pulls strings with her and that there are no strings attached," Shamy said. "When they can't find anything to criticize the candidates with, they have to find someone else. Well, they can pick on me all they want."

Former assemblyman Robert Wilentz of Perth Amboy, who acted as toastmaster for the affair, picked up the line and said Shamy was so concerned about the bossism charge, "He wouldn't tell me anything about the candidates, who I was to introduce, or what the program was all about."

In addition to Patten and Hughes, the county's three Democratic state senators, Norman Tanzman, John Lynch and J. Edward Crabtree; Freeholders Louis May, Stephen Capreolo, John Phillips and freeholder candidate Peter Daly Campbell, and County Democratic Chairman Richard Mulligan all were on hand to pay tribute to the mayor and urge her re-election.

Support "There's been some talk around town lately," Mulligan said. "But make no mistake, the Middlesex County Democratic organization supports all

Line A candidates across the board."

Hughes presented the major address of the evening and hit hard at the "divisive tactics" of the President and vice president during their recent campaign swings on behalf of Republican candidates. He also accused the President of "trying to buy elections" by his veto of a bill that would limit campaign expenditures.

"This is the great gamble that the Republican party has lost," Hughes said. "The people of New Jersey will not be bought."

He added that these issues were directly connected with Mayor Sheehan, because she "has fought for the same things as other Democrats. There is no public official in any office that has edified me more than she and her commissioners," he said.

The former two-term governor said he had many opportunities to study the mayor's attitudes and approach and found that she fit well into his campaign slogan of 1965 — "Because he cares."

"The mayor has shown she, too, cares for her fellow citizens," Hughes said. "I believe that on Nov. 3, the voters will show that they care for her."

Respect, Prestige In his introduction of the mayor, Wilentz spoke of her respect for prestige "which extends far beyond New Brunswick," and said he consented



HONORING HER HONOR — Former Gov. Richard J. Hughes led the list of politicians who came to pay tribute to New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan at last night's

fund raising dinner at the Greenbrier Restaurant, North Brunswick. More than 900 of the party faithful jammed the restaurant for the affair.

Mayor Sheehan Is Lauded

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to be toastmaster only because "this election has import beyond the borders of the city."

He told of "the unusual respect" afforded the mayor when she appeared before the state Assembly's Appropriations Committee while he served on that body. It was also unusual, he said, that a former governor and a former vice president would get involved in a local election. "It's only because of her complete honesty, integrity and familiarity with the problems of the cities," he said.

Wilentz was referring to a letter of endorsement from former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, dated Sept. 15, which appeared in the program and in an advertisement for the local candidates in yesterday's Home News.

Shamy said the letter came in response to an invitation to Humphrey to attend the dinner. Humphrey granted permission to the local organization to use the letter in whatever manner it wished.

"Humphrey met the mayor a few years ago," Shamy said. "And he holds the mayor in high regard."

The mayor was presented with bouquets of roses from two city organizations and received a gold watch from her running mates and former commissioner Carl Valenti. Her address ended the affair, and in a hoarse voice she thanked all of those present.

Team Effort "If you go away with anything from tonight, I hope you see that this is a team," she said. "These are all fine men who are willing to work with me, women's liberation notwithstanding. I've received a lot of publicity, but I hope they real-

ize that it's for all of us really."

She said it had been a tough re-election campaign, and would be even tougher in the final 10 days. "This man (Muehlig) believes he can cure all the city's ills, and if you believe him, you don't have half the credit I give you. No man can do the job alone, and the six of us together can't do it without you. Where you can show best what you think of me is on Nov. 3."

Each of the council and freeholder candidates earlier had taken a short turn in addressing the audience, and City Commissioner John Smith noted the presence of many police and firemen and other city employees. "This is the first time in the city's history that these people can openly campaign for whomever they want without fearing for their jobs," he said.

City OKs Code Grant Contract

By JOHN PRIBISH Home News Staff Writer

The City Commission yesterday afternoon signed a contract with the federal government which finalizes on \$878,596 grant to finance a three-year code enforcement project in the 2nd Ward.

Signing the contract at the special meeting, after passing an authorizing resolution, were Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and City Commissioners Aldrage B. Cooper and John A. Smith.

30-Day Option "We had to do it (sign the contract) immediately," the mayor said, referring to a letter received yesterday from Peter J. Longarzo, area director of the Newark office, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Longarzo wrote that city officials had 30

days in which to execute or reject the contract.

The mayor, who said it was a positive program, emphasized that many senior citizens in the project area would benefit through grants and loans available under the project so that they could repair their homes.

The project area includes 123 acres spread over 33 city blocks in and around Feaster Park. Some 751 residential and non-residential buildings are involved.

400 is for relocation costs. Gottuso explained further that 3 per cent loans would be available through the Federal Housing Administration, but the amounts would depend upon income.

But this phase of the long-term project won't begin until 1972. Field inspections are expected to get under way early next year, he said.

Temporary Office The administrative phase began Monday under a \$20,000 grant for salaries and office expenses from the state Department of Community Affairs. Bernard E. Schrum Jr. is the project director. He has an assistant, and other project personnel include a community organizer and an office worker.

A temporary project office is to be located at 138 Throop Ave., a former vacant store. The mayor announced the commission's next meeting will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday. It had been scheduled for Tuesday, but was reset because Tuesday is election day.

The regularly scheduled meeting for Nov. 17 will be at

New Brunswick to get HUD anti-slum grant

By JONATHAN PRESTIGE

A contract giving New Brunswick a federal grant of \$878,596 for a slum-prevention program in a 33-block area of the city was signed yesterday by Mayor Patricia Sheehan.

The contract with the department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is for a three-year building code enforcement program called the Feaster Park Program.

Mrs. Sheehan said the program will stress the "preservation and rehabilitation" of an existing neighborhood in contrast to urban renewal

programs that uproot entire neighborhoods.

There are 1,100 apartment units in the project area, which is contained by Lee Avenue, George Street, Commercial Avenue and Sanford Street.

Owners of dwellings in this area will be eligible for federal grants or loans to assist them in upgrading their buildings, Mrs. Sheehan said.

She said an agency office will be established on Throop Street in the heart of the project area. Inspectors hired by the city will examine dwellings in the area for building code deficiencies.

When a deficiency is found, the agency will advise the owner of an available loan or grant.

The program will have a special advantage for retired elderly people, Mrs. Sheehan said, because interest on the federal loans is based on ability to pay.

Though the program will not drastically alter the neighborhood, 20 buildings will be demolished because their structures cannot be rehabilitated, Mrs. Sheehan said.

The grant is for the operation and formation of the agency, which will employ about 15 people. The agency director will be Bernard Schrum, who is the coordinator of inspections in the city.

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Domiciles: Campus Vote Key

LADLEY K. PEARSON Newark News Staff Writer

William L. Strasser, who is from Bergen County, is a student at Seton Hall University, lives most of the time at 43 Cottage St., South Orange, and has been permitted to register to vote in the village next year.

Michael C. Michaud, on the other hand, is from Salem County, is a student at Seton Hall University, lives at 400 South Orange Ave., South Orange, and has been denied permission to vote next year in the Village.

Both Strasser and Michaud, who are student leaders on campus, live in South Orange most of the year. Both have lived in New Jersey for more than six months and in South Orange for more than 40 days, the time requirements for voting. Yet, one can vote and one cannot.

The difference or, if you prefer, discrepancy between the two is in their addresses: 43 Cottage St. is a house on a quiet, residential, tree-lined street; 400 South Orange Ave.,

is Seton Hall University in general and a dormitory room in particular.

The village clerk of South Orange, invoking a 1940 state law, has denied permission to the dormitory resident to register to vote, but has granted the right to a classmate, who happens to live off campus.

And, in an attempt to resolve the discrepancy, a question has been raised which may have considerable significance not only on South Orange but on every community in the state where colleges or universities are located.

Can a dormitory room, "home" for a college student for three-fourths of a year, be considered a residence for voting purposes? Or, can a student, by virtue of the fact that he lives on campus, be denied the right to vote while a classmate, who has elected to live off campus, be given the right.

If the question was resolved now in favor of the dormitory residents, there would be little if any serious effect on the community as a whole. Most

students are under the age of 21 and few would bother to go through the voter registration process in order to cast a ballot for one or two years.

However, if the United States Supreme Court should decide that 18-years-old have the right to vote—and it is also decided that dormitory residents have the right to vote—the resulting impact on the community could be enormous.

In South Orange, for example, there presently are about 9,000 registered voters. Suppose the 4,000 students at Seton Hall decided to register and vote in a bloc—both probably unlikely prospects. But their possible influence in an election could not be taken lightly.

The same would hold true for a number of other communities in the state where a large number of students live in campus dwellings: Glassboro, West Long Branch, Princeton, New Brunswick, Montclair, Hoboken and Trenton.

The issue of what constitutes a "domicile" is a key to the issue. Anthony L. Cecere, chief deputy superintendent of elections for Essex County, maintained a student's home—where his parents live—is his "domicile," and has ruled that Michaud cannot register in South Orange.

One attorney contended that this opinion is wrong and that a person's "domicile" is where he lives most of the time. "Few students ever return for more than a couple of months to their parents' home after they have started college. They're on their own. The dormitory is their domicile," he said.

The issue started when Michaud tried to register to vote with South Orange Village clerk John J. Connolly. Connolly passed the question on to Cecere, who, in turn, tossed the issue to the State Attorney General. It appears that the question now will ultimately be resolved in the courts.



MAYOR PATRICIA SHEEHAN



Citizen Advisers Want Parents on Instructional Council

November 3, 1970

By BARBARA SELICK
Home News Staff Writer

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to the New Brunswick Board of Education has called for parental representation on the school system's new instructional council.

The council, composed of eight teachers and eight board representatives, held its first meeting last week. It was established under the 1970-71 teachers' contract to assure teachers a greater voice in the policy decisions of the school district.

Monthly Meetings

The purpose of the council, according

to the contract, is to "strengthen the educational program through recommendations, research, implementation and evaluation to best meet the need of the students, the schools and the community." The council will hold monthly meetings.

In asking for liaison between itself and the council, the CAC said it strongly believes parental involvement is important in formulating curricula guides.

A CAC spokesman said, at the minimum, the council should be expanded to include CAC representatives.

Teacher representatives on the council are Sarah Curry and Elliot White of

Roosevelt Intermediate School, Edith Edelson and Hilda Lies of Nathan Hale School, Harriet DeMatteis of Lincoln School, Emma Silber of New Brunswick High School, Betty Nora of the junior high school and Mary Allen of Washington School. Mrs. Allen also is president of the New Brunswick Education Association, the teachers' bargaining unit.

There are no Board of Education members on the council.

The board representatives are Henry Daniels, principal of Lord Stirling School; Bessie Carnegie, elementary supervisor; David Kutliff, chairman of the science

department at the senior high; George F. Meyer Jr., supervisor of industrial and vocational education; Anna Kelly, supervisor of special services; Henry Dowell, supervisor of Title I programs; Joyce McGee, administrative assistant at junior high, and Morris F. Epps, superintendent of schools.

New Integration Plan

The CAC also said it is still waiting for the Board of Education to announce the first meeting of the citizens' committee to plan a new integration program. The board's present integration plan, under which all fifth graders have been

moved to the intermediate school, has been accepted as only an interim arrangement by State Education Commissioner Carl L. Marburger.

The CAC said if the board will not initiate a meeting of the new citizens committee, the CAC will invite members of the community at large to join it in the task of devising a new integration plan.

In other action, the CAC plans to meet with Dr. Lawrence Kaplan of Rutgers Graduate School of Education for further insight into a report that his class prepared on New Brunswick school-community relations.

Hectic City Contest Fills Polling Booths

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

New Brunswick voters — apparently responding to the bitter mayor-council election between the incumbent Democrats and insurgent independent Save Our City slate — are going to the polls today in droves.

A heavy turnout is expected if the voting pattern found in a sampling by The Home News continues until the polls close at 8 tonight.

Comments on the voter turnout varied among poll workers, but they agreed that the numbers of voters were heavier-than-usual.

An indication of this is the fight between the two top tickets for the 1,294 registered voters in the 4th District of the First Ward. That district, whose polling place is Woodrow Wilson School, covers Rutgers Village, Edgewater, Dewey Heights and Regency Manor. It's been flooded with campaign literature by the Save Our City forces.

By 11 a.m., 300 or 23 per cent of eligibles, had voted in that district. A poll worker said this was a heavy vote.

Utility poles and sign posts were littered with Save Our City literature, and lawn signs seeking voter approval of the firemen's referendum for a 42-hour work week.

The voting also was described as

"heavy" at Livingston School in the Fourth Ward, where by 10:30 a.m. 140 of 702 registered had voted in the 5th District, and 151 of 716 had voted in the 6th District.

One poll worker there said that about six persons were waiting for the doors to open at 7 a.m. The same comment came from the 2nd District of the First Ward at Lord Stirling School. Most of the early voters at Lord Stirling were senior citizens, but less than 10 per cent of the 1,871 eligibles in Districts 1, 2 and 3 had voted by 8:15 a.m.

The voter turnout was considered "high" in the five polling districts of the Sixth Ward, all in Lincoln School. By 11 a.m., 601 of the 2,706 registered had cast ballots. The 4th District, which includes the Colony House and Park Lanes apartments, was getting an unusual response. About 22 persons voted in a 15-minute span before 8:30 a.m. in that district.

"Average to good" was how a poll worker described the 37 of 387 registered who voted by 9 a.m. for the 1st District of the Fifth Ward, in St. Peter's School.

A block away on Somerset Street in St. Ladislus School the turnout was said to be "above average." Some 63 of 489 eligibles in the 3rd District of the Fifth Ward had voted by 9 a.m.

The vote, when sampled at 9:30 a.m., See CITY, Page 4



CITY HOPEFULS — Ralph J. Muehlig, mayoralty candidate on New Brunswick's Save Our City ticket gets a kiss from his wife as he is about to enter voting



booth at Lord Stirling School. Meanwhile Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan prepares to vote at New Brunswick Junior High School.

City Turnout Strong

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was described as "above average" in Washington School. A total of 164 of the 857 registered in two voting districts had cast ballots by that time. They are the 4th and 5th Districts of the Fifth Ward.

Roosevelt Intermediate School, where the 1st and 2nd Districts of the Fourth Ward are located, also indicated "above average" balloting. Some 144 of 880 registered had voted by 10 a.m.

"They've been coming in a steady stream," a worker said at New Brunswick Junior High School, where the 3rd and 4th Districts of the 4th Ward are lo-

ated. The worker said 155 of 1,315 had voted by 10:10 a.m. And there were about 10 voters waiting in line as the reporter left the polling place.

Campaign workers for both Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and SOC mayoralty hopeful Ralph J. Muehlig expressed confidence. Both political camps said the heavy turnout was an indication in favor of their ticket.

But the big vote will come when the workers return home tonight, most of the poll officials said. There are 15,823 registered voters in New Brunswick's six wards, which have a total of 29 voting districts.

Mrs. Sheehan's team holds New Brunswick

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Mayor Patricia Sheehan and her Democratic council slate were elected to office last night in one of New Brunswick's tightest races.

With votes counted in all but one of the city's 29 districts Mrs. Sheehan was leading her closest rival, independent candidate, Ralph J. Muehlig by 460 votes. The final district could not change the results of the election.

Elected with Mrs. Sheehan were Aldrage Cooper, William J. Cahill, John A. Smith and George F. Hendricks. All but Hendricks are incumbents.

Mrs. Sheehan's victory capped one of the most hectic campaigns in the city's history with the entire governing body seeking office because of a change in the city's government from commission to council form.

Muehlig and his slate of five "Save Our City" candidates

followed closely behind the Democratic slate.

Mrs. Sheehan acknowledged last night that the close contest indicated dissatisfaction with her administration. She maintained, though, that the dissatisfaction resulted from the opposition she and her administration had in initiating change.

She said the people of New Brunswick will in the next few years see the results of her administration's work.

She called for the support of all citizens in attacking the city's problems.

"Going to the polls once a year is not enough. New Brunswick needs and welcomes the support of all of its citizens all year round," she said.

Mayor Sheehan drew 5,302 while her closest opponent, Muehlig, drew 4,701. Other mayoral candidates drew under 400 votes collectively.

Joseph Mangarella drew 119 while Andrew Shirokman drew 116.

Democratic candidates: Smith, 5,232; Cahill, 5,563; Cooper, 4,917; Recine, 5,091; and Hendricks, 5,038.

"Save Our City" candidates: George Buono, 4,177; Robert Ferguson, 4,168; Joseph Scranton, 4,007; Robert Langelius, 3,634 and Peter Kara, 3,790.

Other independent council candidates: Louis Market, 390; Leonard Gioglio, 359; William Thone, 381; Vincent Di Pane, 774; and Wallace Parlapandis, 419.

The referendum to shorten the firemen's work week from 56 hours to 42 was defeated by 173 votes.

There were 3,275 votes cast.

The referendum had become a campaign issue. Muehlig supported the decrease in hours and said he would shorten the week no matter how the public voted.

Patricia Sheehan Slate Wins Narrow Victory

By RICHARD Y. HAVER
Evening News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — Mayor Patricia Sheehan, whose first term was beset by riots and strife, yesterday narrowly won re-election by 501 votes over a strong "Save Our City" slate, headed by Ralph Muehlig.

The 36-year-old widow and mother of three carried five of the six wards, erasing 5,202 votes to Muehlig's 4,701. Mrs. Sheehan's five-member slate was elected by similar margins.

While she lost only in the 5th Ward, the Hungarians section, her margin of victory in each of the other wards was smaller than her initial race three years ago when her "New Five" slate scored a stunning upset.

The Sheehan ticket polled between 5,038 and 5,513 votes to defeat the Muehlig slate, which tallied between 3,674 and 4,154 votes, and an independent slate which received less than 1,000 votes.

Mayor's Slate

The mayor's slate included Commissioners William Cahill, Aldrage B. Cooper Jr., John A. Smith and Vito Recine, and newcomer George Hendricks. Muehlig's ticket had George Buono, Robert Ferguson, Joseph Scranton, Robert Langelius and Peter Kara. The independents were Louis Markette, Leonard Gioglio Jr., William Thone, Vincent Di Pane Jr. and Wallace Parlapandis.

The winning slate will take over as a new force of government Jan. 1. The terms of the five councilmen will be staggered according to lots drawn at the organization meeting.

Also of considerable interest here was a referendum to reduce the hours of firemen from 56 to 42 a week. It was defeated 3,275 to 1,737.

Elsewhere in Middlesex County, local Democratic candidates came on moderately strong by holding onto or making gains in 15 municipalities. Republicans held the line or made inroads in seven communities.

Most notable for the GOP was Jamesburg, where Republicans took over municipal government. However, the Democrats gained governing body control in Piscataway and staved off GOP control bids in Carteret and Sayreville.

The Republicans gained control in Jamesburg by the slim margin of three absentee ballots. Republican Joseph Soder polled 606 votes, including 12 "unofficial" absentee ballots, which broke a tie with Democrat Douglas Graham, who tallied 605 votes, nine of them absentee. Democratic incumbent Joseph Cialone won re-election with 668 votes. Republican Frank Zelasko trailed with 541. The Republicans thus gained a split 3-3 council with a GOP mayor holding the deciding vote.

The Republicans remained in power in Dumellen, where incumbents William Collins and Raymond Searles defeated Democratic challengers Robert Crowley and Charles Plumbaker by some 300 votes, and in South Brunswick where Republicans Joseph Soatara, an incumbent, and Robert Nicholas defeated Democrats Kenneth Blank and Alan Haskings by 400 votes.

Divided Party Loses

In Piscataway, the badly divided Republican party lost ground. The Democrats captured all five council seats at stake and will take control by a 5-2 margin. Even the Republican mayor, Frank J. Knight, who was not an for re-election, has been "disowned" by the GOP and is expected to be an asset for the Democrats next year.

In the at-large contest, Democrat Terrence Reilly defeated



ECSTATIC — Mrs. Patricia Sheehan has typical woman's response to her re-election in New Brunswick.

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New Brunswick Reelects Woman Mayor

NEW BRUNSWICK — Democratic incumbent Mrs. Patricia Sheehan won a second term as mayor of New Brunswick last night.

She defeated independent Ralph J. Muehlig, 5,081 to 4,617. Two other independents trailed far behind.

Four members of her five-member council slate were

also elected.

Mrs. Sheehan is the first mayor of this city since it changed to the mayor-and-council form of government four years ago.

No Republican candidates entered the field.

The mayoral race, ended by five debates—focused on charges that Mayor Shee-

han had displayed a lack of leadership in facing city problems.

Muehlig said Mrs. Sheehan's lack of leadership caused increases in crime and taxes in New Brunswick, home of Rutgers University.

Mrs. Sheehan countered with the statement that her administration worked to combat rising crime and taxes through such measures as the referendum to change and update city government.

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Jersey City Forces Employees to Bow to Residency Rule

Evening News Staff Writer
JERSEY CITY — The City Council yesterday voted unanimously to require everyone on the city payroll to sign an affidavit of residency.

In other action, one councilman attacked a resolution to transfer funds in the budget as a "shabby practice" and another councilman led an unsuccessful bid to deny the city medical director an air conditioned auto.

The resolution requiring affidavits was introduced by Councilman Thomas McGovern.

McGovern's resolution said that "an ever-increasing number of employees of the City of Jersey City are arbitrarily residing outside of the city" in violation of present ordinance.

5,000 Employees
 The measure would affect approximately 5,000 employees. It calls on the business administrator to order all department heads to submit a complete list of the employees in his department with home addresses obtained by "having each and every employe sign an affidavit."

Representatives of the city's workers have been cool to the idea and Dominick Pugliese, head of the Police Benevolent Association, has stated his group takes the position that all its members live in town.

In addition to asking for home addresses, the affidavit asks for the schools which the worker's children attend.

The resolution states that "the economy of the city of Jersey City is suffering great harm" because of the trend to live out

of town. McGovern after the session said the commuters are "just interested in their paychecks."

Transfer of Funds
 Yesterday's transfer of budget funds totaled \$939,000 and was trimmed in caucus from an original transfer proposal of \$1.5 million.

Councilman Morris Pesin, who voted against the transfer with Councilman William Thornton, said after the meeting that the resolutions which passed

amounted to "juggling the books."

The minority councilman said some of the funds being transferred were being taken from accounts which he and Thornton were told could not be touched by law when they tried to cut them in the 1970 budget.

He noted that \$101,000 was being taken from the police and firemen's retirement account to pay for city insurance. Thornton said last year they were told when they wanted to limit the money going into that account

that it was "mandated" by law.

Thornton noted that \$5,000 was going from city planning to municipal publicity. The two councilmen also pointed to \$50,000 originally budgeted for "other employes" that was going to pay for sanitation equipment repairs and \$100,000 for medical purchases going to pay for demolition.

Council President Thomas Flaherty when questioned about the transfers said it "has been done every year" and said the same move was made by every

municipality and in state and county government.

Asked to explain why \$100,000 budgeted for medical purchases went unspent, he said, "that could be two X-ray machines. I can't answer you on every detail."

The air conditioned auto was purchased by Anthony Dickens, city medical director, at a cost of \$3,800. Councilman William Massa said it was "not in keeping with our austerity program."

He was joined in voting against the claim by Councilmen Frank Quilly, Thornton and Pesin.

Probers Hear 'Pros' of State Income Tax



RICHARD P. MC CORMICK

TRENTON (AP) — New Jersey residents can look forward sometime in the future to paying a state income tax, if a committee studying the state's taxation policies accepts the advice of the experts.

One expert was Dr. William C. Freund, a member of the state Economic Policy Council, who is also vice president and economist for the New York Stock Exchange. Freund said Thursday an income tax for New Jersey was "inevitable."

He spoke before a hearing called by a task force of the state Tax Policy Committee, which is studying the state's entire tax structure and will recommend changes to Gov. William T. Cahill.

Freund said that the property tax, "a major source of revenue," has "contributed to the

decline of our cities and the enormous urban problems we face."

"Clearly, reliance on the property tax will have to be de-emphasized, lest we drive the last vestiges of commerce, industry and population from our cities," Freund said.

He said that both property and sales taxes "fail to keep pace adequately with the growth in the state's economy." He said they are not elastic and thus do not generate "added revenues proportionate to the rise in state incomes."

"If I can emphasize one message for this committee today," Freund said, "it is the importance, indeed the inevitability, of an income tax if our state is to have any hope in the future of matching reve-

nues to our most urgent fiscal needs."

Freund also said that to keep up with inflation, state revenues should increase by 5 per cent a year to meet increasing costs.

'Light Tax Burdens'
 Rutgers Prof. Richard P. McCormick traced New Jersey's history of failing to meet its fiscal needs and said residents "are all but unaware of the relatively light total tax burdens they bear."

He said political leaders must educate the public to accept the fact that more revenue is needed to solve state problems.

The people, he said, have re-

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sponded to such programs in the past and said, "When they understand the tragic consequences of neglect, when they are no longer deluded by the canon of 'no new taxes,' when they see that the course we have been pursuing is self-destructive, our citizens must respond."

McCormick also urged enactment of an income tax as being the only method to raise enough money. And he urged an accompanying "overhaul of our tax policies."

Duncan C. Thecker, president of the Citizens Highway Committee, noted that New Jersey was one of the few states which diverts highway-user revenues to other, nonhighway purposes.

This policy, Thecker said, forces state transportation officials to "go bat in hand" to federal and state officials for their annual appropriation "to put together another year of inadequate road building."

Willing to Pay
 He said overwhelming public approval of the 1968 transportation bond issue showed that citizens are willing to pay for better roads.

Thecker said his group would later prepare fiscal recommendations on how to meet the state's transportation needs.

David F. Moore, executive director of the North Jersey Conservation Foundation of Morristown, said present tax policy punishes those who try to preserve open spaces by imposing the highest tax rates on land donated for public use. Moore said such land should be tax-free.

City Firemen Get Order for Recount

Nov. 13, 1970

By JOHN PRIBISH
 Home News Staff Writer

New Brunswick firemen received a recount order this morning from Superior Court Judge Leon Gerofsky.

Gerofsky scheduled the recount of votes on the firemen's defeated 42-hour work week referendum for Nov. 19.

Another petition for a recount was to be made before today's deadline by the defeated independent Save Our City ticket.

But the successful Democrats were going ahead with their plans for a victory dinner Dec. 6 in the Greenbrier Restaurant, North Brunswick, to celebrate the Nov. 3 win of Mayor Patricia W. Sheehan and the ticket's five council candidates.

"We're going to have a victory dinner because there was a victory," said George J. Shamy, Democratic municipal chairman and the ticket's campaign manager.

The win was the second in two attempts for Shamy, who engineered the incumbents' upset triumph in the city commission election three years ago.

In the Nov. 3 city election, Mayor Sheehan received 5,269

votes, compared to 4,743 for independent Ralph J. Muehlig of the Save Our City slate.

George L. Pauk, SOC campaign manager, will attempt to reverse that 517-vote margin.

Pauk said he is filing for the recount at the request of Robert J. Ferguson, who topped the SOC council candidates with 4,202 votes.

"We're asking that all voting districts be rechecked," Pauk said.

"We've decided to go for the

full recount," said Joseph Fisch, attorney for the New Brunswick Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association Local 17.

Frederick B. Schatzman Jr., FMBA president, and Paul H. Kovatch, chairman of the firemen's special 42-hour committee, said they concurred in the action.

Pauk said he would file for the recount with Gerofsky before deadline today.

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The firemen's referendum for a 42-hour work week lost by 148 votes. It was opposed by the Democrats and supported by the Save Our City ticket.

When explaining why the Save Our City slate was seeking the recount, Pauk said: "There is always a possibility that someone read off the figures incorrectly."

The Middlesex County Board of Elections this week certified that of the 16,653 registered voters in New Brunswick, 10,640 cast ballots.

The firemen's referendum was certified as 3,386 against and 3,238 in favor.

The winning Democratic council candidates' tallies were certified as follows: William J. Cahill Sr., 5,575; John A. Smith 5,389; Victor D. Recine 5,141; George F. Hendricks Jr., 5,064 and Aldrage B. Cooper Jr., 5,033.

In addition to Ferguson's 4,202, other SOC council candidates' votes were certified by the county board as follows: George V. Buono 4,105; Joseph R. Scanton 4,037; Peter P. Kara 3,825, and Robert E. Langueis 3,702.

Mayor Sheehan lost but one of the city's six wards to Muehlig. That was the 3th Ward.

The mayor received exceptional support from the 2nd Ward, District 7, where she outpolled Muehlig, 264 to 64.

Much of the credit for that district's big margin goes to Mrs. Cumi Mandeville, vice chairman of the city's Demo-

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ASSEMBLY

- (59 Republicans, 21 Democrats)
- District 1 (Cape May, Cumberland)**—James S. Cafiero, R; James Hurley, R.
- District 2 (Atlantic)**—Samuel A. Curcio, R; Albert S. Smith, R.
- District 3 (Camden, Gloucester, Salem)**—3-A (Salmon): portion of Gloucester not in 3-B)—Kenneth A. Black Jr., R; Joseph H. Enos, R. 3-B (East Greenwich, Harrison, Mantua, National Park, Wenonah, West Deptford, Westville, Woodbury, all in Gloucester; Barrington, Bellmawr, Berlin, Brooklawn, Gloucester city and township, Haddonfield, Haddon Heights, Mount Ephraim, Pine Hill, Runnemede, Tavistock, all in Camden)—Thomas J. Shusted, R; James M. Turner, R. 3-C (portion of Camden not in 3-B or 3-D)—William K. Diekey, R; Eugene Raymond III, R. 3-D (Audubon, Audubon Park, Camden city, Haddon)—James J. Florio, D; John J. Horn, D.
- District 4 (Burlington, Ocean)**—4-A (Ocean Borden town city and township, Burlington city and township, Chesterfield, Eastampton, Edgewater Park, Fieldsboro, Florence, Mansfield, North Hanover, Westampton, Woodland, Wrightstown, all in Burlington)—John F. Brown, R; Benjamin H. Mabie, R. 4-B (rest of Burlington)—Barry T. Parker, R; Walter L. Smith Jr., R.
- District 5 (Monmouth)**—5-A (portion not in 5-B)—John I. Dawes, R; Joseph E. Robertson, R. 5-B (Allenhurst, Asbury Park, Atlantic Highlands, Avon, Belmar, Bradley Beach, Deal, Highlands, Interlaken, Little Silver, Loch Arbour, Long Branch, Middletown, Monmouth Beach, Neptune, Neptune City, Ocean, Rumson, Sea Bright, Spring Lake, South Belmar, West Long Branch)—Joseph Azzolina, R; James M. Coleman Jr., R.

- District 6 (Mercer)**—6-A (portion not in 6-B)—William E. Schluter, R; Karl Weidel, R. 6-B (Lawrence, Trenton)—Joseph P. Merlino, D; S. Howard Woodson Jr., D.
- District 7 (Middlesex)**—7-A (portion not in 7-B or 7-C)—Peter P. Garibaldi, R; Robert K. Haelig Jr., R. 7-B (East Brunswick, Edison, Helmetta, Madison, Metuchen, South River, Sayreville, Spotswood)—Martin E. Kravarik, R; Donald Macrae, R. 7-C (Carteret, Perth Amboy, South Amboy, Woodbridge)—John J. Fay Jr., D; Thomas Deverin, D.
- District 8 (Somerset)**—John H. Ewing, R; (Mrs.) Millicent H. Fenwick, R.
- District 9 (Union)**—At Large—Charles J. Irwin, R. 9-A (Elizabeth, Kenilworth, Linden, Roselle Park)—Henry F. Gavan, D; Joseph J. Higgins, D. 9-B (Berkeley Heights, Garwood, Hillside, New Providence, Springfield, Summit, Westfield, Union township)—Herbert J. Heilmann, R; Hugo M. Pfaltz, R. 9-C (rest of county)—Herbert H. Kiehn, R; Peter J. McDonough, R.
- District 10 (Morris)**—10-A (Boonton town and township, Chester borough and township, Denville, Harding, Madison, Mendham borough and township, Mine Hill, Morris township, Morris Plains, Morristown, Mountain Lakes, Parsippany-Troy Hills, Randolph, Rockaway borough, Victory Gardens, Washington)—W. Allen Cobb, R; (Mrs.) Josephine S. Margetts, R. 10-B (rest of county)—Peter W. Thomas, R; Everett B. Vreeland, R.
- District 11 (Essex)**—11-A (East, West wards of Newark)—James P. Lordi, D; Paul Pollicastro, D. 11-B (Central, South wards of Newark)—Ronald Owens, D; George C. Richardson, D. 11-C (Belleville, North ward, Newark; Nutley)—Ralph R. Caputo, R; C. Richard Fiore, R. 11-D (Bloomfield, East Orange, Glen Ridge, South Orange)—David Goldfarb, R; Herbert M. Rinaldi, R. 11-E (Cedar Grove, Essex

- Fells, Montclair, Orange, Verona, West Orange)—John N. Dennis, R; Kenneth T. Wilson, R. 11-F (rest of county)—Philip D. Kaltenbacher, R; Thomas H. Kean, R.
- District 12 (Hudson)**—12-A (Bayonne; Wards A, B of Jersey City)—James P. Dugan, D; Joseph A. LeFante, D. 12-B (Wards C, D of Jersey City; Union City)—David J. Friedland, D; Alfred E. Suminski, D. 12-C (Hoboken; Wards E, F of Jersey City; Weehawken)—Frank R. Conwell, D; Michael P. Esposito, D. 12-D (rest of county)—Joseph M. Healey, D; Christopher J. Jackman, D.
- District 13 (Bergen)**—13-A (Carlstadt, East Rutherford, Hasbrouck Heights, Little Ferry, Lodi, Lyndhurst, Maywood, Moonachie, North Arlington, Rochelle Park, Rutherford, South Hackensack, Wallington, Wood-Ridge)—Harold C. Hollenbeck, R; Peter J. Russo, R. 13-B (Cliffside Park, Edgewater, Englewood Cliffs, Fairview, Fort Lee, Leonia, Palisades Park, Ridgewood, Ridgefield Park, Teaneck, Tenafly)—Thomas J. Costa, R; William J. Dorgan, R. 13-C (Allendale, East Paterson, Fair Lawn, Garfield, Hillsdale, Hoboken, Paramus, Saddle Brook, Waldwick, Washington)—William M. Crane, R; Richard J. Vander Plaats, R. 13-D (portion not in 13-A, B, C or E)—Richard W. De Korte, R; Peter Moraites, R. 13-E (Bergenfield, Bogota, Closter, Cresskill, Englewood, Hackensack, Harrington Park, Haworth, New Milford, Norwood, Oradell, River Edge, Terborgh)—Edward A. Connell, R; Austin N. Volk, R.
- District 14 (Passaic)**—At Large—John F. Evers, R. 14-A (Haledon, Hawthorne, North Haledon, Paterson, Prospect Park, Totowa, West Paterson)—Alfred E. Fontanella, R; James R. White, R. 14-B (rest of county)—Joseph Hirkala, D; Joseph F. Scancarella, R.
- District 15 (Hunterdon, Sussex, Warren)**—Walter E. Foran, R; Robert E. Littell, R.

Ferguson To Get Recount

Robert J. Ferguson, a defeated candidate on the Save Our City ticket here, obtained an order yesterday for a recount of the votes in the Nov. 3 municipal election.

Only 10 minutes before the 4 p.m. deadline Superior Court Judge John C. Demos signed the order presented by New Brunswick attorney George Pauk, the SOC slate's campaign manager.

Although the petition carried only the name of Ferguson, one of the five unsuccessful SOC candidates for the City Council, Pauk said that the request was sufficient for a recount of all candidates for council and mayor.

Earlier yesterday New Brunswick firemen obtained an order for a recount of a referendum which asked voters to cut their work week from 56 to 42 hours. The public question was defeated by 148 votes.

The firemen's recount was set by Superior Court Judge Leon Gerofsky for Thursday. However, Demos fixed no specific date on Ferguson's petition.

Demos' order provided only that the recount must be held within 10 days.

Ferguson was the top vote-getter among the SOC candidates. He received 4,202 votes, 81 fewer than Commissioner Aldrage B. Cooper Jr., low man among the victorious New Five slate.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan received 5,269 votes, running 517 ballots ahead of Ralph J. Muehlig, mayoral candidate for the SOC group.

The recount cost the SOC slate \$83 — \$38 for a recheck of voting machines in the city's 29 voting districts and \$25 for the absentee ballots cast.

Petrone, Colligan Deny They'll Quit

By ALVIN KING
 Home News Staff Writer

The two top-ranking officers in New Brunswick's police department today ended rumors and speculation that they will turn in their badges when a police director is named after the new Mayor-Council form of government goes into effect Jan. 1.

Ralph C. Petrone and Claude V. Colligan, chief and assistant chief respectively, told The Sunday Home News they have no intention of resigning. They further said the director will have their full support and cooperation.

Speaking for himself and Colligan, Petrone said that the appointment of a new director, regardless of who he is and how extensive his background and experience may be, won't in itself solve the department's problems.

"We are operating on regulations that were adopted in

1925—regulations that were probably right for that era—but this is 1970 and as I have pointed out over and over again, an up-to-date manual, designed to meet today's needs, is a must," Petrone declared.

He said that if the city administration moves in that direction, it should pay particular attention to the section governing sick-leave privileges.

"As of now, six men are on sick leave—three of them are superior officers—while six more, two of whom are officers, are on limited duty," Petrone went on. He noted that another officer is on leave of absence for a year.

"How in the hell can you run a department under such circumstances, particularly with the crime rate as high as it is?" Petrone asked.

"I don't want to give the impression that I'm not humane and not concerned about my men. . . . I am, and deeply so," Petrone went on. "But the

fact remains that we need more men for more patrol cars, and more men on the streets," he added.

Petrone said this is a crucial problem that will have to be resolved by the new director and the administration.

The chief reported that some officers have been on the sick rolls for periods ranging from six months to a year. "And I have one man who is starting his second year," he reported.

Drugs Top Problem
 A department member for 28 years, Petrone considers narcotics the most pressing problem today. Noting that the department's strength now stands at 101 (including those on sick leave, limited duty, and four new patrolmen currently in training), the chief said he would like to boost the narcotics squad from the present two — Sgt. Everett (Duke) James and Detective James Gassaro — up to six.

Petrone also would add two men, specializing in narcotics, to the Juvenile Aid Bureau because the drug plague has spread to youngsters.

The chief also feels that re-vamping the Community Relations Bureau would release patrolmen for more important duties. "Ninety per cent of the complaints stem from family disputes, and quarrels between neighbors—matters that are usually settled without arrests," Petrone said.

"If three men could be added to the Community Relations Bureau to handle such complaints, officers who spend less hours acting as peacemakers could devote their time to the more serious problems," the chief pointed out.

He reported that the San Jose, Calif., police department has 10 members in its Community Relations Bureau, and that officials there report the program a tremendous success.



RALPH C. PETRONE



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State Nixes George St. Mall

By ALVIN KING
Home News Staff Writer

The state has flashed a red light on the Saturday pedestrian shopping mall on George Street.

Commissioner William J. Cahill, director of public safety, confirmed that city officials had received notification from Robert J. Nolan, supervising engineer in the N.J. Department of Transportation's traffic bureau that the experiment, which began Oct. 17 for a three-month period, was in violation of a 1955 opinion.

Nolan said that Grover C. Richman Jr., the state's attorney general at that time, had handed down a ruling involving a series of changes officials of Demarest, a Bergen County municipality had made.

"We have reviewed the resolution (which the City Commission here approved) and find we cannot recommend approval to the commissioner of transportation in view of the formal opinion by the attorney general's office in 1955," Nolan's letter noted.

The mall, described as a complete success by Robert Cohn, president of the Downtown Council, a division of the Raritan Valley Chamber of Commerce, calls for a traffic-less George Street—between Albany Street and Livingston Avenue—from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. every Saturday.

Cohn said that if the mall plan had continued to meet public approval, his organization, which suggested the idea, would ask the commissioners to make it permanent. He noted that the council had made special promotion plans for the coming Christmas shopping season.

Bid to Continue Mall

Nolan's letter was sent to the city clerk, Mrs. Anna Murphy, who had sent the Department of Transportation a copy of the resolution the city commissioners had adopted in approving the temporary arrangement. The state agency must be advised of any change in traffic patterns.

Attached to the letter was a copy of Richman's ruling in the Demarest case. Cahill said that Mayor Patricia Q.

Sheehan and the commissioners have directed City Attorney J. Norris Harding to check into the situation and meet with state Transportation Department officials to determine if the plan can be continued.

"The Richman ruling was made 15 years ago and possibly there may have been subsequent regulations that would allow the Downtown Council program to legally continue," Cahill said.

Meanwhile, shoppers, unhindered by vehicular traffic, went about their regular Saturday buying yesterday—unmindful that it might be one of the last days they have the freedom of crossing the street at any point between Albany Street and Livingston Avenue without having to dodge cars.

The street closing is patterned after New York City's where sections of such main thoroughfares as Fifth Avenue, Lexington Avenue, and 8th Street in Greenwich Village were turned over to the shopping public, with cars being rerouted through other streets.

City Hopes to Save the Mall

City Attorney J. Norris Harding said today he plans to confer with representatives of the state attorney general's office and the N.J. Department of Transportation over the status of the pedestrian shopping mall on George Street.

The experiment, which began Oct. 17 and closes George Street to vehicular traffic between Livingston Avenue and Albany Street on Saturdays, is in jeopardy as a result of a

notice from Robert J. Nolan, supervising engineer in the transportation department's traffic bureau.

Nolan has advised officials here he can not recommend to the commissioner of transportation that New Brunswick be allowed to close George Street.

He cited as precedent a 1955 ruling by the attorney general's office against a similar proposal in Demarest, Bergen County. The experiment was to have

continued for three months.

Harding said today that since Nolan's notice was not a directive to end the program, there is a likelihood that it might continue until the state hands down a formal order.

The attorney explained that in the Demarest ruling, Grover C. Richman, then the state's attorney general, ruled that a municipality cannot enact an ordinance or adopt a resolution regarding vehicular traffic

without the state legislature's consent.

The City Commission had adopted the mall program here by resolution.

The question, Harding said, is whether the law governing traffic changes also included temporary closing for such purposes, for instance, as a mall.

Harding hopes to have at least some verbal ruling before Saturday.



TILT — The Edward T. FARRINGTON, former Circle Line boat, moored in the Delaware and Raritan canal in New Brunswick has taken on a decided list in the past several days. Commissioner Aldrigo B. Cooper, director of parks and recreation said he will try to discover why today. (Photo by Richard Costello)

City Winners Win Recount

The outcome of the Nov. 3 city election remained unchanged today after the official recounting of ballots by the Middlesex County Board of Elections showed only minor changes in three cases.

The re-election of Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan over Save Our City candidate Ralph J. Muehlig rests on the original 517 margin. No change was reported in the recount, leaving Mrs. Sheehan with 5,290 votes and Muehlig with 4,743.

The hopes of city firemen to upset the election defeat of

their 42-hour work week referendum were wetted down further as the recount showed them losing five votes, bringing the final margin to 153 votes for those opposed to the shorter work schedule.

When results were recorded after the election, yes votes totaled 3,232 while no-votes defeated the question with a total of 3,386.

Two minor changes were also noted in the race for city council concerning two SOC contestants.

George V. Buono, originally

receiving 4,105, officially received 4,101, the recount found with his loss of four votes accounted for in the fourth ward, Seventh District.

One of Buono's running mates, Robert J. Ferguson, leader for the SOC ticket, lost six votes in the Second Ward, First District, according to the board of election findings. He had originally received 4,202 votes.

George L. Pauk, campaign manager for Muehlig's Save Our City slate, had expressed desire to apply for the recount two days following the election.

He said that he would formally apply following a canvass of city voters and an investigation by SOC campaign leaders.

Indecision regarding the application for the recount reigned until the deadline on the afternoon of Nov. 13. On the morning of deadline day, Pauk said he would be filing for the recount at the request of Ferguson.

Firemen had repeatedly expressed a definite desire to file for the recount. They beat SOC in receiving the order on the morning of Nov. 13.

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N.J. Mayors See No N.Y.-Style Layoffs Here

ATLANTIC CITY (AP) — Municipal employes in New Jersey can put away the tranquilizers.



MAYOR ARTHUR HOLLAND
Reviewing Job Needs

No massive job cutbacks such as those announced this week in New York are planned in this state's cities.

This view comes from interviews with mayors of large and small cities attending the fall meeting of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors.

While there are no plans of the scope of the 500 workers Mayor John Lindsay announced he is dropping, the New Jersey mayors say pressure from taxpayers has them on the lookout for jobs that can be cut.

No New Hiring

They also say city workers may find overtime pay shrinking. And for those seeking municipal employment, the mayors paint a fairly bleak picture.

Mayor Arthur J. Holland of Trenton, elected this year, said his platform called for cutting costs. "We have under a review

a number of positions," he said. "We want to make sure that every job is necessary."

The state's largest city, Newark, is watching hiring and overtime. A spokesman said while no large layoffs are planned, Mayor Kenneth Gibson sent out an executive order this week calling for a freeze on hiring.

The order asks that all jobs be filled by present employees, he said, adding that those which can't be filled that way must be reviewed by the city's business administrator.

Overtime Frozen

He said overtime is also under a freeze and even emergency overtime must be reviewed.

"Everybody is trying to cut down on overtime," noted Mayor Henry F. Billemeyer of Sayreville. He echoed the other mayors on hiring, saying the financial squeeze has made him careful about new employes.

As for cutting down his municipality's 350-man payroll, Billemeyer sees little hope.

This view was also expressed by Mayor George H. Shay of Somerville. He said he can't chop the number of borough employes because it's already at "rock bottom."

Shay explained his practice since election three years ago has been to keep a close watch over whether new employes are really needed.

One job Shay would not mind doing away with in his own. "I would be glad to preside over my own liquidation as mayor," he said. He explained he sees consolidation of governments as the answer to the financial problems of New Jersey cities.

Looks to State

Shay believes another solution to the state's fiscal crisis would be a state income tax. "In five

years New Jersey must have an income tax," he asserted.

Mrs. Patricia Sheehan, mayor of New Brunswick, sees tax reform as the answer to her city's financial woes. "The property tax is killing us all," she complained.

Mrs. Sheehan said it's difficult for her to judge if some city jobs can be eliminated because her city is changing from commission form of government to mayor-council.

"But it's unlikely," she added, explaining that citizens are looking for more and better services.

Princeton Mayor Robert W. Cawley said he will probably have to add to the borough's approximately 100 employes, but he added that Princeton, too, is faced with the economic pinch.

"We're looking to joint purchasing to cut costs," Cawley noted. He said he hopes for a joint arrangement with nearby

Princeton Township and the Princeton school board.

"The schools cause the big bite," he said.

Another small municipality facing the pinch is Hawthorne in Passaic County. Mayor Louis Bay II said he's always watched the budget closely in his 24 years as Hawthorne's mayor but now he's paying even more attention.

He added however, he sees few places to tighten the belt. About municipal workers he said: "We have as few people now as we possibly can."

Bay said that while Hawthorne is not facing the growth or shrinkage problems of other municipalities, it does have to contend with inflation, a major complaint of all the mayors, along with the state tax structure.

Bay's long tenure as mayor gives him an overview of the inflation problem.

"When I became mayor snow plowing was \$6.75 an hour," he said. "It's now \$23."



MAYOR BILLEMAYER
Cutting Down Overtime

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Circle Liner Sold

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan said during the heat of the recent mayoralty contest in New Brunswick that the city could sell the 203-ton former Circle Line boat, which the city had accepted as a gift and had found no meaningful way to convert into a civic asset. The boat was gradually becoming a useless hulk and thus became a political issue.

Mayor Sheehan said the city could sell the boat, and it now has done so. The boat brought \$610 at public auction, and the conditions of the sale call for the purchaser to get the vessel, named the "Edward T. Farrington" after New Brunswick's first mayor, out of its anchorage in the Delaware and Raritan Canal Lock expeditiously.

This is no major miracle. But we like seeing people mean what they say, and accomplish what they have publicly proclaimed they can do. So a bouquet to Mayor Patricia Sheehan, from us and the people of the city.

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Filling Top Police Spot Has Priority

By ALVIN KING
Home News Staff Writer

These being days of inflation, the salaries Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and the five councilmen-elect will vote themselves when the mayor-council form of government becomes effective Jan. 1 should naturally be high on their discussion list.

Mayor Sheehan says quite to the contrary, the matter hasn't even come up because, she reported, top priority is being given to finding a police director.

Mayor Sheehan admitted that some names have been suggested to her by the two agencies she enlisted to help in the search — the N.J. State Police and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Beyond that acknowledgment, the mayor declined to make further comment but she insists that "filling the position is the first order of business."

Meanwhile, speculation is rife on what the Mayor and Councilmen-elect, William J. Cahill Jr., John A. Smith, Aldrigo B. Cooper Jr., Victor D. Racine and George F. Hendricks Jr. will decide on what is adequate compensation for their offices.

At present, under the waning commission form of government, Mayor Sheehan receives \$5,500, Cahill, Smith, Cooper and Racine \$4,500 each, Hendricks was not part of the current administration since the city commission consists of a mayor and four commissioners.

When the Charter Study Commission brought in its recommendations in 1969, after months of study, its members suggested a mayor-council type of municipal operation under the Faulkner Act.

They further recommended that the mayor be paid \$10,000 and the councilmen \$1,500.

While the mayor's job, under the new type of government is listed as part-time, Mayor Sheehan will have many more administrative duties compared to her present office. Hence, there is a feeling she will go along with the \$10,000 pay recommendation.

But whether the councilmen will be willing to take a \$3,000 pay slash is another matter. One source close to the administration told The Home News there is little likelihood this will come to pass, since they feel their work load will be

just as heavy as now.

The feeling is they will vote themselves at least their present \$4,500 stipend.

A check of some communities in this area which have the mayor-council type operation shows low pay for the mayors and councilmen. In East Brunswick, for instance, the mayor receives \$3,500, the councilman \$1,500. But Mayor Joseph Mammon said the "salary structure presently is being reviewed, with the possibility of there being raises in the offing."

Franklin Township pays its mayor and councilmen \$1,500 apiece, while in Piscataway, the mayor's salary is \$2,500, the president of the council \$2,300, and the council members \$2,000.

New Position Set

A key position in the new administration here will be that of business manager for which the charter study commission has suggested a \$17,500 salary for the position. The commission also recommended an assistant at \$9,000.

Whether William Saunders, the present deputy administrator, will be tapped for the top job is unknown at this time, Saunders receives \$11,500, his salary being div-

ided between the mayor and four commissioners, since he is deputy to each of these officials.

Saunders succeeded George S. Callas in June after Callas resigned to devote more time to his business ventures in Monmouth County.

Saunders joined the administration in January as program development officer for which the state paid his salary.

During his service here, Saunders has had extensive experience in the municipal budget and the salary guide for city employes under Civil Service. A native of Duryea, Pa., he is a graduate of the Trenton schools and received his B.A. degree in 1965 from Alliance College in Pennsylvania. Saunders previously was employed by the N.J. State Department of Community Affairs.

It is expected that from now on, Mayor Sheehan and the councilmen-elect will have the double burden of carrying out their present duties as well as planning for the transition from the old to the new form of governmental operation.

In the interim, the search for a police director is on.

THE HOME NEWS

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J., TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1970



MISSED A COLD TRIP—Mayor Patricia Sheehan checks a Christmas decoration in Downtown New Brunswick yesterday after giving up on a ride she was supposed to take in a "cherry picker" to plug in lights at top of a pole. Cherry picker didn't show up and it was a nasty, cold day, anyway.

CITIES CUT BACK JOBS AND SERVICES IN FINANCIAL PINCH

Action Is Forced by Inflation and Declining Tax Base— Many Confront Crisis

By PAUL DELANEY
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26—The combined pressures of continued inflation and a declining tax base are forcing many of the nation's major cities to lay off workers, trim services and adopt other belt-tightening measures.

Reports from cities around the country this week showed that those city officials who had earlier complained of financial troubles are now warning that the situation may be reaching crisis proportions. And even in those cities where the picture is less bleak—such as Atlanta, Milwaukee and Houston—municipal leaders say they fear a change for the worse in the near future.

The financial problems of the cities were exemplified in New York last week when Mayor Lindsay laid off 500 employees to save the city \$2-million a year. And the Mayor and 25 top officials agreed to take \$1,000-a-year pay cuts as their personal response to the budget crisis.

Running Out of Fuel

Baltimore's Mayor, Th. D'Alesandro 3d, likened money supply for his city for Gen. George S. F. tanks.

"You run as far as you can, but when you run out you've got to stop."

Boston's budget director, Richard E. Wall, said that year "is going to be a bad one" because of rising expenses and rapidly increasing costs.

Richard Clark, budget director of Denver, commented:

"The basic situation is over a period of at least years our expenditures have increased at a rate of from 12 to 15 per cent, while revenues from the existing tax structure have increased about 3 or 4 per cent a year."

The National League of Cities reports that while local governments have raised their tax collections by 49 per cent since World War II, city costs have risen by almost 550 per cent.

The cities are caught in the crunch of increased operating

costs, added to the exodus of higher income groups and industry, leaving the inner cities to lower income residents, which results in a lower tax base.

To meet the growing problems, city officials have taken a number of steps, as follows:

•Cuts in city service, programs and budgets are becoming widespread. San Diego reduced downtown rubbish collections from twice weekly to once a week, the same as the residential schedule. Because of the defeat of a tax proposal, in the Nov. 3 election, trash collection and snow removal in Cleveland will be sharply cut this winter.

•Dallas has shelved the planned construction of a \$50-million city hall and cut expenditures for equipment for the fire and police departments, for street resurfacing, traffic control, programs, land purchases and community health programs.

•The curtailed capital expansion program is at the expense of the future. George Schrader, the assistant city manager, remarked, "The curtailment of planning efforts in a community such as Dallas is a reduction of services."

No Money For Trees

In Kansas City, Mo., a monument to the city's money crisis is 6,000 dead elm trees. No funds were appropriated to replace them nor is there money to remove those killed by Dutch elm disease.

In Los Angeles, there is no money for several new station houses, scientific equipment, helicopters and a special department for police liaison with citizens.

•Vacancies are not being filled. Mayor D'Alesandro of Baltimore ordered all city department heads to hold the line on planning, and to draw up an alternate set of figures 5 per cent below current spending. Denver will save \$1.3-million by not filling vacancies this year. And several departments in Pittsburgh are operating far below strength. Kansas City is not filling police department vacancies.

•Layoffs and dismissals are becoming common. In Cleveland, 49 police cadets were laid off. Mayor Peter F. Flaherty of Pittsburgh began an austerity drive by discharging 30 cleaning women and has dismissed a total of 350 since he took office last January. Another 300 city employees reportedly will be let go early next year.

Los Angeles has laid off 350 public works and water and power workers.

•Almost all cities have increased taxes, but that is a step many politicians are reluctant to take, especially in an election year. Several elections will be held next year, and the money crisis is already a major political issue in many places.

In Seattle the City Council cut \$1.5-million from Mayor Wes Uhlman's \$88.8-million budget for the 1971 fiscal year. The Mayor branded the cut "a strange witches' brew of ineptitude and backroom politics," and the fight was on. The city, meanwhile, enacted increases in water and sewer rates. The theory is that if the council adopts the requested budget, there will be no cuts in city services.

Big Rise in Tax

In Los Angeles, Mayor Samuel W. Yorty complained that the tax on his home jumped from \$1,408 in 1969 to \$2,128 this year under a combined city-county rate schedule that rose this year to the highest level in history. Hartford's tax rate has nearly doubled since 1961, and the prospect is for further increases.

Kansas City's situation has been termed a near disaster. The voters rejected a 24-point revenue package last December that included a sales tax, a higher earnings tax and 17 bond propositions. A special election will be held Dec. 17 with only the earnings tax and a business profits tax on the ballot.

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getting the biggest single share of the money, followed by the fire department, the drive to solicit support for the increased taxes has revolved around the "public safety" issue. However, the situation is complicated by the fact that a new city administration will be elected next March 30. Some citizens felt that the new administration should determine what kind of revenue package it wants and they recommended postponing the vote.

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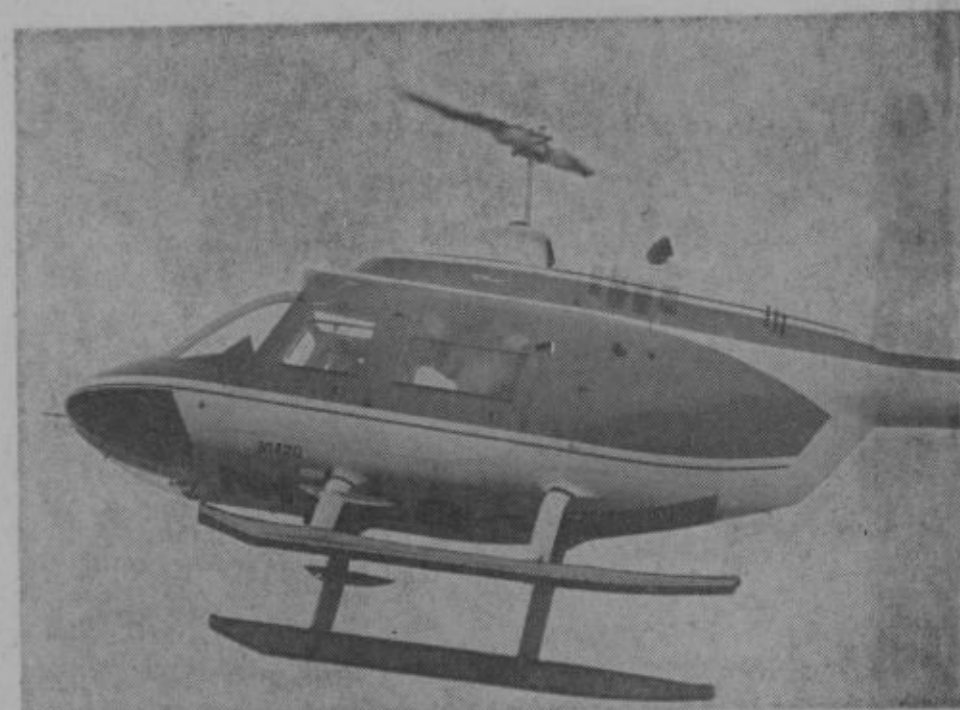
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Christmas Season Is Here



Hub City residents and their wide-eyed children watch yesterday morning as Santa Claus arrives by helicopter at the George Street Plaza. Santa believers by the hundreds lined the parade route through New Brunswick to catch a glimpse of the fat gentleman from the North Pole. Traffic again flowed down George Street after the parade as the six-week pedestrian mall experiment came to a close.



Photos By Harold Rosenthal

Parade Ends-- So Does Mall

By RICHARD GORMAN
Home News Staff Writer

Santa Claus officially proclaimed the opening of the Christmas season in New Brunswick yesterday as he flew in by helicopter, then joined a parade through Hub City streets.

The big, round fella from the North Pole landed in the parking lot of the New Brunswick Plaza at George and New streets at 9 a.m.

He was greeted by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, then escorted to a waiting sleigh perched atop a New Brunswick Fire Department truck. The parade moved down New Street to Joyce Kilmer Avenue, then right to Albany Street and right again to Neilson Street.

The marchers turned right onto Church Street, left onto George Street and concluded their parade at Livingston Avenue.

Traffic Flows

Police allowed traffic to resume its normal pattern at 10 a.m.—at the parade's conclusion.

By allowing traffic to move down George Street, police officially brought an end to a six-week experiment designed to lure suburban shoppers back to the central city.

The George Street Pedestrian Mall originated Oct. 17 as a three-month experiment to allow shoppers free access to a four-block stretch of New Brunswick's main thoroughfare.

Cars were banned between Livingston Avenue and Albany Street, but traffic was allowed to cross the mall at Bayard, Paterson and Church streets.

Robert Cohn, president of the Downtown Merchants Council of the Raritan Valley Chamber of Commerce, said his organization is trying to determine why the experiment ended before its scheduled conclusion.

Cohn said he first realized the mall experiment was over when he saw traffic again using George Street. Efforts to reach Mayor Sheehan for comment were to no avail.

The pedestrian mall was originally proposed by the council, which offered free parking to shoppers on Saturdays. The proposal received the approval of the City Commission on Oct. 6 and 11 days later, marked by a formal ceremony, the street was closed to traffic.

Shortly after the program began, Robert J. Nolan, supervising engineer in the traffic bureau of the state Department of Transportation, told city officials he could not recommend to the state commissioner of transportation that the street be closed.

1955 Ruling

Nolan cited a 1955 ruling by the state attorney general which indicated that a city cannot close a street to vehicular traffic without the consent of the state legislature.

City Attorney J. Norris Harding said he would contact representatives of the attorney general's office to discuss the mall project. Harding said the question concerns whether the law includes temporary closings such as those for a pedestrian mall on one day each week.

Meanwhile, traffic—not pedestrians—once again flows down George Street.

JOLLY GREETING—Santa Claus greets youngsters on George Street yesterday during a parade following his arrival in New Brunswick. Santa spent about an hour in the Hub City.

Speed Up Tax Study

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Gov. William T. Cahill made a special tax study commission a major plank in his successful gubernatorial campaign. The chief mandate of the commission was to be to study and propose an overhaul of the state's tax structure.

This newspaper early in April noted that the commission had not yet been named but recognized the need for the expenditure of time in getting the best possible people to serve on the commission.

In mid-April, Cahill named the commission. Its members are outstanding people, headed by Senator Harry Sears and including people like former governors Richard J. Hughes and Alfred E. Driscoll. Chief of staff to Sears is the distinguished tax attorney, Dr. William Miller of Princeton. The commission is literally loaded with talent from all walks of life, including leading political figures.

So far it appears, however, that the commission is not meeting with the dedicated speed expected of it. At least one task force has met only twice since it was formed.

And while the commission appears to be dragging its feet, the fiscal crisis of the state becomes more and more serious. Newark finds itself burdened with a variety of problems which apparently can be solved only with new and more money, from somewhere. Cahill himself is finding himself surprised by burgeoning welfare costs.

In short, it becomes even more apparent than ever that the Cahill commission has to forget whatever deadlines it had set for itself and speed up its schedule. New emergencies call for new emergency measures. The plight of many school districts, looking to Trenton for more and more aid, is becoming increasingly acute.

There do not appear to be any large areas in which the Cahill administration can effect economies in the governmental costs, without decreasing essential services and perhaps adding to the ranks of the jobless and those on relief rolls.

There isn't any instant panacea for New Jersey's fiscal problems, but whatever solutions are to be found must be found as expeditiously as possible, and we suggest the Sears group redouble its efforts to complete its study and make its recommendations as soon as possible.

Tax Commission

Police Director—Just a Name Away

Dec. 6, 1970

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

The appointment of New Brunswick's first professional police director—a campaign promise by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan—may be just hours away.

Mayor Sheehan, who was reluctant to pinpoint the exact date of the announcement, beamed with optimism over the caliber of law enforcement officer seeking the post.

"We have applicants with great credentials," the mayor said, indicating the choice has been narrowed to two from the four interviewed.

"The appointment will be announced as soon as we make a commitment and a commitment (by the law officer) is made in return," Mrs. Sheehan said.

That announcement, she added, could be made within a day or so, or possibly longer.

'A Free Hand'

"He will have a free hand. There will be no political control or political interference, whatever you choose to call it," she said.

The mayor said the director's authority will supersede that of the police chief, stressing: "that's definite. It's part of the chain of command."

The only discussion about salary, up to this point, Mayor Sheehan explained, was that "it is wide open because the position is so crucial and so vital."

"The salary is a negotiable item. We'll pay what we can. But we feel we need the best possible person for the position."

Mayor Sheehan said searching for police director has been the No. 1 priority item for her and the five councilmen-elect.

The mayor said she personally spent part of each day since the election Nov. 3 working toward keeping her campaign promise to appoint a professional police director.

That position became a hot campaign issue when the

mayor in early August criticized Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone by charging that "chaotic practices" exist in the police department's chain of command.

The mayor, who said she was prohibited by law from making such an appointment under the present Board of Commissioners system, declared she would fulfill the promise when the new mayor-council charter goes into effect Jan. 1.

The new municipal charter provides for the appointment by the mayor, with the consent of council, of a police director.

Mayor Sheehan said the city commissioners participated in the interviews of the applicants.

While the Jan. 1 organizational meeting is less than a month away, the mayor and councilmen-elect have been busy on other transitional problems.

"We have left all other decisions until after the po-

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Police Director—Just a Name Away

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lice director is appointed," Mayor Sheehan said when asked if the decision to appoint the business administrator has been made.

Acknowledging that the business administrator and the number of departments for the governmental structure is No. 2 on the priority list, the mayor declined to say William Saunders will get that job.

'Inside Track'

Mayor Sheehan admitted, however, that Saunders, deputy city administrator since June has "the inside track." He had succeeded George Callas, who resigned. Previously, Saunders was the city's first program development officer, a job now held by George Gottuso.

The administrative code—which spells out the structure of the new form of government—is "about one-third complete," the mayor said.

The code will carry the specific duties of the police director, as well as those of other municipal officers.

Mayor Sheehan said she has received help on the mayor-council system from Mayor Arthur Holland of Trenton and Mayor Joseph Mammon of East Brunswick.

Mrs. Sheehan said no determination has been made on the number of departments for the new government, or department heads.

Two weeks after the New Year's Day organizational meeting, the mayor, with the help of the business administrator, must submit the 1971 municipal budget to the city council.

Preparation of the budget is one of the main duties

of the business administrator.

"At this point, the only handling of the budget process has been done by City Comptroller George Cox and Saunders," the mayor said.

Mayor Sheehan said there has been no decision on the council presidency.

Under the new charter, the president of the council presides at city council meetings, not the mayor, as is the case for the present commission form.

The mayor may participate in the meetings, but has no vote other than to break a tie on an appointment.

Prestige Spot

The council presidency is a position of prestige and political observers indicate it may go to City Commissioner William J. Cahill Sr., who topped the Democratic ticket with 5,575. This was 315 more than the 5,260 the mayor received.

The councilmen-elect are City Commissioners Aldred B. Cooper Jr., John A. Smith and Victor D. Recine, and George F. Hendricks Jr., an attorney.

The Democrats will celebrate their clean-sweep victory at a dinner tonight in the Greenbrier Restaurant, North Brunswick.

Tomorrow afternoon, Mayor Sheehan will leave for Atlanta, Ga., to attend the annual convention of the National League of Cities. She plans to return Friday morning.

Police Get a Look at Their New Boss

By ROBERT MARINO
Home News Staff Writer

The time John T. O'Brien, New Brunswick's new police director, has spent with key police personnel provides a glimpse into how the city administration views the police chain of command.

Commissioner William T. Cahill, the public safety director, brought O'Brien to headquarters Wednesday for the introductions.

After perfunctory greetings were exchanged among Cahill, O'Brien, Chief Ralph C. Petrone and Deputy Chief Claude V. Colligan, the new director spent most of his

O'Brien, who was hired directly by the administration, will have to go along with nudging the chief out of an effectual position to be in the administration's good graces.

The most blatant criticism of the chief's performance came in August following the July disorders and the Euclid J. Taylor incident.

Taylor, authorities said, identified himself as a New York City policeman about to retire. During the disorders, he worked for the police department's Community Relations Bureau. He was unmasked as an impostor.

His role sparked a major political issue between the city administration and the independent mayoral and council candidates during the municipal election campaign. Both major candidates promised the city would have a police director.

The incident also touched off the most recent controversy between Petrone and the city administration for the chief's alleged chaotic administrative practices.

Suggestions that the chief would be eased out surfaced in April of 1969 when the department underwent its reorganization. At the same time, Petrone took a sick leave. But he denied he was on sick leave "under fire."

Meanwhile, Petrone had recommended Colligan to act as chief in his absence. Considered by the city administration to be a competent administrator, it was under Colligan's direction the reorganization took effect.

Although not as well liked by the policemen because he is a strict disciplinarian, Colligan appears to have run a better department.

It is perhaps Petrone's desire to "be one of the guys" that contributes to his lack of effectiveness as an administrator. And he is well-liked by most policemen, who still maintain "he is the best damn cop" on the force.

When Petrone returned six months later, he publicly praised Colligan for a "fabulous job" in implementing the reorganization and said he intended to make no changes.

But there was no apparent rush to get the chief back in uniform. Carl Valenti, then commissioner and public safety director, had two doctors' certifications in his hand for five days before announcing the chief could return.

Valenti had been on a four-day trip to the League of Municipalities conference in Atlantic City and said he wanted time to review the certifications.

Angered by the delay, Petrone reportedly confronted Valenti, telling him, "I was here before you were, and I'm going to be here long after you're gone." Valenti subsequently left the commission to take another post.

And although Petrone was officially in charge of the department when he returned, it was apparent a number of important duties had passed permanently to Colligan, who was named deputy chief.

Privately, Petrone lamented what he considered the administration's attempts to undermine his authority.

His position is protected by the Civil Service Commission and any departmental charges brought against him can be appealed to the commission's board of examiners and then the Civil Service director.

The possibility of bringing incompetency charges was suggested by unsuccessful independent council candidate and former policeman Vincent DiPane last August, but the commissioners declined to do so.

They said the "incompetency clause in the regulations relates to physical and mental fitness, not to the job a policeman is doing."



JOHN T. O'BRIEN

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time interviewing four police captains—at least three of them in Colligan's office.

Colligan reportedly spoke with the new director for 20 minutes.

Petrone, on the other hand, was asked only how long he was on the force, sources said.

Surprised at the brevity of the interview, the chief reportedly asked the director if there were any other questions.

"I've got all I need," O'Brien is reported to have replied.

This exchange illustrates the point that the administration intends to bypass Petrone as much as possible. Both Cahill and Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan have stated publicly they do not think Petrone is the administrator he should be.

Police Director Naming Due Late in Week

Dec. 7, 1970

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan made until her return later today the announcement this week from a convention in the city's first professional police director would not be

leave this afternoon for the National League of Cities conference in Atlanta, Ga., and will return Friday morning.

There has been considerable speculation on the importance of the position and the caliber of person to be selected to fill it.

Mayor Sheehan has made it clear that her administration will not interfere with the police director's functions to operate the police department.

The position became a prime issue in the recent municipal election and Mayor Sheehan has placed the appointment as her administration's No. 1 priority item.

The appointment is hers and she is expected to make the announcement upon her return from the convention for municipal officials. During an interview a few days ago, the may-

or had indicated the announcement would be made within "hours or possibly days." During her absence, City Commissioner John A. Smith will be acting mayor.

Mayor Ready to Name New Police Director

Dec. 8, 1970

The good news from City Hall—and it is good news—is that Mayor Sheehan is within days of designating New Brunswick's first professional police director.

The mayor said over the weekend the applicants for the post have "great credentials" and the choice of the new director has been narrowed to two from the four interviewed. Mrs. Sheehan reiterated her campaign promise that the police director will "have a free hand" and that his authority will supersede that of the police chief.

Between now and Jan. 1, when the city changes to the mayor-council form of government, the city commissioners have many decisions to make and an administrative code to complete. But if the commissioners' swift action on the search for a police director is any indication—and we feel it is—they should have major transitional problems well in hand by their Jan. 1 reorganizational meeting.

N.Y. Man Is Police Director

John T.

O'Brien, a 25-year veteran of the New York City Police Department, has been named director of the city's police department.

O'Brien, 46, is now serving as an inspector for the New York City Police Department. He will take charge of the New Brunswick department Jan. 4. His salary will be \$25,000 a year.

In announcing the appointment yesterday, Mayor Patricia

Q. Sheehan said "Director O'Brien will have an absolutely free hand as he sets out to make the New Brunswick Police Department one of the finest in the nation for a city our size."

O'Brien will assume the duties of Police Chief Ralph Petrone, who has been feuding with the Sheehan administration sporadically for the last four years.

The appointment of O'Brien fulfills a pledge of administration during the November election campaign, to appoint a police director as soon as the city switches from the commission to the mayor-council form of government at the beginning of the year.



JOHN T. O'BRIEN

Spokesman - Dec. 18, 1970

John O'Brien's Impressive Record

12/15/70

John T. O'Brien, New Brunswick's police director-designate, appears to be eminently qualified for the important and sensitive job he will undertake on Jan. 4.

A young, tough, experienced police officer, O'Brien has a record of accomplishments that reads like a model list of credentials for director of any metropolitan police department in the country. For 25 years he has been one of New York City's finest, rising from patrolman on the beat to his present rank of deputy inspector. Along the way he achieved important responsibilities and experience in many areas of police work and earned advanced degrees in law, political science and public administration.

Besides possessing an impressive service record, O'Brien has, in his statements to the press, given every indication he intends to be in complete control of New Brunswick's Police Department and intends to make full use of the most modern police methods, equipment and procedures available. His emphasis on preventive police work and the importance he attaches to police-community relations are both encouraging and progressive.

O'Brien's post is a new one in New Brunswick and his performance will set the standard for the job. No one would pretend O'Brien does not face difficult problems inside and outside the police department, but he has, on the face of it, every qualification needed to win the confidence and support of the city's police force and its residents.

Police Shakeup Is 'Definite'

By ALVIN KING

Home News Staff Writer

John T. O'Brien, who rose from pounding the beat as a foot patrolman to the rank of deputy inspector in New York City's police department in a 20-year span, told The Home News in an exclusive interview that he plans to make changes in this city's police department after he becomes its first director Jan. 4.

"Very definitely" was his comment, adding that they will be carried out only after extensive surveys are made and after he has consulted with all of the department's ranking officers.

O'Brien, 46, reported he will seek out the advice of some of his associates he described as "specialists in their respective fields." They will be asked, he said, to study every aspect of the department's operation and make recommendations for changes where they feel they are needed.

Declaring that no police department is oversized in view of the current crime wave across the nation—O'Brien said that he will set a manpower goal for New Brunswick's force after studying the situation. "No police department ever has enough men," he said.

Any Problems?

Since he will supersede Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone and Deputy Chief Claude V. Colligan, does he foresee any problems?

"I would expect and hope that they

will give me the benefit of their knowledge of the department, the city, and their loyalty in the best interests of an improved department," O'Brien declared. He also said he had been assured by the administration that he will have a free hand to operate the department as he thinks best.

One of the areas O'Brien intends to concentrate on is the city's narcotic problem. If necessary, he said, he would increase the now-small bureau but declined to commit himself as to numbers because, O'Brien continued, he first wants to survey the present operation.

O'Brien does not subscribe to the theory that more street patrolmen are a crime deterrent. "I know the public likes to see the man in uniform but he is far more expensive to a community than mobil officers," O'Brien explained.

'Cat Up the Tree'

He said that police departments, in general, have degenerated into a "response force rather than a preventive force." "Most of a police force's time is spent in answering calls rather than preventing crime," O'Brien noted.

O'Brien said there should be a priority on calls and public education is one means of reducing the what he described as "cat up the tree" summons for help.

O'Brien would like to introduce modern techniques and equipment in the department but again, he must make a



HE HAS PLANS—John T. O'Brien, right, a deputy inspector in New York City's police department, tells Home News reporter Alvin King in an exclusive interview of plans he has for the city's police department when he becomes its first director Jan. 4.

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thorough study before deciding on any move.

What does O'Brien think about New Brunswick having one of the highest crime rates in cities of its size?

"Maybe it's because of honest reporting," he shot back. "The city's rate does not necessarily reflect the true situation; maybe it's due to good reporting." The inference was that some departments may not be reporting all crimes.

Prevention rather than apprehension is O'Brien theory. "If you prevent, you don't have to apprehend. Apprehension represents a failure on society's part," he said. O'Brien doesn't believe that the national crime pattern is the result of police failure.

"You can't charge the police with crime anymore than you can charge firemen with all the fires that are started," O'Brien said.

'Meaningless'

Prevention, O'Brien went on, is brought about through an aroused and an informed public. "Law and order are meaningless without public cooperation," he said. "All too often, we think in terms of laws applying to others but not to ourselves."

He said that there must be greater financial support for police departments to provide for what he termed their "professionalization."

"And there must be a greater rapport between the police and the public and this can come about through public education," he said.

O'Brien is a firm believer in community relations programs, and apparently there will be a stress in that area when he takes over.

O'Brien thinks that the crime rate will continue to rise nationally but it will not be as astronomical as in the past.

"Awakened Legislatures, the attention of the federal government and an aroused public will ultimately start the crime rate on a downward trend," O'Brien continued.

He believes a break-down in family life is the prime cause of the crime situation. "We are a nation on wheels and there is constant movement of people mainly to the large cities," O'Brien said. He also noted that crowded court calendars in courts "using the same system they did a century ago" is a factor in the tremendous national problem.

What was his most dangerous experience while a New York cop?

'Longest Walk'

When the mad bomber, who was subsequently captured and

committed to an insane asylum, was on the prowl, he left one of his bombs in the city's main public library at Fifth Avenue and 42nd St.

Although protected by special clothing, O'Brien, then a member of the bomb squad, had to gingerly carry the bomb from the library to a waiting van, where it was rushed to Fort Tilden for defusing. "That was the longest walk of my life," said O'Brien. The clothing would not have given him ample protection for serious injury or possibly death had the bomb gone off.

O'Brien, Bronx born, is the son of a fire lieutenant, now dead. He and his wife have a son, Patrick, who just returned from duty in Vietnam.

O'Brien said his wife was, at first, disappointed when he decided to come here. After worrying about his safety for 20 years, Mrs. O'Brien had hoped he would head for a campus—he has a degree in law, a master's in political science and a Ph.D. in public administration. "But she has visited here three times and likes the city," he said. They plan to move here from Staten Island in the near future.

In his present position, O'Brien receives \$25,000 a year. He will receive half that sum when he leaves the department. Actually, O'Brien was with the department for 25 years but had leaves of absence to attend college.

His salary with the City of New Brunswick will be \$23,000 a year.

Furniture Moved In

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Police Director to Take Office

By ROBERT MARINO

Home News Staff Writer

The first tangible evidence of change following the appointment of John T. O'Brien as New Brunswick police director was seen yesterday.

Those changes amounted to a modified game of "musical chairs," only no one was left without an office.

O'Brien, who will be sworn in tomorrow, begins his \$25,000-a-year job Monday. He will occupy the office used for more than a year and a half by Deputy Chief Claude V. Colligan.

That office, closest to the main desk at headquarters, was maintained previously by former Commissioner Carl T. Valentini, the public safety director who resigned in May to accept a position as counsel to the City Housing Authority.

When Chief Ralph C. Petrone went on sick leave in April 1969, Valentini appointed Colligan acting chief and gave him use of his office, which Valentini had used mainly for conferences.

Valentini's successor as public safety director, Commissioner William Cahill Sr., rarely used the office. The position of public safety director which oversees both police and fire departments, will be abolished when the new municipal charter takes effect New Year's Day.

Chief Ralph C. Petrone will keep his office next to O'Brien. Next to Petrone's office is that of his aide, Lt. John O'Connell. All three adjoining offices, each with its own private bathroom, face Memorial Parkway.

Initially Colligan was to take over O'Connell's office. O'Connell was to have

moved down one office, bumping Capt. Felix Sica into the next office.

However, since it would have been difficult for O'Connell to maintain communications with the director and chief from the fourth office—a storage closet separates the fourth office from the three adjoining ones—Colligan elected to move to the fourth office.

Sica, head of uniformed personnel, and his secretary took over the adjacent office of Capt. Frank Feaster, head of the administrative division. Feaster has been on sick leave since the summer. When Feaster returns, Sica said he will be "happy" to share an office with him.

The office changes were supervised by Colligan, the ranking officer while Petrone is on vacation.



MANY HAPPY RETURNS — A beaming New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan toasts with George Shamy, Democratic municipal chairman, at a victory celebration in the Greenbrier Restaurant, last night.

'Victory Pie' Shared At Democratic Affair

By STUART DIAMOND

Home News Staff Writer

NORTH BRUNSWICK — Steak, hot apple pie and lots of victory was the menu at the Greenbrier Restaurant last night as New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and the Democratic organization celebrated their Nov. 3 triumph.

About 700 people—committeemen and their wives, campaign workers, freeholders and state legislators—attended the \$10-a-person event, which was also held to erase the campaign deficit.

A few Republicans also attended among them James Borbely, a committeeman and member of the New Brunswick Board of Education. Borbely, hailed as "the Mayor (John Lindsay of New Brunswick) by toastmaster George Shamy, garnered enthusiastic applause with a rendition of "Somebody Stole My Gal."

It was an evening of songs and jokes. Shamy, Democratic municipal chairman, ribbed everyone from his wife to former Gov. Richard Hughes, who was invited but was unable to attend.

The Ernest Scott Trio put a dance band beat into "I'll Be There," and broke into "Joy To the World" at the end of one number, in time with the few snow flurries earlier in the day.

Mary Harding, wife of City Attorney Norris Harding, sang two songs, while Philadelphia professional Joe Watson added two more.

Highlighting the evening, was comedian Charley Manna, who put the audience into stitches with quips about the President, New York City and women. The words of Shakespeare suddenly found their way into the mouth of a cabbie, and words spoken by nudists took on new meaning.

Detailing his day in New York City, he said, "I woke up this morning to the coughing of birds."

His main topic was the loser. "A loser is a Cuban who spends six years digging himself out of jail, another six years building a raft and rowing to Florida, and when he takes a plane to New York to see his family, it is hijacked to Cuba," Manna quipped.

Other losers were referred to last night, although not by name. Carl Valentini, former city commissioner, took some potshots at Independent majority candidate Ralph Muehlhig, who lost the election to Mrs. Sheehan.

"They were the only group to lose four times in one election," Valentini said. "I'm not sure if this victory celebration is about the polls, the election day, the recall or the recount."

Valentini was referring to the recount demanded by Muehlhig's slate. No change was reported in the recount, however, and Mrs. Sheehan retained her 5,280 to 4,743 victory over the independent.

Mrs. Sheehan and others also referred to their adversaries in the mayoralty race, but not by name. "The three R's for me were recall, recount and recheck," said the mayor.

"There was a lot of abuse at the polls," Commissioner Aldridge Cooper added. "Spanish and black voters were repeatedly challenged, because they knew they were going to vote for our organization."

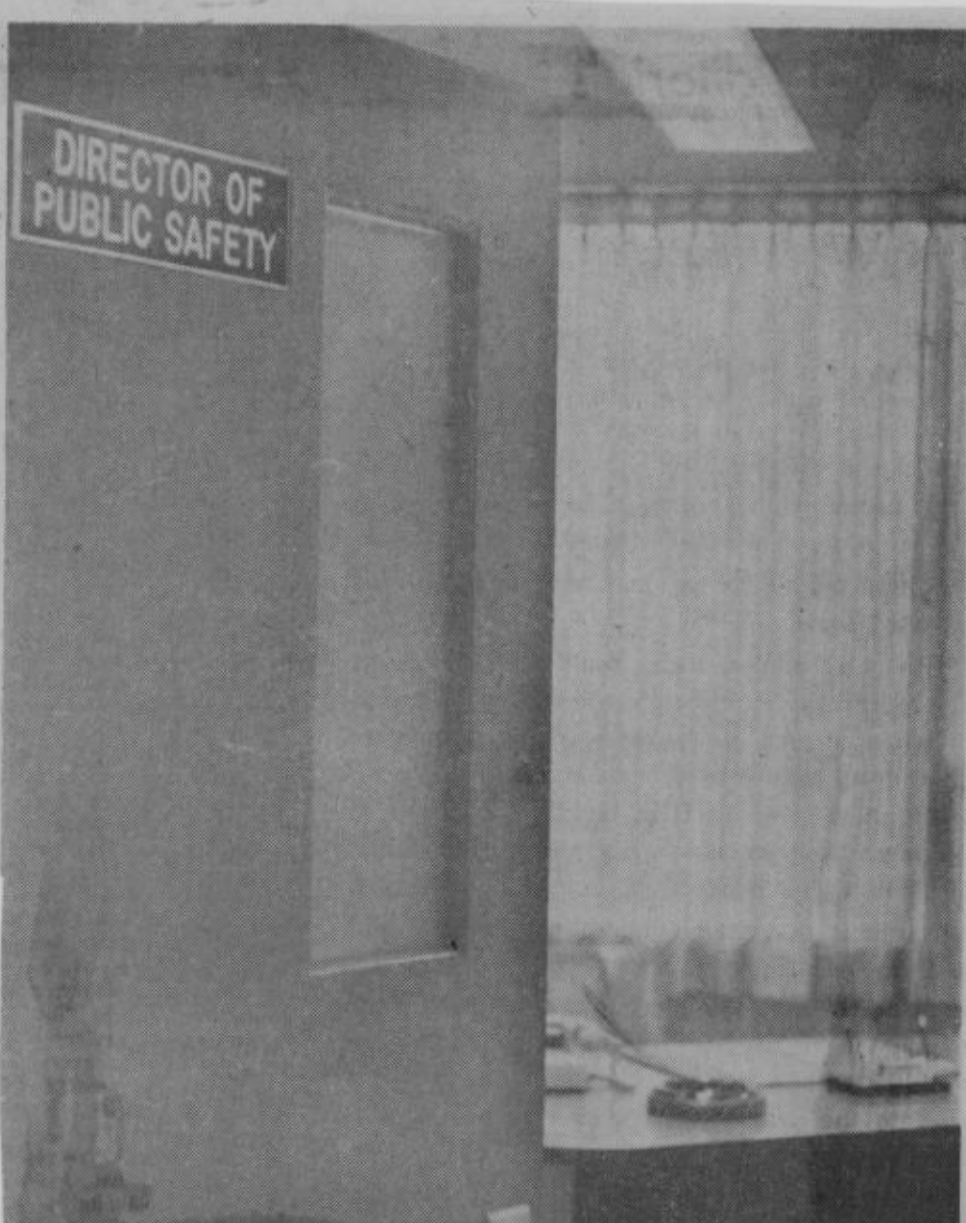
The serious moments were few, however, as the other winners—John Smith, Victor D. Recine and George Hendricks—each added jokes and thanks to their supporters.

Other Democratic winners in the November election—Middlesex County Freeholders Louis May and Peter Daly Campbell and Rep. Edward Patten, D-N.J. Dist., also attended the banquet.

Jan. 1 marks the transition from the city commission form of government to the mayor-council form. Mrs. Sheehan, the first mayor under the new system, said she believes the coming year will be even "bigger than last year."

Mrs. Sheehan and her councilmen-elect repeatedly praised the "great team" effort that won the election.

"If anybody thinks I or these councilmen can do it without the citizens, they have another think coming," said the mayor. "And I'm looking forward to seeing you there to support us Jan. 1!"



READY AND WAITING — Office of New Brunswick's first police director, John T. O'Brien, was readied yesterday. Sign on door bears title of former occupant.

Change of Government No Mean Task in '15

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By ALVIN KING
Home News Staff Writer

Unlike the expected orderly transition in the city's form of government tomorrow, the 55-year-old city commission system, which makes way for the mayor-council type, was born in strife and trauma.

The Home News files show that while five commissioners—John J. Morrison, Edward J. Houghton, Edward F. Farrington, James Mershon and Charles A. Oliver—were elected April 6, 1915, ending the era of the ward alderman, it wasn't until April 19 of that year that they took office after being sworn in for a second time.

In between was a bitter court battle led by one J. Fred Orpen that went all the way up to the N.J. Supreme Court.

"No Flowers To Meet the Commissioners" was the headline in The Home News of April 13, 1915 which recorded the organization meeting of the new commission.

That was because Orpen, through his attorney, Theodore Strong, had gone before the Supreme Court and was granted a temporary writ pending a court hearing on Orpen's allegation that the election was illegal. Bayonne had a similar situation.

"If it had not been for the action (court), Council Chambers would have blossomed like a rose... florist Clark had over \$40 in pieces on order and other florists suffered losses."

The Home News reported that because of the pending court action, the five commissioners-elect were sworn in by Peter F. Daly, judge of the Common Pleas Court.

In anticipation of trouble, a city patrolman was as-

signed to the chambers as the commissioners "organized," electing Farrington acting chairman on Mershon's motion. Farrington then moved for a temporary clerk, with Houghton named to that office.

Morrison also announced that the city clerk, John Watson, had refused to certify the elections and swear the newly-elected men in because of the pending Supreme Court hearing.

The commissioners dejectedly adjourned until April 17.

On the latter date, Supreme Court Justice Bergen, sitting in Somerville, heard arguments on the New Brunswick-Bayonne cases. Strong called the city commission form of government a "mongrel law," referring to the Walsh Act that had created it.

Thomas J. Hagerty, appearing for the commissioners, disagreed.

On April 19, Justice Bergen ordered the swearing in of the city commissioners, pending action by the supreme court.

Apparently courts moved more swiftly in those days, for on April 21, the full bench handed down a ruling ordering the new commissioners to take office.

Without fanfare, on April 21 Farrington was elected mayor; Morrison, vice mayor and director of revenue and finance; Houghton, director of public safety; Oliver, director of streets and public improvement, and Mershon, director of parks and property.

Whether the florists recouped their losses at that meeting was not recorded for posterity.

It didn't take the administration long to use its new broom to sweep City Hall.

The following day (April 22) the commissioners fired practically everyone serving on boards, key personnel—

including Watson, the city clerk, who had refused to certify their election and swear them in.

And who got a top job?

Hagerty, who had represented them in court and who became city attorney.



FAREWELL—Meeting under the commission form of government for the last time, New Brunswick's city commissioners enjoy a moment of reflection about the old system yesterday afternoon. The new mayor-council form goes into effect tomorrow at noon. From left are Commissioners Vito Recine and John Smith, Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, Commissioners William Cahill and Aldrage Cooper Jr.

Mayor-Council Debuts Tomorrow

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Curtain Falls on City Commission

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

A half dozen citizens witnessed history in silence yesterday at city hall when the curtain fell on the final City Commission meeting in New Brunswick after a run of 55 years.

The silent six sat through a routine 40-minute session. They included attorney George F. Hendricks Jr., councilman-elect; Louis Markette, defeated independent candidate for council, and Planning Board Chairman Ralph McDermott.

Equally silent on the moment of the historic occasion were Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and City Commissioners John A. Smith, William J. Cahill, Aldrage B. Cooper Jr. and Victor D. Recine.

At Stroke of 12

There were no speeches although Mayor Sheehan mentioned it was the last commission meeting. That form of local government ends at midnight tonight.

She announced plans for tomorrow's inauguration of the new mayor-council system.

Mayor Sheehan thus becomes the last mayor of the commission system and the first for the new charter.

In addition to Hendricks, the other councilmen-elect are Smith, Cooper, Cahill and Recine.

The meeting was scheduled to begin at 3 p.m., but did not get under way until 25 minutes later. It ended at 4:05 p.m.

This may have been City Clerk Anna Murphy's last official meeting, since Mayor Sheehan announced the oaths of office will be administered tomorrow by Middlesex County Judge Joseph Takacs, former city attorney.

Mrs. Murphy has filed her retirement papers and probably will be kept on the payroll as a consultant when Cahill is sworn in as city clerk tomorrow.

Cahill, who was high on the Democratic ticket, has decided not to continue as an elected councilman, but as an appointed official.

William J. Hamilton Jr., an attorney, is expected to be sworn in to fill the council vacancy created by Cahill's switch.

Mayor Sheehan said the administrative code would be introduced and that a number of resolutions on appointments would be passed. She gave no details.

Working on the code, which provides the guidelines for the new charter, have been City Attorney J. Norris Harding and R. Saunders. The mayor said they were aided by Rutgers University faculty members

Ernest Reock, Lawrence Mann and Jerome Rose.

The mayor has yet to announce who will be business administrator, a key position required by the new charter.

The council will elect a president. The mayor will appoint the department heads.

In light of the city's financial plight, interest will be on the salaries to be voted the mayor, councilmen, department heads and those in supervisory positions not covered by Civil Service.

The mayor is to present the 1971 municipal budget to the council by Jan. 15.

Requests for contributions were received yesterday from the Middlesex County Heart Association and the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Middlesex County.

The commissioners transferred \$28,000 to the police salary fund.

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sworn into office at ceremonies to begin at 10 a.m. tomorrow p.m. Monday with Mayor Sheehan.

The purpose is to announce the formation of a task force by the chamber which will "delve into various areas of city government with the hopes of improving the efficiency and economic feasibility of these areas."

The chamber said it will provide the mayor with teams of experienced businessmen to study business-related phases of city government and to report findings and recommendations for improved operating methods to the mayor.

According to the chamber, the businessmen will be volunteers and there will be no cost to the city.

Names of members of the task force steering committee will be announced at the conference, as well as their scope, responsibility and study method.

Chamber Task Force to Work for City

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Mayor-Council Born Tomorrow

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aries and wages account to pay for the mounting overtime over previously budgeted money totaling about \$50,000.

On another money matter, the commissioners canceled an emergency appropriation of \$3,000 passed in September to cover legal costs to defend policemen accused of charges while on duty. The money was obtained through account transfers.

The commissioners authorized an expenditure of \$21,900 to Eckert and Galarz, South Brunswick architects for plans for a new firehouse in Rutgers Village.

A \$1,500 donation to the Planning Board from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation was accepted.

Conditional approval was granted to Donald and Bertha Reagan, trading as the Edge Bar of 78 French St., to transfer their retail liquor license next door to 80 French St., now a vacant store.

Tax Return OK

The commissioners said the Reagans could transfer the license providing they are successful in obtaining a variance

to convert the store into a tavern.

The Elander Realty Co., which became involved in a controversy during the election campaign, received a return of \$263.35 on its 1970 taxes after an appeal hearing before the county Board of Taxation. The city treasurer was authorized by the commissioners to refund that amount to the company.

New Brunswick adopted the non-partisan commission form of government in 1915—considered an improvement over the former weak mayor-council. Hub City residents decided the five-member commission is antiquated and selected the strong mayor-council form to guide their future.

Mayor Sheehan had opposed the Charter Study Commission's recommendations to dump the commission form for the mayor-council system but local voters did not heed her pleas.

However, she defeated Ralph J. Muehlig, an independent, in November in the first partisan election on a local level in 55 years.

Mayor Sheehan will give her views on the future of the city during her state-of-the-city address tomorrow.

Cooper, Hendricks Join School Estimate Board

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Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan yesterday announced the appointment of Councilmen Aldrage B. Cooper Jr. and George F. Hendricks Jr. to the Board of School Estimate.

The mayor automatically becomes a member of that board, which will include two members of the Board of Education.

The Board of School Estimate meets to act on the school budget proposed by the school board.

The mayor made five appointments to the Planning Board. The members and the expiration dates of their terms are: Ralph R. McDermott of 1 Dewey Dr., Jan. 1, 1976; Irving Grossman of 64 Snydam St., Jan. 1, 1973; Ralph L. Sasso of 208 Lawrence St., Jan. 1, 1972; Herman Goldfine of 7 Cotter Drive, Jan. 1, 1975; and Arthur H. Anderson of 201 Sandford St., Jan. 1, 1977. All are previous members of the board.

Named to represent the council was Councilman Victor D. Recine. Also on the board are the mayor and City Engineer Robert Kane, who is superintendent of the division of engineering and operations. A vacancy exists to replace Peter D. Campbell of 8 Parkview Drive, who resigned when he became a Middlesex County freholder last year.

The following were reappointed to new terms on the Zoning Board of Adjustment: Francis Schindler of 114 Burnet St., Jan. 1, 1972; William Belnavis of 115 Talmadge St., Jan. 1, 1973; Carmine Ferrara of 704 Ward St., Jan. 1, 1973; Joseph Fliszer of 34 Robinson St., Jan. 1, 1974; George Bahash of 39 Jefferson Ave., Jan. 1, 1976; Melvin W. Rollins of 5 Goodale Circle and Nicholas Maurer of 219 Easton Ave., alternates.

Parking Authority

The Parking Authority appointments are: Aloysius J. Hendricks of 97 Louis St., Jan. 1, 1976; Eugene Szeples of 123 French St., Jan. 1, 1973; Harry Schwartz of 10 Landing Lane, Jan. 1, 1975; Anthony Zarillo of 454 Rensselaer Ave., Jan. 1, 1972; and Jack Gushin of 16 Llewellyn Place, Jan. 1, 1974. Zarillo replaced Nathan Hindes of 3 Voorhees Road. The others

served on the authority last year.

Reappointed to the Local Assistance Board were Frank Jeffries, of 17 Rensselaer Ave., Jan. 1, 1973; Eric B. Chandler of 100 Memorial Parkway, Jan. 1, 1973; Mrs. Margaret Bertalan of 179 Somerset St., Jan. 1, 1972; and Cooper to represent the council.

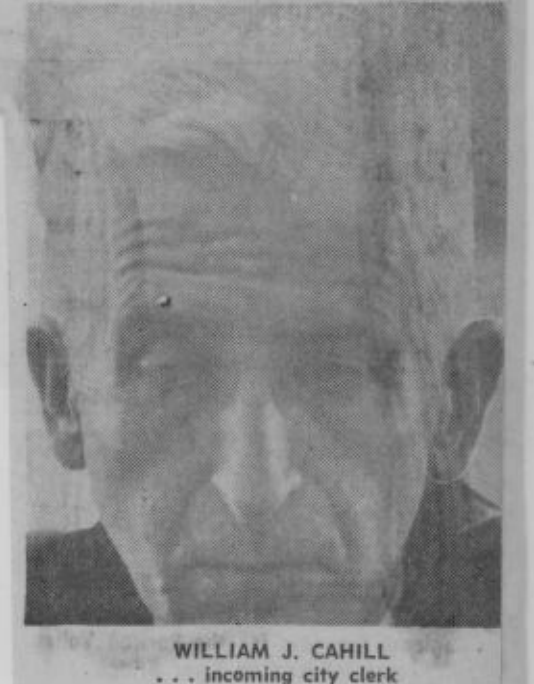
The following were appointed to the Board of Plumbing Examiners: Bernard Schrum of 10 Parkview Drive, as plumbing inspector; Edwin J. Keeffe Jr. of 29 Dix St., Jan. 1, 1976; David D'Alonzo of 27 Hartwell St., Jan. 1, 1974; Clarence Hook of Seaman St., Jan. 1, 1975; and Thomas Gibbon of 47 Jersey Ave., Jan. 1, 1975.

Schrum, head of the inspections division under the commission form, is coordinator of the division of inspections and code enforcement.

He will continue as plumbing inspector, coordinator and be in charge of the federally financed Feaster Park Improvement Program. His salary will be equally shared by the city and federal government.



MRS. ANNA MURPHY
... outgoing city clerk



WILLIAM J. CAHILL
... incoming city clerk

Mayor Assails Cahill Editorial

1/2/71

In a sharp rebuttal issued Thursday afternoon, Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and the Board of Commissioners took strong exception to a Home News editorial which challenged the appointment of Commissioner William J. Cahill to the position of City Clerk.

"We deplore utterly the irresponsible and ill-informed editorial comment of the Dec. 30 Home News on the acceptance of the appointment as City Clerk by Commissioner William Cahill," they said. "It is written out of misinformation that unfortunately characterizes all too much of the newspaper's opinions about the city and its government."

The editorial cited Cahill's position as high man in the vote tally and said the voters were entitled to believe they were electing a councilman who would serve a full term.

In a brief reply to the mayor's comments, Hugh N. Boyd, publisher of The Home News, said, "The Home News stands by its editorial position. We regret Mayor Sheehan takes the viewpoint she has, but the people of New Brunswick elected William Cahill as a councilman and therefore deserved to have him serve in that capacity."

Mrs. Sheehan said the editorial was "unjust" since "no real effort was made to discuss the why" and claimed that certain facts in the case had been ignored.

Among these facts, she said, were:

- That Mrs. Anna Murphy could have been allowed to remain as city clerk beyond the legal retirement age.
- That her decision to retire came unexpected in mid-December, not as part of a political plot hatched last March.

- That the duties of the city clerk are substantially increased and greatly broadened under the new mayor-council form of government.
- That Cahill has both the government and management experience to do the job properly.

"It should be made crystal clear that Commissioner Cahill did not seek out the office," Mrs. Sheehan said. "He is taking the job at the urgent request of the Mayor and Commissioners."

Cahill declined to take his seat as a new councilman at yesterday's organization meeting, and was sworn in as city clerk shortly after his official appointment by the council. There was no appointment to fill the vacancy he left on the council.

The mayor said any appointment to fill the vacancy by the Council will be only for the balance of 1971. "The citizens will exercise their vote to fill the vacancy for the balance of the full term in November 1971," she said. "We have never attempted to hide from the public, but neither have we attempted to shirk our responsibilities under the law."

She added The Home News should realize that the city is pressing into full-time service "an able and dedicated individual whose duties as a part-time councilman would contribute far less to the quality of government in the city."

City Shift Precision-Smooth

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

New Brunswick's municipal ship-of-state sailed over smooth transitional waters as the strong mayor-council system got under way without a hitch at yesterday's precision-like organizational meeting.

The city had been governed by a five-member board of commissioners since 1915. It gave equal power to each of the commissioners, who headed a department.

The new system makes the mayor the chief executive and the five-member council the legislative body, with the department heads responsible to the mayor.

Family members, friends and well-wishers jammed the City Hall chambers — despite the biggest snowstorm of the winter — to witness the one-hour ceremonies. A number of floral pieces marked the historic inauguration.

There were no surprises as Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan took the helm of her new administration, which will be governed by an administrative code creating seven departments.

Mayor Sheehan and Councilmen Al-

drage B. Cooper Jr., John A. Smith, Victor D. Recine and George F. Hendricks Jr., all Democrats, were sworn into office by District Court Judge Joseph Takacs, former city attorney.

The fifth councilman-elect, William J. Cahill, chose not to serve and stated his refusal in a letter to the council and asked that a successor be selected.

The successor was not named after the council elected Cooper as president and Smith as vice president. The council then appointed Cahill to a three-year term as city clerk at an annual salary of \$15,000.

Cahill, who had topped the clean-sweep Democratic victory in the November city election, succeeds Mrs. Anna Murphy, who resigned effective yesterday and has applied for retirement. She will be retained as a deputy clerk.

Mayor Sheehan, who is serving a four-year term, will receive an annual salary of \$12,000. Her salary was \$5,500 under the previous commission form.

The councilmen will receive \$4,500, the same as the former commissioners. Coop-

er, Smith and Recine are former commissioners, while Hendricks is a newcomer to local politics.

Terms Drawn by Lot

The terms of the members of the first council were determined by lot when the five councilmen drew small white envelopes from a box held by City Attorney J. Norris Harding.

Three of the envelopes were marked for two-year terms and they were drawn by Cooper, Hendricks and Smith. This means their terms expire in 1972, and subsequently their offices will be for four-year terms. Recine drew a four-year term, which means the person selected by the lot to fill Cahill's vacancy will serve a four-year term.

Takacs also administered oaths of office to the following directors of departments appointed by the mayor and approved by council: John T. O'Brien, police; J. Norris Harding, law; William H. Saunders, administration; and George T. Cox, finance.

O'Brien, former deputy inspector with See **FEW SURPRISES**, Page 7



GETTING ORGANIZED — Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, left, and City Clerk William J. Cahill, right, discuss their new jobs after being sworn in by District Court Judge Joseph J. Takacs at yesterday's organization meeting in City Hall. They are the first to hold the expanded responsibilities of the two jobs under the city's new mayor-council form of government.

Few Surprises in New City Administration

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Creation of the police directorship was a hot issue in the city election campaign and filling the job was Mayor Sheehan's No. 1 priority after her victory.

The director, Mayor Sheehan said, will have a free hand in the operation of the police department. Crime in New Brunswick and political interference were other controversial issues during the campaign.

The administrative code and an amendment to the police ordinance leaves no doubt that the police director will supersede the authority of the police chief.

Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone and the Sheehan administration had been at odds during the campaign over the alleged bogus policeman affair involving Euclid J. Taylor.

Salaries Set

Cox, who has been city comptroller since April 1968, will receive \$15,500. His previous salary was \$12,450, which included \$2,000 for work he did for the Parking Authority.

Saunders will receive \$15,500 as business administrator. His salary was \$12,600 as deputy city administrator, a job he held since June when he succeeded George Callas, who resigned.

Harding's salary was listed at \$15,000. He was receiving \$12,350 and had succeeded Joseph Bradshaw in April.

The council approved resolutions on salary ranges and then introduced them as ordinances for public hearings at the council's next meeting Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. The salary ranges and offices involved are as follows: Department directors, \$15,000 to \$23,000; city clerk, \$11,000 to \$15,000, and deputy city clerks, \$8,000 to \$12,000.

The administrative code, more than a

month in the making, was finalized Thursday. It was approved by the council in resolution form and then introduced as an ordinance for public hearing at the Jan. 20 session.

The code, in addition to the police, law, administration and finance departments, creates departments of fire, public works and social services.

Mayor Acting Director

Mayor Sheehan, who automatically becomes acting director in departments where heads are not named, said her administration does not anticipate filling in the top positions for fire, public works or social services departments.

The council approved the mayor's appointment of Joseph J. Hoagland to a two-year term as municipal clerk. Hoagland has been a city employee since 1939 and was clerk of the former recorder's courts which were abolished by the state's new constitution in 1947. Hoagland, who has been on sick leave, received \$9,750 in 1970.

Harding said salaries for 1971 for employees, in addition to department heads, the mayor and councilmen, will be determined at a later date.

The City Council has switched its meeting day from Tuesday to Wednesday, but will continue to hold one session during the daytime and the other at night.

Meeting on the first and third Wednesdays, the first session of the month will be at 10 a.m. and the second at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 20.

Mayor Asks State Probe

By GEORGE J. TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan has called for a state investigation of the city Board of Education following the board's disclosure that it will need \$300,000 to keep schools open for the remainder of the school year.

The mayor also warned that "if the conditions are as appalling as the half million dollar overexpenditure seems to indicate, I will demand the management of the system be replaced."

Although Board President Eli Saltz had indicated he would ask the city for funds to cover

the deficit, the mayor said there was "no way in the world" that the city could provide the needed money. "These expenditures and over-expenditures on such a scale are completely beyond the ability of the city to meet," she said.

The board has scheduled a special meeting for noon Tuesday at Bayard School to explain the deficit.

"Since the Mayor and the City Council, by law, have no control over the day-to-day expenditures of the school system, I am asking that State Commissioner of Education, Carl Marburger, thoroughly in-

vestigate the management, operations and fiscal controls of the New Brunswick public school system," she said in a prepared statement.

The mayor said the addition of seven new, unbudgeted, administrative positions by the board at salaries ranging from \$11,155 to \$17,891 showed "complete irresponsibility" in the handling of the budget. "Obviously the meaning of a budget has been completely lost to the board," she said.

The same situation held true in the appointment of administrative clerks and principals, clerks and secretaries, Mrs. Sheehan said.

But Saltz claimed he only hired people that were essential. "They were all made necessary by the moves we took," he said. "We had to increase the student population at the intermediate school, and that meant we needed more administrators."

In addition, he said the current budget was drawn up last February, and subsequent to that there was a disturbance at the high school which dictated a number of "major moves."

Saltz also said he informed the mayor last April that in view of certain problems, the board would have to go beyond its budgeted allocations in a number of areas. However, he said he felt there would be sufficient funds to carry the items over to next year's budget.

That did not prove to be the case. Saltz said he is committed to keeping the school system operating, and will appeal for funds at any level if the city cannot cover the deficit.

Special Resolution

A formal resolution asking for a special meeting of the Board of School Estimate will be presented at Tuesday's meeting. If the city refuses to grant the funds, or refuses to call a meeting of the Board of School Estimate, the Board of Education must then appeal to the state, Saltz said.

Since the mayor has already appealed to the state and has already said the city does not have the money, it appears the board's request also will be quickly forwarded to the state.

"If the facts are as they presently appear, this culmination to a long series of near-calamities and near-disasters in the school system provides ample excuse for investigation by state authorities and vigorous action to follow," she said.

In September 1969, the board came under heavy fire when the school systems insurance policies lapsed and the schools had to be closed. The subject was brought up several times in last fall's mayoralty campaign by Mrs. Sheehan's opponent, independent candidate, Ralph Muehlig, but the mayor consistently directed the attacks to the school administration.

State law cites only two specific instances for which Board of Education members may be removed—moving from the school district or missing three consecutive meetings.



NEW MAN; NEW JOB—Councilman George F. Hendricks, right, the newest member of the city government, signs his oath of office for City Clerk William J. Cahill after swearing-in ceremonies yesterday at City Hall. Cahill, a former com-

missioner, had just been named to the new position by his former compatriots, who are from left, Councilmen John A. Smith, Aldrage B. Cooper Jr. and Vito D. Recine.

First Woman Mayor Starts Second Term

Citizens Urged to Participate

Citizen participation in the new mayor-council form of city government was stressed yesterday by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan in her inaugural speech.

She called upon the public to be patient, stating the organizational meeting was not only ceremonial, but put into motion a completely new system from the former board of commissioners.

"This is the first major overhaul of our governmental structure in more than a half century," Mayor Sheehan said, noting the commission form had existed since 1915.

New System a Mandate
The new system, she said, was mandated by the voters and her administration hopes to construct "with great care the best possible machinery for our local government."

As the first woman mayor of New Brunswick, Mrs. Sheehan, whose three children, Betsy, Mike and Dan, were at her side as she was sworn-in for her second term, said city officials studied many communities before compiling the governmental structure in the administrative code.

City officials studied the organizations of local govern-

ments in Woodbridge, Edison, East Brunswick and Trenton, among others.

Mayor Sheehan hoped for increased efficiency and productivity from the improvements to the governmental machinery.

"The code we adopt today literally represents blood, sweat and tears," she said, noting the code creates the positions of police director and business administrator.

Cahill Cited

The mayor paid tribute to William J. Cahill, who declined to be sworn in as a councilman, but accepted the city clerkship, instead. Mayor Sheehan said the new form of government "attached many important additional responsibilities to the office" above those carried by Mrs. Anna Murphy, who resigned as of Friday.

Mrs. Murphy, an employee in the city clerk's office for 40 years, plans to retire in a few months.

"The office of city clerk serves as the keystone for the activities and responsibilities of the council," the mayor said.

She added: "I believe our city is fortunate in having William Cahill willing to undertake the tasks of city clerk. He

brings to the clerkship his past experience in city government. . . . We are all grateful to him for accepting his new responsibility."

Responsibility Centralization

The aim of the administrative code, the mayor said, is centralization of responsibility. "Logic and good business dictate the organization, not an arbitrary division into five separate compartments, as we've had in the commission form," Mayor Sheehan said.

To encourage citizen participation in government, the mayor announced the formation of new advisory groups, including the Public Lands Beautification Committee, the Environmental Pollution Control Committee, the Financial Advisory Board and the Industrial and Commercial Advisory Committee. Appointments are to be announced.

She cautioned: "Beyond any question there will be some problems unforeseen. There will be difficult — even painful — adjustments of responsibility. There will be transfers and there will be new groupings of authority and responsibility."

"These all make up the price of the change and the cost of progress. We will all have to

learn and struggle with the changes. We all hope that both the citizens and municipal employees bear with us as we go through this transitional period.

"There has not been an instant metamorphosis from midnight," Mrs. Sheehan added referring to the expiration of the commission form and beginning of the mayor-council system.

More Mayorality Power

Under the new form, the mayor is delegated much more power and responsibility than the previous commission system.

On that, she said: "I personally pledge all the time the job requires and this as I already know is substantial as well as my talents and efforts to bring to fruition the potential we all know exists in New Brunswick."

When Mayor Sheehan relinquished the chair, it set in motion the new system, and moments later Councilman Aldrage B. Cooper Jr. was elected president of the council.

Although the mayor may attend council meetings, the council president is the presiding officer, not the mayor as was the case for the commission form.

It was a new experience for Mayor Sheehan.

St. John's School Ruled Out for City



ELI SALTZ

New Brunswick will not be using St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic School on Nelson Street for any of its elementary school children.

Eli Saltz, president of the New Brunswick Board of Education, revealed yesterday that the state Education Department had "condemned out of hand" use of the vacant building by the city school system.

One of the oldest parochial schools in New Brunswick, the school had served the German parish of St. John the Baptist Church.

The building was closed by the Trenton Diocese in June, 1969 because of small enrollment, scarcity of teachers and cost of operating a school with approximately 10 students. Some 300 children had been enrolled at one time at the school but with the exodus of

city residents to other communities with parish schools, St. John's enrollment dropped. Saltz said that the New Brunswick school board considered the possibility of using the building for some elementary classes but the state, after an inspection of the school, said that "under no circumstances would it allow the building to be used — no matter how much we renovated it."

Saltz's comments came in reply to a question by a female city taxpayer at a special session of the board.

In answer to a question from Rocco Catanesse, of 200 Fulton St., Saltz conceded that the school system's integration plan, under which all fifth graders were taken from their neighborhood schools and placed in Roosevelt Intermedi-

ate School, has not worked out well.

"Would you say the plan didn't work too good?" Catanesse asked.

"You might say that," Saltz replied.

The plan, which forced the school to go on split sessions in September, drew much criticism from city residents when it was announced last year.

Catanesse reminded the board that one of their members had said that "from the bottom of his heart" it was the best plan the board could come up with.

Board member James Borbely, the man who had uttered those words, reiterated them yesterday to Catanesse.

"That was the only thing we could have done," said Borbely. "from the bottom of my heart."

He termed the plan the

"lesser of two evils" and said that the other plan under consideration at the time would have shuttled children from one school to the next, year after year.

Saltz said that the board's tentative new plan, under which seventh graders would be moved next fall from the Intermediate School to the Junior High School and ninth graders at the junior high moved to the senior high school, was a "much better plan."

Saltz attributed this to the fact that the board had time to do proper planning. The board did not have sufficient time last year, Saltz said, but had to come up with a plan.



JAMES BORBELY

Chamber of Commerce Report To Focus on City Operation

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan yesterday opened an account with the Raritan Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce that enables her to draw upon that agency's bank of business talent.

The aim is mutual: To increase the efficiency of the city's government.

The formation of the volunteer task force steering committee was announced by Herbert J. Wagner, chamber president, and the mayor.

The general chairman is Louis L. Rizzi of Westfield, commercial manager of the New Brunswick office for the Public Service Electric & Gas Co.

While there will be interim verbal and written reports in six basic areas, Rizzi said an overall analysis should be completed for the mayor within six months. The areas to be studied are purchasing, finance, personnel administration, public information, public works and space utilization.

'No Crises'

Mayor Sheehan said there is "no crises" in the newly formed mayor-council system of local government. The committee has no objection, she added, to the current financial emergency of the Board of Education, which seeks an additional \$500,000 for the remainder of the school year.

She added: "There's no question the taxes are killing us and while we hope for some realistic relief from the state Legislature, we must guarantee ourselves that we are doing the fullest with each dollar we have."

Wagner said the chamber was responding to a request by the mayor to apply the business expertise of its members to municipal government.

The chamber, he said, wants to help the mayor and her administration in any way it can, particularly in improving the efficiency of the city government's operation.

Rizzi explained: "Our purpose is simple: To make recommendations on the basis of an analysis and to have management of the city reflect contemporary standards. We're talking about a volunteer basis with people being available on company time."

The committee chairman's comments followed remarks by the mayor in which she said: "This city, like most others, has operated like a 'country store' for years and years. We know it and we think we have made significant advances. We are the first to admit that more can and should be done."

Joseph A. Mammon, chamber executive vice president and East Brunswick mayor said: "This has been done across the country." He said, for example, the Jersey City chamber has done specific studies for that city's government.

Wagner said the final reports go to the mayor. "Our intention," he said, "is to be of service to the mayor."

Committee Members

In addition to Rizzi, other committee members are: Lowell C. Doak of Westfield, associate treasurer and controller of Rutgers University; John L. Dugan Jr. of Short Hills, vice president-finance and administration of Chicopee Manufacturing Co.; John J. Phillips of Princeton, plant manager of International Business Machines; South Brunswick, and Anthony D. Schobel, president of the Franklin State Bank, Franklin, also a member of the city's Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Mammon is an ex-officio member.

Mayor Sheehan: "Local government is big business and for too long we've ignored this fact. We are looking forward to advice and guidance from the experts."

"We have no interest in an indictment of past practices. We want to go forward and think that this is the logical time and most beneficial method."

"This is not a showcase action either to enhance my political image or the public service image of the corporate citizens of any of our area firms who are generously providing the time and effort."

The mayor said her administration "is facing up to the fact that New Brunswick's well being is critical to all of us and that all the skills that are available must be fully utilized. We can't afford to do otherwise."

The chamber officials said the mayor will have overall control of the study operation. She will select the areas to be studied and will determine what actions are to be taken on study recommendations.

New Government Form

In addition to the mayor, other municipal officials at the conference were City Council President Aldrage B. Cooper Jr., Business Administrator William R. Saunders, Finance Director George T. Cox, Purchasing Agent George Nesser and City Clerk William J. Cahill.

The chamber's committee is aimed at aiding municipal officials in the operation of the new form of government which began Friday, Mrs. Sheehan, the first mayor under the mayor-council system, previously had served as the city's chief executive from May 1967 to December

when the municipality was governed by the commission form.

The administrative code, which provides the guidelines for the new government's structure, specifies detailed duties of elected and appointed city officials. A public hearing on that code, as well as amendments to the police and fire department ordinances, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 20.



HEADS TASK FORCE — Louis L. Rizzi, chairman of Raritan Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce task force steering committee, chats with Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan in discussing formation and goals of the study group.

City School Deficit Is Linked to Riot

January 5, 1971

The New Brunswick school board's \$487,965 deficit was attributed this afternoon to last April's "riot" at the high school, the integration plan for the city's school system and salary increases for the city's teachers and other employees.

Meeting in a special session, the board requested that the Board of School Estimate meet "within a reasonable amount of time" and provide the school district with emergency funds to cover the deficit in the 1970-71 budget.

The meeting was attended by at least 20 persons including Tony Daly, city government watchdog, who blamed the city in part for creating the deficit and said that unless the federal and state governments come

in and bail out the city, property taxes could become confiscatory.

"Explaining the deficit, the board noted that on April 17 there was an outbreak of violence in New Brunswick High School which resulted in a riot and "emergency measures had to be taken to insure the safety of the pupils and teachers and to insure the safety of the school against future riots and further disruption."

It was the first time the board had publicly referred to the disturbance in which 17 students were injured as a riot.

The board said that it had to spend \$86,074 for the double sessions at the high school that went into effect in September. The board said that this arrangement would alleviate the overcrowding which is a contributing factor to pupil tension.

It also said that it spent \$77,537 to create a special school, known as the New Street School, to house emotionally disturbed and disruptive pupils and to remove them from New Brunswick High School and other city schools.

The board also said that it spent \$7,342 for an increased security force at the high school.

Turning to the integration plan which took all fifth graders from their neighborhood schools and placed them in the Roosevelt Intermediate school last September, the board noted that this plan was not approved until May 5, 1970, several months after the 1970-71 budget was adopted.

The cost of putting the intermediate school on split sessions to accommodate the fifth graders and the cost of transporting students from predominantly black Nathan Hale and Lord Stirling schools to virtually all-white Woodrow Wilson School totaled \$127,405.

The board noted this total included the cost of additional administrators and teachers at the Intermediate School and a full-time principal at the Woodrow Wilson School.

The third major component of the deficit, the board said, was \$107,332 additional in salary expenses for teachers and other employees groups. The board noted that an impasse had been reached with the New Brunswick Education Association, the bargaining agent for the city's teachers and school nurses, and that the recommendations of a state

School

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mediator were accepted "in order to assure the timely opening of school."

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He wants the probe to center on "expenditures and their compliance with all requisite law."

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He continued in his letter to the grand jury foreman: "Since the Board of School Estimate is really the only power that the electorate can voice, there seems to be grave concern that this Board of School Estimate did not use its best efforts to protect the interests of the citizenry and all those to whom it is responsible. It is this faith which I believe is important to be restored to the community."

"Unfortunately, your body is one of the few recourses that the citizenry has to impose to countercheck on the system now in use to select members upon whom this trust is bestowed."

McGlynn said that although the state commissioner of education may conduct his own investigation, this should not be a deterrent to a grand jury probe "for an impartial investigation into the statutory compliance set down to guide these public bodies."

Broke City Schools May Close in March

By BARBARA SELICK
Home News Staff Writer

The New Brunswick Board of Education has little more than two months to find \$487,965 to keep the city schools open.

Eli Saltz, president of the Board of Education, has revealed that the school system will run out of money sometime in March.

At that point, Saltz said, the school board would be unable to meet its payroll and would have to shut down the schools. He noted that 82 per cent of the deficit, like 82 per cent of the total school budget, goes toward salaries.

Meeting in special session yesterday, the board requested that the city's Board of School Estimate meet "within a reasonable time" and certify emergency funds to cover the deficit.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan has said that "there's no way in the world the city has the money" to meet the deficit.

The mayor said this morning that she wrote to the Middlesex County legislative delegation yesterday asking them to give their "immediate attention" to the fiscal problems facing the school board and the city.

"I asked them to recognize the fact that governing bodies cannot exist forever if school boards can spend indiscriminately without limit. If they can, then the whole business is nonsense," Mrs. Sheehan said.

The mayor is one of the five members of the Board of School Estimate. The other members are City Council President Aldrage B. Cooper Jr., Councilman George F. Hendricks Jr. and board members Saltz and Mrs. Stanley Geipel.

If the city representatives on the

school estimate board deny the emergency appropriation, the next step will be an appeal to the state commissioner of education to direct the city to provide the funds, Terrill M. Brenner, Board of Education attorney, said.

Brenner said the Board of Education also would react to a "no" vote by the school estimate body by meeting with representatives of the state legislature and Gov. William T. Cahill in an attempt to get funds.

Saltz added that the board also may appeal to the federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare for money.

Criticism that the board and city officials should have spoken up sooner about its financial dilemma came from Assemblyman Robert K. Haelig Jr., R-Middlesex, one of about 25 persons attending the board meeting.

"Half a million dollars is a lot of money to start talking about on Jan. 1 when you need it by March," Haelig told the board.

Anything Reasonable

The assemblyman said that although the deficit had accumulated over a period of six to eight months, "no one ever consulted me, I wonder why."

Haelig said he thought he could speak on behalf of the other local legislative representatives in pledging support to "do anything within reason" to help the city of New Brunswick.

But he added, "I suspect that it is not within our power to change the policy of the state to deal with these problems by March 15."

After the meeting Haelig commented that the legislature "cannot do anything until it receives a coherent proposal from

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'Unionbuster' Tag Applied by Zarrella

January 12, 1971

Dino A. Zarrella, who was fired by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, wouldn't confirm or deny the possibility his campaign to save his laboratory technician's job may include picketing City Hall.

"I wouldn't say it hasn't been discussed," Zarrella told The Home News this morning while accusing the mayor of "union-busting."

Zarrella, business agent and negotiating committee chairman for the New Brunswick Municipal Employees Association, learned last week the mayor had abolished his job as cytotechnologist.

Mayor Sheehan said the job elimination was an "economy move and had nothing to do with politics, although Zarrella had publicly endorsed Ralph J. Muehlig, who was her chief opponent in the city election.

Plan Appeal

Zarrella met yesterday with the association's attorney, Ernest Gross, and president, John Lepping, to formulate plans to appeal the job elimination.

The city employee had refused to comment on the firing until after he had conferred with Gross.

Zarrella said he has filed two grievances with his immediate superior, John J. Hanson, health officer and head of the division of health. The accusations are under the collective bargaining agreement the association has with the city.

The laboratory technician said he is protesting the job elimination as a discriminatory move for unjust causes, and that the city failed to offer him a demotion to another job in a lower category for which

he is qualified. That position, he said, is licensed sanitary inspector first grade.

Zarrella said he was an inspector before becoming a laboratory technician in 1964 to assume the early cancer detection services. The program had been started by the late Matthew Hanson in 1954.

"I have also filed an appeal with Civil Service on my behalf," Zarrella said.

Zarrella said he also has filed an appeal with Business Administrator William R. Saunders through provisions of the new personnel ordinance which went into effect Jan. 1.

"The job can be abolished but I should be demoted to a lesser position in the same department," Zarrella said.

The mayor and Saunders said the laboratory services can be arranged by the municipality with either a local hospital or laboratory.

Zarrella said, "I am now charging the mayor with intimidation and discrimination against me as a union officer. I feel she is making an attempt at union-busting. I am

business agent and chairman of the negotiating committee of the union, (the municipal employees association). "Negotiations are to start March 1. Mayor Sheehan wants me eliminated before serious negotiations commence."

The association and city officials, by mutual agreement, have delayed negotiating for the second contract. The first contract expired Dec. 31.

Zarrella also took exception of the firing of three school crossing guards by the city administration.

Meeting Slated On Crisis

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

City Council President Aldrage B. Cooper Jr. said this morning the Board of School Estimate would meet "within the next seven days" to act on the Board of Education's request for nearly a half million dollars.

Cooper, a former school board member and one of three governing body officials on the estimate board, made the statement after the brief council session.

The Board of School Estimate controls the purse strings for public school expenditures and its five members were served with the school board's resolution asking for \$487,965 in emergency funds.

The money, the school board says, is needed to meet expenditures for the remainder of the current school year.

A letter dated yesterday and mailed to the Middlesex County legislative delegation in Trenton

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Mayor Denies Politics In City Aide's Firing

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan denied today that yesterday's notice of dismissal to Dino A. Zarrella, a health department employee, had political implications.

Zarrella, business agent for the New Brunswick Municipal Employees Association who supported Ralph J. Muehlig in the mayoralty race, declined to comment when reached by The Home News.

Business Administrator William R. Saunders confirmed he mailed a notice of dismissal to Zarrella and that he did so at the direction of the mayor.

Zarrella, whose position is classified as a cytotechnologist

under civil service, stated, however, that he is declining to comment until he meets tomorrow with his attorney, Ernest Gross. He has 45 days to file an appeal.

Mayor Sheehan said Zarrella's position was not abolished in reprisal for his support of Muehlig, an independent candidate who was the chief opponent to the mayor in the city election.

Zarrella, 38, has been a city employee for 14 years. He receives an annual salary of \$8,910.

Referring to Zarrella's position, Mayor Sheehan said: "The function has been abolished. This was a service we

provided and it's been expensive for the city. We (her administration) decided it had to be abolished."

The mayor said New Brunswick is one of the few municipalities remaining in the state which provides the laboratory services produced by Zarrella's position.

The business administrator, too, said the notice had nothing to do with politics. "Primarily, it was based on financial reasons. There is no need for the laboratory service in the 1971 municipal budget, Saunders later

He said that about \$5,000 would be budgeted for the laboratory service in the 1971 municipal budget, Saunders later

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explained that the amount may be "a bit high."

Saunders said: "We no longer have the need for the position of cytotechnologist for the purpose of providing laboratory service. First, we are not required by law to do it, and secondly, the laboratory service could be done cheaper in a private laboratory or hospital on a contract basis."

Zarrella, one of the most active members of the municipal employees group, openly campaigned for Muehlig and publicly supported the independent candidate.

The employees' association elected him business agent in October when they created that position. He had been serving as first vice president since the group was formed in December 1968.

Zarrella sought the association's support at its meeting last night. Association president John Lepping, a parks department employee, could not be reached for comment.

The association's one-year contract with the city expired Dec. 31 but serious negotiations have been delayed by mutual agreement while municipal officials have been busy with the transition from the commission to the mayor-council form of government which went into effect Jan. 1.

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Water Main Breaks On Memorial Parkway

Warren Klein, superintendent of the division of water of the Public Works Department, has issued a warning to motorists traveling on Memorial Parkway near Paulus Boulevard.

Work has been under way on the highway's inner eastbound lane in efforts to correct a water main break under the pavement.

Klein said there is a possibility that two breaks exist in the six-inch water main.

A crew of 11 men arrived about 9:30 a.m. yesterday, were without water for about a half hour today.

Ice conditions are present in the area, he said, but are being cared for by sanding.

Klein said the work could continue for several days because the men must break through eight inches of concrete before getting to the water main.

Residents in the area have experienced little inconvenience by the break, Klein added, although several occupants of Barlett Gardens apartments were without water for about a half hour today.

School Crisis Puts Taxpayer In the Middle

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

The New Brunswick public school crisis is on a collision course and the taxpayer will be the hardest hit by the financial impact.

The crash will happen on schedule when the City Council—the irrevocable object—and the Board of Education—the irresistible force—meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday as the Board of School Estimate.

Neither the council nor the school board is expected to budge from their positions over the nearly half million dollars the latter says is needed to keep the schools open.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan says the city cannot come up with that kind of money.

"It would be impossible for the taxpayers of New Brunswick to assume responsibility for raising the nearly half million dollars in the 1971 tax year," she said today.

Ballot Question

Mayor Sheehan announced she has asked City Attorney J. Norris Harding to research the possibilities of putting the question of the emergency appropriation on the ballot.

The school board counters that if the \$487,965 appropriation is not granted, the school doors will close.

These positions have created an impasse for the past two weeks since The Home News first publicly disclosed the school board's deficit.

But the need for the money began brewing last April after the racial disturbances in New Brunswick Senior High School.

Since that time there have been several behind-the-scenes conferences and communications on the growing financial problem.

"We need state action and we need state funds," Mrs. Sheehan wrote three days ago to Gov. William T. Cahill when detailing the city's crisis.

The mayor also sought the governor's support for a bill sponsored by state Sen. J. Edward Crabel, D-Middlesex.

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which restricts school board spending authority. The bill passed the Senate and is in the Assembly's Education Committee.

The estimate board is comprised of Mayor Sheehan, Council President Aldredge B. Cooper Jr., Councilman George F. Hendricks Jr., school board president Eli Saltz and board member Mrs. Stanley Geipel.

The school board is outvoted 3-2 and any action at Tuesday's meeting in City Hall is expected to result in an impasse.

"We anticipate being turned down by the Board of School Estimate and we are prepared to go to Gov. Cahill," Terrill M. Brenner, school board attorney, said Friday.

Brenner, a former member of the Board of Education, added, "Instead of attacking the board, she (the mayor) should analyze what we spent and how we spent it."

No Fat

"There's no reckless spending. There's no fat in this budget."

Mayor Sheehan had called for a probe into the school board's expenditures by state Commissioner of Education Carl Marburger.

The mayor said the city administration is prepared to go to the courts if Marburger rules in favor of the school board.

It was reported previously by the school board that the schools would be forced to close by mid-March if the emergency appropriation were not made.

"That was an off-the-cuff opinion," the attorney said, adding that the board has funds to keep open the system of about 6,000 pupils through April.

If the additional funds are not made available, Brenner said the alternatives are to close the schools, seek relief in Trenton or take the issue to the Superior Court.

Brenner said Marburger has the authority to order the Board of School Estimate to make the funds available.

In her letter to Cahill, Mayor Sheehan said, "We do not have the money. Nor can we in good conscience expect to add \$500,000 to this year's tax, plus the already budgeted January-to-June balance due for education, plus whatever astronomical increase might be proposed for the first half of the 1971-72 school year, and expect to operate a city and pay for municipal services."

Saltz, when reviewing the problem, said most of the money sought in the emergency appropriation resulted from the racial disturbances April 17 at the senior high school.

Saltz Shocked

"We were shocked at the depth of the uprising," he told The Home News. Saltz said school board members and administrative personnel "could no longer hope and patch" but that "drastic steps had to be taken for the following school year (1971-72)."

The board president wrote the mayor 10 days after the disturbance, saying it was necessary to institute new and stronger security measures since the city was unable to provide an adequate force of police to patrol the schools.

His letter, Saltz said, alerted the mayor on the anticipated expenditure for the security measures. Saltz wrote, "I am taking this opportunity to put you on notice in order that it will not come as a surprise in the future when the Board of Education formally requests these funds."

It was later determined, in June 1970, according to Saltz, that split sessions were necessary at the high school to minimize tensions. Eight new teachers were needed and that decision was announced at a school board meeting.

The school board members and administrative officers said they next brought the anticipated expenditures to the attention of the mayor at a drug council conference in late September.

Saltz used the terms "on a rough basis" and "substantial amount" over what had been cut by the estimate board from the current school budget.

And it was on Dec. 3 when Mayor Sheehan and the City Council were informed of the figures by school board members and the accounting firm of Rosenthal and Attinger.

"They were advised of the exact amount. They were given a breakdown," Brenner said.

Board member Ernest Scott said several councilmen left that meeting. Scott, the mayor's first appointee to the board, was the most vocal critic of the Sheehan administration at a conference Friday at The Home News.

Scott was particularly concerned over the request for an investigation into the board's financial management and the published statement by the mayor that she doubted the validity of the board's figures.

On Dec. 4, Mayor Sheehan wrote to the school board and asked for a detailed breakdown and supporting documents for the emergency appropriation.

"However, in fairness to all," the mayor said, "I think you should know that in good conscience I will never be able to support an emergency of almost a half million dollars."

Mrs. Sheehan, in her letter, suggested that the school board "begin to consider consolidating programs, abolishing programs, lay off personnel and take whatever other steps may be required to operate at or near the budget limits as now in effect."

"I cannot believe you clearly recognize the impact half a million dollars would have on our taxpayers . . ."

Saltz said that on Dec. 9 he wrote the mayor and told her the suggestions were "completely implausible."

The board president, in that letter, added, "All of the above mentioned programs are absolutely essential and cannot be eliminated or reduced without a most debilitating effect on our school system."

After city officials refused in conference to act favorably on the school board's emergency appropriation, the mayor, on Dec. 15, wrote Saltz, "Please be advised that you should proceed with your public meeting. The amount in question is far too large to be considered in conference."

"The citizens of New Brunswick are entitled to clear detailed explanations of an emergency that totals about \$500,000."

Information on the conferences were not released publicly nor were they discussed at public meetings.

School board members had second thoughts on withholding the information, but emphasized it had to be made public when the emergency resolution was introduced. Such was the case Tuesday.

Three of the school board's five members are original appointees of Mayor Sheehan—Scott, James A. Barbely and George L. Claffen. Saltz, originally appointed by the previous city administration, was reappointed by Mayor Sheehan. Mrs. Geipel's term expires in March.

They have become a close-knit group and strongly

defended their position for the emergency appropriation.

Mayor Sheehan said today she believes the problem of emotionally disturbed children should be handled at the county or state level.

The mayor said she has asked the county and state to consider assuming the operation of the "New Street School," which the school board created to educate those students.

The cost for this school year is \$77,537, and "this is the best investment this community ever made," said Saltz. The school board will be reimbursed about 50 per cent of that amount in state aid but will not officially get it until later this year.

"It's (the special school) gone beyond fondest expectations," Saltz added.

The special school has six teachers and about 30 students, said Nicholas Hummel, an assistant superintendent of schools. "This is not a dumping ground. The intent of the school is reorientation and to bring the student back into the mainstream of the school," Hummel added.

Scott, a teacher in the Sayreville school system, emphasized, "Everything this board has done remains educationally sound. Progress and protection means investment. Investment means money."

"Our students must be prepared to compete with the world, and New Brunswick is only a part of that world."

Estimate Board Refuses To Cover School Deficit

By BARBARA SELICK
Home News Staff Writer

The New Brunswick school board's request for \$487,965 to cover its budget deficit was rejected this morning by a 3-2 vote of the city's Board of School Estimate.

The city administration's three representatives on the

board voted no on the emergency appropriation request. They were Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, City Council President Aldredge B. Cooper and City Councilman George F. Hendricks Jr.

Castling yes votes on the emergency request were the two school board members—

Eli Saltz and board member Mrs. Anne Geipel.

In rejecting the school board's request, Mayor Sheehan read a statement on behalf of herself and the City Council in which she reiterated her charge that the Board of Education has shown "fiscal irresponsibility."

Attacking what the school board has termed the emergen-

cy nature of much of its deficit, Mayor Sheehan declared: "I cannot understand how the Board of Education finds it necessary on an emergency basis to require approximately \$11,000 in additional salary for 15 principals and vice principals and further find the necessity of hiring or promoting seven other new persons to assist them in overseeing the schools."

"These new or promoted persons," said Mayor Sheehan, "require additional salaries of \$98,432 for a total shortage of \$109,752 for just these offices."

The mayor said the board also claims additional emergency expenses of \$18,000 for a negotiators salary." Mrs. Sheehan said afterward that the school board worksheets did not indicate whether this meant one negotiator or more than one.

Teachers aides, including security guards, are costing \$244,606 for the present year, Mayor Sheehan continued, an increase of approximately 1,000 per cent over last year.

Meanwhile, the mayor said, the school enrollment for 1970 shows a net loss. The high school enrollment is less than it was in 1967, and the junior high's less than any year since 1965.

The net increase in enrollment for the intermediate school and the elementary schools combined is 70 pupils, the mayor said.

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But she stated: "From out of all the outrageous contentions made in this budget for additional funds, it is virtually impossible to tell where the true emergency might exist."

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Editorials

Tax Commission Must Speed Work

When Governor Cahill last year appointed the members of his commission to study the state's tax structure and to recommend tax reforms, he called his action one of the "most important" he would take in his four-year term.

Few would quarrel with the governor's assessment of the importance of the tax commission, but there is now serious and increasing criticism of the leisurely pace of the commission's work. Although the commission was given until the end of this year to issue a report of its findings and recommendations, it is apparent New Jersey's urgent financial problems cannot be held at bay until the end of the year—and beyond.

State Senate Minority Leader J. Edward Crabel, a member of the commission and an early critic of the extended timetable given the group, has issued a strong call for a speed-up in the commission's work which demands and deserves a response from the governor.

Crabel, who says there has been only one meeting of the entire commission, declared he has seen "no communications from the governor's office or any other department with the slightest hint that the Cahill administration considers the commission's work urgent."

Calling on the governor to give "more than lip service to tax reform and relief," the Middlesex legislator said, "It seems to me that if the governor wanted results from the tax study commission, he could get them."

New Jersey can't wait for tax reform and tax relief. Few, if any, of the state's vast and urgent problems can be solved in the absence of a sound and equitable tax foundation.

Governor Cahill must—without delay—demand acceleration of the tax commission's work. Senator Crabel is quite right: if the governor wants results, he can get them. And he must.

More Light Needed On Aide's Firing

The dismissal of Dino A. Zarrella from his position as cytotechnologist, who examines pap smears for cancer detection, in the municipal health department seems to require more elaboration than has been given it.

The post is under civil service, but Zarrella is going out, because the job is being abolished.

Business Administrator William R. Saunders says the service performed by Zarrella is not required by law and can be done more economically by a private laboratory or a hospital. If this is the sole reason for Zarrella's dismissal, it seems to us that the city should more fully discuss the fact. Why this sudden surprise that money had been wasted? Or is there a connection between this dismissal and the fact that Zarrella openly opposed the slate that was victorious in the municipal election in November? When the post was first established, it was highly praised. Has there been some radical change in the laboratory field in recent years? We think an official answer is called for.

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City Crimes Rise 7 Per Cent

By ROBERT MARINO
Home News Staff Writer

Crime in New Brunswick—a central issue in the municipal election campaign—continued to rise in 1970 but at a slower rate than in 1969.

Crime increased by 7 per cent from 1969 to 1970, according to unofficial statistics being compiled by the police department.

The increase from 1968 to 1969 was 25 per cent.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, when informed of the statistics, quipped, "Well, we're doing great."

The mayor attributed the slowing of the crime rate to three things: Adequate wages and overtime pay, recruitment of new patrolmen and the re-

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figures showing an increase of 43 crimes in the first six months of 1970 over the same period in 1969. The total increase last year was 199.

Crime Index

These figures are based on the categories of crimes compiled for the so-called crime index of the State Police Uniformed Crime Reports.

The totals in the crime indices were: 1970—2,996; 1969—2,787; 1968—2,234. From 1968 to 1969, the crime index rose by 65.

The categories include homicide (murder and manslaughter), rape, robbery, atrocious assault, breaking and entry, larcenies of more than \$50 and automobile theft.

The biggest increase in both percentages and numbers was in larcenies of more than \$50. There were 913 such crimes in 1970 and 673 in 1969, an increase of 36 per cent.

These larcenies include pocket-picking, purse snatching, shoplifting, stealing from automobiles, building and coin-operated machines, thefts of automobile parts, accessories and bicycles.

Automobile thefts were up 6 per cent, from 696 in 1969 to 738 in 1970. These include attempted automobile thefts.

Atrocious assaults inched up 4 per cent, from 165 in 1969 to 169 in 1970. These include all assaults with weapons or assaults that result in serious personal injury.

Robberies decreased 9 per cent from 285 to 259 in 1969 to 1970. This category includes both armed robbery and "strong armed" robbery, the latter being a show of force. All attempts are included in the statistics.

Break-ins declined to 968 in 1970. There were 1,026 break-ins reported in 1969. Car break-ins are not included.

Fewer Homicides

Homicides decreased from seven to six. In 1970 there were four murders. Two drug deaths were considered manslaughter. In 1969 there were three murders and four manslaughters.

Rapes also decreased in 1970 to six from nine the previous year.

Detective Capt. George Seaman, while somewhat pleased by the statistics, took another perspective. "It's still not a good report," he said.

organization of the police department.

Beginning patrolmen receive \$8,500 annually as of Jan. 1. "When we took office, new patrolmen got \$5,600 a year," the mayor said. "We gave them a living wage."

Voluntary Shift

For nearly two years, extra patrolmen were assigned on a voluntary basis to patrol the city from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. considered to be the high-crime hours.

There was little volunteering for the shift in 1969 but it picked up in 1970. Overtime was paid at a straight rate based on a 40-hour week for this shift.

Although in 1969 only a few patrolmen joined the force, 1970 was a banner year that saw at least 15 new recruits. Many were recruited through Project Transition, a joint Army-Civil Service venture to prepare soldiers for jobs as civilian police.

The reorganization involved personnel shifts, new divisions and promotion of a few supervisors.

In addition it created a position of night supervisor filled by a captain, the mayor noted. The night supervisor is in total command between 9 p.m. and 2 a.m.

"I'm not pretending that crime is disappearing," the mayor said, "but it brings to light what I've been saying over the last two years."

"I tried to make this clear during the campaign. When you add as many men as we have . . . over the long haul, you've got to show results."

She predicted the statistics this year signaled "the beginning of a trend the other way."

The crime issue raised by independent mayoral candidate Ralph J. Muehlig "is water under the bridge," she said, "but the statistics reinforce my position that we are now beginning to achieve the impact we wanted."

When reached for comment last night, Muehlig said the new crime rate statistics meant the city's crime rate increased 43 per cent since 1967.

"It represents a continuation of what commenced in 1967," he added.

During the campaign, Muehlig charged crime in the city increased 136 per cent since the mayor took office in 1967. She repeatedly countered the rate only increased 77 per cent.

"When you're dealing with crime . . . with citizens' lives there should be no increase," the unsuccessful Save Our City candidate said.

The crime rate here should be pushed back, "at least to the rate of other cities the size of New Brunswick," he added.

In October Muehlig released

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City Attorney Questions Marburger Power on School Funds

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

City Attorney J. Norris Harding said today he questions whether state Commissioner of Education Carl Marburger can order the City Council to provide funds for an emergency appropriation of nearly a half million dollars sought by the Board of Education.

"He does on a normal budget question, but a question exists here because of the supplemental (or emergency) appropriation the Board of Education wants," Harding added.

The city attorney was referring to the usual appeal by a school board of reduction in its budget by the Board of School Estimate. The estimate board is controlled by the governing body, 3-2. The minority members are from the school board.

But the issue at hand, Harding said, involves the emergency funds of \$487,965 the school board says it needs to keep the public schools open for the remainder of the school year.

The estimate board rejected the school board's request last Tuesday.

Eli Saltz, school board president, said the board at its regular meeting tomorrow night will officially announce its appeal to Marburger of the estimate board's decision.

Saltz said city officials have

not asked to meet with the school board in an attempt to reduce the emergency appropriation.

"We just don't know where or how we could cut it," Saltz said, adding that there are funds in the current budget to carry the system through April.

The school board said most of the deficit resulted from the April 17 rioting at the New Brunswick Senior High School which forced the board to put that school into split sessions, establish a security system and open the New Street School for emotionally disturbed and disruptive students.

Saltz has said he would welcome a probe by Marburger on the board's spending as requested by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, who described the

board's appropriation request as "fiscally irresponsibility."

The mayor received a letter from Marburger last week, but there was no mention of her request for the investigation.

Instead, Marburger cited state statutes concerning the controversy.

"He (Marburger) has the authority as I see it, to keep the schools open," Harding said.

Marburger wrote: "The Attorney General of this State has ruled by formal opinion rendered July 24, 1952, that the determination of the emergency status of the appropriation for the board of education is made by the board of school estimate, and that once such determination has been made, it is binding upon the governing body."

However, Marburger said the state Supreme Court has held that a governing body can raise the question of the actuality of an alleged emergency as a substantial question of fact.

Harding said it was premature for the city to consider the possibility of appealing a decision by Marburger if it should be in favor of the school board. "We don't know what position the Board of Education or Marburger will take," the attorney said.

In the letter to the mayor, Marburger enclosed a decision by the state Supreme Court in 1969 on a petition by the Newark Teachers Association against the Newark Board of Education for a supplemental appropriation for salaries.

The court said: "Such a request is beyond the scope of the commissioner's authority."

The New Brunswick school board said 82 per cent of its appropriation is for salaries.

Mayor Sheehan said today: "There can be cutbacks and curtailments without denying education to the children."

The mayor said the city has not been informed officially by the school of how much money remains in the current school budget and how long it is expected to last.

"The prospect of getting a state grant is a dream," Mayor Sheehan said.

A meeting had been scheduled for Thursday at City Hall for city officials and the Middlesex County delegation to the state legislature, but it has been postponed. The new date is to be announced.

The mayor, in a release issued by her office, was critical

of remarks made last week by Assemblyman Robert K. Hiebig (R-Middlesex). The mayor is a Democrat.

"To say I was disappointed to read of the assemblyman's remarks about a lack of funds is an understatement. But worse were his recommendations that we must either raise our property tax or ask the legislature for 'permission' to burden our people with new taxes such as in the case of Newark," the mayor said.

She added, "It seems inconceivable to me that the Republican majority in the legislature cannot find some way to help the city out of its financial dilemma, especially since this same group of legislators has steadfastly neglected the needs of smaller cities such as New Brunswick for years."

New Brunswick Police Department Reorganizes

By ROBERT MARINO
Home News Staff Writer

The New Brunswick Police Department was reorganized today into three major divisions whose heads report directly to Director John T. O'Brien.

The director said the reorganization "will give me a smaller span of control" by having only three commanders reporting directly to him.

The divisions, termed forces on the organizational chart, are to be headed by Chief Ralph C. Petrone, Deputy Chief Claude V. Colligan, and Detective Capt. George Seamon. The plan takes effect Monday.

Explaining the changes, O'Brien said, "Up to now, everybody has been reporting to the chief. Now there is fixed responsibility.

"I think having three people (as commanding officers of detailed divisions) makes it clear to each man to whom he is to report."

Petrone is to be known as commanding officer of field forces, Colligan as commanding officer of service forces and Seamon as commanding officer of detective forces.

Each is responsible for the divisions under his command as defined by his organizational chart.

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O'Brien said the move separates line from service functions. Both Petrone and Seamon will have line functions and Colligan a service function.

Petrone's field forces include the traffic and patrol divisions and the community relations and juvenile aid bureaus.

Colligan's service forces include supervision of mechanics, police training and planning, custodians and the meter division.

Seamon's detective forces include the newly-designated narcotics and vice division, records and identification division and the investigation division.

Colligan also has staff responsibilities, O'Brien said, which will include the inspection, supervision and discipline of men under the command of Petrone and Seamon as well as his own men.

O'Brien said Colligan will make inspections to see if orders are carried out and report back to him. This is a system New York's police department uses to "double-check" the force, the director explained.

O'Brien was asked if Colligan's additional role as staff and supervisor meant he in effect would have more power than Petrone?

The director discounted this interpretation, but a

number of high-ranking officers are saying that, as they read the reorganization, Colligan's position actually puts him second in command of the department.

Using New York's system as an example, the officers say a staff officer—such as Colligan will be—can make sweeping recommendations to the New York police commissioner and, in effect, wield great power.

Petrone would not comment on his position relative to Colligan's. Petrone for some time has been on the outs with the administration of Mayor Patricia Sheehan. Colligan was appointed deputy chief last year and ran the department while Petrone was officially on an extended sick leave. Petrone is protected by Civil Service.

Petrone will now head all the uniformed policemen who patrol the city, as well as plainclothes juvenile and community relations officers.

Capt. Felix Sica, formerly head of uniformed personnel, which included traffic patrolmen, now will be in charge of the patrol division only. Petrone said Sica will be working outside the headquarters supervising his forces. Sica's secretary, Mrs. Ruth Balante, will now be Petrone's secretary.

The traffic division will now be headed by Lt. Anthony

ny Catanese, who previously had duties of serving arrest warrants.

One significant change in Petrone's forces is the combination of the community relations and juvenile aid bureaus under Capt. John Brokaw.

Brokaw, the department's first black captain, was head of the juvenile bureau before assuming command of the newly-formed community relations bureau in 1968.

He will report directly to Chief Petrone, O'Brien said. The director said the move will give Brokaw more men to work with, but he did not elaborate. Some sources say O'Brien considers JAB and community relations work to be closely aligned.

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Lt. John Redmond, acting head of the old administrative division in charge of keeping central records, will be transferred to the juvenile bureau, Petrone said. He would be the superior officer there in Brokaw's absence.

The administrative division had been headed by Capt. Frank Feaster but he has been on sick leave for nearly eight months. O'Brien said Feaster will be assigned to

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the director's office until his return to duty or retirement.

The training and planning division under Colligan will be headed by Capt. Joseph Malanaphy. He had been named head of the juvenile bureau last May, but in practice spent most of his time recruiting policemen and as head of riot squad training.

The least amount of changes appears to be in the detective forces. Seamon remains as head of it.

A narcotics and vice division with Sgt. Everett James is designated, although in practice James was head of squad "A" for the past 1 1/2 years which dealt mainly with narcotics, Seamon said.

That division consists of three men including James, but O'Brien said he plans to double its size shortly. No date and no assignments have been made, he said.

Sgt. Theodore Mustakas is in charge of the records and identification division. He was formerly in charge of identification. Moving the records to the detective bureau is considered decentralizing them.

Sgt. Edward Corrigan, head of the old "B" squad, now heads the investigative division.

Sgt. James Moore has been designated executive officer, which Seamon said puts him second in command of detective forces. Moore is responsible for preparing cases to be sent to the prosecutor's office, and with Seamon will handle homicide investigations, Seamon said.

School Board Finds Boosters but No Booty

By BARBARA SELICK
Home News Staff Writer

It may not have been as tangible as money, but the New Brunswick Board of Education got the next best thing last night—a boost in morale.

Although there were some sharp questions and comments interspersed, the board head resounding support for its search for nearly \$500,000 to cover its deficit.

The support began with letters—from the New Brunswick Parent Council, from the Milltown Board of Education and from the North Brunswick Board of Education.

And it was made vocal by the presidents of the New Brunswick Education Association (NBEA), which is the teachers organization and the New Brunswick Leadership Association, representing the administrators.

The message was clear: It was time for name-calling to stop and for the community, in the words of NBEA President Mary Allen, "to get together and let New Jersey and Washington know New Brunswick is on the map."

Board members themselves took the opportunity to vent some of their feelings.

"I've got to get something off my chest," declared board member James Borbely, stepping to the microphone in the auditorium of New Brunswick High School.

Borbely claimed he knew city officials well enough to know they did not mean their statements quite as strongly as they sounded in the press.

Nevertheless, he said, "The reputation and integrity of the board have been tainted."

He noted that after last April's major disturbance at New Brunswick High, "It would have been easy to break out the police dogs and machine guns."

"But we had to think in terms of why it happened," Borbely said, "and how to solve the problems. That takes money."

He declared that, under the leadership of Board President Eli Sautz, "for the first time I could see daylight—a toehold on the problems that have been plaguing the board for a long time."

Ernest N. Scott, vice president of the board, spoke up at another point.

"This board will not close the schools," Scott declared. "If the schools close, the Board of School Estimate will close them."

He referred to the city Board of School Estimate's rejection last week of a request from the Board of Education for \$487,965 to cover its deficit.

The Board of Education voted last night to appeal that rejection to state Education Commissioner Carl L. Marburger.

Board attorney Terill M. Brenner said the appeal would be filed today.

The board attorney also commented on the suggestion that a campaign for funds be mounted similar to the one back in the early 1960s to build New Brunswick High.

"The only way that succeeded," Brenner said, referring to the high school campaign, "was by a great public response and the assistance of (then) Mayor (Chester) Paulus."

In the case of the present problems, Brenner said, "It appears that no one on the city council is willing to fight the battle of the board."

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan "is well aware of the problems of the board," Brenner said, noting that the board had informed the mayor in a meeting with her that the school system was heading toward a \$522,000 deficit. Yet, said the board attorney, "She's hiding her head and saying she didn't know."

Responding to the mayor's repeated contention that

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the board showed fiscal irresponsibility, Brenner asserted, "Charging the board with irresponsibility is the worst irresponsibility."

"The city has the power to borrow bond money," Brenner, a former school board member, added, "if paid over a period of 10 years, that would not be a burden on the city."

Appearing to those attending the meeting, Brenner declared, "It's up to the group here to mobilize the city. You have to put pressure on the city council and the mayor and try to get them to work with the board."

The PIAs, the Citizens Advisory Committee, the Concerned Citizens — you do it if you want to do it," Brenner urged.

School superintendent Morris F. Epps briefly outlined the problems that caused the \$487,965 deficit. He explained that the actions taken by the board after last April's disturbance—establishment of a security system, introduction of split sessions at the high school and creation of the New Street School for emotionally disturbed and disruptive students—caused expenses beyond budget allowances.

"The state Legislature and the state Board of Education have too tight an order to us to actions which cost us money," Epps went on, "and these two groups have added to our current financial crisis."

"Other emergencies occurred because of the age and obsolescence of our facilities," the superintendent said citing problems with the sewer system at the junior high school and a boiler at Washington School.

Negotiations with employe groups also added to the current financial crisis, Epps said. "To complete a budget by Feb. 15 and to have the negotiations conclude in the summertime makes it impossible to plan a budget accurately," Epps said.

"I feel personally that our Board of Education should be thanked for the courageous actions they have taken in an attempt to secure the schools from further problems and to keep the schools open," Epps said.

"As citizens of New Brunswick we should not only thank the board but we should support them in their efforts to obtain the necessary funds from the Board of School Estimate."

Mayor on Trip For Federal Aid

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan meets today with Rep. Edward J. Patten in Washington to press her request for federal aid for the city's public schools. Mayor Sheehan carries with her what we regard as a telling point in the fact that some 700 pupils from low-income housing are educated by the city, while the Board of Education receives only \$40,000 annually in lieu of taxes.

The chances of the mayor coming home from Washington with any money to help alleviate the school system's financial crisis do not seem rosy, but in time of crisis every possible source of aid must be explored, and Mayor Sheehan is doing just that.

Officials Explain Feaster Park Improvement Program



GETTING THINGS MOVING — The staff of the Feaster Park Improvement Program discusses project details with residents of the area at a public information meeting last night at Nathan Hale School. The first phase of the program will begin Wednesday. Two additional meetings are planned before the other phases begin.

The first phase of community involvement in the face-lifting program for New Brunswick's 2nd Ward began in earnest last night with the first of three public information meetings at Nathan Hale School for residents and property owners in the 33-block area.

Known officially as the Feaster Park Improvement Program, the aim of the three-year project is to upgrade housing standards in that area in accordance with city codes. Project Director Bernard Schrum said the initial inspections will begin Wednesday.

Last night's meeting was primarily for those in the southern section of the area, bounded by Sandford and Baldwin streets and Lee and Commercial avenues.

3-Year Program
"The program is designed to bring about safe, decent housing within this area within a period of three years," Schrum said.

Two city inspectors will canvass the area and notify residents of any violations of the housing and maintenance codes. The cost of making the necessary repairs will be estimated by a project officer and financial assistance will be arranged for those who cannot bear the cost themselves.

Federal loans with 3 per cent interest will be made available to the homeowners for up to \$10,000. These may be financed

over a 20-year period. In some instances, the owners may be eligible for an outright grant of up to \$3,500.

Schrum said the two criteria for these grants will be either an annual income of less than \$3,000, or a monthly income of which 25 per cent goes toward living expenses. While few of the homeowners are expected to fall in the first category, Schrum said he expected many would qualify for the second.

He defined living expenses as mortgage payments, utility bills and maintenance and repair costs. An owner with a monthly income of \$400 who paid more than \$100 for these costs would then qualify for the grant, he said.

Schrum said there is no limit on the amount that can be expended for the improvements, but loans and grants only will be made for those homes which are in violation of city codes.

Normal processing time for the loan after an estimate has been given is two months, he said. Those who wish to make the repairs themselves may do so if reasonable assurance can be given that the project will be completed within the three-year period.

The project director said he hopes to have all the inspections completed within the first two years of the program, so the third year may be used for completing all final inspections.

The first block to be inspected is bounded by Sandford Street, Remsen Avenue, Delevan Street and Lee Avenue. Schrum said those who wish may request an inspection of their home before the scheduled time. All inspections will be made by appointment only. Those in the first area will receive notices this week.

A public improvement program will take place simultaneously in the area. These improvements will include street paving where necessary and installation of new curbing, sidewalks and catchbasins.

Traffic movement in the area will be monitored and traffic signals, regulatory signs and pavement markings will be installed or modernized. The city also will initiate a program of tree planting along the streets in the area.

Mayor, City Council 'Happy' With Police Reorganization

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan was reported to be "happy" last night with the New Brunswick police department reorganization, including the move giving Deputy Chief Claude V. Colligan a staff position supervising all forces.

The reorganization, however, apparently elicited little reaction from policemen. "No one's complained about it. They're just taking it in stride," Patrolman Joseph Patterson, president of Local 23, Police Benevolent Association, said today.

City Clerk William J. Cahill Sr., acting mayor in Mrs. Sheehan's absence, said the mayor and council discussed Police Director John T. O'Brien's changes at last night's council meeting.

"She was very happy to see the (O'Brien) had worked it out to the extent he did and she was very happy with the explanations of the line and staff positions," Cahill said today.

Cahill, the former commissioner and public safety director, before the council form of government was introduced Jan. 1, said the staff position introduces "a direct line of responsibility (to the director), a quality that was missing."

He later suggested he would have liked to have been able to institute major changes, "but under the commission form of government, and as an elected official, I was precluded from making these changes. I could only suggest changes."

"If I wanted such and such changes, they would have been construed as political," he said.

Although public safety directors in the past have announced changes in the police department, Cahill said, any changes were always at the approval of the chief. The last reorganization took effect in March 1970.

Cahill had a few good words for O'Brien. "I think O'Brien has brought to New Brunswick a wealth of experience in planning. He has been involved in every type of police work in his experience."

"In his initial interviews, he (O'Brien) was assured he would have complete freedom in reorganizing the department."

He said none of the changes were recommended by either the mayor or council. "The mayor requested and was given a copy of the reorganization chart. She was pleased with it and the council was too, said Cahill, who added he was speaking for the council.

And speaking as the former public safety director, he said

doesn't really affect us at all. The only change is at the top. The only difference is Petrone is our boss instead of (Capt. Felix) Sica."

Sica headed uniformed patrol under the previous system.

City Council To Fill Post Next Week

The vacancy on the New Brunswick City Council will be filled by the end of the month, Council President Aldred B. Cooper Jr. said last night.

He told William Thoenes of 313 Woodrow Court that the election for the remainder of the four year term will be held in November.

Thoenes was critical of the city administration because it appointed William J. Cahill as city clerk after Cahill was elected to serve as councilman.

"I think this administration got off on the wrong foot," Thoenes said.

Thoenes also complained about inaction on his requests to rid a small shopping center on Elizabeth Street of loiterers.

He said the problem may be compounded when the New

City May Get Larger School Board

An ordinance increasing the membership of the Board of Education from five to seven was introduced last night by the New Brunswick City Council.

Public hearing was scheduled for 10 a.m. Feb. 3 at the council's next meeting.

The measure has the approval of the Board of Education and was recommended by the board's Citizens Advisory Committee.

The council passed a resolution announcing its intent to develop a recreation area

along part of the route for the planned extension of Route 18, Brook.

The proposed site is at the location of the Louis Lefkowitz & Bros. leather goods plant at 25 Water St., near the Albany Street traffic circle.

The park system, according to the resolution, will include a children's zoo, a children's ski slope and playground and picnic areas.

The extension will run along the bed of the Delaware & Raritan Canal from Memorial Parkway to a site near College Avenue, where it will cross the Raritan River. The extension

will go through Piscataway and link with Route 22 in Green Brook.

The park system will be in conjunction with the state Department of Transportation's project. The state will acquire, clear and landscape a certain area for roadside park use.

The council hired Elson T. Killam Associates, consulting engineers from Millburn, to assist the city in professional engineering services to prepare plans and specifications and cost estimates for a major water main project. The mains are to be installed in George and Huntington streets and College Avenue in connection with the extension of Route 18.

The \$5,500 contract for JPM Associates of New York City, labor consultants, was renewed for 1971. And the Middlesex County Chapter, SPCA, was named "dog warden" for 1971 at \$4,800.

New Brunswick Adopts City Code and Police, Fire Rules

The City Council last night adopted the administrative code and ordinances regulating the police and fire departments, but only after considerable discussion at the public hearings.

The police ordinance was attacked by Vincent J. DiPane Jr., a former city policeman, who said "it should be compatible with the working conditions."

DiPane said city policemen are working longer than

the eight hours a day and 40 hours a week, the minimum set in the ordinance.

"The City of Bayonne was sued for this," DiPane said.

City Attorney J. Norris Harding said the ordinance is identical to the state statute.

The policemen, DiPane said, work longer daily and weekly hours because of scheduling and changes of shifts. "The city should abide by its own ordinances," DiPane added.

Harding said he would bring the matter to the attention of Police Director John T. O'Brien.

DiPane wondered why the ordinance listed specific minimum numbers for ranking officers, but he made no numerical reference to sergeants. Council President Aldridge B. Cooper Jr. said: "We hope to leave a great deal of flexibility in the police department."

Speaking on the administrative code were Mrs. Estelle Hartmann of 97 S. Pennington Road and Mrs. Susan Wright of 13 Delavan St., representing the League of

Women Voters, and William Krajewski of 12 Pennington Road.

Mrs. Hartmann said the governmental structure was sound and that the organization "was done quite well." Krajewski said he expected more "streamlining" of the new form of government.

More Expensive, Too

Both LWV members said members on advisory committees should either live or be employed in New Brunswick. Such a provision, they said, was only mentioned in the Industrial Advisory Committee.

Councilman George F. Hendricks Jr., commenting on the cost of the new form of government, said it would be "more effective and have more professionalism."

"It will be more expensive...and the cost will be more visible," said Hendricks, who reminded the public that the mayor-council system was approved by the electorate.

The code provides the guidelines under which the new form of government operates.

"But how can the mayor be qualified as the director of the Department of Social Services?" asked Mrs. Hartmann.

"There's no limit to the acting directorships," said Cooper, who gave Edison as an example where the mayor has been acting police director since 1958.

Cooper said Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan has appointed directors to the departments of law, administration, finance and police. She is acting director to the departments of social services, fire and public works. The mayor has said she does not intend to name directors to those three departments this year.

State law provides up to nine departments, but New Brunswick decided on seven, Cooper said. "It's possible to merge the departments," he added.

Also adopted after a public hearing was an ordinance listing the minimum and maximum salaries for the following positions: department directors, \$15,000 to \$25,000; city clerk, \$11,000 to \$15,000, and deputy city clerk, \$8,000 to \$12,000.



JOHN J. DEINER
... On the Way Out

Jan 21, 1971

Authority Fires Deiner

Parking Authority chairman Jack Gushin confirmed today that John J. Deiner, the authority's first managing director, has been fired from the job he has held for 13 years.

Deiner, who had supervised the city's seven parking lots, including the Church-Paterson streets deck, declined comment when reached by The Home News.

Gushin said the action was unanimous at an authority executive session yesterday and that he notified Deiner in person within a half hour of the decision.

"It certainly has no political implications," said Gushin, but the fact that the ax was hovering above Deiner's head since the November city election, Deiner who lives at 106 S. Pennington Road, said he would not comment until he contacts his attorney and that conference was tentatively set for tomorrow.

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for the \$9,500-a-year position, which is not protected by Civil Service, as a number of other municipal employees are.

Civil Service regulations contain a prohibition against Parking Authority employees being under the protective wing of that agency.

Benjamin Weiner, authority attorney, said the authority has the right to hire and fire.

The effective date of the dismissal, Gushin said, will be when authority members meet with Deiner tomorrow.

Gushin said: "The Parking Authority has the right to engage or to let people go. It's not a pleasant thing to do." The authority chairman said Deiner would be given "a 30-day leave with pay."

According to Gushin, the authority is reviewing the position Deiner had held.

The authority received its financial freedom a year ago from the city government. It is no longer attached to the purse strings of the city.

As an autonomous agency, the authority develops and executes its own personnel policies, said Business Administrator William R. Saunders.

Deiner is a former exalted ruler of New Brunswick Lodge 324, BPOE. His brother, Frank Deiner Jr., a former county freemason, was among the supporters of independent mayoralty candidate Ralph J. Muehligh in the November city election.

School Cloud: A Ray of Hope

January 21, 1971

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

New Brunswick residents expressed their concern to the City Council last night over the possibility the public schools may close before the end of the present term as the result of a financial crisis.

They were offered a ray of hope from Council President Aldridge B. Cooper Jr., who said: "I'm strongly convinced the schools will not be closed down."

But Cooper said he could not supply the details on how the deficit dilemma would be resolved in the face of an appeal by the Board of Education to state Commissioner of Education Carl L. Marburger.

"The schools must stay open," said Councilman George F. Hendricks Jr., echoing Cooper's comments. Hendricks, the youngest member on the governing body, is liaison with the school board.

Rocco J. Catanese of 200 Fulton St., who regularly attends school board meetings, asked what could be done if financial aid is not forthcoming from the state or federal government.

Cooper said some key activities in the schools, such as the athletic program, could be eliminated.

"We could float bonds or borrow money," he added. Catanese described as "an overrated threat" the school board's public announcements that if the \$487,965 in emergency funds is not received the schools must close at the end of April.

"We don't have a definite answer at this time on how we are going to do it (keep the schools open)," stressed Cooper, a former member of the Board of Education.

Cooper, Hendricks and Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, who did not attend last night's meeting, make up the majority of the Board of School Estimate, which recently rejected the school board's request for the nearly half million dollars.

School board representatives on the estimate board are: Eli Saltz, president, and Mrs. Stanley S. Geipel, whose term expires Feb. 28 and who was not reappointed by the mayor.

The mayor and council were served yesterday with copies of the school board's appeal to Marburger filed by Terrell M. Brenner, Board of Education attorney.

Cooper said the city administration has been discussing the deficit dilemma but has not decided on "the appropriate avenue" or "clear-cut solution" to the problem.

William Thoenes of 313 Woodnor Court, who was an independent candidate for council in last November's election, also questioned the council on the school issue. He cited legal problems which could arise

with the seeping districts of North Brunswick and Milltown if the schools closed.

Those wanted to know when city officials first had knowl-

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edge of the anticipated deficit, noting that Saltz had been quoted in the press as stating that he had notified the administration as far back as last April.

Cooper replied that he first learned of the crisis Dec. 3 at a conference between city and school officials. The council president said municipal officials told school board members the city "was unable to meet that financial obligation (nearly a half million dollars)."

Vincent J. DiPane Jr. of 89 S. Pennington Road, said it was difficult for him to believe that the city administration did not learn of the anticipated deficit until the Dec. 3 meeting.

DiPane, also an independent council candidate last November, said the administration could have been informed through the monthly reports of the custodian of school funds, Mrs. Elizabeth Ewing Horrocks, tax collector, also holds this position.

However, J. Norris Harding, city attorney, remarked: "There was no way for her to really project the figures that we are going to run out of money on such a date."

Washington, Trenton Can't Aid City in School Money Crisis

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

The New Brunswick City Council—faced with the prospect of no immediate financial help from Trenton or Washington—eventually must look to the local taxpayer to save it from its current crisis.

The state does not have the funds available to salvage a slowly sinking school system from its anticipated deficit of nearly a half-million dollars.

Both Republican and Democratic state legislators representing Middlesex County made that known to city officials during yesterday's closed conference at City Hall.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan met yesterday in Washington with Rep. Edward J. Patten, D-N.J., who told her there are no federal funds available to aid New Brunswick in its present emergency.

"The mayor, who admitted she could not return with any of Uncle Sam's money, conferred at length with Patten and his aide, Steve Callas, on the local problem.

Seeks Support

Mayor Sheehan hopes to organize support for a congressional bill that would provide \$300 in federal educational funds for every pupil in low-income housing attending public schools.

Patten informed the mayor that the bill is public law but that there is no appropriation to fund it.

The New Brunswick Board of Education receives about \$40,000 from the federal government in lieu of taxes for students attending public schools and living in that housing here. The school board has used the estimated figure of 700 students, although an official survey had not been made.

Mayor Sheehan said Richard Keefe, executive director of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority, reports there are 1,213 youngsters of all ages, in the projects' units. About 945 are from pre-school to high school age. Keefe said, Few of them, the authority official added, attend parochial schools.

The mayor told The Home News this morning that she spoke to Rep. Daniel Flood, D-Pa., chairman of the subcommittee on appropriations for labor and HEW (health, education and welfare), about the bill.

Flood, according to the mayor, told her that President Richard Nixon did not include funds in his 1970-71 fiscal budget for that bill. "He (Flood) was personally receptive to it," Mayor Sheehan said.

Mrs. Sheehan said that she will contact Gov. William Cahill upon her return to seek his support to have the bill funded.

The mayor said she will confer today with Darrell Starnes, a staff member of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, to map strategy to promote the funding of the bill, which will aid not only New Brunswick, but other urban cities such as Newark.

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Participating in yesterday's conference here were state Sen. John A. Lynch, Assemblymen Robert K. Haelig Jr., Martin E. Kravarik and John J. Fay Jr., Council President Aldridge B. Cooper Jr., Councilman George F. Hendricks Jr., City Attorney J. Norris Harding and City Clerk William J. Cahill, acting mayor in the absence of Mrs. Sheehan.

Lynch, a New Brunswick Democrat, said there are no state monies available to help the Hub City in its present crisis.

The session was held in response to a request by Haelig of Middlesex Borough, a Republican, who took exception to the fact the mayor was not present.

"I think she should have been there and I'd like to

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have a meeting with her," Haelig said, indicating the legislators and municipal officials spoke of possible future legislation to aid distressed municipalities.

"I'd like to meet with her and the council to agree how we are going to approach the questions for programs so that the legislature can aid New Brunswick. Don't forget, the Governor (William Cahill) is in the process of forming his budget for the next fiscal year," Haelig said.

Cooper said the city must face the fact "it's extremely doubtful" state funds would be made available to help New Brunswick now.

The council president added the subject of future safeguards was discussed at the conference for more than an hour.

"But we are not going to allow the schools to close," said Cooper.

Cooper was concerned over the lack of response from the Board of Education that its request for \$487,965 in emergency funds "ought to be cut back."

Mayor Sheehan had made similar comments, but Eli Saltz, school board president, previously had said the educators wouldn't know where to begin slicing from that amount.

Since the city administration controls the majority vote of the five-member Board of School Estimate, which must pass on school expenditures, that board rejected the educators' request for emergency funds.

However, the school board has appealed that decision in a petition filed Wednesday with state Commissioner of Education Carl L. Marburger. The petition, prepared by school board counsel Terrell M. Brenner, seeks a decision by Marburger in the dispute.

Clyde Leid, special assistant to Marburger, said today the commissioner's office will attempt to comply with the school board's request for a speedy public hearing.

He said the respondents, the mayor and council, and Board of School Estimate, will have an opportunity to reply to the petition before a conference between the opposing parties is scheduled.

Leid said the commissioner does not get involved until it is time for a decision. The special assistant said he could not estimate when a hearing on the issue would be held.

The school board contends the deficit is the result of the April 17 riots at the New Brunswick Senior High School.

'Constantly Appraised'

The petition stated the mayor and council "were constantly appraised of the conditions existing in the schools and of the various actions taken by the Board of Education to meet the existing emergencies."

On Sept. 29, 1970, the petition continues, Saltz and several board members informed the mayor "it was anticipated that the Board of Education would require emergency funds of approximately \$532,000 (sic)."

Municipal officials contend they were not informed of the deficit until the Dec. 3 meeting with the school officials and the auditor. It was at that session the mayor told the educators the city could not provide the funds and the school board passed its emergency resolution Jan. 5.

That resolution was rejected Jan. 12 by the city-controlled Board of School Estimate.

The school board's petition asks Marburger to declare the Board of School Estimate's action "arbitrary and unreasonable." The \$487,965 expenditure is necessary to meet emergencies, the Board of School Estimate declares the amount an emergency expenditure and the commissioner order the governing body to raise the amount and make it available to the custodian of school funds.

Harding said the city administration intends to oppose the school board's petition and he will represent the municipality at the hearing, if one is called by Marburger.

"I dispute the emergency in that amount," Harding added.

The city attorney said he will contact Marburger's office today to learn of the commissioner's intentions in connection with hearing the appeal.

Harding said it was possible Marburger may not claim jurisdiction. If he does take that action, Harding said it would not solve the problem of the deficit.

The city attorney contends a legal question exists over whether the commissioner of education can dictate the amount to be declared in an emergency appropriation, as opposed to the regular annual budget figure.

May Borrow or Bond

Reiterating the schools must not close, Cooper and Harding both agreed: "If necessary, we'll have to borrow the money."

Cooper, at Wednesday's council meeting, said floating bonds or borrowing money were possible alternatives the city may take to keep the schools open for the remainder of the term.

The school board says current budget funds will be expended in April and the emergency appropriation is needed to carry the system through the 1970-71 year.

Loans can be arranged up to five years and bonds are required over that period, said Finance Director George T. Cox.

Whatever course the city takes depends on the outcome of Marburger's decision.

The 1971 municipal budget has been prepared and distributed by the mayor's office to city councilmen. They will review it at Monday's weekly conference.

Says City Made Its Own Problems

January 22, 1971

NORTH BRUNSWICK — The New Brunswick Board of Education came under sharp attack last night as township school board member Peter Kuker accused the city board of creating its financial crisis by refusing to face long-standing problems.

The city board, seeking an additional \$487,965 to keep schools open beyond April 20, could have anticipated that need if it had recognized the many warning signs of recent years, Kuker said.

The funds needed, a result of student disorders last April, were rejected by the City Board of School Estimate and the matter is before State Commissioner of Education Carl Marburger on appeal.

Township students attend New Brunswick High School on a tuition basis.

According to Kuker, student disorders and the threat of a severe problem requiring special security measures were no secret within the city school system.

The city board, he charged, allowed itself to remain blind to those problems, however, kept the difficulties a secret from the public and declined to act, despite all warning signs.

Kuker then pointed to the township system as an opposite example, stating that expected overcrowding at Linwood Junior High School next year already has been faced by the local board in an effort to avoid similar difficulties.

He said the city board could and should have done the same thing to curtail its problems.

Other members of the board did not voice support for Kuker's views and Board President William Manze said it is impossible to judge New Brunswick with only the partial information of outsiders.

Taking a biblical turn, Manze advised Kuker: "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone."

On Wednesday, board member Franklin Simon — seeking re-election — urged support for

the city board's financial needs, claiming he would do all in his power to keep city schools operational. He did not comment on Kuker's charge last night, however.

Haelig Tells New Brunswick: State Can't Solve School Crisis

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NEW BRUNSWICK — Middlesex County Assemblyman Robert K. Haelig Jr. yesterday warned city officials not to bank on the state to bail the city out of the financial crisis threatening to close the schools.

Speaking before the legislative committee of the Raritan Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, Haelig said the state simply does not have the money to cover the anticipated \$488,000 deficit in the city school budget.

Noting that Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan has appealed to the state for financial assistance, the assemblyman said, "There isn't any money in the state treasury to drop off at City Hall in New Brunswick."

He added, that it will probably be necessary for the city to use its own resources to make up the deficit. This could be accomplished, he said, by either increasing the property tax or possibly getting permission from the state to impose special taxes, as the City of Newark did.

Haelig also took Mrs. Sheehan to task for her role in the budget problem and presented four recommendations designed to prevent such deficits from developing in the future.

Suggests Liaison Man

He recommended that the mayor appoint an elected official to serve as liaison between the Board of Education and the mayor.

Haelig said he intends to introduce legislation requiring boards of education to submit monthly statements to municipal governing bodies. The statements would provide information about emergency or extraordinary situations and expenditures not covered in the budget.

In the New Brunswick crisis,

Mrs. Sheehan said she was not notified by the school board of the mounting emergency expenditures until a few weeks ago when the anticipated deficit reached \$488,000.

When the city Board of School Estimate refused Tuesday to make an emergency appropriation to cover the deficit, Mrs. Sheehan accused the school board of "fiscal irresponsibility."

As a result of the Estimate Board's refusal to advance the money, the school board is forced to appeal the decision to the state commissioner of education and possibly to take the matter to court. The board says it has only money enough to operate the schools until mid-March. However, officials have said it is very unlikely they will be closed.

Sees No Excuse

Commenting on Mrs. Sheehan's statement that she was "shocked" and "surprised" to learn that an additional \$488,000 would be needed to operate the schools, Haelig charged that the mayor had no excuse for not being aware of the problem.

He said, "The deficit has been accumulating since April in the wake of one widely publicized crisis after another and yet Mayor Sheehan expressed 'shock' and 'surprise' when she learned Dec. 29 that the school board would require additional money."

To help straighten out the matter, Haelig said, he has requested a meeting with the mayor and City Council for the "purpose of discussing the entire situation on a comprehensive basis."

Schools Must Remain Open

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The city administration is talking in stronger terms about keeping the schools open through the spring term.

City Council President Aldridge B. Cooper Jr. said at the council meeting Wednesday night, "I'm strongly convinced the schools will not be closed down."

Councilman George F. Hendricks Jr. went further than that. He said, "The schools must stay open."

This is the kind of talk we like to hear. Recently the director of a non-profit institution in the area made an off-the-cuff answer to a question about where he obtained the funds to keep his place so up-to-date and progressive, and his answer was "we beg, borrow or steal."

The last, of course, he had never done.

Clearly the city does not now know how it is going to meet its school financing emergency. It can and must beg at state and national levels. Stealing isn't open to it, but as a last resort borrowing is.

And if the municipal administration and the Board of Education can move closer together, these fine people surely can get us out of this emergency, and through mutual communication and planning avoid such emergencies in the future.

If we can all begin with a commitment that the schools will stay open, we are certainly on our way.

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End Political Reprisals: Coury



FRANCIS J. COURY

Middlesex County's Republican freeholder asked the chairman of the opposition party yesterday to halt reprisals by local Democrats.

Francis J. Coury said his letter to Democratic County Chairman Richard V. Mulligan was motivated by newspaper accounts of the firing of three New Brunswick school crossing guards.

"That Mayor (Patricia) Sheehan has arranged to discharge three employees of the city merely because of disloyalty to her political party was shocking news and, of course, a disappointment to many if the statements are correct," said Coury.

Coury recalled that a year ago he assumed chairmanship of the county's public property department, in which most of

the employees are registered Democrats, some of whom are active in election campaigns.

Yet, said Coury, "it has never once come to my mind that employment continuation is dependent upon party loyalty."

"I am sending this letter," he explained, "to request that you assert your influence upon elected officials in your political organization to exercise this same attitude of fair play and freedom of political expression when it refers to continuation of employment. I feel confident that you are as shocked as I am by the comments in the newspaper."

Coury gave two other examples of alleged lack of fair play.

"Are you aware that the Democratic administration last

year in Highland Park (Coury's hometown) passed an ordinance forbidding the display of political signs in the residential area, which certainly restricts freedom of expression during a political campaign.

"Have you been notified of reprisal actions against the Republican Party members in Perth Amboy?"

"These actions certainly are not a credit to our political organization," he said, "but the very nature of a free political society."

Coury concluded: "I am looking forward to your influence in your party to improve the caliber of political action, and I expect that your influence will preserve the jobs of those threatened people in New Brunswick."



RICHARD V. MULLIGAN

O'Brien Takes Command

New Brunswick's new police director, John T. O'Brien, has wasted no time in reorganizing the administrative structure of the police department he was hired to supervise, improve and enlarge.

And his new alignment plan looks good.

By reorganizing the police department into three major divisions, each headed by a commanding officer who reports directly to O'Brien, the director has shortened and tightened the chain of command and clearly fixed the responsibility for the operation of each division.

In addition, O'Brien has implemented the New York City Police Department system of double-checking the force by giving one of the three division commanders, in this case Deputy Chief Claude V. Colligan, responsibility for inspection, supervision and discipline of men under all three commands. In this staff-supervisor role, Colligan will report to O'Brien, but he is not authorized to make, on his own initiative, changes in any division except his own.

The three-division organization plan makes good administrative sense, but it has one further virtue which may prove to be the key to a successful reorganization. In naming his division commanders, O'Brien has recognized the special strengths and talents of his three top officers, and he has placed them in positions where they should be able to make their greatest contributions to the department.

Colligan, commanding officer of service forces, is regarded as a good administrator and a good police recruiter. He will be doing both.

Detective Capt. George Seamon, an experienced detective and the architect of the present system of records keeping, will, as commanding officer of detective forces, have responsibilities in both areas.

The appointment most closely watched and most widely

speculated about is that of Chief Ralph Petrone, who is now commanding officer of field forces. The chief's difficulties and differences with the present city administration are well known, and his refusal to resign led directly to the creation of the police director's position under the new form of city government.

But, while Chief Petrone has been publicly criticized by Mayor Sheehan as a poor administrator, he has unusually good rapport with the uniformed policemen who regard him as a cop's cop. Now, largely freed of administrative burdens, Petrone will operate in the area in which he is most effective. This should have the effect of easing what must, at best, be a strained relationship between the chief and the director, and it should improve morale.

Two other organization changes are especially noteworthy: the consolidation of the community relations and the juvenile aid bureaus under Capt. John Brokaw, and the announcement that the narcotics squad will be doubled in size.

With more and more narcotics-related crime, an increase in specially trained, well-qualified narcotics squad personnel is mandated at the earliest possible moment.

It is logical that the community relations and juvenile aid bureaus be combined since their functions are frequently related, and the importance and effectiveness of both should be increased. The police director should watch this new bureau closely to insure that it has the manpower and the authority to initiate new programs and to carry through with present programs.

On paper and, it is to be hoped, in practice the reorganization of New Brunswick's police department provides a sound and efficient framework around which a first class force of men in blue can be built.

Deiner Plans to Fight 'Political Vendetta'

January 24, 1971

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

Claiming his firing is part of a political purge by the city administration, John J. Deiner said yesterday he has retained attorney John Lynch Jr. to fight his removal as managing director of the city Parking Authority.

"My dismissal is part of a political vendetta in the same vein as the firing of the three school crossing guards and Dino Zarrella," he said.

Zarrella — a cytotechnologist with the city health department — and the school crossing guards also are claiming their dismissals had political overtones and are fighting them through Civil Service.

"Threat"

Deiner's position does not come under the protection of that agency, but he said Lynch currently is studying the entire matter to determine what type of litigation will be pursued.

The authority's managing director for 13 years, Deiner said George Shamy, the Demo-

cratic municipal chairman approached him in October and threatened to have him fired. According to Deiner, Shamy said he could garner enough votes among the authority members to have him removed.

When contacted yesterday, Shamy admitted to making the threat but denied he ever spoke to any members of the authority or attempted in any way to carry it out.

Shamy, who also was campaign manager for local Democratic slate headed by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, said Deiner had posted campaign posters and stickers all over the parking deck at Church and Patterson Streets for Mrs. Sheehan's chief opponent, independent Ralph J. Muehlig.

"I let it go for several weeks," Shamy said. "But I didn't think he should be using public property for campaign purposes. I told him I wanted them removed, and if he didn't stop campaigning publicly, I would do what I could to have him removed."

He added he did tell Deiner he could get the votes necessary to fire him from among the authority members, but when Deiner removed the posters within 10 minutes, the matter was dropped.

"I never approached any member of the authority after that about it, and the fact that they decided to fire him this week is just coincidental," he said.

No Political Implications

Shamy said he wouldn't be afraid to admit that the firing was a political move if that, in fact, were the case. "But the parking authority is autonomous and they make their own decisions," he said. "I just think they were unsatisfied with the efficiency of his operation."

Authority chairman Jack Gushin said the dismissal certainly had no political implications, but the authority just decided it wanted a change in management. He said neither

Shamy nor Deiner had ever brought their disagreement to his attention before.

Deiner said he had never received any adverse comments about his handling of the authority matters. The authority had granted him a substantial raise last June, he added.

"I was never called in and criticized at any time, and I never had any complaints about my work," Deiner said. "I've handled the day-to-day operations of the authority and built it into what it is today. After going this far, I'm suddenly not capable of handling it any more, it seems."

Gushin declined to comment on Deiner's performance or elaborate on the reasons for the dismissal. "He may assume what he wants, but it

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JOHN J. DEINER

Vote Not Unanimous

The New Brunswick Parking Authority's decision to fire its managing director, John J. Deiner, last Wednesday was not unanimous as originally reported by authority chairman Jack Gushin.

Anthony J. Zarillo, who was sworn in as the agency's newest member Jan. 6 after his Jan. 1 appointment, told The Home News he had abstained in the vote to dismiss Deiner from the job he held 13 years. The action was the result of votes cast by the other four members, including Gushin, Zarillo reported. Gushin confirmed Zarillo's statement.

Zarillo said in view of the fact that he was new to the authority, he felt the issue was a major policy decision and by its very nature had to be based on prior operations of the authority.

Zarillo, who lives at 454 Remsen Ave., said he felt the move would affect the authority's future operations and he felt it would be totally impossible "for me to intelligently participate in, or vote on a major decision such as the one involved."

When Gushin confirmed Deiner's firing, he had said at the time the action was taken at an executive session and the vote (of the full authority) was unanimous.

Deiner to Fight Dismissal From Job

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was not political," the chairman said.

Deiner claimed that in December it was common knowledge in certain areas of the city that he was to be fired. "People were taking bets that I would be fired between the 15th and 20th of January," he said. "The story was that word

had come from on high that I was to be fired."

But as recently as New Year's Day, he said he was assured by Gushin that these were only rumors and that there was nothing to them.

Deiner said that since the firing was made public Thursday, he has been besieged with telephone calls from people of-

fering financial assistance to aid in the fight against it. Included were many former supporters to Mayor Sheehan. He claimed, who said they have turned against her since the recent firings of city personnel.

Splitting City

"I feel it is the job of the mayor to unite the city," he said, "but this purge is splitting the town right down the middle. Before we were first elected in 1967, all city employees received a letter from them stating 'you have job security with this administration.' What has happened to that now?"

Deiner, who lives at 106 S. Pennington Road, is a past exalted ruler of New Brunswick Lodge 324, BPO, Elks, a former chairman of the 2nd Ward

Democratic Committee, and is currently chief of the New Brunswick Fire Reserves.

His brother, Frank Deiner Jr., a former county freeholder, publicly supported Muehlig in the November election.

His stint as director of the parking authority began in 1959 after his discharge from the Army, when he was asked if he wanted a temporary job watching the parking deck for three days. "Three days stretched into 13 years that I've spent with the authority at great personal financial sacrifice," he said.

The managing director's job pays \$9,500 a year. Deiner holds a degree in management from Seton Hall University. "This is hardly any inducement for competent people to want to work in the city," he said.



GEORGE SHAMY



JACK GUSHIN

First to Leave Under O'Brien

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Capt. Feaster Retiring March 1

Capt. Frank Feaster, a man with more time on the police force than any other currently serving in the department, will retire March 1.

The 61-year-old captain has been on sick leave since June 1 and filed for retirement a week to 10 days ago, according to Finance Director George Cox. He has been recuperating at his 423 Delavan St. home since the June illness and said he is now in pretty good health.

Feaster's is the first retirement since Police Director John O'Brien took office Jan. 4, and others among veteran ranking officers are reported getting ready to follow.

"I plan to take it easy and do some hunting, fishing and bowling," the captain said. "I think after 33 years on the force, and being 60 years old, it's time to relax for a while."

A detective for 24 of his years on the force, Feaster last commanded the administrative division which was formed in the April 1969 reorganization. He was first appoint-

ed as a patrolman Aug. 3, 1937. There is a world of difference between the force at that time and its present operation, he said.

"We used to get one day a week off then, and when we worked the night shift it was nine hours a night," he said. The shifts rotated two weeks on nights, one week mornings and one week afternoons, he added, but every 13th week the policemen would work a third straight week on the night shift.

His first assignment was to the downtown area, but with the opening of Camp Kilmer on a grand scale in 1941, he was assigned to the newly-formed vice squad. That group was given the task of coping with the large numbers of girls who came from all over the country to meet the young soldiers, he said.

In 1945, he was promoted directly from patrolman to lieutenant and assigned permanently to the detective bureau, which was then a three-man squad. He remained there for



CAPT. FRANK FEASTER

20 years, teaming up with the late Lt. Joe Kelly in many key investigations.

Chief Ralph C. Petrone said the pair was "instrumental in getting leads" that resulted in the arrests of several men

wanted in two murders in the state — one in Roselle, the other in Trenton — and who were involved in approximately 20 tavern holdups here and in surrounding communities in 1939.

Six years later he was promoted to captain and transferred to head the traffic bureau. In 1939 that bureau was merged into the administrative division along with records, recruiting, training and planning, riot squad and maintenance, with Feaster as the commanding officer.

In a further reorganization last May, he was to have been reassigned to the Juvenile Aid Bureau, but he balked at the change and after a conference with Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, a cousin by marriage, he remained in administration.

His assistant, Lt. Joseph Malanaphy, was elevated to captain and moved to the juvenile bureau instead, but he took with him the duties of recruitment, riot squad and training and planning.

The administrative division was abolished when O'Brien re-

organized the department last week, and its functions have been split among the three new divisions.

Feaster's retirement leaves a vacancy at the captain's position, but O'Brien said he had no plans at present to fill the post. "It must be filled at some point, but when and how I don't know yet," he said.

A native of this city, Feaster was graduated from St. John's School and St. Peter's High School. He was a star basketball player in the latter school.

He is married to the former Rita Brestel and they have four children, Joseph of South Brunswick, Mrs. Janet Pearson of Walnut, Calif., Mrs. Eva Larkin of Eatontown, and Miss Betty Ann Feaster of San Francisco, Calif.

The captain also mentions proudly that he has nine grandchildren.

His father, the late Joseph J. Feaster, was a city commissioner for 27 years before his death New Year's Day, 1955. Feaster Park is named for him,

Coury Letter 'Hogwash,' Says Democratic Chairman

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County Democratic Chairman Richard V. Mulligan said yesterday he has thrown a letter from Freeholder Francis J. Coury into the wastebasket.

Coury, a Republican wrote to the chairman of the opposition party last Friday to ask him to halt what he described as intraparty reprisals by local Democrats. He specifically cited the discharge of three school crossing guards by the New Brunswick City Council.

The freeholder asked Mulligan to "assert your influence" upon elected Democratic officials to exercise a "sense of fair play" in public employment.

In a written statement, Mulligan said he considered Coury's letter "hogwash."

Mulligan expressed irritation that Coury had released the letter to the press for publication last Saturday before Mulligan had had a chance to read it.

"Since Mr. Coury released the letter to the newspapers, that in itself indicates it was simply a political play," said Mulligan.

Mulligan stated that he would not respond personally to Coury, but that since the letter was publicized, he would make a public statement to "remind Mr. Coury of a couple of things."

"A little more than a year ago, he and his fellow Republicans were selling 'bess' at my predecessor (David T. Wilentz) and now he is urging me to become one," Mulligan said.

"It has always been the Democrats' policy," he continued, "not to butt into the family affairs of the 25 municipalities in Middlesex County. The Democrats are usually all able to solve their own problems in their own communities. If not, they pay the price. None are little boys or girls."

Mulligan concluded, "I politely suggest that Mr. Coury clear such sanctimonious 'Couryisms' with his Republican bosses or he will be put back in his box for being a bad little Charlie McCarthy."

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Keep Schools Open Is Citizen's Plea

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Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and the City Council have been urged "to uphold their responsibility by providing the funds to keep the New Brunswick public schools open and by assuring the community of their commitment to public education."

The call came last night from the Citizens Advisory Committee to the New Brunswick Board of Education in a resolution passed during its meeting.

Aldridge B. Cooper Jr., president of the City Council, was commended by the citizens committee "for the statement he made at a council meeting expressing a genuine desire in seeking funds to keep the public schools open."

Zarrella May Stay on the Payroll

Will New Brunswick municipal employe Dino A. Zarrella have the opportunity to continue on the city payroll?

That question may be answered when Zarrella, who is appealing the abolition of his laboratory technician's job, meets at 10 a.m. tomorrow with Business Administrator William R. Saunders.

Saunders said today he has set the meeting "to discuss the (Zarrella's) status. We will discuss Civil Service and his rights in connection with the possibility of another job."

The business administrator declined to elaborate at this time what was meant by the reference to another position.

"We're going to talk about the entire case...to determine what action the city administration can take...what he intends to do."

Zarrella's position of cytotechnologist was ordered abolished Jan. 6 by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan as acting director of the department of social services. The mayor said it was done as an economy move and the lab services performed by Zarrella would be let by contract.

Zarrella has appealed to Civil Service and to the city administration through the grievance procedure of this New Brunswick Municipal Employees Association. Zarrella is the association's business agent and has been a city employe for 14 years.

One of Zarrella's grievances is that he was not given the opportunity to take a demotion since he is a licensed sanitary inspector first grade.

As a cytotechnologist, Zarrella participated in the early cancer detection program sponsored by the city. Since his job has been abolished, the city administration will seek contracts with either a private laboratory or a local hospital.



DINO A. ZARRELLA

In other firings, the case of school crossing guards Mrs. Rose Dooley, Mrs. Anna Cipolla and Mrs. Alletta Bellafonte will be heard at 11:30 a.m. Friday before Superior Court Judge David D. Furman, who last week issued a show cause order.

The order was obtained by Ernest Gross, attorney for the employees' association. The city will be asked why it should not be restrained from making the dismissals final.

Gross contends the dismissals have political overtones. The guards are members of the association but bargain as a separate unit. They enjoy the rights to the grievance procedure in the association's contract with the city.

Former Newsman Eyed for Council Seat

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

Jerome Halprin, former newsman and now a top officer of a New York public relations firm, may be New Brunswick's next city councilman.

Halprin, who lives at the Colony House, 1050 George St., declined comment when contacted today by The Home News.

"He's been offered it (the appointment). I can tell you that," said Democratic municipal chairman George J. Shamy.

The decision has not been made. He (Halprin) has not made a commitment," said Council President Aldrage B. Cooper Jr.

Both Shamy and Cooper said Halprin is the leading candidate for the vacancy created when William J. Cahill declined to be sworn in as councilman on Jan. 1. Instead, Cahill took the oath of office as city clerk for a three-year

term at the organizational meeting.

"I'm delighted if I'm being considered, but I have nothing to say," Halprin said when

pressed for a "yes" or "no" answer.

Halprin, a registered Democrat, said he supported and voted for the administration of Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan in the November election. He also did public relations work for the county Democratic Organization in the general election.

Shamy was asked whether Halprin would be the appointee. "That depends on Jerry Halprin," the municipal chairman said.

Shamy said Halprin would be "a tremendous asset to the council" because of his "experience, background and credentials."

Cooper said Halprin was one of the few candidates for the vacancy interviewed by the city administration.

If Halprin accepts the appointment, which must be made by the City Council, he would serve until the next general election when the voters

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will fill the unexpired term. The winner in that election will serve from the date of the election to the end of the four-year term. Two-year terms were drawn by lot at the organizational meeting by Cooper and Councilmen John A. Smith and George F. Hendricks Jr. The other councilman, Victor D. Reine, drew a four-year term.

After the completion of two-year terms by Cooper, Smith and Hendricks, their subsequent terms will be for four years.

Previously considered the top candidate for the vacancy was William J. Hamilton Jr., an attorney. But Hamilton turned down the appointment citing demands on his law practice among the reasons.

Halprin, senior vice president of Ruder & Finn, Inc., is a graduate of Rutgers University and years ago was a feature writer for The Home News.

Subject: School Budget Crisis

Saltz, Sheehan to Talk

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

Eli Saltz, Board of Education president today accepted the invitation by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan to negotiate possible reduction in the emergency appropriation sought by the school board.

Mayor Sheehan made the offer to sit down with the educators during a conference yesterday at The Home News. She said: "I'd be willing to negotiate if he were willing to negotiate."

"We're ready and available," Saltz said, adding he'd prefer the conference take place before the school board's appeal is to be heard by state Commissioner of Education Carl L. Marburger.

This is the first big break on the impasse between the municipal government and the school officials over the \$487,965 emergency appropriation requested by the school board.

"New Brunswick knows its problems better than Trenton," emphasized Saltz. The school board has appealed the recent rejection of the emergency appropriation by the Board of School Estimate, which is controlled, 3-2, by the mayor and council over the educators.

"We'd be pleased to sit down with the mayor and council to discuss the issue," Saltz said, indicating he feels the other school board members feel the same way.

The board has said the anticipated deficit is needed to continue the public school system in operation for the remainder of the school term after present budget funds expire at the end of April.

In her most positive statement on the school-closing issue, Mayor Sheehan said

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yesterday: "We are not going to let the schools close. The schools will stay open."

The three problems facing the city on the current crisis, the mayor said, are: 1. That there is not enough money, 2. How such crises can be avoided in the future, and 3. How to resolve the present crisis.

The mayor added: "We know, rightly or wrongly, the whole amount (sought by the educators) is not an emergency." That was the consensus of the other municipal officials participating in the conference. They were Council President Aldrage B. Cooper Jr., City Attorney J. Norris Harding and Finance Director George T. Cox.

The petition appealing the estimate board's decision has been received by Marburger's office and Harding is preparing a reply.

Harding said there is a possibility that Marburger, because of a state Supreme Court decision, may not hear the appeal on the emergency appropriation.

In 1969, the court, in a decision involving the Newark Teachers Association, and the Newark Board of Education, said: "Such a request is beyond the scope of the commissioner's authority."

The court was referring to the emergency funds sought by Newark school board for salary increases negotiated beyond the budgeted total.

Harding said he would bring the jurisdictional issue to Marburger's attention.

Harding said that according to state statutes authority in determining an emergency is vested with the Board of School Estimate.

City Teacher Dispute Gets State Mediator

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

Benjamin Rubenstein, a labor relations attorney from Brooklyn, N.Y., has been named mediator in contract negotiations between the New Brunswick Board of Education and the New Brunswick Education Association.

The two sides have not met since Dec. 21 when the board declared an impasse after seven negotiation sessions.

Rubenstein was appointed by the state Public Employees Relations Commission, (PERC). Normally, PERC assigns one of its own mediators to labor disputes in the state but brings in outside officials during its "busy season," a PERC representative explained yesterday.

No date has been set for the board and the education association to sit down at the negotiation table with the mediator.

Seven main issues separate the board and the education association, which represents the city's teachers and school nurses and is presently seeking recognition as "the bargaining agent" for the school system's secretaries as well.

The board is holding the line at a \$200 across the board salary increase, the association said, and the board also insists it will not improve the language in the present teachers' contract.

Board President Eli Saltz explained, "We feel the present contract language has hardly been put into operation."

"I'm sure that in the school year some deficiencies will come to light," Saltz said. "But to change the language now with so little experience would be self-defeating."

The present contract is the first written one in New Brunswick. The board has also proposed reducing the present 55-minute lunch period for elementary teachers to a "duty-free lunch period," the association said.

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Other board proposals include an increase in the number of required staff meetings, a change in the time at which some teachers report to school and the removal of the contract's safeguard language which prevents an arbitrary changing of the calendar, the association said.

In addition, the association reported, the board has suggested starting the 1971-72 school year prior to Labor Day. This, Saltz said, will not be insurmountable.

Last year, the board and the association reached an impasse on May 11 and, after six sessions with a state mediator, the two sides reached a tentative agreement on July 2. The agreement was not announced until four days later, however.

Both the board and the education association then attempted to keep the terms of the contract a tightly guarded secret until Sept. 8, when it was ratified by the education association membership.

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Zarrella Offered Inspector Post, Accepts Tentatively

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

After a two-hour conference this morning with Business Administrator William R. Saunders, Dino A. Zarrella told The Home News: "I have tentatively accepted the sanitary inspector's job."

Zarrella had filed grievances with Civil Service and the city administration through the New Brunswick Municipal Employees Association after his cytotechnologist's position was abolished by Mayor Patricia A. Sheehan.

One of the grievances, he said, was that the city failed to offer him a demotion. But that was done this morning by Saunders, according to Zarrella.

Zarrella, an employe of the city for 14 years, said he would not make a final commitment until conferring with

Ernest Gross, the Employees' association attorney. He expects to do that later today.

If Zarrella accepts the demotion to sanitary inspector first grade, he must take a \$423 cut in pay, from \$8,910 as cytotechnologist to \$8,487.

Zarrella said he now has seniority or "bumping rights" over one of the two temporary appointees as city sanitary inspectors.

"I think it is a victory. I think this is the first big test of Civil Service in New Brunswick and what it could do," said Zarrella, who is business agent for the employees association.

He added that he will not make a decision until after consulting with Gross on the grievances he filed against the city administration.

One of the questions to be resolved, Zarrella said, was

when he would accept the demotion and return to the inspector's job and not his laboratory work.

The lab work was on early cancer detection, a program the city has sponsored financially for years. Zarrella was trained for that position at a Philadelphia hospital.

Zarrella, who has been critical of Mayor Sheehan's administration since his dismissal, said the city administration has no intention of continuing the no-cost cancer detection program. He claimed the cost of the tests will be borne by the private citizen when they are made at local labs or hospitals.

Saunders could not be reached by The Home News for comment before press time.

Halprin Rejects Council Seat

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

Democratic municipal chairman George J. Shamy said today that Jerome Halprin has turned down, because of business commitments, appointment to the City Council.

Halprin, who lives at the Colony House, 1050 George St., told The Home News last night: "I admire Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and her administration and wish that I could be part of it."

"However, because of the increased responsibilities I recently have been given by my

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firm, I have had to regretfully say 'no' to Mrs. Sheehan and her colleagues. I wish them well."

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Now the 'Bumping' Begins

Business Administrator William R. Saunders, referring to the grievances filed by city employe, Dino A. Zarrella, says, "The case is closed."

Saunders said Zarrella has exercised his rights "under Civil Service" to "bump" another employe and that the city administration has offered him a job on a demotion level.

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The business administrator added that the city administration does not intend to contract the laboratory services which had been performed by Zarrella. It has been previously reported by the administration that the services would be contracted to either a local laboratory or hospital.

Physicians are to be notified of the discontinuance of the program by the city administration, Saunders said.

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Saunders explained that Civil Service regulations require that Zarrella be offered a position as sanitary inspector and that he be given the right to "bump" anyone with less seniority than he.

He continued: "The job of sanitary inspector was offered to Mr. Zarrella, and Mr. Zarrella has accepted the job and has chosen to exercise his 'bumping' rights."

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George Street Project Backed

January 28, 1971

A proposal to sponsor the massive George Street urban renewal project by the Urban League of Greater New Brunswick received the endorsement last night of the Social Welfare Action Now committee.

The committee took the action by a unanimous vote of its membership after listening to Charles Gray present the Urban League's proposal to a meeting at Neighborhood House.

Mrs. Gail McHugh, coordinating chairman of the committee, said the endorsement marked a new type of venture for her group, which is attempting to broaden its scope of activities. The group had been involved formerly in pressuring the county government and the Bureau of Children's Services for a children's shelter in the county.

The Urban League proposed its sponsorship of the project at an October meeting of the New Brunswick Housing and Redevelopment Authority. According to C. Roy Epps, executive director of the league, the project would be owned by the Community Involvement Corp.

The league's plan calls for the construction of 300 low and middle income housing units at a cost of \$5.7 million. Monthly rents would range from \$118 for a one-bedroom apartment to \$187 for a five-bedroom house.

More than 30 other organizations had expressed an interest at some time in sponsoring the project, but the Urban League was the first to come forth with a detailed proposal.

Mrs. McHugh noted her group's endorsement was based partly on the fact that "it was the Urban League which resurrected the project from 10 years of dormancy."

She added the league would likely be in close touch with the residents of the proposed renewal area. "The Community Involvement Corp. alone has solicited the opinions and feel-

ings of the residents. They alone have begun a process that is neighborhood building, not just house building," she said.

The league's plans call for the state to build a bridge across Memorial Parkway from the site of the project in Boyd Park for recreational use. The plan also calls for a church, school and multi-purpose facility to provide various services for residents of the renewal housing.

Since the project will be federally funded by the Federal Housing Administration, Mrs. McHugh said equal employment opportunities will be provided for by law. "If the Community Involvement Corp. becomes the sponsor, the Social Welfare Action Now committee feels these provisions for equal opportunity employment will be adhered to," she said.

Still Trying to Slice It

City Budget Due Feb. 10

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

The New Brunswick City Council will introduce its 1971 municipal budget at a special meeting to be held 4 p.m. Feb. 10.

"We're still going through it with a scalpel. We're trying to cut where we can," said Council President Aldrage B. Cooper Jr.

Cooper said there would be an increase in the administrative costs of operating the new mayor-council form of government, but could not estimate the hike in dollars and cents.

He referred to the transition from the former five-department commission system to the present seven departments.

"We can't estimate the tax rate or how much money is needed to operate the city," Cooper added. The council president said he could not talk at this time about figures for the budget.

Cooper also announced today that he reached Eli Saltz, Board of Education president, yesterday to arrange a meeting on the board's request for an emergency appropriation of nearly \$300,000.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan on Friday said she would be willing to meet with the school

board in an attempt to negotiate a reduction of the emergency appropriation, which had been rejected by the Board of School Estimate.

The school board has appealed the denial of the funds to state Commissioner of Education Carl L. Marburger.

Municipal and education officials hope to get together before Marburger officially enters the case if he decides to claim jurisdiction in the dispute.

The mayor has said the schools would not be closed and the school board contends the money is needed to complete the current school term.

The money for the emergency appropriation would have to be levied on the local taxpayers in the form of a loan or bond issue since financial aid is not forthcoming from the state and federal governments.

The Board of Education will meet at 8 p.m. Monday in New Brunswick High School to adopt its 1971-72 school year budget.

The Board of School Estimate which must approve the expenditure, will meet at 10 a.m. Feb. 11 at City Hall Mayor Sheehan, Cooper and Councilman George F. Hendricks Jr. represent the governing body on the estimate board. Educa-

tors on the board are Saltz and Mrs. Stanley S. Geipel.

Business Administrator William R. Saunders said the city administration is going over the tentative amounts of salaries and wages, and other expenses of each of the seven departments.

"We do have a budget. We've put it together twice," Saunders said, indicating city officials wish to cut it again.

Saunders said the city would have a statement on the budget early next week.

Under the new form of government, the municipal budget is prepared by the mayor's office and introduced and adopted by the City Council following a public hearing.

Cooper said the mayor and council are working on the department requests. "We're trying to cut out as much as we can on the line items. But it will be more costly than last year," the councilman said.

He anticipates increases in clerical help for City Hall offices as the result of the transition of governments.

The increased roster of the police force is another prime financial factor in the budget, Cooper said, noting that the force now has 107 men.

The 1970 municipal budget was more than \$9 million and the tax rate was \$7.84. The rate was \$7.44 in 1969, the 1968 rate was \$7.58.

But the 1970 tax rate was reduced by 60 points when municipal officials decided to switch from a fiscal to a calendar year to collect taxes for the school budget.

That meant that half of the 1970-71 school budget was raised in 1970 and the second half is to be collected this year.

The effect of the increase of nearly \$11 million in property assessments for 1971 could not be determined, although

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Housing, Redevelopment Chairman Elected

Frank W. Josay, 17 Carpenter Road was elected chairman of the New Brunswick Housing and Redevelopment Authority at its reorganization meeting yesterday.

Josay, who had served as vice chairman, succeeds Richard V. Mulligan Johnson, Richard V. Mulligan Johnson, who resigned in December after more than 20 years of service. Mulligan had been chairman since 1966.

Succeeding Josay as vice chairman of Anthony D. Schorber, president of the Franklin State Bank.

Attending his first meeting since he was named to represent the N.J. Department of Community Affairs was Julius Belso of 12 Coffer Drive. Under regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

Development each community having a redevelopment authority must have a state representative.

Belso succeeds Marshall Staley, assistant director of the Rutgers Urban Studies Center. The new appointee is a former member of the Hungarian Parliament, and is grounds supervisor at St. Peter's General Hospital.

Josay, who is head of the engineering department of the Industrial Washing Machine Corp. of Matawan, announced that committees will be announced at the authority's February meeting.

He has served on the authority for 5 1/2 years, first to fill the unexpired term of the late Charles Bausch and then under an appointment last October by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan for



FRANK W. JOSAY

a five-year term which expires April 3, 1975.

A young man who gave his name as William Garvin and who said he was a resident of the area queried authority members on what progress is being made to get the George Street low-middle, low-income housing project under way.

Garvin said residents believe there is undue delay and stalling. Richard M. Keefe the authority's executive director, said to the contrary that the program is ahead of schedule.

Keefe said the Urban League of Greater New Brunswick's application as sponsor had moved the timetable up. He said originally the authority had not planned to call for proposals until March but since the league presented detailed plans several weeks ago, March 15 has been set as the closing date for filings. The sponsor will be selected within 60 days or less after that date, Keefe added.

Director O'Brien Visits With People

Jan. 30, 1971

New Brunswick Police Director John T. O'Brien went avisting the other evening and talked with 25 citizens at the Neighborhood House.

O'Brien talked informally with the residents about conditions in the city, discussed the city's drug problem in some detail, answered some procedural questions, and urged residents to help recruit other residents to join the municipal police force.

He explained that the city has been forced to go to the Army-Civil Service Project Transition, to find additional men for the force, and made it very plain that he would like the image of the city police force to be so good that it would attract city residents as recruits.

We're glad to see O'Brien demonstrating his interest in community relations in this early stage of his career in New Brunswick and think it augurs well for the future.

O'Brien Cements Community Relations

January 28, 1971

By ROBERT MARINO Home News Staff Writer

Displaying his proclaimed interest in community relations, New Brunswick Police Director John T. O'Brien met with some 25 residents at the Neighborhood House last night, fielding questions dealing largely with narcotics.

O'Brien reiterated his position on the narcotics situation, saying he considers it the city's major police problem.

Mrs. Mary Schenck of 176 Memorial Pkwy. said she was bothered by what she called the "cycle" of addicts being arrested, hauled into court and then returning to the street again.

Law "More Strict" The 46-year-old O'Brien, who was assistant professor of government at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, said this cycle was related to "how strict or lax" the people want their laws.

He noted the concept of a man being considered innocent until proved guilty, but said he felt laws are getting more strict.

"As we make laws stricter, there's always the chance an innocent man will be arrested and convicted, or worse, serve a jail term."

"We don't want to go that far, but if (the law) is getting stricter," he said.

Adding more police, in itself, won't solve the narcotics prob-

lem, he said, unless related agencies are expanded. He explained there would have to be more prosecutors, judges, courtrooms and prison facilities to handle the increased arrest rates.

"One wheel of the automobile is going faster than the others," he said.

Responding to a resident's question on what narcotics prevention steps have been taken, O'Brien noted the addition of three detectives in the police narcotics and vice division and educational programs in public schools.

He also said the police department has the job of being a referral agency "for those caught in the web" of drugs.

But he said the "ultimate solution to the problem rests with the federal government," in stopping the flow of heroin from Turkey, where the poppy is grown, to France where it is processed.

Against Legal Pot "By the time it gets to New Brunswick, its ultimate price is so high, people have to steal to buy it," he said.

He was less adamant on the use of marijuana, although he is not in favor of its legalization.

One young man asked if O'Brien thought legalizing marijuana would lessen the desire for harder drugs. "It won't solve the problem," the director replied.

While noting the necessity for



JOHN T. O'BRIEN

Home News Photo marijuana users to move up to heroin has not been proven, he cautioned against legalizing its use until more is known about it. Dennis Garrison, who re-

signed last week as president of the Urban League of Greater New Brunswick, wanted to know O'Brien's feeling on residents using "harsh tactics" in dealing with drug pushers.

"You mean eight or 10 guys working over a pusher, we'd have to support the pusher," he said.

Most of the other questions dealt with problems with police those in attendance had experienced or heard about.

Louis Diggs of 51 Throop Ave., chairman of the board of the Middlesex County Economic Opportunities Corp., complained about the "sudden increase" in parking tickets in the past three weeks.

"You mean since I've been here?" O'Brien joked later. He began the job Jan. 4.

O'Brien could not explain the increase but thought perhaps the six traffic patrolmen "knew someone was coming." He said he demanded no quotas, but expected "minimum performance" from his policemen.

Explains Procedure A woman wanted to know why victims of police beatings who are brought to a hospital, treated and returned to their cells are billed for the hospital services. O'Brien said since it appeared her question involved a personal matter, she might

want to discuss it privately and she agreed.

Another woman, annoyed at having to give her name, address, and telephone number everytime she called police for aid, was told it is a procedure to prevent sending a patrol car to the wrong location.

In panic, people might give the wrong accident location, but never forget their name or phone number, which could be called in case of error, the director explained.

O'Brien also urged residents to recruit other residents for the police department. Sending a superior officer to military bases to find recruits is expensive for the city, he said. New Brunswick has recruited patrolmen through the Army-Civil Service Project Transition, which trains soldiers for municipal police duties.

"You might get more locals, rather than someone like myself—a Mustang—who takes one or two years to put down roots."

But he conceded to Mrs. Schenck, who said police must change their image. "We must make it attractive to make people want to come in."

Also present with O'Brien were Capt. John Brokaw, head of the Juvenile Aid and Community Relations Bureau, Patrolman Donald Bowling, newly-assigned to community relations and Diggs, who introduced the others.

O'Brien Surprised

January 30, 1971

O'Connell Retires From PD

By ROBERT MARINO Home News Staff Writer

John A. O'Connell, a member of the New Brunswick Police Department for nearly 40 years, retired yesterday afternoon.

His announcement apparently came as a surprise to police officials, who although they knew he was contemplating it, were unaware that yesterday would be his last day on the job.

Police Director John T. O'Brien said he was told of the action while returning from lunch. "I'm hoping to get him back here for a couple days next week," the director said. "He left me in a bit of a lurch."

O'Brien said records indicate O'Connell, whose attendance record was impeccable, has vacation time coming and will officially retire in three months.

O'Connell had previously indicated he was thinking of filing for retirement Monday and

leaving when it took effect in about six weeks.

O'Connell could not be reached for comment at his 1151 Livingston Ave. home apartment in North Brunswick where he lives with his wife.

Not Submitted The 60-year-old O'Connell as of yesterday had not submitted his resignation to the office of the city's finance director, George T. Cox. But Cox said O'Connell has the option to apply directly to the Consolidated Police and Fire Pension System.

That system took no new members after 1944. Cox said, but continues to serve those previously enrolled.

O'Connell worked for the police department since Sept. 7, 1931, when his father, the late Michael A. O'Connell, was chief.

In January 1937, an ordinance was adopted creating a position of clerk of the certification system (identification of persons by physical descrip-

tion) and O'Connell was sworn into that post Jan. 26, 1937, under Chief George T. Cox.

His duties also consisted of being clerk to the chief of police. Under the ordinance, he was a member of the department and was known as a police officer.

O'Connell said he was appointed lieutenant in early 1956, probably in January, but Cox and former City Clerk Anna Murphy said they could find no record of the appointment.

City Clerk William Cahill Sr., who confirmed the record could not be found, said, "It's an unfortunate situation in both this incidence and in other records that have been mysteriously misplaced."

Cahill, who was asked if he thought O'Connell's record was misplaced, replied, "I wouldn't say that, we just don't have any idea where it would be."

O'Connell's name appears on a swearing-in list of city appointees with the date in 1937, although it does not appear

there after that date.

"In many instances, promotions were made without swearing in, but we're making it a practice," Cahill said. He noted the administration could not be responsible for the records prior to May 1967, when Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan took office.

Listed As Clerk A spokesman from N.J. Civil Service told The Home News Thursday that when the city was in the process of adopting the Civil Service system in 1968, the city listed O'Connell as clerk of the certification system.

But after interviewing him and taking into account the duties he performed and the salary he was collecting, Civil Service classified him as a police lieutenant, the spokesman said.

The list containing the Civil Service classification change was forwarded to the city and the city approved O'Connell's classification as police lieutenant, according to the spokesman.

O'Connell eventually relinquished the identification job and concentrated on being the chief's administrative aide. This was about 10 years ago, he said.

His duties consisted of keeping accounts, processing gun permits and taxi licenses and the chief's general clerical work, he said in an interview recently.

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O'Brien Aim: Professionalism in Police Ranks

By ROBERT MARINO Home News Staff Writer

Order by order, New Brunswick's police director is trying to instill a sense of professionalism in the department of which he took control a month ago.

Whether that desire will be realized depends on how serious his policemen think John T. O'Brien is in carrying out this ideal.

And O'Brien exhibits a streak of pragmatism which saves him from being deluded into thinking his changes will produce the desired results.

Although he notes the past month has been a "period

of temerary change," he also cautions "it will take some time before we can say we are headed in the right direction."

'Fixing Responsibility'

The thrust of his reorganization and many of the general orders issued is to "fix responsibility." In effect, he has defined a number of jobs and told the holders of those duties it is their responsibility, because no one is going to pick up the slack.

That's the theory, of course. What occurs in fact, remains to be seen, and even O'Brien is unwilling to speculate at this point by calling his changes a success.

His latest three orders cover the three areas in which he wants improvement. One is concerned with responsibility, another with producing more tangible results of police work, and the third with "spit-and-polish."

Previously, all sergeants had the responsibility of keeping tabs on holders of alcoholic beverage and taxi licenses, O'Brien said this week.

But now he has divided the city into 10 zones, assigning a different sergeant to each, and requiring him to see the license holders live up to their responsibilities. In effect, no sergeant can abdicate his duty to another.

Or as O'Brien aptly describes it, "When everyone is responsible for everything, no one is responsible for anything."

Another order requires every policeman to report in writing to O'Brien any gambling activity of which he is aware, regardless of whether an arrest is effected.

If a patrolman gets wind of a dice game, presumably, he can no longer keep the information in his head until he can put it to use, say in an arrest. It must be on the director's desk, so he knows as much of what goes on in the street as the patrolman. And the reports

can serve as tangible results the policemen are doing their jobs.

Report Required

What makes it even more effective, is every policeman is required to submit a monthly report on gambling, even if he had nothing to report previously. And if he had nothing to report, he must say so.

The third order issued, recently, forbids both the use of personal names spoken on police radios; and car-to-car conversations without clearance from headquarters. In addition, code signals are to be revived. All this, O'Brien claims, will be more professional.

O'Brien came here from New York, where he was a deputy inspector and a police planning official, and found a department with low morale in comparison with that city.

Can the changes he made boost that morale? "That's a hard one," he says. "On one hand the men are hoping the department will be more efficient and at the same time, they don't want to be on the firing line themselves."

"It's similar to the idea in society," he says, "where everybody wants law and order, but no one wants to be told what to do."

Whenever an order is issued there's always the risk improving one procedure at the sake of another.

An example lies in the use of a voicewriter, a recording device to which policemen telephone their reports. A clerk transcribes the recorded reports to paper later.

The department has one voicewriter and one transcriber.

Before O'Brien ordered all reports to be recorded on the machine, policemen arbitrarily decided whether to use it or type their own reports.

But after the order—and all reports went on the recording disc—a logjam of police information was trapped in that little machine.

Policemen too, were heard complaining about the difficulty in getting through to the phone number at the end of their shifts.

Detectives' Problem

The problem was felt heavily in the detective bureau. Detectives depended heavily on overnight reports to determine what events needed following up. For a week, they had to get word-of-mouth information to guide them on their investigations.

Finally, the clerk's hours were changed. She starts at 7 a.m. instead of 9 a.m., allowing her to get a head start on the overnight reports. Additionally, the department is looking into obtaining another voicewriter.

That would alleviate the waiting time to phone in reports, but not necessarily speed up the transcribing operation. One suggestion being considered is having one phone line for major crimes, such as assaults, robberies, and the like, and the other line for reports of minor matters such as cars blocking driveways, and broken meters.

The lesson here is that change for the sake of change is not necessarily better. The case of the voicewriter is an easy one to detect.

What is not so easy to immediately assess is whether the changes O'Brien has invoked will produce the professionalism he wants.

School Board Gets Hearing

Feb. 1, 1971

A jurisdictional hearing in the Board of Education's anticipated deficit of nearly a half million dollars has been set for 10 a.m. Feb. 8 in Trenton.

City Attorney J. Norris Hard-

ing revealed today he has so been notified by an official of the state Department of Education.

That official, Lawrence Anderson, assistant director of controversies and disputes, said the hearing will be on the single issue of jurisdiction on whether or not the state Department of Education can hear the appeal filed by the Board of Education.

The school board had petitioned the state to declare and to have the city officials declare the amount involved, \$487,965, as an emergency.

Harding had raised the issue that state Commissioner of Education Carl L. Marburger may not have the authority of jurisdiction when emergency funds are involved.

Harding was basing his contention on an opinion in 1952 by the state attorney general that the Board of School Estimate has the power to determine the emergency status of an appropriation sought by the school board.

The attorney also noted that in 1969, the state Supreme Court, in a decision, said it was beyond the commissioner's authority to determine emergency appropriations.

School Board Grows

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An ordinance increasing Board of Education membership from five to seven was adopted today without public comment at a hearing before the City Council. There were three spectators at the meeting.

The ordinance had the endorsement of the city administration, the school board and the board's citizen's advisory committee.

The increased membership will permit more even distribution of the workload. Members are appointed by the mayor

and confirmed by the council. The council took no action on the Franklin Township Council's request for support for its resolution seeking enactment by the state legislature of a law prohibiting use of "no deposit, no return" containers. The containers are bottles and cans, exclusive of those used for hard liquor.

Hander and Stein, accountants and auditors, of Bloomfield, were hired to assist the city in its Feaster Park code enforcement program in the

2nd Ward. The contract is not to exceed \$2,000 a year for the three-year project, which is in the preliminary stages.

The council awarded a \$31,230 contract to Kessler Co. of Tremont, Ohio, for furnishing and erecting a steel roof on an existing water pipe at the city's filtration plant.

The transfer of the liquor license for the Vienna Cafe at 12 Easton Ave. was approved, from Mr. and Mrs. Paul Castles to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Polnag.



SURPRISE — The Rev. Paul Hernandez, pastor of St. John of the Cross Church, second from left, marked his one-year appointment as pastor of the church and his birthday at a surprise dinner at the Greenbrier restaurant yesterday. Among guests at the affair were the Rev. Paul Butler of St. Paul's

Church, Highland Park, left, Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, and the Rev. Ramon Farre of Toms River. The affair was sponsored by the Parish Council with Otilio Colon and Mrs. Carl Valenti as co-chairmen. The pastor received gifts from several church organizations.

\$8.1 Million Budget OKd for City Schools

Feb. 2, 1971

By BARBARA SELICK
Home News Staff Writer

An \$8.1 million budget, pushed up by higher teacher salaries, inclusion of administrative assistants and security aides and increased expenses for pupil transportation, building maintenance and fixed costs, was adopted last night by the New Brunswick Board of Education.

Of this proposed \$8,168,573 budget a total of \$6,107,462 must be raised by the city. Board President Eli Saltz declared after the meeting that a cut by the Board of School Estimate, which controls the purse-strings on school expenditure, would be appealed to state Education Commissioner Carl L. Marburger.

"We'll have to," Saltz said, "We have everything right down to the nails."

Saltz also blamed inflation for part of the budget increase.

Mrs. Stanley Geipel, chairman of the board's finance committee, said the increase would have been higher had there not been a \$109,092.66 increase in anticipated revenue.

George T. Cox, city finance director, said this morning it is virtually impossible to give an accurate prediction of the estimated new tax rate.

"Based on last year's point system," Cox said, "it probably would be about a 90-point increase." But he termed this figure "distorted," explaining that because of the change in rates—the increased

assessment on property in the city—it is not accurate.

The estimated tax rate will not be available until next Wednesday, Cox said, when the 1971 municipal budget is introduced at a special City Council meeting.

The Board of School Estimate, which cut last year's budget originally by \$387,000, then compromised at \$222,800, meets at 10 a.m. Feb. 11. Its members are Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, City Council President Aldridge B. Cooper Jr., City Councilman George F. Hendricks Jr. and Board of Education members Saltz and Mrs. Anne Geipel.

The proposed 1971-72 budget represents a \$976,806 increase in the city's share over its amount in the 1970-71 budget. This is similar to the \$975,206 increase in that budget over the previous year's.

However, due to what the board has termed emergencies and unanticipated expenses, the school system is facing a \$487,965 deficit.

This is over and above the amount budgeted for the current school year. A hearing on the issue is set for 10 a.m. Feb. 8 in Trenton before the state Department of Education.

Adding a bit of confusion to the total picture is the fact that only half of the proposed 1971-72 budget must be raised by taxes this year. Because of the city's change last year from a fiscal year to a calendar year for its municipal budget,

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\$8.1 Million Budget OKd

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the 1971 tax collection is to pay for the second half of the 1970-71 budget and the first half of the 1971-72 budget.

The school tax rate for the first half of the 1970-71 budget was \$2.47 in the taxable year 1970. It is difficult to estimate the new school tax rate because of the switch from the fiscal to the calendar year of collecting taxes for the school budgets, the board said.

Hendricks, the City Council's liaison to the school board, made his first appearance at a board meeting last night and was the first to ask a question about the proposed budget.

He queried whether the \$4,429,650 allotted in the salary account was indeed the amount the board reasonably can expect to pay teachers next year.

"That's a hard question," Saltz replied, pointing out that the board is still negotiating with teachers. An impasse was reached in December and both sides will meet with a state mediator Wednesday, Saltz said.

"Is it fair to say you're not really sure (about the budgeted figure)?" Hendricks asked.

"That's a fair statement," Saltz agreed.

"Not a Stunning Budget"

After the meeting, Hendricks said he and the mayor first saw the budget yesterday afternoon when it was delivered to City Hall.

"It's not a stunning budget," Hendricks commented, but he added that he and the council will have to analyze it further.

The information that the school district's security system will cost almost \$245,887 in 1971-72 was elicited by Rocco Cetanese of 200 Fulton St., who questioned the account entitled "Salaries—Other Instructional."

The \$245,000 figure includes the salaries of the security chief and 41 security aides and lunchroom aides, the board said.

The number of security aides and lunchroom aides, the board said.

The number of security personnel will not be increased next year nor will the number of principals, vice principals and administrative assistants, the board said.

The account for security personnel in the board's 1971-72 budget shows a \$129,000 increase over the figure listed for 1970-71, and the account for principals' and vice principals' salaries shows a \$131,000 increase over the 1970-71 listed figure.

The board explained that the 1970-71 figures listed were the amounts budgeted last year. But the board pointed out it has spent beyond those figures because of unanticipated expenses and emergencies after the budget was adopted.

The actual amount being spent for the security system in the 1970-71 school year is not the \$116,000 budgeted but is more like the \$245,000 proposed for next year, Assistant Supt. Frank Reen said after work.

Not Actual Figures

School Supt. Morris F. Epps said at least 50 line items similarly were affected by the board's present financial crisis—an anticipated \$500,000 deficit this year.

That is, in the information released to the public, only the budgeted amount for 1970-71 was included, not the amount actually being spent.

This made it practically impossible for representatives of the New Brunswick Education Association, the bargaining unit for teachers and school nurses, to figure out how much the board had increased its salary accounts over last year.

And board members were admittedly not about to be helpful, explaining that it would prejudice their position in bargaining with their employe groups.

"Hopefully, from Wednesday on, we can be more responsive," Saltz told representatives of the teachers' association. He referred to Wednesday's negotiation session.

First Tenant Named To Housing Authority

2-3-71

By ALVIN KING
Home News Staff Writer

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan set precedent today when she named the first woman and the first tenant in a government sponsored housing development to the New Brunswick Housing and Urban Redevelopment Authority.

Mrs. Annie Young of New Brunswick Homes at 176 Memorial Park, which is one of several housing projects the authority sponsors here, was confirmed at today's City Council meeting and will formally take office at the authority's next meeting Feb. 24.

In her announcement, Mayor Sheehan noted that Mrs. Young, a home economist in the city's public school system, was among several candidates suggested to fill a vacancy created by the retirement of Richard V. Mulligan, a Johnson & Johnson executive. Mulligan served for more than 20 years, several as chairman.

"We decided," said the mayor, "this was the appropriate

time to appoint a tenant to the Housing Authority . . . it is important that the people most directly affected by the policies of the Housing Authority be represented and be given a voice in determining these policies."

The mayor noted that Mrs. Young has lived in New Brunswick Homes, a four-building complex, for a decade and is familiar with tenant problems.

"We are confident she will contribute greatly toward the resolution of some of them," she added.

"We must, wherever we can, take the steps that improve communication and understanding in our community . . . we have taken such a step with this appointment," the mayor commented.

The new city official is a member of the United Methodist Church former head teacher of the Raritan Girl Scout council board.

She and her husband, John, have resided at the Memorial Parkway address for 16 of the 13 years they have made their home in New Brunswick.

MRS. ANNIE YOUNG
Sets Two First

Still a 'Vacancy' Sign For City Council Seat

2-2-71

By JOHN PRIBISH
Home News Staff Writer

A month ago yesterday, the City Council organized and a vacancy on the governing body was created when William J. Cahill chose the appointed position of city clerk.

Yesterday, both Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and Council President Aldridge B. Cooper Jr. said a successor had not been selected.

The temporary appointment power lies with the City Council and the person so named, who must be a Democrat, would serve until the November general election.

After that election, the candidate would serve out the remainder of the four-year term.

"Still Considering People"

"We're still considering some people," said Cooper, who recently said he had hoped the vacancy would be filled by the end of January.

Two previous top candidates, William Hamilton, an attorney, and Jerome Halprin, a public relations official, had turned down offers for the post.

The law on filling vacancies to elective offices (Title 40:69A-73) does not state the temporary appointment must be made within a certain period of time.

An excerpt of that statute reads as follows: "The council shall fill the vacancy temporarily by appointment to serve until the qualification of the person so elected. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy shall be a mem-

ber of the same political party as the prior incumbent."

Cahill, a Democrat, topped that party's ticket in its clean-sweep victory in November.

George J. Shamy, Democratic municipal chairman, too, had said the vacancy would be filled by the end of January. He could not be reached for comment yesterday.

City Attorney J. Norris Harding said he is researching the law. The attorney said that under the previous commission form, the appointment had to be made within 30 days of the governor would make the decision.

Cooper said today the city administration and Board of Education have agreed to meet at 8 p.m. Thursday in an effort to cut the emergency funds totaling \$487,965 sought by the school board to pay for anticipated expenditures beyond the current school budget.

The conference will be held at the Family Learning Center on Comstock Street. The mayor had offered to negotiate possible reductions and Eli Saltz, school board president, accepted the offer.

The school board has appealed the Board of School Estimate's rejection of the request for the emergency appropriation. Harding is preparing an answer to the petition, and a hearing on jurisdiction has been scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday in Trenton before the state Department of Education.

Harding has questioned whether or not state Commissioner of Education Carl L. Marburger has the power to call for emergency appropriations and to order local governing bodies to provide the funds for that purpose.

Madison, City Aid Due

2-4-71

By BARBARA SELICK
Home News Trenton Bureau

TRENTON — Madison Township will get \$2,512,000 and New Brunswick will get \$1,163,000 under the formula recommended by the state Department of Education for allocating \$90 million in emergency school building aid.

The two districts are among 53 in the state qualifying for the emergency aid, which was approved by the state Legislature in December for school systems "not able to provide the necessary facilities to house

the children in the district." So far, 109 districts have applied for the aid.

The state Board of Education was expected to act on the recommended formula yesterday but was unable to hold its scheduled meeting because it lacked a quorum. This was said to be the first time the board has lacked a quorum in recent years.

Learning of the recommendation, Madison Schools Supt. Patrick Torre said he was "happy for the taxpayers." The

Madison board had applied for more than \$5 million in aid.

But New Brunswick Board of Education President Eli Saltz said he was disappointed with his district's recommended share and would have administrators contact the state education department today. The city school board had requested \$8.3 million for construction of a middle school and an addition to the high school.

Both men said they had not been notified officially of the recommended amounts, and

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Two Districts Qualify

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Newark, which totaled 4,169 points under the formula, would receive nearly \$16 million, while Hoboken, which accumulated 2,952 points, would receive \$1,607,000.

Perth Amboy, which ranked 14th in priority, would receive \$1,354,000; Jersey City, which ranked fourth, \$7,898,000; and Paterson, which ranked 15th, \$5,382,000.

South Plainfield, Manville and Monroe, all of which were among the 56 school districts which would be ineligible under the recommended formula.

The aid, which will be spread over a period of 25 years, will pay for interest and principal on bonds for school construction up to the amount set by the formula for each district. Each district must secure its own bonds.

New Brunswick is one of only seven districts in the state that have not yet "claimed" the aid allocated under the 1968 funding, \$1,139,000.

Saltz said yesterday the school board has until about the third week in February to keep this allocation by passing the necessary resolution and getting approval from the Board of School Estimate. Otherwise, the state commissioner of education has the authority to cancel the allocation.

Saltz said he anticipated no problem in getting the necessary resolutions through.

With this allocation and the recommended \$1,163,000, New Brunswick would have \$2.3 million toward construction of a new middle school for the city.

Last August, the board put a tentative price tag of \$5.6 million on the structure in its application for the emergency building aid. It also asked \$2.6 million for an addition to the high school.

Madison received \$2.8 million under the 1968 funding and used it to bear the complete cost of new additions to Madison and Cedar Ridge high schools.

School Funds Discussed

2-8-71

By BARBARA SELICK
Home News Staff Writer

TRENTON—all parties concerned indicated hope this morning a solution to the New Brunswick school system's financial crisis could be found without the intervention of the state commissioner of education.

The scene was a hearing before the assistant director of the state education department's legal division on whether the state commission has jurisdiction in the New Brunswick case.

The New Brunswick Board of School Estimate has turned down the city's Board of Education's request for \$487,965 to meet its anticipated deficit.

The board of education subsequently appealed that decision to the state education commissioner Carl L. Marburger.

In this morning's one-hour hearing, City Attorney J. Norris Harding argued that the commissioner does not have jurisdiction to hear the case since it involves a supplementary appropriation.

Harding explained that in cases brought before the state commissioner last year involving supplementary appropriations in Jersey City and Newark, Marburger said he did not have the authority to hear the disputes.

But Terrill M. Brenner, attorney for the New Brunswick Board of Education, pointed out that in Newark and Jersey City cases, the supplementary appropriations involved teachers' salaries. The New Brunswick appropriation request, Brenner said, included costs of the school system's integration plan, security system, New Street School and split sessions at the high school in addition to salaries.

Many of the costs were mandated by the state education commissioner himself, Brenner continued, citing required drug workshops and the integration plan.

After listening to both sides, Hearing Officer Lawrence Anderson declared, "We hope in this case, the parties will be able to compromise the situation so the school may be kept open without the commissioner's intervention in any way."

Brenner commented he was "very optimistic" about the city and board resolving the issue by themselves. Harding agreed.

Bill Gains

The lobbying effort of Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan for a bill prohibiting school boards from overexpending funds has received the support of five other area mayors, as well as a promise of consideration by the N.J. Conference of Mayors.

Sponsored by state Sen. J. Edward Crabiel, D-Middlesex, the bill (S-113) passed the state Senate last April and is awaiting action by the Assembly.

According to the bill's provisions, boards of education will be required to abide by fiscal procedures similar to those followed by municipal and other governments.

Mrs. Sheehan asked for support of the measure following disclosure of the budget deficit by the New Brunswick Board of Education. To date, she has received favorable replies from the mayors in Jamesburg, Piscataway, Helmetta, Madison and Woodbridge.

"This bill won't help our present crisis any," Mayor Sheehan said. "But if it passes, this kind of situation will be precluded by law from happening anywhere again."

The mayor added that while the Conference of Mayors usually does not act on matters involving school boards, at

her request the legislative committee of the conference will consider the bill in the near future.

The mayor said she is attacking the problem on a number of other fronts also.

"We have approximately 1,000 students in our schools from the federal housing projects, and although it costs an average of \$900 per student per year to educate them, all we receive from the federal government in lieu of taxes is \$38,000," she said.

That amount is expected to include contributions for municipal services, such as police, fire and sanitation, in addition to education costs she added.

"During my recent trip to Washington I discovered a bill was passed to provide more money, but no funds were appropriated. And I was told that the muscle exerted by the mayor of New Brunswick was nowhere near enough to get action on an appropriation bill," she said.

But since she was asked where Gov. William Cahill stood on the issue, the mayor said she took the hint and has written to the governor, indicating the dimension of the problem to him and asking him "to exert his muscle."

More Police for Homes

New Brunswick Police Director John T. O'Brien said today New Brunswick, the four-building low-income housing project on Memorial Parkway, will receive increased protection in the daytime.

Declining to reveal what the program will consist of, O'Brien also announced that steps are being taken to provide security officers who patrol the area at night with added anti-crime strength.

O'Brien said the decision to reduce or possibly eliminate the series of crimes in the 246-a apartment development came after a conference between Richard M. Keefe, executive director of the New Brunswick Housing and Redevelopment Authority and the authority's attorney, Carl T. Valentini.

The director said more police officers and detectives in plain clothes will cover the four buildings on days, and that three security officers, employed by the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation of Trenton, will be permitted to have walkie-talkies which will be used by the police department.

This will make it possible for the security men to call for and receive help immediately if a serious problem arises.

O'Brien also said he has agreed to review applications which would permit the private force to carry weapons.

Keefe, speaking for authority members, said the result of the conference was most heartening.

The crime-plagued development has had serious problems in recent years. Because of the crime rate in other sectors of the city, the police department was unable to provide the protection authority members sought.

Members finally entered into a contract with the Metropolitan concern for patrols at night. However, there was a sharp increase in incidents during daylight hours. At the authority's January meeting, a mother of two who had been robbed by a knife-wielding mugger in an elevator pleaded with authority to take action for greater protection.

The authority then directed Keefe and Valentini to meet with O'Brien.

School Deficit Crisis Easing

2-5-71

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

A "constructive" meeting of city and school officials last night on the school board's anticipated \$488,000 deficit produced some cuts in that amount and reassurance that the schools would remain open at all costs.

The city also has received strong indications from Commissioner Lloyd McCorkle of the state Department of Institutions and Agencies that it will be at least partially reimbursed for the operation of the New Street School for emotionally disturbed children.

Financing of the school was listed by the Board of Education as one cause of its current deficit. Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan has been seeking federal and state aid to remove the entire cost from the city.

Last night marked the first face-to-face meeting of the Mayor, City Council and the Board of Education since the deficit was made public.

"We agreed that everything necessary will be done to keep the schools open, the mayor said.

Both the mayor and Board President Eli Saltz characterized the conference as a "good meeting" and promised to meet again to iron out further cuts in the deficit and the method of financing it.

"Some inroads were made," Saltz said. "And we will continue to look for further areas to cut before the next meeting."

No date was set for the next meeting, but Saltz indicated it would be some time next week after the City Council and the Board of School Estimate meet on their respective budgets.

The mayor said another item being studied closely is the method by which the city will finance an appropriation to cover the final amount after all the cuts are made.

"We are looking into either bonding it or obtaining a loan, since the city obviously doesn't have that kind of money," she said.

Neither Saltz nor Mrs. Sheehan would name the exact amount cut from the deficit last night.

The Board of School Estimate had rejected a request by the board of Education for an emergency appropriation to cover the anticipated deficit, and the board appealed the decision to state Commissioner of Education Carl L. Marburger.

City Attorney Norris Harding has questioned whether Marburger has the authority to order the city to raise the money. A hearing on that matter has been scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday in Trenton before the state Department of Education.

However, after the mayor indicated a willingness to meet with the Board of Education last week, Saltz said he was hopeful of settling the controversy at home.

The mayor said that last night three was no looking back at why the deficit came about. "We were all very much looking to the future and to getting this matter resolved," she said.

In a letter to the mayor, McCorkle said the city's program at the school will be discussed at a meeting of the Bureau of Community Mental Health Services of his department and the Bureau of Special Services of the Department of Education on Feb. 9.

Three Towns to Share in \$90 Million Fund

2-9-71

TRENTON — Madison, New Brunswick and Perth Amboy are among 53 school districts in the state which stand to receive chunks of \$90 million in emergency school building aid.

Madison would get \$2.5 million, New Brunswick would get \$1.1 million and Perth Amboy would get \$1.3 million under the aid formula approved yesterday by the state Board of Education.

The emergency funds were approved by the legislature last year. The aid, which will be spread over a period of 25 years, will pay for interest and principal on bonds for school construction up to the amount set by the formula for each district. Each district must secure its own bonds.

The formula under which the money is awarded takes into account factors such as growth rate and density of population, the number of recipients of welfare under the aid for dependent children program, the age of classrooms and municipal tax rates and debt standing.

The formula is the same one used to allot another \$90 million, approved by the legislature in 1968.

New Brunswick is one of only seven districts in the state that has not yet "claimed" the aid allocated to it under that funding — \$1,139,000.

Eli Saltz, president of the New Brunswick Board of Education, said last week that the school board has until the third week of February to keep this allocation by passing the necessary resolution and getting approval from the Board of School Estimate. Otherwise, the state commissioner of education has the authority to cancel the allocation.

Saltz said he anticipated no problem in getting the necessary resolutions through.

With this allocation and the recommended \$1,163,000 under the funding slated yesterday, New Brunswick would have \$2.3 million toward construction of a new middle school for the city.

Other school districts slated to get funds under the formula are Newark, \$15.9 million; Jersey City, \$7.8 million; and Paterson, \$5.3 million.

South Plainfield, Manville and Monroe requested aid, but were among the 56 school districts which are ineligible under the formula.

Education Association Against A.M. Meeting

2-9-71

The New Brunswick Education Association said today it strongly opposes the holding of a morning meeting to determine the 1971-72 school budget for the city.

The Board of School Estimate is scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. Thursday at City Hall to adopt a budget. The Board of Education has recommended an \$8.1 million budget, \$6.1 million of which must be raised by taxation.

Officers of the education association, which represents teachers and school nurses in the city, said a morning meeting makes it impossible for most interested citizens to attend because they are working at the time. The officers said they felt a night meeting would be more appropriate.

"The budget will set the educational tone for the coming school year and the public should have a chance to state its views on such an important matter," the officers contended.

Cahill As Shamy's Successor; Schulte Tapped



WILLIAM J. CAHILL

By RICHARD GORMAN
Home News Staff Writer

In a burst of political activity, the New Brunswick city administration today named Dr. Robert H. Schulte, a dentist, as the newest city councilman, and tapped City Clerk William J. Cahill as its choice for Democratic municipal chairman.

George Shamy, the man who masterminded Mayor Patricia Sheehan's New Five into City Hall, announced in December he was stepping down from the top city Democratic post.

The announcements were first made during an exclusive Home News interview at Shamy's office, 90 Paterson St., yesterday afternoon.

The 37-year-old dentist who resides at 310 Easton Ave., will assume on Wednesday the vacant council position formerly held by Cahill, who became New Brunswick's City Clerk Jan. 1.

Cahill's move to the city clerk's post caused a stir in some political circles because the candidate had topped the slate in votes in the November election. He declined to be sworn-in as a councilman at the Jan. 1 organiza-

tion meeting, and shortly afterward was sworn-in to the post formerly held by Mrs. Anna Murphy.

A 1950 graduate of Cardinal Farley Military Academy in Rhinecliff, N.Y., Schulte graduated from Georgetown University in 1954 and from the Georgetown Dental School in 1958.

He has maintained his dental practice at 127 Livingston Ave., for eight years. Schulte entered the U.S. Air Force as a lieutenant in September, 1957, and left the service as a captain in June, 1962.

Schulte, the first doctor to serve in municipal government in New Brunswick, is a member of the American Dental Association, the New Jersey Dental Society and the Middlesex County Dental Society.

United Fund

He is a former chairman of the dental division of the United Fund Campaign.

Schulte is married to the former Anne McCabe, daughter of the late New Brunswick contractor, George McCabe. The couple has no children.

Mrs. Schulte is a member of the Mayor's Citizens Advisory Committee, president of the St. Peter's Hospital Auxiliary, president of the New Brunswick Chapter,

American Association of University Women, and legislative chairman of the state AAUW.

A graduate of St. Peter's High School and the College of St. Elizabeth, Mrs. Schulte taught in St. Peter's, Franklin and New Brunswick High Schools before discontinuing her career in 1966.

Schulte said in a statement he has maintained his practice in New Brunswick for more than eight years and has built his home here.

"I believe deeply in the future of New Brunswick and I think having once made that commitment to the city, I could not in good conscience refuse an invitation to work with the City Council and accept the responsibilities for helping determine the future progress of the city."

Schulte pointed out that "neither my wife nor I have been actively involved in political activity. In the past, I have been impressed with Mayor (Patricia Q.) Sheehan and her administration. I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity to become part of their team. I certainly will do all that I possibly can to justify their confidence in me."



ROBERT H. SCHULTE

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In an interview shortly after the announcement, Schulte told The Home News that the pressure of his practice was one of the major problems he considered in accepting the post.

And, he said, "I have a pretty good idea of the time involved and what it takes."

The dentist, who stands almost shoulder-to-shoulder with Aldred B. Cooper Jr., the city's tallest councilman, said housing is the greatest problem the Hub City faces today.

"Too many people have left the city for decent housing," he said. "We have to keep the

people we have and get new ones."

He indicated New Brunswick doesn't have "open acres. We have to create room from the land we have." Schulte said his interest in housing problems will be put to good use. The new councilman said he will be appointed the council's liaison to the New Brunswick Housing Authority.

Schulte said he expected to become familiar with his new post and its responsibilities after several council meetings and council caucuses.

He said he did not consider the transition from professional man to councilman as great as that from professional man to politician.

Re-Election

And, he added, he will seek re-election to the post when his term expires in six months.

As qualifications for the post, Schulte cited his "desire and willingness to try to do something about the problems of New Brunswick. I'll put the best effort and time I can put in," he said.

Schulte termed the City Council "the place where things get done. You can talk and raise a lot of noise, but it's in the course of government that things get voted on and get passed," he said.

City Council President Aldred B. Cooper Jr., expressed the council's delight that Schulte has joined the administration. "We are well aware of his commitment to this community and his dedication to serve."



Home News Photo by Harold Rosenthal
STEPPING DOWN—George Shamy, the man who put together the New Five slate which swept into office in May, 1967, relaxes in his law office at 90 Paterson St., yesterday. Shamy announced he will support City Clerk William J. Cahill for municipal chairman when the municipal committee meets this week.

Cooper said Schulte will be appointed to the council Wednesday at 4 p.m. "We feel he adds a new and important dimension to the governing body of the city. We are sure that the best interests of the city will be served by such outstanding additions to the team."

Shamy, who put together the New Five slate of candidates which swept into office in May, 1967, said the city is "very fortunate to have a man of his credentials and his interest."

Shamy said he has seen his goal attained: that of fielding a slate to depose former Mayor Chester W. Paulus and watching it successfully re-elected.

"I had an obligation to stay in until after the re-election," he said. "And I have an obligation to this administration. I feel they have come up with another top-notch councilman. Now I can resign and resume my law practice."

Shamy said he expected the municipal committee meeting to be called for this week, possibly Wednesday. And he said the city clerk was his personal choice to succeed him in the top post.

Shamy denied that he will semi-or even quasi-retire from politics. As early as December, he told The Home News, "I'm going to be totally out of politics. I'm not going to be a leader behind the scene."

No Opposition Seen to Cahill Move

2-8-71

It appears there will be no opposition to the choice of William J. Cahill as the city's new Democratic municipal chairman.

Cahill's name had been mentioned prominently for the job since he announced he would take the city clerk's job in December, and George Shamy said Saturday he would recommend Cahill for the post when the New Brunswick municipal committee meets to choose Shamy's successor.

Shamy had announced in December he was stepping down from the post, and with the selection of Dr. Robert H. Schulte to fill Cahill's vacant council seat, he said his job is now complete.

Cahill said the committee likely would meet sometime next week to vote on a new chairman, although no date has been set.

Members of the Save Our City slate who opposed the city administration last November's election, said they plan no move to block Cahill's election.

Robert Ferguson, a council

candidate on that slate, said the group was aware the move was coming, but had formulated no plan to place one of its men in the job. Ralph Muehlig, who headed the slate as its mayoral candidate, issued a flat "no" when asked about any opposition.

Muehlig had been active in a move to dump Shamy as chairman two years ago after he lost a bid for the Democratic nomination for a state Assembly seat. He said there are even fewer members of the committee interested in that type of action now.

Ferguson and Muehlig both said they would be putting their efforts into making the New Brunswick Civic Association a viable group. The association, an outgrowth of the Save Our City campaign, has been promoted as an opposition group to the city administration, but little has been heard from it since the announcement of its formation.

The choice of the city clerk to succeed Shamy is nothing new to the city. Harry W.

Dwyer held both posts for almost 20 years before his death in 1965. And as in Cahill's case, Dwyer resigned a seat on the City Commission to accept the city clerk's job.

The combining of the two jobs is a common practice in many other municipalities.

Cahill said if he gets the cooperation he has been promised, the new job should not be too much of an added burden. "It involves doing a lot of paper work and keeping things moving," he said. "And as far as running campaigns are concerned, I've received many offers of help from the councilmen."

Cahill should present a different image than his predecessor in the role, and he said he believes that was part of the reason for his selection. "I'm not a politician," he said. "And I have a better rapport with the people."

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, who said she was "proud and pleased" at the selection of Schulte for the council spot,

also said she had complete confidence and trust in Cahill for the chairman's post.

"He has a good track record," she said. "He gets all the hard jobs and gets them done."

Following his election in 1967, Cahill was named public works director, and after Carl Valentini's resignation from the commission, he assumed the job of public safety director. He also topped the Democratic ticket in the last election and was slated to become Council President until named to the city clerk's job.

Promotion Day for Firemen, Police

2-9-71

The city's first two firemen to be promoted under Civil Service will be sworn in to their new posts at noon Thursday in City Hall.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan announced today that Lt. D. Leo Harkins will be promoted to the rank of captain and fireman Robert E. Graham will be promoted to lieutenant. The two placed first in their categories in the recent Civil Service examinations.

The swearing-in ceremony also will include the two recent promotions in the police de-

partment as well as the appointment of three police chaplains.

Detective Sgt. Everett (Duke) James, the only one of 12 police sergeants to pass the exam, will take his oath as lieutenant and Patrolman John Drury will be sworn in as a sergeant.

The three chaplains each will receive the rank of captain. City Clerk William Cahill said he believed this marks a first in the operation of the city police department.

The chaplains are the Rev. Richard N. Turk, assistant pas-

tor of Sacred Heart R. C. Church; the Rev. Charles H. Brown of the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens and Rabbi Harvey J. Fields of Congregation Anshe Eretz.

Harkins, who joined the fire department in June 1947, has been a lieutenant since April 16, 1968. His was also the last promotion before Civil Service took effect in the city. He is assigned to the third platoon of Truck Co. 1 at Fire Headquarters, Joyce Kilmer Avenue.

Graham has been a member of the department since November 1947 and is assigned to

Engine Co. 5 in the 6th Ward Firehouse, Wyckoff and Bartlett streets.

James will be second in command of the detective forces in the Police Department and will continue to head the narcotics division. Drury, who scored highest on the promotional exam for sergeant, will remain in the uniformed patrol division.

"We will continue our policy of promotions based on merit," Mayor Sheehan said. "It is the only certain way of encouraging people to give the citizens of New Brunswick their

best effort. We extend our congratulations to these men who have demonstrated by their records their talent and ability."

The mayor also will present certificates of valor to five firemen tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. for their efforts in rescuing persons trapped in burning buildings at two separate fires last year.

The awards will go to Harkins, Fireman Paul Kovacs and James Stafford and Drivers Charles Clark and Joseph Walsh.

Mrs. Valenti, Housewife Picked for Board

2-11-71

The appointments of two people to fill the newly created posts on the Board of Education were announced today by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan.

Mrs. Blanquita Valenti, wife of former City Commissioner Carl T. Valenti, and Mrs. Marion A. Neal, a housewife, were named to the three-year terms which will begin March 1. They will take office with Mrs. Alice Crozier, who succeeds Mrs. Stanley Geipel on the board.

The two posts were created when the City Council increased the board membership from five to seven on Feb. 3.

Lifetime Resident

Mrs. Neal, a lifetime resident of the city, lives at 238 Constock St. She is a member of the High School PTA and is a former president of the PTAs



MRS. BLANQUITA VALENTI

at McKinley School and the junior high school.

Mrs. Valenti, a native of Puerto Rico, is a member of the N.J. State Spanish Advisory Committee on Education and recently was appointed to a special national task force to study the educational needs of Puerto Rican children.

She also is a member of the N.J. State Board of Public Welfare and is on the board of directors of the St. Peter's Hospital Auxiliary.

"We are extremely pleased to appoint two people with such excellent qualifications and diverse backgrounds," the mayor said. "Their experience and knowledge of our community will bring a new dimension to our Board of Education."

women were selected after several interviews and with the help of the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Board of Education.

"I have stated before that this administration considers appointments to the Board of Education as some of the most important we can make," she said. "The members of the board will determine to a great degree the progress we shall make in the field of education."

Mrs. Valenti a Teacher

Mrs. Valenti received her bachelor's degree from Rosemont College, Rosemont, Pa., and is working toward a masters degree in education at Seton Hall University. She is a teacher at John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, Wood-



MRS. MARION A. NEAL

bridge. The mother of five children, she lives at 80 Pennington Road.

Mrs. Neal has two sons in the local school system. She is a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Enabling legislation allowing municipalities to increase the membership of their Boards of Education was passed last year. The mayor said the two additional members would help distribute the duties and responsibilities of the board.

"School board members work long hours without pay as a public service," she said. "School boards of today are faced with the continuing problems of negotiations with teachers and administrators and building projects."

'Old Town' Seed Taking Root

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By FRAN KOSA
Home News Staff Writer

After two weeks of serious thought and investigation, a citizens group decided yesterday to take more definite steps towards the establishment of an historic colony in New Brunswick.

Under the direction of Dr. Joseph Kler, a city physician, several committees were formed and assigned tasks which will get the historic preservation project under way.

One committee was authorized to draw up articles of incorporation for the group, which presently is informally known as "Old Town in New Brunswick."

Other groups were instructed to research the problems of moving certain historic build-

ings. The most immediate challenge is saving the old Indian Queen building on Albany Street, now owned by the state. Unless obtained by the city for public use as an historic site, it could be demolished to make way for the extension of Route 18.

During the group's first session, Kler said the state would officially claim the building March 1. Saving the structure is not as pressing as that deadline seems to indicate. Kler noted yesterday. He said he has received "maximum cooperation" from the state's Department of Transportation.

"We're not sure when work on Route 18 will actually start," he said, "but we must be prepared."

A finance committee to work

out the initial capital fund goal for the project also was named. Kler, during the first meeting of the informal group, mentioned a tentative goal of \$100,000. Yesterday he upped that still speculative figure to \$150,000, based on reports of cost obtained during the last two weeks.

A separate committee was charged with establishing a fund raising program. Kler has expressed a desire to have a community appeal campaign, asking area residents to donate \$1 per person towards the project.

Raising money for maintenance of the buildings, which would be part of the colonial park, was left to the Crewel group of the Buccleuch restoration program. These

women have raised funds for the latter project by sponsoring annual charity events.

With certain people assigned the foundation work for the pending program, Kler called for another meeting "in about a month."

Besides establishing committees at yesterday's meeting at the Johnson & Johnson Research Center on Route 1, North Brunswick, the group discussed several points raised since their last meeting.

Kler reported a bid of \$25,000 from a Hillside moving firm for relocation of the Indian Queen.

That figure would get the building into Boyd Park, Kler said, but the firm could not be as exact in the cost of moving the colonial tavern to Buccleuch Park. This is due to complications in moving the three-story structure under the railroad tracks, Kler said.

Kler has toured the old tavern, presumed to be the oldest building in New Brunswick, with a local architect and contractor. He is waiting for other advice from Kenneth Chorley, the first director of the Williamsburg, Va., restoration pro-

gram who is currently in South Africa. Kler said Chorley assured him he would visit New Brunswick in April.

The incorporating committee also will meet with city officials to discuss the city's role in the venture. Kler said he is awaiting the filing of an application by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan with the state which would give the city title to the Indian Queen building. He said she has given him support towards an "Old Town" colony.

Although a definite park site has not been determined, the group still must obtain the land from the city. Should the group decide on Buccleuch Park, now under consideration, the legal aspects should be "relatively simple," according to Norris Harding, city attorney.

He said he has not been approached officially for such information, but permission to obtain land in Buccleuch Park would require a search into stipulations provided in legal documents when the city was given the land around 1911. According to Kler, the only condition is the park be used "for the rest of the weary."

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A PART OF HISTORY — Presumed to be the oldest building in New Brunswick, the Indian Queen building on Albany Street is the object of a move to restore all historic structures in the area.

Object: Pump New Blood Into an Anemic Downtown Area

By TED SERRILL
Home News Staff Writer

Drawing on his own original ideas and the thoughts of others, architect Robert W. Meyer has proposed a comprehensive plan for the rejuvenation of downtown New Brunswick.

Meyer foresees the possibility of traffic rapidly around the perimeter of the downtown, opening the way towards the use of George and Albany streets as permanent pedestrian shopping malls.

Other features of his plan include:

- Operation of a jitney bus route to carry shoppers around the central shopping district.

- Acquisition by the Middlesex County government of a block adjacent to Kennedy Square for all its future court and office expansion needs, as well as construction of a large parking garage and even a new jail.

- Provision for a new quarters for the New Brunswick Post Office within this block, allowing the city to take over the existing Post Office building for an addition to City Hall.

- Development of five blocks for a new rail-bus transportation center, sports arena and exhibition hall, a large parking facility and an office tower.

To make the loop roads as effective as possible, Meyer suggests the state's plans for the interchange of the Route 18 extension with Albany Street be revised.

A New Brunswick native and Highland Park resident whose office is at 5 Elm Row, Meyer emphasized he is offering his plan as a civic endeavor, solely in the interests of improving the city.

Response Was Nil

Elements of the plan date back to 1967 when Meyer formally proposed some of his ideas to the City Authority and the Raritan Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce. City and county planners attended these two meetings.

Meyer recalls that the response to his ideas was nil. It was just as if the ideas had been broadcast into a void, he said. "The wind was taken out of my sails and after 1968 I stopped talking about it."

He now is updating and consolidating the plan because movement has been taking place on several fronts. The county has been considering expansion at Kennedy Square. The city last fall experimented with the closing of George Street to vehicles on Saturdays.

The chamber of commerce obtained a \$10,000 grant for study of the feasibility of a sports arena-convention complex. And the state has completed final plans for the extension of Route 18 and is nearing construction.

The one-way loops, which would encompass nearly 30 blocks, are perhaps his most original ideas. At points, particularly on New Street, the one-way routes would merge into a two-way traffic pattern. The clockwise route would begin at Memorial Parkway (Route 18) and New Street, continuing up New to Kirkpatrick Street. It would continue over Kirkpatrick, through an extension of Kirkpatrick that would have to be built from Paterson to the upper corner of the railroad plaza at French Street. It would swing down the plaza parallel with the Penn Central tracks and down Washington Street to Memorial Parkway, and back over to New Street.

The counterclockwise route would begin at New Street and Memorial Parkway, continue north on Memorial swinging around on an interchange loop to be built near the Raritan River, and up Somerset Street. It would follow up the plaza to Joyce Kilmer Avenue, across Joyce Kilmer and back down New Street.

The extension of Kirkpatrick, which Meyer said has long been talked about, is important to the plan. Jelin Street between Paterson and Church streets would be vacated.

A major reason for the loop roads is to divert all traffic off Albany Street. "The center city should be one unit rather than divided by a state road. You just can't have a main traffic artery going through the city and at the same time develop something for the pedestrians."

Meyer said the various phases of his plan could be done in stages, but they should be

planned in one package. "We should definitely have planning coordination. There can be many savings if it is done on a master plan basis."

He pointed out that the overall plan has the chief merit of versatility.

"Many parts of it would not cost the city of New Brunswick extra. The loop is the major item. If the city can make a decision to incorporate a loop around the city, the other things would follow."

Although some aspects of the program would be quite expensive, he added, whether to the county, state or independent agencies, they would not be much more expensive than the multi-million dollar plans already being discussed.

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Jitneys would travel down Neilson to the corner of Liberty, where the parking authority is planning a new parking deck. The route would continue up Liberty to George street

back a block on George to Bayard Street and up Bayard to Elm Row, at the corner of Kennedy Square and across from City Hall. The jitneys would then go down Elm Row and turn into Albany Street, proceeding down Albany to Neilson and back to the corner of Washington.

The county Board of Freeholders already is exploring the possibility of obtaining federal or state aid to create selected jitney bus routes around the county.

Meyer does not like the existing state plan for the interchange of the Route 18 extension on Albany Street at the bridge across to Highland Park. When built, motorists entering New Brunswick would not be able to see the city spread out before them.

The architect said they would only be able to see an ugly barrier of traffic under which cars would pass to continue up Albany Street, or turn off onto Route 18 in either direction.

His plan would eliminate such a barrier by carrying traffic sharply to the north to Somerset Street, allowing motorists on the bridge to look up Albany Street. If Albany were closed off as a shopping mall, it would be an impressive sight, Meyer believes.

He believes it would not be difficult for the state to alter its interchange plans at that point if the city were to ask.

His solution to the county's expansion problems would require the acquisition of the block bounded by Kirkpatrick, Bayard, Joyce Kilmer and Paterson. This block has 15 buildings, some of them old houses and some new office buildings.

At least a dozen law firms are in the block, as well as scattered real estate and title guarantee offices, doctors, dentists and private laboratories.

In addition to four small but modern office buildings, the block contains the large Feher Building and a recently built office building containing several law firms.

Meyer said the latter building is the only new addition to the block since he proposed in 1967 that it be acquired. He

conceded that the block would not be cheap to obtain but he said it would be economical for the county over the long run.

The freeholders are considering whether to retain the old records building at Kennedy Square or tear it down and build a large office-court structure, with subsequent construction of another building on the

site of the existing jail-sheriff building.

Critics of these proposals, including Meyer, believe the full expansion needed in decades to come would make Kennedy Square extremely crowded with buildings and destroy its present attractiveness.

Meyer does maintain that a new building could be placed on the site of the jail but that

all other expansion should be on the next block. Half that block, he said, could be used for offices.

The entire frontage along Kirkpatrick would have a three-story base building topped by two office towers, at the Bayard and Paterson Street corners. There are half of the block fronting on Joyce Kilmer could have a parking deck of

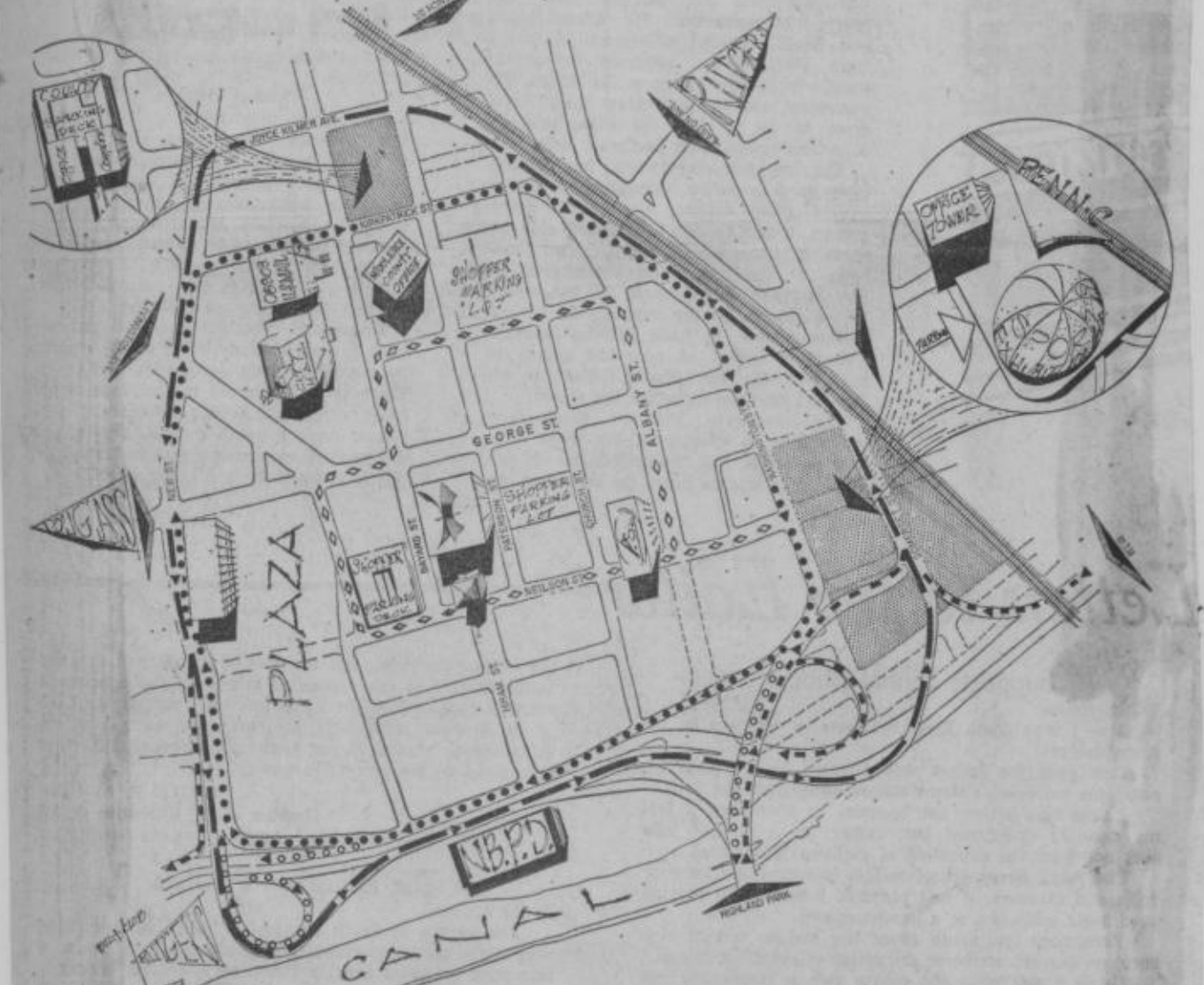
at least seven floors.

Although Meyer has not talked with post office officials, he sees no reason why the post office, now in a old building at the corner of Bayard and Kirkpatrick, could not move into half the three-story base building. It could use part of the rear parking deck for its truck storage and delivery platform.

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PLAN FOR REJUVENATION — This sketch illustrates architect Robert W. Meyer's plan for rejuvenating downtown New Brunswick. Two loop roads are shown on the perimeter, while the small triangles at the center follow the path of a proposed jitney bus route. A proposed county expansion complex is shown at the top, and at the bottom right is a complex consisting of a sports arena, exhibition hall, office tower and new Penn Central Railroad station. The largely undeveloped plaza site is at the bottom left. The strange structure at the center, between the as-yet-unbuilt parking deck at the left and the shoppers parking lot at right, is the N.J. Bell Telephone Building with a drawing of the microwave tower at the top of the building.



EYE-OK — Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, who has officially proclaimed this week "Save Your Vision Week" in New Brunswick, gets eye examination from Dr. Martin Harmon, chairman of the week's activity.

Moby Boat Still Beached

By GEORGE J. TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

She came in like Captain Ahab's proverbial White Whale. Yet less than four years later, divers are desperately fighting to save her so she can be moved to cleaner waters.

That is the status of the former Circle Line boat which sits, somewhat precariously, in a lock in the Delaware and Raritan Canal waiting to be towed away by its new owner.

Mrs. Anna Sewatch of Lakewood, who purchased the vessel for \$610 at a public auction in November, said today the boat would be moved from the city's waterfront as soon as repairs are completed and it is seaworthy.

Divers have been attempting to patch boat's hull over the past several months, but the ship has resisted valiantly. It seems each time a new-found hole is closed and water is pumped from the hull, it fills up just as rapidly again.

One of the conditions of the boat's sale was that it be moved from the canal lock along Elmer B. Boyd Park as soon as possible.

Mrs. Sewatch said she has no definite plans for the boat yet. "The weather is in the way right now," she said. "But as soon as it clears, the divers will be back to repair it so it can be moved."

City Clerk William Cahill said he received final payment for the listing vessel in January, and expects as soon as a tugboat can make it up the river the eyesore will be towed away.

The boat became an issue in last fall's mayoral campaign when Ralph J. Muehlig and his Save Our City slate of candidates suggested it be taken out to sea and sunk. Shortly after that, the 150-foot-long ship almost did just that right in the canal and began listing sharply to the starboard side.

Council President Aldredge B. Cooper, then commissioner of parks and recreation, rejected the suggestion, however, and proposed the boat be sold at a profit to the city.

Two weeks after the election the successful Democratic candidates fulfilled their first campaign promise and sold the boat to Mrs. Sewatch.

It was shortly after the New Five city administration took office that they obtained the former sightseeing boat as a gift.

Two lifelong city residents, Robert and William Hughes, who conduct a marine towing and brokerage firm, arranged to have the 23-year-old craft given to the city by Francis J. Barry, the Circle Line's president.

Barry previously had been offered \$10,000 for the boat, but turned it down.

The boat's engine, electrical and toilet fixtures were removed, and it was towed from Staten Island to the city amid much fanfare. A year later it was ceremoniously christened and dubbed the "Edward T. Farrington" in honor of the city's first mayor.

However, those ceremonies provided a hangover for city officials which is destined to last until the craft once again slips through the canal's locks and is towed out to sea.

Original plans called for it to be used as a floating community center, primarily for use by senior citizens. But its accessibility became a problem when people found it nearly impossible to get across busy Memorial Parkway.

There were a few events held on its decks, but ultimately the boat, which had made thousands of trips around Manhattan Island, was abandoned.

Periodically it would be brought back to life at City Commission meetings when some daring resident questioned what use the city had in mind for it. The usual effort was that getting it shipshape would cost money the city didn't have.

Early last summer, the ship tried to cooperate with city officials and solve the problem itself.

It drifted some 25 yards downstream, but the tide was out and the boat soon scraped bottom and stopped. The stranded vessel was noticed by two members of the Rutgers Sailing Club who notified police that it was attempting a getaway.

Dentist May Help Cure Urban Decay

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

Persuading a young child to visit on a regular basis after treating his nightmarish toothache is one of the dentist's most satisfying jobs, according to Dr. Robert H. Schulte.

And the 37-year-old dentist may find that experience very much in order in his new role as a city councilman.

It was at an awards ceremony for firemen last week that Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan expressed such a hope for the city. "You get so used to working from one emergency to the next that it's a real pleasure when something like this comes along," she said. "I hope this marks the beginning of getting things back to normal."

'Must Stop Exodus'

For Schulte, the city housing problem is the toothache which must be treated before normality can reign. "We're not to stop the exodus of people who are leaving simply because they can't find decent housing," he said.

The Brooklyn-born doctor said he felt people want to live in the city but simply can't find the room—a problem he has experienced himself.

After a four-year stint in the Air Force, Schulte decided to establish his practice in New Brunswick, which happens to be the hometown of his wife, the former Anne McCabe.

Locating an office at 127 Livingston Ave. proved to be a relatively easy task, and Schulte has remained there for eight and one-half years. But while looking for a home, the young couple lived with Mrs. Schulte's mother for six months and finally moved to an East Brunswick apartment.

It was six years before they were able to move back to the city, although Schulte said they retained their ties to a local church and social organizations.

He now resides at 310 Easton Ave., across from Buccleuch Park where he gets his daily exercise by walking and ice skating.

"New Brunswick doesn't have the open acreage like the towns surrounding us," he said. "We have to create room from the land we have."

That includes replacing the city's substandard housing, he added, something already begun under the George Street Urban Renewal Project. In line

with his stated interests, Schulte has been named the council's liaison officer to the New Brunswick Housing Authority.

Unaware of Consideration

A former chairman of the dental division for the United Fund Campaign, Schulte was suggested for the council post by several residents, according to Mayor Sheehan.

However, the Georgetown University graduate said he was unaware he was in contention until approached by City Attorney J. Norris Harding, a cousin to Mrs. Schulte, just a week prior to his selection.

"Norris assured me that it was not on his account I was being asked," Schulte said. "The council probably felt he was the best man to discuss the subject with me since we already knew each other."

It took just a few days for the personable dentist to reach a decision after meeting with the other members of the council and going before a special screening committee of the Democratic Party.

The only stumbling blocks Schulte said he considered before accepting the job were the amount of time it would

take and the politics that went with it.

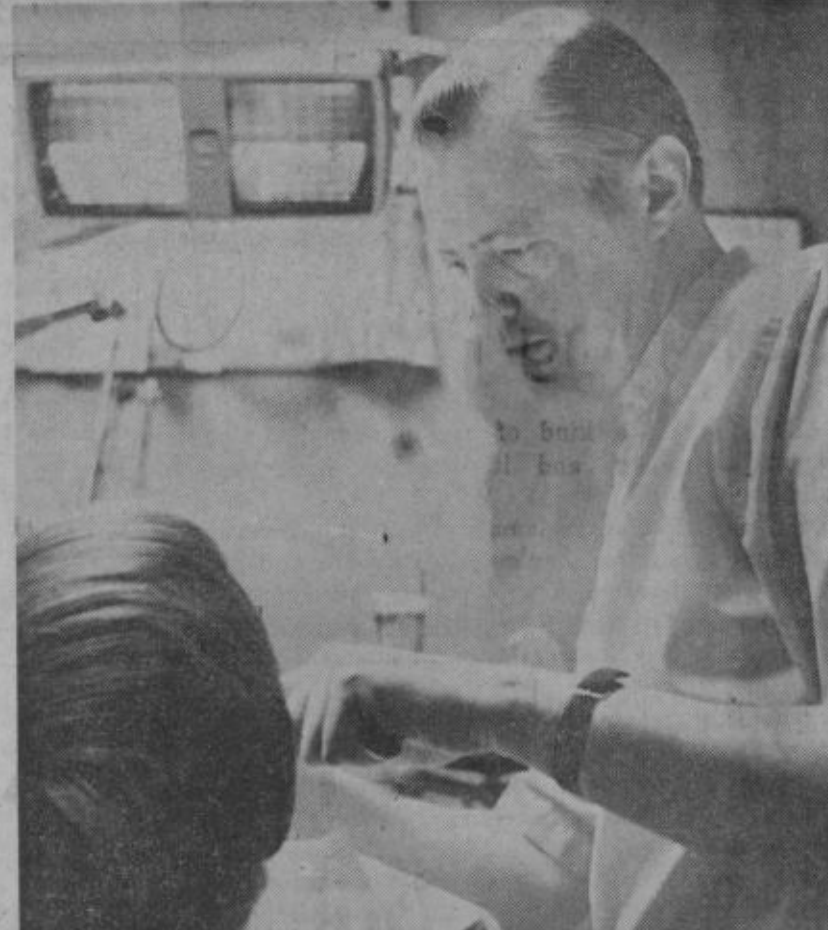
Like most dentists in the city, he takes Wednesday as a day off so council sessions will present no real problem, he said. Most other meetings take place at night and the Monday afternoon caucus session may be changed to another time.

A bigger problem will be standing for election to the remainder of the four-year term in November.

Schulte said he does not plan to initiate any new programs immediately on the council, but will attempt to become familiar with the duties and responsibilities of the post during the next several council meetings and caucuses.

"I've got a lot of learning to do, and I imagine they already have many plans they are working on," he said. "For the past week I've been attending a lot of introductory meetings, but I should start getting into the meat of the job with tomorrow night's council meeting."

And in what spare time he has left, the city's second tallest councilman talks about teaming up with Council President Aldredge Cooper to form the nucleus of an official city basketball team.



GOING BEYOND A TOOTHACHE — Dr. Robert H. Schulte, the city's newest councilman, looks forward to curing some of the city's ills and applying a little preventive medicine when his job begins in earnest at tomorrow night's council session.

City's 70-Point Tax Hike Seems Inevitable

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

It appears the 70-point tax increase included in the city's proposed 1971 municipal budget will remain substantially the same despite indications by the City Council when the budget was introduced Feb. 10, that it would cut the amount.

Council President Aldridge B. Cooper said that despite several cutbacks in expenses and many long caucus sessions during which further reductions were discussed, the increased tax rate would remain.

He cited inflation, increased governmental costs, the school board deficit and increased services as the major reasons for the increase.

Although the council originally indicated it could shave a few points by cutting the school board's proposed 1971-72 budget, that avenue was quickly blocked when the administration discovered it would have to pay for the entire deficit amount this year in order to keep the schools open.

Tremendous Amount

"The Board of Education presented us with a demand for a \$500,000 emergency appropriation, and although we were able to reduce that to \$397,000, it still represents a tremendous amount of money," Cooper said. And because the city's stated policy was to keep the schools open, the council president said the administration had to produce the funds.

Preliminary discussions had centered on borrowing the amount and paying it back over three to five years to ease the sting of the added taxes. But City Finance Director George Cox found that was an impossibility.

To cover the deficit amount without raising taxes even higher, the council cut \$400,000 from the school board's proposed budget during last week's council session.

That action is not final, however. Board President Eli Saltz has emphasized on several occasions the school budget was pared to a minimum before its introduction and any further cuts would be appealed to state Education Commissioner Carl Marburger.

If Marburger restores any significant portion of the \$400,000, it will increase the tax rate above its proposed level.

City officials admit the problem is compounded further because of last year's change in the method of raising school funds.

\$197,000 Deficit Remains

The school budget is prepared on a fiscal year basis but now paid for on a calendar year. Only half of the 1971-72 budget will be paid from this year's tax dollars, and consequently only half of the \$400,000 cut in the budget will be realized.

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That leaves the city with \$197,000 of the deficit remaining to be covered, since the entire deficit must be paid this calendar year.

The result is any cuts made in the municipal portion of the budget only go toward making up that \$197,000 instead of reducing the 70-point tax hike.

City Business Administrator William Saunders said the increase may go upward from two to five points.

Cooper said the change in form of government also contributed to the city's increased costs. Most of these costs are reflected in increased salaries for the mayor and department heads and the addition of one councilman.

Saunders said the combined salaries total approximately \$59,000.

Much of the increase goes to the police department, which has received a tentative authorization to increase its manpower to 120 this year.

"This costs money, but we feel it is necessary if we are going to have effective crime prevention," Cooper said, striking one of the major themes of last fall's election campaign.

More Firemen

The city Fire Department also will be increased to 90 men, and Saunders said mandated increases in the cost of

pension plans, Blue Cross-Blue Shield and other insurance coverages have contributed to the higher cost of running the city this year.

"Most people I've come in contact with have expressed some amazement at the size of the budget," Cooper said. "People are not going to be happy with increased taxes unless the city has increased services to go with it."

Part of those increased services will come from the fire and police departments, but the council president also said he is hopeful of doing something with the city's tennis and basketball courts about which so much has been said over the past four years.

"Taxes may have an immediate impact on the people, but the services will have a lasting one," he said. The city still is hopeful of winning its appeal with the county on the tax assessment ratio, which would reduce the share of the budget paid to the county several points.

And the administration is planning to move its Division of Parks and Planning from Henry Guest House on Livingston Avenue to City Hall. Saunders said this will reduce the administrative costs of the division and save money on the building's upkeep.

He suggested the building possibly could be taken

over by the Free Public Library, which is immediately adjacent, and paid for out of state aid funds.

Urban Aid Package

The council also hopes Gov. William Cahill's urban aid package will be passed by the legislature in time to have some effect on this year's budget. The city stands to receive \$290,000 under that proposal, a sum which would reduce the tax rate 25 points.

However, the Assembly appropriations committee has yet to schedule a meeting to consider the measure.

Cooper said he has been lobbying privately for the bill and expects both Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and the council will be in constant communication with various legislators in an attempt to insure its passage.

"All these measures, if successful, will be helpful, but none will be sufficient to prevent a tax increase this year," he said. "The cities need a massive infusion of money which cannot be provided from our narrow tax base. The state and federal governments must establish a more equitable distribution of resources."

The public hearing on the budget will be held March 17.

Racing Returns to City Street

One of the city's perennial traffic headaches—the Livingston Avenue speedway—has begun throbbing again, much to the dismay of area residents who have been experiencing sleepless nights.

Police Director John O'Brien said he has received several complaints about motorists drag racing with noisy engines on the wide street and is in the process of formulating a plan of attack.

The problem also provided the spark for the formation of the Joyce Kilmer Civic Association, comprised of residents of the Livingston Avenue area between Sandford Street and the High School.

David Mayerowitz, a former 3rd Ward Republican Chairman who now resides in the Joyce Kilmer Apartments on Reed Street, said the group has conducted traffic studies of the area and sent a telegram to O'Brien last week, asking some relief from the nightly problem.

A lifelong city resident, Mayerowitz said the group definitely is not a political one and is interested in cooperating with city officials to bring the drag racing to an end.

"We want to cooperate to improve the life of the city," he said. "I was asked to lead the group because of my previous experience in organizing groups and because I have the time, since I'm retired."

Although drag racing is the immediate problem, the association also is interested in obtaining better lighting on Livingston Avenue, placing school zone signs in the vicinity of the high school, and getting police call boxes installed on both Livingston and Joyce Kilmer avenues.

Mayerowitz said that while that area of the city has grown rapidly over the past ten years, city services have not kept pace. He said the addition of the high school and shopping areas in both North Brunswick and New Brunswick on Livingston Avenue draw approximately 25,000 people per week.

The association conducted its own traffic survey to arrive at that figure, he said. In addition to sending the telegram to O'Brien, the group intends to send letters to Mayor Fred Gilbert of North Brunswick and Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan of New Brunswick

and to seek meetings with the governing bodies of both municipalities.

"There will have to be a cooperative venture of both towns to stop the problem," Mayerowitz said. "But we do need a patrol up here on a regular basis."

Residents of the area have complained in the past that it takes 15 to 20 minutes for a patrolman to arrive on the scene after complaints are called in.

The problem was the subject of a conference this morning

at police headquarters between O'Brien and other top-ranking officers.

"We haven't made up our minds yet how we will attack this," O'Brien said. "But we do recognize the problem. After getting these complaints, I went out to the area myself last night and saw how serious it was."

A year ago, approximately 200 residents of the area signed a petition asking for a solution, and City Planner Vincent Casella and a policeman met with the group. Shortly after, the

problem was caused somewhat and regular patrols were instituted.

However, Mayerowitz said a few months later the dragsters were back again.

The Joyce Kilmer Civic Association, while not officially organized yet, is the first concerted effort to deal with the problem since that petition was signed.

Mayerowitz said several new residents have moved in since that time who are interested in finding a solution and getting some sleep at night.

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STAR-LEDGER SPECIAL REPORT

Jersey's lady mayors

Six women have risen to mayoralty posts in New Jersey. The communities they govern include urban, rural, suburban and resort. In a series of articles starting today, The Star-Ledger examines the similarities and diversities of their posts, their views and their personal lives.



Patricia Q. Sheehan talks about her city's problems

For Pat Sheehan, it's been one crisis after another

By BARBARA KUKLA

During four years in office, New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan has faced one crisis after another.

The newness of city hall life had hardly worn off when the young widow and mother of three was confronted with forestalling a possible riot.

Two years later, for totally different reasons, there was another social disturbance.

During one period schools almost were closed as the insurance policy lapsed. Now there is a \$500,000 plus deficit in the school budget which has prompted the mayor to call for a state intervention.

"I have faith in urban America," the mayor stated, yet that faith is not clouded by visions of miracle-making.

She is convinced, under her administration, the city has made a start toward

revitalization. Yet she tempers her remarks with:

"We have a long way to go." The complexities of urban problems, she believes, often require outside opinions and expert advice.

"We were new enough (when first elected) not to be shy about asking for help and talking with everyone," she commented. "We had no traditions we had established or status to preserve."

More than anything, however, she believes the cities will not survive without massive assistance from Trenton.

She points with pride to the location of Rutgers University and Douglass College within New Brunswick, but describes an ambivalence of being "home" to the state university.

The university, she says, is a significant economic factor in the city of

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45,000 full-time residents. It serves as the major area employer and offers a wealth of facilities and talent on which her administration frequently calls for advice.

But there is "one huge minus" in her evaluation: Rutgers, which occupies 1,000 acres in the 5.5 square-mile city, does not pay taxes.

The state's failure to develop a formula for payment in lieu of taxes for state-owned property angers her. So does the failure of the railroad, which runs through the heart of the community, to pay 1970 tax rates.

In addition to her long hours as mayor, which she described as "hectic" one month after office and have become more hectic in the intervening years, Mrs. Sheehan works as a compensation analyst for Johnson & Johnson, the community's largest company.

What prompts a young (36) woman with three young children to tackle an often-frustrating, time-consuming job as head of one of the state's major urban areas?

"It was more because I have three children that I ran," she said without time for reflection. "This is our home and their future is here. It is important that their future be an important one."

From the beginning, Mayor Sheehan has been part of an administrative team known as the "New Five."

In their first victory in 1967 under the former commission-type government, the ticket defeated incumbents who had been in office for 27 years.

"Our accomplishments are a matter of spirit," said the mayor. "We've opened up city hall to involve more people than ever and brought



New Brunswick's city clerk William J. Cahill confers with Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan

this business of government into the 20th Century. Before, it was run like a country store."

"I would not have run alone," she added. But she was prompted by her running mates' belief that she could add strength to the ticket and her belief that the city "had great potential, but needed a change in direction."

In that first election she was the top vote-getter, and, as pledged by the ticket beforehand, was named mayor.

Re-elected last year, she now heads the mayor and council form of government

approved on referendum by the voters.

The changeover, which took effect Jan. 1, brought greater power to the mayor's post and boosted her salary from \$4,000 to \$12,000.

The mayor's emergence on the political scene, however, was not merely the whim of a homemaker and working mother.

She received an A.B. in history and government from Trinity College in Washington, where she was president of the debating club.

The family moved to New Brunswick in 1957 and soon after Mrs. Sheehan became

involved in numerous community activities. She is a past president of the Catholic Welfare Bureau Advisory Board and has been active in fund drives, PTA and a hospital auxiliary.

Since the death of her husband, Commissioner Daniel Sheehan in 1951, she has become progressively more engaged in civic affairs.

In the meantime, her mother watches over her three children, Betsy, 13; Danny, 11, and Michael, 10.

Her own introduction to political life, with a go-ahead from J&J is the story of "The New Five." Together the team conducted a high-

pitched campaign, blanketing the town from door to door.

Their victory marked the start of grappling with problems, many of them of monumental proportions, on a day-to-day basis.

In some ways, said Mayor Sheehan, the handling of one crisis is no different than another, although the causes and possible solutions always are different.

"You must pitch in and do the best you can. Things happen so quickly snap decisions must be made. They're not always the best, but I'm convinced they're not always the worst."

"Talking doesn't solve problems, she added, "but it keeps the avenues of communication opening, allows more persons to participate and, most of all, can result in better understanding of the problem."

Whatever the situation, Mrs. Sheehan believes the mayor should be "right out there," accessible to the people.

In 1967, the mayor was credited by the President's Commission on Civil Disorder with deterring a possible riot in New Brunswick. She later was called to Washington to speak about the disturbance and her handling of it at the annual conference of the Women in the War on Poverty.

One of the most significant accomplishments during her first term was the conversion of a former armory at Handy Street and Joyce Kilmer Avenue into a community center which provides activities for all age groups.

Then-Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey had urged cities across the nation to convert little-used military facilities into places of recreation and Mayor Sheehan was among

the first to respond.

Humphrey came to the city to dedicate the facility, a day which the mayor recalls as one of her most memorable.

"As the daughter of parents who were born in Ireland, spending the day with the vice president has to be a major highlight," she reflected.

For weeks before, she worked with vice-presidential aides and Secret Service agents to prepare a number of alternative plans for the visit.

"Finally, we had to decide who would decide whether it was raining or not," the mayor said laughingly. (The task fell to the head agent).

Optimistically, Mayor Sheehan expresses a faith in revitalization of the cities, but not without millions of dollars of aid from Trenton.

More muscle, she believes, must be exerted by the mayors of the state's 567 municipalities.

"There is more fractionalization than unity among the mayors of the state," she stated. "The railroads, Chambers of Commerce, labor groups, New Jersey Education Association and others bring great pressure to bear, but the institution of local government is most wanting."

She urged "an ecumenical movement" to stress the sameness of the communities. "For too long we've stressed our differences," she said.

Although Mayor Sheehan believes many women are "well-suited" to public service, she thinks just as many have abdicated registration, voting and participatory rights.

"All too many women feel government is an unsavory business," she declared. "You can't blame anyone for

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Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan of New Brunswick and her three favorite constituents, sons Danny, 11, and Michael, 10, and daughter Betsy, 13

excluding women. If they believe in the democratic process, nothing touches them more. But if they play a subversive role, it's their fault, not the system."

In many ways, the mayor has combined the private sec-

TOMORROW: Mayor Anna M. Latteri

of her life with the public, taking her children to parades and other official events.

"I try to preserve weekends for them," she noted.

Football and basketball, on all levels, absorb much of their time together, especially when Danny's sixth grade basketball team at St. Peter's Grammar School is in action.

"I haven't played since high school (Beneficence Academy in Elizabeth), but I'm the

best spectator in the world," the mayor grinned.

Mayor Sheehan is a native of Newark, where she attended St. Columba's Grammar School. At college, she was a member of the national social science honorary fraternity, student advisory board on curriculum, international relations club and the yearbook committee.

She served as a member of the New Jersey Democratic Reform Commission and last year was elected to the executive committee of the Democratic State Committee.

She also was chosen last year by Gov. William T. Cahill to serve as one of two mayors on the State Tax Reform Commission and is on the executive boards of both the New Jersey Conference of Mayors and the Democratic State Committee.

LADY MAYORS: Glen Gardner gets no promises, promises

By BARBARA KUKLA

Mayor Helen K. Conkling of Glen Gardner is a public official who never makes campaign promises at election time.

"In many instances you are later unable to carry out promises made with all good intentions," she said. "What good are promises then?"

The credibility theory is one which has more than paid off for New Jersey's longest reigning woman mayor.

With five years of experience on the council of the tiny (population 850) Hunterdon County community as her portfolio, she was elected mayor in 1966 and now is completing her sixth two-year term.

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If there's one good reason to look forward to the 1971 fall campaign, it's because it will be the first time she

will be able to run under a state law which went into effect in '70 for a four-year term.

An active campaigner who goes house to house in the borough to keep up with residents' problems, she believes the two-year term is both a strain on the candidate and drain on time needed for community services.

"All you do is run," she said in explaining the political setup. "For half your term, you're out campaigning when you would like to be using the time to improve the community."

Glen Gardner is a rural community, incorporated in 1919 when the area was mostly farmland, but the mayor believes its problems are

similar to larger towns.

"Everyone everywhere is concerned about taxes," she commented, "but there's not much you can do about it except to keep the budget to a minimum."

The bulk of tax dollars go to the school system, an elementary facility with about 170 pupils and membership as one of 11 municipalities in the North Hunterdon Regional High School system. County taxes account for another substantial portion of revenues collected.

Of particular concern at the moment is the matter of parking on both sides of the street coupled with speeders.

"You may laugh, when comparing our traffic to the city, but it's a real problem," she noted.

Another vital issue, one on which future development of the community may depend, is sewerage installation. Before such a program is initiated, however, financial aid from higher governmental sources will be necessary, the mayor said.

But no program will be implemented, she explained, if the tax rate is to be boosted unrealistically.

"Everything we do is with the taxpayer in mind," she added, with heavy emphasis on not overburdening senior citizens who live on fixed incomes.

In an attempt to streamline the borough budget, garbage collection costs are included in the tax rate and the borough, thinking ahead to a future sewerage project, has purchased the Glen Gardner Water Company, now called the Glen Gardner Water Department.

The borough also has kept pace with improved methods of road maintenance, snow removal and good street lighting. All borough officials and the police chief and two deputies work part-time. The mayor's salary is \$30 per meeting.

Women hold almost half the major jobs in the municipality and in several instances their husbands also are borough officials.

George T. Conkling Jr., the mayor's husband and a councilman before her, presently serves as borough clerk.

Although she learned much about public office from her husband, she contends it would be impossible for them to run on the same ticket.

"It would be considered collusion," she said in a joking manner, punctuated with political acumen.

Mayor Conkling believes "it's good to have women in government" and she has appointed a woman to each board because they handle details very well.

But she is convinced that many women are not qualified to serve. "Many women can't take criticism," she explained, "and that makes it impossible to do this job. No one can please everyone all the time, so there are bound to be complaints."

To assure residents immediate access to all borough services and officials, a card listing all departments and all members of the governing body is distributed each year.

"Being mayor isn't just having a title," commented Mayor Conkling. "You really have to work at it at all hours



Mayor Helen Conkling of Glen Gardner checks the files at Borough Hall

of the day and night." Any candidate seeking office, she said, must love dealing with people, even those with complaints, and devote countless hours to the job.

Although she thinks a woman could handle the presidency of the country, she isn't certain a woman president could command the respect needed to fill the bill.

"It's a man's job as president," she said. "I don't think a woman would be accepted."

Still, she believes her sex has been no hindrance to her own political life.

"I've never had the feeling of being treated in any other way than an equal," she said.

Her husband, a native of Glen Gardner and bookkeeper for DeRemer's Garage Inc., is probably her strongest booster.

"She does a good job and is always working at it," he said.

The Conklings met as teenagers in the late 20s, when her parents, the late Stanley A. and S. Jennie Klinger of Elizabeth, bought a summer home in the Hunterdon County community.

A graduate of Battin High School in Elizabeth and the secretarial school of Pace College in Manhattan, the mayor was once secretary to Homer S. Pace, president of the school. She moved to Glen Gardner after her marriage in 1934.

After her marriage she worked for 27 years as a legal secretary, first for Anthony M. Hauck, prosecutor in the famed Hauptmann case and later for Charles W. L. Sumner.

Although she resigned to devote full time to her duties as mayor, the legal background she gained is often put to good use as the borough's top executive.

Presently, a member of Gov. Cahill's committee of

mayors and of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors, she has been Republican executive committeewoman of Glen Gardner since 1955 and also is secretary to the Hunterdon County Republican Committee.

Just as involved in the civic affairs of her community and county, she was charter president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Glen Gardner Fire Company, and also served as the group's secretary.

For 13 years, she headed the Hunterdon County Medical Center, an interest in health which has been continued in her membership in the Mental Health Association of Hunterdon County.

The Conklings have no children, but the mayor has always taken tremendous interest in youth and their activities.

At one time a member of both the local Parent Teacher Association and Girl Scout troop committee, she served in 1965 as county residential chairman of the Girl Scouts' fund drive. She also has been chairman of drives to benefit the Red Cross, Cancer Society and Polio Foundation.

Her involvement with youth also has been continued as a member of the County Juvenile Conference Committee, which hears cases of juvenile offenders with the aim of rehabilitation, and as chairman of the Nurses' Scholarship Committee of the Woman's Club of Clinton.

As chairman of the scholarship group for the past six years—"my other love"—she interviews potential recipients of \$750 awards and keeps in touch with all the girls.

Her interest has resulted in constant correspondence with the young women and sharing their letters with club members. In June of each year there is a reunion luncheon of all recipients since 1947, when the committee was established.

She talks about her enthusiasm for the job in the same manner she describes her work as mayor: "I'm really wrapped up in it," she concluded.

Clifton's elegant mayor has plenty of fuel to burn

By BARBARA KUKLA

Mayor Anna M. Latteri of Clifton is a woman who wears many hats — both figuratively and literally.

Forever on the go, she serves as mayor of one of the most populous cities in the state (100,000 residents), is president of a fuel oil company and devotes countless hours to civic affairs.

Known for her stylish dress, she has a wardrobe of 300 hats which occupy the entire third floor of her home in the Rosemar section of Clifton.

"My mother always wore a hat and gloves. She wouldn't walk across the street without them," she said in explaining her distinctive trademark.

Although the daily affairs of city government are handled by City Manager William Holster, whom she describes "as second to none in his field," the mayor is rarely "off-duty."

Phones at her home and at her firm's office in Garfield ring incessantly with conversations running the gamut from average citizen problems to community-wide issues.

Quick to take a stand and act when a controversial issue is brewing, Mayor Latteri believes courage is a major prerequisite for holding public office, particularly for a woman.

"You have to have the courage to stand up and say yes, this is good, or, positively no!" she commented. "But sincerity and liking people is the keynote."

Although she has been mayor less than a year, taking office after topping the vote (14,000 plus) last May, she has served previously on the Clifton Board of Education and was elected to the city council for a four-year term in 1966.

An articulate woman, who holds a law degree, her belief in speaking out has found her embroiled in a

number of community controversies.

A recent hubbub centered on the removal of James Baldwin's book, "Go Tell It on a Mountain," from the required reading list for certain high school sophomores.

For two or three days the issue was in the news as the mayor presented her views on radio, television and in the newspapers.

She intervened at the re-

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quest of 20 parents, she said, because she believes "It is within the province of the parents to agree or disagree on the choice of a book which the child 'must read.'"

"I was not objecting to Baldwin as a black," she stressed, but the use of the book as mandatory reading."

A similar controversy erupted last year over the public library's purchase of "The Sensuous Woman."

"My only objection was buying books of that nature with taxpayers' money when there is a need for so many kinds of reference materials," the mayor stated.

"A small number of people vocalized strenuously (for keeping the book on the shelves) and wanted to skin and hang us on Main Avenue," she said, "but

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students to detect the use of marijuana. The test later was discredited.

Presently of prime concern is the mayor's appointments to the city's autonomous Board of Education.

A former board member, she decries the board's authority "to dispose of large amounts of taxpayers' money while being beholden to no one."

"The board is my Achilles heel," she noted. "When there are problems, the taxpayers run to the elected officials."

The three appointees she named last month and who will join the board in March are all men.

"Next time I will be looking for a truly competent, dedicated woman," said the mayor. "But I won't appoint one arbitrarily and I don't want a political hack."

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Clifton Mayor Anna M. Latteri goes over plans with City Manager William Hulster in her City Hall office

president of Artic Fuel Oil Co. of Garfield, which supplies fuel oil to consumers and industry.

"It's a man's business, a highly technical field, she explained, but I always was business-oriented so there was no transition after Alfio's death. I had to face life and this was the best therapy."

In addition to being absorbed in the complexities of the business, being mayor and keeping house, she also is on the board of governors of Preakness Hospital, on the advisory committee

of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors and for two years served on Mrs. Lyndon Johnson's Beautification Program, an appointment made by former Gov. Richard T. Hughes.

The mayor also has one other priority role — as mother and grandmother. Her daughter, Adrienne, (Mrs. Joseph DiTomasso) is a graduate of Ladycliff College and the mother of three children. Her husband, a West Point graduate who served in Vietnam, is commandant at the University of Arkansas.

The mayor's son, Dr. Salvatore A. J. Latteri is a graduate of Cornell Medical School and is an internist at St. Vincent's Hospital in Manhattan. He lives in New York.

Daughter Maria, the youngest in the family, is living with her mother while her husband, Naval Lt. Commander Joseph Scoma, is serving as chief surgeon aboard the USS Hancock.

Maria, an alumna of Manhattanville College, is an executive with a large New York advertising company.

Ex-Teacher Named To School Board

By GEORGE TRAPP Home News Staff Writer

The city's Board of Education received its full complement of members today when Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan appointed Walter Scott Buist of 69 Pennington Road to the seventh position on the recently expanded board.

Buist's appointment is effective today and will expire March 1, 1974.

A lifetime resident of the city, Buist attended local public schools and was graduated from Rutgers University with a degree in mechanical engineering and a master's degree in education.

Former Teacher He taught for 29 years in the New Brunswick school system, including 10 years as supervisor of the industrial arts department. He resigned from the school system two years ago and currently is corporate training director for Sandvik Steel Inc. in Fair Lawn.

Buist fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Mrs. Stanley Geipel. The mayor previously had named Mrs. Blanka Valenti and Mrs. Marion A. Neal to two newly-created positions on the board.

"We are extremely pleased to appoint a person with such excellent and pertinent background to our Board of Education," the mayor said. "Mr. Buist has shown his concern for our educational system for many years."

The mayor said she was grateful to the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Board of Education for the help its members gave in the search and screening of candidates.

"We are convinced that the quality of the appointments to the Board of Education deter-



WALTER S. BUIST

mines to a substantial degree the quality and progress in our schools," she said. "With the board appointments complete, we are looking forward to progressive and positive action and we are sure the board will contribute substantially in that direction."

The mayor added there were many other candidates with excellent qualifications, but said she and the council felt Buist's educational and business experience were needed most on the board.

Buist said his new job in industry still involves a certain amount of teaching. "I'm involved in a training program for the company, teaching engineers," he said.

He added it took little coaxing by the city administration for him to take the job.

Knows Problems Firsthand "I understand what the tax is I'm getting into," he said. "There are a lot of problems, but I'm willing to do what I

can to help solve them. I want to improve the city's education without putting too much of a burden on the taxpayer."

Buist has seen the problems of the school system firsthand. He was a teacher at the Junior High School in October 1968 when several fights disrupted that school, and was himself attacked by a student and injured.

When asked whether that incident played a part in his resignation from the school system, Buist replied, "It certainly did. At that point I didn't feel I could continue working with these people."

But he added the previous situation would not color his judgments as a member of the school board.

Buist served three years with the U.S. Air Force. He is married to the former Kathleen Holton of Metuchen and they have four children.

We Need Your Help, O'Brien Tells Citizens

For years the police departments have had guilt feelings about crimes, just as schools in the past few years have felt guilty about disorders and disruptive students, Police Director John T. O'Brien told a New Brunswick Parent Council meeting last night.

But the police department now recognizes that it is no more to blame for crimes than the fire department is for fires, O'Brien declared in the meeting in the New Brunswick High School library.

Instead of brushing them under the carpet, the police director said, communities have come to recognize their crime problems and are seeking answers to them.

Members of the community can help in several ways, O'Brien stated.

He mentioned informants and admitted that though the idea of paid informants is repugnant, the police must often rely on the practice because of the limited tools with which they have to work. They must, however, have information from others in the city, he said.

Citizens can help by being alert to any unusual occurrences and by calling the police department, O'Brien continued.

He stressed noting license plate numbers of suspicious cars.

It is also the duty of the citizen, O'Brien said, to inform himself of the laws. The police director contended laws are being interpreted in ways closer and closer to the protection of the individual and against the rights of the general public.

He said Supreme Court decisions are based on the personal thinking, mores and general beliefs of the judges, and upon public opinion. He urged all present to make their wishes known to their legislators and to jurists.

Speaking of the reciprocal duties of the school and the police, O'Brien said the police have the responsibility of protecting students and school property and of providing traffic helpers at school crossings.

The local police are also making an attempt to recover stolen school property, he said.

In return, O'Brien believes, the school has a responsibility to present the police in a decent image—as average people doing a difficult job.

Schools and parents might well encourage idealistic young people to join the police department in order to serve humanity, O'Brien said.

"There are many pitiful, down-trodden people in all kinds of trouble who desperately

need help of a social work nature," he explained.

Mrs. James White and Mrs. Donald Boyler of the Bluecoats Petticoats, the women's auxiliary to the city police department, described the Helping Hand program they are starting.

The program involves designating certain households with the Helping Hand symbol. Children who run into difficulties on the way to and from school or play can turn to these households for help.

"The police can't be all over the city at the same time," Mrs. White said. "Volunteer help is needed to provide a haven for small children who are ill, being bullied or are alarmed by strangers."

Wherever this program has been put into effect, Mrs. White said, it has proved to be a deterrent to certain problems.

Mrs. Boyler said a woman who volunteers as a "helping hand" will, with her husband, be screened and fingerprinted by the police department.

Capt. John Brokaw of the Police Community Relations Bureau is cooperating with the group and available to speak to school children in order to explain the program to them.



JOHN T. O'BRIEN

City Parks Will Get Face-Lift

City officials are in the market for spring clothes for the city's parklands.

Business Administrator William Saunders said today a general program of parks cleanup and beautification will be started in the near future and will be completed "before the trees bloom."

A major part of the program will entail the removal of dead trees from New Brunswick parks and the planting of several new shade trees.

Plans for the program will be drawn up at a March 25 meeting of the Public Lands Beautification Committee with Edward O'Rourke, superintendent of parks and public property; George Dalley, superintendent of public works; and John Buckley of the bureau of shade trees.

The committee members, who were recently appointed by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, are Mrs. George Kramer, Samuel Stellatella and Ralph Ruocco. They also will discuss a general beautification and rehabilitation program for the entire city.

LADY MAYORS: 'A woman has to be twice as good to win'

By BARBARA KUKLA

In a compact community like Sea Bright, where everyone knows almost everyone else, the woman mayor is a mother confessor of sorts, sharing "the troubles and joys of all the people."

Politics and political issues are streamlined to the point where Mrs. Cecilia F. Norton, the first woman to hold the top executive post in the seaside community, has little more to do than present her record and ask for the people's support at election time.

Even in summer when the population of most resort areas swell, Sea Bright's count barely reaches 7,000. Normally, there are 1,300 full-time residents of the Monmouth County borough, which stretches almost five miles along the Jersey shoreline, 806 of them registered voters.

In what is becoming tradition, each of 50 to 60 new registrars each year receive a handwritten welcome note from the mayor, in part eliminating the need for rigorous campaigning.

The wife of a retired stockbroker, Mayor (Mrs. Robert F.) Norton is completing her second two-year term. In seeking re-election next fall she will run for a four-year term under a new state law which became effective in 1970.

Before heading the Democratic ticket in her community, Mayor Norton served on the Board of Education and was elected to two three-year terms on the borough council. "I lost a lot before I finally won," she recalled, a reference to two futile attempts to

win a seat on the council before her first victory. Although she believes her experience and credentials more than qualified her to run for mayor, she views her initial entrance into politics somewhat hampered because of her sex.

"There was no unpleasantness in my first campaign," she recalled, "but a woman has to be twice as good as a man to win an election."

"At this point," she added, "I'm shown respect by my colleagues and constituents, but they don't think of me as

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a woman. As mayor, I'm their link with local government and responsible for what happens in this borough."

The prerequisites she sets for any efficient public official, however, are the same for a man or woman: "You have to stand up for ideas in which you believe and study the facets of government."

Those who work closely with Mayor Norton say she not only possesses both qualities, but is an outstanding humanitarian.

"She helps everyone—not only in this town, but people from out of town who need help," commented Police Capt. John Carmody.

"It's a lot tougher for a woman to be mayor," he

added with a grin. "There are some words a woman just doesn't use—even if she has to tell someone off."

A firm believer in being equipped with "all the facts" upon tackling an issue, Mayor Norton reads four newspapers on weekdays and six on Sundays.

Her background plays just as important a role in her interest in government and civic involvement.

Born in New Orleans, she "came north" to attend Ferry Hall, a junior college in Lake Forest, Ill. Subsequently, she studied social studies at Columbia, completing a portion of her undergraduate work at the Sorbonne in Paris.

A resident of Sea Bright since 1939, she and her husband at first intended to rent a house for the summer. By September, he bought her a commutation ticket to New York and they were on their way to becoming full-time residents of the shore community.

Her emergence on the political scene came just three years later, spurred by the introduction of an ordinance on kennel licensing, which pertained directly to the Nortons' raising of German shepherds.

"I had always been interested in civic affairs (Girl Scouting, SPCA, mental health, etc.) so I soon found myself attending every borough council meeting," she recalled.

In 1959, she was named to the Board of Education and shortly afterward was elected to her first term as councilman. Believing that holding dual positions could result in a conflict of interests, she resigned from the former post.

A Democratic leader in Monmouth County as well as in her community, Mayor Norton has served as secretary and vice president of the county committee and secretary to the county's women's organization. Presently, she is the state committeewoman from Monmouth.

Throughout her political life, she said, she has emulated her good friend, Katherine Elkus White, former mayor of Red Bank and former ambassador to Denmark.

Her husband no longer is able to participate in her campaigning, "but he is one of my greatest supporters and has never interfered in my political life," she added.



Mayor Cecilia Norton checks police reports with Capt. John Carmody

Today Sea Bright is a mixture of old and new.

Bowser's Esso Station with its three sidewalk pumps on Ocean Avenue strikingly contrast with a new brick banking facility across the street.

Sprawling wooden homes with rambling porches share the skinny stretch between the Atlantic and Shrewsbury River (barely a block wide at any point) with squat new homes and apartments.

For years, the community

was in jeopardy of being completely washed away during a severe hurricane. But a new seawall and revitalization of the beach area, the latter under Mayor Norton's administration, have greatly lessened the danger.

The last major crisis was in 1964, when Hurricane Donna turned the community into an evacuated disaster area.

Mayor Norton, who then served on the council as sewer chairman, credits the quick action of former Gov. Richard J. Hughes with saving the community from ruin. In the end, the borough received \$1.5 million in federal aid and a new seawall was built on the south beach.

A "conservationist" who "wants to preserve as much natural beauty of the shore-priving the town of progress," Mayor Norton points to the beach revitalization project as one of the highlights of her administration.

A boardwalk in back of the white stucco borough hall, where the police station also is located, was one of the major beautification projects. Unsightly refreshment stands and shacks along the beach have been either razed or refurbished.

Participation in the Northeast Regional Sewerage Authority soon will "open the community to expansion in housing," the mayor explained.

A \$1.8 million sewerage bond ordinance which was approved on final reading early in December will move forward a 52-unit garden apartment complex. A proposal also has been made for erection of a complex of 68 townhouses.

While concentrating on the needs of the borough, Mayor Norton also extends a governmental eye to more urban areas and their needs.

"We definitely must spend more money on the crumbling cities, for what happens in

TOMORROW: Mayor Helen Wise.

Newark and other large cities has an effect on Sea Bright," she said.

She is not "an avid supporter" of women's liberation because she believes "there are few restrictions on the functions of women." But she feels women should become more vocal in government.

"Women not only should criticize government," but become a part of it," she asserted. "You have to start from the bottom up and know the workings of government, but the only way to do it is to stand for election."

Persistence and drive are some of the qualities she thinks necessary for a woman candidate.

"A more humble approach may make her a better candidate than a man," she added smilingly.

"I don't think public opinion would allow a woman president, in the immediate future although some women are very cool under stress and could do the job," she said. "But I can envision a woman vice president being elected more quickly."

In her own community, she has encouraged women to become part of the Democratic ticket and has appointed several women to key community posts.

"Even before she was mayor, she was right there to help with any problem," said Mrs. Virginia Fichter, court clerk.

"She's always willing to go out of her way to help you with anything," added Mrs. Patricia Kelly, secretary to the planning and zoning boards.

Summed up by Councilman Charles Rooney Jr., Mayor Norton "is mayor of all the people—all the people."

Elizabeth board to discuss school

A public meeting at which the Elizabeth Board of Education's plans for a new high school will be discussed will be held at 8 tonight at the Thomas Jefferson High School Auditorium.

Among topics to be discussed are coeducation, an end to racial imbalance and plans for further expansion. A new school is being planned in the Pearl Street area.

LADY MAYORS: 'Often, men think I don't know what's going on'

By BARBARA KUKLA

Mayor Helen Wise of Audubon, a suburban community of 12,000 in Camden County, doubles as liaison to the borough's public works department.

"She can tell you the cost of a cherry picker or sewer roofer and what they cost 10 years ago without a moment's hesitation," said Rudy Creyau, borough tax collector and treasurer. "She knows every facet of the department and that's a big help at budget time."

The mayor wasn't always an expert on snow removal, garbage collection and the apparatus that goes with such community services.

Most of her knowledge was gleaned from her husband, the late Charles F. Wise, who served as commissioner before his death in May, 1968, and whom she succeeded in office.

After filling her husband's

unexpired term as an appointee, she was elected in a non-partisan campaign to a four-year term on the commission in the spring of 1969.

In the midst of a controversy concerning the building of new elementary school facilities, she was the low vote-getter among the three elected, but won the mayoral post because of her experience. Her two running mates were political novices.

The furor over expansion of school buildings was a \$1 million issue which she opposed on the grounds that the plan violated the community's seven-year master plan.

"You just don't spend \$1 million to make another mistake," she said in reviewing the controversy.

Her stand may have cost votes and certainly spurred opposition from groups such as the Parent Teacher Organization, but it was part of

an overall philosophy, which she embraces.

In summary, it focuses on tight budgeting which meets community needs but does not waste taxpayers' money.

Top priority, she said, is given to the school system, two grade schools and adjoining junior high and high school which also accommo-

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dates students from nearby Audubon Park.

Also of major concern is sewage disposal and the problems caused by an antiquated sewerage system. A \$160,000 drainage project west of the Reading Railroad tracks, which cuts through the borough, has alleviated some problems, but the real answer to improving sewage

treatment lies with affiliation with the Camden County Sewerage Authority, according to the mayor.

In addition, her ties with the public works department are so strong, the men recently turned down a bid to unionize.

"Don't tell us what to do until the men vote for you," she told the union boss.

"Even when her husband was in office, Mayor Wise would take many of the calls and complaints and relay them to me," said Frank Hull, public works superintendent.

"This job isn't something she's stepped into," Hull added. "She's lived with it for eight years and I'm just as happy with Mayor Wise as I could be with any boss."

Another project in which she currently is engaged is the improvement of postal facilities.

While proud of the drive-up self-service post office located

in the large shopping center on the edge of town opposite Audubon Park, she points to the small post office in the heart of the borough as "termites-ridden and overcrowded."

Since her election she has worked doggedly to gain governmental support for moving the post office to a large corner store across the street. The shopping area in many ways has been a boon to the borough, offering greater employment opportunity and increased rates.

On the other hand, the mayor pointed out, it has led to a deterioration of business in the downtown area of the community, a situation which she views as almost unsalvageable.

"The small merchants never did much about parking and even though there is land available, the cost is prohibitive now," she explained.

In capsule form, she describes Audubon as "a small town with a good police force

and volunteer fire department and not too many problems."

There's a 10 p.m. weeknight curfew for teenagers (11 p.m. on weekends) and not a liquor store or tavern in the borough.

"We're 'dry,' and that hurts financially," she commented, "but it also eliminates many problems."

In private life, Mayor Wise lives with her husband's aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Bower at 614 White Horse Pike, a main artery of the borough.

Her three sons are married and all three daughters-in-law are teachers.

Charles F. Wise 3d is a borough policeman and a sportsman who spends much of his time with the youngsters of the community, according to his mother.

Thomas, 29, an Ursinus (Pa.) alumni, is with the Internal Revenue Service in Wilmington, Del., and Albert, who holds degrees from Muhlenberg College and Memphis State University, teaches economics at Clemson (S.C.) University.

Family pictures, including two of her husband and Barry Goldwater, his classmate at Stanton Military Academy, adorn the living room of her home. In the foreground is one of her only grandchildren, 11-month-old Anna Elizabeth, Thomas' daughter.

A native of nearby Collingswood, Mayor Wise moved to Audubon, her husband's hometown, shortly after their marriage. A chiropractor, he served on the borough commission for 15 years and also was campaign manager for Rep. Charles Wolverton (R-6th).

Mrs. Bower also was a chiropractor and, at 97, is her niece's "full-time secretary."

"The phones usually ring all day and if I'm out Aunt Lizzie always has a long string of messages for me," said the mayor.

The Wise name almost is traditional in Audubon. The mayor's father-in-law founded the Audubon (now Colonial National) National Bank and also was instrumental in guaranteeing top flight training for volunteer firemen. For years, the department has been looked to for advice from new companies founded in the area.

Although she ran as an independent in the campaign for commissioner, Mayor Wise is a staunch Republican. She has served both as county committeewoman and presi-



Mayor Helen Wise in Audubon's shopping center

dent of the local club. She also is active in the Camden County Federation of Republican Women—designated in 1970 as the organization's "Woman of the Year"—and in the county Mayor's Association and New Jersey Conference of Mayors.

As the first woman mayor in the county, she recalls her first meeting of the mayors' group.

"Some of the men weren't too sure one of their counterparts was bringing along a girlfriend," she joked.

In entering the political arena, she believes a woman must be "thick-skinned" with me, it's a bit of Irish temper and being outspoken so people take me seriously," and possess strong political affiliation.

"You have to be active politically," she asserted. "The people in the club or party are the ones who work for you and go door to door. Good contacts and cooperation from the organization are necessary to get things done."

Opposed to women's liberation because she believes many of its advocates are

"too far out," Mayor Wise thinks women do not resent salary differences. (As mayor, she makes \$24 a week).

"Many single women realize that men have families to support," she continued. "If they resent anything it's the difficulty in advancing in professions like teaching."

In her own career, she explained, "most men who call on me with a complaint are a little nicer and give me the benefit of the doubt. Often they believe I don't know what's going on, so they try to be more helpful."

TOMORROW Mrs. Elizabeth Dillinger of Lebanon Township

From a family of sports enthusiasts, she is positive personal contact with the children of the community has an important bearing on their lives.

At one time she coached a Hi-Y basketball team for seventh and eighth grade boys.

"My oldest son is married, but kids still knock on the door and ask if Charlie can come out to play. I don't have a mink coat, but we have a basketball court in the backyard and the kids use it all the time."

Just as interested in professional sports, she lamented: "I still get ulcers when the (Philadelphia) 76ers lose."



WELL-TURNED — New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Sheehan breaks ground for the new St. John of the Cross Mission Church at 431 George St., which will replace the

building that burned April 1, 1970. With her, from left, are Otilio Colon, parish council president; the Rev. Juan Sanchez, assistant pastor; and the Rev. Paul J. Hernandez, pastor.

\$11 MILLION PLUS EARMARKED

Record New Brunswick budget introduced

By LAWRENCE H. HALL

The New Brunswick City Council yesterday introduced a record city budget of more than \$11 million increase over last year.

City Finance Director George T. Cox said a public hearing on the budget will be held March 17 in city hall.

This year's budget would raise property taxes from \$7.84 to \$8.54 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Cox said the city must raise \$3,266,678 in property taxes for municipal costs. The amount raised last year was \$4,810,853.92.

Cox said the taxes to be raised for municipal costs appear less this year because the city was forced to switch from a fiscal to a calendar year to raise taxes for the

school budget.

"In other words, when we changed we had an extra \$1.89 million in municipal taxes. That's why it appears that we have a decrease in municipal budget operations," he said.

The school budget is \$5,619,059.17—or \$2,565,323.00 for half of the 1970-71 school year and \$3,053,731.17 for half of the 1971-72 school year. Cox said the budget represents a \$500,000 increase.

This year, according to the budget, the total municipal costs will be \$5,981,969, compared to last year's \$5,195,775.

In a breakdown of municipal operations, the city will spend \$3,831,759 in salaries and wages, compared to last year's \$3,368,742.40.

For other municipal expenses, the budget allocates \$2,150,210. Last year the figure was \$1,820,532.

A breakdown of the anticipated tax rate shows that \$4.33 would go to schools; \$1.45 to the county; \$2.65 for municipal costs, and \$1.11 for veterans and senior citizens exemptions.

Mayor Favors Dedicated Tax

Home News Trenton Bureau
TRENTON — Although she has not yet seen the formal

proposal, New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan said yesterday she's all in favor of a dedicated cigarette tax increase that would net the city nearly \$1.3 million in state aid for 1971-72.

The plan is outlined in bills introduced by assemblyman Joseph P. Merlino, D-Mercer.

Before the city could get that money—if the legislation were enacted—it may well get \$290,736 proposed in Gov. William T. Cahill's urban aid package. The Assembly Appropriations Committee, without altering the governor's recommendation, yesterday released a bill that would appropriate \$25 million for 24 cities. The measure is scheduled to be voted upon by the Assembly next Monday.

Together, the two bills could bring New Brunswick nearly \$1.5 million. At present, the urban aid bill is considered to have the best chance of passage.

Mrs. Sheehan said she talked with Trenton Mayor Arthur Holland about Merlino's bill, which would increase the cigarette tax from 14 to 15 cents to provide \$7.5 million in payments in lieu of property taxes to the 37 municipalities with the most state-owned property.

Merlino had Trenton in mind when he introduced his bill. New Brunswick, with its extensive Rutgers University holdings, would pick up \$1,292,962.

Mrs. Sheehan said she understands from Holland the bill was supported by the bipartisan Mercer County Assembly delegation and that it has "some encouragement" from the governor's office.

"I would be totally in favor of such a bill. The inequities that now exist in the property tax are unbelievable," said Mayor Sheehan.

She said her comments are informal until she can study the proposed legislation, which Merlino had intended to send to the mayors of the 37 municipalities.

Merlino also has a proposal to increase the cigarette tax by yet another penny to provide \$7.5 million additional in urban aid to the 24 cities in the governor's \$25 million package. Holland and Mrs. Sheehan did not discuss this bill, which would give New Brunswick another \$90,750.

New Brunswick P.B.A. Hits Back at March 17, 1971 City Administrators

The following was written because, at our regular monthly P.B.A. meeting held on February 9, 1971 it was felt by the membership it is time to make the public aware of some of the cutbacks for the low morale existing within the New Brunswick Police Department today.

The membership of New Brunswick P.B.A. Local No. 23 selected a Grievance Committee and drew up a list of 25 grievances, which was presented to the two Chiefs and Commissioner Cahill, (when he was in office). The Committee then met with these persons. At this meeting the majority of the grievances were agreed upon and action promised. This was just before elections in October of 1970. The membership feels that these were just campaign promises.

In January of 1971 representatives of New Brunswick P.B.A. Local No. 23 met with Director, John T. O'Brien, and went over this list with him. Since this time he has made an effort and some action has been taken on the above mentioned grievances.

But he has also ignored a large amount of these grievances, and created some new problems.

The following is a listing of the grievances promised before election but never acted upon:

1. The following was written because, at our regular monthly P.B.A. meeting held on February 9, 1971 it was felt by the membership it is time to make the public aware of some of the cutbacks for the low morale existing within the New Brunswick Police Department today.

2. We believe that officers when walking should be in pairs, because of the attacks on Police Officers. We believe that these attacks are planned in many instances and we believe there will be a great many more attacks on Police Officers.

3. The radio-cars are filthy inside and outside.

4. The inspection stickers should be up to date on the radio-cars. Often these stickers are outdated.

5. If a report is turned in about the malfunctioning of a radio-car it should be repaired within a reasonable time.

6. More emergency lights on roofs of cars.

7. A number of flares in each radio-car.

8. Flares should be available if more are needed.

9. All marked cars should have a spotlight.

10. The dome-light switches should be in the same place on all cars.

11. The microphones should be placed where they can be grabbed easily.

12. Recapped tires should not be used.

13. There should be more emphasis placed on neatness in appearance from superior officers on down to patrolman. A penalty should be imposed for not being in the proper uniform or being dirty, having unshined shoes, and unpressed clothes. Many officers wear improper uniforms such as long sleeves in summertime with a tie. There is no such uniform. Some men wear unauthorized patches. There is no such uniform as a short sleeved shirt and necktie.

14. The rules and regulations should be updated. Each man should receive a copy of the rules and regulations. Fines for violations of rules and regulations should be the same no matter who the officer is who violates. The fines should be just not higher fines than criminals receive.

15. 2A Books should be behind the front desk as well as motor vehicle, and A.B.C. Books.

16. All warrants should be listed alphabetically at front desk.

17. In the write-up room there should be more than one typewriter that should be kept in good operating order as well as the front desk typewriter. Equipment for making diagrams and a dictionary should be in write-up room. There should be extra typewriter ribbons at front desk. All the bins containing papers behind the front desk should be labeled.

18. The Meter Department and other Departments should not be on the same frequency as the Police Department.

19. There should be a system for transferring from one shift to another.

20. Police Headquarters should be cleaned. The cells are unfit for prisoners.

21. Cancel escorts.

22. We believe that these grievances if honored as promised to us would greatly increase the morale, public image, and effectiveness of our Police Department. It is felt by the membership that the City Administrators are willing to take action on grievances where the cost factor is of a minimum.

To add to the already low morale problem, the practice of punishing men by giving them unfavorable job assignments, has been enacted. The P.B.A. feels that punishment should be handed down in the way of formal charges — not harassment.

The Police Department of the City of New Brunswick is still handling the largest case-load of any Police Department in Middlesex County. We feel that all the grievances submitted and previously agreed upon should be honored, so that we may serve the citizens of New Brunswick in a more professional manner.

New Tax Plans Would Aid City

By TED SERRILL
Home News Trenton Bureau

TRENTON — If the proposals of a Mercer County legislator are enacted, New Brunswick could gain as much as \$1.38 million more in state aid for 1971-72.

Under one of five bills introduced Tuesday by Assemblyman Joseph P. Merlino, D-Mercer, other municipalities in Middlesex that contain state-owned property also would benefit to a slight extent. Piscataway would receive \$139,229.

Merlino's solution to part of the mounting woes of the city — particularly those with much tax-exempt state-owned property — is to increase the cigarette tax.

Merlino has stipulated in his proposed legislation that a cigarette tax increase be applied either to increasing Cahill's proposed urban aid package to increasing the "in-lieu" payments to municipalities, or to both.

The bills were introduced primarily because of the fiscal plight of Trenton, Merlino's hometown, but they would apply to a maximum of 37 other municipalities in the state. He is sending the bills to mayors of the 38 municipalities in an attempt to gain their support.

Cahill's urban aid package would grant \$25 million to 24 cities. New Brunswick would get \$290,736 and Perth Amboy, \$240,072. If the provision were adopted by April 16, this money could be applied to current school budgets in these cities.

New Brunswick officials have been counting on receiving that \$290,000 in time to help ease the school board's fiscal problems.

If the cigarette tax were raised a penny from 14 to 15 cents, another \$7.5 million could be gained in revenue, said Merlino. Spread among the 24 cities, New Brunswick would gain another \$90,750 and Perth Amboy, an extra \$75,000.

If the tax were raised a second cent to 16 cents, said Merlino, another \$7.5 million could be applied to in-lieu of property tax payments to the 38 municipalities with state-owned property.

New Brunswick would be a big winner in this case, because it has extensive Rutgers University property. Trenton would gain even more than the \$1,292,962 New Brunswick would receive.

In addition to the \$139,229 Piscataway would receive for its Rutgers property, the following municipalities also would receive some in-lieu monies: Woodbridge, \$32,534; Madison, \$4,229; Edison, \$4,781; East Brunswick, \$1,238; and Perth Amboy, \$4,128.

Merlino said the legislature could accept either plan, or it could accept both. Under a combination of the plans, New Brunswick would receive a total \$1,383,712. Perth Amboy would receive a total of \$79,128.

Romney To Brief Mayors

A special briefing on the Nixon administration's revenue sharing proposal presided over by George Romney, U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, will be held Friday in Trenton for the state's mayors.

New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan said the meeting had been called by Gov. William T. Cahill and will deal primarily with the impact of the revenue sharing plan on the cities.

The briefing will include a number of conferences dealing with various aspects of the plan.

"This may be one of the most important developments in recent years, one that could have enormous impact on the financial problems facing the cities," the mayor said. "It is essential that we have as much information as possible about this new program."

Mrs. Sheehan said she would be attending a number of meetings and seminars on the topic in the next few weeks.

"I hope this will be an opportunity for the mayors of our cities to bring attention to the problems facing urban centers," she said.

City Officials to Attend Revenue-Sharing Talks

A national conference for city officials on the Nixon administration's revenue-sharing proposal in Washington will be attended by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and Council President Aldrage B. Cooper.

Sponsored by the national League of Cities and the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the program will begin Sunday and will close Tuesday with addresses by Vice President Spiro Agnew and Elliot Richardson, secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

Part of the conference time will be set aside for meetings between the local officials and their congressional delegations.

"This new program will shift the responsibility for many city programs to other agencies and will change funding procedures," the mayor said. "This conference will allow us to discuss these changes with the congressmen and plan our local programs and financing."

The conference will also consist of several seminars and workshops on the administration's urban program, the reorganization of community development programs and welfare reform.

"The council president and I also will use this opportunity to impress again upon Congress the seriousness of the financial problems facing our cities," Mrs. Sheehan said. "We hope revenue-sharing will become a reality and not only a slogan."

City to Foreclose On 13 Who Owe Some \$47,000

One of last fall's hot political issues became a reality last night when the City Council authorized foreclosure on 13 properties with tax liens totaling approximately \$47,000.

City Attorney Norris Harding said legal action against the property owners will begin soon to enable the city to sell the properties and recoup its tax losses.

Independent mayoral candidate Ralph J. Muehlrig and his Save Our City slate of candidates claimed during the election campaign last fall that the city was losing thousands of dollars by failing to take such action.

However, the incumbent administration had replied the foreclosures only could be made after the required two-year waiting time had elapsed.

Bidding on each of the properties begins at the cost of the tax sale certificate plus the amount of back taxes owed the city, plus interest.

In other action, the council authorized a \$7,500 contract with New Jersey Dairy Laboratories to conduct tests on dairy products for the city health department.

A contract with the Middlesex County branch of

Planned Parenthood for \$4,500 also received the council's approval. The group will provide family planning assistance for city residents, and the city will be reimbursed for the full cost by the state health department.

A petition bearing the signatures of 37 residents of Dewey Heights asked the council to rezone that area to a residential "A" area from a special planned district. The petitioners said the financial problems of the city indicated it could not afford another densely populated area.

Bids on a 92,000 gallon order for gasoline were received from Getty Oil Co. at \$21.169 and BP Oil Co. at \$25.410. They were referred to the City Engineer for study.

William G. Thoenes questioned the council on the competition among various groups for the George Street Urban Renewal Project and the possibilities of federally subsidized housing being erected there.

Council President Aldrage B. Cooper said the city administration's position was that it wanted a project which would return tax revenues to the city.

3-Point Hike Seen Amendments Hold Up Budget Passage

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

Final action on the city's \$11.1 million 1971 budget was delayed another week following the City Council's introduction of some 25 amendments to the measure prior to last night's public hearing.

Barring any further changes before the council's next session Wednesday, the revised budget will call for a tax rate of \$8.57 per \$100 assessed valuation.

That represents a three-point hike in the rate included at the budget's introduction Feb. 10. The amendments, which include both additions and subtractions in various accounts, will add approximately \$27,000.

2nd Hearing Wednesday

By law, another public hearing must be held on the amendments before the budget's adoption. That will be done at a special session of the council 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Last night's hearing drew only 15 spectators to the council chambers. They were met by an equal number of councilmen, auditors and department heads, but there was no standoff.

Led by the perennial gadfly of governmental finance, Anthony Daly, the spectators hammered away at the budget for approximately 2 1/2 hours before they ran out of steam.

The first and longest speaker of the evening, Daly, at least acknowledged the council's five minute limitation on statements at public meetings.

That rule of order was passed at the council's organization meeting Jan. 1, but after speaking for 15 minutes last night, Daly asked Council President Aldrage B. Cooper's permission to continue. Permission was granted.

Daly hit hardest at increases in personnel and salaries for city employees and charged the city administration with not following its own advice.

"You constantly ask the school board for economy and efficiency, but you're not doing so yourself," he said. "Most of the school increase is for salaries and there's only \$169,000 in increases elsewhere."

He added that by cutting the board's budget \$400,000, the council would soon find itself in contention with state Education Commissioner Carl Marburger.

What If Money's Restored?

The Board of Education already has authorized its attorney to appeal the cut, and William G. Thoenes asked what would happen to the tax rate if that appeal wins.

City Attorney Norris Harding said any amount restored would have to be included in next year's budget.

While Daly urged the councilmen to pare at least another \$125,000 from the budget, he said he doubted such an action would be taken. As a result, he said taxpayers would be hit with "the double-barreled shotgun" of increased assessments and an increased tax rate in July.

"The only alternative is when taxes are due, pay only the same as in the past, without the increase," he said. "Let's have 5,000 appeals like the Colony House and throw out of office everyone that's up for re-election in November."

While Daly claimed there were 30 new jobs created by the budget, Business Administrator William Saunders said earlier in the day there were only four new City Hall jobs, and provisions for 12 new policemen and two new firemen.

The four new positions include an additional secretary, an assistant city engineer, a part-time public information officer and a personnel officer. The latter position formerly was funded by the state, but now must be paid by the city.

William Krajewski suggested a freeze on wages for municipal employees to hold taxes down, but Cooper said Civil Service classifications and salary guides worked out in bargaining agreements with the employees association demanded certain increases.

"We wish we could do that," the council president said. "But services demand the positions we've implemented, in our judgement."

Thoenes also hit at increased appropriations for the library and the claim that it would bring more state aid to the city.



DIGGING IN — Hospital and city officials took up shovels and bulldozers yesterday to break ground for the Robert Wood Johnson Memorial Tower at Middlesex General Hospital. Holding shovels, from left, are Dr. Gabriel Pickar, deputy chief of staff, Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and Sister Joan Manion, administrator of St. Peter's General Hospital. Edwin Baier, chairman of Middlesex Board of Directors, sits in driver's seat, while Joseph Henry, hospital president, looks on.

New Brunswick's 1971 Tax Rate Picks Up 14 More Points, to \$8.71

The city's 1971 estimated tax rate will be \$8.71 per \$100 assessed valuation rather than the \$8.57 reported in yesterday's Home News.

The additional 14 points are a result of the emergency appropriation to cover the Board of Education's \$337,000 deficit, a measure approved at the City Council's March 3 meeting.

City Finance Director George Cox said the additional school funds were considered separately from the municipal portion of the budget and did not have to be included in the list of amendments introduced before Wednesday's public hearing.

When the budget was introduced Feb. 10, it included a tax rate of \$8.54, but revisions effected by the council added \$27,000 and three points to the tax rate in addition to the deficit figure.

City Attorney Norris Harding said none of the figures may be considered final until the budget's official adoption next week, but it appears unlikely there will be any more changes before then.

In addition to appropriating funds for the deficit, March 3 action by the council

cut the school board's 1971-72 budget by \$400,000.

However, only half that

amount will be effected during this calendar year. The result is the city still had to raise

\$197,000 to cover the deficit and the tax rate had to be hiked to do it.

The second half of the \$400,000 cut will be included in next year's municipal budget.

The Board of Education has voted to appeal the cut to state commissioner of education Carl Marburger, but Harding ruled during Wednesday's public hearing that if the appeal is successful the funds will not have to be restored until next year.

Cox said all of the city's estimated tax figures must be considered tentative until they are certified by the county Board of Taxation.

He added that the round of hearings on the school deficit made it unnecessary for the amount to be brought up again Wednesday night. The March 3 resolution simply was sent to the county board, which will adjust the rates accordingly.

After the county board finishes adjusting the figures, Cox said there normally is some difference from the city's estimated rate — most of the time a few points lower.

Democratic-controlled Congress, would start \$154 million a year in federal tax revenue flowing to New Jersey, with more than half of that amount going directly to municipalities.

The Democrats on Capitol Hill so far have been unenthusiastic about the Nixon proposal and have advanced ideas for more federal assumption of welfare costs as an alternative.

The Nixon administration hopes the pleas of governors and mayors in favor of revenue sharing will change that mood among the Democratic majorities in Congress.

The Romney visit can be viewed as part of that push by the President to build sentiment for enactment of revenue sharing this year. The invitation of mayors to the Romney meeting being handled by the New Jersey Conference of Mayors, headed by George Zuckerman.

Romney To Brief Mayors

TRENTON—George Romney, U.S. housing and urban development secretary, will brief mayors of New Jersey municipalities on President Nixon's revenue sharing proposal Friday at the State Museum here.

The briefing was arranged by the Cahill administration with the cooperation of the White House. Gov. Cahill is an outspoken backer of the President's revenue sharing plan.

The plan, if enacted by the

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\$37,000 May Not Go Down City Drain

Home News Trenton Bureau
TRENTON — New Brunswick may be able to retain more than \$37,000 in annual property taxes on Rutgers University fraternities.

The Assembly conference committee approved amendments to a bill that would have exempted social fraternities from paying taxes on an in-

formed source reported. Had it passed in that form, Princeton would have lost more income than New Brunswick—an estimated \$50,000 annually.

The amendments approved by the conference committee apparently will allow the taxation committee to release the amended bill to the Assembly

floor for vote in the near future.

It had been referred to the conference committee on the objections of at least eight assemblymen, including Robert K. Haelig Jr., R-Middlesex.

The objectors favored exempting fraternal organizations such as Elks, Masons and Knights of Columbus, but said that social fraternities should not be included.

Last year, the Camden County Board of Taxation ruled that in keeping with a 1942 state Supreme Court decision, all fraternal organizations must be tax-exempt. The court had said there was an inconsistency in taxing college fraternities but not fraternal organizations.

Until last year, local assessors used different state statutes to continue exempting college fraternities, said Haelig. Shusted introduced his bill to conform to the Supreme Court ruling.

The amendments were proposed by William E. Schluter, R-Mercer, who drew them in such a way that the high court's decision could still be observed, he said.

The amendments state that organizations benefiting the public good by charitable or educational acts could, if local tax assessors desire, be tax-exempt. They were written solely as guidelines to the assessors.

Because the amendments do not mention college fraternities, the assessors will therefore Schluter believes, be legally allowed to continue taxing their properties.

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Plan for Historic Colony Moved in New Brunswick

NEW BRUNSWICK—Historic and novels concerning the American Revolution pinpoint New Brunswick a place that played a major role in the war itself and the founding of the United States.

With that in mind, a group of residents hopes to gain for the city an historic colony of Revolutionary War vintage structures, many of which still dot the community and seem worthy of saving.

Headed by Dr. Joseph Kler, the group has adopted the name of "East Jersey Old Town." The project would be set up in Buccleuch Park, along the Raritan River. The City Council has expressed its preference for that location, Kler said.

The immediate objective of the group is to raise \$50,000 to save and move the old Indian Queen building in Albany Street to the park. Kler said the cost of moving and restoring the building has been estimated at that amount.

Move Must Come Soon
Kler said the building must be moved within 120 days after the city acquires ownership. The state is preparing the title papers which, in about two weeks, will give the old tavern to the

city, with the proviso that it be used for historic purposes.

An inspection of the Indian Queen and the railroad arches under which it must pass to be moved to the park disclose that the arches supporting the Penn Central railroad at Water Street and in the Johnson & Johnson parking lot nearby are 47 feet high and 50 feet wide.

The tavern is 43 feet, 10 inches high and 36 feet, 6 inches wide. Kler and his associates had been worried that the arches could not accommodate the tavern's passage.

It was a suggestion by Dr. Kler in January that started the historic consciences of the citizenry to form the preservation committee. He bemoaned the possible immediate razing of the Indian Queen at that time and his remarks were echoed by numerous residents and former residents.

More than 40 persons attended a recent meeting of the group and pledged their support to the project. A preliminary plat plan for the proposed old town site was presented by Carl Rosenberg, a local nurseryman. It positioned various colonial buildings and showed a botanical garden setting.

A pamphlet illustrating the preservation project is being prepared and will be available to the public within a week, according to Kler. It will be titled, "Monument to American History." A speakers bureau will make available to groups a speaker on both the history of New Brunswick and the aims of the project.

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Romney Woos Support for Revenue Sharing

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Trenton Bureau
TRENTON—The chief salesman of the Nixon Administration's revenue sharing proposal made a hard pitch for support to New Jersey mayors yesterday but declined to tell them how much money the proposal would bring to their individual communities.

However, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development George Romney said the state's total allocation from all phases of the program would be approximately \$440 million.

That includes \$154 million in completely new money that had already been announced and about \$290 million from a consolidation of old programs.

Romney concentrated his explanation on the general revenue sharing plan and the Ur-

ban Community Development portion of the special revenue sharing plan. He said through the latter segment New Jersey would receive an additional \$70 million.

If the Nixon formula is adopted without change, the state is assured of at least \$224 million. And Romney said when the remaining \$9.4 billion is divided up, New Jersey could expect to at least double that amount.

Although the secretary's explanation of the "no-strings attached" aspect of the program gave hope to several of the mayors present, it also left them with many questions on what their specific allocations would be.

The most specific answer Romney gave came in reply to

a question from one Atlantic City official. He said that community would make out "quite well" under the Urban Community Development segment.

Romney said he will announce the breakdown of the remaining funds under the \$11.4 billion special revenue sharing proposal during a Monday noon press conference.

That will come in the middle of a national conference of mayors on the revenue sharing proposal. Vice President Spiro T. Agnew and Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Elliot Richardson also are expected to address that gathering.

Several local officials, including Edison Mayor Bernard J. Dwyer and New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, said the major question they had was the status of the "hold harmless" funds.

That aspect of the program provides that no community will receive less federal aid under the revenue sharing proposal than it did under specific grant-in-aid formulas.

However, since the majority of the special funds are slated for the larger metropolitan areas, the smaller communities will receive only their "hold harmless" amount plus other funds given at the secretary's discretion.

Mayor Sheehan said if federal programs at Rutgers University and in the city's schools are included in the "hold harmless" amount, there may be little more forthcoming. However, those factors would not affect the general revenue



GEORGE ROMNEY

sharing proposal under which New Brunswick stands to get \$68,885 and Edison just over \$1 million. Other communities would receive amounts in proportion to their population and amount of federal income taxes paid.

Both Romney and Gov. William T. Cahill, who also attended the conference, said they hoped the proposal would not become a partisan issue. Cahill said he was sold on the idea to help the cities of the nation and of New Jersey.

He said that without revenue sharing there would be a need for additional state taxes, and added he found it hard to believe why all of the state's congressional delegation was not supporting the measure. Romney said he first heard

of the proposal at a 1965 governor's conference when it was supported by Walter Heller, then chairman of President Lyndon B. Johnson's Council of Economic Advisers.

The secretary said the present system of grants-in-aid, which the revenue sharing plan is to replace, has resulted in "the substitution of bureaucrats in the bowels of bureaucracy for state and local officials."

He said revenue sharing also would end the game of "grantsmanship," which he said was the jockeying of states and municipalities for federal funds. Under that system, he said money went to those which understood the processes rather than to those which needed it.

were critical of the alternative plans to revenue sharing, especially the federal takeover of welfare costs. There have been some estimates that such a measure would provide New Jersey with \$330 million.

Romney said the plan was politically unfeasible because 57 per cent of the money would go to the 10 richest states and only 6 per cent to the 10 poorest.

He said the administration is in favor of welfare reform, and is in fact trying to work with Congress to bring it about. He added that the best solution would be to have both revenue sharing and welfare reform. "The problems we have go a bit further than welfare reform," he said.

\$450,000 Bill Faces City

By GEORGE B. DAWSON
Home News Staff Writer

A property value equalization table which New Brunswick says could cost the city "several hundred thousand dollars" was released yesterday by the Middlesex County Board of Taxation.

The tax board certified a total true property value for taxable properties in the county of \$3,437,532,218, an increase of about \$848 million over the pre-

vious year. The increases include one of \$71.9 million for New Brunswick.

George T. Cox, city finance director, said the increase meant the city bill for county services was up \$450,000 over last year. He said a reduction in the true value figure to reflect the results of a city reassessment last year would allow a savings of "several hundred thousand dollars" in county costs.

New Brunswick, which has yet to take final action on its city budget, is anticipating a property tax rate of \$8.71 for this year, an increase of 87 cents.

This would mean a tax increase of \$87 for the owner of a \$20,000 house. The impact for the average homeowner is unclear, however, because the city reassessed all properties last year.

The city made use of appraisals developed by Realty Appraisals, a private revaluation firm, in its reassessment, but without a varying front-foot factor which had been the subject of intense controversy and confusion. The appraisals had been made in 1967, but not used then because of the controversy.

The assessed value of property in the city rose from \$116.6 million to \$121.4 million during the year, largely because of the reassessment.

The estimated city tax rate includes a county tax of \$1.45, an increase of 24 cents, even though the county tax is going up only an average of 4 cents in the county. The higher increase in New Brunswick was estimated in anticipation of the \$72 million increase in the

City tax director J. Norris Harding said the city would appeal the equalization to the state Division of Tax Appeals. He said, however, he doubted whether action could be taken by the state in time to allow any savings this year.

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equalized property valuation for the city.

The county also struck a true property valuation of \$254.9 million for Perth Amboy, the results of the first general revaluation in that city. The figure is \$12.1 million less than that struck last year, on the basis of sales-assessment studies.

Undervalue Claim
The Republican Party in the county frequently has argued that Perth Amboy, a Democratic stronghold, has been undervalued in equalization tables in the past, and has urged the county tax board to push revaluation.

East Brunswick specifically challenged the valuation last year, and said that the failure of Perth Amboy to revalue was requiring other municipalities in the county to pay higher county tax bills.

East Brunswick municipal attorney Peter Selesky could not be reached yesterday for comment.

New Brunswick had challenged the tax table at the hearing in February, and had asked that the board set a 50 per cent equalization ratio, reflecting the fact the new assessments were set at 50 per cent of calculated true value.

The board said then, however, that it was reluctant to set a 50 per cent ratio for any reassessments other than those made by a professional revaluation firm.

Louis Schick, the city assessor, said yesterday the county had calculated the equalization ratio this year on the basis of assessment levels in effect last year, before the reassessment went into effect. He said it then applied the ratio against the total assessed value after reassessment to obtain higher calculation of true value.

The county promulgated an equalization ratio of 38.87 per cent for the city, actually a decline from last year, when the ratio was 46 per cent.

Ratio Calculated
The ratio is calculated by the county by the comparison of assessed property values in each municipality against actual sales. The ratio is important, because it determines

how much the assessed property valuations are to be raised to obtain a true value total, and hence the size of that municipality's county tax bill.

The county tax levy, which this year is \$32.2 million, is apportioned among the various towns according to their relative standing in equalized property valuations.

The tax board set a total value of \$82 million for telephone and telegraph machinery and equipment, and \$316.8 million for other business machinery and equipment in the county.

Business machinery and equipment other than that owned by the telephone and telegraph companies are assessed and taxed by the state and do not form part of the local tax base. A value is calculated, however, for use in determining the distribution of the county tax bills.

Perth Amboy is the last county municipality to revert to a 50 cent assessment ratio under the terms of the Chapter 51 tax reform legislation of 1966. Most other municipalities had gone to 50 per cent assessments by the use of a county-supplied multiplier figure in that year.

Total assessed values rose by \$165.3 million, to \$2,082,072,967, during the year. The largest increase, \$71.4 million, was experienced by Perth Amboy, because of its revaluation and its move from a 21 to 50 per cent assessment ratio.

East Brunswick assessments rose by \$13 million, and Edison assessments by \$15 million, a reflection of industrial and commercial growth. The East Brunswick tax rolls include the new Bamberger's store on Route 18.

The new tax rolls are as follows:

	Assessed Value	True Value	Equalization Ratio
Carteret	\$78,927,475	\$182,364,776	43.28
Cranbury	\$16,885,690	\$39,619,170	42.83
Dunellen	\$20,441,100	\$44,436,751	37.34
East Brunswick	\$138,065,130	\$338,000,330	38.43
Edison	\$259,919,487	\$768,994,055	32.63
Helmetta	\$3,297,110	\$9,010,960	36.30
Highland Park	\$40,498,550	\$115,776,301	34.98
Jamesburg	\$9,232,225	\$22,076,100	41.82
Madison	\$117,230,483	\$338,425,182	34.64
Metuchen	\$48,219,300	\$141,904,968	33.98
Middlesex	\$49,163,350	\$135,772,852	36.21
Milltown	\$34,877,425	\$99,916,727	41.52
Monroe	\$32,619,025	\$84,465,755	34.53
New Brunswick	\$121,384,300	\$312,282,738	38.87
North Brunswick	\$91,885,285	\$250,232,258	36.73
Perth Amboy	\$127,471,470	\$254,942,940	50.00
Piscataway	\$124,488,150	\$343,889,918	36.20
Plainsboro	\$119,744,375	\$337,736,204	33.47
Sayreville	\$20,788,750	\$56,475,822	36.81
South Brunswick	\$62,701,057	\$145,410,615	43.12
South Plainfield	\$100,846,250	\$243,943,518	41.34
South River	\$38,146,730	\$104,540,310	36.49
Spotswood	\$20,609,374	\$53,810,376	38.30
Woodbridge	\$411,850,359	\$977,002,372	42.12
Totals	\$2,082,072,967	\$5,437,532,218	

Mayor Sheehan Is Appointed To U.S. Cities Organization

The National League of Cities, a national organization representing 14,600 municipalities, has appointed Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan to its committee on municipal government and administration. Mayor Sheehan's term will be for one year.

The mayor was recommended for the appointment by the New Jersey state Municipal League.

"I am delighted and honored to be appointed to this important committee," Mayor Sheehan said. "This will give me the opportunity to participate more directly in the formulation of solutions to the ever mounting problems facing the cities. This is the most important national organization of municipalities in the country today, and what it will be able to achieve will be reflected in our cities."

The National League of Cities was organized to keep city leadership in the forefront of the national urban policy development, to search for new concepts which will improve city life, the mayor said, and to carefully weigh national and urban priorities and help in the determination of national policies and programs.

"This is an essential task and one that will have to be successful if we are to get a

grip on the difficulties facing every city."

As part of its program to keep the cities informed of national policy changes, the group, in cooperation with the U.S. conference of mayors, is sponsoring a conference on the Nixon Administration's revenue sharing plan. The conference will consist of seminars and workshops in which leading members of the Administration will participate. The conference will be held today through Tuesday, Mayor Sheehan and Council President Aldridge Cooper are attending the conference.

In a related matter, Mayor Sheehan announced that Cooper and she will meet with Sen. Clifford Case, Sen. Harrison Williams and Rep. Edward Patten on Tuesday, to discuss ways in which the New Jersey Congressional delegation can help the cities in meeting their financial crises.

"We intend to use this conference, and our meeting with the Congressional delegation, to further emphasize the urgency of our financial situation," the Mayor started.

Mayor-Council Aims to Make City Shipshape

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

The shakedown cruise of New Brunswick's new form of government has reached its second port of call, but the crew has yet to open the sails completely.

Having weathered the first two major items of concern — the administrative code and the budget — most city officials say they are still adjusting to the new procedures as the mayor-council form of government enters its 12th week.

While they are willing to talk about what this new form offers, they say it is still too early to cite any major accomplishments.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan said the administrative code has provided the city with "a real plus" and a point of reference upon which to build the new structure. Yet she said there were days "when we were walking into one-another."

as officials adjusted to their new roles. To the casual observer, it may appear that little has changed inside city hall. With the exception of the commissioners' offices, the same personnel sit behind the same desks. Only the titles have changed.

Subtle Shifts
But City Finance Director George Cox said the changes have been subtle ones. The workload has been more evenly distributed; lines of authority have been clearly established and better operating procedures have opened the possibility of greater efficiency in the government.

The mayor said the first consideration under the new form was to work with what the city already had. Where there were five departments under the commission form, now there are seven.

Existing personnel were worked into new positions and

only one new department head had to be hired. In theory, the commission form provided five part-time executives heading separate departments with actual line duty being performed by subordinates.

Efforts to even the commissioners' responsibilities made for some strange mixtures within departments, however. For example, the office of city attorney came under the commissioner of revenue and finance.

City Attorney Norris Harding said the new form offers the city the opportunity "to unify all departments and efforts in

a similar direction. That way, priorities for the city can be established on an over-all level, rather than five individual levels."

At Odds With Model
In practice, that has yet to be accomplished. Reshaping of departments has left the interiors or geography of city hall a maze of offices in striking opposition to the clear lines on the model organization chart which hangs in many of those offices.

Cox, formerly city comptroller, now heads the divisions of accounts and treasury himself and has over-all charge of the assessments and tax collection

divisions. His offices are spread over two floors. A similar situation faces business administrator William Saunders who heads both the department and division of administration in addition to having supervisory responsibilities for the divisions of purchasing and planning.

Much of that problem should be resolved when a massive relocation of offices begins April 1. Lines of authority should be more clearly established as the various departments coalesce into clearly defined units.

Perhaps the greatest departmental change the new govern-

ment has effected is that in the police department. Several city officials have suggested that is because it is the most sensitive to the least common denominator of government — the public.

But it also is the sole department for which an outside professional was hired as director. And because of the city administration's sensitivity to charges of political interference, John O'Brien has the greatest freedom of any department head.

Harding said other department heads also have a certain freedom of operation. "The mayor isn't going to tell me how to interpret the law," — but that is necessarily restricted by the integration of their offices with the day-to-day operations of City Hall.

The biggest increase in responsibility on paper is in the business administrator's office. Serving directly under the mayor, he is charged with coordinating the day-to-day efforts of the entire city organization.

Mayor Sheehan said the creation of that post has been the most helpful to her personally.

A Broader Overview
"His job has taken the housekeeping duties off my shoulders and freed me to take a broader look at city-wide affairs and to function more as mayor," she said.

She views the city's major problem as obtaining funds for more outside resources and said her new role allows her to have more impact for New Brunswick outside the city.

Since three departments were left without directors, the Faulkner Act provides that the mayor also act as administrator in those areas. But, she

added, the division heads within those departments — social services, public works and fire — all are "quite skilled."

Coordination of the various departments is facilitated through weekly meetings of the department and division heads with Saunders and semimonthly full staff meetings.

While the mayor views herself as the "outside man" of the executive branch, with Saunders as her "inside man," she normally spends several hours a day at her city hall office and remains there at least one full day per week.

Won't Say It's Full Time
"The mayor's salary was increased to \$12,000 with the new administrative code, and although Mrs. Sheehan said she puts in a 40-hour week with official functions, she declines to call it a full-time job.

"Any city could use a full-time mayor," she said. "But because of the tenuous position in which such a job would place you, it would restrict your freedom of action."

Few corporations would be willing to give an employee a four-year leave of absence, she said. That would result in either government jobs being entrusted to the rich, or limited to people who need the job.

The mayor added that while she was opposed to the new form of government when it went before the voters in a referendum, she believes it can be a viable tool to help solve some of the city's problems.

"We had just gotten over a period of adjusting to government," she said. "We organized under the old form as best we could and were just getting our heads above water."

Now, she said, the elected officials must again adjust to a new form of government before moving forward on city projects and programs.

While the new form of government is costing more money in terms of increased salaries to those in expanded positions, the mayor said it is unfair to judge it on that basis.

Object: Top Production
"The cost of government would go up anyway because of inflation and the erosion of our base of income," she said. "It's going to cost more, but the object is to produce to the maximum."

Costs have increased also in terms of civil service and collective bargaining with the employees' association. But she added that is not really part of the changes in government; rather it is the result of the city catching up with competitive positions outside of government.

Several city officials said it was not the form of government which mattered so much, but the services which that government performed for the public.

If the end result of changing from the bulky commission form to the mayor-council form with its clearer lines of responsibility is an achieving of better services more efficiently, then it will have an impression of the voters.

"It is toward that end the officers are attempting to direct the 'shakedown' cruise. But it will be several more ports before that destination is in sight."



New Brunswick's Police Commissioner John T. O'Brien, Co-Host Ben Rubin and Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan Enjoying Lunch at **The Greenbrier** March 25, 1971
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GETTING IT STRAIGHT — Council President Aldridge B. Cooper, right, discusses lines of responsibility in the city's new form of government with Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and their tap appointee to a city job, Police Director John O'Brien.

No Opposition

March 24, 1971

New Brunswick City Budget Adopted

By GEORGE J. TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

A lack of opposition made for a quick public hearing this morning, as the City Council finally adopted its 1971 budget, including some 25 amendments.

The session lasted 15 minutes and there were no members of the public present.

Although today's action was the last official act necessary for the budget's adoption, Council President Aldridge Cooper expressed the hope the state may make one more amendment.

The city is due to receive \$29,736 from Gov. William T. Cahill's urban aid package, and if passed in time, the amount would reduce this year's tax rate by approximately 25 points.

The current estimated tax levy is \$8.71 per \$100 assessed valuation, up 87 points from last year's rate. That includes

a 73-point increase in the amount for schools, the county and municipal services and 14 points to cover the school board's \$397,000 deficit.

The urban aid package passed the Assembly Monday by a wide margin, and action is expected in the Senate tomorrow. Cooper said he expected it would take a further piece of legislation to allow municipalities to use the money this year since most local budgets already have been adopted.

If that action is taken, the net tax rate would be \$8.46 per \$100 assessed valuation. However, since most home assessments in the city were raised during the past year, taxpayers still would see a substantial increase in their July tax bills.

While a homeowner assessed at \$29,000 last year paid \$724 in taxes, a \$2,000 increase in his assessment combined with the \$8.46 tax rate would in-

crease his tax bill \$146.60 this year. If the urban aid package is not passed in time, he would pay an additional \$27.40.

The increased assessments are the basis of an appeal by the city to the state Board of Taxation in an effort to reduce the county tax rate. City officials argue that the reassessment should have resulted in a 50 per cent rate in the county equalization table.

But instead the county Board of Taxation reduced the city's ratio from 46 per cent last year to 38.87. That has resulted in a 24-point increase in the county tax rate for city residents even though the average increase countywide is only four points.

City Attorney Norris Harding said he doubted the appeal will be heard in time to have any effect this year. If the appeal is successful, it would result in

a credit for the city in next year's tax bill from the county.

The adoption of this year's budget marks a phasing out of the system of preparation under the commission form of government.

Although a new procedure for preparing the budget was included in the administrative code, the change in government on Jan. 1 precluded its full use this year. Previously each commissioner prepared appropriation requests from his department and the entire commission combined the items for a finished product.

Some aspects of that system necessarily came into play in drawing up this year's budget, although on the surface it was the mayor who presented it to the council.

Starting with next year's budget there will be two sets of public hearings — one conducted by the mayor and business

administrator and the other by the council. Department heads will be required to substantiate their requests for appropriations during a series of public hearings before the mayor in November. This will give the public an opportunity to question new programs and positions before the budget is in its final form.

The mayor and administrator then will prepare their recommended budget and must submit it to the council before Jan. 15, along with a detailed analysis of all items of expenditure and revenue.

The council will have its own public hearing and may reduce any item by a majority vote. Any increases in the budget need a two-thirds vote of the council, however. The amendments to this year's budget included both decreases and increases, but all were by unanimous vote of the council.

Civic Association Charges 'Wasted Money' by City

March 24, 1971

In one of its first official statements to date, the New Brunswick Civic Association hit at "wasted money" in the city government and a failure to reduce the increasing tax burden by city officials.

Formed from a nucleus of supporters for independent Ralph J. Muehlig's try for mayor last fall, the group is in its formative stages, but has been holding regular meetings at the ward level, according to Muehlig.

"The mayor is the chief executive of the city, and in this capacity assumes full responsibility for administering other people's money in the most economic way possible," the

statement said. "The mayor has got to find ways to reduce the cost of government before we lose all of the citizens who are paying the bills."

The statement repeated an often heard theme of last fall's election campaign, when Muehlig made the issue of the city's financial status second only to his attacks on the crime rate.

"None of us ever has seen a well-run business operation that was not able to cut costs considerably when it was necessary to do so," the statement said. "And the City of New Brunswick is a far cry from a well-run profitable business operation."

The group charged there should be no money spent on travel expenses while city officials work to achieve economy in government, and urged the use of telephone and mail service as a less expensive means of exchanging information.

"This sort of action sets the tone and motivates others in the organization to start reducing costs all down the line," the statement said. "It is time to provide a sense of urgency and eliminate every non-essential penny that is expended."

The group also urged increasing revenues in "every new way possible," and noted the recent foreclosure on several city properties.

"We have got to move into this area faster and more fully," they said. "There is a tremendous opportunity for bringing in additional sizable revenue immediately."

School Board Appeals Budget Cut By City to State Commissioner

March 25, 1971

Moving swiftly in the wake of yesterday's city budget adoption, Board of Education attorney Terrill M. Brenner this morning appealed the City Council's \$400,000 cut in the school board's budget to state Commissioner of Education Carl Marburger.

Copies of the appeal also were served on City Clerk William Cahill, who in turn must present them to the mayor, councilmen and City Attorney Norris Harding.

Brenner said he requested a speedy hearing on the matter, but added he expected it would take a month or more before a date is set.

"We wanted to file last week in order to be first in line," the attorney said. "However, we couldn't do it until the city budget was adopted and there

was no chance of further changes."

Technically, the council could have restored the amount before taking final action on the budget. There was little chance of that happening, but Brenner said the board's appeal would have looked foolish if the funds were restored.

The appeal was authorized unanimously by the Board of Education at its March 16 meeting. Board President Eli Saltz had said several times since the introduction of a school budget that any cut would be appealed.

Brenner said Marburger likely would give the city some time to prepare its defense of the budget cut and might ask for statements from both parties before setting a hearing. "Basically, our appeal says

we need all the money which was originally budgeted," he said. "The city has to prove that the expenditures are unnecessary. Since more than 80 per cent of the budget is in salaries, our position is pretty inflexible."

The council acted on the budget cut after agreeing to an emergency appropriation for the \$397,000 deficit in this year's school budget.

Because of the city's system of paying for the schools on a calendar year basis, only half the cut will be effected this year and half next year. The entire deficit must be paid this year, however.

If Marburger restores any or all of the budget reduction, the amount will be included in next year's municipal budget.

Administration Split Soon?

The greatest chance for the new form of government's visibility lies in its split of the executive and legislative functions.

And while the Sheehan administration campaigned as a team and vowed to work as a team, some observers said an actual split may not be too far off.

"We haven't had too much opportunity to go off in different directions so far," Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan said. "Although I'm sure we eventually will. Certainly the council is not my rubber stamp, but we can work together and make suggestions back and forth."

However, the mayor said she views the separation of powers as one of the inherent weaknesses in the mayor-council form of government. Many times, especially when the council is of mixed political persuasion, that body is merely a platform for "hot air," she said.

Cooper at Helm
When the administration served under the commission form, it had one leader in the person of the mayor. But the council president, Aldridge B. Cooper, now is in a position to command as much personal attention as the mayor.

Teamwork—For a Time
City Attorney Norris Harding said that because of their previous relationship, there can be a tendency for the mayor and councilmen to continue working closely together for a time.

But he added the council is trying to move away from those areas for which the mayor has responsibility. Cooper said the first few weeks proved to be difficult in that respect. "The mayor would call me and ask how the parks department was doing, and I'd have to say 'Pat, I don't work there anymore,'" he said.

Since the council must approve many of the mayor's actions, both sides said they feel it natural to consult on major appointments. However, the council does hold private caucuses and the mayor does not attend council sessions.

"There is no room for partisanship at the local level of government," the mayor said. "In order for the city to function, the mayor and council must face up to the problems together."

But Harding and others have conceded that the basis exists for a disagreement between the mayor and council. While there have been few public issues for possible discord, several officials have pointed to the council's adjustments in the budget which the mayor submitted.

The council also has a full-time representative at city hall as does the mayor. The city clerk's office is considered an arm of the council in much the same manner as the business administrator is the mayor's representative.

The councilmen's responsibilities have been increased from a simple legislative function to include duties as liaison officers to various city agencies.

Dual Effects
The stated purpose of putting such an item in the administrative code was to open the lines of communication with these agencies and boards, but it also allows the councilmen to specialize in certain areas and provides a second platform.

Urban Aid Cuts Local, Amboy Taxes

March 26, 1971

Taxpayers in New Brunswick and Perth Amboy will receive lower tax bills than originally estimated as a result of yesterday's passage of the Urban Aid package by the state Senate.

New Brunswick City Clerk William Cahill said he was notified by the county tax board this morning it will hold up striking of the 1971 tax rate pending certification of the additional anticipated revenue.

The \$25 million package passed the Assembly Monday and is expected to be signed into law by Governor William T. Cahill during a noon ceremony next Monday.

The New Brunswick City Council took final action on the municipal budget Wednesday, but could not include the additional revenue before it became law.

New Brunswick will receive \$290,736 an Perth Amboy will

get \$240,000 under the aid formula. Local city officials have estimated the amount will reduce the tax rate some 25 points from the last figure of \$8.71 per \$100 assessed valuation.

The city's net increase now will be 62 points over last year's \$7.94 rate.

Mrs. Ethel Yahnel, a tax analyst with the county Board of Taxation, said she had been notified by the state Bureau of Local Property Tax nearly two weeks ago not to strike the tax rates for New Brunswick and Perth Amboy pending action on the urban aid package.

spent the morning looking for some means to get the additional revenue into their budget until notified of the action by the county board.

Further action must await the governor's signature on the bill and certification from the state Division of Local Finance that the money is available.

While there was some doubt on just what that action would be, the city clerk said the council would be ready to introduce an amending resolution to its budget as soon as the certification arrives.

He added there would be no necessity for a public hearing since no additional expenditures are involved.

Spread City Beat

By George Dawson

March 28, 1971



Skyrocketing Tax Rates Cut Chance for Urban Progress

Perth Amboy and New Brunswick will command county attention this year in sharing a common tax plight.

Both cities, headed by administrations which hoped to give their citizens a forward look in government, will have chances of progress severely limited this year by substantial tax increases.

The Perth Amboy increase is the more obvious, since much of it is apparent in the printed budgets. The budgets published by the various government agencies levying taxes on city property — city, board of school estimate, county freeholders — show a total levy of about \$13 million, an increase of \$2.8 over the money paid last year. The \$250,000 cut approved by the commissioners last week will reduce the tax by 19 points, but still produce a rate of \$9.77 per \$100 of assessed valuation, give or take a few points.

Comparison with last year's rate is difficult, since the \$17.31 rate published then was based on an assessment ratio of 21 per cent of true value, rather than the 50 per cent ratio now being used. However, if the \$10.2 million tax levy last year had been applied against assessments calculated at 50 per cent of true value, the tax rate would have been \$7.27. The new tax rate, then, represents an increase of \$2.50.

The Perth Amboy property owner is getting some consideration, however, in the new city-wide revaluation program, which went into effect this year. The revaluation shows a slippage of five per cent in the total true value of taxable properties. If this can be applied generally against all property owners — by no means necessarily the case — a homeowner with a house valued at \$20,000 last year will see his house appraised at \$19,100 on the tax books this year.

The tax rise for this homeowner, then, will not be as \$727 to \$977, as might be apparently from simply an examination of the tax rates, but from \$727 to \$930.

The New Brunswick tax increase is somewhat disguised. The announced rate of \$8.71, granted, is only up 87 cents, or \$87 for the owner of a \$20,000 house, a moderate increase for a New Jersey city this year. Yet New Brunswick, also, underwent a general change of property assessments during the year, and in this case the total went up instead of down.

If the 10 per cent general assessment increase can be applied against the board, the owner of a \$20,000 house last year must now be considered the owner of a \$22,000 house. The tax bill, then, will not simply increase from \$784 to \$871, but from \$784 to \$938.

New Brunswick and Perth Amboy property owners are by no means those who are most sorely affected by the costs of local government.

In Middlesex County, a middle territory in the state as far as tax rates go, Metuchen homeowners were paying a tax rate of \$9.50 last year, and some residents in Madison Township were paying a rate as high as \$12.73 counting special garbage and fire assessments.

Trenton property owners paid taxes at a rate of \$13.53. Property owners in Newark and Union City, with assessments at 100 per cent of calculated true value, paid rates of \$8.44 and \$9.12, respectively. Translated to 50 per cent, the rates were \$16.88 and \$18.24.

Tiny Winfield Township, the World War II housing commu-

Colony House Tax Decision Dismays City

By GEORGE TRAPP

Home News Staff Writer

City officials discussed an appeal and Tax Assessor Louis Schick shook his head in dismay after learning last week the Colony House management had achieved victory in a series of tax assessment appeals dating back to 1965.

The decision handed down by Judge Carmine F. Savino Jr. of the Division of Tax Appeals of the Department of the Treasury, came almost a year to the day after the appeal hearing.

The judgment sets an assessment for the apartment house and land of \$4,218,500. Since, for tax purposes, a ratio of 50 per cent is used, the actual taxable value would be \$2,109,250.

The latter figure is \$746,000 less than the assessment set by the city.

For the five year period under appeal, 1965-69, the lower assessment would result in a loss of \$233,495 in taxes to the city. However, the apartment management has consistently held back part of its tax bill, and City Finance Director George Cox said there is an excess of \$400,000 in liens on the building.

Cox, Schick and City Attorney Norris Harding said while no official decision has been reached, it seemed very likely the city would appeal to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court.

The owners of the 18-story apartment building have appealed every assessment since construction was completed in 1965. But in every case, the city's assessment was upheld by the Middlesex County Board of Taxation.

Schick said the state's decision granted everything the owners asked for and used the income approach, which produced the lowest possible assessment.

The assessor said there are three methods allowed by law to derive the assessment value of a property. The reproduction cost method is based on what current expenses would be to replace the structure, less depreciation.

Savino rejected this method out of hand in his decision and

said, "The building is unique in the area in which it is located."

Both Schick and Harding said they had no idea what the judge meant by that.

Another method is the sales approach, in which the sale price of a similar building is used to determine the assessment. During last year's hearing the city attempted to illustrate this method by citing the recent purchase price of the Park Lane Apartments at a cost of \$4,000 per room.

Using a similar figure on the Colony House's 1,310 rooms would result in an assessment of \$5,279,300. At the 50 per cent ratio that would amount to \$2,639,650 for tax purposes. The judge made mention of this in his decision, but declined to comment on its merits.

The last method is the income approach, which Savino said was "the only fair method of evaluating property of this kind."

That is based on the income from rents, less costs and a vacancy factor of five per cent, divided by a capitalization rate. This rate is an attempt to compare the net income from the building to the return of a similar investment elsewhere.

Schick claimed the use of such a method discriminated against the homeowner, since it only could be used for income producing properties.

He said it allows owners of such properties to obtain a lower assessment every time their income drops, while the homeowner must pick up the additional tax burden.

"If a homeowner lost his job for illness or any other reason, he could not go before the courts and seek a reduced assessment because of a loss of income," he said. "Yet those with income producing properties do just that."

Schick has argued in the past for abolition of the income approach, and said this recent decision is another reason for homeowners to protest to their legislators. He said the homeowner will end up paying more taxes to make up for the loss.

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Mayors Back Concept Of Revenue Sharing

March 26, 1971

After commiserating together for three days on their fiscal problems, the nation's mayors

have agreed in principle on the need for some form of revenue sharing, although there was some disagreement on just what the details of such a program should be.

"I think it was a bit startling to find that despite a difference in the causes, the ability of all the mayors to provide service is just not there in terms of the money," said Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan yesterday.

She and Council President Aldridge B. Cooper took part in a Washington conference on the Nixon administration's revenue sharing proposal earlier this week, sponsored by the Nation-

al League of Cities and the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

"The message came through loud and clear," Mrs. Sheehan said. "And that was from Cleveland's Mayor Carl Stokes to New York's John Lindsay to Paeterson's Lawrence Kramer. The mayors are suffering together with untenable burdens on their budgets."

While they were treated to some explanation of the proposal by leading spokesmen of the administration, the city officials received no firm commitments on when or how the funds might be forthcoming.

And although Vice President Spiro Agnew made a strong pitch for non-partisan support of the measure, the mayor said she found many congressmen had a guarded approach to the plan.

"They recognize the cities are in crisis, but they haven't seen the breakdown of the figures yet and no legislation has been introduced," Mrs. Sheehan said.

Rep. Edward J. Patten, D-N.J., is among those who have not yet taken a position on the President's proposal, but he assured the mayor that the New Jersey delegation has met on it and is concerned that some plan to aid the cities be passed.

One of the major concerns of all present was that the money not be given on a matching funds basis, the mayor said. "They could give us \$1 million tomorrow, but if we had to match it we just couldn't do it."

She added she could understand the complaint of taxpayers who say that any more programs would place more of a burden upon them.

"They lump all taxes together and tend to lose faith in any kind of action. But the point of direct contact is at the local level, and we can't give any more service without more revenue," she said.

The problem is too widespread across the country for there not to be some action, the mayor said. "When you get the president of the Alabama League of Cities and Mayor Carl Stokes together on anything, you know it has to work out well."

Mayor Sheehan said she also sounded out a number of other mayors on a resolution urging more federal impact aid, and she likely will present the proposal at the conference's June meeting. The aid formula provides federal subsidies for education costs for children in federal housing.

Tax Ruling Dismays City

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from the Colony House.

Since the assessment was under appeal, the owners of the apartment building were obliged to pay only 75 per cent of their yearly tax bill, with the remainder being made up through the city's reserve for uncollected taxes.

However, should Savino's judgment stand, the city will not get a return on that reserve as it does for other delinquent tax payments.

Schick said he doubted the city would get the assessment it asked for even if it was a further appeal, but added he is hopeful of some compromise.

Harding said he expected an affirmative decision to appeal would be made by the mayor and council.

Brainier Gals

PARIS (WNS)—The National Institute of Statistics has reported that working French women now have more education than working Frenchmen.

Sixty-five per cent of new women entering the labor force have high school diplomas. Only 60 per cent of new men are so equipped. The ages of both groups range from 15 to 25 years. "French used to quip that women are long on hair but short on intelligence," commented Professor Michel Durand. "Now some men have longer hair than women, and the intelligence begins to change, too."

Another Hometown Boy Makes Good

By WALTER L. SHEPARD

Home News Staff Writer

A hometown boy who's genuinely interested in doing something for New Brunswick is George F. Hendricks Jr., who at 27 is the city's youngest councilman.

Even as a youth who grew up and was educated here, Hendricks admits he was aware of developing urban problems.

"There's a real challenge. A need for new approaches to urban problems and their solution," is his direct appraisal of the situation.

As a result, it was in his student days at Rutgers—when he came to realize that the time was ripe for young activists to do their part, that his commitment to a political career developed.

The young, alert, bespectacled attorney has an admirable objectivity that has, without doubt, helped shape his career and set his course in both politics and law.

Choosing a legal career came partly from an interest in justice and a great admiration for the late John Keefe, an associate of the almost legendary Edmund A. Hayes, one of the Democratic greats of all times hereabouts. But Hendricks also admits, "I liked the independence of a profession such as law—plus the fact that it is highly compatible with activities in politics. "This was something he became aware of as an aide to Sen. John A. Lynch.

It's also somewhat fortunate that Hendricks' preference is for trial law where, as he explains, you have an opportunity to create rapport with juries, to interrogate witnesses in a manner that will bring out pertinent facts—something also important in a political career.

He's just forthright enough that he'll admit that he

Personality in the News

hoped that he might be picked to fill the vacant council seat. As a result, he had not only the satisfaction of being selected but the resulting challenges facing him when he returned from the service on Sept. 7 of last year.

But that's part of his viewpoint. He became involved in Army service due to membership in the ROTC while a student at Rutgers.

It brought obligations for military service, he admits, but it also brought with it some valuable experience and a 1st lieutenant's commission.

So it is that, back to civilian life and launched on a legal career as a member of the firm of Pincus, Shamy and Sheehan, Hendricks is also using his interest and experience in behalf of this city as liaison between the city council and the Board of Education—and that's a job of no small magnitude.

On the other hand, it must be admitted that Hendricks has had a host of activities in his relatively short public life.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Hendricks, of 83 Richardson St.—his father is a veteran Home News employee—young Hendricks was born on June 8, 1943.

He was educated in St. Peter's Grammar School and St. Peter's High School—during that stage becoming increasingly aware of changes in the old city and, at the same time, developing the trend toward law and politics.

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YOUTHFUL CAREER MAN—Only 27, George F. Hendricks Jr., not only is off to a successful start as an attorney but also has high hopes for serving his home city, New Brunswick, whose problems and potentials have long challenged him.

Cahill Signature Gives City \$290,736 State Aid

By GEORGE J. TRAPP

Home News Staff Writer

The city's coffers were enriched by \$290,736 today, after Gov. William T. Cahill affixed his signature to the \$24 million urban aid package during a noon-time ceremony.

The measure was passed by the Senate and Assembly last week. The added revenue will shave some 25 points from the city's tax levy this year.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, who along with the mayors of the 24 other participating municipalities was invited to the signing ceremony, termed the bill "strictly a stop-gap measure."

"I was pleased at the prompt action of the legislature in recognizing the severe crisis facing the cities," she said. "But we could easily justify the need for more funds."

Cahill took the opportunity to plug President Nixon's federal revenue sharing proposal which includes \$5 billion in new money for the states and cities, including \$154 million for New Jersey.

The federal revenue sharing proposal is stalled in Congress, where Democrats have tried to substitute alternative proposals.

Although the city already has passed its 1971 budget, county boards of taxation have been instructed not to strike the tax rates for those cities in line for the funds until the additional revenue is certified.

City Finance Director George Cox said he believes certifi-

tion will go directly to the county, which will adjust the tax rate without further action by the city.

When the city budget was adopted last Wednesday, it included a tax rate of \$8.71 per \$100 assessed valuation, up 87 points from last year's rate. With the inclusion of the additional revenue, however, the city's rate should now be no higher than \$8.46 per \$100 assessed valuation.

The mayor said she felt it was "a significant breakthrough" to have cities the size of New Brunswick included in the urban aid package. Last year the state's "big six" cities divided a \$12 million urban aid package.

In another tax-related matter, the mayor said no firm decision has been made yet on an appeal of the Colony House assessment decision.

The management of the luxu-

ry high-rise apartment building overlooking Bueclench Park won its appeal of tax assessments placed on the building by the city in a decision handed down last week.

The judgment by Judge Carmine Savino Jr., of the state Division of Tax Appeals set an assessment of \$2,109,250 on the building and property — an amount of \$746,000 less than the assessment by the city.

The decision would result in a loss of at least \$233,495 in back taxes owed the city by the apartment owners. Several city officials said they feel an appeal is likely before the Appellate Division of the Superior Court.

The mayor also said she has not yet considered the petition of the Joyce Kilmer Civic Association to have its chairman, David Mayerowitz of 10 Reed St., appointed to the city's Traffic Commission.

Grenade Tossed in Barroom Defused by Police Director

March 29, 1971

Police Director John T. O'Brien defused a live hand grenade after the lethal device was thrown through the window of a Neilson Street bar early today.

O'Brien, who served six

years on the New York City bomb squad from 1951 to 1957, cleared the area after he was called to the scene at 7:30 a.m. and took the grenade apart behind an overturned table. The grenade and its black powder contents were sent to the State Police laboratory in Trenton for analysis.

"I knew it wasn't a training grenade because a training grenade is a different color," said O'Brien. "This one was mustard-colored and it was alive."

The grenade was discovered lying about 30 feet inside the broken front window of Louis' Bar at 239 Neilson St. by a cleaning man, who immediately

telephoned police. The police in turn telephoned O'Brien, who has been trained in bomb dismantling.

O'Brien told the bar owner, Ray Feldman of 45 Brookfall Road, Edison and patron on the scene to clear the area. Neilson Street was blocked off from Washington Street to Albany Street.

O'Brien overturned one of the tables inside the bar, got down behind the table and unscrewed the fuse. He then removed the black powder charge and placed it in an envelope.

O'Brien described the grenade as a fragmentation type with a serrated surface. The pin and trigger handle were

missing he said, but the hammer had come down on the fuse, which ordinarily would have exploded the grenade within five seconds after the hammer had struck the top of the fuse.

"I knew if it was a good grenade I would have had five seconds and I could have thrown it into the back of the bar," said O'Brien. "If the fuse had been altered or shortened I would have had some difficulty."

O'Brien said no suspects have been picked up in connection with the incident. He said fingerprints would be difficult to detect on the grenade's rough surface.



JOHN T. O'BRIEN

March 30, 1971



Home News Photo

CASH COMING — Gov. William T. Cahill signs the \$25 million urban aid bill as New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan considers how the city's share of

\$290,736 will be used. Assemblyman Martin E. Kravarik, R-Middlesex, looks on at right.

Urban Aid Package 'Delights' Mayor

Home News Trenton Bureau

TRENTON — A "delighted" New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and representatives of 23 other New Jersey municipalities watched Gov. William T. Cahill yesterday sign into law the \$25 million urban aid bill.

The swift signing following last week's passage of the special money package by the legislature will permit the municipalities to include the appropriations as revenue this year, allowing local tax rates to be held lower than possible otherwise.

The \$290,736 New Brunswick is to gain will allow the city's tax rate to raise about 62 points more than last year's rate of \$7.84 per \$100 of assessed valuation, rather than the projected 87 points.

The other Middlesex County city to gain is Perth Amboy. Mayor Donald Olson was present to observe that city's \$240,000 grant made official.

"Anytime they want to give us money, we'll accept," laughed Mayor Sheehan. "Seriously, I am very grateful. I am particularly pleased at the recognition by the governor and the legislature of the needs of municipalities other than the 'Big 6.'"

Last year, the state granted \$12 million to the state's six largest cities. Among those excluded, over the protests of Middlesex County legislators, was New Brunswick.

Mrs. Sheehan termed the new measure "a first step." She said the city needs more state aid and she hopes it is received next year. The mayor particularly cited the need for increased aid in lieu of tax payments from the extensive tax-exempt Rutgers University holdings.

In commending the sponsors of the bill, the governor observed it was difficult for some legislators to put aside their concern that other towns equally in need were not included in the package.

The new law, said Cahill, "represents a more realistic approach."

However, he noted, the \$25 million is "insufficient to meet the overwhelming needs of the qualifying cities of this state . . . it is not a cure-all for urban blight."

Cahill reiterated his contention that the state's congressional delegation — backed by the mayors — should support the President's revenue sharing plan, which would provide \$154 million more than current federal aid totals.

Pushes Revenue Sharing

"You know the problems and you need the money," he told the assembled mayors. "I hope that if you have not already called the need for revenue sharing to the attention of your elected congressional representatives, you will do so."

He urged that the state's entire congressional delegation join as co-sponsors of the revenue sharing bill.

Assembly Majority Leader Thomas H. Kean, R-Essex, said the signing of the bill was a "wonderful" step forward. "It starts a new era of cooperation and good will" among both political parties, he said.

The governor is not only relying on revenue sharing for assistance. He hoped that when his tax policy commission issues its recommendations later this year, "we will be able to implement reforms that will bring great help to the cities."

City Contract Talks Differences Develop

March 31, 1971

By GEORGE J. TRAPP Home News Staff Writer

The first stumbling block in contract talks between the city and the New Brunswick Municipal Employees Association surfaced yesterday during the second round of negotiations on a 1971 contract.

"I watched four months work go down the drain," said Dino Zarrella, the association's business agent. "They took a month to study our proposal, and came back with a verbal offer that didn't make any sense."

Although both sides agreed there was a "pretty good agreement" on the contract terminology, Zarrella said there was a definite problem with the city's wage offer.

The association has been working without a contract since Dec. 31, but postponed negotiations to allow the city time to adjust to the change in government and adopt an administrative code.

The first session began March 2 with the introduction of a 60-page proposal by the association. Details have been kept under wraps, but Business Administrator William Saunders acknowledged the employees are seeking a three-year contract.

Saunders said yesterday's three-hour session consisted of a page-by-page review of the association's proposal, with comments and deletions by the city administration and a wage proposal by the city.

Zarrella said he was "disappointed" at the city offer and claimed the city negotiators had "no idea what collective bargaining is about."

The administration team consists of Saunders, Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, Finance Director George Cox, personnel officer George Gutuso and John P. Miraglia, the city's labor consultant.

"I always thought bargaining meant you give a little and take a little," Zarrella said. "But it appears the city just wants to give very little."

Although Saunders expressed some optimism both sides could come to an agreement shortly, Zarrella said "serious trouble" could develop unless both sides began talking on the same level.

"I don't think they want to negotiate," he said. "I think they would welcome mediation so they could pin the settlement on someone else. They took our proposal, which was the product of four months work, and tossed it out completely."

Following the city's counter-offer, Zarrella said he made two counter-proposals, but further progress. The association received the city's written offer this morning and will begin preparing for the next session April 12.

Yesterday's meeting will not hinder chances for progress at that meeting completely, but the next step will be up to the city, Zarrella said.

"If they want to bargain, then there's a chance for movement, but if they want to dictate, we'll be at a standstill," he said.

April 3, 1971



MAGIC FOR THE MAYOR — Veterans Alliance Vice Commander Jerry Baller produces a rabbit from hat being held by New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and Commander Ernest Fette. It's just a

sample of what's in store for kids at the alliance-sponsored Children's Variety Show to be held Saturday, April 24, in the New Brunswick High School auditorium.

Veterans Alliance Promises to Work Wonders

When the Veterans Alliance of New Brunswick and Highland Park has its Children's Variety Show, there'll be many special guests in the audience.

Among them will be youngsters from the Cerebral Palsy Rehabilitation Center at Roosevelt Park and the Woodbridge State School in Avenel.

Jerry Baller, alliance vice commander and chairman for the event, promises the small fry who attend two hours of magic provided by professional performers.

The show is slated for 10 a.m. Saturday, April 24, in the New Brunswick High School auditorium.

Ernest Fette, alliance commander, said it is only through the generosity of professions, businesses, and industries throughout the county, in the purchase of tickets that this program is made possible.

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Stadium Plan Includes Trotting

Evening News Trenton Bureau

TRENTON — The Cahill administration bill for an authority to build a huge sports complex in the Hackensack River meadows contemplates up to 100 days or nights of harness racing.

The measure, introduced Monday in the Senate, does not direct the proposed authority to conduct any specific type of racing at the proposed track in the complex.

But a provision deep in the 35-page draft of the bill directs that the State Racing Commission shall allot no less than 100 days of harness racing at the track, if the authority makes application for that number of days.

Cahill, at a news conference today, said the intent is that the complex should have the option

of having flat or harness racing or both.

He said a companion bill to the authority bill will be introduced in the Senate tomorrow.

The companion measure will increase from three to four the number of permissible flat tracks in the state and specify that the new one will be owned by a state authority and, therefore, not subject to the usual county and local referendum requirement for prior voter approval of track locations.

Cahill said last week that he felt flat or thoroughbred racing, and not harness racing, was contemplated for proposed authority-owned track.

But the provision in the bill clearly indicates that the administration has in mind plenty of

harness racing in either the

daylight or night time hours for up to 100 days per year.

If the harness horses trotted at night, the thoroughbreds still could gallop in the daytime at the proposed 40,000-seat track.

The revenues from the track would be used to pay for the bonds that the authority would use to build a 75,000-seat football stadium and possibly a separate baseball stadium and a Madison Square Garden type coliseum.

Cahill Belief

Cahill believes that if the Legislature enacts the authority bill before adjourning in May, the New York Football Giants will sign an agreement to lease

on a long-term basis the proposed football stadium.

He also believes that the signing by the Giants eventually could lead to attraction to the complex of the New York Baseball Yankees and professional major league basketball and hockey teams.

Twenty-two senators, one more than the 21 votes needed for passage of a measure in the Senate, have already signed as sponsors of the authority bill.

A spot check of assemblymen showed that 47 of those lawmakers were prepared to vote for the measure. That is six more than the minimum of 41 votes needed for passage of a bill in that house.

City Sports Arena Report Awaited

April 5, 1971

By GEORGE J. TRAPP Home News Staff Writer

A preliminary report on the feasibility study for a sports arena-convention hall complex in downtown New Brunswick is due Thursday, some five months after the study was originally commissioned.

Hammer, Greene, Siler Associates, a Washington-based planning firm which prepared the study, will deliver a synopsis to a steering committee of the Raritan Valley Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon meeting, with the final report due approximately two weeks later.

The report will focus on whether such a complex can be supported in this area.

Chamber President William Richardson said if the report is favorable, his group will take an active role in supporting the project "wherever it is most feasible."

Although impetus for the study came from a campaign proposal of independent mayoral candidate Ralph J. Muehlig made last summer, there have been some attempts to direct the study to areas outside New Brunswick.

Muehlig claimed his idea would give the city "the speedy, massive economic transmutation it now desperately needs to survive."

But former Freeholder Frank M. Deiner Jr., who is vice chairman of the chamber's steering committee for the study, said there have been attempts by some committee members to have the arena put in Piscataway in conjunction with the proposed Rutgers University fieldhouse.

The feasibility study was financed through a \$10,000 grant from the state Department of Community Affairs. Muehlig's proposal suggested a complex with a seating capacity from 12,000 to 15,000.

His proposal also suggested the area between Commercial Avenue and Albany Street, and between George Street and Memorial Parkway.

That also was expected to be the area the Washington group would study, but Deiner said somewhere along the line they began looking at a Piscataway site as an alternative proposal.

Richardson acknowledged that was not the reason for the study being commissioned. But he added if the study proved the Piscataway site more feasible, he would support it.

Rutgers Athletic Director Al Twitchell, also a member of the steering committee, said any comment on either site would be premature until he had seen the full report.

"I told this group at the outset we would move ahead with our own project on the assumption that Rutgers University is the place for a sports arena," he said. "But when the results come out if we see anything there that should alter our plans in any way, we would take a closer look."

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MRS. ANNA MURPHY

Mrs. Murphy Leaves Office She Served Four Decades

April 1, 1971

A four-decade career in municipal affairs ended yesterday when Mrs. Anna Murphy retired from the City Clerk's office. It was her first and only job since her graduation from the Drake College of Business in 1930.

Mrs. Murphy was named city clerk in 1967, after serving 12 years in a deputy and acting clerk's role. She stepped down

from the post after announcing her retirement in December, but stayed on to train her successor, William Cahill.

Always available to those who needed information from her office, Mrs. Murphy was treated to a small retirement party by employees at City Hall yesterday afternoon.

She was given a pin by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, and

was presented a string of pearls by the mayor, Cahill, the councilmen and City Attorney Norris Harding.

She said her immediate plans call for an extended vacation in Florida to visit her nephew.

The widow of Frank Murphy, she became 70 years old Saturday and is leaving under the mandatory retirement law for municipal employees.

More Building on Way at Plaza

April 4, 1971

By ALVIN KING Home News Staff Writer

Two important current developments today point to the start of construction of a second office building and a motel at the George Street Plaza.

Harry Jessel, president of the Realty Investment Co. of Silver Spring, Md., told The Sunday Home News that (1) negotiations are under way for financing the two structures and (2) construction estimates are being reviewed.

Jessel spoke in behalf of Stewart B. Bainum, president of the New Brunswick Urban Renewal Corp., which has a 99-year lease with the New Brunswick Housing and Redevelopment Authority to redevelop the prime 10-acre site in the business section.

Jessel said that Bainum, president of the Quality Courts Motel, had expressed confidence that the financing

will be settled in the next few weeks, that contracts will be awarded and that hopefully, construction will start by mid-summer.

Jessel said "we have submitted the package (motel and office building) to finance companies and we expect that we will reach terms in the very near future." He

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said negotiations are currently going on.

The corporation, which operates the seven-story office building at the George-New Streets corner of the plaza, had hoped to start digging last May. But high interest rates caused a postponement which, Jessel pointed out,

"was not peculiar to us but to building across the nation — apartment buildings, commercial structures, etc."

In the intervening months, however, interest rates on loans have gradually been lowered and Jessel says the corporation is now in a position to start the second phase of the plaza's redevelopment.

The third stage will consist of underground and surface parking, along with a few stores facing George Street.

The proposed office building, which will be identical to the present one, will be adjacent to The Methodist Church at New Brunswick, which is the corner of George and Liberty Streets.

The motel, which will be a Quality Courts operation, will have 125 rooms, banquet facilities and will face Memorial Parkway.

In the interim, much of the land is being used as parking facilities.

Under the lease arrangement, the developers pay \$107,000 in taxes on the office building, \$29,500 on the vacant land and \$45,000 in rent to the Housing Authority.

In addition to Bainum, other corporation officers include L. V. Sharp, vice president, who is also vice president of Holiday Inns Inc. of which Wallace Johnson is chairman, and Herbert S. Colton, a Washington, D.C. attorney.

Late last year, Bainum came here to assure City Council members that hopefully, the redevelopment program will be completed by 1973.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan had called for a conference because of the administration's deep concern over lack of progress in completing the multi-million dollar program.

Across the street from the plaza, the George Street housing project is moving along on schedule, according to Richard M. Keefe, the Housing Authority executive director.

The authority has completed conferences with representatives of 10 organizations or corporations seeking to sponsor the low-middle and low-income housing program and have set May 15 as the date to select the developer.

Chamber Unit Warns of Future 'Ghetto'

April 5, 1971

Development of "an overwhelming ghetto" could be a "distinct possibility" in New Brunswick if the Raritan Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce and the business community do nothing to stop it.

That is the determination of the advisory committee to the Downtown Council in its report which had received endorsement of the chamber's directors.

The committee outlined the problems and set up priorities for the chamber to work on. William M. Richardson, president and former committee

chairman, says the chamber's role was "to find out what the problems were that have caused New Brunswick to stagnate and falter . . . to define these problems, establish priorities, and to suggest solutions."

The report covers redevelopment of the city, enforcement of building codes, in-lieu-of-taxes rebates and regionalization of low cost housing, public safety and the support of the forthcoming study for a civic sports arena complex.

New Brunswick "can and should become a major regional center for commerce and industry," it contends. Priorities adopted by the chamber are:

"Complete organizational review of the public safety needs of the city and its police department . . . by an outside professional agency" and support of "efforts to see that ad-

equated funds are made available to operate the police department at the optimum level."

The chamber will "support efforts to insure that adequate funds and staff are available to carry the code enforcement program throughout the city to rid us of the landlord who has let his property deteriorate to be an unsightly mess, a safety hazard, and a drag on the rest of his neighbors and the city; and to enforce the health and occupancy regulations established for the well being of our citizens."

It will continue its support of the civic-sports arena dependent on the results of the feasibility study being conducted by the firm of Hammer-Green-Siler, which are expected to be announced soon.

The chamber supports the concept of rebates to New Brunswick in lieu of taxes on state-owned property and legis-

lation which would give "fair compensation to the cities for services provided and or of which a taxable asset was denied."

It is continuing its effort to aid the city by seeking out top levels of management to utilize their time and talent by reviewing each department in city hall.

The New Brunswick Task Force, headed by Louis L. Rizzi, is working on problems of departments.

Chamber's Role

The final priority provides the chamber and its Downtown Council "will play their part in putting forward the leadership and effort to coordinate the activities of our corporate, business, and professional citizens to work together with the university (Rutgers), the planning agencies, and the United Community Service organizations, to build a better New Brunswick."

2nd Campaign Set to Shape Up City

April 5, 1971

By BARBARA SELICK
Home News Staff Writer

"I care about New Brunswick." Do you? Did you perhaps care deeply at one time but now you feel differently? So you've neglected to paint your house or fix the front steps or repair the fence. The Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Improvement hopes to reverse thinking like this.

Jack Gushin, chairman of the advisory committee, announced yesterday that the group will combine its annual Shine the Hub clean-up campaign next month with a thinking-and-effort program called "I care about New Brunswick."

"We want to fire up people for a deeper and greater concern for the community," Gushin explained while seated on a bus that was taking the committee on its annual inspection tour of the city.

"We want people to be aware of the pluses in the community," he went on.

Looking Up

"There generally seems to be an apathetic feeling about the city. It's deteriorating. Everybody talks down. We'll try to reverse the individuals' thinking."

Gushin said the new program will be patterned after an "extremely successful" one started a few years ago in Detroit and named "I care about Detroit."

The Detroit program included better lighting of parking facilities, clean-up of the business district, numerous sales to bring people into the city, and it was repaired. "Then," he said, "we hope to get students to do a psychedelic job on the wall. It's a terrible eyesore to the committee does not have funds for the latter. It's hoping to get involved in the project and to

all the organizations in the city concentrate on a psychological approach "to get more people to have confidence in the city," Gushin said.

The program would also be carried out in conjunction with the Downtown Council and with local industries.

Bumper stickers, flyers and store signs—all emblazoned with the words "I care about New Brunswick"—are being prepared.

The committee hopes to organize each section of the community in blocks to consider, "What can be done? What should be done?"

"We hope to instill confidence so that people will say, 'I want to paint my house,'" Gushin said. Prizes will be awarded for achievement.

Yesterday's tour, which was arranged by committed member Anthony Zarillo, started with the upper 6th Ward area where houses have been converted into multi-family dwellings to house Rutgers students. "Heaven only knows what rent they're charging (the students)," Zarillo exclaimed as the bus passed by two such units.

At Neilson and Church streets, the bus stopped at the reverse of a fire several months ago. The lot has been acquired by the city's Parking Authority, of which Gushin is chairman. "Beginning in a week or a few years ago in Detroit and so," he said, "new sidewalks will be put in and the lot paved."

Pointing to an ugly wall, left bare by the fire, Gushin said the committee would see that district, numerous sales to bring people into the city, and it was repaired. "Then," he said, "we hope to get students to do a psychedelic job on the wall. It's a terrible eyesore to the committee does not have funds for the latter. It's hoping to get involved in the project and to

the Parking Authority's new 507-car deck. Construction could start in October or, more probably, in the spring of 1972, he said.

College students, Boy Scouts and just plain kids were hard at work cleaning a lot off Neilson Street as the bus drove back down to that area.

As it passed boarded-up houses after boarded-up house, Richard Keefe, executive director of the New Brunswick Housing and Redevelopment Authority, described urban renewal plans for the area. The Oliver Street Cemetery would be converted to a park and a playground would replace a house on the corner of Hassart Street, Keefe said.

Moving into the city's code-enforcement area bounded by Commercial and Remsen avenues and Sandford and George streets, Bernard Schrum, head of the city's Division of Inspections, said that so far nine blocks have been inspected. Residents can take out loans at

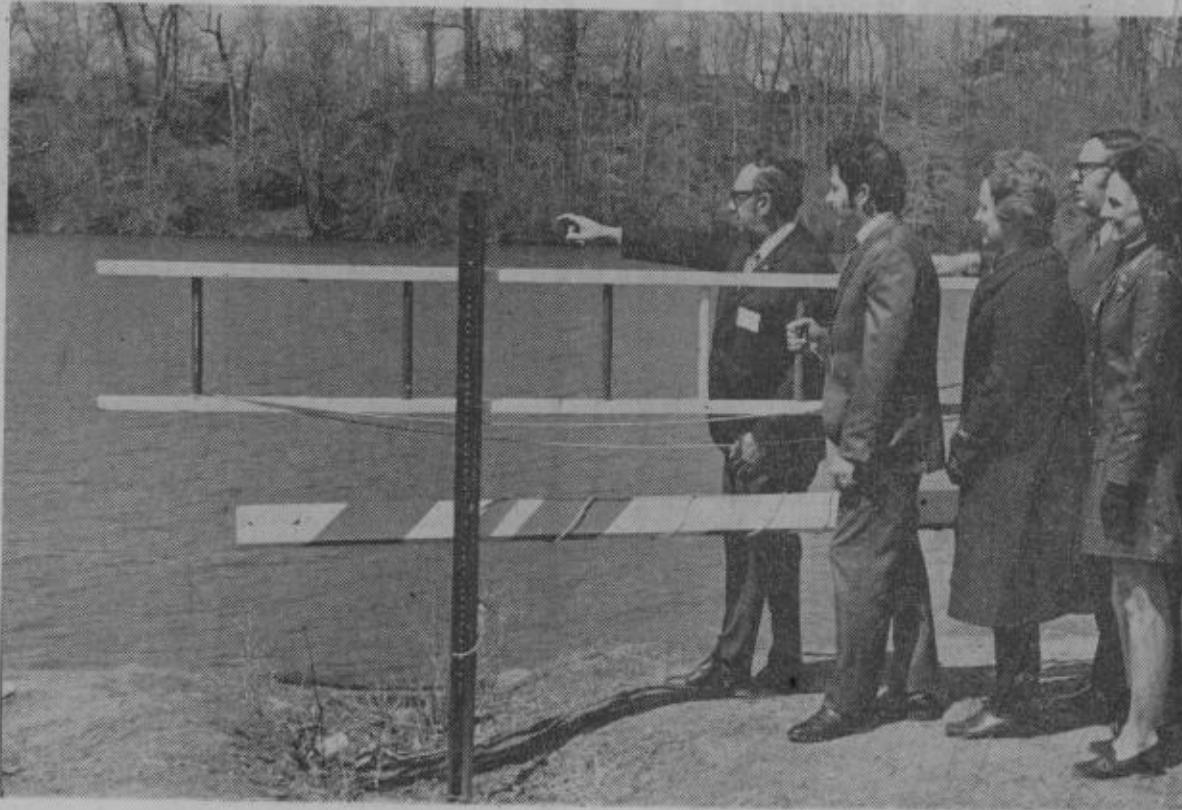
3 per cent interest to improve their houses and, if their annual income is less than \$3,000, they are eligible for grants. The number of grants and loans that can be awarded is unlimited, Schrum added.

Very little demolition—no more than 10 buildings in the 33-block area—will take place in the three-year program, Schrum said. However, 150 families will have to be relocated because of overcrowding. The tour also included stops at Farrington Lake, where a

young couple drowned last winter while ice-skating, and at Robeson and Schwartz villages. It concluded at the city library, where Director James R. Slater explained that the interior has been re-painted for the first time in 20 years and the floors completely carpeted.

Slater said that circulation at the library is up for the first time in six years, noting that the facility had lost 40,000 circulations. "This illustrates the departure of the middle class from the city," he pointed out.

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ANNUAL TOUR — Jack Gushin, left, chairman of the New Brunswick Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Improvement, points to Farrington Lake, where a young couple drowned last winter while ice-skating. The

stop was part of the committee's annual tour. Looking on are committee members Michael Miranda; Mrs. Robert Schulte, wife of the city councilman; Anthony Zarillo; and Mrs. Salvatore Cupano, secretary of the committee.

Rumors gushing from the 'tap' in New Brunswick

By JOHN PRIBISH

The tapping of telephone lines at New Brunswick City Hall has tapped unlimited possibilities as the top conversation piece in the four corners of the Middlesex County seat.

Rumors and speculation are commonplace. Just about everyone is talking about it. Whether it's on the street corner, in the tavern, in the supermarket or the corridors and offices of county buildings.

At City Hall, some employees joked about the illegal tap. One suggested using sign language. "But I can't hear the sign," snapped another. "Who?" and "Why?" were the two main questions asked by the curious citizens. And the answers depended upon whom one talked to.

"Does it involve politics?" This was another question put to reporters familiar with the city's political scene.

"How long had the line been tapped?" "Was it new?" "Was it old?" These were other questions.

But Police Director John T. O'Brien would not speculate. "We haven't come up with any specific leads," the director said yesterday of his probe into the illegal tap found Friday by New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. personnel. The director had requested the security check of the telephone lines.

O'Brien said "too much"

has been made by the press of the tap discovery. He explained that wires—but he wouldn't say how many—were attached to the instrument panel in the basement at City Hall, where the switchboard is on the main floor.

The tap was untapped, he said, adding that a listening device could have been attached to the end of the line. The director said the tap was part of but not a whole "bugging" device.

He declined to comment on which telephone was tapped by the eavesdropper. Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan has said she has no knowledge of her line being the prime target of the tap. But, speculation continues in New Brunswick.

Rutgers is unopposed to New Brunswick center

Star Ledger — April 6, 1971

By JOHN PRIBISH

A Rutgers spokesman said yesterday the university "not opposed" to a proposal for a civic sports center in downtown New Brunswick, but has given no commitment to participate in the plan.

"There's no doubt we are going to have a fieldhouse. It's a matter of when and where. We are not opposed to New Brunswick having one in its downtown area," said Les Unger, Rutgers director of sports information.

The statement came after the Raritan Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce announced yesterday the final report of a feasibility study on the center should be released within two weeks.

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Rutgers Village Firehouse to Become Reality

April 27, 1971

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

A firehouse in Rutgers Village, sought by residents of that area for more than 10 years, is close to fruition following approval of architect's plans and advertising for construction bids by the City Council last night.

The new firehouse is to be built on Burnet Street, near the entrance to the village. Construction is expected to begin this summer.

The site is city-owned and is near the municipal pumping station. The firehouse also will serve Edgebrook and the built-up areas along Route 1.

The firehouse was included in the city's 1963 master plan and long had been advocated

by Fire Chief Angelo Torrisi. The chief finally persuaded the Planning Board to recommend the station's erection in October 1969. At that time the estimated cost would be \$210,000.

The board also recommended that Engine Co. No. 3 be transferred to the new station from its current Dennis Street location.

Following the board's recommendations, the City Commission hired the North Brunswick architectural firm of Eckert and Gatarz to prepare the plans for the firehouse in March of last year.

Councilman Vito Racine, himself a resident of Rutgers Village, said he was pleased to see the plans finally coming to

fruition and was certain the announcement would be heartily welcomed by the residents of the area.

Previous traffic surveys of the Route 1-18 interchange had shown it would take fire equipment about 30 minutes to reach the village from fire headquarters.

Torrisi said the lack of a fire station near Rutgers Village left 10 per cent of the city's residents without adequate fire protection.

The council introduced an ordinance authorizing repairs to the Westons Mill Dam at a total cost of \$225,000. All but \$12,000 will be paid through the issuance of bonds.

A public hearing on the ordinance was scheduled for May

5 at 10 a.m. Bids on the repair work are expected within a month.

The council also authorized the sale of 8.7 acres of land the city owns near Farrington Lake in East Brunswick. The site is near Riva Avenue and

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Church Lane. A public auction will be held at 7:30 p.m. May 19.

The minimum acceptable bid for the land was set at \$60,000. Final approval was given to a taxi fare increase in the city. Trips under two miles now will cost \$1, and rides of

more than two miles will cost \$1.50. The fares also were increased by 25 cents for each passenger after the first two.

The council authorized the drawing of a contract between the city and the state Law Enforcement Planning Agency to obtain a six-month planning grant of about \$40,000.

The grant is designed to aid localities in designing a comprehensive criminal justice plan and entails the hiring of a full time criminal justice planner.

In its smallest expenditure of the evening, the council authorized the allocation of \$1 to purchase the Indian Queen Hotel from the state.

The building now stands in

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NEW FIREHOUSE — This is the architect's rendering of the new Rutgers Village Firehouse for which plans were accepted by the City Council last night. Construction is expected to begin this summer. The building will have a two-bay garage rather than the three as shown.

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'Bug' no longer on tap at this City Hall...

Star Ledger - April 13, 1971

By JOHN PRIBISH

The illegal "bug" — an electronic listening device which intercepted telephone calls at New Brunswick City Hall — has been removed, Police Director John T. O'Brien said yesterday.

The tap, he said, had been attached to the switching panel in the basement. The switchboard is on the first floor.

O'Brien, who said the device was discovered Friday by New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. personnel, reported he's investigating to learn who put it there.

The director said there is no way of

knowing which telephone line was being tapped, when asked if Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan's number was the target.

O'Brien, director in New Brunswick since January, said the gadget was found when he asked for the security check of City Hall and police headquarters. None was found at headquarters.

He also said he did not know how long the device had been there.

"I have no idea," Mayor Sheehan said when asked if she thought her phone line was "bugged." She said the investigation is in O'Brien's hands.

The mayor said the discovery came as a result of a routine security check.

19-Acre Expansion Sought For George Street Project

April 29, 1971

By ALVIN KING
Home News Staff Writer

Frank W. Josay, New Brunswick Housing and Redevelopment Authority chairman, announced yesterday the City Council will be asked to consider extending the George Street redevelopment project to cover some 19 adjacent acres of land.

Josay reported that Councilman Robert H. Schulte, liaison between the council and authority, will set a meeting with Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, and Council and authority members to discuss rehabilitating and redeveloping an area between George and Neilson Streets on one side and Bishop and New Streets on the other.

The current George Street program, designed for low and

low-to-middle income families, covers a section between Commercial Avenue and New Streets, and Neilson Street and Memorial Parkway.

Josay said the new proposal was originally part of the entire George Street redevelopment program but was deferred by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and eliminated from the current program.

When HUD took the latter action, however, city officials insisted that it was to be included in any future government-sponsored renewal project.

The stress, Josay explained, will be to rehabilitate some 14 of the 19 acres and raze those buildings considered non-sal-

vageable in the remaining section.

Josay described the proposal as a logical and timely extension of progressive urban renewal and code enforcement programs now underway here.

He cited the obsolescence and general neglect of building maintenance which has resulted in widespread deterioration.

Touching on the current George Street project, Josay said the authority is highly impressed with plans of most of the 10 organizations and corporations which have applied as sponsors.

He reported an architect hired by the authority to review them as to design, land use, etc., found the proposals extremely sound.

Perhaps, Josay indicated,

those not chosen to develop the current program will show interest in the proposed extension.

"It will be most difficult to select a sponsor (for George Street) and the authority has decided to postpone the May 1 selection date to give us ample time to make our determination," Josay added. He declined to set a new date.

The authority yesterday voted to meet with representatives of the National Bank of New Jersey and the New Brunswick Trust Co. to discuss their interest in constructing a branch office or motor-bank facility in the George Street project. Both institutions are seeking the Salvation Army Citadel site facing New Street.

Firehouse Gets OK

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the path of the proposed Route 18 extension, but has been designated an historical landmark by the state. It was offered to the city for the nominal fee if it could be moved to a different location.

A committee headed by Dr. Joseph Kler is working toward the establishment of East Jersey Old Towne in Bieclench Park—a colonial settlement in which the building will be located.

Approves Donations

The council also authorized donations to various local service organizations in payment for services performed for city residents. The Visiting Nurses Association will receive \$6,000; Neighborhood House, \$3,000; the Kiddie Keep-Well Camp, \$2,000; and the United Cerebral Palsy Association, \$750.

A public hearing on assessments for street, curb and sewer installation along Home News Row was set for June 2 at 10 a.m.

The council received a resolution from Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan proclaiming Saturday Vietnam Veterans Day in the city.

Bids were received on contracts for maintenance of police vehicles and the purchase of recreation and athletic equipment. Both sets of bids were referred to committee.

Police Director John T. O'Brien advised the council he had appointed Zane Gray as a probationary patrolman.

City Contract Accord Reached

The city administration and the New Brunswick Municipal Employees Association reached tentative agreement on a 1971 contract last night following a 4½-hour negotiating session.

No details of the contract were released pending ratification by the association members and the City Council, but it was learned the contract is for one year rather than the three years sought by the association.

Dino Zarrella, business agent for the association, said a ratification vote would be held tomorrow of Monday.

In a joint statement released at the conclusion of the talks, the city and the association said the basic agreement was reached on the economic package, although some details of the contract language remain to be worked out.

"We are confident these can be resolved through mutual effort, and the recognition of the financial situation in the city of New Brunswick will bring us to a reasonable settlement," the statement said.

The association has been working without a contract

since Dec. 31 and submitted a 60-page proposal at the first negotiating session March 2.

After taking a month to study the package, the city rejected the association's wage proposal and provided a counter offer which deadlocked the talks.

Zarrella had said unless the city came up with something "substantial at yesterday's session," "serious trouble" could have developed and the negotiations likely would have gone to mediation.

School Officials Unsure Of Busing Ruling Effect

By BARBARA SELICK
Home News Staff Writer

The U.S. Supreme Court's sanction of mass busing to achieve desegregation in southern school districts could have a "profound effect" on education in New Jersey, says a leading lawyer in the fight for school integration in the state.

School officials in the Twin-County area, however, are unsure what implications — if any — may result here from the high court's unanimous ruling on Tuesday that busing was constitutional.

Northern schools generally have been free from successful court attack on the grounds their segregation is accidental — resulting from neighborhood population patterns and not from laws.

As a Matter of Law

But 27-year-old Harold J. Ruvoldt Jr., a Jersey City attorney, last October challenged the school district boundaries of the state, charging that they created segregation as a matter of law.

"It's a matter of discrimination by birth," Ruvoldt told a special three-judge U.S. District court in Trenton. He argued that a black child born in Short Hills, for example, would have the opportunity to attend superior integrated schools while black youngsters born in Newark would be deprived of that right.

If the court upholds Ruvoldt's contention, it could direct the state to redraw school district lines to create integration, the attorney said yesterday.

Ruvoldt said that the judicial panel had reserved decision on the case for seven months while it waited the decision of the Supreme Court in the case involving the joint school system in Charlotte-Mecklenburg County, N.C.

The high court's decision came Tuesday. It upheld the judgment of Federal District Judge James B. McMillan, who required massive cross-town busing of children in an effort to approximate in each elementary school in the county the ratio of 71 per cent whites and 29 per cent blacks that exists in the entire school system.

McMillan's ruling was overturned by the U.S. Court of Appeals on the grounds that it was unreasonable and burdensome. In upholding McMillan's decision, the Supreme Court stressed that the school board had failed to propose an acceptable plan and this had forced him to produce his own plan.

In such cases a district court has "broad powers to fashion a remedy," the Supreme Court said. It said McMillan's solution was acceptable under those particular circumstances, although it did not mean that other judges were required to order similar measures.

The high court also noted that busing is proper unless "the time or distance is so great as to risk either the health of the children or significantly impinge on the educational process." Young children may be improper subjects for busing when the distances are long, the court concluded.

Ruvoldt, who is representing two black school children, an 8-year-old Newark girl and an 11-year-old Jersey City, said if the U.S. District Court panel should agree that legally imposed segregation exists in the state, then the Charlotte-Mecklenburg case "will have a profound effect on education as it is administered in New Jersey."

No More Excuses

Others in the state were less definite on the ruling's possible effect. Mrs. Nida Thomas, director of the state Education Department's Office of Equal Educational Opportunity, commented only that the ruling could serve as an answer to persons who have taken an anti-busing stand as an excuse not to do anything.

Middlesex County Superintendent Robert Blunt said he does not believe the ruling would have "any or many effects" in the county.

He noted that no school system in the county, with the possible exception of Carteret, has presented a desegregation

plan to the state that involves busing.

In Piscataway last year, public opposition caused the Board of Education to scuttle a proposal to achieve better racial balance through busing. Instead, the board adopted a statement saying that it believes "the present educational program is providing equal opportunity for all children in the elementary schools."

"Growth in enrollment will cause crowding in certain buildings in the future. As this occurs, it will become necessary to adjust district lines and/or to transport pupils to schools which have available space. When this is done, feasible efforts will be made to maintain equal opportunity for all children."

Piscataway, Carteret, Franklin, New Brunswick, Plainfield and Perth Amboy were among 88 school districts required last year by the state education department to submit plans to achieve better racial balance.

In Franklin, the school board last August said it advocates assigning "pupils to schools in such a way that insofar as possible there will be no deprivation in the quality of educational opportunities afforded to all children."

Plainfield and, to a much lesser degree, New Brunswick, bus children to achieve better racial balance.

Under New Brunswick's integration plan, all fifth graders were shifted last fall from their neighborhood schools to the Roosevelt Intermediate School. In addition, about 55 first through fourth graders are bused from the heavily black Lord Stirling and Nathan Hale schools to the virtually all-white Woodrow Wilson School.

Eli Saltz, president of the school board, yesterday reiterated his belief that New Brunswick can do nothing more in the way of school integration until it builds a new middle school.

Declaring that the school system is integrated as much as possible from the fifth grade up, Saltz noted that the ratio between whites and non-whites is so lopsided at the elementary level that mass busing would not achieve meaningful integration.

Saltz thus concluded that the Tuesday's Supreme Court ruling would have no effect on the city. Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan had opposed the idea of mass busing last year when it proposed as a possible solution to racial imbalance.

Since 1965, in Plainfield, children have been bused from highly black areas to white areas since 1965.

But the city's school superintendent, Russell Carpenter, noted yesterday that he has never entirely approved of busing because it usually results in black busing and other forms of segregation.

Not only are the black students the ones who are bused — but they must eat lunch in school, creating black lunch periods, he said.

"In order to achieve similarity," Carpenter said, "you're teaching differences, illustrating differences."

Busing also removes parents from the schools, the black superintendent explained, pointing out that it is more difficult for a parent to attend a PTA meeting when the meeting is across the city.

Busing, physically, can desegregate a school district, Carpenter continued. "But busing does not necessarily integrate a district."

"Integration occurs within a school — in the curriculum and in the attitudes of students, teachers and administrators," he said.

Carpenter held out busing between school districts as an answer. He said that in Plainfield, where the school population is 68.8 per cent black, the minority is now the majority. Yet neighboring North Plainfield has a very small percentage of blacks.

"If it isn't good for a school to be almost entirely black, then it isn't good for a school to be almost entirely white. Cutting across the district lines — that's the answer."



ROBERT BLUNT
... sees few effects



PATRICIA Q. SHEEHAN
... had opposed busing



ELI SALTZ
... new school needed

City Politicians Grit Teeth

Two Seek Dentist's Chair

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

New Brunswick's political outlook took on the characteristics of an Abbott and Costello "Who's on first" routine last night with the disappearance of one candidate, the reappearance of another and a surprise entry from the city's police force.

Remaining unmoved through it all is Dr. Robert Schulte, whose City Council seat provided the focal point for the political maneuvering.

Appointed in February to the council seat vacated by City Clerk William Cahill, Schulte must seek election to the remainder of the four-year term in November to remain on the council.

But barring any last minute changes before today's 5 p.m. filing deadline, the council's resident dentist first will face a fight in the June Democratic primary before facing some formidable opposition in the fall.

Ferguson Running

Robert J. Ferguson, the sixth highest vote-getter in last year's race for five council seats, announced his candidacy this morning and will run as an independent. He has the backing of Ralph J. Muehlig, who headed the Save Our City state last year and today was assured the support of the city's Republican organization.

Kenneth Delaney, a detective on the city police force, has the backing of "a group of policemen" to run against Schulte in the primary.

And James Bogart, the 24-year-old Republican candidate, had his nomination withdrawn shortly after it was confirmed by the Republican Municipal Committee last night.

While the three opposition candidates were headed in

different directions, a thin political thread held them together and produced the final product.

Ferguson's candidacy was announced only after it became certain there would be no Republican candidate to split the vote in November. And it was Ferguson's decision to run which persuaded the police to scrap their fall plans and jump in the primary.

Petitions for a policeman candidacy were obtained yesterday from the county clerk's office for the general election, and a Patrolman's Benevolent Association meeting was called for last night to decide on a candidate.

However, the state PBA bylaws prohibit any local group from endorsing a political candidate, at least until Tuesday. The state group is meeting that day to consider changing the rule, and local president Joseph Patterson said it stands a good chance of being revised.

Delaney has been the local's state delegate for six years. He has been a detective for the last four of his 12 years on the force.

The move to put a policeman on the ballot was spearheaded by Patterson and George Saloom, also a detective on the force, when it appeared there would be little or no opposition to Schulte.

But Ferguson, who had been mentioned prominently by the Republicans as a possible candidate on their line, got word to the patrolmen's group before their meeting at the Animal Shelter last night that he likely would run as an independent.

That served to divert the police group's attention to the primary, where Patterson said, "We felt we would be more effective for what we wanted."

The PBA must negotiate a new contract with the city

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at the end of this year, but Patterson said that was not the sole reason for the sudden political activity.

"The men are beginning to realize we know a lot more about what's going on in this city than some of these present politicians," he said. "A policeman on the council should be a help to all residents and city employees."

Police Director John T. O'Brien said today he plans to confer with City Attorney Norris Harag regarding Delaney's candidacy. He said he probably would have a statement after that meeting.

O'Brien said his immediate reaction would be to ask the detective to take a leave of absence, without pay, for the duration of the campaign.

But Saloom said that under Civil Service regulations Delaney has a right to seek office. He added there was one prohibition which would bar the detective from using confidential police department material in the campaign.

Ferguson, who polled 4,292 votes last year, said his decision to run again was reached after considerable reflection on the "heavy burden that must be assumed by the family of any independent candidate who runs against a political machine."

He also had to hurdle the obstacle of Bogart's candidacy, who while not a known political quantity, could have cut into the opposition vote Ferguson is dependent on if he is to win the election.

Bogart stepped into the picture last week when Republican efforts to win the Muehlig jobs failed. And since Republican Municipal Chairman John Kehoe made a commitment to run a candidate two months ago, he was reluctant to support an independent candidate.

Bogart convinced, Drops Out

Yet while the Republican committee was voting on Bogart's candidacy last night, pressure was being brought to bear on Kehoe by party leaders to drop what appeared to be a sure losing cause and join a campaign which had at least some chance of success.

Shortly before midnight, Kehoe accepted the compromise and convinced Bogart to withdraw from the race. A few minutes later, Ferguson gave truth to a rumor which had circulated for several weeks, and announced his candidacy.

This morning Kehoe announced that the Republicans will support Ferguson.

Delaney, 35, is a resident of 20 Quentin Ave. He was expected to file his petitions late this afternoon after obtaining the proper forms from Cahill's office.

The city clerk concurred that Delaney's entrance would put Schulte into a race the Democrats had not expected, but said he would await further developments before making any plans for a campaign.

Ferguson, 32, is a resident of 15 Stratford Place. He was accompanied by Muehlig as he filed his petitions this morning at the county clerk's office.

"I think the days of voting the straight party line have gone by even in the city of New Brunswick," Muehlig said. "And I think the people will recognize the dedication, high principles and outstanding ability that a man like Bob Ferguson represents."

A life-long city resident, Ferguson is a graduate of Rutgers University and since 1967 has been assistant plant manager of Chanel, Inc., in Piscataway. He is a past chairman of several United Fund divisions, is a director of the Animal Shelter and has been active in Red Cross and Boy Scout work in the community.

"I cannot sit idly by when it is within my abilities to do something about what is happening to the city and prevent the exodus of people who are leaving the city in increasing numbers," he said.

"Dire Financial Straits"

Muehlig said city residents were entitled to at least one businessman in government "at a time when New Brunswick is in such dire financial straits, and no one in city governments seems to know what to do about it."

In a brief statement issued, when he announced his candidacy, Ferguson said taxes "can and will be reduced in the city, with absolutely no reduction in meaningful services. I only ask the voters of New Brunswick to come out in November and give me an opportunity to get at the job that has to be done."

Muehlig recalled that when Cahill declined to accept his council seat in January, he had urged that Ferguson, as the next highest vote-getter, be given the very seat for which he is now a candidate.

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Cahill Gets Inside Look At City School Facilities

By TED SERRILL
Home News Staff Writer

Gov. William T. Cahill arrived by helicopter in New Brunswick this morning for a tour of the Livingston School and other sites to view progress in the state's innovative career development program for students.

Accompanied by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, Cahill watched 6 and 7-year-old children sawing at planks of wood in the Livingston School.

During his visit of less than an hour, the governor made other inspections of school programs.

New Brunswick is one of three cities that share a \$318,000 demonstration grant intended to stir the interest of children at the earliest age in seeking careers they would enjoy.

Also participating in the tour were assistant state Commissioner of Education Robert M. Worthington, city Board of Education member James Borbely and George Meyer, director of the board's career development program.

Cahill looked into other classrooms at the Livingston School, including a class where young children were making costumes for a play. The program encompasses that entire school as well as 15 other elementary classrooms around the city.

A quick stop was made at a modular classroom built in the outside of the junior high school where teen-aged students were learning about careers in auto mechanics.

At Meyer's office in the Roosevelt Intermediate School, Cahill was shown television tapes distributed to high school students to instruct them in any careers they might be interested in.

The governor recalled that the purpose of the program is to ensure that graduating students either go on to higher education or that they can go immediately into jobs.

Mrs. Sheehan said that she hoped eventually that educators and government can eventually abolish the "hoax" perpetuated on students who graduate thinking they can get work, and then find they do not have adequate skills for any available jobs.

"That's the ballgame," said Cahill. "We want to find a place in the community for them where they can make a contribution."

"It should make quite a difference in the urban crisis," said the mayor.

"There will be no urban crisis, because everyone will be in the action," Cahill answered.

"We're going to follow through on this," he added.

New Brunswick received \$113,500 for the current school year, which it matches with "in kind" teaching personnel and facilities.

The state as yet has made no decision on whether to renew and expand the grants, although the governor expressed the hope the program someday

can be expanded throughout New Jersey.

It will take two or three years for definite results to be demonstrated, said Meyer, agreeing with Cahill that when the school year ends next month, some "hard facts" can be preliminarily evaluated.

These will include statistics on whether the program has helped to curtail lack of attendance by pupils and reduce disciplinary problems.

"What would you like to do, stay at home or go to school?" the governor asked one small boy. "Go to school," he told the delighted Cahill.

"It makes school fun," Cahill told the mayor. "Instead of sitting down and getting frustrated, bored and mad at everybody," pupils are doing things they enjoy.

Cahill asked how many of the county's legislators had observed the program in action and was told "none."

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Bill Half to N.J., Mayors Say

By GORDON D. SHARP
Home News Staff Writer

The Property Tax Task Force of the state Tax Policy Committee wound up a series of statewide hearings yesterday with the Middlesex County Conference of Mayors calling for the state to take over 50 per cent of local school costs.

A unanimous resolution from the mayor's conference meeting at New Brunswick City Hall stated that "the mayors of Middlesex County have resolved jointly to call for a 50 per cent state funding of local school costs to shift this burden from harassed property taxpayers."

The resolution was read before the task force panel by Mayor Joseph A. Mammon of East Brunswick, vice president

of the mayor's conference. Mayor Ralph P. Barone of Woodbridge, conference president, originally was scheduled to make the presentation, but the hearing ended before Barone could leave Woodbridge.

"Jailhouses of the Poor"

The task force heard or received written testimony from more than 20 witnesses, among them state legislators, tax experts and taxpayers.

Mayor Patricia Sheehan started the hearing with a review of the city's fiscal crisis, which will hit New Brunswick taxpayers with a 62-point increase.

"It has been said many different ways but truly we are fast making our cities the 'jailhouses of the poor, aged and the disadvantaged,'" said Mayor Sheehan. "I firmly believe that the inequitable imposition of the property tax as we now live with it, coupled with the unrealistic burden it is supposed to finance, namely education plus municipal services, is hastening this end."

As a member of the state Tax Reform Committee, Mayor Sheehan said she could not make recommendations for a remedy at this time, but other witnesses called for an end to the property tax and an increase in payments made in lieu of taxes to municipalities by tax-exempt state institutions within their borders.

In a written statement sent to the task force, State Sen. Norman Tanzman, D-Middlesex, echoed Mayor Sheehan's complaint concerning the large

amount of land taken from the tax rolls by Rutgers University.

Tanzman asked the support of the Governor's Tax Study Committee, parent to the property tax task force, to support his legislation calling for an increase of in-lieu payments.

"New Brunswick, for example, receives approximately \$150,000 per year as compensation in lieu of taxes for Rutgers University's enormous holdings," said Tanzman.

\$1 Million Reasonable

"By any reasonable property value standards, the city should receive more than \$1 million for that land."

Assemblyman Robert K. Haelig Jr., R-Middlesex, appeared before the task force panel to ask committee support for his own proposals for tax payments by state institutions and equalization of property taxes.

Haelig would tie in-lieu payments to the amount of services the city or town provides to the state institution, with school taxes excluded.

"Thus, New Brunswick and Piscataway Township, which provide police and fire protection for tax-exempt property and which absorb costs for sanitation and road maintenance, would receive compensation based to a significant degree, on the municipal services they provide," said Haelig.

His proposal would provide additional in-lieu compensation of more than \$1 million for New Brunswick and \$425,000 for Piscataway, based on 1970 local tax rates, Haelig said, at

a total cost to the state of \$13.5 million.

Haelig also said places like Piscataway should be reimbursed on a dollar-for-dollar basis for the direct and indirect costs of schooling for children of university parents living on tax-exempt state land.

Haelig also called for equalization of tax rates between urbanized areas such as Madison and outlying towns within the county. In Madison last year a tax of \$1,356 was laid on a \$30,000 home, in Plainsboro \$58.

"Major Inequity"

"Clearly, this enormous differential, which has very little relationship to ability to pay, is the touchstone of the major inequity in the structure of taxation in New Jersey and the source of many of our state's most perplexing problems."

Others speaking in behalf of increased in-lieu payments for municipalities were Assemblyman William H. Schluter, R-Mercer, and Joseph Stevens,

Piscataway Township attorney. Stevens appeared with Councilmen James Spera and Martin Sonnenberg.

The real estate tax system also was attacked in a statement submitted by Perth Amboy Mayor Donald F. Olsen.

Several spokesmen appeared from other counties in behalf of farm agencies and conservation and camping groups, who called for tax relief for open spaces.

The eight-member task force, under the chairmanship of Leonard C. Johnson, president of the N.J. Manufacturers Association, has held a series of 10 hearings throughout the state.

Other witnesses who spoke in behalf of the beleaguered taxpayer and called for a broad-based tax relief were Louis Schick, New Brunswick assessor, William M. Richardson of the Raritan Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Anthony Daley, former city assessor.



PATRICIA Q. SHEEHAN



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FIVE FANS — While the entire city pays homage to Mrs. Carl T. Valenti, wife of the former City Commissioner, as Mother of the Year, her five children claim they're proudest of all. At left is Rosemary, 6; Thomas, 8; Carl Joseph, 13; Teresa, 10 and Maria, 12, right.



Home News Photo by Dave Lukowicz

May Showers Honor Mom

By MARION DOYLE
Home News Staff Writer

It looked like Christmas in Mayor Sheehan's spacious office at City Hall yesterday as representatives of the Downtown Council showered dozens of gifts on Mrs. Carl T. Valenti, a native of Puerto Rico and their choice for Mother of the Year.

Youthful Blanca Valenti, her dark eyes sparkling, put her hand to her head and exclaimed, "Oh my goodness, I don't know what to say, I feel very humble. I want to thank you so much—." And then the lure of the pretty packages proved overwhelming. "Can I open them here, or do I have to wait until Mother's Day?"

In the end she decided to take them home and let her five children join her in the fun of opening them.

A size 10 who looks more like a college student than the mother of five and wife of one of the Hub City's distinguished

attorneys, she modestly accepted the honor from the Mayor and from Mrs. Bobbi Leone of Milltown and Miss Julie Furman, representing the council, in the name of "Mothers who feel that they should commit themselves to civic participation," and then announced in a soft voice that she would have to excuse herself an dget back to class.

She's a teacher at John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, Woodbridge, and in a way she still is a college student; on May 16 she'll receive her master of arts degree in teaching secondary education at Seton Hall University.

Bi-Lingual Programs
She was so eager to talk about her pursuit of bi-lingual school programs for the public school children of New Brunswick that she neglected to mention her forthcoming graduation until her husband, seated at her side and justifiably proud, reminded her.

She laughed as she recalled the pledge of peace and quiet she had to impose on the family as she studied for her recent comprehensive exams. "The children really were very good," she said, "and were just as excited as I was when I received the letter saying I had passed. I heard one of them tell another, 'See it was all worthwhile.'"

She has a helper in the house at 80 Pennington Road and best of all a loving grandmother, Mrs. Joseph Valenti of 5 Crest Road, to lend a hand, so she is able to give of her time and talent in many areas. A graduate of schools in Sancti Spiritus, Puerto Rico, and of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Noroton, Conn., as well as Rosemont College in Pennsylvania, she was appointed in January by the National Education Association to a special task force to study the educational needs of Puerto Rican children, and in February was appointed to New Brunswick's Board of Education.

The plight of Spanish-speaking students who come to this country and are thrown into a school system, at the age of nine or 10 or older, without any knowledge of the English language is close to her heart. She's watching the bi-lingual studies program recently inaugurated at Bayard School with great interest and hopes to see the day when funds will be available for a similar program at all levels.

Advisory Member
She was elected to the Spanish advisory committee that collaborated in the writing and presentation of the New Jersey Bilingual Education Proposal in 1968, and is also involved in graduate courses in Spanish at Rutgers.

A member of the board of directors of St. Peter's General Hospital and the N.J. State Board of Public Welfare, she finds time to attend Parents Teacher Association and parish council meetings too.

She feels that her father, the late Esteban Bird, set an example for her to follow. He was president of Puerto Rico's largest bank and a professor of economics at the University of Puerto Rico, also the only Spanish-speaking banker appointed by the late President John F. Kennedy to the Alliance for Progress Conference held in Brazil, and for all his many appointments and world travels, he found ample time to spend with his children. "He always claimed that if you're really interested in your home and children, you're interested in your community too. He never lectured or talked about it, he just gave the example."

Carl Joseph, age 13; Maria, 12; Teresa, 10; Thomas, 8, and Rosemary, 6, all students at St. Mary's School, are so proud of their mother, they decided between them to keep her Mother of the Year honor a secret until the Mayor announced it officially.

The only one who was disappointed was Rosemary "because Daddy wasn't included too."

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\$18 Million Cost Set For City Sports Arena

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

Undaunted by the announcement of a state plan to fund the Rutgers University field house, the Karitan Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce today released its feasibility study for a sports arena in downtown New Brunswick—with participation by Rutgers a major condition.

The final report calls for an \$18 million combined sports arena-exhibit hall complex, with a seating capacity in the arena of 13,000.

Hammer, Greene, Siler Associates, the Washington firm which drew up the 53-page document, said there is an established need for such a facility in central Jersey and claimed that contrary to the experience of other similar facilities elsewhere, the local arena could operate at a profit, exclusive of debt service.

The firm also recommends a nonprofit corporation be set up to issue revenue bonds for the arena's construction. Such a body would include representatives of Rutgers, the state, Middlesex County and the city of New Brunswick.

The report said the arena should have a 25,000 to 30,000 square foot floor with ice making capability, and the adjacent exhibit hall should have a 30,000 square foot clear span flat floor area capable of being divided into three sections.

Although the idea of a sports arena was pronounced feasible by the chamber after it received a preliminary report April 8, complete details were kept under wraps until today.

But while proponents and opponents of the original proposal eagerly awaited today's release, several believe the report was undercut by an announcement Monday that the state would put up \$5 million toward the construction of a Rutgers field house.

At the urging of Middlesex County's three Democratic Senators, Gov. William T. Cahill included that amount in a \$155 million higher education bond issue referendum headed for the ballot in November.

Rutgers officials, whose plans for a field house predated the start of the sports arena study, had said they would be willing to look at and work on a feasibility study for downtown while continuing their own plans.

However, despite the fact that representatives of the chamber and the university have held several meetings on Rutgers' role in the sports arena, it appears chamber officials were unaware financing of the field house soon would be in the offing.

The feasibility report said if the Rutgers field house were to include permanent seating, there could be no questioning of the fact "that in the short run, through 1965, there would be an almost impossible conflict between the New Brunswick and Rutgers facilities."

In addition, the report said it is an absolute necessity

that there be a polling of interests between New Brunswick and Rutgers before further development can take place.

If the city decides to proceed on the arena under the assumption that Rutgers would be a major tenant, then it must help the university achieve its goal of a facility to accommodate non-commercial events and programs, the report said.

Rutgers Athletic Director Al Twitchell has maintained throughout deliberations on the arena that the university needs a facility for its overall athletic program over and

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Garbage Bids Okay

Alleged irregularities in the bidding for the city's garbage contract will not prevent the awarding of that contract before the current one runs out, City Attorney Norris Harding said today.

Although the two firms in closest competition for the contract, Jersey Sanitation Co. and J&B Disposal Corp., each objected to the other's bid at Wednesday's opening, Harding said he has not found anything to disqualify either firm from contention.

A third firm, Roselle, Fere-day and Meyer Sanitation, also bid on the contract but asked several thousand dollars per

month more than the first two. In contrast, the bids of Jersey Sanitation and J&B were within a few hundred dollars of each other, based on the per-month quotation. Jersey Sanitation was low for a three-year contract, while J&B submitted the low bid for a five year contract.

However, after submitting a price of \$31,166.66 per month, Jersey Sanitation miscalculated the three-year total and listed an amount just under \$374,000.

Harding said he has since received a letter from the firm claiming that it was a one-year rather than a three-year figure. Based on the per month price,

the attorney said he would allow the company to correct the error.

Richard Rosenberg, attorney for Jersey Sanitation, also claimed J&B failed to complete the non-collusion affidavit required as part of the bid and failed to submit a bid bond of sufficient amount.

The affidavit states the firm has not engaged in price-fixing and has not made any agreements with any of the other bidders. But Harding pointed out a heading on the affidavit clearly states it is to be filled out before award of the contract and not necessarily at the time of bidding.

Harding said there is some question on J&B's bid bond and has asked Rosenberg to supply some elaboration on his objection. By law, the bond should represent 10 per cent of the bid price. J&B's bond was for \$40,000 which would cover one year, but Rosenberg claimed Wednesday it should be for the full term of the contract.

City Clerk William Cahill said the committee charged with making a recommendation on the contract has met twice already and may make a decision in time for awarding of the contract at the next council meeting, May 19.

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Chamber to Move on Sports Plan Despite State Fund Offer

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above the need for a showcase for its basketball teams.

But the report also urges the university to recognize the city's need for a facility which is directly responsive to the community's requirements for access to major commercial entertainment and its need for a boost to downtown redevelopment.

"We do not find this situation impossible to resolve, but it will require a careful and considerate approach by

both bodies to the development program required to satisfy the needs of each," the planners said.

Although the role of Rutgers in the arena as seen by the planners is considerable, the report also documents "an identifiable need for new audience support facilities in the New Brunswick area."

These include some professional sports, touring shows such as the circus and ice show, cultural and civic activities and a site for small to medium sized New Jersey

conventions which "do not at present have access to such a facility within the state."

The study cites a relatively high level of university and community activities to support the arena, yet an almost complete lack of modern local facilities in which they can be held.

"The sparsity of local competitive audience support facilities is largely responsible for the unusually small number of significant events which occur locally," the report said.

Although the planning firm said it was given no specific site to study other than "downtown New Brunswick," they indicated the arena almost certainly would have to be located in one of the various urban renewal projects in the central area.

Well Located Area
They said this would increase the arena's impact on the city's economy and would give a boost to private investment in the area. The downtown area also is well located with respect to major highways and public transportation systems, they said.

But the firm tempered that analysis somewhat by a reference to the suitability of other sites.

"This is not to say, however, that there are not other sites available in the Greater New Brunswick area capable of accommodating the facility equally as well," the report said. "Nevertheless, we have found no site possessing characteristics any better than those in downtown New Brunswick."

That statement touched directly on the argument between backers of a local facility and those supporting the Rutgers position of placing a fieldhouse at University Heights in Piscataway.

The argument soon may shift to the fate of the \$5 million which may be pledged to Rutgers if the bond issue passes, and supporters of the local arena were sharp in their criticism of Senate Minority Leader J. Edward Crabiel for proposing the fieldhouse funding.

Frank M. Deiner Jr., vice chairman of the chamber committee charged with preparing the feasibility study, said it was a deliberate attempt by Crabiel to undermine the sports arena.

And Robert J. Ferguson, independent candidate for the City Council, charged Crabiel had misrepresented the facts outlined in the study.

Crabiel said the report showed the arena could not make a profit and would have to be subsidized \$1.5 million annually to break even.

But Ferguson, a proponent of the sports arena during last year's city election campaign, said the report showed the short term annual profit of the arena would be in excess of \$54,000, and the long term profit would be \$266,800.

Those figures are exclusive of debt service payments, which the report said would amount to \$1.3 million annually. The planning firm recommended this be covered by lease arrangements with Rutgers, the city and Middlesex County.

Ferguson said Crabiel's proposal that \$5 million for the fieldhouse be included in the state's bond issue would entail the same type of payments and would have to be supported by state taxes. In either case taxpayers would support the facility, he said, but the sports arena would bring more benefits to the community.

Despite that controversy, the chamber is moving ahead with plans to form a new steering committee of public and university officials, business and community leaders to carry the project forward.

Herbert Wagner, chairman of the feasibility committee, said the new group will concentrate on financing, site selection, facility design and establishing common objectives and cooperation between "the principal benefiting organizations."



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GOVERNOR AND BOX-MAKER—Gov. William T. Cahill watches a young pupil make a box at a career development class in New Brunswick's Livingston

School. Looking on are, from left, George Meyer, director of the special program, James Borbely of the board of education, and Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan.

May 11, 1971

City Democrats Opening Campaign

The city's Democratic organization will kick off its primary election campaign tomorrow night with a reception at the Hamilton Inn sponsored by the Hungarian Men's and Women's Democratic Clubs.

Dr. Robert Schulte, the incumbent councilman who has received the local Democratic committee's endorsement, will be the speaker. He is being opposed for the nomination by city Policeman Kenneth Delaney.

Democratic Municipal Chairman William Cahill said he expected the reception to be the start of an "exciting and vigorous campaign." The affair will begin at 8:30 p.m.

Assembly candidates William Hamilton Jr., Joseph Valenti and Edwin Kolotziel, and state Sen. John Lynch also are expected to speak at the reception.

"This will be a good opportunity for the people to meet their candidates," Cahill said. "I hope everyone who supports this administration will come to the reception and give us the same backing they have in previous campaigns."

Field House, Arena May Not Conflict

May 6, 1971

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

A Rutgers University field house and the proposed sports arena for downtown New Brunswick are not mutually exclusive facilities, Rutgers Athletic Director Al Twitchell said yesterday.

While issuing no university commitment to take part in the \$18 million downtown complex, Twitchell said construction of a field house at University Heights would not necessarily preclude plans for the arena.

The director's comments came after the release yesterday of a feasibility study on the sports arena by the Raritan Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Hammer, Greene, Siler Associates, an economic consulting firm which drew up the report, made participation by Rutgers in the arena a major condition of its feasibility, but concluded that even if the arena were built, Rutgers still would need a separate field house for its athletic program.

John Sherwood, director of audience support facilities for the firm, said the arena would be used only for those Rutgers events which would generate large audiences.



AL TWITCHELL
"... must remain noncommittal."

However, both Sherwood and Herbert Wagner, chairman of the chamber's feasibility study committee, said if Rutgers went ahead with plans to incorporate the arena concept into its field house, for all practical purposes the downtown arena would be dead.

Twitchell said when Rutgers began investigating the expansion of its athletic facilities eight years ago, it chose the term "field house" but meant it to be the same as a sports arena with a large seating capacity.

However, he said in recent months when the arena came under study, Rutgers had to rethink its position in light of its "dedication to a community responsibility."

He added that until the investigation of the sports arena is complete and until the Rutgers Board of Governors has a chance to the proposal, he would have to remain noncommittal on the downtown site.

He said he will present the plan to the board at its meeting May 14.

Sherwood said in current terminology, a field house means a facility for intramural sports and practice sessions for the intercollegiate sports, without any permanent seating capacity.

Wagner referred to the double-domed field house at Notre Dame University which actually is two separate buildings. One part serves as the field house or practice area, while the other is used for events drawing large audiences.

Locally, the same effect could be had by placing the field house in Piscataway — the site preferred by Rutgers — and building the arena downtown, he said.

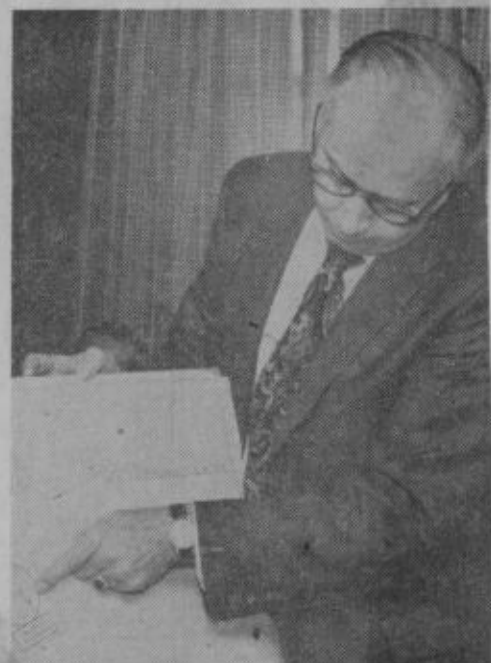
7-Acre Minimum

Sherwood said the sports arena would require a minimum of seven acres, and the most preferred site would be adjacent to the plaza project in the Waterfront Redevelopment Area. That section of the city is under study by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for possible designation as an urban renewal site.

The consultant said his experience in drawing plans for 20 similar facilities has shown cities can get quick action from HUD with the inclusion of a public facility in an urban renewal area.

However, he added it is an absolute necessity that the city administration get behind the idea fully before any further serious steps can be taken. His study is

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HERB WAGNER
"The question is where..."



MAYOR PATRICIA Q. SHEEHAN
"... will study report carefully."

Parking Changes Sought

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The Safeguard Traffic Committee of the Joyce Kilmer Civic Association has recommended a series of ordinances to the City Council to correct "hazardous parking conditions" near upper Livingston and Joyce Kilmer Avenues.

David Mayerowitz, chairman of the association, said the recommendations were made after "extensive traffic surveys and inquiries" in the vicinity of the New Brunswick High School.

Formed in response to the problems of drag racing along Livingston Avenue, the association has recently directed its energies to correcting parking problems in the area, which Mayerowitz said are caused by large numbers of students bringing cars to school.

The association suggested there be no parking allowed on the west side of Joyce Kilmer Avenue between Sandford Street and the high school and two hour parking on streets adjacent to the school.

The group also asked that new and larger school signs be erected on both Joyce Kilmer and Livingston Avenues, as well as neon speed limit signs.

Mayerowitz said a particular problem in the area is the shopping center complex near Elizabeth Street. He said police records show there have been 64 accidents near the Livingston Avenue entrance to the center since it opened in 1968.

And he said the situation would become worse after the opening of the New Brunswick Trust Co. branch in same vicinity.

The association chairman said the situation could be corrected by installing a traffic signal light at that intersection, and by closing the Livingston Avenue entrance to the shopping center.

"The majority of the parking spaces are to the rear of the center, and there are enough

entrances and exits on the side streets," he said. "There is no need for the Livingston Avenue entrance and it should be closed immediately."

Mayerowitz also announced the association had received a certificate of commendation from the National Police Officers Association of America in recognition of its work in promoting traffic safety in the community.

He said the award was received shortly after he brought the drag racing problem on Livingston Avenue to the attention of the New Brunswick and North Brunswick Police Departments.

Delaney Sees Dual City Role

May 9, 1971

City Police Officer Kenneth Delaney said his campaign for city councilman will begin in earnest this week and he has raised the possibility of a debate with his opponent for the Democratic nomination, incumbent Dr. Robert Schulte.

A lifelong resident of the city, Delaney said his role as a policeman has put him in better touch with the problems of the city than Schulte, who came here eight years ago.

"We should have some say in running the city because we see the people when they have problems," he said. "When there's something wrong, the people come to the police."

Even the politicians at city hall have to come to us to find what's going on in the city."

13-Year Veteran

Delaney has been on the city's police force for 13 years and has been a detective for the last four years. He has named Police Officer Joseph Patterson and fellow detective George Saloom as his campaign managers.

The detective will have line 10B on the ballot for the June 8 primary under the "law and order" slogan.

He now has the backing of the local PBA, allowed by a change in the state PBA by-laws Tuesday. He said the local group will meet Tuesday to decide how much of the group's treasury may be used for the campaign.

Delaney said immediate expenditures will be for bumper stickers and campaign posters, while his other campaign plans center on speaking before various social and civic groups.

Saloom said the candidate also will travel with Lt. Everett "Duke" James, head of the department's narcotics bureau, to give lectures on narcotics before PTA groups.

A resident of 20 Quentin Ave., Delaney is a graduate of St. Peter's High School, is married to the former Barbara King and has four children.

He has been the local's delegate to the state PBA for eight years and has done youth work with the city's Babe Ruth Baseball League.

Delaney denied rumors that he was a stand-in candidate to give Schulte campaign experience for the fall election against independent Robert Ferguson.

"In This Thing to Win" "We're in this thing to win, not to divert attention from anybody's cause," he said. "I would have nothing to gain by such a candidacy. And how could I continue working with the other officers down here if they found they were being used like that?"

Whether Delaney's job as a policeman would be in conflict with the city councilman's position has yet to be determined by City Attorney Norris Harding.

Civil Service regulations prohibit campaigning during normal work hours, but Harding said he could not immediately determine from the rules if Delaney would have to take leave of absence during the term of office if he is elected.

Delaney said a precedent has been set by a sergeant on the Dover Township police force, who took office as a councilman Jan. 1.

A spokesman at that township's police headquarters confirmed there was a policeman serving on the local council, but said further details would have to come from the chief.

Editorials

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Moving Ahead On Sports Arena

The momentum engendered by the initial release of a study showing a downtown New Brunswick sports arena complex to be feasible should not be lost.

We are glad to learn that William M. Richardson, president of the Raritan Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, will name members of a steering committee within a week, and that he and Herb Wagner, chairman of the feasibility study committee, are lining up dates for steering committee members to make presentations to appropriate officials of Rutgers, the city, the state and Middlesex County, the four groups the study suggests as members of the non-profit corporation which would build and operate the arena. We suggested earlier May 20 as a time for all concerned to meet for preliminary discussions, and hope that date can be met.

The whole arena concept is an innovative and imaginative one. And its proponents should welcome suggestions from all possible sources as to both design of and uses for such an arena. One suggestion has been made that Rutgers participation in the arena might free the present Rutgers gymnasium as a home for the Football Hall of Fame. Since that's where the historic first collegiate football game was played against Princeton, how more appropriate a site could be found?

The feasibility study itself encompasses 53 pages, so there remain many responsible people who are not thoroughly familiar with it. Many cost factors and site factors remain to be considered, and of course the whole arena project has the degree of Rutgers participation as a major ingredient.

This newspaper will welcome letters to the editor making suggestions on the sports arena plan.

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just one step in a chain of events the city will have to follow to bring the arena to fruition, he said.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan said the administration will study the report carefully, but her immediate concern was just how much of the debt service the city would be obligated to pay.

Sherwood had estimated in his report that exclusive state or federal aid, the total annual payment would be \$1.3 million. He recommended this cost be shared by the city, Middlesex County, Rutgers and the state according to a formula still to be worked out.

Frank M. Deiner, vice chairman of the committee, said it had been said that there is no obligation for the city, based on its financial status. And he claimed if enabling legislation were passed similar to that for the Hackensack Meadowslands, the city could receive in lieu of tax payments totaling \$700,000 annually.

Sherwood said the city also would have to look at the attraction the arena would be for other ratables to come into the waterfront area. He estimated it could be built up at a much faster rate than if there were no such facility.

Another possibility rests with a proposal by Assemblyman Peter P. Garibaldi, R-Middlesex, that the arena be built by the Meadowslands Authority.

Under that plan, the arena would be

financed in the same way as the stadium planned by Gov. William T. Cahill for the meadowslands and would take the place of the proposed coliseum which is part of that complex's master plan.

Indoor Arena 'Gross Error'
Sherwood said he considers it a "gross error" to put an indoor arena in such a complex. Such facilities have much greater impact when placed in or near central cities, he said.

Exclusive of the debt service payments, Sherwood said the local facility would operate at a profit. And under Garibaldi's plan, the debt service would be borne by the state, rather than by the city and county.

Wagner said he has no doubt that an arena will be built in this area, but the major question was where. He said the committee's major concern was to satisfy the needs of the community, the university and the state.

He added that the key part of the feasibility study in his mind is the market survey, which shows such a facility could be supported. Questions of financing, site selection and participation by various groups are secondary and will be the duty of a follow-up steering committee to answer.

That committee, which is to be made up of representatives of the city, county, Rutgers and the local business community, likely will be named within a few days, Wagner said.

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City Resident Group Joins Route 18 Warriors

The battle by the Rutgers was joined last night by a New University community to block Brunswick citizens' organization from the Sixth Ward.

Formally organized as the "Sixth Ward Citizens Association," the group intends to enjoin the state in Federal Court from proceeding with the construction of Route 18 extension from the Sixth Ward.

been given a thorough public hearing.

The concern of the residents is that interchanges associated with the Route 18 extension would send an additional 12,000 cars through their street, doubling the flow.

Other Factors Cited

Prior to the formation of the association, Bruce Newling of 48 Huntington St. addressed the Lincoln School PTA. He cited air pollution, dangerous traffic for children and lowered property values as reasons why he believed the ward should organize in opposition.

Also addressing the audience was Toivo Lamminen, a Rutgers graduate student in urban planning, who contrasted the state plan for extending Route 18 with the "student alternative," which he maintained never had been formally considered by the state.

The Sixth Ward association is not committed to the Rutgers alternative, said Newling, but only desires that the effects of any accepted plan be understood completely.

The injunction against the state will be financed by door-to-door solicitations and through association members, he explained.

A petition being circulated has more than 300 signatures, said Newling. Under the direction of George Wilson of 56 Huntington St., the association will canvas every home in the ward for further support.

Representatives of the Rutgers Student Committee on Route 18 presented a petition containing 1,800 names to Fred DePhillips, assistant commissioner of transportation for highways, at the state transportation offices in Ewing yesterday morning.

The petition asked that the so-called "student alternative" be given new study. This plan, devised by Cooper Bright, director of the Rutgers Center for Transportation Studies at

Engleton Institute, asks that the highway project be dropped, and the additional road capacity desired be gained by widening the Albany Street bridge.

Lamminen, who attended the two-hour meeting, said DePhillips promised to "give the student plan a comprehensive review" and announce the results within two weeks.

The students, claiming the state had never given an adequate study to the Bright plan, made a similar request of Transportation Commissioner John C. Kohl in December. Kohl agreed to take "a new look" at the case file on the highway, but did not change the state's position.

Freeway Reviewed

James Hamilton, a state engineer, said at a hearing in 1968 that the state had reviewed the Bright plan concerning how it would look if a freeway, which is mandated by the legislation, was constructed on the suggested alignment. Bright and the students say they do not want a freeway.

The new freeway, which is scheduled to be under construction this year, at one point would pass within 75 feet of Freilighnyen Hall, a Rutgers dormitory. An approach ramp from George Street would pass 45 feet from another dormitory, Campbell Hall.

Two years ago the Rutgers students, joined by Joachim Sulfrian of the Piscataway citizens group fighting Interstate Route 85, filed a suit in the state courts to block the highway on the grounds that the money from a miscellaneous account to build bridge piers for the crossing over the Raritan River, but were unsuccessful.

The highway, which has been in the planning stages for more than 18 years, involves an extension of Memorial Parkway from its terminus at Albany Street along the river bank to

a point near the Rutgers dormitories. The highway would then swing across the river to connect to River Road in Piscataway. Ultimately, the state plans to extend the highway to Route 287 in Piscataway.

The highway would consist of two lanes in each direction, separated by a median barrier, and is designed for 30,000 cars a day. The speed limit would be 50 miles an hour.

The city has long supported the highway as a means to end congestion on local streets and

a boon to the downtown business district, and this support has been continued by the administration of Mayor Patricia Sheehan.

Mrs. Sheehan went to Washington yesterday afternoon to confer with U.S. Harrison A. Williams Jr., D-N.J., on legislation, but could not be reached.

City Clerk William J. Cahill, acting mayor, said he considered the students' claims on the traffic impact in the Sixth Ward as "overstated."

Pitch to Rutgers Vital

Selling of City Sports Arena to Begin

Proponents of the downtown New Brunswick sports arena are regrouping their forces for a full-scale selling of the plan to state, county, city and Rutgers University officials.

William M. Richardson, president of the Raritan Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, said he expects to name the members of a steering committee within a week to direct planning of the arena.

The feasibility study on the arena, released a week ago today, called for participation by the state, county and city and said participation by Rutgers was a prime ingredient for its success.

Both Richardson and Herb Wagner, chairman of the feasibility study committee, already are lining up dates when the new committee can make presentations to the appropriate officials.

Chief among the steering committee's responsibilities will be to draw up a more definitive plan for financing the 13,000-seat arena. Equally as important will be the job of selling the concept of a downtown arena to Rutgers officials, in place of a fully-equipped field house in Piscataway.

Although plans originally called for the proposal to be put before the Rutgers Board of Governors Friday, Richardson said he now plans to present it to a subcommittee first.

Plans also call for presentations to be made to the Middlesex County Board of Freeholders, the New Brunswick City Council and, hopefully, Gov. William T. Cahill.

Richardson said he expects to name a representative of each group to the steering committee, in addition to some members of the feasibility study committee, an architect and some members of the financial community.

The chamber president said he felt the cost estimates included in the feasibility study were inflated. A more detailed analysis is needed so that the various groups involved will have a better idea of costs before making a commitment, he said.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan said she was concerned about site acquisition as well as the cost factor. The suggested location for the arena is privately owned and is not a formally designated urban renewal area.

Whether the area could be so designated and what

part the federal government then would play in the development of the arena should be prime considerations for the new committee, she said.

Wants Firm Answers

The mayor said her administration still was open to the proposal but was looking to the new committee for some firm answers to questions about the report before making a commitment.

Richardson said a presentation would be made to the buildings and grounds committee of the Rutgers Board of Governors in the near future. That group then will bring the plan before the full board for a determination.

The Rutgers board must decide if it wants to scrap plans for a fieldhouse with a large seating capacity at University Heights in favor of a smaller facility there and the jointly-owned sports arena downtown. It also could decide to place the entire facility downtown as a joint project or as a university-owned facility.

Richardson declined to give a specific deadline for completion of the steering committee's study, but said he wanted it done "as expeditiously as possible."

He said the group's work probably would include some preliminary architectural sketches of the arena.

City Garbage Hassle

Headed for Courts

May 12, 1971

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

A temporary truce has been called in the battle for New Brunswick's garbage, but the conflict is expected to escalate as soon as the courthouse doors swing open the morning of May 20.

The City Council is expected to award its garbage collection contract next Wednesday. Attorneys for both firms still in contention have said they will resort to the courts if their clients are unsuccessful in obtaining the nearly \$2 million plum.

City Clerk William Cahill, who heads a committee investigating the contract bids, said the field has been narrowed to Jersey Sanitation, the city's current contractor, and J&B Disposal Corp., a newcomer to the garbage business.

The bid of Roselle, Foreday and Meyer was thrown out because it was incomplete. It also was the highest of the three bids.

Cahill said he expects to make his recommendation to the council by the end of the week after receiving clarification on some of J&B's financial affairs.

Although bids were sought on a variety of contract proposals, it is expected the city will opt for a five-year contract.

That would make J&B the low bidder with a price of \$33,063.33 per month. Jersey Sanitation's bid for that term was \$250 per month higher.

The city also is expected to ask the contractor to provide his own dump site. The administration sought separate bids without a dump site, but found it could not obtain a landfill site much cheaper than the contractors.

One City Hall source said the small savings the city would gain was not worth the headaches it would have in keeping things peaceful between the contractor and landfill operator.

Although the price for a five-year agreement is \$2,000 a month higher than that for three years, city officials believe they would be forced to pay much more if new bids were sought in three years.

The contract committee also has met with county officials in an attempt to have them provide their own garbage collection for the Kennedy Square complex. J&B said it would reduce its monthly price by \$833.13 if pickups were not required there.

Jersey Sanitation said there would be no change in its contract price if the county buildings were excluded.

Cahill said he was hopeful some agreement would be reached.

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City Won't Be Left Holding Garbage Bag

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By GEORGE J. TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

Jersey Sanitation Co., one of the firms in contention for the city's new garbage contract, offered today to extend its current contract with the city beyond the May 31 expiration date at existing rates due to the litigation surrounding awarding of the contract.

And the possibility that the city may have to accept that offer was raised after it was learned that state Public Utilities Commission may seek a court restraining order prohibiting the city from awarding the contract Wednesday.

The city council opened bids from Jersey Sanitation and J&B Disposal Corp. May 5 and referred them to committee for study but was expected to reach a decision at the next meeting.

However, the PUC is conducting hearings on the qualification of both bidders based on a petition by Jersey Sanitation. That firm charged J&B does not have the experience, equipment or capital to perform waste collections for the city.

The agency has scheduled a third hearing for May 20, but Ralph Mayo, attorney for J&B, is expected to ask for a postponement due to a personal injury.

In the meantime, the local committee headed by Business Administrator William Saunders had been conducting its own investigation into the two firms.

However, it was learned that Michael Mehr, the PUC's hearing examiner in the case, has submitted a list of recommendations to the Board of Public Utility Commissioners for possible action today. Included in that list was the restraining order.

The board was expected to take action on the matter this afternoon.

In a letter to Council President Eldredge Cooper, dated Tuesday, Jersey Sanitation's President George Katz offered to extend the current contract until the legal matters are settled, or for a period of no more than four months.

Cooper said as of noon today he had not received Jersey Sanitation's offer and was unable to comment on it at the present. A copy of the letter was enclosed in a press release given to The Home News this morning.

Katz said his offer was based on a decision "to avoid a menace to the health of the citizens of New Brunswick in the absence of efficient and scheduled collection and disposal of solid waste."

City Clerk William Cahill, a member of the committee charged with making a recommendation on the bids, said he expected the group would seek advice of City Attorney Norris Harding on the proposal before taking any action.

Katz said it seemed likely the current contract will expire before the legal matters delaying a new contract have been settled.

"As a party to the dispute, Jersey Sanitation has a vested interest in obtaining an objective resolution of the legal questions involved," he said. "It is our contention that such an objective appraisal can only serve to reveal the total lack of experience on the part of our competitor."

Jersey Sanitation submitted the low bid for a three-year contract but J&B was low for a five-year agreement. The committee reportedly has decided to ask for a five-year contract, but has not made known which firm it will recommend.

The group has been investigating J&B's financial background this week and inspected the facilities the firm hopes to use.

Cahill said the committee did not conduct a similar investigation of Jersey Sanitation because it already was aware of the type of service it offers.

J&B Seen City's Choice

May 15, 1971

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

The last roadblock in the path of the city's new garbage contract was removed yesterday, and indications are that J&B Disposal Corp., will be the City Council's choice for the \$2 million job.

But while the path may be clear between the present and Wednesday's City Council meeting, it is almost certain Jersey Sanitation Corp., will contest the decision through every legal means possible.

The latter company, which is the city's current contractor, had offered to extend its contract for four months to allow a round of hearings before the Public Utilities Commission to be completed.

After obtaining a court order preventing bids for the contract from being opened as planned at the April 7 council meeting, Jersey Sanitation filed a petition before the PUC seeking to deny J&B a solid waste collector's license under the terms of a law passed last year.

J&B filed a counter petition and the case was the first to be heard under the new law regulating the industry.

Superior Court Judge Samuel V. Convery eventually dissolved the restraining order and allowed the council to open the bids at its May 5 meeting. At the same time, the PUC hearings were postponed due to an injury to Ralph Mayo, attorney for J&B.

The Board of Public Utility Commissioners considered the possibility of restraining the city from awarding the contract until the hearings are complete, but took no action at yesterday's meeting.

A spokesman at the commission's Newark office said the only decision made on the local situation was to con-

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time the hearings on June 7. City Attorney Norris Harding said Thursday he saw no reason to accept Jersey Sanitation's offer of an extension since the city was ready to award the contract.

The committee is expected to recommend a five-year contract — the term for which J&B was the low bidder. The sole issue yet to be resolved before the contract can be awarded is the question of J&B's bid bond. The company submitted a bond for \$40,000, although its bid for a five-year contract is just under \$2 million.

State law requires that a bond for 10 per cent of the bid price be submitted with the bid as insurance that a firm will sign a contract if it is chosen.

J&B's bond is enough to cover only one year's price. Jersey Sanitation already has objected to J&B's bid on that basis.

State law also requires a performance bond for the total price of the contract be posted after the contract is signed. City officials reportedly would be willing to accept a series of one-year performance bonds, since the higher cost of a five-year bond likely would be reflected in the cost to the city.

Whether they also would be willing to accept one-year bid bonds remains unresolved. Harding is seeking some clarification of the laws on that point.

Whatever the decision on that point may be, Jersey Sanitation likely will use it as one area of attack in the courts. The company already has challenged J&B on the basis of lack of equipment, experience and capital.

Although Jersey Sanitation attempted to show that J&B's commitments for equipment were shaky, the latter firm evidently proved to the committee's satisfaction it was prepared to begin work June 1.

Attorneys for Jersey Sanitation also sought to find out who had put up the majority of the collateral for J&B's performance bond during the PUC hearings. That question remains unanswered since the bonding agent claimed it was privileged information.

Hearing Examiner Michael Mehr said he would ask the board for a determination of that issue. However, the hearings have been postponed since then because of Mayo's injury.

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ment could be reached with the county before next week's council meeting. However, at a freeholder's conference yesterday, Freeholder Francis J. Coury questioned whether the city could "arbitrarily state it is not going to pick up our garbage."

County and Buildings Superintendent William O'Malley were the officials who met with the committee Friday.

Agreement Predicted

Freeholder Director George J. Otowski told Coury it would be "a horrible mistake if we try to pin them up against the wall." Otowski insisted an agreement with the city could be negotiated. Coury acknowledged the county had advertised for bids on its own garbage contract "so we won't be left holding the bag."

Should the city and county come to an agreement on the issue, and if the city decides to include emptying of litter receptacles in the contract, J&B's bid would be approximately \$125,000 lower than Jersey Sanitation's for the entire five-year period.

Jersey Sanitation said it would charge \$1,000 per month to empty the litter receptacles, while J&B said there would be no charge.

However, the city is faced with a state law mandating the award of the contract to the lowest "responsible" bidder. That clause has been at the center of all the court orders and Public Utilities Commission hearings connected with the contract to date.

Jersey Sanitation has maintained that J&B, as a new company, does not have the experience or financial stability to perform according to the contract specifications and should be disqualified.

The PUC hearings, which were to determine each company's fitness for a garbage collection license, were scheduled to be finished before the awarding of a contract. They now have been postponed indefinitely due to a leg injury suffered by

Ralph Mayo, attorney for J&B.

Cahill said his committee met Monday with John Albert and Eugene Conlon, the principals in J&B, in an attempt to find some answers to the fitness question.

A major question raised during the PUC hearings was J&B's ability to finance the purchase of five new garbage trucks. The company is without equipment but has the trucks on order from Woodbridge International Trucks, Route 1, Woodbridge.

Conlon had argued during the hearings he had a commitment from the National State Bank to finance the purchase. But Cahill said Conlon and Albert now claim the trucks will be financed through the dealer. The committee is looking for substantiation of that, Cahill said, as well as a current financial statement from the company.

In addition to Cahill, the committee is composed of City Engineer Robert C. Kane, Business Administrator William Saunders and Public Works Director George Dailey.

Monday the group toured facilities J&B has leased from N&N Transportation Company in North Brunswick to house its operation. Cahill said J&B has contracted with that company for the service and maintenance of its garbage trucks as well as for office space.

The city clerk said the same procedure was not followed with Jersey Sanitation, since city officials already are familiar with its operation.

Another factor on which a determination is yet to be made is the amount of J&B's bid bond. State law requires the bond be 10 per cent of the bid price. The company submitted a bond for \$40,000, covering a one year bid, but City Attorney Norris Harding said he was not sure if that is sufficient.

The new contract is to take effect June 1. Whichever way the city's decision goes, Harding said he expects to be employed full-time defending that decision in court.

Parking Authority Goes Big-Time

May 18, 1971

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

Some 600 patrons of the city's parking facilities are finding that parking is big business these days and at least a few don't like it.

The New Brunswick Parking Authority, the autonomous agency which runs the parking lots, has instituted a new system of collecting its monthly bills which Executive Director Frederick Burke said "takes us out of the Mom and Pop stage and into a central control."

Previously, those who rented spaces on a monthly basis paid the attendant at the lot and received a sticker. Now they are billed directly by the authority, which mails out the stickers after receiving payment.

Less than 2 per cent of those affected have objected to the

new system, Burke said, but they have been a very vocal group.

Only those renting spaces by the month are affected by the change, and the monthly charge remains at \$18.

"The problem was the good rapport which built up between the attendants and the customers," the director said. "Sometimes a customer would be a month to six weeks late in paying, but the attendant wouldn't say anything."

The old system also was a burden on the attendant since he had to keep records of who had paid and who didn't, Burke said. Now these records all are kept in the authority's offices in the National Bank of New Jersey building on George Street.

The change went into effect last month, and part of the outcry was due to the delay in sending out the new stickers.

Burke said that situation is now corrected, and bills for June will be sent out May 20. They are due the first of the month, and he promised the stickers will be sent out the same day as payment is received.

There are 600 monthly parkers at all the city lots and the parking deck.

There is a waiting list for monthly spaces at the deck on Church Street and at the lot at Church and Neilson streets. The latter is reserved completely for monthly patrons. Spaces are available at the other lots except for the Bayard and lower Church Street

lots, which accept no monthly parkers.

Burke said those desiring the monthly spaces may leave their names with the attendants, who will forward them to the authority's office. He said the waiting period is approximately six months.

"We have to wait for others to give up their spaces, but some people want to pass their space along to a friend," Burke said. "We also hope to put an end to that."

The authority is moving ahead with plans for its new deck on Neilson Street. An engineering report from Wilbur Smith Associates is expected within 30 days, Burke said, while demolition work in the area is expected to begin next week.

Mayor Sheehan Asks Cahill Aid In Fund Battle

May 14, 1971

By GEORGE J. TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan today enlisted the aid of Gov. William T. Cahill in her fight for more federal funds for the city's schools.

In a letter to the governor, the mayor cited her recent trip to Washington to seek funds for the Impact Aid to Education for Children Living in Federally Supported Housing bill. She said she had been promised the full support of Sen. Harrison A. Williams, D-N.J., and Clifford P. Case, R-N.J.

She also asked the governor to exert whatever influence he could to assure the bill's passage.

The bill has just been defeated in the House of Representatives by four votes and will be coming up for consideration before the Senate appropriations subcommittee May 24.

"It is absolutely crucial that Congress realize the need that urban centers have for this aid," the mayor said. "We have in New Brunswick approximately 1,000 children living in federally supported housing who attend our public schools, and we receive only \$89,000 in lieu of taxes."

Mrs. Sheehan said that amount does not come close to the cost to the city for the education of these children. It is absolutely essential the federal government realize its responsibility in this field, she added.

"I am deeply disappointed to see the Congress plans to appropriate funds for the SST project and at the same time

has defeated this badly needed money for the cities," she said.

Case is a member of the Senate Finance Committee, which must pass the aid to education measure before it reaches the floor of the Senate. The mayor said she met with Case's education specialists as well as with Williams and received assurances of their support.

Mayor Lawrence Kramer of Paterson, president of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors, also has pledged his support to seek favorable action on the bill.

Mrs. Sheehan said although funding is not available at present, there is the possibility that the appropriations subcommittee headed by Sen. Warren Magnuson, D-Wash., still might allocate the funds.

The mayor said she also intended to reach as many other mayors as possible to press for action.



MAYOR SHEEHAN



Kenneth Delaney... "I have no specific date in mind, but I want a debate."

He'd Open Mouth for Dentist —But Only to Debate Him

May 16, 1971

New Brunswick Police Detective Kenneth Delaney may have difficulty making an appointment with the dentist.

The dentist in this case is City Councilman Dr. Robert Schulte, Delaney's opponent in the June 8 Democratic primary election, and the appointment is for a general debate. The two are vying for the nomination for Schulte's council seat.

Schulte received the challenge in yesterday's mail, but said he had not yet decided whether to accept it.

"I'll probably accept it if I have the time," he said. "We've only got three weeks to go before the election,

and I'll continue with the speaking engagements on my campaign schedule."

Schulte said he would confer with aides and announce a decision sometime tomorrow.

Delaney, the PBA candidate, said he suggested no dates in the letter challenging Schulte to a debate.

City Clerk William J. Cahill, Democratic municipal chairman and Schulte's campaign manager, said the latter's decision to accept or reject the challenge "would depend on who conducts the debate."

"If the debate were sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce or the League of Women Voters, or a similar organization, I don't envision his (Schulte's) refusing to debate."



Dr. Robert Schulte... "I'll decide by tomorrow whether I'll accept the challenge to debate."

Scott Quits Board to Take City School Job

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

Local jazz musician Ernest N. Scott ended his four-year run with the Board of Education last night, but will begin a new engagement at the Chester Redshaw Junior High School in the fall.

Leader of the popular Ernie Scott Trio and director of numerous other local music groups, Scott resigned his position as vice president of the school board to accept an appointment as teacher of vocal music at the junior high school.

He has taught music for the past five years in the Sayreville school system.

Scott said he decided to seek the local post after Mrs. Pauline French requested retirement at last month's board meeting. She has taught music here for 24 years.

"It was a difficult decision to leave the school board," Scott said. "But I feel I can have as great an effect on the city's educational programs from within the system. I've enjoyed my stay in Sayreville, but this is my home town; I went to school here myself."

Board member Mrs. Blaquinta Valenti, who read the instruction committee's report recommending Scott's appointment, said of him: "His references are excellent."

Scott's trio, for which he plays piano, performs weekends at The Gallery, a Woodbridge night club. Their first album, "The Ernie Scott Trio in Concert," was released last fall.

In addition, he is director of the New Brunswick Choral Society, minister of music at the Sharon Baptist Church and a music counselor for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Succeeded Cooper

He was first appointed to the Board of Education in May 1967, immediately after the New Five took office. He was named to the seat vacated by Aldridge B. Cooper when the latter was elected commissioner.

The 38-year-old Scott, who lives at 107 Ward St., was reappointed to the board in 1969 and was elected its vice president last year.

He attended Fisk University, Rutgers University and Newark State College and currently is working toward a degree at Trenton State College.

Scott said his new position would allow him to become involved more closely with the day-to-day operations of the school system. He added he would continue to offer his services to the board wherever he felt they might be useful.

Board President Eli Saltz, who announced Scott's resignation at the start of last night's meeting, said the decision was a sad one for the board, yet a happy one for the school system. "We're sorry to lose his

great talents. He has been a tremendous help to this board," Saltz said.

City Councilman George Hendricks, liaison officer to the school board, said a replacement for Scott had been discussed in general terms—but no firm decision has yet been made.

He said it is unlikely that the appointment will be made at tonight's council meeting, but probably will be decided upon by the council's first meeting in June.

Scott worked with Educational Testing Service in Princeton for 11 years before joining the Sayreville schools in 1966. His Sayreville duties consisted of required courses covering all facets of music, while his post at the junior high school will concentrate on developing students' vocal cords.



ERNEST N. SCOTT

TRASH: New Brunswick to award pact, but protest is likely

By JOHN PRIBISH

The New Brunswick City Council will award its garbage collection contract at tonight's meeting, and the chances are odds-on that the loser will challenge the successful bidder's right to the pact.

City Clerk William Cahill, a member of the special committee studying the bids, said yesterday he had been informed of impending court action by attorneys for the two firms.

Cahill said the council had concurred in the committee's recommendation that the city accept a contract for five years with the contractor furnishing the dump site.

That would put the J.&B. Disposal Corp. of New Brunswick, a newcomer to the solid waste disposal business, as the likely winner in the two-way contest.

But Cahill refused to say whether J.&B. would get the pact over the present contract holder, Jersey Sanitation Corp. of Lodi, which had bid \$1,800,000. J.&B.'s bid was \$1,735,000, less \$50,000

if the Middlesex County Board of Freeholders would provide its own collection of buildings in Kennedy Square, New Brunswick.

Cahill said the city officials have met with the freeholders on that issue and the local position is that the county reimburse the municipality if New Brunswick paid for the collection in the contract.

The clerk said the committee is satisfied that J.&B. is qualified to fulfill the contract, which would begin June 1. The company has assured the city, Cahill said, that it has the finances and equipment.

Cahill said that John Albert, president of J.&B., has had no prior experiences in the commercial scavenger business. Albert, who lives on Dallas Road, North Brunswick, operates a used car business on Georges Road, New Brunswick, the clerk said.

"We are fully prepared to begin work June 1, if we get the contract," said Ralph Mayo, attorney for J.&B.,

adding, "We have our equipment, either leased or awaiting delivery."

Mayo said the new company has ordered five garbage collection trucks. If they do not arrive in time

for June 1, provisions for trucks have been made with The Heil Co. of Woodbridge, a trucking firm.

The attorney said J.&B. has rented offices and garage facilities at 826 Ridgewood

Ave., North Brunswick. Jersey Sanitation is completing its third five-year contract. The current pact, which called for \$265,000 a year, expires May 31.

The firm has challenged J.&B.'s qualifications on equipment, finances and experience before the state Public Utility Commission. Two hearings have been held and the third is scheduled for June 7. Meanwhile, J.&B.

has filed a counter-petition against Jersey Sanitation. Because of the pending court litigation, Jersey Sanitation had offered to continue serving the city for four months at the current rates.

City Attorney J. Norris Harding said municipal officials would consider the proposal should the need arise. He added "There is nothing in the courts right now."

Now Seaworthy, Circle Line Boat Awaits Shipping-Out Orders

Having successfully survived some major surgery, the city's white whale is now fit to play the open seas, but must await its orders from the Army.

City Attorney Norris Harding said at last night's council meeting that patching work on the hull of the Edward T. Farrington has been completed. The boat should be moved from its berth in the Raritan as soon as the Army Corps of Engineers cleans out the debris which has collected around the craft.

The former Circle Line yacht, given to the city four years ago for possible recreation use, was sold at a public auction last November with the understanding it be removed as soon as possible.

Melody Scowl
But since the water which seeped into the boat's hull had

frozen, patching work could not begin until the spring thaw. Harding said divers who began work several months ago found every time one hole was patched, another would appear.

That work is now completed, and City Engineer Robert Kane said he has been given the name of a tugboat captain who will tow the trusted, listing vessel to its new home.

The boat was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sewatch of Lakewood for \$810. The couple has not yet disclosed their plans for the former sightseeing liner.

Harding's statements came in response to a question by William Kajewski, who said the boat was a potential hazard for children.

"I agree it is a very dangerous situation," the attorney said. "But we hope to have it

out of here by summer."

The boat has been sitting in the lock at the foot of Commercial Avenue since it first arrived in the city. Since then, debris floating down the river has become lodged between the hull and the banks of the canal.

Kane said the Corps of Engineers fears that if the boat is moved, the debris will float back into the river and will be a hazard to small craft navigating there.

The corps has jurisdiction over navigation in the river.

Ordinances OK'd
In other action, the council gave final approval to ordinances authorizing the issuance of bonds for the new Rutgers Village firehouse and repair work to the Westons Mill Dam.

The firehouse is expected to cost \$30,000; bonds were authorized for up to \$313,000.

Bonds for the dam were authorized for \$213,000. However, the lowest bid received for the work last night was \$429,455.

That bid came from Servidone Construction Corp. of Castleton, N.Y. Cardell Inc. of Keasbey bid \$446,904, while the Joseph Herzog Co. of North Hills, Pa., entered a bid of \$477,650.

A representative of Servidone objected to the last bid since it was not accompanied by a bid bond. However, Harding ruled the bid could be read and said a determination on its fitness would be made later.

All bids were referred to Kane for study, although several councilmen said they thought the quotations were high. Council President Aldrage Coeper said the city is negotiating with Personal Products to see if that firm will make a contribution to the cost.

Kajewski noted that the com-

pany has a contract with the city which demands the water level in Westons Mill Pond be

kept at a certain level. Since the repair work to the dam directly affects the firm, it should be made to bear a portion of the costs, he said.

The company draws water from the pond for its plant operations, and its agreement with the city dictates the water level be kept above the company's intake pipe.

Kane said the present agreement was negotiated 15 years ago and has another 15 years to run.

Councilman George Hendricks said notwithstanding the company's involvement, the dam still needed to be repaired because it is part of the city's water supply system.

Approves Funding Quest
The council also authorized an application to the state Law Enforcement Planning Agency asking for funding in the amount of \$70,497 for the operation of the Police Community Relations Bureau.

Plans were approved for the resurfacing of Neilson Street between Albany and Hamilton streets, and for a portion of Lee Avenue. Kane said the specifications must now be sent to the state Department of

Transportation for approval before the project can be advertised for bids.

Councilman Dr. Robert Schulte disputed the claims of a petition currently being circulated in the city's 6th Ward opposing the Route 18 extension. He said claims of increased traffic in the area and the supposed change of Huntington Street to a one-way street were without foundation.

Residents opposing the extension said interchanges in the area would double the flow of traffic and would send some 12,000 cars through that section of the city. Schulte said he knew of no studies to support that contention.

He added that the claims

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J&B Winner In Race For Garbage Pact

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

The first leg of the race for New Brunswick's garbage contract went to J&B Disposal Corp. this afternoon when the firm's owners completed a trip to Newark and back before Jersey Sanitation could prohibit them from signing the five-year, \$1.9 million contract.

J&B was awarded the contract at last night's City Council meeting by a 4-0 vote, seemingly ending the 14-year reign of Jersey Sanitation as the city's garbage collector.

The latter firm's representatives were at the Middlesex County Courthouse when the doors opened at 9:30 this morning seeking to restrain the city and J&B from signing the document.

However, John Albert and Eugene Conlon, the principals in J&B, were at City Hall by 9 a.m. seeking to affix their signatures to the document.

A technical error in the firm's performance bond necessitated the trip to Newark so the correction could be made by the bonding agency. Meanwhile, Jersey Sanitation's motion in Superior Court was put off while Judge Samuel V. Convery heard another case already in progress.

Albert and Conlon raced up the steps of City Hall at 12:20 p.m. with the corrected bond and completed the signing within 10 minutes. Across the street, Jersey's Frank Stamato and his attorney, Richard Rosenberg, still were waiting in the corridor outside Convery's chambers.

Rosenberg said he would move to prohibit J&B from beginning work under the contract until questions of the firm's responsibility and irregularities in its bid were cleared up by the court.

At press time, his case had not yet been heard, but Rosenberg said he expected to appear before Convery either during the lunch break or at the end of normal court proceedings this afternoon.

An elated Albert, president of the newly-formed J&B, promised after the council's action his company would provide "the best damned service this city has ever seen."

Stamato, a Jersey Sanitation principal, sat quietly throughout the council's proceedings and left immediately after the vote was taken.

He and his attorney had been present for the two previous actions on the contract by the council—the acceptance and opening of bids—and had presented several objections to both actions.

No such objections were heard last night, but City Attorney Norris Harding said he expected to be called into court today to begin his defense of the city's action.

The attorney laid the groundwork for that defense in the resolution he drew up awarding the contract to J&B.

Irregularities Claimed
Jersey Sanitation had claimed there were irregularities in J&B's bid relating to its bid security bond and non-colusion affidavit. Harding said there were similar irregularities in Jersey Sanitation's bid. The council waived the irregularities in all bids.

Rosenberg contends the council did not properly perform its function in awarding the contract to J&B.

State law requires municipal contracts be awarded to the "lowest, responsible bidder." While J&B did submit the low bid for a five-year term, Jersey Sanitation has maintained from the start that its competitor lacked the equipment, expe-

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rience and capital to provide the proper service.

The council's resolution stated that after an investigation of all three firms—Roselle, Fereday and Meyer Co. of Elizabeth also bid—they concluded that all qualified as "responsible bidders upon the contract."

The committee charged with making a recommendation to the council was split 3-1 on the matter. City Clerk William Cahill, Business Administrator William Saunders and City Engineer Robert Kane voted for J&B, while Public Works Director George Dailey favored Jersey Sanitation.

Recine's absence and a section of the administrative code mandating a two-thirds affirmative vote on the awarding of contracts prohibited a dissenting vote on the council last night.

Councilman George Hendricks said he had intended to vote no or at least abstain on the contract, even though he favored J&B over Jersey Sanitation. He said the vote would have reflected some reservation about J&B's lack of experience in the garbage collection business.

But since Recine could not be present — he is recuperating from surgery at St. Peter's Hospital — a no vote by Hendricks would have halted the awarding of the contract or at least given Jersey Sanitation more fuel for its court fight.

Company Formed in February
Albert and Conlon, J&B's secretary-treasurer, filed incorporation papers Feb. 3 for the company. They have stated during Public Utilities Commission hearings on the fitness of the company to hold a license that it was formed specifically to bid on New Brunswick's contract.

Those hearings which have been postponed since Judge Samuel V. Convery's decision allowing the bids to be opened, are scheduled to resume June 7. Harding said the council realized it was taking a certain risk with a new company.

However, he said since J&B was found to be "responsible," the councilmen decided to give the firm a chance.

The contract terms exclude the county complex from collections—at a savings of \$50,000 over five years to the city—and call for the contractor empty the city's litter receptacles.

\$1.9 Million Cost
The cost to the city for five years will be \$1,935,000. Jersey Sanitation's bid for the same contract terms was \$125,000 higher.

Albert said he has five trucks on order from Woodbridge International Trucks, Route 7, Woodbridge. That company also is arranging the financing for the trucks. Albert said exact details have yet to be worked out, but a down payment may not be required.

Previously, Albert and Conlon claimed the trucks would be financed through the National State Bank. Jersey Sanitation argued before the PUC that the commitment from the bank was shaky, at best.

Albert said three of the trucks on order currently are in transit to Woodbridge, where they will be fitted with bodies and packers.

Should the trucks not arrive in time, Albert said he has an agreement with the Heil Co. of Woodbridge, another truck firm, to lease demonstrators for use in the interim.

Harding said he was satisfied with that arrangement after seeing the agreement signed with Heil. J&B is to begin work June 1.

The attorney said since the city's first payment to the con-

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New Brunswick picks new garbage contractor

By JOHN PRIBISH

The New Brunswick City Council last night awarded its controversial garbage collection contract to J. & B. Disposal Service Corp., a new firm which underbid the current contractor, Jersey Sanitation Corp. of Lodi.

Jersey Sanitation's contract expires May 31 and will end a 15-year relationship with the city.

The council accepted J. & B.'s bid for a five year pact of \$1,935,000 by which the firm must provide the dumping site. The company

said it would deduct \$50,000 if it was not required to collect garbage from Middlesex County buildings in New Brunswick.

Jersey Sanitation's bid was \$2,059,999.80 and did not offer a reduction provision on the county buildings' collection.

The Board of Freeholders is expected to authorize advertising for garbage collection bids at its meeting at 8 tonight.

Jersey Sanitation's present contract called for annual payments of \$285,000. J. & B. rents offices and garage facilities at 826

Ridgewood Ave., North Brunswick, and has not had previous experience in commercial collection of solid wastes. Its president is John Albert of North Brunswick, who operates a used-car lot in New Brunswick.

The third bidder, Roselle, Fereday and Meyer Co. of Elizabeth, had not been given serious consideration because it submitted an incomplete bid.

The council, in its resolution, however, said all three firms qualified as "responsible" bidders for the contract and would be able to satisfactorily perform its terms.

None of the bidders, the resolution said, fulfilled the technical language requirements of the security bonds when the bids were submitted and opened May 5.

The council's resolution also said that any confusion or error relating to the security bonds submitted by the bidders was unintentional on their part and technical in nature.

City attorney J. Norris Harding said the mayor is authorized to execute the contract, which begins June 1, after J. & B. submits a \$400,000 performance bond, renewable annually, and certification of liability insurance.

The contract, for the first time, Harding said, carries penalties for various violations. Come infractions of service could lead to \$500-a-day fines, he said.

Jersey Sanitation has challenged J. & B.'s qualifications for a license. The petition, as well as J. & B.'s counter-petition, are being heard by the State Public Utility Commission. The next session will be June 7 before examining officer Michael Wehr in Newark.

City Sports Arena Faces a Long Wait

By TED SERRILL

Home News Trenton Bureau

TRENTON — Gov. William T. Cahill said this morning he expects it will take at least three months before the N.J. Supreme Court can rule on the constitutionality of the law creating a state sports authority.

This could well move back to mid-November or later the timetable for a vote by the legislature on Assemblyman Peter Garibaldi's bill to bring the proposed New Brunswick sports arena under the jurisdiction of the sports authority.

Garibaldi, a Middlesex Republican, along with New Brunswick and the Raritan Valley's Chamber of Commerce leaders, are hoping the state will build the sports arena in conjunction with construction of a major sports complex in the Hackensack meadowlands.

Garibaldi was told, however, the bill would not likely be brought to a floor vote until the Cahill administration had tested the constitutionality of the sports authority and its powers.

The law suit testing the constitutionality has been filed in Bergen County Superior Court. Whatever the result, it will be appealed higher.

Cahill announced that a sub-committee of the sports author-

ity created a week ago is meeting with Wellington Mara, owner of the New York Giants football team, about terms of a lease on a football stadium that would be built in the meadowlands.

"It is up to the lawyers," he said, whether the lease could be agreed upon and signed before the constitution issue is tested. The Giants have already evidenced considerable interest in moving to New Jersey and an agreement on an acceptable lease and the legality of the law are apparently the only remaining obstacles to the club's relocation by 1974.

Cahill also announced the innovative career development program in the New Brunswick school system and in Camden and Rahway could benefit by the success of the state lottery.

More money is being gained from the lottery than anticipated. All proceeds are to go to education and institutions. The unanticipated proceeds would be used for other projects within these broad areas, the governor said.

The career development program, now completing its first trial year, could well be one of the priority beneficiaries, said Cahill, expressing his personal interest in the program. Any added funds could be used for

both continuing and expanding the program.

The governor also disclosed that he will soon name a special state administrator who will have the job of devising solutions to the state's housing shortage.

The governor said the housing administrator would be a member of his personal staff and would probably hold the post for about six months.

Cahill told a news conference he had decided upon a highly qualified man but would not disclose his name probably until June.

The governor denied that the naming of a housing administrator indicated he was dissatisfied with the work being done in the area by the State Community Affairs Department headed by Edmund T. Hume.

Cahill also had these comments on other topics:

—He said he supports a bill in the legislature to require disclosure of outside business interests by public officials but doubted the measure would pass the Senate.

—The governor said he opposed the practice of senatorial courtesy which permits a single senator to arbitrarily block a gubernatorial appointment from his home county. But Cahill said he has not found it necessary to try and curb the practice.



RESURRECTING A QUEEN — Dr. Joseph H. Kler, in left photo, a city physician who started a campaign to save the Indian Queen early this year, provides his audience with a bit of New Jersey history yesterday before the state turned over ownership of the building to the city. At right, James R. Schuyler, representing the N.J. Department of Transportation, presents deed and key of Indian Queen to a smiling Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan. The 250-year-old tavern, at right, stands in majestic silence as it awaits the coming months and its move to Buccleuch Park.



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New Brunswick Gets a Queen

By FRANCES KOSA
Home News Staff Writer

The Indian Queen now belongs to the city—to have and to hold and to relocate before Nov. 1.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan yesterday accepted the deed and key to the 250-year-old tavern in a late morning ceremony that attracted a crowd of some 150 history-conscious citizens.

James R. Schuyler, chief engineer of the state Department of Transportation, relinquished state ownership of what is believed to be New Brunswick's oldest building with the qualification that the three-story building be moved within six months to allow expansion of Route 18.

Counter-Campaign

But as members of East Jersey Olde Towne, Inc., buckled down in their active campaign to move the Indian Queen into Buccleuch Park where they eventually hope to establish a colonial settlement, another citizens group has started voicing objections to the historic project.

Dr. Joseph H. Kler, president of "Olde Towne," was the main speaker at the ceremony but made no mention of the recent objections of the Citizens Committee for Environmental Protection to his plans.

Prior to the ceremony, however, Kler commented that Bruce E. Newling, chairman of the environment group, "is not familiar with what we're doing."

Newling, of 48 Huntington St., complained to Mayor Sheehan in a letter Tuesday that his committee, with the "understanding" that Olde Towne has been granted permission to establish a "peddler's village," believes the colonial park will also cause destruction of trees in the gully beside the Buccleuch House.

Calling the city's action "a dangerous precedent," Newling's letter expressed

fear that other special interest groups would be allowed to install projects freely and "therefore, it is not difficult to foresee the eventual destruction of the park as we know it."

The letter ended with the note that the committee, composed of 6th ward residents, raised the matter with the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection, and that the committee proposes to question the council Wednesday at the public session.

Kler, seemingly undisturbed by the complaints, repeated several times his doubts that Newling's group has knowledge of Olde Towne's plans.

"The park will in fact be more decorative. We plan no changes in the environment. The buildings will be put into a complete colonial setting and will actually add to the park's appearance."

Gives Brief History

The city physician's spirit was unaffected as he provided the gathering with a brief history of New Brunswick, accenting the prominence of the Indian Queen tavern in colonial days.

Noting the visits of prominent forefathers such as George Washington, John Adams and Benjamin Franklin to the now vacant building, Kler insisted, "We must preserve the Indian Queen as part of our heritage."

Mayor Sheehan, who favors the historic project and the extension of Route 18 as proposed to the city, shared Kler's views when she said, "It is important the Indian Queen be preserved and be put in an appropriate setting."

Kler also announced his committee plans to "clean-up" the tavern and allow public tours in two weeks. By permitting persons to inspect the building, Kler hopes to increase public interest in the

fund drive which has brought to date about \$15,000 to the committee.

A goal of \$20,000 has been set to meet expenses in moving the Indian Queen. About \$150,000 is needed for the entire project.

The 11 a.m. ceremony, despite gray clouds and a few drops of rain, was bright in spirits, due to the brisk, spirited tunes of the 75-member New Brunswick High School Band, directed by George Krauss, city supervisor of music.

The musical tones were echoed by clapping hands and marching feet of first and second graders from the Bayard Street School.

On hand to share in congratulating East Jersey Olde Towne members for their efforts in saving the Indian Queen were several city, county and state officials.

James A. Barbely, member of the city Board of Education and chairman of the city's fund drive, acted as master of ceremonies.

Officials Present

Schools Supt. Morris Epps, who started the fund drive in city schools, also started the line of officials to the microphone, set up on a platform placed next to the Indian Queen in the lot of the neighboring service station.

Epps was followed by Alderman B. Cooper, City Council president; Freeholder Peter Daly Campbell, and Mayors Fred Gilbert of North Brunswick and David B. Crabiel of Milltown.

James R. Mitchell, assistant curator of N.J. State Museum in Trenton, joined in the historic event. George F. Smith, retired president of Johnson & Johnson and Gustav Lionhard, retired chairman of the executive committee and president of J&J International, were among the guests.

Garbage Firms Await Ruling

May 28, 1971

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

Both sides in New Brunswick's garbage dispute are awaiting word today on which of them will be responsible for collecting the city's trash Tuesday morning.

That's the day the city's contract with J&B Disposal Corp. is scheduled to begin—but the city's current contractor, Jersey Sanitation Co. of Lodi, is seeking to stop the new firm from beginning work that day.

Jersey Sanitation has an appeal pending before the Appellate Division of the Superior Court, and last Tuesday it asked for a restraining order pending a full hearing on the appeal.

The company went to court May 20 in an attempt to prevent J&B from signing the contract, but its motion was denied by Superior Court Judge Samuel V. Convery. Richard Rosenberg, attorney for Jersey Sanitation, filed an appeal almost immediately, and a three-judge panel accepted briefs Tuesday.

In all its applications to date, Jersey Sanitation has offered to extend its contract at existing rates until the court matters and a hearing before the Public Utilities Commission are cleared up.

Not Up to Job

The company has charged that J&B lacks the equipment, experience and capital to do the job properly, and that the city erred in awarding the contract to J&B since there were mistakes in its bid.

The hearing on Jersey Sanitation's appeal is not likely to

be heard before the end of summer. The Appellate Court judges warned J&B on Tuesday that should Jersey Sanitation eventually be successful in its appeal, J&B could have "its legs cut out from under it."

Ralph Mayo, J&B's attorney, said his firm is willing to take that risk and wants to begin work Tuesday.

The court took the matter under advisement and said all interested parties would be informed of its decision before the new contract is to take effect.

The two firms also have challenged each other's license in the hearings before the PUC. The airings have been postponed since the beginning of the month but are scheduled to resume June 7.

However, John C. Filiberto, chairman of the Solid Waste Industry Council, has urged the commission to conclude the hearings before the expiration of the contract on Monday.

The chairman made his request in a letter to William E. Ozzard, PUC president, and said it is imperative the hearing be moved forward from the June 7 date.

"To permit the hearing date to stand as scheduled would create a situation in which the present contract will have expired before the PUC rules upon the professional qualification of the successor contractor," Filiberto said.

But a spokesman for the PUC said yesterday that Filiberto's request was denied, since his council has no legal standing in the case. The council was formed earlier this year af-

ter Gov. William T. Cahill signed into law a bill regulating the garbage industry in the state.

The spokesman said Filiberto was advised he would have to retain counsel, who could then file as an "intervener" in the case.

Since Monday is a holiday, it seems unlikely that Filiberto could comply with the PUC's rules before the contract runs out at midnight Monday.

In addition, the spokesman said it is improbable that the request would be granted because the postponements had been sought by attorneys for the two firms involved, and not by the PUC.

The council has had a representative at the first two hearings before the PUC, since this is the first case of its kind before the regulatory agency. The result of these proceedings will be an important policy decision and will set several precedents for future cases, the spokesman said.

The intent of the legislation on which the hearings are based is to stop monopolistic practices and encourage competition among garbage firms in the state.

That has led to several schools of thought among the commission members on the practicality of encouraging the organization of new firms simply to bid on contracts—such as J&B did, the spokesman said.

This case is the first attempt to answer that question, the spokesman said. Non-whites total 371, approximately one out of every five students.

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New Brunswick signs garbage collection pact

The Jersey Sanitation Corp. of Lodi failed yesterday to prevent J&B Disposal Service Corp. of North Brunswick from signing a five-year, \$1,985,000 contract with the City of New Brunswick.

Superior Court Judge Samuel V. Convery denied the petition for a temporary restraining order by Richard Rosenberg of Passaic, attorney for Jersey Sanitation.

That was about 2 p.m., 1½ hours after the contract was signed at City Hall across the street from the Middlesex County Courthouse.

Signing for the municipality were City Clerk William J. Cahill and Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, who then flew to Minneapolis for a speaking engagement. Officials for J&B, signing the pact were John Albert of North Brunswick, president, and Eugene Conlon of Piscataway Township, secretary-treasurer.

The judge said he refused to grant the temporary injunction because "I felt I wasn't going to substitute my opinion for theirs." Convery

was referring to comments by City Attorney J. Norris Harding and Ralph Mayor, J&B counsel, that bids had been reviewed by a special committee of city officials.

The committee, and the resolution by the City Council which granted the contract Wednesday night, said all bidders were capable of fulfilling the requirements of the pact. The third bidder was Roselli, Fereday and Meyer Co. of Elizabeth, which had submitted an incomplete bid.

Jersey Sanitation's bid for a five-year contract was \$2,059,999.80 by which the contractor is to provide the dumping location. J&B's bid for the same period, with the city to provide the site, was \$1,735,000. Jersey Sanitation's was \$1,800,000.

J&B representatives were at City Hall shortly after its doors opened and Albert and Conlon made a quick trip to the firm's bonding company in Newark to eliminate "defects" in the word-

ing of the performance bond.

Jersey Sanitation has served the city for 15 years and its third five-year contract expires May 31. J&B, new to the commercial scavenger business, is to begin its contract June 1.

However, Jersey Sanitation and J&B will meet for the third time June 7 before an examining officer of the state Public Utilities Commission. Jersey Sanitation had challenged J&B's qualifications to the contract, which filed a counterpetition.

Sports Arena for \$75,000?

May 30, 1971

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

Just whose idea was it to build a sports arena in downtown New Brunswick?

Ralph Muehlig proposed it

during last year's mayoralty campaign. And Frank M. Deiner Jr. made a similar suggestion during his race for the Assembly several years ago.

However, according to the

June 5, 1966 editions of The Home News, the idea was given birth by Benny Rubin, then a popular boxing promoter and now co-proprietor of the Greenbriar Restaurant in North Brunswick.

A front page headline that day proclaimed "Large Sports Arena Proposed on Livingston Avenue Property."

But despite several similarities between that plan and the one currently under study by local officials, there was one big difference.

The feasibility report drawn up for the present study projects a cost of \$18 million. How does that compare with 1946 prices? Rubin estimated his 10,000 seat arena would cost \$75,000.

Rubin said this week his project never got off the ground after he lost a bid to obtain the land adjacent to the Natatorium for its construction.

The City Commission put the land up for sale after receiving an offer from Rubin for the sports arena.

"The Commissioners have on file at City Hall an offer for the property from the New Brunswick Boxing Club, controlled by Benny Rubin and Dave Jelin," the story said. "If they are successful in obtaining the property, they will build city officials, they will build a sports arena to cost a minimum of \$75,000."

"The arena would be used for all types of sporting attractions including boxing, basketball, dances and public functions that require a large hall."

Rubin said he had the promoters lined up and the financing arranged, but when the day came for sale of the land a local realtor outbid the sports enthusiasts for the five acre tract.

The realtor eventually built housing on the site and Rubin gave up on his plans for an arena.

"It wasn't going to be anything as elaborate as what's being planned today," he said. "But it was different then.

There was no television and people were sports hungry. We could have used this to bring them something."

Rubin said he is still interested in a local arena, and sees it as a definite possibility for upgrading this area. Financing problems today are a lot different than 25 years ago, and he feels Rutgers would certainly have to be a part of it, he said.

The restaurateur said he has been contacted by those responsible for naming a committee to oversee development of the present arena, and he has indicated a willingness to serve on that committee.

He said he also was contacted by the consulting firm which drew up the feasibility study, and presented his ideas on what the assets and liabilities of such a structure would be.

Despite Rubin's presence on the new committee one thing is certain — the sports complex won't be built at Rubin's 1946 prices.

Officials to Visit Notre Dame Complex

Local officials will be traveling to South Bend, Ind., Tuesday to take a close look at how one university and the city in which it is located were able to combine forces for a sports arena-convention hall complex.

They will be inspecting the University of Notre Dame's Athletic and Convocation Center and meeting with university and South Bend officials to hear how the twin-domed structure was built.

The local group will consist of William Richardson, president of the Raritan Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce; Herb Wagner, past president and chairman of the local feasibility study committee on the arena; Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, Council President Alderman B. Cooper, Freeholder Peter Daly Campbell and a press representative.

The one day excursion also will include discussions with the South Bend-Mishawaka Area Chamber of Commerce, which arranged for the round of talks.

The Notre Dame facility, although located in the city of South Bend, is adjacent to its famed football stadium. Discussions are expected to center on how the arena was financed and what the respective roles of the city and university are in its operation.

Transportation for the trip is being supplied by Johnson & Johnson.

New Brunswick takes title to a bit of history

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Several hundred persons witnessed a bit of history in New Brunswick yesterday as Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan accepted the key and deed to a former hotel-tavern, said to be the city's oldest building.

The presentation was by James R. Schuyler, chief engineer for the State Department of Transportation, which bought the building for \$50,000 and "sold" it to the city for one dollar.

The 3½-story structure, last known as the Parkway Hotel and as the Indian Queen Tavern many years ago, would have been demolished but for a civic movement headed by New Brunswick physician Dr. Joseph H. Kler.

Kler is president of East Jersey Olde Towne, Inc., an organization which plans to have the historic building moved to Buccleuch Park in another part of New Brunswick. The group hopes to establish a colonial settlement in that park.

The building is believed to be about 250 years old and was a stagecoach stop during colonial days. It has been vacant for the past few years and an open house will be held in two weeks.

The building lies in the path



FANTASTIC ADVANTAGES — Mayor Lloyd Allen of South Bend, Ind., tells Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan the benefits his city has derived from the Notre Dame Athletic and Convocation Center. Mayor Sheehan and several other local officials traveled to South Bend yesterday to see how a joint city-university complex operates.

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Downtown Site Nixed

Notre Dame Sports Arena Studied

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The quest for a sports arena in downtown New Brunswick, N.J., brought city, county and Chamber of Commerce officials to the home of Notre Dame's Fighting Irish yesterday, where they were told to shelve plans for the downtown site.

Led by William Richardson, president of the Raritan Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce and a Notre Dame alumnus, the New Brunswick delegation came here to inspect Notre Dame's Athletic and Convocation Center and to meet with city, university and Chamber of Commerce officials of this area.

What they saw was a magnificently impressive, double-domed arena, located some two miles from the downtown area on the university campus, and built at a cost of \$8.6 million.

What they were told was "let the university build yours too."

Both Mayor Lloyd M. Allen of South Bend and Mayor Margaret H. Prickett of neighboring Mishawaka were generally enthusiastic about the arena's impact on their respective cities, but both said they never would have attempted to put the arena in their downtown areas.

"If we had had the major responsibility for this, the project probably would have gone down the drain," Allen said. "We were still not totally recovered from the Studebaker pullout and had committed ourselves to a new city office building when the idea was brought up."

The New Brunswick group included Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, Council President Aldridge B. Cooper, Freeholder Peter Daly Campbell, and Herb Wagner, the immediate past president of the Chamber and chairman of the sports arena feasibility study committee, in addition to Richardson.

The delegation came here looking for parallels to the New Brunswick situation and for hints on how to go about building a joint university-city sports arena-convention hall.

But while there were some similarities, the group found the story behind the Notre Dame arena's construction was almost the exact opposite of what proponents of the New Brunswick complex have in mind.

Business leaders in South Bend began discussing a convention center in 1963, and during those discussions they found the university had plans for its own arena. The university invited the city to join in its venture.

Both realized the South Bend-Mishawaka area could not support two such facilities, and the university had its own sources of revenue. The cooperation that developed between the city and the university was commented upon favorably by every official the New Brunswick group met.

The structure was financed through contributions from Notre Dame alumni and through a \$2 million donation from the residents of the South Bend area. That,

indirectly, was the city's contribution to the center, although no tax funds were expended.

The civic fund raising drive began in December 1965—the selling point being the community would derive some benefit from the arena and should contribute to its cost.

\$1.8 Million Goal

A goal of \$1.8 million was set and a local businessman was selected to head the drive. Some officials were skeptical the goal would be met, since the Studebaker plant, then the area's largest industry, had just closed its doors.

"This guy came in and said we would have a victory dinner in 30 days," said Stephen T. McTigue, executive vice president of the South Bend-Mishawaka Area Chamber of Commerce. "We all thought he was crazy, yet less than a month later he surpassed the goal and brought in \$2.1 million."

Three years later, the "horizontal high-rise" opened its doors. Under the direction of manager John Plough and a staff of 33, it now operates in the black.

Mrs. Audrey Conley, director of the Chamber's convention bureau, said she originally was skeptical about having the university own the structure completely and would have preferred a city-owned convention hall downtown.

"I now see we never could have gotten our own place so quickly, and in fact it probably still would be 15 to 20 years off," she said.

Operating with a rather austere budget, she has been able to draw for the arena conventions and trade shows which formerly located in Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, Detroit and Chicago.

She said the university first draws up its list of scheduled in the arena or stadium. Security for the arena of open dates for which other events can be brought in. The arena also is used for all indoor intramural events.

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Democrats Pick Schulte

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — In a less than surprising result, incumbent City Councilman Robert Schulte handily defeated police candidate Kenneth Delaney for the Democratic council nomination in yesterday's sole primary contest on the local level.

Schulte received 1,069 votes to Delaney's 667, and took 21 of the city's 23 election districts.

Several politicians attributed the "extremely light" voter turnout to the lack of any real contest on the county level. Last year approximately 4,700 ballots were cast in the Democratic primary when there was a three-way race for the mayoral nomination.

Although a total of more than 1,700 votes were cast in the local contest, county candidates only received an average of 1,400 votes from the city's Democrats.

That was viewed as an anti-organization vote by the local party leaders. It is likely that such voters pulled the lever for Delaney and no one else, they said.

Shortly before 9 p.m. when it appeared Schulte was the apparent winner Delaney came to City Hall to congratulate his opponent, but again declined to

pledge his support in the fall election.

One of the main issues in the low-key campaign had been the police detective's refusal to commit himself on supporting the primary winner if he failed to get the nomination.

Schulte now will face independent Robert Ferguson in the November election. Ferguson was the high man on the Save Our City council slate last year.

The Patrolman's Benevolent Association, which backed Delaney's candidacy, said it would decide which candidate to support following the start of negotiations on the new police contract with the city.

The city's Republican organization did not field a candidate for the council race, but has pledged its support to Ferguson on the county level, there were just 170 votes cast on the Republican side.

Schulte said he expects his race against Ferguson to be a much more difficult one, but added the primary contest had given him some campaign experience.

"I'm new to politics, but this has given me some exposure," he said. "Now the people know me and we'll have to carry that further."

Normally this would be an off year for city elections, but since Schulte was appointed to the council post in February, he must run for election to the remainder of the four-year term. He said he will continue to run on the record of the Sheehan administration.

The candidate said he believes it is too early to tell what the major issues would be in the campaign, but expects taxes and law and order to figure prominently.

Schulte's heaviest margin was in his home 6th ward where he received 298 votes to Delaney's 124. The closest margin was in the 1st ward, where Delaney came within 21 votes of Schulte's 165.

Delaney's biggest total was in the 2nd ward, where he took three of the seven districts and polled 189 votes to Schulte's 220.

Route 18 Plan Irks City Residents

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Opponents of the planned extension of Route 18 along the Delaware-Raritan Canal were out in force at this morning's City Council meeting, and have included what they call "intrusions" into Buccleuch Park in their list of objections to the governing body.

Led by Bruce Newling of the Citizens Committee for Environmental Protection, the group charged the moving of the Indian Queen tavern, from its present site in the path of the highway to the park, violated provisions of the deed granting the park to the city.

Newling read sections of the deed which stated no intrusions of any kind were to be made in the park which would detract from its natural surroundings.

"This constitutes a completely unwarranted intrusion by special interest groups in the park in light of the wording of the deed," he said. "I think the council should reverse its former position in support of this project."

Both Newling and Toivo Lamminen of the Rutgers Center for Transportation Studies took issue with the council's previous rejection of facts put forth by the citizens committee showing increased traffic flows in the 6th Ward because of Route 18.

"The state Department of Transportation has estimated

Route 18 will put an additional 11,300 vehicles per day on Huntington Street," Newling said.

He added that giving 20 feet per car, such a volume of traffic would be equivalent to a line of automobiles stretching 43 miles long—or the same as the distance from Trenton to Newark.

Forsees Traffic Change

A professor of urban geography at the City University of New York and a resident of 48 Huntington St., Newling contended that despite statements that the state has no plans to make Huntington Street one way, the city probably would be forced to do so.

He said the state has planned an exit from the highway onto George Street near College Avenue, and a jughandle leading traffic from George Street onto Huntington Street.

"You are quite right in saying the state has no jurisdiction over the control of traffic on municipal streets," he said. "But I think you will find it necessary in the future to make Huntington Street one way because of the sheer volume of traffic."

Much of the existing traffic from Route 18 would use that roadway, he claimed, because population projections show much of the area's growth to come west of New Brunswick.

Those same population projections, which Newling said he has prepared for the state

in the past, also show Middlesex County growing to more than a million residents by the year 2000.

"With such a rate of growth we should be increasing our parklands rather than reducing it by allowing the highway to cut through Johnson Park and cover the canal towpath," he said.

Newling also used those projections to buttress his arguments against the placing of a "colonial village" in Buccleuch Park around where the Indian Queen is to be moved.

Councilman Robert Schulte said neither he nor the city engineer Robert Kane could find reports or surveys backing up the committee's projections of increased traffic in the 6th Ward.

Lamminen said he wanted to advise the council he has asked the U.S. Coast Guard to begin an investigation into the construction of the pillars for the Route 18 bridge in the Raritan River. Such construction was "in violation of several federal and state laws governing the building of bridges over navigable waterways," he claimed.

He said he also contacted state Attorney General George Kusler and asked him to investigate the "violations" of state law.

Lamminen said a memorandum sent to his group by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan indicated

the city government had supported this construction. If that were the case, he said, the officials would be giving assent to an illegal act and would be liable for malfeasance and nonfeasance in office charges if the bridge were built illegally.

Proposed in 1965

Council President Aldridge B. Cooper said the present council never passed any official resolutions on the plan, since it was first proposed in 1965 before the current members came into office.

The council has said in the past that the position of the administration was to generally support the extension of Route 18, and to find acceptable the details of its construction as presented by the Department of Transportation.

Lamminen also has charged in the past that the building of such a bridge would require a special act of the federal government, since the roadway will extend over the river.

This is based on a recent Supreme Court decision regarding the building of a road along the Hudson River near Tarrytown, N.Y. The court ruled the road was unconstitutional.

Newling also complained about the dumping of shale and pieces of broken concrete into ravines in Buccleuch Park. He said he found this had been done at the reported

direction of Parks Superintendent Edward O'Rourke to help prevent erosion.

He claimed rather than preventing erosion, this probably would kill the trees already there, since it would deny them oxygen, and lead to further erosion.

The situation was brought to the attention of Bernard Schrum, head of the Division of Inspections; a month ago, he said, but no action has been taken as yet.

Cooper said he would refer the matter to O'Rourke and City Health Officer John Hanson for clarification.

In other matters, the council passed on first reading a new salary ordinance for city employees based on the recent contract agreement between the Municipal Employees Association and the city.

The new contract was signed immediately afterward. Pay increases for the employees are retroactive to Jan. 1.

Anthony Daly, the longtime critic of city and county government, also spoke at length about what he said were inequities in the new assessments placed on city properties.

He charged favorable assessments were being given to certain city officials. But Cooper said if there were any favoritism, it most likely would begin at home, yet his own assessment was raised by \$2,500.



THE DOUBLE BUBBLE — The twin-domed Notre Dame University Athletic and Convocation Center stretches like a horizontal high rise over 10 acres of university property. Built at a cost of \$8.6 million and financed entirely through private funding, the center opened its doors in December 1968.

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LOST IN SPACE — Dwarfed by the immensity of the Notre Dame sports complex, New Brunswick representatives took a close look at what they hope will be a prototype of a local arena. From left are Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, architect L.

Kenneth Mahal, Council President Aldridge B. Cooper, Chamber of Commerce President William Richardson, John Plough, managing director of the Notre Dame facility, and Freeholder Peter Daly Campbell.

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of the university and for some recreational uses, especially ice skating, by the community.

Rental of the arena for outside events is \$1,000 per night.

The mayors of both major cities in the area emphasized the point they had paid nothing for the arena, yet the business and cultural life of their communities benefited greatly from it. Neither said its distance from the central city proved any deterrent to residents using it.

The center is immediately adjacent to the Notre Dame football stadium, and there are approximately 20,000 parking spaces available nearby. McTigue said the cities never could afford to give up that much space in the downtown area.

Allen said the major commitment by the city of South Bend is for traffic control when a major event is scheduled in the arena or stadium. Security for the arena is handled by the university's own security force and the county sheriff's department.

And the president of the architectural firm which designed the convocation center, L. Kenneth Mahal, urged the New Brunswick officials to consider this point strongly when making a decision on the local arena.

Mahal, who came from St. Paul, Minn., especially for the university's round of conferences, pointed to a county-owned facility in Fort Worth, Tex., paid for with tax dollars and operating in the red. He contrasted that with the Notre Dame arena, built by the university and running in the black ink.

"Your arena will draw because of the convenience of transportation and, if handled properly, the convenience of parking," he said. "But you have to look where you

will get the best return, where your tax dollar will be spent most effectively."

Mahal said putting the arena in downtown New Brunswick could create more problems than it would solve, driving away what business the city already has and gaining nothing.

"Put that arena anywhere in your region and it will have an impact on New Brunswick," he said. "You have to put this type of facility where it will market best, and that is on the Rutgers campus. Business from the arena naturally will go to New Brunswick, since it's the only location with a developed downtown area."

The architect, who heads Ellerbe Architects of St. Paul, Minn., was backed up by the Rev. Jerome Wilson C.S.C., vice president for business affairs of the university, who said students would gravitate more to a campus facility than to a downtown one.

Mrs. Conley said the downtown businessmen of South Bend generate business from the conventions by providing bus shuttle service between the center and downtown free of charge.

Mahal said such a plan provides a different challenge for the Chamber—not how to build the arena, but how to get its impact into the downtown area.

"You have to have courage in your downtown to compete with other areas," he said. "You've got a running start, but you've got to do something to make your community think and begin selling itself."

And the architect, who has had discussions with Rutgers over the past four years about a New Brunswick area arena, said his recommendation to the university was certainly not to go with the downtown site.

"Rutgers certainly is not going to gain by such a move, and you're going to lose by it," he told the Chamber officials.

City May Be Transit Test Site

New Brunswick officials who went to South Bend, Ind., yesterday in search of a sports arena found they may be in line for a pilot project on an innovative public transportation system.

L. Kenneth Mahal, president of the St. Paul, Minn., architectural firm which designed the Notre Dame Athletic and Convocation Center, explained that he observed the new system during a recent trip to France. He said he is prepared to make a proposal to the federal Department of Transportation for the system's implementation in this country.

The program includes features of both the private automobile and mass transportation systems.

Mahal said it would involve leasing a specially equipped vehicle, which is then driven to a monorail-type track. The vehicle is attached to the track and carried to a point near the rider's destination.

"Once attached to the track, it leaves the driver free to read his paper or work on other matters just as he would on a train or other means of mass transportation," he said.

The architect said his request for federal funds for the pilot project would include South Bend and New Brunswick in his list of pilot cities.

Both cities are primate targets, he said, because of the heavy flow of traffic tied to

their sports arena-convention centers.

"I've been thinking along these lines for the past five years, and was excited to find someone actually had developed such a system," he said.

The "individual transport" system was on display at a transportation convention in Paris last week. Officials of the U.S. Transportation Department, on hand for the convention, also got a look at the system.

Although full details of the plan were lacking, local officials

appeared to be impressed with Mahal's idea and invited him to the city to discuss the project further.

Mahal's familiarity with New Brunswick goes back four years ago to a meeting in Florida with Rutgers University Athletic Director Al Twitchell. The two discussed the Notre Dame sports arena, and the architect was invited to discuss a similar facility with Rutgers officials.

Mahal said they too were impressed.

"They wanted to bring Secretary of Transportation John Volpe over to view it, but I asked them to hold off until I could draw up a plan for its use here," he said.

Mahal added he planned to be in contact with Volpe sometime this week to discuss the new system.

Although full details of the plan were lacking, local officials

Reach North Brunswick School Compromise

By BARBARA SELICK
Home News Trenton Bureau

TRENTON — Bids for construction of North Brunswick's proposed high school will be opened tomorrow under a compromise agreement worked out yesterday by attorneys for the North Brunswick, New Brunswick and Milltown school boards.

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Marburger to enjoin North Brunswick from building the school and, as a stop-gap solution, also asked him for a temporary injunction to prohibit North Brunswick from receiving, accepting and opening construction bids.

Afterward, the attorneys indicated they were hopeful that Marburger could render his decision within a month.

But state education department spokesmen were reluctant to commit the commissioner on this. While Marburger might hand down a decision on the bids—all school construction bids in the state come before him as a routine matter—they implied a decision on the main issue in the case might be much farther off.

Cooper: Trash Contract Probe Political

June 16, 1971

NEW BRUNSWICK — A call for an investigation into the city's new garbage contract by City Council candidate Robert Ferguson was termed "politically motivated and lacking in foresight" by Council President Aldrege B. Cooper today.

Ferguson, an independent, said last week the city could have saved more than \$100,000 had an offer for a four-month extension of Jersey Sanitation's old contract been accepted, and a three-year, rather than a five-year, contract been awarded.

He also said the irregularities connected with the entire matter called for an immediate investigation by state and local agencies.

But Cooper said the suggestion that the city wait four months before awarding the contract proved "Ferguson doesn't know what he is talking about."

The council president said by law the city had to award the contract within 30 days after opening the bids, or new bids would have to be submitted.

"Had we waited for the Public Utilities Commission investigation to be completed, there was no guarantee we would have gotten the same relatively low bids," Cooper said. "We chose the five-year contract to protect the city against huge increases three years from now because we realize inflation is driving prices up every month."

Ferguson also charged that normal business practices dictate longer contracts with suppliers be avoided, and "this axiom is fundamental when a supplier is new and untried."

However, Cooper said the city took the longer contract because "we think we got a truly competitive bid this time and a relatively low one. We wanted to extend our advantage for as long as we could."

The council named an investigative committee before the contract was awarded which concluded J&B Disposal Service Corp. was capable of doing the job. Since the firm also was the lowest bidder, it was given the contract, he said.

Cooper also challenged Ferguson's contention that with new PUC regulations going into effect, the city might be in a better position to accept bids three years from now.

"We feel the best protection against inflation is not wishes and hopes that some agency eventually will regulate an industry," he said. "We feel the best protection is getting a good long-term contract."

The PUC was given the authority to regulate the garbage industry under the terms of legislation passed last year. The current case being heard on the dispute between Jersey Sanitation and J&B is the first under this new bill.

Spokesmen for the PUC have said the results of this case to a great degree will determine the regulatory agency's position in handling future cases.

Cooper said J&B's performance so far appears to be satisfactory, and should deficiencies develop, there are penalty clauses in the contract which should correct the situation.

"What is astonishing is that here we have a candidate for public office who never attended any of the public meetings at which this contract was discussed," Cooper said. "He had ample opportunity then to make his views known, but now he chooses to make charges which clearly are politically motivated."

Murphy Choice Sparks Hall of Fame Optimism

By MICHAEL TAIBBI
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — The election of former California Senator George Murphy as president of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame has sparked a white-hot streak of optimism throughout the spattering organization.

With the exception of retiring Rutgers University President Mason Gross, those connected with the foundation expressed a new excitement with the prospects of finally building the proposed Hall of Fame on the Rutgers campus.

The project has been in the works for 23 years, but an inquiry in The Home News in March showed that all those years have produced only \$400-\$600,000 in funds for the construction of the building. The estimated price tag on the structure is now \$7 million.

Gross, who has been severely critical of the foundation under the leadership of its chairman, Chester LaRoche, declined comment yesterday on Murphy's election and its probable effects on the project.

Foundation secretary James McDowell said, "This is the big one," the development eagerly awaited by all those who have endured the long and fruitless wait for the Hall of Fame.

"This is a fine sign," said Rutgers Athletic Director Albert Twitchell. "It's the first significant step taken toward the stability the foundation needs."

Former foundation President William Geyer, who has complained bitterly of the lack of responsibility given him by LaRoche, said Murphy's election gives the foundation "a new look, and hopefully some new devices to help achieve the goal of the Hall of Fame."

Geyer said the chances of the hall ever being built, rated as slim or non-existent by most of those questioned in the inquiry by The Home News, are "enhanced greatly by the addition of key individuals."

The "key individuals" named by Geyer included both Murphy and Willis Sawyer of Princeton, hired last month as a full-time fund raiser for the foundation.

Sawyer, who was meeting with foundation officials in New York City last night while Murphy was addressing a Tri-County Chapter delegation in Palm Springs, Calif., became at least the fourth professional fund-raiser hired by the foundation when he assumed the post last month.

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Raymond Heinrich, resident architect under project architect Pierre Zoelly of Switzerland, said Murphy's statement that building the hall will be his primary goal "certainly makes (him) optimistic."

"The foundation must have an anchor man," Heinrich said, "a man like Murphy." In his own conversations with LaRoche since March, Heinrich said LaRoche convinced him of his sincerity regarding construction of the hall.

"He gave me every indication he really wants to build the hall," Heinrich said.

And Zoelly is reportedly in this country right now with modifications on a reduced scale for construction of the hall in steps. LaRoche has insisted in the past the structure would be built in its entirety or not at all. But the \$4 million needed to begin construction on Zoelly's complete proposal is just not in the foundation's till.

One foundation source said Murphy's name first came up about four months ago as a potential successor to the late Harvey Harman as the top administrative executive. LaRoche and Vincent Draddy, chairman of the nominating committee, then formally named the one-time actor as the official nominee.

Geyer said the foundation's executive committee voted Murphy unanimously into the presidency.

The announcement of Murphy's election comes at a strategic time, 10 days before the second meeting of the ad hoc council formed last winter to decide once and for all whether the hall can ever be built under the direction of the foundation.

The council, composed of sportswriters, foundation members, college coaches and athletic directors and officials of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, meets June 19 in Miami, Fla.

On the agenda for that meeting will be two important proposals designed to raise a pile of money quickly and exclusively for construction of the hall: the attachment of 50-cent stubs to major college games at the behest of the National Association of College and University Athletic Directors, and the donation by the NCAA of a percentage of its annual television revenue to the building fund.

The Home News has learned that both proposals depended heavily on the selection by the time of the meeting of an autonomous foundation president to regain some of the organization's lost prestige.

Football Hall of Fame

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Murphy: We'll Start in Spring '72

By JIMMIE FLEMING
Home News Staff Writer

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — The target date has been set—10 months away—and a promise has been made by the new president of the National Football Foundation that the long-awaited Football Hall of Fame will be in construction "before the robins depart New Jersey next spring."

Former U.S. Sen. George Murphy of California has moved fast since his appointment as foundation president 10 days ago. He climaxed his first meeting yesterday with the pronouncement New Brunswick, N.J. Hall of Fame adherents have been waiting to hear for the past 35 years.

At the meeting of the council of the foundation and Hall of Fame, Murphy accepted the recommendations of his finance and building committees for plans designed to make the football shrine a reality on the Piscataway, N.J., campus of Rutgers University.

Revised plans and renderings presented by architect Pierre Zoelly calls for a \$3.7 million structure that meets every demand of the council.

"Plans will be approved, specifications will be set, funds

will be raised, site details ironed out and contracts let before spring of 1972," the president declared after the council concluded a nine-hour session that delved into every phase of the operation.

The approval Saturday came two days after the foundation's executive committee met in New York City to give consent to revised architectural plans.

First to react to the Murphy announcement was Rutgers University Athletic Director Albert W. Twitchell, current president of the National Association of Collegiate Athletic Directors, in convention at the Carillon Hotel.

The usually reticent Twitchell, who has been involved officially and unofficially with the Hall of Fame for most of his 35 years at Rutgers as an undergraduate, player and administrator, declared, "The Football Hall of Fame is going to be built, you can make a bet on that."

The enthusiasm expressed by Twitchell was echoed by such football figures as Alabama Coach Paul (Bear) Bryant; Navy athletic great Tom Hamilton; Jesse Hill, coach and athletic director at the University of Southern California, and

instant confidence they have in the former U.S. Senator. He has captured their imagination as the man qualified to do the job that needs to be done.

Twitchell, who met with Murphy, Friday night at a three-virtually all other delegates of the seven collegiate organizations that make up the foundation council.

All agreed that the enthusiasm is due to the respect and honor rap session, said that for the first time he is convinced the men selected "will make good on any promises they make." He also supports the men Murphy has chosen to be in his "cabinet."

The men in whom Murphy will place his confidence "to get the job done" include Forrest Evachski and Hamilton; Col. Ed Garbisch, Army football hero of the past; Vince Draddy of Manhattan, a prime mover in the prestigious \$100-a-plate foundation dinner every December; John Galbreath, Pittsburgh Pirates owner; Roger Blough of U.S. Steel and Jimmy McDowell, recently appointed executive director of the foundation and head of the New Brunswick office of the organization.

"I'll call on Chet (Chester) Sec. MURPHY, Page A18



GEORGE MURPHY

... 'time to do something'

LaRoche for help too," said Murphy. LaRoche, self-made national advertising mogul, serves as chairman of the foundation board after directing operations as president for 15 years. LaRoche's contributions have included drawing industrial-

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all leaders into the foundation sphere, but he never achieved the objective many feel was the prime target—construction of the Hall of Fame.

Laroche turns over to Murphy and his colleagues approximately \$400,000 in cash and \$800,000 in pledges to get them to the \$3.7 million goal.

When Murphy declared at the pre-convention interview,

"Now is the time to do something; we've discussed the Hall of Fame long enough," he repeated the sentiments expressed by the majority who have long been identified with the project.

For instance, Bryant later said, "I think he'll do a fine job. He will may be the man we needed to get the ball rolling. College football has

lagged behind far too long on the Hall of Fame. I'm glad someone like Sen. Murphy has taken full hold of the situation."

Hill said, "I feel very sure this time. I agree with the senator. The time has come to end the talking and start building. Sen. Murphy is a dedicated man and will lead the way. He'll have the help he needs, too."

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City Fights Bus Halt

By GEORGE TRAPP
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NEW BRUNSWICK — The City Council will begin circulating petitions in this city, seeking to block Public Service Coordinated Transport's move to halt bus service in the community.

Councilman Robert Schulte announced the intended action at this morning's council meeting and said it was part of an overall city drive to keep bus routes 60, 12-58 and 2-10 operating through the city.

"We also intend to oppose this through our City Attorney's office," he said. "And we're asking residents to write to Public Service and the Public Utilities Commission. A large part of our objection is the citizens need this service, and it will help if that is documented."

A resolution officially noting the council's position was passed at the meeting, and copies will be sent to the Middlesex County Board of Freeholders and members of the state legislature asking them to take similar action.

Mrs. Goldie Magyari, a Sixth Ward resident, said part of the reason for the decline in patronage of the buses likely was due to the "poor service" offered by the bus line.

"A lot of people from the Sixth Ward don't come downtown to shop anymore because

you have to wait one and one-half hours between buses," she said. "And the company sometimes cancels certain runs without any prior notice."

Hearings on the bus company's petition to drop the lines will be held before the PUC in Newark next month, and further hearings will be scheduled in the municipalities affected by the prospective cuts in service.

In other action, the council awarded a contract for computerized water and sewer bills to Computil of Elizabeth, the sole bidder for the service. The company is a division of Elizabeth Water and Gas Co. Its price was \$11,550 per year

for quarterly preparation of the 15,400 bills.

The council will hold a special meeting July 27 at 10 a.m. to receive bids for construction of the new Rutgers Village firehouse. City Clerk William Cahill said the council is contemplating an amendment to the administrative code which will allow bids to be received outside of normal council times without special meetings.

An ordinance increasing parking meter rates was approved on first reading. The proposed new rates are five cents for one-half hour, 10 cents for an hour and 20 cents for two hours. A public hearing will be held Aug. 4.

The sale of a 30 by 100-foot city-owned lot on Hale Street between Throop and Remsen Avenues was authorized. The tract will be put up for auction at the August council meeting and a minimum price of \$4,000 was set. Councilman George Hendricks said the move was an attempt to place unused city land back on the tax rolls.

A contract for 1,000 tons of bituminous material for the street blacktopping program was awarded to Trap Rock Industries of Kingston at a cost of \$7,250.

Specifications were approved for new sidewalks and curbs on Lee Avenue. The project is part of the Feaster Park Code Enforcement program.

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New Brunswick School Fate Remains in Doubt

Representatives of New Brunswick, North Brunswick and Milltown will meet again to try to resolve their differences over North Brunswick's bid to build its own high school.

Board of Education attorney and some board members from the three municipalities met yesterday with Dr. William Shine, assistant commissioner of education without resolving the issue.

North Brunswick and Milltown send high school students to New Brunswick. The effort by North Brunswick to go it alone has been resisted by the other two towns on the basis that it will result in a racial imbalance in the existing New Brunswick High School.

Also unresolved after yesterday's meeting is whether the Department of Education will allow construction to begin on North Brunswick's proposed school.

Construction bids were opened by the North Brunswick Board of Education June 10. The board has 30 days

in which to award the bids, which makes Saturday the deadline.

If the contracts are not awarded the bids become invalid and if the school is to be built, the project must be rebid. Jack Borrus, attorney for the North Brunswick board, has claimed rebidding could cost the township 10 per cent of construction costs, or about \$700,000.

Milltown has asked Commissioner of Education Carl Marburger to block construction on a separate North Brunswick school in favor of a regional school district.

In a ruling handed down June 24, the State Supreme Court said Marburger does have the authority to order a regional school districting to preserve racial balance in the schools.

The test case involved the municipalities of Morristown and Morris Township. The township, predominantly white, sought to build its own high school and was challenged by Morristown.

According to Mrs. Olga Panca, president of the Milltown school board, Marburger still is reluctant to use

such authority in the New Brunswick-North Brunswick-Milltown case.

Mrs. Panca said the municipalities were told yesterday the commissioner wishes representatives to meet again to try to reach a mutual agreement.

She and Terrill Brenner, attorney for the New Brunswick board confirmed the three towns have agreed to such a session, but a specific date has not yet been set.

Brenner also said the commissioner's office is expected to rule "in a couple of days" on whether North Brunswick may award the bids for construction of the high school.

New Brunswick previously agreed with North Brunswick to allow school construction to begin pending a final decision by Marburger on the fundamental question of regionalization and racial balance.



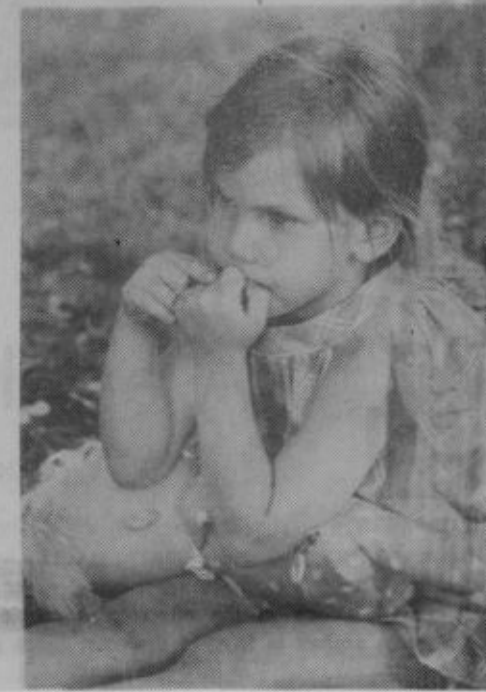
The Magic of 'Once Upon a Time...'



Youngsters at yesterday's story hour at New Brunswick Free Public Library are obviously under the spell of the tale being told by Mrs. Ellen Cassidy. The rapt listeners—aged 3 to 7—are gathered 'round the librarian on the lawn near the Henry Guest House.



Home News Photos By Dick Costello



Spinning Tales by Sunlight

NEW BRUNSWICK — A quiet, secluded corner of the Free Public Library property on Livingston Avenue is providing the setting for one of the less energetic, yet equally entertaining portions of the city's summer program for its youngsters.

There, while the bustle of baseball games, swimming and arts and crafts activity goes on elsewhere in the city, Mrs. Ellen Cassidy, head of the library's children's department, conducts a story-telling hour on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for children, aged 3 to 12.

The program, which began yesterday, is divided into two parts. On Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m., it is geared toward children up to age 7; and another is held Thursdays at the same time for older children.

A children's movie program, featuring fairy tales and classics such as "The Red Balloon," is held on Wednesday afternoons, and Mrs. Cassidy said up to 75 children can be accommodated at a time. Other films are available for showing

to other youth groups in the city. The librarian said appointments for these viewings should be made three days in advance and a catalogue of the library's films is available on request.

The library also runs a Vacation Reading Club for children. As an incentive, Mrs. Cassidy said prizes are awarded to those children who have read eight books by the end of the summer.

The children's librarian, who is being assisted by Miss Nancy Hall for the summer, said a "Family Night" will be held July 28 at 7:30 p.m. to explain to parents what kind of services the library provides for their children.

In addition, the library's bookmobile will be traveling to the parks, housing projects and recreation program sites on a regular basis for the summer.

The library hours for the summer are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Friday. It will be closed on weekends.

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City Tests Next Step For New Parking Deck

NEW BRUNSWICK — The city Parking Authority is expected to take test borings of the soil in the Bayard, Liberty and Neilson Street area within the next two or three weeks in order to begin constructing its proposed \$2 million parking deck.

Fred Burke, executive director of the authority, said the borings will be the first step toward constructing the planned multi-deck parking facility for more than 500 cars.

Burke said he expects construction to begin either this fall or next spring. The \$2 million will be raised through a bond issue.

The three-to-five story pavilion is the first major piece of

construction the authority has undertaken since it achieved autonomy in December 1969.

It is expected to alleviate the "dire" need for more parking space in the downtown area, according to Parking Authority Chairman Jack Gushin.

Last September, when the authority announced plans for the pavilion and presented a scale model, Gushin said 200 of the 500 parking spaces would be rented to local merchants for parking for their employees. The others would be for public use, he said.

Original plans called for the parking deck to be completed this fall. Construction was to have started in the spring. In September, Gushin explained

that the 1971 completion date was "a trifle optimistic" but within the realm of reality.

The building will be constructed so that if more parking space is needed, more decks will be added to the building.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, who attended the September meeting, said then that the city had considered adding another level to the Church street parking deck but when the bids were received, they were too high. The mayor said the bids covered the actual construction work and the added cost of strengthening the parking deck foundation.

The parking authority then turned to plans for the \$2 million parking pavilion.

Three-Way Urbnew?

July 9, 1971 By GEORGE TRAPP Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — The strong possibility that sponsorship of the George Street Urban Renewal Project may go to an outside firm instead of two local groups vying for the contract was raised today by Housing Authority Chairman Frank Josay.

The chairman had said yesterday he was attempting to achieve a merger of The Urban League and the Raritan Valley Foundation proposals, the two New Brunswick groups still in contention. He declined at that time to name the third group.

However, he said today the strongest proposal the authority had received was from Shalita Inc. of Trenton, a firm which owns or manages some 1,400 properties in the state.

Josay said he decided to release details of Shalita's proposal because of the amount of publicity given the other two prospective sponsors. "We don't want to spring a surprise on the people of New Brunswick," he said.

The chairman said Shalita's plan was "much stronger in our minds" than either of the two local proposals. Attempts to merge the two local groups are designed to see if even that could compare with the Trenton group, he said.

The latter group has proposed clusters of two-and-one-half story garden apartment complexes with a total of approximately 240 units. It was designed by Gerber & Panconi, an architectural firm from Springfield.

Shalita already owns several local properties, including Quentin Gardens in this city, Adelaide Gardens in Highland Park, Colonial Gardens in Trenton and Cromwell Terrace in Newark.

Josay said the firm is a limited profit organization and each of its properties is completely rented. In addition, he said the firm has 30 years of experience, in contrast to the two local groups which are entering the housing business for the first time.

"The others have received all the headlines, but I think this one is stronger," he said. "I don't think the other two know the caliber of the firm they're up against. We wanted to give serious consideration to a local group, but if there's no merger, here isn't much we can do."

The chairman said he "absolutely" plans to meet again with Shalita after his meeting with the executive board of the Urban League next week. Should there be no merger, one of the local groups will be dropped from consideration and a comparison of Shalita versus the other will be made before a final decision.

Another possibility is that all of the proposals will be thrown out and the entire project will be rebid.

Shalita's proposal is comparable to the others as far as completion time, costs, and number of units is concerned, Josay said. But it is the firm's success on its projects in the past which has made it the strongest candidate.

The firm is headed by Paul Shalita, a Trenton attorney, whom Josay described as "having tremendous potential for having a great effect on the future of housing in the state."

Urban League President Roy Epps has completely rejected the idea of a merger with Raritan Valley in the past, but Josay said yesterday he still is hopeful next week's meeting can achieve that.

Both local firms have claimed they are representative of the community in which the project will be located, and the Urban League has claimed it is the only one which represents those who are being displaced by the urban renewal project.

Josay said an added feature of Shalita's proposal is that it includes one group as both sponsor and general contractor. Both the Urban League and Raritan Valley, while acting as sponsors, will have to bring in firms to do the actual construction work.

The twolocal proposals also aim for eventual co-type setups, while Shalita's proposals is for a profit making complex. All three groups will build on a tax-paying basis.

North Brunswick awaits OK for new high school

Newark Star-Ledger, July 12, 1971

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state Education Commissioner Carl Marburger, who has yet to rule on the running controversy between North Brunswick and Milltown and New Brunswick.

Jack Borrus, attorney for the township school board, said yesterday he is still waiting to hear from Marburger on whether he has approved the bids totaling \$7 million which were opened June 18.

North Brunswick had expected to begin construction by July 1, but New Brunswick and Milltown have been appealing to Marburger and through the courts. Their Superior Court suits were dismissed and the issue referred to Marburger's office.

New Brunswick, the receiving district, has a growing black student population. North Brunswick and Milltown, the sending districts, are predominately white.

Milltown and New Brunswick officials contend that racial imbalance is the obvious result if North Brunswick is permitted to build its own high school. But, North Brunswick argues that it is making the move because conditions are overcrowded at New Brunswick.

The State Supreme Court ruled recently in the Morris-town-Morris Township case that Marburger can order mergers, regionalizations and continued sending-receiving district relationships to maintain racial balance.

Borrus said the board wants to keep the public fully informed on the controversy and solicits questions from the floor at tonight's meeting in Linwood School.

BLouSTEIN LAUDS 'URBAN CLASSIC'

Rutgers game draws early cheers

By ROBERT M. HERBERT

Dr. Edward J. Bloustein, president-elect of Rutgers University, yesterday hailed the upcoming "Urban Classic" football contest between Rutgers and Morgan State as a "perfect illustration" of the type of role universities can play in overcoming the urban crisis.

The game, which will be played Nov. 27 at Rutgers Stadium in New Brunswick, is being sponsored by the Greater Newark Chamber of Commerce and the United Community Services of Central New Jersey.

Eighty per cent of the proceeds are to be used to fund recreation programs in each of Newark's five wards.

"This is a new way of playing ball for the people's needs," said Bloustein, who has promised to have Rutgers become more actively involved in serving the needs of the urban community.

Speaking at a promotional luncheon in Newark, Bloustein said, "If this nation is going to solve its problems, it is going to solve them in its urban universities."

"We have to create urban institutions of higher education which will help this nation meet its challenges."

He said the "Urban Classic" is a "perfect application" of this concept.

"This is making football relevant," he declared.

The luncheon was held in the Prudential Building in Newark. Among those attending were New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Sheehan. Those from Newark included Council President Louis Turco, South Ward Councilman Sharpe James, Central Ward Councilman Dennis Westbrook, Police Director John Redden, Corporation Counsel William Walls and Recreation Coordinator Joyce Davison.

Newark Mayor Kenneth Gibson was represented by Deputy Mayor Joseph Frisina.

Guests at the luncheon were Rutgers football coach John Bateman and Morgan coach Earl Banks. Mrs. Sheehan thanked the

approximately 100 business and community leaders at the luncheon for their "concern" and their "willingness to foster this kind of activity."

She said, "What happens in our cities is in fact important to all of us." She described the "Urban Classic" as a "noteworthy milestone in all of our efforts" to combat the urban crisis.

Frisina said he believes the game will enable Newark "to plan a much better coordinated recreation program for 1972" and will "especially" benefit the inner-city child who is looking toward his senior year in high school or is trying to get his money together for college.

Al DeRogatis, radio and television sports personality and a vice president of Prudential, said "it took the better part of two years" to arrange the "Urban Classic."

He said the result, however, "has been the recognition by two major educational institutions that the urban problem is everyone's business."

The purpose of yesterday's luncheon was to enlist the aid of business and community leaders in selling 28,000 tickets at \$10 each.

A portion of the money will go to civic services in New Brunswick and Piscataway Township. Eighty per cent will go directly to Newark for the recreation program. Estimates of Newark's share of the receipts have gone as high as \$200,000.



Clasping hands at the 'Urban Classic' luncheon are, left to right, Rutgers football coach John Bateman; Morgan State football coach Earl Banks, and Al DeRogatis, Prudential vice president in charge of community relations

Photo by Richard Testlan

Cloudy tonight, low about 70. More variable clouds tomorrow, high 85 to 90. Chance of showers late in day or at night tomorrow.

Murphy's Fame Plan Set for Spring

NEW BRUNSWICK — Construction of the National Football Foundation's Hall of Fame may begin in the spring of 1972 if \$3.34 million can be raised by Jan. 1, according to the foundation's newly elected president.

George L. Murphy, former U.S. Senator from California, told representatives of local government, Rutgers University, the industrial community and the news media, that \$1.3 million has been raised to date for the national football shrine.

Murphy said Jan. 1 has been set as the target date for completing financial arrangements and construction may start in the spring of 1972.

Speaking of the overall objective of \$5 million, Murphy said, "When we have two-thirds of that sum in, we'll be ready for actual construction." By that, he said, founda-

tion officials will be ready to award contracts for the Hall of Fame structure.

After passing around photos of the architect's conception of the Hall of Fame, Murphy declared: "I believe it will take place—I will know definitely within three months. We have \$1.3 million now and I'm shooting for an additional \$1.5 million in cash and irrevocable pledges."

The latest renderings show a replica of a football field, surrounded by flags and other ornaments, leading to the Hall of Fame structure. It is planned for a 10-acre site a short place-kick away from the Rutgers University stadium. Adjacent to it is the contemplated sports center that will provide Rutgers with a long needed multi-purpose enclosure to accommodate crowds of upwards of 10,000 for basketball, etc.

"Raising funds will not be easy," Murphy explained matter-of-factly, "but I see this year as a particularly good one for our purpose."

He alluded to new federal laws that will make thousands of tax-free foundations susceptible to changes in distribution of their vast resources. "And I think there are many foundations with football-minded folk who can be induced to make sizable contributions," Murphy added.

Listed with the foundations as the possible source of major donations are the National Football Coaches Association, and the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Murphy has initiated fund-raising plans in the three latter organizations and will delegate operations in these fields to top-level men in the sport. Mentioned as coordinators in

these efforts were Tom Hamilton of Navy and Forrest Evashevski, of Michigan.

Reaction to Murphy's presentation was most enthusiastic from his audience, particularly among those long identified with the oft-delayed Hall of Fame promotion.

Among those who expressed themselves as delighted with the prospects were Joseph Mammon, executive vice-president of the Raritan Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce and current mayor of East Brunswick. "He is the type of driving force we've needed for a long time," Mammon said. Mammon's words were echoed by Tony Marano, general manager of Station WCTC, who recalled

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HALL OF FAME DISCUSSION — George L. Murphy, president of the National Football Foundation, chats with Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan about the proposed Hall of Fame during yesterday's luncheon at the Rutgers Alumni-Faculty Club. At right is Chester LaRoche, board chairman of the foundation.

Fame during yesterday's luncheon at the Rutgers Alumni-Faculty Club. At right is Chester LaRoche, board chairman of the foundation.



Huddle — George L. Murphy, president of the National Football Foundation, right, outlines the game plan for building the Football Hall of Fame before yesterday's luncheon at the Rutgers Alumni-Faculty Club. From left are Mayor Joseph Mammon of East Brunswick; William Richardson, Raritan Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce president, Chester Zdrodowski of South River, and Piscataway Mayor O. W. Bennett.

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many false starts for the Hall of Fame during his 20-year-affiliation with the project.

Likewise, Edward Bonus and former South River Mayor Chester Zdrodowski, representing the Bill Denny Chapter of the Football Hall of Fame, found themselves captivated by the former U.S. senator from California.

"This could be the real beginning," Bonus said. Mayor O. W. Bennett of Piscataway and acting business administrator Bob Miller, chipped in with their congratulations for a well-ordered presentation.

Arthur S. Lane, general counsel for Johnson & Johnson and Mauro Checchio, assistant to the vice president, beamed as Murphy's plans unfolded, as did William M. Richardson, Raritan Valley C. of C. president. All have long awaited action of the Hall of Fame front.

Only Female Present

New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Sheehan, only feminine guest present, expressed her pleasure at being "a part of Sen. Murphy's party," and explained she was present to make a pitch for her city as the site of the Hall of Fame.

"After all, it was in New Brunswick that the first game was played and the actual site is still available," she declared, noting the Rutgers gymnasium could be converted to an admirable Hall of Fame building.

Murphy, gracefully ducked the mayor's issue by stating his job was to raise money to build the Hall of Fame, not select its site. He promised, however, to see the mayor's proposal would go before the executive committee of the National Football Foundation at its next meeting, Aug. 15.

Murphy moved on New Brunswick from Trenton where he paid a "courtesy call" on Governor William T. Cahill yesterday morning.

There he was told the governor wanted to take a "hard look" at the inner workings of the National Football Foundation before he throws his support to the reinvested Hall of Fame.

Murphy told his New Brunswick audience, "I'll provide the governor with all the information he has requested as quickly as possible. We want him in our corner helping us with the Hall of Fame."

The governor and the ex-senator are former Washington colleagues; Cahill is a New Jersey congressman, Murphy as a California member of the Senate.

Like The Phoenix, New Neighborhood Will Rise From Old

By RICHARD GORMAN
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — Years ago it was an Italian neighborhood but like many areas of center cities, its complexion slowly changed from white to black.

And as the complexion changed, so did the community. The neat rows of frame

houses developed what city planners call "urban blight," and before long the city administration realized only massive doses of money could stop the infectious spread.

The injection came in the form of a three-year federal grant which officials of the Feaster Park Development Program are administering to some of the 1,500 homeowners

and tenants who live in the 33-block area of the city's second ward.

The \$878,596 grant from the federal department of Housing and Urban Development is being used to help second ward residents improve their homes and properties.

It's part of a massive effort to change the face of the neighborhood; an effort, which,

when finished, will include improved housing, properties, streets, curbs, sidewalks, new trees and street signs, and property values.

Donald Dykstra, the 31-year-old project director, said the program is entering the first phase of the public improvement portion.

Bidding is expected to take place early in August for installation of curbs and sidewalks along a 10-block stretch of Lee Avenue between Welton and Sanford Streets.

When this has been accomplished, Dykstra said, the avenue will be repaved.

Last Step: Trees & Signs
The Public Service Electric & Gas Co. has already installed new gas mains on Lee Avenue, he said. The facelift will be completed when new trees and street signs are installed next spring.

The federal program, administered with the aid of state and local government, is part of New Brunswick's updated code enforcement program.

Before improvements are authorized, city inspectors review each home, checking for building, plumbing and electrical code violations and suggest ways of improving the house. The homeowner can apply to the development program at its headquarters in a former general store at 138 Throop Ave., for a loan or grant to finance the improvement.

Loans of up to \$17,000 are available at 3 per cent interest, Dykstra said, and federal grants up to \$4,500 may also be obtained through his office.

Loans are normally approved in a 60-to 90-day period for those contractors whose work has been found satisfactory by the agency.

Dykstra, who holds an M.A. in city and regional planning from Rutgers University, lives in the area which is now undergoing renovation.

The ordained minister said he bought his house at 150 Townsend St., because it was the house he and his family wanted to buy, not because it was in the renewal area.

His is only one of an estimated 750 buildings in the 123-acre area. Of that number, 641 are considered residential, encompassing some 1,300 dwelling units; 57 are commercial or industrial and 20 are to be demolished.

Dykstra feels the project has been accepted in the community, which is now composed chiefly of black and Spanish-speaking residents. Since the Throop Avenue office opened in January, 24 applications for loans or grants have been made and an equal number of persons have inquired about the program.

Dykstra, who works for the city's Bureau of Inspections, said his \$11,500 annual salary is paid from a \$20,000 state grant—part of the state's share of the project.

Inspections Stepped Up
Dykstra said the bureau is stepping up its inspections of properties in the area and speculated this should lead to more applications for renovation.

The code enforcement program has been in effect in New Brunswick since 1965 when Congress passed an amendment to the Housing Act of 1949. The measure proved to be the first official federal involvement in municipal housing.

Dykstra and his staff of eight attacked the renewal project in steps, singling out and concentrating on a 16-block area at first.

By late spring, it had been completed, and in May, the city moved to the second step,

the area located between Commercial and Lee Avenues and Baldwin and Svydam Streets.

The final move on the city's part was an intensification of its attack on those violating the codes. In particular, the city is cracking down on absentee landlords, some of

whom charge high rents and do not return any portion of it to home repairs.

A maximum fine of \$500 can be levied against landlords found to be violating any of the city's code ordinances under the strict building code regulations.



FACELIFT — Donald Dykstra, right, project director of the Feaster Park Development Program, and Louis Diggs, who is associated with the program, inspect a section of Lee Avenue curbing where new

curbs and sidewalks are to be installed as part of the program. Dykstra administers the \$800,000 federal program for a 33-block area of the city's second ward.

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REVIEWING PLANS — Donald Dykstra, director of the Feaster Park Development Program, reviews the program's plans with New Brunswick Mayor Patricia

Q. Sheehan. The house in the background on Lee Avenue is one of those which has been renovated through the federal program.

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Pedestrian Traffic Light Under Study

By RICHARD GORMAN
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK—The city Traffic Commission is studying several possibilities for improving pedestrian safety on Livingston Avenue following the death of an 80-year-old woman who was struck by a car while crossing the avenue.

Milton Strauss, chairman of the commission, said one possibility is installing a pedestrian traffic light at Livingston Avenue and Elizabeth Street to allow pedestrians to cross from the Pantry Pride Shopping Center to the Livingston Gardens apartment complex. The light would be operated by pedestrians.

Strauss said the pedestrian light would be located about 500 feet north of the traffic light at Nassau Street, North Brunswick, and would probably not be approved by the state.

This would mean the city would pay the full cost — between \$8,000 and \$9,000 — to install the light, he said.

In the meantime, a pedestrian crosswalk has been ap-

proved for the area, he said, and lines were painted across the avenue Tuesday morning.

The commission also is studying the possibility of making Elizabeth Street one way between Livingston Avenue and Joyce Kilmer Avenue. That would route all traffic from the shopping center onto Joyce Kilmer Avenue and ease the traffic flow on Livingston Avenue.

A third possibility is the installation of a traffic light at Livingston Avenue and Lawrence Street to slow traffic before it reaches the shopping center intersection.

While city and police officials have agreed for years upon the need for another Livingston Avenue traffic light, Strauss said, the exact location for the light had never been determined.

Other proposals advanced by the commission include making the shopping center entrance on Livingston Avenue an entrance only and providing more police patrols for the avenue.

Police Director John O'Brien, who attended the meeting

along with New Brunswick Municipal Court Judge Meyer Cohn, said radar patrols of the street would be increased. Livingston Avenue has long been a popular strip for drag-racing.

The increased attention to safety was the direct result of the death of Mrs. Josephine DiStefano of 53 Loretta St., who was struck and killed by a car near Elizabeth Street July 10 at 9 a.m.

Shortly after the accident, Police Chief Ralph Petrone said the accident emphasized the need for a light at the intersection.

The chief said he has advocated placing a traffic light at Livingston Avenue and Elizabeth Street, but the state Department of Transportation has rejected his plea.

"Anyone crossing the avenue in that area is really putting his or her life on the line," he said.

When the commission completes its study of possible alternatives, it will make recommendations to the City Council, Strauss said.

City Residents Batter Rt. 18 Extension Plan

By BRIEN LEE
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — More than 150 people barraged N.J. Transportation Department representatives and Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan with speeches, queries and suggested alternatives to the state's planned Route 18 extension at an "information meeting" at city hall last night.

Crowded together in the muggy and breezy chambers, spokesmen for student and citizen committees, residents of streets affected by the state's plans and legislators questioned the necessity of a new Raritan River crossing and access, from the new Route 18 highway leading onto the sixth ward's Huntington Street.

The state's plan calls for widening Memorial Parkway, or Route 18, from New Street with an elevated road over the Albany Street traffic circle which would continue to a new bridge crossing the Raritan River into Piscataway.

The highway would force the canal to be covered up — a conduit would replace it — and parkland in Piscataway would be crossed by the road.

Ecological Reasons Voiced

Last night the department and mayor heard many ecological arguments against the highway plan.

The department is waiting approval from the Department of Environmental Protection's Natural Resources Council. It also is awaiting a decision from the Coast Guard concerning what will have jurisdiction of the waters under the proposed crossover.

Many more arguments were heard, however, in favor of the Cooper Bright plan, named for a Rutgers transportation expert, which — according to its supporters, would eliminate the need for destroying the canal or gobbling up parkland.

The plan would call for widening the George Street bridge to six lanes, with traffic crossing under the bridge to a widened River Road. Route 18 would be extended under Albany Street as it approaches the bridge, and a cloverleaf arrangement similar to the state's plan would be used around the Albany Street circle area.

Fred D. DePhillips, Transportation department assistant commissioner in charge of highways, spent a good portion of the meeting trying to prove that the department's highway plan was the soundest in terms of traffic and pollution.

Mayor Sheehan also answered a number of charges that she was not serving suburban, rather than urban, interests in acceptance of the state's plan up to this point.

But by the end of the 3½ hours of the meeting, many audience members had championed the alternate

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ROUTE 18 FORUM — New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan fields a question during last night's forum in council chambers on the proposed Route 18 extension. The debate continued with no agreement. From left are

Home News Photo by Harold Rosenthal
Fred C. DePhillips, assistant highway commissioner; the mayor; Victor Racine, city councilman;

City Residents Criticize Plans For Planned Rt. 18 Extension

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alignment, computed more than four years ago, which claims to save \$11 million over the state's plan.

The state representatives, however, told objectors that they were committed to their "highway 18" plan, and they would stick with the overall concept.

Following much discussion of children's safety and the need for stop lights in the area of the sixth ward's Huntington Street, DePhillips told the crowd that the department would return to Trenton to re-evaluate the need of a stop light in the area which borders Buccleuch Park.

165 Cars Went By

Early in the meeting, the department offered traffic count figures for a number of roads onto which exits and entrances for the new highway would be built.

Based on the peak hours of 5 and 6, a total of 165 cars passed through Huntington Street on July 22, it reported. Based on these figures, the highway division reported that the thoroughfare could expect an average of 430 cars per hour in 1985, if the freeway were constructed, and 350 if it were not. The road could accept, it added, 600 cars per hour.

DePhillips said the new thoroughfare could expect 23,000 cars per day and it could handle that easily.

However, Forrest Markowitz, the president of the Rutgers Student Committee on Route 18, told the board that two recent studies by two engineering firms both concurred that traffic through the route would be estimated at 70,000 cars per day.

The Cooper Bright plan could easily accommodate such a figure, while the state's plan, Markowitz claimed, could not.

Mayor Sheehan answered charges from Bruce Newling, a City University of New York professor, who lives on 48 Huntington St., as to how the mayor plans to protect the interests of residents affected by the highway.

During the meeting she told Newling, a member of Citizen's Committee For Environmental Protection, that the highway had been planned long before her administration took office, but she hoped the project would stop "traffic clogging our streets that doesn't want to be in the city."

Later she said, "My dedication is to urban New Brunswick. I don't want any area of New Brunswick to suffer from this, but I don't want us to strangle ourselves, either."

Republican Freeholder Francis J. Coury, a state Senate candidate, told DePhillips he was not satisfied with the amount of information the department has given citizens who could be affected by the highway.

He noted that the department had not — to his knowledge — reviewed the Cooper Bright plan. He asked DePhillips for specific information concerning decibel levels, or noise loudness, which would result from each plan, and DePhillips said he had none, but he knows the state's plan would be less noisy.

Coury, however, asked why the department is not willing to supply specifics.

"Are the ramps at Huntington Avenue an open and shut case now?" asked Middlesex County Republican Assemblyman Robert Haelig.

"We think they're necessary," replied DePhillips. DePhillips also told the audience in response to questions from Coury and Markowitz that a map of the Cooper Bright plan was altered by the department because they found it "unworkable."

DePhillips said the plan still is being studied by the board.

In addition, Mayor Sheehan told Markowitz that she would be happy to make an appointment with his group to review the plan, something he claimed that she would not do in past months.

Piscataway Councilman Robert Huben told the department representatives that because of his employment with a large trucking firm, he knows that many large firms have located in the Central Jersey area for "one reason alone, and that is distribution."

"Huntington Street in one area is bordered by a hospital. I have driven by that hospital and I know many others have in their trucks. Children will cross there into that beautiful park across the street."

He asked the department, "Please stay off Huntington Street, if only for the kids sake."

DePhillips told the audience at the end of the meet-

ing that the transportation department will review suggestions for traffic lights and other changes but they believe their plan "could and should" be implemented.

Cooper B. Bright, director for transportation studies at the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University, said following the meeting that he is convinced "the students of Rutgers and people of the sixth ward want it," referring to the plan he designed.

He added that he believes following public support of his plan at the meeting that the state department and the mayor would now review his plan in a new light and perhaps it might someday see implementation.

"They made a mistake in putting the new crossover where they now plan to have it, and they're trying to stick to a political mistake," he said.

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Puerto Ricans Happy

To the Editor:

On behalf of the members of the Puerto Rican Action Board of New Brunswick and many other fellow Puerto Ricans of this city and our neighboring communities, we want to thank publicly your newspaper, Radio Station WCTC, Mayor Patricia Sheehan, the New Brunswick Board of Education, and the Community Relations Bureau of the Police Department for their fine cooperation and support to make Puerto Rican Day in New Brunswick a very successful one.

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ELIGIO COLON,
JOSE GONZALEZ,
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ANTI-HIGHWAY — Bruce Newling, standing right, of the New Brunswick Citizens Committee for Environmental Protection, tells crowd at last night's Route 18 forum that the highway extension should not be built because of

danger to the ecology of the area. In center at front is Middlesex County Freeholder Director George Orlowski. Seated at Orlowski's right is Assemblyman Robert K. Haelig.

Plaza Backers Say They May Pull Out

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By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK—The oft-promised development of the city's midtown Plaza site may have come to a halt following disclosure this week by the project's backers that they are seeking to pull out of their commitment.

As late as April of this year officials of the New Brunswick Urban Renewal Corp., had said they were working toward construction of a second office building on the 10-acre site bordered by George and New streets and Memorial Parkway.

However, on Monday of this week Washington attorney Herbert S. Colton, one of the firm's three principals, told two local representatives of the Sports Arena Study Committee he had no plans for further development and would cooperate in making the site available for the arena.

That statement was confirmed in a letter received here yesterday, which Colton said was written after consultation with the other two principals, Wallace Johnson and Stewart Balmum.

"They have confirmed my statement to you that we would be agreeable, subject, of course, to the approval of the Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick and to the approval of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and provided appropriate agreement can be

reached for reimbursement of the substantial sums we have invested in the project thus far," Colton wrote.

The letter was released by Frank M. Deiner Jr., chairman of the sports arena site availability subcommittee, who had visited Colton in Washington Monday along with Joseph Mammon, executive vice president of the Raritan Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce.

The backers of the Plaza project had been scheduled to meet with the city's Housing and Redevelopment Authority last month. Authority Chairman Frank Josay said the meeting had been called "to see what if anything we can expect from these developers."

However, the meeting was cancelled by the three men and another meeting was scheduled for September.

Colton said in his letter to Deiner and Mammon he was sending a copy to Josay for consideration prior to that September meeting.

Colton was unavailable for comment yesterday. But Deiner said at Monday's meeting with the attorney the tight money market plus "security problems" at the Plaza Site had led the backers to be skeptical of any further development.

In addition, the attorney had said the corporation was not receiving enough re-

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venue from the present office building to make any further construction worthwhile, according to Deiner.

The corporation holds a 99-year lease with the Housing Authority for the 10 acre site at a cost of \$45,000 per year. That lease and real estate taxes on the present building consume 30 per cent of the gross income from the building, Colton had said.

Deiner said the purpose of his meeting was to explore one of the possible sites for the sports arena if it is eventually built in the downtown area.

But he said he had not expected the attorney would be so receptive to another use for his parcel of land.

While there are a few other sites he would like to explore in the downtown area, Deiner said, he is heartened by the fact that there is at least the one site available.

"Actually if the arena is built, there,

the city will be fortunate to have another project to put on the site, especially if it is built on a tax-producing basis," he said.

In addition to the \$45,000 annual rent to the Housing Authority, Colton and his associations had been paying \$107,000 in taxes on the office building and \$29,900 in taxes on the vacant land.

The project was to include, in addition to a second office building, a 10-story motel, two parking decks and a plaza area for stores between the two office buildings.

City officials at one point had projected an annual income of \$500,000 in tax revenues from the property when development was completed.

Deiner said during Monday's discussion there had been no mention made of seeking reimbursement "for the substantial sums" invested in the project so far by the developers. But he added it was likely any businessman would attempt to recoup his losses in such a manner.

Blues In Park

NEW BRUNSWICK — The "Warm Blues" rock band will provide the entertainment for the eighth in the series of concerts in Buccleuch Park tomorrow at 7 p.m.

The concerts, presented free in charge of the bandshell, are provided under the cooperation of the New Brunswick Recreation Department and Local 204, the American Federation of Musicians.

Recreation Superintendent Alec Baker said the "Warm Blues," a "semi-local" group of musicians, will present a program of modern rock music.

City May Seize Plaza Building

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — Caught off guard by the news that developers of the city's Plaza site want to drop the project, the Housing Authority is considering a breach of contract action, which may include taking title to an office building currently on the site.

The Washington-based developers, who lease the 10-acre site through their New Brunswick Urban Renewal Plaza Development Corp., told members of the local Sports Arena Steering Committee last week they had no further plans for the site and were seeking to pull out of the city.

However, Housing Authority attorney Carl Valenti said today that lease called for completion of construction at the plaza site by the Spring of 1973, and that failure to do so would constitute a breach of contract.

In addition to the office building already there, the developers were to construct a motel, a retail shopping complex, a second office building and two parking decks.

Valenti said a superficial reading of the more than 100-page lease indicates that any failure to comply with its terms could allow the authority to terminate the contract and take title to any buildings already on the site.

The development firm, which includes Washington developers Wallace Johnson, Stewart Bainum and Herbert S. Colton, had scheduled a meeting with the Housing Authority for mid-September before announcing their intentions of pulling out of the city.

Previous meetings had been set for June and July, but the developers sought postponements and claimed they had "nothing to report" at those times.

The original disclosure that the group wished to pull out of the project came in a meeting last Monday between Colton and Frank M. Deiner Jr. and Joseph Mammon of the sports arena committee.

The two latter men traveled to Washington to discuss the availability of the site for the arena and were told they would have the full cooperation of the plaza developers for a sports arena.

This was confirmed later in the week in letters to Deiner and Frank Josay, chairman of the Housing Authority.

Josay said the announcement came as a complete surprise to him, but added he would be willing to sit down with the sports arena group and discuss their plans.

"We have told them before we would be willing to discuss the issue and see just what they have in mind," he said. "However, we have no formal request for a meeting yet. I would like to see what the developers have to say about the project first."

Valenti said he is studying the voluminous lease agreement to determine just what options the Housing Authority will have when it meets with the developers.

"The developers likely will seek some sort of amendment to the lease which will allow them to negotiate with the sports arena people for the site and possibly recoup their losses," he said. "This could possibly prevent a breach of contract."

However, the attorney added such an arrangement would necessitate filing a new set of plans with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, if it received the approval of the local authority.

The current lease calls for a \$45,000 a year payment to the authority for use of the 10 acres, plus tax payments to the city for both the land and the office building.

The developers claimed in a letter to Josay these payments took some 30 per cent of the gross income from the building, and made it financially a rather unproductive venture.

Valenti said another aspect he is studying through which the authority could sue the developers is the "anticipatory breach of contract."

He said under the contract as it stands, the authority may have to wait until Spring 1973 before it could sue the developers. But under the anticipatory breach, the authority could sue if it seemed likely there was no possibility of the developers fulfilling the contract by the deadline.

"With the amount of construction they have before them, it seems highly unlikely they could ever complete it by the deadline," he said.

Josay said the authority has no other developers at present for the site, other than the expression of some interest by the sports arena committee.

But Valenti said with the See PLAZA, Page 9

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Plaza News Is Blow to City

The optimism of April has apparently dried up, and the developers of New Brunswick's midtown Plaza Project now want out.

New Brunswick has been waiting for a long time for the full development of the downtown Plaza site, but there was reason to hope the oft-promised second stage of construction was practically around the corner.

Now the developers are willing and eager to make the 10-acre site available for other kinds of development by other interests, and they do not seem happy about profits from the present office building.

The reluctance of the developers to go forward with their plans is a real blow to the city's hopes for revitalization of that area and for the increased tax revenues that would result from full development.

As originally conceived, the site would contain a second office building, a 10-story motel, two parking decks and a plaza area for small shops between the office buildings. Tax revenues had been projected at \$500,000 a year, and the completed project would have given New Brunswick a new look and a new lift.

Disappointing as this latest turn of events is, it should not signal the end of the city's efforts to develop this prime site. The city has not been successful in its attempts to have the area revitalized with "outside" capital, but it may now be time to look for developers closer to home.

A searching re-examination of the entire Plaza project is required now, and it should begin immediately. New Brunswick can and must be revitalized and renewed, but the task will demand new resources—financial and creative—and a lot of hard work.

Firehouse Contracts to Be Let Next Week

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — Construction of the new Rutgers Village firehouse should begin within the next month after the City Council awards the five contracts for the work at a special meeting next Wednesday.

The total of the contracts will be \$211,121, approximately \$64,000 below the amount budgeted by the city.

City Clerk William Cahill said today in all cases the contracts will be awarded to the low bidders. However, the city will save some \$1,200 by having the Water Department extend lines to the new building instead of including that in the contract.

Other optional parts of the contract, for which the city accepted separate bids on July 27, are included in the total price. These items include finishing the sitework, a glazed exterior surface to the building and extension of the sanitary sewer system.

Cahill said the start of construction likely will be preceded by an official groundbreaking ceremony at the Burnet Street site, near the entrance to Rutgers Village. Plans for that ceremony will be delayed until next week, after Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan returns from vacation.

Cahill is acting mayor in Mrs. Sheehan's absence. The special meeting for the award of the contracts will be at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday. The firehouse likely will be the sole item on the agenda.

The Dan Smalley Construction Co. of Edison will receive the general construction contract for \$133,500. That was one of 11 firms bidding for the contract and is the same company which built the recently completed Oak Tree firehouse in Edison.

State law requires that on publicly bid contracts, the award be given to the "lowest, responsible bidder." Cahill said the council had determined that all the low bidders were responsible ones.

The structural steel contract will be awarded to the J. G. Schmidt Iron Works of Passaic, the sole company from outside Middlesex County to be awarded part of the job. The company's price for the work is \$10,130.

Sig-Shor Inc. of Sayreville will receive the general plumbing contract, which includes extension of the sanitary sewer. Its price is \$22,291. City officials had hoped to have the Public Works Department work on the sewer hookups, but Cahill said the department lacked the proper equipment to do the job.

The contract for heating, ventilating and air conditioning will be given to D. C. Rodner Inc. of South Brunswick at a cost of \$26,975. That firm also

had been the low bidder for the general plumbing, but with the cost of the sewer tie-in added, Sig-Shor came in approximately \$500 lower.

James H. DeLapine Inc. of Highland Park will be awarded the contract for electrical work at a price of \$15,750.

The building will include two engine bays, living quarters for the firemen and space for a police substation to be added at a later date.

The building was designed by the architectural firm of Eckert and Gatzert of South Brunswick. Although the new firehouse had been in the talking stage for almost 10 years, actual plans for its construction did not begin until a year ago.

The city administration had come in for some criticism after announcing the proposed cost of the new firehouse in May when some critics pointed to the \$150,000 total cost for the Oak Tree firehouse in Edison.

However, architect Donald Gatzert said when the bids were opened he felt the city was getting a bargain, since the local firehouse will contain approximately 20 per cent more space and was bid more than a year later.

Gatzert attributed the low bids to the general state of the construction industry today.

"We asked for bids at a time when the contractors really need the work, and I think the number of bids and lowness of them reflect this," he said.

Although the lack of building construction generally is attributed to the high interest rates, City Finance Director George Cox said the city may be able to save on those costs also by financing the firehouse on a temporary basis.

Such short-term financing normally is permitted for five years, with the bonds being renewed each year. Should the interest rates drop at any time during that period, the city could then sell its bonds on a long-term basis.

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Route 18 Exit Ramp Relocation Urged

NEW BRUNSWICK — Acceding to some of the demands of 6th Ward residents, the city administration has petitioned the state Department of Transportation to relocate a proposed exit ramp from the Route 18 extension away from its planned terminus on Huntington Street.

In a letter dated Monday, Councilmen George Hendricks Jr. and Robert Schulte, both 6th Ward residents, also asked that the exit be placed further down George Street "to a relocation through College Avenue."

Some extremely vocal residents of that area have been complaining for the past several months that the transportation department's plans would place a severe traffic burden on Huntington Street and destroy its residential character.

The exit ramp, as presently planned, is to terminate at George Street directly opposite the Huntington Street roadway. Residents of the area said that would cause all traffic headed for Franklin to come through Huntington Street to Easton Avenue.

Those objections, plus the continued outcry of Rutgers students opposed to the highway extension and officials of the Rutgers Center for Transportation Studies, led the city administration to seek a meeting with the state two weeks ago.

Schulte said following that meeting, he and Hendricks decided to analyze the residents' complaints and restudy the transportation department's plans.

"Realistically, there wasn't very much we could do to change the plans at this point," he said. "But we felt if the ramp were moved further down George Street, to a point where it meets College Avenue, we may avoid the traffic problems on Huntington Street."

The councilmen also asked a feasibility study be made on the installation of traffic signals at Huntington and George streets and at Huntington Street and College Avenue.

Schulte, whose council seat will be the sole local office contested in this fall's election, has been acting as

the administration's unofficial spokesman on the Route 18 issue.

His and Hendricks' letter to the transportation department asked that the proposals be given prompt consideration, since the "mayor and council wish to carry information on these questions back to the people of New Brunswick."

Summer Concert Series Continues

NEW BRUNSWICK—The first concert of the Summer Musical Festival held Aug. 6 will be followed by three more concerts on consecutive Fridays this month.

The concert last Friday at Feaster Park, Handy Street and Commercial Avenue, and the remaining concerts, are sponsored by the Middlesex County Economic Opportunities Corporation, City Hall, Greater New Brunswick Community Development Corporation, Black Fathers Association, Neighborhood House, Black Steering Committee, Feaster Park Improvement Program, Urban League and the Police Relations Department.

Basically planned for the young citizens, the festivals will be performed by youths from the New Brunswick area and neighboring communities. Adults are invited to attend and support the youths.

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plans for the extension of Route 18 well under way, another firm may see the site as a prime location.

"We had expected the present firm was waiting for the completion of Route 18 to begin the rest of the work," he said. "And we thought that when the state announced its plans for the highway, we would have some good news from the developers, but it didn't work out that way."

City PBA Against Legal Fund Cut

By JOHN DORFMAN
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK—John Heslin, president of Police-men's Benevolent Association Local 23, says the PBA here is "very definitely against" the city's cutback in legal funds for the defense of policemen accused of crimes.

The city, taking advantage of a July 1 change in state law, has set up a maximum fee schedule for policemen's lawyers, and announced it will pay no legal expenses for policemen once they are indicted by a grand jury.

Heslin, who was indicted Aug. 13 along with an East Brunswick youth on a mutual assault charge, almost became the first victim of the new policy.

But he says Norris Harding, the city's director of law, has assured him that his defense will be funded, since the incident in question took place in March, before the new standards went into effect.

Harding told The Home News last week that the city has spent an estimated \$8,000 to \$10,000 defending approximately 26 policemen on criminal charges since last September. He said most of the cases were assault complaints lodged in municipal court.

Heslin said yesterday that the new standards "will put you in the position where you're afraid to make an arrest."

"Today you get complaints all the time when you make

arrests—it's just the thing to do," the PBA president said.

It will be "up to the body" of PBA Local 23 what action—if any—to take against the fund cutback, Heslin said. He stated he is seeking further discussions with Harding to find out exactly what the city's motives are, and whether other cities are exercising their option to cut back legal funds for policemen's defense.

Under the new state statute, a municipality need not spend any money at all to defend a policeman accused of a crime, if it chooses not to. Previously, all municipalities were required to defend police at public expense.

Not Using Option

Many towns are not exercising their option to cut back police defense funds, and in many places the issue has not yet arisen since there have been no complaints against policemen since July 1.

In East Brunswick, Frank

Pasch, director of Public Safety, said there has been no change in policy. South River's borough attorney, Robert Rafano, said cases will be treated on an ad hoc basis as they come up.

Woodbridge's city clerk, Joseph V. Valenti, said there has been no change in Woodbridge's policy of defending policemen charged with crimes. Edison's counsel, Roland Winter, said he is unaware of any change in policy there.

Meanwhile, Heslin, while or-

ganizing a possible PBA struggle against the legal fund cutback, and awaiting trial on the assault charge, must also face a departmental hearing the first week in September on a charge of disobeying orders and subverting police department discipline.

The charges, signed by Police Chief Ralph C. Petrone, are that Heslin refused to conduct a bank escort on July 17, and threatened that anyone who did conduct the escort would be expelled from the PBA.

Federal Jobless Grant May Open 10 City Jobs

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — The city's allocation under the federal Emergency Employment Act may provide for up to 10 new jobs beginning next month, Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan said today.

The federal program, signed into law Aug. 9, is designed to combat unemployment through governmental hiring. The city was allocated \$100,000 Monday night as its part of the \$2.5 million package given to Middlesex County.

While the new employees will be hired by the city, the program is being administered by the county. The mayor said she must present a detailed plan to county officials next week on how the money will be expended.

"Right now we are trying to determine the areas of most

need," the mayor said. "We've been discussing different positions this week and we expect to have a decision by Monday or Tuesday."

The maximum salary allowed for any position is \$12,000 per year, and the city also must allow an additional 10 per cent per job for fringe benefits and pensions. The program will run until next June, but the mayor said she expects it to be refinanced at that time.

"But we're not making any commitment to continue the jobs if it is not refinanced," the mayor added.

City Finance Director George Cox, who attended the meeting Monday at which the program was explained, suggested that since the program only will run until June, the city may

be able to hire more than 10 people until then. He said the city is required to submit to the county by next Friday a job description, why the position is needed, the salary and fringe benefits for each position. The county then will coordinate the applications from each of the municipalities, in addition to its own positions, and submit them to the federal government by the following week.

The program is expected to start sometime in mid-September.

Cox said he expected all the positions will come under Civil Service, since both the county and city already are in that program.

"The positions probably will be limited life Civil Service

jobs, which means the people will be certified as permanent employees, but the jobs will have an expiration date," he said.

The program could be compared to the city's Feaster Park Improvement Program. The jobs in that program are scheduled to be terminated after three years.

Both Cox and the mayor said many of the city's departments have requested additional help, but a final decision will be made after Business Administrator William Saunders returns from vacation next week.

"We're also considering allocating some of the jobs to the Board of Education, since a large portion of our tax money already goes there," Mrs. Sheehan said.

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Foggy tonight, low in 50s.
Chance of showers tomorrow
afternoon, high around 80.
Cloudy Friday.
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U.S. Homes to Sponsor George Street Project

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK—Ten months of delays, broken or missed deadlines, pressures for a decision and attempts at mergers on the George Street Urban Renewal Project came to an end today when the city's Housing and Redevelopment Authority named its sponsor to develop the 11.63 acre tract.

The authority's unanimous choice is Soble Construction Co. — a division of U.S. Homes Corp., which was termed "one of the nation's 10 largest home builders."

The Urban Renewal area is bounded by Memorial Parkway, Commercial Avenue, Neilson and Oliver Streets.

The decision dealt a blow to the plans

of the Urban League of Greater New Brunswick and the Raritan Valley Community Development Foundation. Both are local groups which had applied for sponsorship of the urban renewal project.

Both also had brought pressure on the authority in recent weeks to make a decision. Officials of the Urban League said they presented a proposal last October and subsequently were given numerous deadlines for a decision, all of which were broken.

Even as the Housing Authority confirmed its decision, members of the staff of the Urban League were on their way to New York City today to confer with the national Urban League staff about possible legal measures against the Housing

Authority, including a federal investigation.

A spokesman at local Urban League headquarters said that C. Roy Epps, Urban League executive director, would discuss with national Urban League attorneys the possibility of preparing to file a suit against the Housing Authority.

The suit, the spokesman said, would be based on charges of "unethical practices" and long-term delays by the Housing Authority, plus a number of additional charges some involving handling of the Urban League's applications and alleged misuse of plans and photos of the league's development proposal.

He said the Urban League may also ask its national staff to call for a federal investigation by the office of Housing and

Urban Development. The spokesman noted that a similar investigation demanded by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is being made by HUD into the North Edison Urban Renewal program.

The league also claimed it had the support of residents of the urban renewal area—a factor which its officials claimed should have outweighed considerations for an outside developer.

However, the authority said it wanted a merger of the two local groups to see if the combined proposal would be stronger than that of the outside groups. Authority Chairman Frank Josay claimed the plan of Shalita, Inc. was stronger than either of the two local firms individually.

In a statement July 9, Josay termed the Shalita proposal "the strongest we have received." The Trenton based firm later withdrew itself from consideration, however, due to the illness of its chief principal.

While the authority continually said it wanted a merger of the two local groups, Urban League Director Roy Epps continually opposed it and said his group wanted to go it alone.

Josay said the project should be "substantially completed and occupied" within the next year. The total estimated construction cost is \$3.5 million.

Soble's proposal calls for the complete construction, renting and management of

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the housing project and includes a full tax return to the city.

The authority chairman said it will take a maximum of 120 days before actual construction begins. He said the time will be used by the developer to complete architectural work and financing, and by the authority to complete property acquisition, relocation and demolition activities in the first stage of the two-stage site.

Total construction time is estimated at nine months, however Josay said the first units should be ready for occupancy within seven months from the start of construction.

"Families and individuals relocated as a result of governmental programs underway in the City of New Brunswick will be given top priority for admission to the project," Josay said.

The authority's selection of Soble already has received the unanimous endorsement of Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, the City Council and the city Planning Board.

A spokesman for the firm described Soble Construction Corp. as a subsidiary of U.S. Homes, Inc. U.S. Homes has executive headquarters in West Orange and administrative headquarters in Clearwater, Fla. It is incorporated in Delaware.

Another division of U.S. Homes is called U.S. Homes of New Jersey, headquartered in Freehold. Although both firms are owned by the same parent company, there is no connection between the New Jersey division and Soble, which is headquartered in Pleasantville in Atlantic County.

The spokesman described Soble as "one of the nation's largest builders of low-income housing using government funds." Soble is considered the branch of U.S. Homes which deals specifically with building low income housing developments, he said.

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He said Soble was purchased last year by U.S. Homes. The firm's president is Jack Soble. The president of U.S. Homes of New Jersey is Herbert M. Hutt.

Formerly known as the U.S. Home and Development Co., the parent firm changed its name on June 21 of this year. The company is publicly owned and listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

The company's proposal calls for 119 two-story town houses and 114 garden apartments. The apartments all will be one-bedroom, while the town houses will be divided into 69 two-bedroom, 34 three-bedroom, and 16 four-bedroom units.

There will be 20 buildings in the complex, with aluminum wood and brick exterior facing. The estimated rents range from \$118 for the one-bedroom apartments to \$148 for the four-bedroom town house.

U.S. Homes is the same firm which signed an "agreement to agree" with the Edison Housing Authority in April for the North Edison Urban Renewal Project.

Although both sides had set a Sept. 15 deadline for signing the contract there, that likely will be held up pending a hearing by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development on charges of discrimination brought by the local NAACP.

The NAACP contends that racial bias was involved in choosing U.S. Homes, a white-led firm, over a combine headed by Ralph P. Greene, a black executive.

Councilman Robert Shulte, the city administration's liaison officer to the housing authority, said the high caliber of all the candidates made the selection process lengthy and difficult.

"However, we are confident that the experience of the selected developer in construction as well as property management will help assure modern, attractive, well maintained housing for the citizens of the city," he said.



YET TO BE DEVELOPED — Richard Keefe, Housing Authority director, points out areas of the George Street Urban Renewal Project which will not be affected by the housing proposals of Soble Construction Co. The affected area is bounded by Memorial Parkway, Commercial Avenue and Neilson and Oliver streets.

Experience Decided George St. Developer

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — The few critics of the Housing Authority's choice of a developer for the George Street Urban Renewal Project were told at yesterday's meeting that experience was the deciding factor in the selection of Soble Construction Co., of Pleasantville, a subsidiary of U.S. Homes Corp.

Approximately 10 persons showed up for the session at which the authority officially named Soble—although there were no representatives of the Urban League or the Raritan Valley Community Development Foundation, the two local groups which had bid for the sponsorship.

"We felt this group had much more experience than either of the two local groups and we feel they can produce,"

said authority Chairman Frank Josay. "To get the housing we need in New Brunswick, we felt we wanted experience."

Nine-Month Job?

Josay said the Soble officials have indicated they could complete the project within nine months after construction starts, and could have the first units ready for occupancy within seven months.

That timetable was attacked by municipal critic Anthony Daly, who said the project has been beset by delays since it first was announced in 1961. "You haven't even acquired all the land yet," he said.

However, the authority's attorney, Carl Valenti, said acquisition should present no cause for delay. Of the 142 properties in the urban renewal area, he said 80 already have been acquired.

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ready have been acquired, options to buy are held on 24 others, and 14 are being negotiated.

Of the remaining lots, four are owned by the city and will be donated for the project, and possibly 17 may be condemned. If problems arise with any of the properties, said Valenti, condemnation proceedings could be begun, something which he said requires approximately 45 days.

The authority already has allowed 120 days for completion of the architectural plans and approval by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. Valenti said the land acquisitions could be completed within that time.

The undertaking also is being divided into two phases, so only half of the project area need be cleared before construction can begin.

Michael Soble, a vice president of the construction firm, said the company's normal practice is to subcontract to other firms within the area, in a reply to a question about minority groups' employment.

"We do most of the carpentry work ourselves," he said. "But our normal practice is to go into an area and contact the local unions for most of the labor."

He added that if a minority group subcontractor were to bid on a portion of the work and was qualified, he probably would get the job.

Harris Objects

The most heated opposition to the authority's selection came from David Harris, a former Urban League official, who argued the league should have been given the project.

He also claimed if "experience" was the main criterion used for selecting Soble over the Urban League, the league should have been told from the start that it lacked the experience to do the job.

Josay said one of the standards set at the beginning of the selection process was experience—but Harris claimed that the prolonging of the matter — the authority

and then its rejection of the league constituted "a slap in the face" to the league.

"How do you think you'll get the bulldozers started on the project after this?" Harris asked. "It may be a question of if you'll get them started."

Asked by Josay if that was a threat, Harris said it was a promise.

Harris said later he was speaking as a private citizen and not as a representative of the Urban League.

League officials, who were absent from the meeting, said earlier yesterday morning they would confer with the staff of the national Urban League in New York City about possible legal measures against the Housing Authority, including a federal investigation.

However, they added they would avoid any kind of a direct confrontation with the Housing Authority or the city administration.

Arena Session Set

In other action at yesterday's meeting, the authority announced it would meet with the Sports Arena Steering Committee Sept. 2 to discuss the committee's interest in the plaza site for the arena.

The authority also will meet with Herbert Colton and Stewart Bainton, the two principals in the plaza development corporation, to discuss their "grievances and problems in completing the work on the plaza site."

Both meetings were prompted in part by a letter from Colton to Frank Deiner Jr., of the sports arena committee, stating that he would be willing to cooperate in making the plaza site available for the arena if the necessary approvals could be obtained.

Richard Keefe, Housing Authority executive director, announced that the authority had received proposals from nine firms to provide security services at the New Brunswick Homes. He said the authority is awaiting one more proposal and should have a recommendation for a contract at its next meeting.



SOCIABLE — New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, one of 2,200 Democrats at the party's annual dinner in Monroe, visits the table of Assembly candidate Joseph C. Valenti Jr. of Milltown and Mrs. William J. Hamilton Jr. of New Brunswick, the wife of Valenti's running-mate in District 7-A. Hamilton was on Naval Reserve duty and could not attend.

GOP Wins Top Line In Ballot Redrawing

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — Middlesex County Democratic campaign literature extolling "Vote Line A" has about as much relevancy as last year's calendar following yesterday's redrawing for ballot positions in the November general election.

Stung by an Appellate Court ruling yesterday morning which overturned the original Sept. 13 drawing, the county Democrats lost again in the afternoon when a redrawing gave the Republicans the top spot on the ballot for only the ninth time in 41 years.

Deputy County Clerk Gerald Boylan, who drew the Republican capsule, said the change will mean a "great deal of work must be done in a hurry" to prepare absentee ballots, sample ballots and lines for the voting machines between now and the election.

"Without this delay we would have had the work done by now," Boylan said. "But we held everything up pending the outcome of this appeal. Right now I don't know how much time it will take, but I'm going to the printers this afternoon to get started."

The new drawing was ordered by the Appellate Court in Newark after the three-judge panel said the capsules used in the first drawing were "identifiable by touch."

The ruling overturned a Sept. 16 decision by Superior Court Judge John C. Demos who had said there was no discernible difference in the capsules.

The capsules used in the redrawing were provided by Republican County Chairman Leon Genecki. Approximately 25 people were on hand for the occasion. That was in contrast to the earlier

drawing, which was attended only by Boylan, County Clerk Frank Schatzman, three reporters and two Republican observers.

An air of joviality was present throughout the proceedings, and several Democrats congratulated Genecki on his good fortune once the results were announced.

Although the significance of ballot positions in determining the outcome of an election has been disputed in recent years, some political scientists estimate it could be worth several hundred votes for the ticket holding the top line.

While Genecki said he does not know of any Republican campaign literature already printed with the ballot line cited, the Democrats recently erected a huge billboard across from the Penn Central Railroad station which bears the slogan "Vote Line A, Democratic."

Genecki said he would offer to buy that billboard cheap from his Democratic counterpart, Richard Mulligan.

Schatzman opened yesterday's proceedings by reading aloud the state statute governing such drawings. He then allowed Genecki to pick the two capsules to be used from among the four provided.

After Genecki had inserted a slip of paper bearing the legend "Republican" in one capsule, and another reading "Democrat" in the other, Schatzman invited those present to inspect the two capsules.

"If they were provided by Leon, they're good enough for me," said Democratic Freeholder Peter Daly Campbell.

Boylan then inserted the capsules in a jury selection box, rotated it several times in each direction, shook it over his head, then opened it and quickly withdrew one capsule.

Then deputy clerk then shook out the See LINE A, Page 14

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slip of paper, and as all watched expectantly, announced, "The Republicans will have Line A."

The litigation over the drawing began after Home News reporter Robert Marino pointed out differences between the two capsules used at the original drawing.

He said the capsule with the slip of paper, containing the word "Democrat" had a burr on the bottom lip, making it discernibly different from the "Republican" capsule which had a smooth bottom.

The issue was brought to court after Genecki sought an injunction to stop printing the ballots and for an order to hold a new drawing.

That was turned down by Demos, but Genecki's attorney, Peter Seleskey of New Brunswick, appealed the decision.

In overturning the Demos decision, Judge Mark A. Sullivan, presiding judge

at the appellate hearing, said there is no indication of any improper conduct in the original drawing.

"However, these drawings for ballot position require the highest degree of impartiality," he said. "We have to lean over backwards to satisfy the public demand that the drawing be held in as impartial a manner as possible."

The judges' decision was announced after they had conducted a 10-minute experiment in their chambers with the capsules used in the original drawing.

When they emerged, Sullivan immediately told the two attorneys, "I am ordering a new drawing."

New Brunswick attorney David Foley represented Boylan and Schatzman.

Sullivan said the indication on the bottom of the Democratic capsule made it identifiable by touch from the Republican one.



DIGGING FOR A FIREHOUSE — City officials launched construction of the new Rutgers Village Firehouse yesterday with ground breaking ceremonies at the Burnett Street site near the pumping station. Contractors for the new building were awarded at last week's City Council meeting and

construction by the Don Smalley Construction Co. of Edison is expected to begin within 90 days. Lending a hand with the shovel work are, from left, Fire Chief Angela Torrisi, Councilman Robert Schulte and Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan.

Kugler: No Funds Seen To Update N.J. Prisons

NEW BRUNSWICK — A prominent member of Gov. Cahill's cabinet said here last night that while most of New Jersey's prisons are "among the finest in the country," it would take many millions of dollars to bring them all up to snuff. And he expressed doubt that this money would be raised.

Speaking in the light of the Attica inmates' revolt, Atty. Gen. George F. Kugler Jr. said on the Rutgers University Forum that New Jersey has "four or five" of the finest correctional institutions in the nation.

Kugler cited the new state prison at Leesburg as "a model of its kind." But he noted that a couple of New Jersey penal institutions were anything but models—and singled out the ancient prison at Trenton as falling far short of modern standards.

"It would cost many millions to reform such prisons, but I feel that a lot of people don't want to spend a lot of money on prison reform," Kugler said. "Our last bond issue for prison reform went down to abysmal defeat and so did the politicians who supported it."

Speaking of Attica, Kugler said the information coming out of the New York Prisoner revolt is almost unbelievable in terms of what has been given to the press.

"There has been so much misinformation that it is difficult to judge just what did happen," Kugler said. "For instance, there were reports that guards' throats were cut, then that they weren't; that the inmates had guns, then that they didn't, and even the figures on the dead and wounded changed."



GEORGE F. KUGLER JR.

September 2, 1971 Telegrams Urge Action

New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and the Raritan Valley Chamber of Commerce have taken their case for speedy action on the Route 18 extension to Gov. William J. Cahill and U.S. Secretary of Transportation John Volpe.

The mayor, on behalf of the City Council, and the chamber sent telegrams yesterday to both Cahill and Volpe saying that any further delay in the extension and improvement of Route 18 could not be tolerated. The messages urged Cahill and Volpe to make every effort to bring about the immediate start of construction.

"This action in no way erases our concern for the residents of Huntington Street or the integrity of Johnson Park," the mayor said. "We will continue to work on these problems with the state Department of Transportation."

The telegrams came in the wake of an announcement of another delay in the state's 10-year-old plan for extension of Route 18 across the Raritan River — caused by the necessity for a review of the project by the U.S. Coast Guard.

O'Brien City's Envoy

NEW BRUNSWICK — Police Director John T. O'Brien will represent the city in Tsuruoka, Japan, during his vacation in the Orient next month.

Tsuruoka has sent a number of foreign exchange students to Rutgers University in the past, and some dignitaries from the Japanese city have visited New Brunswick, O'Brien said.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan requested O'Brien to pay a return visit during his three-week

vacation to the Far East, the police director said. "After being wounded fighting the Japanese during the war, I never thought I'd be going there as a guest of a Japanese city," O'Brien mused this morning. "It just shows how things change in life."

He said the mayor of Tsuruoka has volunteered to meet him at the airport nearest that city — which is some 75 miles away. The visit is scheduled for Oct. 6 and 7.



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**Black Fathers
To Honor
John Heldrich**

NEW BRUNSWICK — The Black Fathers Association will present its "Martin Luther King Jr. Award" for distinguished community service to John J. Heldrich, a member of the board of directors of Johnson & Johnson. Heldrich will be honored at the association's second annual awards banquet Oct. 20 at the Greenbrier Restaurant, North Brunswick.

The Black Fathers Association is an interracial organization which sponsors social and recreation programs for inner-city boys and girls in the New Brunswick area.

Heldrich, a former president of the United Community Services of Central Jersey, Inc., is a member of its executive committee. It was under his leadership that the UCS established Project Action, an inner-city employment and job training program serving residents of Middlesex County. He also was instrumental in merging the UCS with the Raritan Bay United Fund serving the Perth Amboy area, a move designed to unify the county under a single United Fund program and to better meet community needs.

Heldrich is also chairman of the citizens' advisory committee of the Middlesex County Planning Board; a member of the board of directors of the Raritan Valley Chamber of Commerce; and a member of the N.J. State Chamber of Commerce Citizenship Responsibility Program Committee.

A native of Highland Park, Heldrich began his career with Johnson & Johnson in 1950 following graduation from Rutgers. After holding a number of executive positions with the company's Permacel Division and the Johnson & Johnson Domestic Operating Company, he was named to his present post as corporate vice-president of administration in 1970. Recently, he was elected to the Johnson & Johnson board of directors.

Heldrich and his wife, the former Regina B. Best of New York City, reside at 239 Harrison Ave., Highland Park. They have three children: John Jr., Karl, and Regina.

According to Robert Mitchell, president of the Black Fathers Association, proceeds from the annual awards banquet will be used to help support two Pop Warner football teams for 80 to 100 boys ranging in age from 8 to 13 years. The teams, now playing as the New Brunswick Raiders, compete in the Peewee and Midget classes of the Pop Warner league.

Police Booth May Get Action

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — The circular police booth proposed for the city's railroad plaza will be ready for construction following passage of an ordinance allocating the funds at next month's council meetings.

Proposed by then City Commissioner William Cahill more than a year ago, the booth is to be an information and traffic control center at one of the city's main trouble spots for traffic and crime.

The projected cost of the structure is \$15,000 and the funds already have been set aside in the city's capital improvement fund. However, in order to release those funds, a special ordinance is needed by the City Council.

Councilman Robert Schulte said he expected action to be taken at the council's two meetings next month. Passage of ordinances requires two separate readings by the council.

Barring any further complications, the city will advertise for bids for construction immediately following passage of the ordinance.

The booth will be located on a triangular plot adjacent to the railroad wall, across Eastman Avenue from the station itself.

Schulte announced in May the city had reached an agreement with Penn Central for use of the property, but the project appeared to be in limbo when The Home News attempted to determine its status earlier this week.

Several city officials connected with the project had professed ignorance of where it stood at present, but Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan said this morning "all the pieces have been tied together and we're ready to move ahead."

According to the mayor, architect Donald Gatzar now has the necessary information and plans and is preparing specifications for the bids. Earlier in the week there appeared to be some confusion over whether the police department ever had submitted its specifications for the booth's interior. But Director John O'Brien said today he had double checked with the City Clerk and those plans were submitted some time ago.

The city is to lease the site for the booth from Penn Central for \$1 per year. A billboard already stands on the site, but railroad officials will arrange to have that moved so it will not be blocked by the booth.

First proposed during last year's election campaign when both the mayor and council were up for re-election, the booth also became an issue during the June Democratic primary campaign when policeman candidate Kenneth Delaney called it "a monument to a local faction."

Delaney said money for the booth could be put to better use for equipment within the department, but Schulte, his opponent, said most of the money was going for equipment to be housed in the booth.

Top PBA Officials Face Suspensions

NEW BRUNSWICK — A 14-day suspension reportedly has been ordered for the two top Policeman's Benevolent Association officials who are charged with disobeying an order to conduct a bank escort.

Patrolman John Payton, vice president of PBA local 23, said last night he and Patrolman John Heslin, PBA president, will appeal the suspension. It takes effect Oct. 4.

Payton said his wife was informed by a telephone call yesterday from William Saunders, city business administrator, who conducted the departmental hearing on the charges. Saunders could not be reached for comment.

The two PBA officials are planning an appeal, Payton said, through their lawyer, A. Kenneth Weiner.

The charges stemmed from an incident on July 16, when, it is contended, they willfully disobeyed orders to accept a bank escort to cover a transfer of more than \$100,000 from the George Street office of the New Brunswick Trust Co. to its Livingston Avenue branch.

The two PBA officials contended that they had not dis-

beyed a direct order, but Police Chief Ralph Petrone said they had. Police Director John T. O'Brien testified that the two had indicated they would not help conduct the escort unless they were provided with shotguns.

Bank escorts had been eliminated as a regular police chore in March, but after bank officials were unable to get an armored car, they asked Petrone to make an exception.

During the incident Heslin broadcast over the police radio that no member of the PBA would accept the bank escort duty.

"We weren't surprised by the decision," Payton said. "We felt that we wouldn't get a fair hearing anyway with the hearing officer chosen by O'Brien and then O'Brien appearing as a witness."

Two days after the incident, he said, he and Heslin were split up to work on different shifts. Payton called that "punishment enough."

Payton said he understood that the case would be appealed to the Civil Service Commission. He said the commission has jurisdiction if the suspension exceeds five days.

Sept. 25, 1971 Citizens Buoy Bridge Survey

NEW BRUNSWICK — The Citizens Committee for Environmental Protection has sent a telegram to John Volpe, U.S. secretary of transportation, asking his support of the U.S. Coast Guard's decision to review the Route 18 extension project where it crosses the Raritan River.

While supporters of bridge yesterday were conducting a letter-writing campaign seeking to prevent the Coast Guard's review of the project which would delay it 12-15 months, Bruce Newling, chairman of the citizens group, sent the telegram to Volpe calling for "an environmental impact study before a permit for the Route 18 extension is issued."

The Coast Guard claimed jurisdiction over the matter after determining the river is navigable at the crossing point.

In the telegram, Newling questions "the right of the N.J. Department of Transportation to use the land of the Delaware and Raritan Canal as they propose to do for this project."

"We further advise you," the telegram reads, "that the N.J. Department of Transportation proposes to construct a dike as well as a bridge in the Raritan River and such a dike is also covered in section 9, 33 U.S. Code."

The telegram concluded by saying representatives of the citizens groups are prepared to meet with Volpe or his aides in Washington.

Police Booth, Parking Meter Money to Be Released Soon

NEW BRUNSWICK — The City Council today took preliminary steps to provide \$16,500 to build the proposed police booth at the railroad plaza and \$35,000 to buy 800 new parking meters for the city.

Both amounts are to be drawn from the city's capital improvement fund and require special ordinances for the money to be transferred to the city's operating budget. The ordinances were introduced this morning.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan had announced two weeks ago that plans for the police booth were incomplete, and the council need only to allocate the funds before the city could ask for bids on its construction.

The booth was proposed by then Commissioner of Public Safety William Cahill during last year's council race.

The council will hold public hearings on both funding ordinances at its next meeting, Oct. 20. Specifications for the parking meters were approved today. The new meters are expected to be the vault type, which are not as susceptible to break-ins as the current meters.

Specifications for a new voice recorder for the fire department were approved. The new recorder will allow the firemen to institute a system similar to that used by the police.

Freeholders Rather Fight Than Switch?

NEW BRUNSWICK — The Middlesex County Board of Freeholders still wants to be called "freeholders," Freeholder Director George Otowski polled the board yesterday and all but two members voted to retain the name.

The latest effort to change the name "freeholder" to "county commissioner" or "county executive" was brought about by Assemblyman Peter J. McDonough, R-Union, a former Union County freeholder.

Freeholders Louis F. May Jr., Stephen Capestro, Thomas J. Molyneux and Otowski voted to retain the name, while Republican Freeholder Francis Coury and Democratic Freeholder John A. Phillips voted to change it.

Coury said the term "county commissioner" gives the name some "meaning." Phillips, agreeing with him, pointed out that county governments are doing away with the term and Middlesex should too.

Capestro said no one has come up with a name agreeable to all.

Otowski said he felt the name should not be changed unless the New Jersey Legislature adopts the provisions of the Musto Report. That document, published in April 1969, is a study of county and municipal governments in the Garden State. It deprived its name from William V. Musto, the chairman.

Closed-circuit TV

The board is expected to authorize tomorrow an agreement with the Metropolitan Regional Council, Inc. to operate closed-circuit television broadcasts of governmental meetings in the New York Metropolitan area.

Municipal Television Service will install a black and white television system linking the county with municipal sites in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut at an annual cost of \$14,000 for installation and maintenance. That amount may be paid monthly in installments of \$1,166.67.

The county would operate the system under the one-year agreement. The contract could be renewed each year.

Freeholder May's committee will be called upon to study a request by the Middlesex County Vocational and Technical Board of Education for an additional 40 acres of land for a fifth high school.

The board's request was made following its Sept. 9 meeting when Camp Kilmer was proposed as a possible site. The vo-tech board asked for the land in the northwest section of the county.

As an example of need, the board cited waiting lists extending over the past three years. In 1969, it said, 165 students could not be accepted, in 1970, 232, and this year, 501.

Mass Transit Desired

Coury said he would like to see the school in an area where mass transit can be utilized. The request was turned over to the Welfare and Education Committee of Campbell.

Ferguson: Bring Council to the People

NEW BRUNSWICK — A call for "regionalized, neighborhood council meetings" was issued today by independent City Council candidate Robert J. Ferguson. He said at least four of these meetings should be held in the city's educational institutions.

"This is a positive step to offer all citizens a better insight and opportunity to participate in the operation of their government," Ferguson said. "To visit City Hall in downtown New Brunswick after dark represents a transportation problem and possible safety hazard to our citizens."

The independent candidate is opposing incumbent Democratic Councilman Robert Schulte for a three-year term on the Council.

He said elected city officials have a moral responsibility to bring government to the people by holding council meetings in various neighborhood, schools



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which are more accessible to the public.

Ferguson, who ran sixth in a 15-man race for five council seats last year, also said that to stimulate attendance at such meetings ample notice should be given to neighborhood residents prior to such meetings to alert them to the opportunity to attend the council sessions.

"Public meetings should be oriented more to listening to citizen problems and ideas, as opposed to the present boring ritual of reading lengthy resolutions and the subsequent unanimous voting on those resolutions," he said.

The candidate suggested that two meetings be held in each of the city's high schools — New Brunswick High and St. Peter's — as a means of educating and introducing these "seen to be voters" to city government processes.

"Exposure and involvement at the high school level can prove to be a valuable tool in overcoming apathy toward municipal government," Ferguson said. "Only 60 per cent of the registered voters cast ballots in last year's important may or council election."

He also suggested an annual session be held on the Rutgers and Douglass campuses to acquaint students there with their responsibility to the City of New Brunswick and its problems.

"The City Council must be realistic and recognize the fact that these newly enfranchised voters will represent a substantial bloc in deciding the makeup of our City Government," he said. "If these new voters are given the proper orientation, they can more positively contribute to the progress of the city."

Ferguson said there was no question that these "intellectually alert and politically active" young people should not be ignored.

"They can make a vital contribution to our city government if they are made aware of our problems," he said.

Sheriff Not to Run Bomb Searches

By RICHARD GORMAN
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — The Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office will be responsible for checking future bomb threats in county buildings if the Board of Freeholders acts as it is expected to tomorrow.

The board revealed yesterday that it will introduce a resolution which will, in effect, prohibit Sheriff John J. Flanagan from conducting further bomb searches of county buildings. The resolution is expected to be adopted.

Freeholder Director George Otowski said the resolution places the prime responsibility for checking the county complex at Kennedy Square with Prosecutor John Kuhlthau, and delegates Flanagan to assisting the search, reportedly withdrew him.

Otowski said the responsibility for bomb searches was established by the governor and the state Supreme Court. The proposed measure, he said, is simply a reaffirmation of law.

Flanagan drew criticism last month when he reportedly searched three buildings comprising 24 floors and basements in 20 minutes.

First Assistant Prosecutor C. Judson Hamlin, who aided in his men after a brief disagreement with the sheriff.

The episode began when The Home News received an anonymous telephone tip that a bomb had been planted "in the county offices." The caller concluded with "Tell them to remember Attica."

The sheriff's office was notified, and Flanagan ordered the 13-story administration building,

the five-story courthouse and the 24-story old records building evacuated.

As the administration building was almost empty, Flanagan approached Hamlin and insisted his men had "cleared" the courthouse. Observers reportedly received the impression that Flanagan wanted no more assistance. Hamlin handed Flanagan the text of the bomb message and left.

Some of the 1,200 people who evacuated the three buildings later questioned how a thorough search could have been

made in what was estimated as 20 minutes.

Flanagan said the search was conducted by about 50 of his officers and 10 maintenance men and was carried out on an operational plan based upon experience of bomb disposal experts including one in his office.

Flanagan said Monday that his men checked the courthouse well before Hamlin arrived in the lobby of the administration building. He estimated that the total search took between 25 and 30 minutes.

Mayor Sheehan's Assessment Discounts Rutgers Shift

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — The city has "nothing to fear" from recently publicized proposals for reorganization of the local divisions of Rutgers University, Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan said today.

The mayor was referring to published reports that the university planned to shift the major portion of its educational facilities to the University Heights campus in Piscataway, leaving only a junior college in New Brunswick.

However, the mayor added she had been assured by Rutgers President Dr. Edward Bloustein that the reports represented only "proposals for long-range alternatives" in the future of undergraduate education at Rutgers.

"Dr. Bloustein assured me that the report in question is only one of a number of proposals for the future organization of the university and will be explored, along with other suggestions, as part of the continuing process of long range planning," she said.

The change, if it were to come, does not include any reduction in the number of university employees or numbers of students housed in the city, she added. The economic impact of the university on the city is linked to numbers of student and staff here, and not to the division of class years, she added.

The proposal for changing the college structure was made by Rutgers College

Dean Arnold Grobman. It included the transfer of his college to the Heights as a senior unit, devoted only to the two upper years of college.

The present site of the college would be occupied by the first two years and would be called Queens College.

"Rutgers has worked very closely with the city government in its long-range planning," the mayor said. "If there were anything which could have a positive or negative effect upon the city and its economy, we would be the first to know about it."

The mayor cited a mutual agreement which led to the establishment of fixed lines within which the university's local expansion would be contained, thus avoiding any expansion of the tax-exempt list of properties.

She also noted the city had been consulted during preliminary plans for the dormitory development now being studied for the College Farm area near Ryders Lane.

"There is no way Rutgers could flee the city and still live up to its commitment to the nation's most urban state," she said. Rutgers center has been located in the Old Queens building for 200 years, and there is no serious suggestion for any change there."

The mayor concluded by saying the status, economic and cultural advantages of New Brunswick as the home of Rutgers is not in any jeopardy.

Coury Blasts Democrats on Rt. 18 Plan

The former Democratic state administration "deceived the public" regarding the acceptance of a plan to extend Route 18 over the Raritan River, Freeholder Francis J. Coury, Republican senatorial candidate, charged yesterday.

He said Middlesex County's three Democratic senators, J. Edward Crabel, Norman Tanzman and John A. Lynch, were "unprofessional" in their conduct which created the long delay in the determination as to what will be the final plan of crossing the Raritan.

"Ever since 1968, when I first became involved in at-

tempting to obtain an objective review of which of two plans would best serve the general public," he said, "there has never been any discussion concerning the need for another bridge crossing."

He questioned the "futile activities" by Gov. William T. Cahill's representative, Transportation Secretary John Kohl, in attempting in Washington to obtain retroactive permission for the bridge, for which piers already have been built in the river.

"The refusal by U.S. Transportation Commissioner John Volpe proves how flagrant the previous Democratic administration was in avoiding the proper procedure in such matters," Coury contended.

"The whole situation appears to have been a comedy of errors from the start," he continued. "If we don't have permission for the location of the piers in the river, then I want to know who authorized the spending of approximately \$500,000 for their construction? The hardpressed taxpayer should be given answers."

Coury alleged that Crabel is the "one person" responsible for the delay because "he failed to provide the necessary answers for questions raised back in 1968. Had he insisted

on obtaining the answers from former state Transportation Commissioner David Goldberg at that time, we would have progressed toward completion."

Public officials, the GOP candidate claimed, "should not be hasty, impatient and insufficiently informed before making costly decisions."

He urged that Crabel provide the answer to the question of why if, as Crabel states, the piers were built with proper authorization, federal permission is needed now?

Coury concluded: "Progress will be made as soon as the following questions are answered:

- "Will the state plan for Route 18 to be safe from the standpoint of air pollution?"
 - "Will the new road create a sound level too high for comfortable living for residents in the immediate vicinity?"
 - "Will the Center for Transportation Studies plan serve our transportation needs and at the same time save the taxpayers \$11 million?"
- The later alternative plan was prepared several years ago by Cooper Bright, director of the Rutgers University center.

'Togetherness' Ends Garbage Fight

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — Months of hearings, court cases and bickering between the two firms who competed for the city's garbage contract may have come to an end with the disclosure that the companies intend to enter into a joint ownership agreement.

At the same time, Jersey Sanitation, Inc., has dropped its suit against the city which was pending before the Appellate Division of the Superior Court. The firm claimed the city had illegally granted the contract to J&B Disposal Service Inc.

Under the terms of the agreement as proposed to the state Public Utilities Commission, each firm will obtain half ownership of the other in a straight stock transfer, J&B attorney Ralph Mayo said technically it was not a merger.

"J&B will continue as an operating corporation and will remain as the city's contractor and Jersey Sanitation will continue as an operating corporation," Mayo said.

The attorney said he was uncertain at present just how the stock transfer would affect the management of the two companies, but acknowledged

that the principals of the two firms would become officers of the other.

The main effect of the agreement will be to put an end to any further competition between the firms in future bidding for contracts.

"Neither corporation can ever bid against the other anywhere in the state since they will have interlocking management," he said. "We also will save money by stopping the protracted litigation this case has caused."

Richard Rosenberg, a member of the law firm which represents Jersey Sanitation, declined to comment on the matter other than to admit an application for the agreement had been filed with the PUC.

While Jersey's principal owner, Frank Stamato, has numerous other holdings in North Jersey, the agreement only affects the local garbage collection firm. That company currently holds contracts with East Brunswick and South Amboy.

The proposal is conditioned upon PUC approval, and should that approval be forthcoming, the two companies will drop their counter-complaints currently pending before the state regulatory agency.

Mayo declined to say who had made the initial offer for the agreement, but did say "the situation is extremely advantageous to my clients."

While the proposal had been under discussion for some time, the application was filed with the PUC within the past week.

Competition for the local contract, which was awarded by the City Council last May, generated one of the most heated controversies over a municipal contract here in many years.

Jersey Sanitation initially obtained a restraining order preventing the city from opening bids, then filed a suit with the PUC claiming J&B lacked the experience, equipment and

funds to do the job properly. The morning after the contract was awarded, Jersey Sanitation was in court seeking to have the council's decision overturned.

Failing in that, the firm took its case to the Appellate Division, where the case has been pending for several months. Much of the litigation was taken up with heated debate and rancorous charges between the two opposing attorneys.

At one point in the controversy, Stamato had vowed to take the fight all the way to the State Supreme Court in order to regain a contract he had held with the city for 15 years.

The principals of both firms

vigorously denied any possibility of a merger when the idea was suggested to them during the start of the litigation last spring.

City Attorney Norris Harding said he had been instructed by the Council this week to seek a full report on the status of the proposed agreement and what its effect would be on the city's contract.

"As far as I know, there's nothing the city can do to prevent this as long as the results they give us are the same," Harding said. "They're just expanding their ownership and we just want assurances that J&B will continue the same service they have given us so far."

Harding said his understanding of the proposal was that Stamato and Jersey President George Katz would get out of the day-to-day management of the company's operations in East Brunswick and South Amboy and that these would be taken over by J&B principals Eugene Conlon and John Albert.

While Harding acknowledged the action would effectively end the competitiveness which gave the city a low price on the contract this year, he said he was hopeful the PUC would become more involved in the industry to the extent of regulating the rates by the time the contract comes up for renewal in five years.

Ferguson: City Leaders Turn Noses at the Public's Plight

Oct 8

NEW BRUNSWICK — Independent City Council candidate Robert J. Ferguson today charged the city administration with "two-faced fiscal policies" which he said were dragging the city further down the road of economic disaster.

"When it comes to finances, the Sheehan Administration says one thing and does just the opposite," Ferguson said.

The candidate said that at the same time the mayor and council are expressing concern for the poor taxpayers of the city, they have voted themselves higher salaries than are being paid to elected officials in other municipalities with the same form of government.

"Other communities can afford to pay more than New Brunswick," he said. "But politicians there would not think of being so brazen with tax dollars as the local officials who plead poverty and at the same

time put the bite on the taxpayers."

Under the former commission form of government, Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan received a \$5,500 annual salary, but under the new mayor-council form she receives \$12,000.

"Edison and East Brunswick have the exact same form of government as New Brunswick, yet the mayor of Edison gets \$6,000 and the mayor of East Brunswick receives \$3,500," Ferguson said.

He added the mayor of Woodbridge, Middlesex County's largest municipality and one with twice the population and five times the land area of New Brunswick, receives just \$10,000.

"I don't believe our mayor does any more work than the mayors of these other communities," Ferguson said. "There is no reason for this additional compensation, espe-

cially from the community which can least afford to pay."

Despite the recommendation of the Charter Study Commission that they receive \$1,500, Ferguson said the part-time city councilmen voted themselves salaries of \$4,500. He said this was the same salary as the former commissioners received, even though councilmen have less responsibility than the commissioners.

Comparisons with other area municipalities show that Edison pays its councilmen \$1,700, while East Brunswick pays theirs \$1,500, he added.

"When the mayor and council vote themselves these relatively high salaries, despite far more economic recommendations of the Charter Study Commission, then I say they are thumbing their noses at the economic plight of the city and its residents," Ferguson said.

Empty Court Allegation False, Says Molyneux

NEW BRUNSWICK — A charge by a Republican freeholder candidate that a courtroom in the Juvenile Detention Center is going unused while county courts are overcrowded is labeled false yesterday by Freeholder Thomas B. Molyneux.

Molyneux, chairman of the Department of Correctional and Penal Institutions, said Barry Moore, a Republican freeholder candidate, visited the home in North Brunswick Sept. 22 and was taken on a tour of the center.

Moore, in a prepared statement, indicated the freeholders were guilty of "negligence" in allowing a courtroom to stand empty while "planning to spend additional tax dollars to build new ones."

Molyneux said yesterday there is no courtroom at the home. "I would think (Freeholder Francis J.) Coury fed the

member of the Republican party some misinformation which he has been doing for a year and a half now," Molyneux charged.

The Democratic freeholder, who is seeking re-election in November, said he asked Moore to tell him where the courtroom was and Moore could not.

There never was a courtroom at the juvenile detention home, Molyneux said. There are two offices, with a glass panel separating them, and Moore may have been told that was the courtroom, he suggested.

Molyneux said Moore was treated "cordially" on his unannounced tour of the home.

Even if a courtroom existed at the home, the freeholder said, it would be up to the courts to determine if it were to be used. The freeholders have no jurisdiction over such matters, he added.



BARRY MOORE

Bloustein Cites Effects Of Education Bond Issue

NEW BRUNSWICK — The bond issue for higher education facilities which will be on the New Jersey ballot Nov. 2 will have an important, symbolic after-effect, said Rutgers President Edward J. Bloustein last night.

Speaking on the Rutgers University Forum, press conference of the air, Bloustein noted that the bond issue will have tangible effects on construction and intangible effects as a symbol of the mood in New Jersey towards higher education.

"It will serve as a kind of referendum, showing what kinds of educational opportunity the citizens of New Jersey are willing to provide their children," he declared.

Bloustein was asked whether he believed it is possible to reconcile the traditional university commitment to education and the new demands that universities become advocates of social change.

"The most enduring, most



DR. EDWARD J. BLOUSTEIN

important social change comes through education," he suggested. "I think those who wish to use the university as a direct force, a staging ground for ac-

tion, are sometimes wrong and silly. That's just not an effective way to go about it. But when the university does a good job of educating the next generation, it is creating profound, long-lasting social change."

Bloustein said that his first priority as the new president of Rutgers will be to improve the university's relationships with the state. He said he hopes that, through time, the State of New Jersey will become as proud of its university as some of the leading western states are of theirs.

He pointed out that in the month he has headed Rutgers he has been "pleasantly surprised" by the university. He said that Rutgers is a much stronger institution than he had been led to believe during the search process which resulted in his selection as president, and that it has a stronger administrative staff than he had supposed before coming to New Jersey from Bennington College in Vermont.

Coury: Cloud of Suspicion Over Middlesex County

By RICHARD GORMAN
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — Republican Freeholder Francis Coury told the Board of Freeholders yesterday that "there is a cloud of suspicion over Middlesex County," but exonerated the freeholders of any wrongdoing.

Coury, in a brief but heated discussion with Freeholder Director George J. Otowski and other members of the board, offered documentation which, he claimed, has been delivered to a top editor of The Home News.

Coury refused at first to divulge the information because he said names were mentioned in the reports and he did not want to reveal them.

Robert E. Rhodes, executive editor of the Home News, said

the newspaper is in no position to give any support to Coury's allegations. Said Rhodes:

"Coury came into my office, unannounced, on Wednesday afternoon, just 10 minutes before our editorial board was due to meet in a special session with some candidates for the state Assembly. He showed me a voluminous sheaf of papers which he purported to be a copy of an FBI wiretap on gambling activities compiled nine years ago.

"I had only a few moments to scan this material, as did our editorial page editor, Al Jones. I asked Coury if he could leave the material with me, but he said he couldn't. I directed him to our city editor, who I had told to assign a reporter to talk to Coury about the material, but Coury chose

to leave the building without pursuing the matter further.

"There is no way possible, therefore, for The Home News to lend any credence whatsoever to Coury's allegations. Furthermore, since he is the one making the charges, it most certainly is up to him to make them stand up instead of trying to pass the buck to someone else."

The argument began when Carteret Councilman Charles Boncelet, a Republican, urged the board to adopt a "no kick back resolution" to apply to county employees.

Bonecelet said he has tried without success to have the Democratic-controlled Borough Council in Carteret adopt the same measure.

Bonecelet claimed a voucher used for payment of a county bill is not a sworn statement, but Otowski took issue with this.

"Under the statutes, a voucher signed at the time of transaction is the same as a sworn statement," Otowski said.

The Carteret councilman charged that tickets to Democratic fund raising affairs are purchased in large quantities by vendors who distribute them free of charge. Although he did not identify the vendors, Bonecelet implied that they do business with the county.

"Are you talking about the \$1 million President Nixon got from the milk dealers for his

campaign?" Otowski asked.

The freeholder director said the responsibility for enacting a no kick back measure rests with the governor and the legislature.

"I'm sure the freeholders in Hudson County who were convicted made the same statement," Bonecelet charged.

"This is Middlesex County and there's not a cloud of suspicion over this county," Freeholder Thomas Molyneux cut in. "And I'm not going to sit here and listen to this trash," he added.

"There is a cloud of suspicion over this county," Coury shot back.

Otowski, angered by the Coury charges, addressed the audience somberly. "I take a great pride and satisfaction in being freeholder director," he said. "I trust the honesty of this board without question."

Otowski, speaking to an audience composed mostly of freeholder critics and political candidates, said he knew of no other municipality nor county in the United States "that is as open to public scrutiny as this board is."

He pointed out that members of the press are invited to attend conference meetings. "We've established an unusual record of openness in this county," he said. "My great pride is in the integrity and honesty of this board and that reputation has to be jealously guarded."

County Counsel Herman Hoffman said it would be an "injustice" to let "innuendo" stand. "I can't help but think of the early stages of Joe McCarthy when he waved a lot of papers and made a lot of charges," the attorney said.

Coury said his information concerned Senate investigations of political influences on law enforcement authorities in New Jersey and Middlesex County. Coury said he was "excluding" the board of freeholders from any "political influences" in the county.

"Case closed," Molyneux said.

October 13, 1971

Moore Raps Foes

NEW BRUNSWICK — Republican freeholder candidate Barry Moore charged yesterday that never was the current Middlesex County freeholders' habit of not letting the truth get in the way of a good story more clearly illustrated than in a recent charge made against me by one of my opponents."

Moore, who is running with John Sylvia of Middlesex and Richard Cooper of Madison, quoted Freeholder Thomas Molyneux as saying Moore's information on a courtroom at the Juvenile Detention Center in North Brunswick was "fed" to him and was "misinformation."

Moore charged that Molyneux gave him the information. "It happened at an editorial interview which was recorded on tape and reported on at length," he said.

"Small wonder that when I suggested recently that the Board of Freeholders follow the lead of many county municipalities and record their meetings my suggestion met with a negative response.

"In fact, the freeholder

director (George J. Otowski) stated the incumbents would rather keep their sessions 'informal' otherwise 'somebody might go to jail.'"

Moore said the "false allegation" on the unused courtroom was a "smoke screen thrown out to hide the fact that money is being wasted and poor security practices are being followed."

And, he suggested again that juveniles be tried in the courtroom and not taken to New Brunswick for trial in the County Courthouse.

"It would eliminate the costs to the taxpayers of two guards and the automobile involved, which would be a start at cutting the county's mammoth \$38 million annual budget. Also, it would eliminate one possibility of escape, which has been tried during the ride in the past."

Moore charged it would also "eliminate something which, according to his statements at the last meeting of the Board of Freeholders, appears to give my opponent great satisfaction

—instilling fear in the majesty of the court in the young offender."

Molyneux said after Moore toured the center and had each of his questions answered, "I asked him where the courtroom was and he said he didn't know."

"Now I don't like to beat a dead horse, but there is no courtroom in the Juvenile Detention Home. I'll show him space set aside for a courtroom, but that space is being utilized."

And the freeholder pointed out, "there's a lot more to it than taking a youngster before a judge. Normally those in the courtroom include the judge, the defendant, both attorneys, the defendant's parents, probation people, stenographic equipment, the judge's secretary, court officers and court records."

"There is absolutely no room in the detention home for a judge to sit and, expressin' my own personal opinion, I think the judge should sit in the courtroom in New Brunswick," Molyneux concluded.

October 15, 1971

By RICHARD GORMAN
Home News Staff Writer

Flanagan Says Personal Files Stolen, Copied

NEW BRUNSWICK—Middlesex County Sheriff John Flanagan charged yesterday that a campaign check and a letter were stolen from his office, copied and returned to his office.

And, the Republican said the copies were produced by his Democratic campaign opponent during a radio debate Tuesday night.

Flanagan made the disclosure yesterday following a news conference he called to present evidence supporting his claim that sheriff's officers are well trained.

The conference was prompted by charges to the contrary leveled by Joseph De Marino, Democratic candidate for sheriff.

DeMarino immediately denied any knowledge of the alleged theft.

Flanagan, engaged in increasingly bitter battle with DeMarino and the independent sheriff's candidate, Walter Spratford, said the theft occurred "within the last several weeks."

He said the letter was addressed to him and sent by J. Foster Abeel, an officer in Flanagan's special reserve force and president of Forsgate Country Club in Monroe.

The check was made out to the John Flanagan Campaign Fund, the sheriff said.

He declined to reveal the amount.

Flanagan and attorney Peter Selesky, his campaign manager, said they sent the original check and letter to the state police for investigation.

Flanagan said he hopes on the basis of fingerprints to determine today who moved the check from his office.

And, Flanagan promised that "action" would be taken against whoever is responsible.

The sheriff discounted claims by his Democratic opponent that the check and the letter were recovered from piles of trash by DeMarino.

DeMarino revealed in a press conference last week that several of his campaign items used against the sheriff were gleaned by combing through trash, picked up from the sheriff's office.

Flanagan speculated that someone in his office may have removed the letter and check and copied them for DeMarino, but he never accused DeMarino of the actual theft.

DeMarino claimed last night that the check and the letter were "his (Flanagan's) and Selesky's quirk from the 1968 election." He pointed out that Flanagan during the radio debate charged then-Sheriff Robert Jamison with altering records in the sheriff's office, and that Jamison took Flanagan to court.

The result was a public apology by Flanagan through the news media.

DeMarino said he found the two items while systematically combing the trash for about a month, picking up "90 per cent junk" and 10 per cent usable items.

He offered the possibility that Republicans, trying to obtain some of the campaign donations from the sheriff's testimonial dinner in March had copies made of each check to determine how much was actually collected.

Or, he speculated, copies could have been made by an employe in the sheriff's

department who is making a record of each donation he collected for the sheriff's campaign.

DeMarino said sheriff's department employes solicited and collected donations for the sheriff's campaign.

The copies would have been made, he suggested, to protect individual employes from charges they did not turn in all of what they collected to the fund.

"How else would you find copies of checks in the garbage?" DeMarino asked.

Abeel, DeMarino said, was the innocent victim of the incident. He said in the letter that he wanted to resign from the special sheriff's force and included the check as a campaign contribution.

The Democratic contender said he produced the check when Flanagan indicated during the debate that he never received a penny from the dinner.

Concerning the state police investigation, DeMarino predicted they would find "absolutely nothing" and then he added, "I hope they find prints on it because that would give me the in I want."

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Ferguson Charges City Failed To Use Traffic Circle Funds

NEW BRUNSWICK — A charge of failing to follow through on plans for enlargement of the Penn Central Railroad Plaza traffic circle was leveled against the Sheehan Administration today by independent City Council candidate Robert J. Ferguson.

"The mayor often has said this circle is a horrible bottleneck, yet neither she nor the

City Council have done anything about it," Ferguson said.

The candidate said that almost three years ago the state set aside \$290,000 in grants to the city and county for the work, and that the county also indicated a willingness to pay 25 per cent of the costs.

"If we wait much longer, you can be sure the state is going to allocate that money to some other municipality ready to put those funds to immediate use," Ferguson said.

Street is one of the local projects being considered in this project."

Schulte said city officials have been after the TOPICS officials to complete the local survey and just yesterday had asked them to expediate this project.

"The federal people have to survey the area and lay out the changes," he said. "And receipt of the other funds is dependent upon the plans for the circle being complete."

Enlargement of the circle was proposed in 1960, he said, and the idea was incorporated into the city's master plan of 1963. He added that the administration had promised action on the circle four years ago.

"Drastic changes are needed at the railroad circle and that work should be undertaken now while the city is lucky to have most of the costs picked up by the state and county," he said.

However, Councilman Robert Schulte, Ferguson's opposition in the Nov. 2 election, said the holdup on the project is not of the city's doing.

"Those people managing the federal TOPICS programs haven't finished their plans for revamping the circle, and we have to wait for them before we move ahead," he said.

The federal program is designed to study ways of improving highway and road safety and capacity for traffic. The traffic circle at the foot of Easton Avenue and Albany

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Judge Reserves Ruling On Zoning Legality

By REGINALD KAVANAUGH
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — Madison's restrictive zoning code and New Jersey's 1928 enabling statute governing local zoning ordinances are on the line in a trial completed in Superior Court yesterday.

Superior Court Judge David D. Furman reserved decision on a two-pronged attack aimed at knocking out both the state and Madison regulations.

The judge, who is giving both sides an opportunity to file briefs, said he expects to reach a decision during the week of Oct. 25.

Conceivably Furman could hold one or both of the measures unconstitutional. Should he invalidate the state's enabling act, the decision would reach down to every one of New Jersey's municipal zoning ordinances.

The principal issue is whether a municipality has the authority to set zoning regulations which ultimately exclude low or middle income individuals from buying homes or moving into apartments in the community.

Defendants in the suit are the Township of Madison and the State of New Jersey, which did not participate during the trial before Furman.

Two groups make up the plaintiffs—Oakwood at Madison, Inc., and the Beren Corp., which want to build a \$50 million housing project on 469 acres off Route 9 and Spring Valley Road and six individuals, five blacks and a white, all of low or middle income.

Different Aims

Although their ultimate aims differ, both groups contend Madison's one-acre zoning ordinance should be thrown out and that the state's enabling statute is unconstitutional.

Madison's ordinance is barring the corporations' plans for the project that would include 200 acres for single-family homes, 132 acres for medium-density dwellings and another 16 acres of high density units, garden apartments.

Also included in the proposed project are commercial development, a school and open recreational areas.

The six individuals contend Madison's zoning code prohibits blacks and Spanish-speaking persons either from buying homes or renting apartments in the township since all are either in the low or middle income groups.

In deciding the case, Furman must rule on whether the state's 43-year-old enabling statute is unconstitutional because it fails to provide for housing needs at a time when the area's population continues to rise.

Furman must also reach the legal decision on whether any municipality can prohibit the influx of low income families.

There was testimony during the trial, which was not disputed, that because of Madison's zoning regulations a private home would have to cost approximately \$45,000.

This would apply to more than 50 per cent of the township's yet undeveloped land. The price was based on the size of the lot, minimum one-acre, and the required floor space per dwelling.

Furman told Madison Township Attorney Richard F. Plechner at one point during the trial that the court could not accept the concept of "fiscal zoning"—regulations designed to depress development as a means of keeping down the number of school children to avoid expansion of the school system.

However, Furman said that while he did not consider this a proper purpose of zoning, he wanted Plechner and New Brunswick attorney Frederick C. Mezey, counsel to the corporations, to brief this subject.

The judge also asked the lawyers to present arguments on two other defenses offered by the municipality:

● That the ordinance was intended to provide a balanced community—a proper mixture of residential, industrial, commercial and other uses.

● And that the Madison governing body and Planning Board considered engineering studies concerning flooding and drainage prior to their adoption of the ordinance.

One of the witnesses called by Mezey, Paul Yvisaker, former state commissioner of community affairs, testified that ordinances such as Madison's discriminate against low income families.

And Yvisaker, now on the Princeton University faculty, said that while Madison's ordinance was valid, he questioned the constitutionality of the state's enabling statute.

Although the state Attorney General's Office chose not to participate in the trial, Gov. William T. Cahill in early 1971 criticized restrictive local zoning as a bar to providing homes for low income families.

Cahill singled out Middlesex and Somerset Counties as having municipalities with such restrictions, saying the state might have to step in to over-ride local zoning authorities.

Although Peter Abeel, a municipal planner who directed work on Madison's master plan and zoning ordinance, appeared as a witness for the township, the plaintiff made much of three aspects of his final report which were not incorporated.

Abeel recommended no limits on the number of bedrooms in apartments authorized by the code and smaller square footage requirements than Madison's code requires.

And the planning consultant also recommended the code include so-called "floater" zones, each separated from one another, which would provide for up to 100 residential units for families whose annual income was under \$13,000.

Abeel also testified that because of Madison's vast amount of undeveloped land, the municipality could support a population of 200,000.

October 15, 1971

New Brunswick High Closes

By BARBARA SELICK
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — Afternoon classes at New Brunswick High School were cancelled today in an obvious attempt by school officials to allow rising tension to subside.

The announcement was made around 11 a.m.

Tensions and heated tempers, existent at the school for the past week, continued to mount this morning as a group of about 100 whites gathered on Livingston Avenue.

After school officials coaxed the students to go to school,

most of the youths apparently turned away from school after charging that blacks were roaming the halls.

A group of about 75 whites gathered on sidewalks in front of the school around noon, apparently waiting for morning classes to be dismissed. A group of about 10 blacks stood nearby.

The whites told a reporter they were angered by yesterday's revenge attack on a white student, who had been involved in a scuffle with a black on Wednesday.

The two boys, both members of the afternoon football squad, had fought, but coaching per-

sonnel believed the argument had ended after the boys shook hands.

Yesterday, the white student was stalling in front of the school before the afternoon classes and allegedly was attacked by a group of blacks.

The fight broke up in a matter of seconds, but attracted a large group of students, as well as police from New Brunswick, North Brunswick and Middlesex County sheriff's officers.

Police, who stood by at the scene at the start of classes today, returned around noon.

As classes let out around 12:15 p.m., the group of white

students grew larger, numbering around 125. The black group soon increased and outnumbered the whites.

As the groups stood on the sidewalks, the blacks walked through the ranks of white students and some black girls were seen laughing. The blacks turned around and repeated their act.

Soon the whites crossed the street en masse, and were followed by the blacks. As the white students began dispersing, a scuffle suddenly broke out and was broken up quickly by about nine policemen.

With the students crossing the street in large groups,

spectators stopped to observe the incident, and traffic was blocked periodically.

Around 12:55 p.m., Capt. William Conway of New Brunswick, using a sound device, said, "I'm a member of the New Brunswick Police Department and I am asking you to leave this area peacefully."

"If you do not leave this area, we will be forced to evict you. I am giving you a half hour. This includes everyone. If you don't leave, you will be arrested."

The students' dispersal then became more swift, but several small fights were reported along walking routes, including one in front of Candito's restaurant.

A group of students moved into the parking lot of Goodie's hamburger stand, but was scattered by North Brunswick police.

The white students who gathered this morning said that partially, they were annoyed by the controversy over the racial composition of the school's 18-member cheerleading squad. One black girl is a member.

Last night, some 300 students met in the courtroom at city police headquarters and by an unanimous decision, proposed that the present cheering squad be enlarged and try-outs be made open to all junior and senior girls. The student body will be allowed to watch the competition and the judging, without any comment, according to the proposal.

The judges will be composed of persons from outside the school system, the students request. The decision will be accepted as final by the students.



LOUIS DIGGS
...treated as "puppet"

Sept. 14, 1971

MCEOC Rash—An Itch to Quit?

NEW BRUNSWICK — The poverty program in Middlesex County is beset by a growing rash of resignations by highly placed personnel, including its director and, last night, some of its most stalwart supporters.

The resignation of Thomas Gregory, executive director of the Middlesex County Economic Opportunities Corp., was accepted officially by the MCEOC board of trustees last night.

Gregory's resignation was preceded a little over a week ago by that of Louis Diggs, former

chairman of the board of trustees.

Last night both Charles Gray and Charles Searight, a six-year veteran of the poverty campaign indicated their intent to resign.

Gray said he would tender his resignation as a member of the MCEOC board's policy committee, maintaining that he had submitted his letter of resignation to the board last Tuesday and had expected it to be read last night.

Searight, who is resigning as head of MCEOC's Manpower Program, said he is leaving "for personal reasons." He

said he may have more to say later, but declined to elaborate.

The board accepted the resignation of Jerome Aumentie as a member of the board. A lecturer in urban planning and community development at Livingston College, Aumentie said he is beginning two new programs and will not be able to devote adequate time to MCEOC.

At the same time, the board officially accepted the resignation of Louis Diggs who submitted his letter two weeks ago. The letter of resignation, in

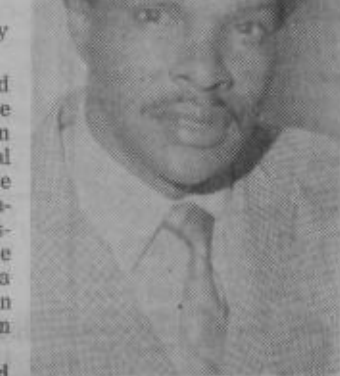
which Diggs charged that he had been treated as a "puppet" by the MCEOC administration and that the board had become a mere "public relations" outfit, was greeted with applause by other board members when read by the board secretary last night.

C. Roy Epps, first vice chairman, has been serving as chairman of the board since Diggs' resignation.

Although Gregory's intent to resign was known last week, last night was the first time the MCEOC board officially was notified.

In his letter, Gregory said his two years as executive director of MCEOC had been "an opportunity for personal growth and expansion." He said he now feels like a "weary veteran." He did not disclose his future plans, but he said he would be working for a human service organization on a smaller scale "somewhere in New Jersey."

Gregory indicated he would leave MCEOC on Oct. 8, but See **POVERTY**, Page 27



THOMAS GREGORY
...resignation accepted

Poverty

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he was persuaded by board members to stay until the end of the program year on Oct. 31. Epps said Gregory's decision to stay was "very professional."

In addition to the problem of finding a new executive director, the board was faced last night with a petition calling for the ouster of Ruth Robinson, director of the MCEOC Early Childhood Education program.

The petition was signed by 46 teachers and parents with children in the program, plus community members and taxpayers. The petition charged that the program director was "insensitive to the needs of the poor."

The board took no action on the petition last night because no charges were specified. The signers said these would be included on a separate sheet.

Sept. 22, 1971

Will Out in the Cold Warehouse Workers be Boiling Mad?

NEW BRUNSWICK — Rather than pay 36 per cent above an engineer's estimate for a new boiler, the Middlesex County freeholders yesterday decided the six full-time employees in the voting machine warehouse in Edison can brave the October cold while new bids for a boiler are sought.

At a special meeting yesterday, the freeholders rejected the only bid of \$33,890 from Richardson Engineering Co. of New Brunswick, and hoped to get new bids closer to the \$12,500 estimate.

Despite the urging from a member of the consulting firm, Vogelback and Baumann of Scotch Plains, to accept the bid and begin installing the new boiler, the board determined no emergency exists and the matter can wait until new bids are received. Assistant County Counsel Francis Foley further advised it is unnecessary to declare an emergency situation and avoid bidding procedures.

There is little need for heat to protect the voting machines, since they can withstand temperatures as low as 40 degrees below zero.

County engineer John J. Reiser Jr., during the conference preceding the vote, noted that October temperatures range from 43 to 65 degrees, adding he thought men could work without heat indoors with those tempera-

tures outside.

Freeholder Francis J. Coury wondered if the employees "would object to working without heat," but no definitive reply was heard from other board members.

William O'Malley, buildings superintendent, cautioned that if a freeze occurred between now and the time a boiler is installed, water lines would have to be "drained down" to avoid the possibility of the lines cracking.

This would also cut off employee toilet facilities, Freeholder John Phillips noted.

At one point during the conference, before it was decided no emergency existed, Coury, the sole Republican on the board, suggested avoiding the bid procedures and soliciting cost proposals from six firms.

Later, Freeholder Thomas Molyneux revived the question, saying that once before Coury "raised a big fuss" about not having enough bidders on a project.

Coury argued that situation was different, but Molyneux contended it was the same.

Coury had objected to a \$193,000 contract being awarded to relocate a gatehouse at the Raritan Arsenal site because of the lack of bidders in one category.

Contractors bid on three of the four aspects, but no contractor bid on the structural steel category. However, the freeholders awarded the contract to the one firm that

bid on the total job, to which Coury objected.

A few days later, the freeholders rescinded the ac-

tion, decided to call for new bidding on the structural steel category, and eventually saved about \$40,000.

Sept. 25, 1971

Community Leaders Would Sink Coast Guard River Plans

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — This area's governmental and business leaders have urged a swift reversal of the U.S. Coast Guard's decision to review the Route 18 extension project in letters sent yesterday to the state's two U.S. senators, Clifford P. Case and Harrison A. Williams.

The letters, which said the review likely would push construction of the highway back several years, followed by three days telegrams sent to Gov. William T. Cahill and U.S. Secretary of Transportation John Volpe urging similar action.

State Senate Minority Leader J. Edward Crabiel, D-Middlesex, also urged Williams to intervene with the Department of Transportation and the Coast Guard "to the end that prior approvals previously given be considered valid and the project be allowed to go forward."

The signatories of the other letters included Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan; Freeholder Peter Daly Campbell; Hugh Boyd, publisher of The Home News; and William Richardson, president of the Raritan Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce.

The mayor said copies of the letters were sent to U.S. Representative Edward J. Patten, D-N.J., and James J. Howard, D-N.J., Middlesex County's two representatives in Congress.

Will Follow Up

"Of course, we expect to follow up these letters with visits to Washington," Mrs. Sheehan said. "Basically this issue boils down to a bridge or no bridge, and I think it is in the best interests of all concerned that we do have another river crossing."

The letters stated the group's main concern was the matter of delay which the Coast Guard review would necessarily cause.

"Gov. Cahill, who has been most helpful in this matter, does not feel that after all the years of delay he can in good conscience reserve the necessary funds over the

long period of time indicated for a Coast Guard hearing," the letters said.

The Coast Guard entered the picture after a group of local citizens petitioned it to review the matter. It determined that the Raritan River, at the point of the Route 18 crossing, was navigable and therefore under its jurisdiction.

"The matter verges on the ridiculous since the river at this point is only a few feet deep and navigation by anything more than small boats is impossible due to the low-level fixed bridge a mile downstream (the Albany Street Bridge)," the letters said.

Crabiel's letter noted that the Rutgers crew team has had great difficulty getting through the Albany Street Bridge, and the Route 18 bridge will have a considerably higher clearance.

The minority leader added that Cahill had been told a Coast Guard review would take 12 to 15 months.

Unemployment Cited

"I want to point out to you that this is a \$20 million project which is ready to go out on bids in an area which has 9.8 per cent unemployment," Crabiel wrote. "The payroll probably would exceed \$8 million."

The mayor said adding to her distress over the project was the fact that a substantial part of the land for the proposed route of the highway has been acquired by the state and permitted to deteriorate.

"The prospect of this blight being permitted to remain unimproved, or even to spread, is intolerable to the people of this city," the mayor said.

Her letter also cited the matter of safety and improvement of traffic conditions as an object of concern not only in the city, but for thousands of people who daily pass through the city on overcrowded local streets.

"In view of the endless review and studies already completed over the years, this new and thoroughly unjustifiable delay seems inconceivable," the letter said. "The deprivation that a half-million citizens of our state will suffer is absolutely incalculable."

J&J Sales Climb 14 Per Cent

NEW BRUNSWICK — Johnson & Johnson had consolidated sales of \$835,347,000 for its worldwide operations during the first nine months of 1971, an increase of 14.1 per cent, it was announced today by Philip B. Hofmann, chairman of the board of directors. Consolidated sales of the worldwide manufacturer of medical, consumer and industrial products were \$749,595,000 for the same period a year ago.

Consolidated net earnings for the nine-month period were \$76,727,000, an increase of 25.3 per cent over net earnings of \$61,234,000 in the first nine months of 1970.

Worldwide consolidated sales for the third quarter of 1971 were \$291,034,000, an increase of 14.4 per cent over 1970's third quarter sales of \$254,295,000. Consolidated net earnings

for the third quarter of 1971 were \$27,266,000 compared with \$22,959,000 for the same period a year ago, an increase of 18.8 per cent.

In the past, allowances were made for fluctuations in foreign currency rates to the extent that the company felt they would remain reasonably permanent. In view of the present uncertainties in the world monetary situation, translations of results of foreign subsidiaries do not reflect any of the official or unofficial exchange rate fluctuations that occurred in the major world currencies during the third quarter of 1971.

Consolidated net earnings per share of common stock were \$1.37 for the first nine months of 1971 compared with \$1.10 for the same period in 1970, and 48 cents in the third quarter of

1971 compared with 41 cents in the same period for 1970.

Domestic sales were \$397,883,000 in the first nine months of 1971 compared with \$332,160,000 in the first nine months of 1970, an increase of 12.4 per cent. Domestic net earnings were \$49,211,000 in the first nine months of 1971 compared with \$40,521,000 in the first nine months of 1970, an increase of 21.4 per cent.

Sales of foreign subsidiaries were \$257,464,000 in the first nine months of 1971 compared with \$217,435,000 in the first nine months of 1970, an increase of 18.4 per cent. Net earnings of foreign subsidiaries were \$27,516,000 in the first nine months of 1971 compared with \$20,713,000 in the first nine months of 1970, an increase of 32.8 per cent.

Week-Long Boycott Ends

Oct. 26, 1971

All Quiet at New Brunswick High

NEW BRUNSWICK — Black and Puerto Rican students returned to classes at New Brunswick High School this morning, ending a week-long boycott.

The school opened without incident and with no apparent added security. The school's own security aides were on duty, but, in contrast to last week, no New Brunswick plainclothes police were in the building.

A lone New Brunswick police car cruised the streets surrounding the school. This, too, was different from last week, when at least one city police car was continuously parked

outside the school and several New Brunswick and North Brunswick patrol cars cruised the area.

One black student who participated in last week's boycott commented that it was "OK" to get back to school, while another said, "I want to get an education."

The weather was dark and dank as the morning session students entered the building shortly before the start of classes at 7:30 a.m. Many classrooms had their window blinds completely raised, permitting drivers and passers-by to have a view into the lighted

classrooms as they filled up with students.

Some 150 students were absent from the morning session student body, which totals 1,240. This compares to 530 morning students who stayed out of classes last Monday—the first day of the boycott, and the first day of classes after a non-violent confrontation between some 200 black and white students the previous Friday.

An absentee rate of 135 to 150 students is normal for a Monday morning, Lindstrom said last week.

The school was closed yesterday because of Veterans Day. The end to the boycott is the

result of informal meetings held over the weekend. On Saturday, the New Brunswick Board of Education offered to meet with student boycott leaders tonight on the students' list of 18 demands if all the students returned to classes today.

A group calling itself "the Black Home and School Organization of New Brunswick" issued an announcement Sunday saying that the students will return for five days but "if meaningful action is not taken within five days, the boycott will resume."

About a third of the school's 2,300 students honored the boycott last week, which was

called after a meeting of black students at the school a week ago Sunday.

Included among the students' list of 18 demands, presented to the Board of Education last Tuesday night, was a call for the ouster of High School Principal Willard Lindstrom. The students reportedly have modified their demand to include a "phasing out" of Lindstrom rather than an immediate resignation.

Lindstrom is eligible to retire at the beginning of the 1972-73 school year.

Tonight's meeting between board members and student boycott leaders is still scheduled to take place.

Candidates - '71

Today:
Middlesex County Sheriff
and Edison Council

Tomorrow:
The Middlesex County
Senate Races

corporated and therefore, "We have duplication of law enforcement."

The sheriff's candidate placed the blame on the state legislature. "No legislator especially in this state has taken the guts to stand up because of the power of 21 sheriffs within this state. . . to say these laws need updating," he said.

And he added flatly, "The sheriff's department in this county is a waste of taxpayers' money."

Flanagan's Background

Flanagan, 53, was born and raised in Boston. He is a combat veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard and served in World War II in the European and Pacific Theaters. He was offered an appointment to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, Conn., but declined it to attend Tufts University in Medford, Mass.

He graduated with a degree in civil engineering and, after a short stay in another job, went on to work in the engineering department of Johnson & Johnson in New Brunswick. The Flanagans moved to North Brunswick.

During that time, he became a Republican county committeeman, and in 1963 was appointed to the North Brunswick Township Committee to fill an unexpired term. The same year he sought re-election and was victorious and, in 1966, the pattern repeated itself.

During his tenure on the committee, Flanagan's police commissioner was instrumental in aiding the township to obtain its full-time police department.

In 1967, he lost a bid for a term on the Middlesex County Board of Freeholders, but the following year he was elected sheriff, and thereby became the first Republican to hold a county office in nearly 40 years.

He is married to the former Theresa Simone. The couple has two children, Janet, 21, and June, 18, both of whom are attending college.

He is a member of numerous law enforcement organizations, the American Legion, VFW, Knights of Columbus, Irish-American Association, the Holy Name Society.

The Flanagans are communicants of St. Augustine's R.C. Church in Franklin Park. Flanagan was honored at a testimonial dinner in March, and will be honored by the North Brunswick Jaycees Oct. 30 when he is made "Man of the Year," according to his campaign manager.

De Marino, Lifelong Woodbridge Resident

De Marino, 37, is a lifelong resident of Woodbridge. He attended local schools there and attended courses given by police organizations. He is on leave as a county detective with the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office. His leave will end after the campaign.

De Marino of Port Reading in Woodbridge, formerly served as senior defense investigator with the office of the public defender in Middlesex County. He helped organize the office in this county and handled an estimated 800 cases alone during his first year as the sole investigator.

Prior to that he was a member of the Woodbridge Police Department, first as a patrolman for one year, then as a detective in charge of criminal investigation cases.

He belongs to the Port Reading First Aid Squad, volunteer fire company, former member of the board of fire commissioners.

In 1968, De Marino was appointed to the Woodbridge Board of Education for an unexpired term and the following year won election to a three-year term.

He is a member of the Italian-American Club of Woodbridge, Knights of Columbus, member of the New Jersey Public Defenders Investigators Association, and others.

De Marino served for three years in the U.S. Marine Corps and was discharged with the rank of sergeant.

He was honored by the Woodbridge Jaycees as the "Man of the Year" in 1961 and was cited early in his law enforcement career as "Rookie of the Year" by the Woodbridge governing body.

He and his wife, the former Lorraine King, have two children, Joseph, 6, and Dennis, 3. They are communicants of St. Anthony's R.C. Church, Port Reading.

Spratford Personal Data

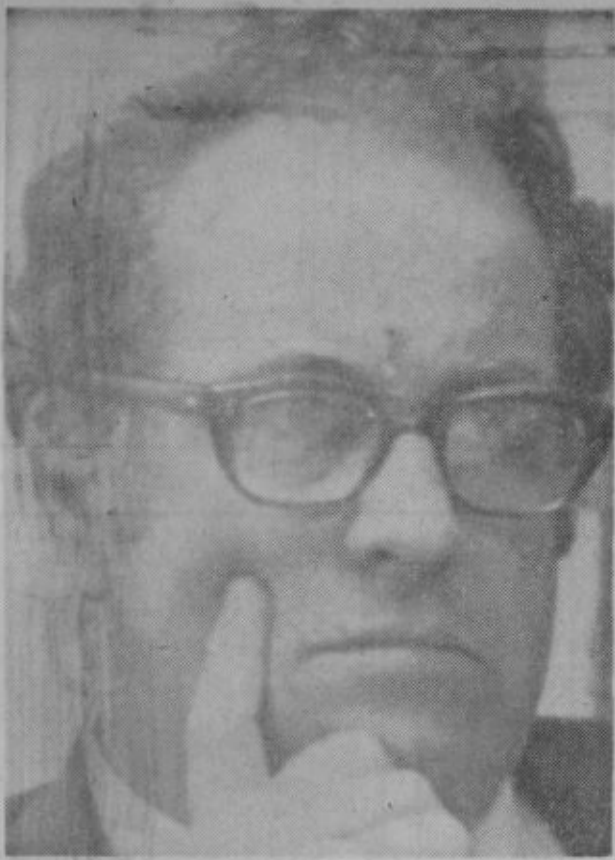
Spratford, a Milltown native, is a graduate of New Brunswick High School, attended Rutgers Prep School and Rutgers University.

He is a stocks analyst. He served in the U.S. Army in the African and European Theaters and was separated as a first sergeant.

While in high school, Spratford was an all-state baseball player at NBHS and later played semi-pro ball.

He is a member of the Milltown Rescue Squad, former American Legion vice commander.

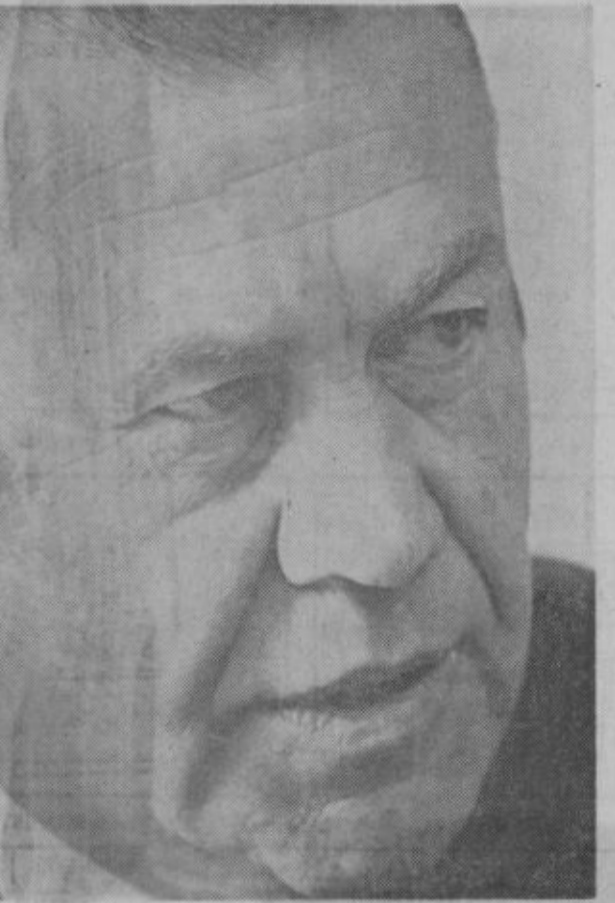
For the Record: Sheriff Campaign Is Big Battle



John Flanagan
Republican Incumbent



Joseph De Marino
Democratic Candidate



Walter Spratford
Independent Contender

NEW BRUNSWICK — The race for sheriff of Middlesex County is entering its final week, and the three candidates seem to be girding themselves for the final onslaught in what has been a bitter series of skirmishes.

While technically a three-way race, most political observers feel the real battle is between Republican Sheriff John Flanagan and his Democratic opponent, Joseph De Marino.

The third contestant is Walter Spratford, an independent, who has waged a steady and serious campaign and refuses to concede that he is the underdog.

Flanagan has based his campaign on his record of three years in the sheriff's office, while De Marino has carefully and methodically dissected his opponent's performance.

Spratford, likewise, has taken his scalpel to Flanagan's record, but his work has not borne the precision nor the technique of De Marino.

Flanagan points with pride to his arrest record of 160 narcotics arrests in 1970, 132 thus far in 1971 and 400 miscellaneous arrests thus far this year. The prior administration made 45 arrests for narcotics violations per year, he said.

Flanagan also is proud of his lectures in drug abuse to schools and civic clubs. In 1970, he made 145 lectures, he said, and followed that with 153 lectures this year.

Under his administration, Flanagan said, the identification bureau was modernized and the prosecutor's office turned over its work to the sheriff's office.

First Assistant Prosecutor Judson Hamlin confirmed this claim, adding that his office found it unnecessary duplication to continue recording arrests and files. In August or September of this year, Hamlin said, the department was closed and all work turned over to the sheriff's department.

Road Patrol Lauded

Flanagan points with pride to his road patrol which he created. It operates from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. during "high crime times" seven days a week. Four men are assigned. They have transported prisoners from the county workhouse and the juvenile detention center, assisted in quelling disturbances and issued 200 summonses. They also have made 30 arrests, assisted in more than 100 other arrests, recovered 23 stolen cars and assisted hundreds of motorists, Flanagan said.

Flanagan said as a result of "an intensive three-year campaign" the county board of freeholders granted \$200,000 to renovate the 54-year-old jail.

The money, however, has been held up pending a full study of the jail by consulting architects for the board.

Another Flanagan improvement, he claims, is the sending and receiving radio, linking all municipal police departments in Middlesex County. It is the only link between all police departments in the county.

Other improvements in the sheriff's department listed by Flanagan are: the training of 75 sheriff's officers at Middlesex County College or the state police academy at Sea Girt or at various county police academies; institution of the rumor phone to end unfounded rumors during civil disturbances; plans to start a tactical squad to provide local police with additional officers to aid in mob-control; a bomb squad led by a trained expert who can direct the search for reported bombs, and an expansion of the administrative code from six to 31 pages.

Would Disband Narcotics Squad

De Marino, who is on leave from the county prosecutor's office for the campaign, has indicated he will disband the narcotics squad by shifting responsibility for it to the prosecutor's office where the men are "better trained."

He also would abandon the road patrol and place the men in positions more closely resembling the actual duties of a sheriff's office. The tactical squad idea would be abandoned, he said, and the bomb squad also would be disbanded.

The sheriff's communications center eventually would be upgraded to provide for a real network of communications which could, in the event of a major crime, serve to seal off a section of the county while the hunt for the criminal continued.

The identification bureau would be improved to the point where it eventually may replace individual identification bureaus as a central unit or clearinghouse for all such information, De Marino said.

In his campaign literature, De Marino calls for a narcotics education bureau to be established within the confines of the sheriff's office.

The bureau would be staffed with "a highly trained team of narcotics personnel to form the nucleus of a major drug education effort."

He also calls for "a major effort" to get federal funds into the county "to study drug problems and undertake ways of finding more effective methods of drug control and prevention."

De Marino also indicates he would send the officers to specialized courses in law enforcement around the county, especially those offered by the FBI, the state police, Northwestern University, Rutgers University, and the military.

Another proposal by De Marino is that the sheriff's officers be responsible for transporting all prisoners from individual municipalities to New Brunswick for trial.

Such a "transportation unit" would free individual police departments for patrol in their towns, he said.

Yet, Another Outlook

Spratford said he would abandon the tactical squad, the bomb squad, the narcotics squad, the road patrol, and concentrate on aiding the county prosecutor's office and the state police.

In place of a narcotics squad, Spratford would create a narcotics information team of individuals who first would be trained in narcotics information by the state police, then lecture at schools.

In his first week as sheriff, Spratford said he would meet with state and local police to see how the sheriff's office could aid them, then would do the same with representatives of the attorney general's office in Trenton.

Spratford, himself a former part-time police officer in Milltown, said he would add a wing to the Middlesex County Workhouse in North Brunswick and remove the prisoners from the county jail in New Brunswick. The county jail was built in 1917 and is scheduled for renovation.

Spratford said the sheriff's office, which he feels is not the chief law enforcement office in Middlesex County, is not responsible for narcotics enforcement. Instead, he continued, the county should develop a regional narcotics squad based upon experts in each municipal police department.

The two foremost candidates—Flanagan and De Marino—met with The Home News editorial board Sept. 16. The meeting, often turning into a debate, lasted almost two hours and frequently culminated in raised voices. Spratford met with the editorial board Oct. 14.

As major points in his war on narcotics, Flanagan points to his arrest record of 160 narcotics arrests in 1970, 132 thus far this year and a miscellaneous total of 400 this year.

Conviction-Rate Disputed

While Flanagan claims a conviction rate of 90 per cent, De Marino disputes this and those in a position to know, who do not wish to be identified, deny this is true. In fact, when questioned about it, one official, who asked that his name be withheld, said Flanagan's record was "no where near" that amount, mostly because of "poor searches" for evidence, "bad arrests" and "incomplete cases." Many of the sheriff's cases, he said, are thrown out of court on technicalities.

Flanagan claimed his men do not have the "rapport" with local police departments because "the fact is we went in there when they were not doing anything and made arrests in narcotics where they were kind of delinquent in it."

De Marino said the lack of rapport was actually a lack of trust in the sheriff's department. "In the past four years," he said, "you will find that no state police, no county detective, or prosecutor's office, nor do you see the local police cooperating with the sheriff's department."

The former Woodbridge police detective added, "when you don't cooperate, someone's acting in limbo."

The two candidates engaged in a brief skirmish over De Marino's charge that Flanagan's office was "building arrests" by recording counts against an individual as separate arrests. Flanagan denied it.

But Flanagan added, "isn't that the way local police departments build arrests? Absolutely not," De Marino answered. But Flanagan retorted, "Local police departments are building their police arrests the same as anybody else."

Flanagan said local police departments began to "build arrests. . . until the time that I took office, then they began to make arrests because the sheriff's department in Middlesex County was beginning to show that these local police departments were not doing their proper job in narcotics."

Flanagan claimed his is "one of the better sheriff's departments in the state of New Jersey and it's only because of me being the sheriff and the administrative powers that I've had."

But while he claimed his department's conviction rate would be "available to anyone," Flanagan said it was not included in the Uniformed Crime Report which is submitted to the federal government in August. Flanagan said the conviction rate, now available, shows 90 per cent convictions in cases initiated solely by the sheriff's office.

As Flanagan explained his lack of rapport with local departments, he mentioned the chiefs of police. Flanagan sees the conflict as a struggle for power between the local chiefs and the sheriff.

"The chiefs of police association tried to downgrade the office of sheriff on the East Coast for many, many years," Flanagan said, "and a lot of the powers of the sheriff have been usurped away from them because of the sheriff's sitting back with their feet on the desk allowing the chiefs of police to get a foothold in police work."

The role of the county sheriff especially in metropolitan areas like Middlesex County, has changed, De Marino said. He said sheriffs in rural communities have broader powers because no local police force exists. In that case, he said, the sheriff often is the sole peacekeeping force.

De Marino said every town in Middlesex County is in-

Police Head Tastes Japanese Culture in Sister City



INTERNATIONAL HANDSHAKE — In Tsuruoka, Japan, New Brunswick Police Director John T. O'Brien shakes hands with Maruo Inoue, police chief of the Japanese city.

TSURUOKA, JAPAN — New Brunswick Police Director John T. O'Brien sat down to eat — carefully.

He had been instructed in the proper way to take off his shoes and sit on the floor, to eat off the low table preferred by the Japanese. Everything was going well until O'Brien noticed — "Shades of Adlai Stevenson, I found I had a hole in my sock!"

That experience was part of what the police director described as an informative and enjoyable day last month during which he represented New Brunswick in its Japanese "sister city" of Tsuruoka.

Students from Tsuruoka have been attending Rutgers University in New Brunswick for more than 100 years, and dignitaries from the Japanese city have visited New Brunswick in the past.

When O'Brien planned a vacation in the Orient, Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan asked him to make a stopover in Tsuruoka to represent New Brunswick on a return visit.

O'Brien, who was wounded and decorated while fighting the Japanese during World War II commented at the time, "It just goes to show how things change in this world."

On arrival, on Oct. 6 he was greeted by Mayor Shigemaro Shival, chief official of the city of some 100,000 people, and treated to a luncheon featuring small loaves, fish, rice and beer.

After a vain effort to use chopsticks, the police director conceded he yielded to "custom and hunger" and used forks and spoons.

While enjoying the ceremony of the occasion, O'Brien also made several observations relative to police work.

Japanese police are organized nationally and are not under the direct supervision of local authorities.

• The prison at Tsuruoka is designed "like Jeremy Bentham's panopticon" as a semi-circle, so the prisoners can all be watched by an officer at a central desk. O'Brien saw this as a possible remedy for the recent high rate of suicides in New York prisons, for example.

In the outlying areas, police make periodic checks on every house as part of their patrol duty.

His hosts asked a raft of what O'Brien called "inclusive" questions about the U.S. urban crisis and proposed detente with China, but were reportedly too steeped in "native politeness" to argue with any of the visitor's answers.

Improvement Program Set by City

NEW BRUNSWICK — A capital improvement program for the city covering the next six years was approved by the City Council yesterday, including such items as an addition to the Public Library and a replacement of the Lyle Brook sanitary sewer.

The list also includes some projects already under way or in the final planning stages such as the new Rutgers Village firehouse and the Railroad Plaza police booth.

City Clerk William Cahill said the program was drawn up at the request of the state Division of Local Finance, which must give approval for the city to float bond issues on any of the projects.

The new firehouse currently is being financed through temporary notes, although the council gave approval for bonding last spring.

"The state has to give approval for the bonding, but they require something like this first because they don't want the municipalities to go too deeply in debt," Cahill said.

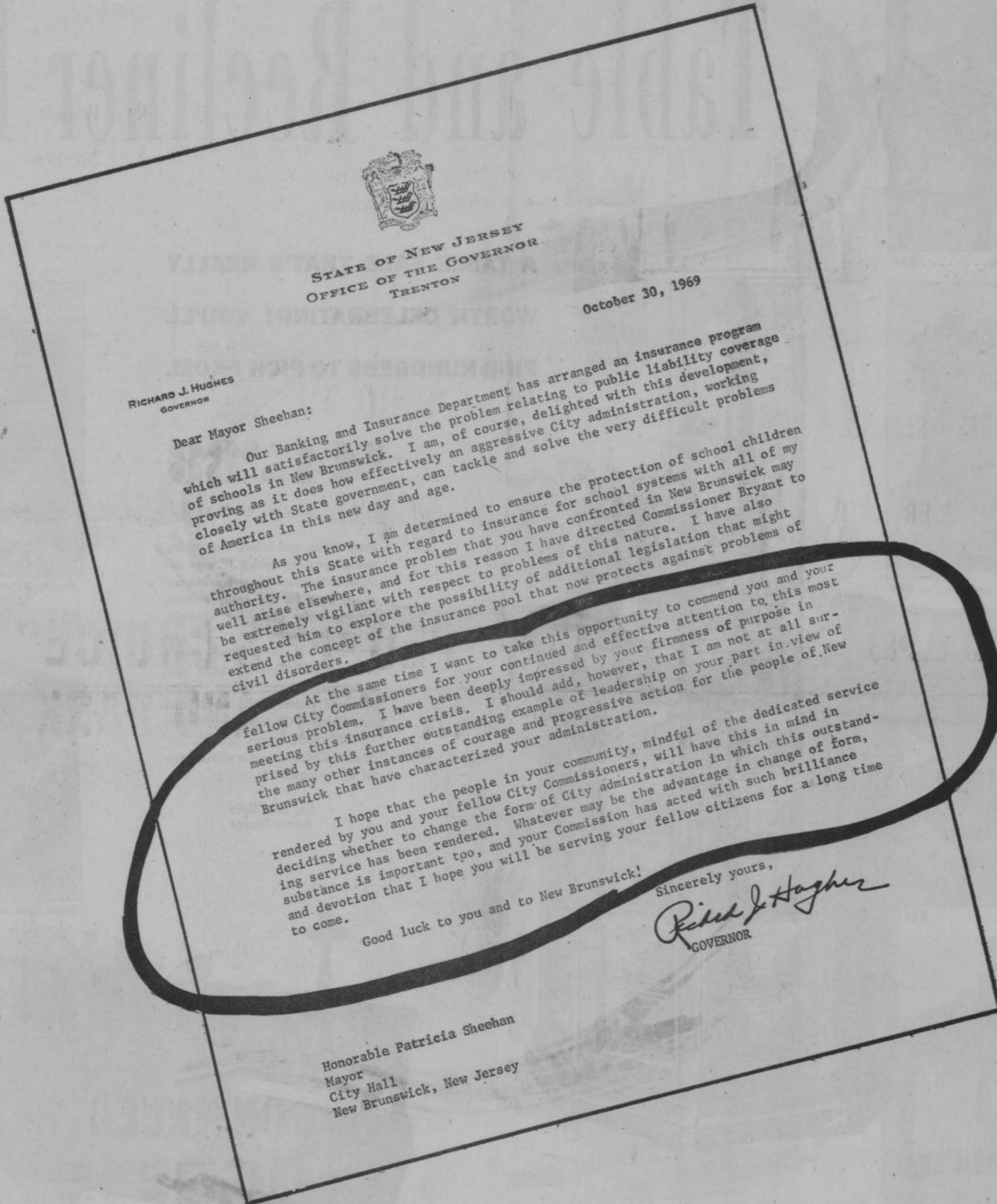
Also on the list is improvements to the Westons Mill Dam, for which the council approved the bonding last spring.

Expansion and improvements to the Rutgers Village storm sewer system also is on the list and currently is being studied by the city's engineering department.

Cahill said replacement of the Lyle Brook sanitary sewer was included because of an environmentalist suit pending against the city which contends that the book is one of the major polluters of the Raritan River.

Nov. 9, 1971

ATTENTION NEW BRUNSWICK TAXPAYERS!



SAVE TAX DOLLARS!
VOTE NO ... CHARTER QUESTION

Schulte Defeats Ferguson

Nov. 3, 1971

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — A strong bid for minority representation on the City Council was turned back by the voters yesterday, as incumbent Democrat Robert Schulte defeated independent Robert Ferguson by a scant 340 votes.

Schulte proved to be the low man on the Democratic slate which was given a clean sweep by the voters. An average 2,500 vote margin was provided for the other candidates on the ticket.

More than 51 per cent of the city's 16,500 registered voters went to the polls. Of those who did cast ballots, some 1,500 failed to vote for either council candidate.

The pattern of the city's election returns appeared to indicate several hundred voters cast their ballot for one of the sheriff candidates and no other member of either ticket.

Democratic State Sen. John Lynch, a city native and lifelong resident, was high vote getter with 5,571 votes, for a 3,200 plurality over his nearest Republican rival.

It was the second defeat in two years for Ferguson, who ran last year on Ralph Muehlig's Save Our City slate of candidates.

"I'm tired of coming so close," remarked Muehlig, who was Ferguson's campaign manager and who himself had lost to Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan last year by 517 votes.

But the Westinghouse executive made no commitment either way on any future political activity. Three council seats will be at the stake in next year's city election.

The closeness of the election was attributed by several observers to Ferguson's strong campaign and organizational efforts, his alliance with the Republican organization for providing election day workers, and bitterness among some members of the black community over the George Street Urban Renewal Project.

Many of those who had been working with the Urban League on its unsuccessful proposal for the project entered the Ferguson campaign in its latter days.

David Harris, director of the New Brunswick Day Care Center and one of the leaders in the blacks' effort for Ferguson, claimed the group was able to garner some 45 per cent of the vote in the predominantly black districts of the city.

"This was on short notice, without any kind of voter registration effort and without our own candidate," he said, "this should prove to the city administration that they can no longer count on the black vote without giving us something in return."

The effect of his drive was most prominent in the Second Ward, where Mayor Sheehan had clobbered Muehlig by 1,100 votes last year, but which Schulte carried by just 160 votes this year. The majority of that margin came in the seventh district of the ward, traditionally a Democratic stronghold and the one which gave the mayor the biggest share of her margin last year.



THIS ONE DID BURST — Councilman Robert Schulte and his wife Anne, center, watch in amusement as Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, right, attempts to burst a Schulte

balloon at last night's victory celebration at the Greenbrier Restaurant. Schulte's election bubble didn't burst as he defeated independent Robert Ferguson by 328 votes.

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Schulte Scores Close Decision Over Ferguson

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of that margin came in the seventh district of the ward, traditionally a Democratic stronghold and the one which gave the mayor the biggest share of her margin last year.

However, only slightly more than one-third of the voters there came out to vote this year and Schulte won by just 180 votes.

Ferguson captured the first

and fourth wards, by taking four of the latter ward's seven districts and by making a good showing in Rutgers Village, where he defeated Schulte by 150 votes. However, he failed to maintain last year's hold on the predominantly Hungarian Fifth Ward, where Schulte took every district yesterday.

Schulte also took the entire Sixth Ward and carried 21 of the city's 28 election districts.

Without stating such specifically, Ferguson appeared to rule out any further runs for the council in the near future.

For his part, Schulte said he was happy not to have to run for office again for another three years.

A newcomer to politics, the councilman pointed out that since he was appointed to the council vacancy last February, he has faced an election campaign every three months. He was opposed by police candidate Kenneth Delaney in the city's Democratic primary last June.

Ferguson said that while he was admittedly speaking from a biased position, he felt the

city's Charter Study Commission made a mistake in having local elections decided on a party basis.

"It just seems illogical that the makeup of the city's government should be decided by having a man like John Lynch at the head of the ticket," he said.

City voters gave a 2,900 vote margin to the Democratic freeholder candidates, a 2,400 vote margin to the party's Assembly candidates, an 1,800 vote spread to sheriff candidate Joseph De Marino and a 3,300

vote margin to the Democratic Senate candidates.

The higher education bond issue referendum lost in the city by 29 votes, while the Green Acres and senior citizen exemption referendums passed by sizable margins.

The vote by wards:

	Schulte	Ferguson
Ward 1	628	696
Ward 2	970	812
Ward 3	40	13
Ward 4	786	851
Ward 5	492	336
Ward 6	793	653

City Engineer Quits as Director

Nov. 17, 1971

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — City Engineer Robert C. Kane has resigned his post as director of the Public Works Department, a position he held for just the past two months.

Kane will retain his post as head of the engineering division, one of three divisions within the Public Works Department. However, he will lose the \$4,000 raise granted by the City Council when he was named to the higher position Sept. 15.

His action leaves city officials searching for two top administrators within a short space of time. Business Administrator William Saunders previously had announced his inten-

tion to leave and is expected to take his new post as East Brunswick administrator Dec. 6.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan said that due to a staff shortage in the engineering division, Kane had requested his appointment as director be rescinded and that he be allowed to continue as city engineer only.

"The city has experienced difficulties in hiring a qualified assistant city engineer, and without such assistance the workload of both responsibilities is too much for one person," the mayor said.

By naming someone already in the city's employ to handle the job on a part-time basis, the city had hoped to save the added cost of appointing some-

one solely to the director's post.

The city code calls for a salary range of \$15,000 to \$25,000 for department directors. Kane receives \$16,050 as city engineer, but was to get \$20,050 with the added duties of department director.

"Apparently, qualified assistant city engineers are a rarer commodity than we expected, and without such help it is understandable that Mr. Kane cannot function in both jobs," the mayor said.

The assistant engineer's post carries a salary range of \$10,000 to \$13,000, so the necessity of hiring an outside man to fill the director's post will cost the city at least a few thousand more dollars than it would if

Kane had remained on the job.

The other two division heads in the department, George Dalley of street services and Warren Klein of water, are not being considered for the top post, according to one administration official.

Councilman George Hendricks said city officials likely will be searching for persons to fill both the public works director and business administrator posts during their stay at the League of Municipalities convention in Atlantic City this week.

Dailey currently is leading a move by supervisory personnel to organize into a bargaining association and is known to have opposed the administration politically in the past.

The directorship of the Pub-

lic Works Department had been vacant since it was created by the new city administrative code last Jan. 1. It was that code which consolidated the engineering, street services and water divisions into one department.

The mayor said in September that the naming of a director for the department had been recommended by a task force of the Raritan Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce in order to eliminate confusion over responsibility and to expedite departmental decisions.

Kane, who resides at 19 Jefferson Ave., has been city engineer since 1959. He also is attending the League of Municipalities convention and was not immediately available for comment.

Tax Unit May Favor Local Aid Hike

Nov. 19, 1971

By GEORGE B. DAWSON
Home News Staff Writer

ATLANTIC CITY — Gov. William T. Cahill's State Tax Policy Study Committee is leaning toward a recommendation for a major increase in state aid for municipalities, counties, and school districts — but without a commensurate loss of local home-rule powers.

This was evident yesterday in "final" progress reports of the committee to the N.J. League of Municipalities at its 50th annual conference at Haddon Hall.

The reports were given by the chairman and vice chairman of the various subcommittee "task forces" established to examine particular aspects of the study committee's charge. Sen. Harry N. Sears, R-Morris, the committee chairman, emphasized that there had been no votes of the committee as a whole.

Sears and other committee officials indicated, however, that the committee

would give large weight to the task-force reports, and it would "attempt to pull them together" rather than to overrule any one of them.

The committee, which has been meeting since the middle of last year, is to present its report to Cahill in January. Sears said the study would be the most comprehensive of any undertaken in the state on taxation.

Several of the speakers said that their task forces would recommend an end to the "heavy" reliance on local property tax, and a new state and local tax structure substantially "more elastic" than the present one.

Harry C. Lang, senior tax adviser of the Standard Oil Co. of N.J. and vice president of the task forces which dealt with state taxes, said that the "inelasticity" of the present state tax structure caused "periodic fiscal crises" because of state needs exceeding revenues, and pointed out that his task force would recommend a complete overhaul of state taxes to obtain "the desired elasticity."

Former Middlesex County Assemblyman Robert N. Wilentz, chairman of a task force dealing with government structure, said that all his advisory reports indicated the need for a "massive change" in the level of state funding of local programs.

He said his task force was considering recommending a state school aid program "significantly greater" than that recommended by the Bateman Study Commission, which called for a 40 per cent aid level. He also said he was "seriously looking at" the need for additional local aid in the form of municipal block grants, which would provide money to towns with a low level of property tax rates.

According to Wilentz, the reports did not indicate that there should be a comparable flow of administrative powers to higher levels of government.

He said the task force examined the operation of county police forces, county school districts, and other county or regional level services in other states and found no advantages in them from the viewpoint of efficiency. He said, however, that he was giving special attention to the proposal for a state takeover of welfare administration, as recommended by the Musto Commission.

Frederick H. Guntzsch, tax manager and assistant secretary for the Grand Union Co., and vice chairman of a task force on local property tax, said his group was weighing an absolute limit on property tax levels, which also would serve to shift tax burdens to the state.

He said property tax rates now range

from \$30.32 to 72 cents per \$100 property true value and this was "quite a range."

John P. Lewis, dean of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton, and vice chairman of the overview task force on tax needs, said the economists' term of "elasticity" and references to the "income elasticity" of revenues and expenditures would be common in the task force's reports.

He explained that the term describes how flexible or inflexible tax revenues and government spending are in response to for every one per cent rise in economic activity.

Lewis noted that in New Jersey, state taxes had a neutral elasticity in relation to changes in economic activity, changing at a 1-to-1 ratio. He said changes in state and local expenditures, on the other hand, were considerably elastic when the economy is growing, changing by 1.5 per cent for every one per cent rise in economic activity.

Spending Needs May Outstrip Revenues

This meant, he said, that New Jersey's spending needs, if past trends continue, are likely to rapidly outstrip the rise in tax revenues from the present taxes. He said his task force foresaw a "revenue gap" of \$350 million in state and local tax needs in 1975, and one of more than \$1 billion in 1980, if spending levels continue to grow at the 1.5-to-1 ratio. This "gap" would appear, he said, without any major growth in new state programs, which the

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enactment of the Bateman Commission would entail.

The property tax levy in New Jersey — all for local and county programs — is \$2.2 billion this year. The state budget is \$1.4 billion, including state aid, and an additional \$400 million is raised by the state for use by municipalities, although this is not considered state aid as such. This category includes special utility and railroad taxes which are collected by the state for the towns in lieu of local property taxation.

Dean Lewis said his "revenue gap" figures anticipate some increased state and local taxes as new tax ratables appear in the state — but they anticipate no change in the tax rates. The figure, then, is the amount which has to be raised by new taxes if government is to continue to grow according to its past trends.

He also said his task force assumed that property taxes in New Jersey could be allowed to rise no further, and at the least should be kept where they are.

"The revenue gap," he said, "then becomes a measure for new state taxes."

None of the committee speakers referred to a state income tax in his talk, although an income tax recommendation had been expected to be the leading feature of the study committee's report. Members of the committee agreed afterwards, however, that a graduated income tax, with higher rates for higher incomes, was one of the most "elastic" taxes available.

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Budget Talk Zeroes On Computer's Role

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — A changeover to computers for much of the city's billing operations provided yesterday's theme for the first round of public hearings on the city's 1972 budget.

Computerized billing for the city's water and sewer services already has been contracted for and will start with the January bills.

However, city taxpayers and recipients of traffic tickets also may be doing business with the machines if requests of the city's department directors are put into effect.

The budget hearings, which are to continue today, are a new procedure established by the administrative code which was adopted under the city's new form of government.

Each department director, and in some cases division heads, presents his proposed 1972 budget to the mayor and business administrator and is given an opportunity to defend any increases or changes over 1971 figures.

The mayor then has approximately six weeks in which to review the requests and present recommendations to the council, which will conduct hearings on the completed document.

However, Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan said the hearings which are taking place this week reflect only about 10 per cent of the total amount the city will have to raise by tax next year.

The major part of the budget will be the schools and county share, which we don't know yet," the mayor said.

Only Salaries Included

Also, the budget figures presented yesterday and today reflect only the salary amounts being paid this year. The mayor said she likely will include a \$75,000 lump sum in the budget to cover adjustments to most employees' salaries.

All of the collective bargaining agreements between public employe groups and the city come up for renewal this year.

The \$75,000 amount cited by the mayor only will cover negotiations with the Municipal Employee's Association.

The mayor said a like amount may have to be included to cover negotiations with the police and fire departments. The city's school crossing guards also bargain separately.

Many of the budget requests were submitted incomplete since exact costs of programs still under discussion have yet to be worked out.

Municipal Court Judge Meyer Cohn said a program had not yet been devised for the computerization of the court fine system, which then must be approved by the state Administrative Director of the Courts.

However, the judge did indicate that the city's cost of renting equipment to do the tax bills by hand. Cost of that equipment formerly was shared with the water department.

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Mayor Names Administrator

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — A city resident with an extensive background in both banking and agriculture has been named the new business administrator of this financially troubled, urban community.



EDGAR T. SAVIDGE

Edgar T. Savidge, a resident of 54 Pennington Road in the Edgebrook section of the city, was named today by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan to fill the post which has remained vacant since the resignation of William Saunders in late November of last year.

His appointment is effective next Thursday at an annual salary of \$17,500.

Savidge is vice chairman of the Rutgers University Board of Trustees and previously was executive manager of the American Bankers Association.

As such, he was the number two staff person of an organization with a membership of 18,000 banks and branches, representing 97 per cent of all commercial banks in the country.

His responsibilities in that organization included heading a ployes, preparation and implementation of a \$14 million budget last year and preparation of programs and projects for the association.

He was associate director of the Stonier School of Banking at Rutgers in 1966, a school

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where he had studied earlier and produced a graduation thesis entitled "Interbank Relations in Financing Agriculture."

Born and raised on a dairy farm near Hopewell, he first attended Penn State as an agriculture major, but later switched to Rutgers from which he graduated in 1938.

For three years after that he was a member of the Rutgers Extension Division staff, doing 4-H work in Salem County.

During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army in both the Asian and European Theaters; and was awarded the Silver Star, Purple Heart and the Croix de Guerre. He was separated from the Army in 1945 with the rank of captain, and later retired from the Army Reserve with the rank of colonel.

After the war, he worked for a year with the N.J. Guernsey Breeders Association, but gave that up when he had a chance to go with the American Bankers Association as an agricultural specialist.

He moved quickly up the administrative ladder in that organization until he achieved the executive manager's post in 1969. When the association recently moved its executive offices, Savidge chose an early retirement rather than move from New Brunswick—something which the mayor said made him especially attractive.

"The appointment of a city resident with an outstanding record in private business insures bringing to this office experience, stability, maturity and a personal interest and stake in the well-being of New Brunswick," Mrs. Sheehan said.

The mayor added she had a broad field of applicants from which to choose and was extremely impressed with the quality of many of them.

"While many of the applicants had more direct municipal experience, I think Mr. Savidge brings a more comprehensive and complete talent to keep his feet around. But he has an expert swimmer's feel in the neighborhood with his pastures a cautious moment. After dark, he ventures

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Kohl Gives Landing Lane Bridge Top Priority

By ROBERT F. MARINO
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — Transportation Commissioner John C. Kohl yesterday put the strength of his office behind Middlesex County's desire to replace the two-lane Landing Lane bridge over the Raritan River with a four-lane structure.

At the same time, he agreed to further study the environmental impact of the proposed Route 18 extension behind the Rutgers dormitories over the Delaware & Raritan Canal.

Both announcements were received enthusiastically by a spokesman for a group of Sixth Ward residents who believe the planned Huntington Street ramp from the Route 18 extension would adversely affect their neighborhood.

Bruce Newling, who heads the Citizens Committee for Environmental Protection, called the Landing Lane decision "exceedingly important to us in terms of Route 18."

To Newling, a new Landing Lane bridge would allow better local traffic flow and eliminate the need for the Huntington Street ramp off Route 18.

The primary purpose of the Route 18 extension is to create a link between the Route 18 terminus on Albany Street in New Brunswick and Route 287 in Piscataway.

In a joint statement released by Kohl and Rutgers President Edward J. Bloustein, they said they agreed a new Landing Lane bridge "should be planned and constructed as soon as possible," and labeled it a "top priority project."

Kohl said he would "make every effort to expedite the funding" for the new bridge with state and federal funding participation.

According to County Engineer John J. Reiser, the state has selected the DeLeuw, Catheris and Co. engineering firm of Newark to design and select a route for the bridge. The county will now nego-

tiate with the firm on a price for their services, he added.

Kohl, in the statement said further study and reconsideration of the design of the Route 18 freeway up river from the Pennsylvania Railroad bridge "was in order in an effort to reduce the adverse environmental impact of the highway on the university community" and indicated his willingness to undertake the study.

When Kohl met with Bloustein in Trenton on Nov. 30, the Rutgers president requested Kohl give serious consideration to placing a deck over the highway extension behind the dorms to reduce air and noise pollution and Kohl agreed the idea "probably had real merit" and would be carefully studied, the statement said.

Questioned personally on the possibility of moving the proposed extension further from the dormitories — it is planned to pass within 81 feet of the dorms — Kohl replied "the piers are in already" and there's not much room in the canal.

But he said the department would again study the design to see what modifications could be made.

An environmental impact study of the proposed route over the river is required by the U.S. Coast Guard for its approval to build. The Coast Guard had declared the Raritan River navigable at the point where the road will cross over the river, therefore necessitating a review.

Demands by citizens' groups for an environmental study were resisted by the Transportation Department and the citizens' groups then took their arguments to the Coast Guard.

The deck proposal behind the dormitories is not a new one, but this is the first time that Kohl has indicated he might be receptive to it.

Newling, the citizens' group leader, said he could not see many environmental objections if the state widens Landing Lane bridge, eliminates the Huntington Lane bridge, eliminates the Huntington

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Street ramp, constructs a deck over the extension near the dorms and carries the road through Johnson Park in Piscataway on-stilts.

He saw legal questions still persisting, however, in the proposal to route the extension over the Delaware & Raritan Canal.

He also said some members of his group would like to see the Bishop Street ramp, which would lead to the Rutgers campus, shifted to Hamilton Street because that street is already a main artery in the city.

While he said he personally would not be "keen" on that suggestion if he was a Hamilton Street resident, he said some members contend Hamilton Street "is already ruined so it won't make a hell of a difference."

Commissioner Kohl said he did not as yet know where money for a new Landing Lane bridge would be coming from but thought it could be obtained from at least two sources.

One could be the federal program doling out \$100 million in 1972 and \$150 million in 1973 for bridge replacements under a high priority system.

Another could be the TOPICS program which is a design and construction program to improve traffic flows by improving key intersections. New intersections at George Street here and River Road in Piscataway (which is also Route 18 alternate) would be needed.

According to the county engineer, a four-lane bridge with shoulders would replace the present truss bridge at almost the present location.

Reiser said he is currently thinking of routing it downriver but adjacent to the present bridge. He said, however, the engineering firm would have to select the site.

Costs are estimated at \$4 million. Reiser and Freeholder Director George J. Otowski earlier yesterday stressed the need of what they called the importance of the \$8,200 Landing Lane bridge safety study ordered two weeks ago.

They said it will take at least five years before a new bridge could be built. "We have to make it safe for immediate use," Otowski said of the 76-year-old bridge.

"It's not wasted money when lives are at stake," Reiser said.

Route 18 Foe Warns Of 115,000 Cars Daily

NEW BRUNSWICK — One of the active fighters against the extension of Route 18 in New Brunswick, Bruce Newling of the Sixth Ward, is trying a new tactic to win support for his arguments that the highway should not be built.

Newling, chairman of the Citizens' Committee for Environmental Protection, based in the Sixth Ward, says that local and county governments here should be made to realize that the extension of Route 18 in New Brunswick could raise traffic volume to 115,000 cars a day on parts of the roadway.

He said that this would cause "severe pollution problems" to people living on the Memorial Parkway section of the highway, and may require the taking of land in Boyd Park for expansion of the roadbed.

He said he wonders if the county and local governments involved are prepared to consider provisions for new low-income housing sites, to allow the displacement of Memorial Homes in New Brunswick, and the taking of city parkland.

Newling appeared last night before the Piscataway Township Council, a supporter of the Route 18 extension, with such a concern. He was told the council is work-

ing on a zoning ordinance and that the township wants Route 18 extended to Route 287 so traffic won't be dumped on River Road.

He says he will bring the same question to the Middlesex County freeholders at their meeting tomorrow night.

Newling said he obtained his figures on future traffic growth on Memorial Parkway if Route 18 is extended from Herman Volk, a Middlesex County Planning Board staff aide, who has been working with the county's highway consultants, Alan Voorhees Associates, on traffic projections.

He said Volk told him the Voorhees firm was projecting a traffic load of 94,000 cars a day on Memorial Parkway by 1985, if the highway was extended, and 115,000 cars a day by the year 2000.

He said the traffic load on this section of the highway last year was 42,000.

Volk could not be reached yesterday afternoon for comment. The state Department of Transportation, has said, however, the Route 18 extension was designed for only 30,000 cars a day at its peak load.

Newling said that Memorial Parkway would have to be expanded to accommodate such a load, and the only way to do that would be to take land in Boyd Park.

County Service Cut Imminent

By ROBERT MARINO
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — A cutback in services provided by Middlesex County is imminent as the freeholders strive to keep the county tax rate at last year's level.

Estimated Increase: \$7 Million
The 1971 budget was \$38 million, and the "ballpark figure" that county officials are using for this year is \$45 million.

Despite the anticipated \$7 million jump — the influx of rateables in the county last year, coupled with a cutback of services, could keep property owners from paying more than last year's 53 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

This was the prediction of Freeholder Director George J. Otowski yesterday.

Both he and Budget Director John Nolan noted that about \$2.5 million is tacked onto the budget as "wash-out items." In other words, the money is received in the revenue column and goes right out the expenditure column.

The \$2.5 million is the bulk of a \$2.7 million federal grant to the county last fall from the Emergency Employment Act to hire government employes. While the money shows up on the county's financial books, the county actually acts as an agent in passing the funds from the federal level to the labor force.

Not all the budget requests are in, so financial officers have a muddled picture of the new budget.

They do know, however, that requests for what they call "other expenses" for county departments are up from \$21.8 million to an estimated \$25.5 million. These "other expenses" include office supplies, auto expenses, furniture, office machines and repairs.

The figures do not include salaries and wages, the only major item not contained in the preliminary worksheets.

For the first time, the freeholders will have department heads file before them in public budget request sessions, where the officials ostensibly will be required to justify their requests. The hearings will take three days—next Tuesday, Jan. 27 and Jan. 28 in the freeholders' meeting room.

The "other expenses" requests for three of the most costly county operations are not yet known because requests have not yet been submitted, according to Nolan.

These are for the welfare department, which had a \$4.5 million budget last year; the county college, which had a \$1 million budget; and Roosevelt Hospital, with a \$5.7 million budget last year.

Some departments show decreases in their requests for "other expenses." Many show increases.

Probably the greatest percentage jump will be in the prosecutor's office, which went from a part-time operation with 12 assistants to a full-time operation with 17 assistants last year.

Prosecutor John Kuhlthau is requesting \$257,850 for expenses, nearly 50 per cent more than his predecessor's \$169,650 budget.

Other requests include: Engineering department, \$31,855, a \$13,000 increase; jury commission, \$267,600, a \$32,500 jump, and health department, a \$19,000 increase to \$8,150.

Otowski stressed that these are only requests which are subject to the board's scrutiny.

Nolan said the mandatory increases in the projected total budget probably will amount to \$3.5 million of the \$3.6 million increase in the "other expenses" category.

Some of the mandatory increases—over which the county has no control—come in the costs to the county of patients in state institutions.

Otowski said the patient rate increases this year are "shocking." He said the board would investigate whether the rates conform to wage-price freeze guidelines.

All three are the first women to serve their respective communities as mayors.

The mayors will discuss how each became involved in politics and the obstacles and satisfactions they have experienced as women serving in public office.

The program will be shown on approximately 200 stations throughout the United States. The audio portion also will be aired on a number of radio stations.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The involvement of women in politics and community affairs will be the topic of conversation when Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan appears Jan. 15 on Christopher Closeup, the weekly television interview series.

The program will be aired locally on WABC-TV, Channel 7, at 8:30 a.m.

Mayor Sheehan will appear with Mayor Anna Latteri of Clifton and Mayor Elizabeth Dillinger of Lebanon Township.

City '72 Budget Undergoing Final Stage of Preparation

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By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — A 1972 city budget alternatively described as "horrendous" by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and "kind of high" by Council President Aldridge B. Cooper is going through its final phase of preparation by the City Council, with public introduction set for some time prior to Feb. 10.

The council received the mayor's recommended budget last week, and Cooper said the council members have spent one session familiarizing themselves with it. Several more meetings are set this week, he added.

"We probably will suggest some cuts in the budget, but we'll have to discuss the merits of the various requests first," he said. "We haven't even looked at the big departments yet, and since we haven't completed negotiations with the city employees either, we have nothing on salaries."

Mayor Sheehan received budget requests from the department directors late in November, and had six weeks in which to prepare her recommendations. However, the mayor declined to make her budget public and presented it directly to the council.

Unofficial sources have indicated the budget could pack anywhere from a 70 to 100 point tax increase, but it is likely there will be some paring of that amount since three of the councilmen must stand for re-election this year.

Previously, the mayor had said the budget contained many items which had been postponed from past years in order to effect a lower tax rate and the city now was getting to the point where these items no longer could be postponed.

Included are new equipment for several departments and positions which have remained unfilled for several years.

Cooper said one of the problems is that the council has not yet seen the Board of Education's budget, which forms the biggest portion of the total city budget, and much of the municipal portion is tied up in salaries.

"There really is little left for us to cut," Cooper said. "The mayor already has made some substantial cuts, and we have to determine the merits of the requests before we cut any further."

Board of Education President

Eli Saltz said he expects to have the board's budget ready for introduction early next month and could not give an estimate of how much that budget would be.

Finance Director George Cox said once that budget is in, and the city finds out how much of the county budget it will have to pay, some things probably will have to be pared from the municipal budget just to save the tax rate.

"If we could set overall

priorities and have a logical order of progress, we wouldn't have to drop city projects every year," he said. "But unfortunately we have nothing to say about the county's budget, and any school budget cuts can be restored by State Education Commissioner Carl Marburger, which leaves the city budget the only place where you can save money."

Cooper said the public hearing on the city budget is set for the regular council night session March 15.

The latest date by which the budget can be introduced is Feb. 10, and there then is a 23 day waiting period before the public hearing. The budget then must be finalized and sent to the county Board of Taxation by March 31 for computation of the tax rate.

Since the city still is negotiating contracts with five municipal employes groups, the budget will include lump-sum accounts for salary increments rather than a true salary and wages account for each department.

Cox said the city already has received the requests from the Policemen's Benevolent Association, the Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association and the Municipal Employees Association.

Yet to be heard from are the school crossing guards, and the fire department's Superior Officers Association.

City Water's Smell Traced To the Canal

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By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — The foul odor and taste in the city's water supply, possibly the result of some pollutant being dumped in the Delaware and Raritan Canal, presents no health hazard and should be gone by midnight, according to Water Superintendent Warren Klein.

"The problem is in the distribution system right now and we have to wait until it works itself out," Klein said. "We stopped drawing from the canal yesterday morning and are drawing exclusively from Farrington Lake."

"The foul smell and taste in the water first became apparent at about 9 a.m. yesterday, and had it been a normal weekday the problem already would be gone, Klein said.

However, on Sunday's consumption rate is only eight million gallons, as opposed to a weekday rate of 14 million gallons, and the foul water had a chance to build up in the system.

Klein said the department's chemist determined the smell and taste were caused by mixing the normal chlorine addi-

tive to phenol, a germicide, already present in the water by accident.

Phenol is a man-made substance and foreign to bodies of water. Mixing it with chlorine results in chlorophenol and that is what caused the odor.

"Phenols are a waste material which may come from something like a plastics plant," Klein said. "My estimation is that it was dumped into the canal somewhere between South Bound Brook and the city late Saturday night or early Sunday morning."

The presence of phenols in the water cannot be determined unless there is a breakdown in the system, he said, or until they are mixed with chlorine. Given the low demand for water early Sunday, it was not noticed until the chlorine level began building up later in the morning.

By 9 a.m., when the complaints started pouring in, Klein said he ordered the pumping station at the canal shut down, but the mixture already was in the system.

"I could have eliminated the chlorine and gotten rid of the taste and odor, but then we would have run the risk of supplying water with bacteria in it," he said. "Granted the taste and odor is offensive, but I'd rather have that than have a health hazard."

Klein said he also could have flushed the system by opening all the fire hydrants, but in sub-freezing temperatures that would have presented a greater hazard to city residents.

The superintendent said he had been in contact with officials of the Middlesex Water Co., which also is experiencing problems, and intends to file a complaint with the state Department of Environmental Protection.

"It's the state's responsibility to maintain that canal," he said. "We're just a customer."

Klein said there is no problem drawing water from the lake, since it is overflowing, but he added the city is paying the state for rights to draw 25.5 million gallons of water per month from the canal and he prefers to use that supply first.

It will be up to the state to file any complaints against the offending party, if there is one, he said.

Klein speculated that the real villain could have been the heavy rains the area has had over the past several weeks.

"Since Phenol also is a germicide, it may have been sprayed as a weed killer on some fields around here," he said. "The ground is fairly hard and the runoff from the rain water could have washed the phenol into the canal."

City Council Now Backs Sports Arena

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By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — In a partial reversal of its previous stand, the City Council today gave its guarded support to the proposal for a sports arena convention center in downtown New Brunswick.

The announcement of support came in a letter to Herb Wagner which was delivered this afternoon. Wagner is chairman of the sports arena Steering Committee which drew up the proposal.

"It is the feeling of this council that any project such as a sports arena and convention center would be welcomed by this administration if such

a project and its supporting facilities such as parking and access routes could be built at no cost to the city," the letter said.

Councilman George Hendricks, who also served on the sports arena steering committee, said the reversal was due to the fact that the original proposal called for the city to share in the cost of building the arena, while the latest proposal does not.

The sports arena was one of the major issues in the city election campaign of 1970. It had been suggested by the administration's main opponent, Ralph J. Muehlig, who headed the

Save Our City slate of candidates.

Both Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan and the council opposed the arena's construction at that time.

But the council said in its letter to Wagner that if the entire cost of the project could be paid for with non-city funds, they would wholeheartedly support it.

"Considering the astronomical costs of providing a parking facility for 1,000 cars and providing access roads to the proposed complex, we feel that the financial and tax base of New Brunswick could not bear

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Dumping, Spillage Charged

NEW BRUNSWICK — Com-

plaints about Boyd Park becoming a dumping ground and a promise to end the spillage of sewage into the Raritan River marked this morning's City Council meeting.

The council also introduced four new ordinances, ranging from authorization of an increase of officers in the police department to the establishment of a purchasing board, in addition to giving final approval for a new middle school.

Mrs. Mary DeYoung, secretary of the Citizens Committee for Environmental Protection, said on her recent visits to Boyd Park she had noticed large amounts of garbage dumped there, in addition to

pollution of the two brooks which run through the park. "The park is a disgrace," she said. "In addition to the sanitary waste from Livingston Avenue homes in Lyle Brook, there are large amounts of an automotive type oil in the other brook which runs through the center of the park."

Councilman George Hendricks said he didn't dispute the fact the brook is polluting the canal, but he added City Engineer Robert Kane now is drawing up specifications to correct the problem.

"This problem has existed for an extended period of time and we are attempting to correct it," he said. "We want to tie all the sewers into our sanitary sewer system, but the only problem is where the funds will come from."

Hendricks said the city now is looking into federal funding for the project.

Council President Aldridge Cooper said he would bring the garbage problem to the attention of Parks Superintendent Edward O'Rourke. "We have a man full time in the park and this should be cleaned up shortly, he said.

Mrs. DeYoung also urged the councilmen to provide some means of access to the park, since it is located on the opposite side of Memorial Parkway from New Brunswick Homes. Cooper said this too has been looked into, and the problem was getting the state to pay for a walkway.

The new purchasing board which the council will establish by ordinance will consist of the city clerk, business administra-

tor, city engineer, director of finance and the purchasing agent.

The board will be charged with preparing specifications and accepting bids for any city purchases. This will be done at special meetings outside the normal council meetings.

Another ordinance will increase the number of lieutenants in the police department from five to eight, and decrease the number of captains from five to four, in addition to the captain of detectives. All the captains posts are filled, and the city will fill the remaining lieutenant posts after the next Civil Service examination.

Other ordinances will prohibit parking on Kirkpatrick Street from Bayard to Paterson streets, and prohibit the park-

ing of vehicles over 5,500 pounds on residential streets between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Public hearings on the four new ordinances will be held at the Feb. 16 City Council meeting.

Final approval of a bonding ordinance of \$6.1 million for the new middle school and an ordinance approving the sale of excess city owned land also was given.

Cooper said a meeting has been set with the East Brunswick Council to discuss the sale of lands in that township.

The council also accepted bids for the proposed police booth at the railroad plaza. The Don Smalley Construction Co. made the low bid of \$9,440 for general construction, and N.W. Maul & Son the low bid of \$2,900 for electrical work.

Water Clearing Up

NEW BRUNSWICK — The distasteful and smelly water which has plagued city residents for the past two days should be almost completely gone by early tonight, according to Water Superintendent Warren Klein.

In areas of the city where there is heavy industrial water consumption, the foul-smelling, bad-tasting water probably is already out of the system, but traces of it remain in sections with low consumption, he said.

No water has been pumped from the Delaware and Raritan Canal, the source of the trouble, since early Sunday morning, Klein said he will not begin pumping from the canal again until tests prove the phenols which caused the problem are gone from the water.

The superintendent said he complained to state water officials yesterday, and was told investigators from the state Department of Environmental Protection would be sent out to determine who or what caused the foreign matter to be washed into the canal.

Personnel from the water utility flushed fire hydrants yesterday in areas where there was little danger of traffic hazards from the freezing water in an attempt to clear the system of the tainted water.

Sections of the city which have a very low consumption rate may just begin experiencing the problem today, Klein said that at his home in Rutgers Village there was no trace of the bad-tasting water for the past two days. But this morning, he said, the iodine taste was evident in his coffee.

Downtown Arena Proponents Buoyed by Developments

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By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — Having concluded their winter offensive to gain a foothold for a sports arena in downtown New Brunswick, officials of the Raritan Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce are gearing for the next battle in the arena campaign.

They view last week's statement by the City Council that the city would not oppose a downtown site as long as it costs the city nothing as the last major weapon needed before a strategy to bring the arena to fruition can be devised.

The artillery with which the sports arena steering committee has to work consists of a foot in the door in the following areas:

- The city's acceptance as long as it doesn't have to pay for parking and upgrading of streets.
- A statement by Rutgers President Edward Bloustein that he would favor a downtown site as long as all of the university's needs could be met by such a facility.
- Introduction of a bill by Assemblyman Peter P. Garibaldi, R-Middlesex, that would have the arena financed by the N.J. Sports and Exposition Authority.
- A proposal by the county Planning Department that federal Economic Development Act funds be used to help finance the arena.

Herb Wagner, chairman of the sports arena committee, said after receipt of the council's position he intended to draw his committee together to discuss what steps it might take next.

One move might be to bring all the interested parties together for a discussion on how to reach their common objective, he said.

Another might be to begin lobbying for passage of Garibaldi's bill, which the committee sees as a very important part of its proposal.

see someone behind the door waiting to slam it closed. The city's position really represents no change from its former opposition to the proposal, first framed during the 1970 mayoral election campaign, some officials say privately.

What the council's letter to Wagner actually said was, "Give us the arena at no cost to our taxpayers and we'll take it."

City Officials Cite Risk Although Chamber President William Richardson said that poses no major problem, there are those in the city administration who feel such a state of affairs is extremely unlikely. They feel financing for a downtown site never will be forthcoming, so opening the door to the possibility of building the arena downtown presents little risk.

If anything, by taking such a position, the Council removes the possibility of the sports arena being raised as a political issue ever again.

Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan said her feeling that the arena does not represent a crossroads for the city remains unchanged, and her questions on the problems such a facility might bring to a city also remain.

"The big hurdles still are the financing and participation by Rutgers," she said. "These have not been solved yet, and even if they were the other questions still would be there."

Of the two objections the council raised, Richardson said the parking should be handled by the city's Parking Authority and would be an added source of revenue to that body. Authority Chairman Jack Gushin said he has never been approached on such a possibility and has not studied it.

—would have ready access to Route 18, and the city only need widen a few streets in much the same way as it will widen streets for the new Neilson Street parking deck.

The position taken by Bloustein after a meeting with the arena committee in December was immediately modified by other university officials, who said there was a long way between what the university needed in such a facility and what the Chamber thought the university needed.

And while Wagner said he now intends to bring all parties together for serious negotiation, Rutgers has been moving ahead with planning for its own arena since the last Chamber meeting.

A university spokesman said the Board of Governors Buildings and Grounds committee is studying what will have to be included in the facility, talking to legislators and seeking means of financing the arena.

One of the factors being considered by the committee is the proposal for a downtown site, although it is by no means the only thing being considered.

Rutgers has made no secret of it in the past that a location of the arena on the University Heights campus in Piscataway would be preferable.

The Rutgers spokesman said the university has no hard and fast timetable on reaching a decision about the arena, but said, "When we've made our plans we'll make an announcement on what we've decided."

But Chamber officials say they have steered clear of any mention of that in their discussions with university officials.

"We don't want the university to feel we're in this just to get Rutgers' money," they said.

However, the same university spokesman said his feeling was that the \$5 million could be used for a downtown site, if the university so chose, but emphasized that it was Rutgers' money and only the university could determine where it would be spent.

While the Chamber is pinning its prime hopes for financing the arena on Garibaldi's bill, the measure has yet to receive the support of the county's other six assemblymen—all Democrats.

Wagner indicated his next step may be to try and gain that support, but some observers close to the city administration claim that will be a difficult task at best without some strong backing from the administration.

Garibaldi said last spring he had presented his plan to the governor, but was told the governor would withhold his support until a court test of the N.J. Sports and Exposition Authority's constitutionality was complete.

The governor since has said he feels the bill is a legislative matter and would not push the bill personally.

The county Planning Department's proposal—that the county seek 50 per cent federal financing of the arena as a public works project which would reduce unemployment in the area—also has the support of the Chamber people, but not of the city administration.

The routine for applying for the funds requires the county to establish a committee to study various possibilities for the use of the money.

And while there is some talk of steering the committee in the direction of a sports arena, Mayor Sheehan said she will demand the city administration has some strong representation on the committee.

The mayor's feeling is that the funds should be used to build a new parking deck for county employees and jurors to relieve the burden on the present and planned city parking decks.

Title Change Under Way

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — The first stage in an overall revision of Civil Service job titles for city employees was set for completion today with the filing of job descriptions by all city employees.

This will be the first such revision of the titles, and city officials are hoping it will result in a reduction of the multitude of different categories into which the employees fall.

City residents opted for Civil Service in a 1968 referendum, but the first list of job titles was not promulgated until two years ago.

Finance Director George Cox said there are now approximately 125 separate titles covering some 450 full-time employees.

"But when you consider that we have 215 police and firemen covered by two or three different titles, you can see that we have a different title for about every two of the remaining employees," he said.

Business Administrator Edgar Savidge said yesterday he already had received a number of job descriptions from city personnel which pointed to the difficulty in trying to revise the categories.

"Each employee has to fill out a form with the usual information about his present title and salary," he said. "Then he must describe in detail the duties and responsibilities of his position, but people who already have the same title may see their jobs differently."

As an example he pointed to the forms filed by two city patrolmen. One had filled in the job description with the simple phrase, "Normal patrolman's duties." The other had gone on for two typewritten pages describing the varied functions of a policeman.

Department supervisors and directors also have an opportunity to comment upon the descriptions their subordinates give, and once that is completed, the entire package will be

shipped to Civil Service offices in Newark for review.

Savidge said he had no idea how long that process would take, but said he was told by Civil Service officials it would take at least three months.

Cox said one of the biggest problems with the present system is that it does not just cover graduated positions.

"If it were a case of having two positions titled 'account clerk' and 'senior account clerk,' where we could promote an employee, that would be alright," he said. "But we have titles, he said he hopes to bring the administration of salaries to more manageable proportions.

Former Business Administrator William Saunders had made a revamping of the job titles one of his final recommendations before leaving the job. He also said the present titles were drawn to fit the Commission form of government, but didn't necessarily fit the present form.

Since the entire revision process is not expected to be completed for some time, negotiations for 1972 contracts are expected to be carried out under the present titling system.

Savidge said he is hopeful those negotiations can be completed by the time the city's budget is put into final form at the end of next month. All of the city contracts are up for renewal this year.

However, since the start of collective bargaining by the employes groups several years ago, the contracts never have been finalized by the time the budget has been adopted, and the city has opted for putting a lump sum into the budget to cover subsequent salary increases.

City officials already have said they expect to adhere strictly to the federal guidelines on wage increases. Those guidelines generally allow a 5.5 per cent increase.

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School Budget Won't Be Cut

NEW BRUNSWICK—For the first time in three years, the city administration will not cut the budget presented to it by the Board of Education.

The Board of School Estimate was expected to unanimously act in favor of the school board's budget at its 3:30 meeting this afternoon.

That meeting was scheduled to be followed by a 4 p.m. introduction of the total city budget, which includes a 54-point rise in the city's tax rate. The school board's share of that increase is expected to be approximately 30 points.

Finance Director George Cox said earlier in the week he expects no increase in the county tax rate since the city's tax ratio was increased this year.

By law, today was the last day the city had to introduce its budget. City officials now will have approximately one month to make further changes in the budget before a public hearing is held.

The Board of Education budget, termed "extremely frugal" by Board President Eli Saltz, calls for the city to raise slightly more than \$6.2 million out of a total \$8.5 million current expense portion.

In addition, the city will have to include another \$22,000 for school purposes in its budget as a partial restoration of the \$397,000 cut in last year's school budget.

That restoration was agreed on by city and school

officials after the school board appealed last year's cut to State Education Commissioner Carl Marburger.

Although the cut saved city taxpayers some money last year, the restoration will account for about 10 points of the tax rate increase this year.

City Councilman George Hendricks said the Board of School Estimate decided to accept the school budget intact after being convinced by school officials that the amount represented the bare minimum needed to operate the schools this year.

The Board of School Estimate is comprised of Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, Council President Aldred B. Cooper, Hendricks, Saltz and Board Vice President George Claffen.

In the past, the city representatives usually were squared off against the school representatives when it came time to Board of Education budget approval.

City officials, including both the mayor and Cooper, had expressed fears there would be an enormous increase in the tax rate when budget preparations began last November.

However, most said they now believe the increase is within reason, and attribute the low increase requested by the school board and the probably lack of increase in the school board and the probable lack of increase in

Mayor Promises Full Fight Against Bus Rate Increases

NEW BRUNSWICK — The city administration is planning to do "everything within its power and influence" to prevent N.J. Transport from receiving a rate increase for bus service it provides in this area, Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan said today.

The bus company, formerly named Public Service Coordinated Transport, is seeking an overall rate increase as well as a hike in the rate paid by students which currently is two-thirds of the regular fare.

Hearings on the matter were begun Jan. 20 before the state Public Utility Commission in

Newark. They are set to resume Feb. 17.

"The cost of transportation already is high," the mayor said. "Any increase would affect particularly those people who can least afford it. The buses are used by our students to get to school and by many of our senior citizens who either cannot afford or who cannot drive a car."

The mayor urged those citizens who will be directly affected by the increase to write the PUC expressing their protest. She already has sent letters to various senior citizens groups in the area and to the

state. "I hope we will be able to mount the same effort as we did last summer when the bus company proposed to eliminate some routes in this area," the mayor said. "Public sentiment was very effective on that issue, and I think we can be effective again if we make our feelings known."

Gumbs Recommended To Head City Schools

NEW BRUNSWICK — Council President Aldred B. Cooper has recommended the appointment of Austin Gumbs as superintendent of the city's school system — a position which has remained vacant since the resignation of Morris Epps last November.

Cooper's endorsement of Gumbs for the position came in a letter to Board of Education President Eli Saltz dated Feb. 4, but released yesterday.

Gumbs currently is principal of Highland Park High School, a position to which he was appointed last July 29. He had been principal of the city's A. Chester Redshaw Junior High School for three years prior to that.

"Because this is a position which will affect the future of all our children in New Brunswick, we must choose a person who has shown an understanding of our community and our schools," Cooper's letter said. "I am asking you at this time to give the board's serious consideration to the appointment of Austin Gumbs as our next superintendent of schools."

Gumbs said the endorsement caught him by surprise.



AUSTIN GUMBS

had shown his ability by performing remarkably well as principal of Redshaw School.

"His administrative capabilities are without a doubt the kind that we need and are looking for," Cooper said. "He has a keen understanding of our students and has always shown an excellent rapport with the parents of the children in our school system."

The council president said he wanted his suggestion to go on record and wanted his strong endorsement to be made known to the entire board.

However, Saltz said yesterday he wanted to withhold comment on the suggestion for the time being.

Cooper said his interest as well as the board's was the future and well-being of the children who attend the city's schools.

"I think Mr. Gumbs possesses the qualities we always seek and rarely find in people whom we wish to appoint to positions of such consequence," he said.

"We have the opportunity to bring back to our school system a man who has demonstrated his ability to run a major school efficiently and harmoniously."

"I am flattered by the letter, but I have made no application for the position in New Brunswick," he said.

In his letter, Cooper said he had spoken to Gumbs, and the educator had expressed an interest in returning to the city school system.

Cooper added that Gumbs

Merchants Laud Beefed-Up Foot Patrols

By CHARLES JOHNSON
Home News Staff Writer



A BREAK FOR THEIR FEET—Sgt. Chester Kowalski and Patrolman Mike Mahanna stop to chat with Mrs. Sidney Sokoloff in front of Simms Jewelers.

NEW BRUNSWICK — In the downtown shopping section of New Brunswick "cop" means "constable on patrol" and local business men couldn't be more pleased with the beefed up presence of foot patrolmen.

"It's the most popular thing we've had in this town in years," praised Abe Silverman, manager of the Sneltenburg Clothes Shop at 361 George St. "People can now come down here in complete confidence and safety."

Initially formed to combat the usual rise in crime during the Christmas holidays, the increased foot patrols by police in the city's George Street and Albany Street business district will remain in effect indefinitely, according to Police Director John T. O'Brien.

O'Brien noted the foot patrols were scheduled only to last through the holiday season, but the response from business men and the public was so much in favor of "cops walking a beat" the patrols will be continued.

The 10 uniformed officers on foot patrol are members of Sgt. Chester Kowalski's Crime Prevention Squad, which was given its title in the Jan. 4 administrative reshuffle of the department. A five man plainclothes Burglary Division under the direction of Sgt. Anthony Cippola was formed at the same time to assume the investigative duties once belonging to the Crime Prevention Squad.

Eight Always on Patrol

Eight members of the downtown foot patrol are pounding a beat at any given time. Although the officers' primary concern are the business establishments lining George Street, the men are not confined to a specific area and move about as needed.

In addition to the men of the Crime Prevention Squad a force of six men from Lt. Anthony Catanese's Traffic Division are on foot in the downtown area and lend assistance when needed. Each 23-man platoon also has two footmen assigned to various beats in the city.

Although the foot patrols are expensive to operate, they have proven beneficial to the city because of the extra attention placed on the shopper, the director said.

When the patrols were first organized, Deputy Chief Claude V. Colligan personally introduced some of the officers to the proprietors of businesses on their beat.

Colligan explained his efforts were an attempt to build rapport between store keepers and the policemen on the street.

"I'm a firm believer in foot patrolmen," Colligan said. "People have to become aware that policemen are there to help them."

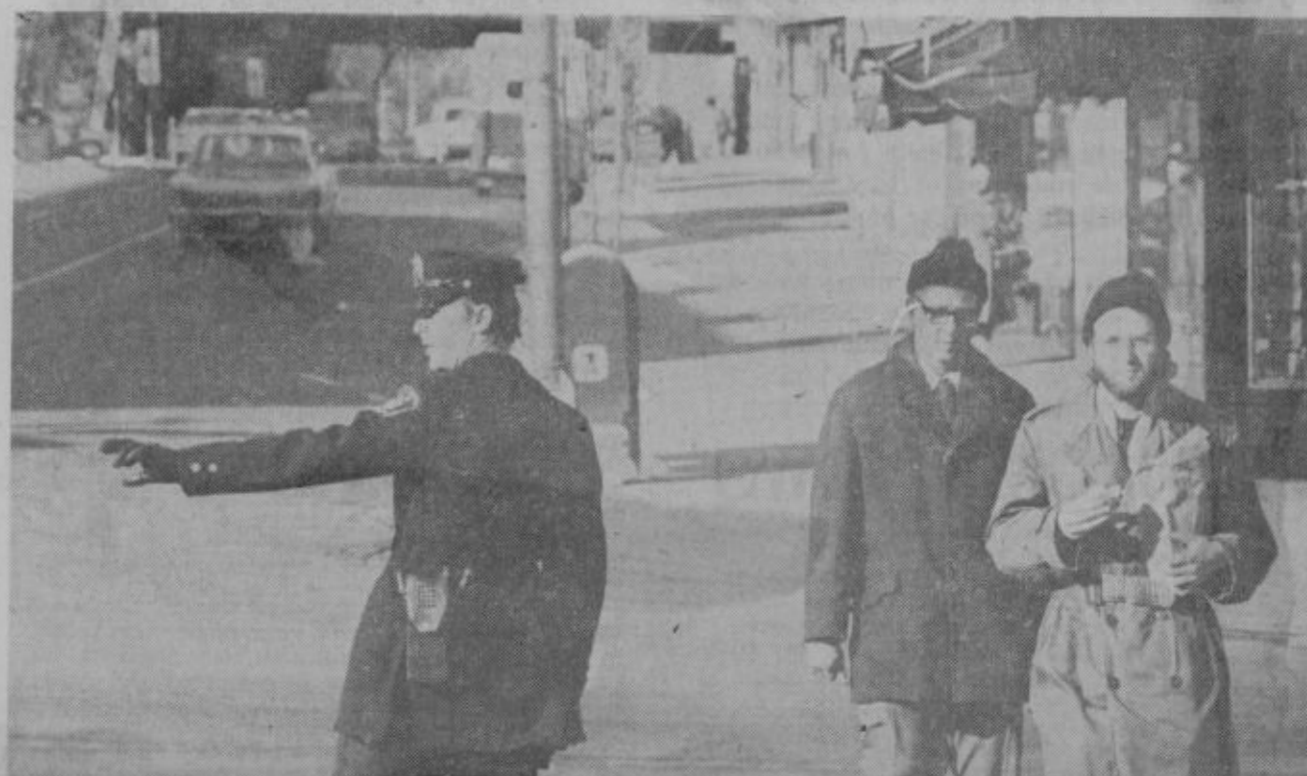
Downtown Merchants Council member Abe Niederman of Niederman's Shoes Inc. at 91 Church St. sees the patrols as being "100 per cent effective."

Customers Gain Confidence

"The patrols give the customers a sense of confidence," Niederman said. "It's working out very nicely."

Despite the visibility of more officers on the streets, members of the Downtown Merchants Council discount the possibility of shoppers being scared away because of an association of more police with a greater potential for crime.

"The police are part of the town and their increased visibility downtown hasn't caused shoppers to shy away," said Taylor Fish, manager of P. J. Young's department store on George Street and a member of the council.



DIRECTING TRAFFIC — In addition to his other foot patrol duties, Patrolman Tom Mullenwey aids pedestrians crossing intersection of George and Albany streets in downtown New Brunswick.

More cautious with his praise was Tom Sprow of the J. J. Newberry & Co. department store on George Street.

"As of now, I don't think it's (the patrols) helped or hurt business. Shoplifting has been on the increase for years and last year was no different," Sprow said.

Sprow indicated shoplifting was basically an internal store problem on which the patrolmen's outdoor beats could have little effect.

Miss Julie Furman, president of the Downtown Merchants Council and proprietor of the Jennie Jean Travel Agency at 46 Paterson St., acknowledged the presence of increased foot patrols, but would not comment on their effect.

The council's president did note, however, a Public Service Electric and Gas Co. proposal for replacement and more construction of lights in the downtown area would free shoppers and pedestrians from the threat of nighttime muggings.

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SPOT CHECKS — New Brunswick police in uniform, in rear center of picture, stop cars on the Albany Street Bridge this morning for license and registration checks as the police job action goes into its second day.

Police Spot Checks Cause Traffic Tie-Up

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — A massive traffic tie-up strangled several main arteries leading into the city and the entire downtown area early this morning as the local Policemen's Benevolent Association entered the second day of its job action.

Four uniformed and two civilian dressed policemen were stopping most vehicles entering the city on Memorial Parkway at Paulus Boulevard for "spot checks" of licenses and registrations, causing a backup in that area.

Several more policemen in civilian clothes similarly were checking vehicles at the Albany Street traffic circle, causing an even worse tie-up there.

Traffic heading from the city on French and Albany

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briefly explained the PBA action were being handed out, and inspections were being made of some trucks.

Although Colligan said these men conducting the checks were off-duty, he said he knew of no rule which prevented them from doing so.

"The director said the men have a right to job action to air their grievances," he said. "I've got 120 men, I can't control them all."

Colligan said he also had received a complaint from Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan this morning following the traffic slowdown, and told her the men wanted a meeting with her.

This action probably will continue until the men get a meeting with the mayor," he said.

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However, one PBA official said yesterday afternoon the patrolmen had been promised the support of several of the unions for today's action.

Robert Coar, president of Teamsters Local 701, said he was sympathetic to the policemen's position, and he was certain his members also were sympathetic. But the union leader said potential legal problems prevented him from taking a stronger position.

The PBA members began setting up picket lines at seven major intersections at 7 a.m. yesterday, and stopped trucks coming into the city, asking the drivers to turn around and not make deliveries.

A similar plan was followed by Trenton police a year ago in their job action.

The picket lines remained until 10 a.m., when the policemen regrouped at headquarters, then marched on City Hall where they picketed for nearly two hours.

The policemen were joined there by Chief Ralph C. Petrone. Many other superior officers who were off duty also joined the patrolmen in their job action.

The patrolmen then paraded through the downtown area to the Johnson & Johnson headquarters at Hamilton and George Streets and back to City Hall.

Several patrolmen went back to their original positions later in the afternoon.

Former PBA President Joseph Paterson said the picketing was to resume at 7 this morning, and the policemen expected to have flyers printed up to hand out to motorists.

The police action has gone unchallenged by police department and city officials. Police Director John O'Brien said the men were exercising their rights to petition the

street toward the circle was backed up past the railroad plaza.

Deputy Chief of Police Claude Colligan said no on-duty patrolmen were conducting the vehicle checks.

"I have no foot patrolmen out now," he said. "All my men are in patrol cars."

PBA President John Heslin was spotted calling off the "spot checks" at the Albany Street circle at 8:30 a.m., and Colligan said a check of the Paulus Boulevard intersection a short time later indicated the patrolmen had left that location also.

The policeman also were continuing their program of attempting to stop trucks from making deliveries in the city.

Approximately 10 off-duty patrolmen were stationed at Jersey Avenue and How Lane, conducting spot-checks for automobiles and stopping trucks. Flyers which

government by picketing, and Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan said, "If that's what they want to do, they're entitled to it."

The mayor said the city would continue to negotiate with the PBA and was awaiting the assignment of a mediator from the Public Employees Relations Commission.

Seek \$11,000 Top

The PBA is seeking a salary range of \$8,750 to \$11,000 for patrolmen, paid holidays, an increase in the present \$100 clothing allowance and an increase in the present longevity schedule.

The present salary range is \$8,500 to \$10,000, with the maximum being reached after three years.

Much of the disagreement centers on a city-sponsored Civil Service advertisement for patrolmen which states the salary range is \$8,500 to \$11,000.

PBA attorney Kenneth Weiner said he merely is asking the city to live up to its advertising.

City Police Salary Is Lower Than 3 Other Municipalities

NEW BRUNSWICK — According to figures on top salary for patrolmen of three area municipalities, New Brunswick police are low men on the pay scale.

Maximum base pay for city patrolmen is \$1,275 less than for a patrolman in Highland Park, \$373 less than an East Brunswick patrolman made last year, and \$514 less than an Edison patrolman made in 1971.

The city police are negotiating their first written contract with the city and are seeking a base pay maximum of \$11,000. The present high is \$10,000, which does not include overtime or longevity pay.

Last year, maximum base pay for East Brunswick patrolmen was \$10,873, and for Edison was \$10,514. Highland Park patrolmen presently get a maximum of \$11,275.

New Brunswick policemen currently receive no paid holidays. East Brunswick and Edison give their patrolmen 12 paid holidays

a year and Highland Park officers receive 9 paid holidays.

In the area of clothing allowances, the New Brunswick stipend of \$100 a year ranks last. East Brunswick officers get a \$225 yearly clothing allowance, Edison police get \$200 each in 1971 and Highland Park policemen get \$150 for maintenance of their clothing. The Highland Park maintenance allowance is in addition to each officer being given a full issue of clothing.

New Brunswick officers with 30 years or more duty currently get a maximum of 6 per cent of their base pay as longevity pay. For each five years of service the men receive one per cent of their base pay up to 6 per cent. In East Brunswick, officers receive a maximum of 12 per cent of their base pay after 25 years as longevity. Edison officers get up to 10 per cent of their pay after 30 years in longevity benefits. Highland Park policemen get 5 per cent after 20 years.

Petrone Joins Pickets

NEW BRUNSWICK — The police department's second in command, Chief Ralph C. Petrone, joined members of PBA Local 23 yesterday as they picketed City Hall to gain support for contract demands under negotiation with the city.

Petrone, who is a PBA member, said he was behind his men 100 per cent and added, "they should get more money than they are currently getting for the amount of work they are doing in New Brunswick."

Petrone said he marched with the PBA members during his lunch hour and he indicated he would not let his support of the men interfere with his duties as police chief.

The policemen, who are seeking their first written contract with the city, carried their fight to the streets yesterday morning in order to gain public support for their demands.

The men claim their negotiations with the city's labor negotiator, John Miraglia, reached an impasse Thursday night.

During a promotion ceremony June 12, 1971, when the rank of seven members of the detective squad was formalized, O'Brien said:

"We trust the city fathers will recognize the need for increased compensation for detectives, as is the practice in every major city around the nation. We are quite confident this matter will be rectified in the future."



MORE PAY FOR ME, TOO — Police Chief Ralph Petrone, left, joins his men on City Hall picket line yesterday. Some

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certain extent, and seems unable to fully eliminate the problem at present," Richardson said. "In my judgment they have not been fully cooperative, and further pressure may have to be exerted by the state as well as the federal government to compel compliance."

However, in view of the overall settlement and the progress made with the three other defendants, Richardson said he urged acceptance along with further efforts to effect the total result desired.

\$50,000 Ends Pollution Suit

NEW BRUNSWICK — A \$50,000 settlement offer in the city's pollution suit against the Borough of Manville and three upstream industries will be formally accepted at tonight's City Council meeting.

Council President Aldredge B. Cooper Jr. said the settlement will bring the city a net sum of \$44,100 after legal fees. Acceptance of the settlement also will mean a reduction of several points in the city's 1972 tax rate.

Accepting the settlement had been recommended by the city's special attorney in the suit, former mayor Frederick Richardson. The three industries involved are Union Carbide, American Cyanamid and Johns Manville.

Cooper said acceptance was conditioned on further reduction of pollution levels by American Cyanamid, and an agreement that pollution levels would not increase to what they were prior to the suit. He added the city reserves the right to sue again should the pollution levels increase.

"We are pleased to reach agreement on a matter which has extended over several years," Cooper said. "But what pleases us most is the fact that pollution levels in the Raritan River have been reduced. Of course we would want pollution stopped entirely, but we are realistic and realize this cannot be achieved immediately."

In recommending acceptance, Richardson said a great deal of the purpose of the suit had been accomplished.

He said the Johns Manville Corp., a prime offender, had cooperated in meeting standards for the river and had moved its research facilities from the area.

Union Carbide had joined the Middlesex County trunk sewer, and the Borough of Manville had made renovations to its waste disposal plant.

"American Cyanamid is still polluting the river to a

Towns to Follow Suit?

MANVILLE — Settling New Brunswick's pollution suit against the borough will set a precedent Mayor Joseph D. Paterno said last night and could lead a number of communities to begin suit against each other.

"This could result in a rash of suits," said Paterno when told of the acceptance by New Brunswick of \$50,000 on its fight against Manville and three industries for pollution of the Raritan River.

"We might have been guilty but any town along the river is in violation," he added. "We're just now realizing the extent of pollution and it was not deliberate on our part."

The mayor said he was glad the matter had been settled, and that he believed the municipality would be covered by insurance for whatever amount it would have to pay New Brunswick. The \$50,000 is the amount the borough and the industries will pay.

Manville has taken steps to correct the situation during the last year, he said, improving its waste disposal system through a \$485,500 federal grant and allocating \$569,500 of its own funds for the project.

He said a moving sand bed filter installed during the last year improved the municipality's capacity to treat sewage.

New Brunswick to Give Reading No. 1 Priority

NEW BRUNSWICK — The city's Board of Education has announced it will begin to centralize its reading programs in the elementary grades in an effort to provide better controls and uniform standards for all kindergarten through third grade children.

The board will take formal action on the program at tonight's meeting, and will issue a directive to all principals to use only the Open Court Reading Program in the elementary grades.

The action is based on the recommendations of Dr. Miriam Kwasnaza, director

of elementary education, who stressed the need for a uniform reading and testing program in a report to the board last week.

Board President Eli Saltz said he wants to see the reading and testing program in operation in all city schools by the beginning of the next school year.

The Open Court system, now in partial use in some elementary schools, emphasizes a total group approach to reading. It gives slower students more exposure to reading skills than conventional approaches.

The board maintains that when used correctly the program allows the student to participate as much as he is able when the lesson is taught to the entire class. Later, during the workshop period, the student is instructed again in small groups or individually using materials at his own level.

Dr. Kwasnaza said the Open Court program incorporates reading, writing, spelling and language skills in a total approach to oral and written communication.

A specified amount of time is set aside daily for a workshop period where students

may work independently, choosing activities from a wide range of materials. During this time, the teacher may give individual help.

Guidelines for use of the program are being prepared, Saltz said, and will be distributed to all elementary grade teachers.

"Our main concern is that all our children get the proper reading program," the board president said. "We want to be able to administer a standard test in our lower grades to assure we are making progress in all our schools and classrooms."

Saltz said the program also allows unit records to be kept so the schools can be more effective in spotting problems and devising solutions to them.

"Reading is the most elementary and basic skill, and unless we provide the best reading program, we will have continuing difficulties in teaching other subjects," he said.

He said the schools have fine reading laboratories and a good deal of talent involved in the reading program, and the new system will allow the same materials to be used in the classrooms.

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Police brass hits streets in New Brunswick

Superior officers of the New Brunswick police department last night began manning posts at key intersections in the city to prevent more massive traffic jams caused by a two-day-old police job action.

Public Safety Director John O'Brien said the 27 officers of the rank of sergeant or above would be pulled off all other duties, including those in special departments, for traffic duty "until further notice."

The order came yesterday after policemen, some in uniform, set up driver license and registration checkpoints for morning rush-hour drivers.

The actions caused massive jams on the Albany Street bridge, the Memorial Parkway and other spots.

O'Brien confirmed that the switchboard at police headquarters had been lit up yesterday with calls from irate motorists.

He said, however, that while he was embarrassed by the action, he had not been able to get specific information such as names and badge numbers from the callers. He said no disciplinary action was planned at the present time.

"They definitely weren't off-duty officers in uniform," O'Brien said of the men who caused the traffic snarl yesterday.

John Heslin, president of Local 23 of the Policemen's Benevolent Association, apologized for the traffic snarl. But he said his men would continue their job action in other forms.

The local represents all 122 men in the New Brunswick department, including superior officers.

Police began the "job action" Monday with picketing at City Hall and along the streets, backing up traffic for several hours during the morning rush into the city.

The tie-up Monday was caused as picketers tried to persuade truck drivers to refuse to cross their lines. But there have been no reports of any shortage of supplies in New Brunswick.

Representatives of the PBA and the city, meanwhile, reopened contract talks yesterday in City Hall with state mediator Lawrence I. Hammer, who arrived yesterday at the request of the city.

The two sides went into yesterday's talks about \$550 apart on basic wages. The PBA wants \$1,000 raises and the city has offered \$450.

The policemen also want paid holidays — they now get time off — and time and a half for overtime. They now are paid straight time.

THE HOME NEWS

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1972



BEHIND EVERY MAN — Some 25 wives and children of city patrolmen picketed City Hall for several hours yesterday afternoon in support of the job action conducted by the Policemen's Benevolent Association. In-

side, leaders of the PBA were meeting with state mediator Lawrence Hammer as a prelude to the 11 p.m. negotiation session with officials. The talks recessed at 7 a.m. today and were set to resume at 11 a.m.

Cops, City Reported On Verge of Settling

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — With negotiations set to resume this afternoon, an early settlement was hinted at in the contract dispute between the city administration and the Policemen's Benevolent Association.

State mediator Lawrence Hammer said he expected there could be a settlement after a few hours of negotiations.

The talks had gone on throughout the early morning hours before a recess was called at 6 a.m.

They were supposed to resume at 11 a.m., but PBA attorney Kenneth Weiner was delayed by a court matter in Freehold. He had gone to the court directly from negotiations this morning and was expected back early this afternoon.

PBA President John Heslin said he called off all pickets following this morning's session because he felt significant progress was being made.

Both sides indicated they were close to a settlement.

City Attorney Norris Harding said he had sought an injunction against the job action yesterday afternoon, but Judge David D. Furman declined to act since Weiner was not present.

Harding said he withdrew his request this morning following the halt in the job action.

Traffic on Memorial Parkway leading into the city was moving swiftly this morning in sharp contrast to yesterday's massive traffic snarls on most major arteries.

That was caused when the off duty patrolmen, some in uniform, began stopping vehicles for license and registration checks.

Following yesterday morning's action, it was reported that several angry calls were made to the state Attorney General's office by some judges and other officers of the Middlesex County Courts who had been caught in the traffic delay.

At 11 a.m. yesterday, Mayor Patricia Sheehan announced she had received word a mediator from the Public Employment Relations Commission was on his way to the city.

Both the mayor and Police Director John O'Brien said they had been flooded with complaints from irate citizens and others who work in the city about the traffic slowdown.

O'Brien said his department was "embarrassed" by the actions of the patrolmen, but claimed what they did was not illegal.

However, he did elicit from Heslin a promise that there would not be a recurrence and ordered all superior officers in the department on a 6 a.m. to 6

p.m. shift with no days off until further notice.

The superior officers were assigned to the traffic division. There were no pickets visible this morning at any of the sites where they had been for

the past two days. At 8 a.m. today, Capt. William Conway was stationed at the Albany Street traffic circle along with the regular traffic patrolman directing traffic.

Conway said it appeared all

traffic was flowing smoothly. Hammer arrived in the city at 1 p.m. yesterday and held a brief meeting with both sides.

Heslin said the PBA was not prepared to negotiate since its See POLICE, Page 32

Public Was Unhappy With Police Action

By ALVIN KING
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — In spite of a public apology and a pledge the incident would not be repeated, yesterday's job action by members of the police department's Policemen's Benevolent Association, Local 23 which included a "spot

check" of cars at some key entry points to New Brunswick, has left bitterness and rancor, a Home News survey shows.

Only one man—Anthony Previte, who owns a barber-shop at 29 French St.—was willing to speak for the record.

Others, fearing what they said could be reprisals, refused to identify themselves but spoke freely when advised their request for anonymity would be honored.

Although Patrolman John Heslin, the PBA local president said the action was regretted—it was part of a battle with the city administration for higher wages and other benefits—the massive tieups during the early morning rush hour left many people confused, disillusioned and wondering why they had been singled out as targets.

The theme of their comments was: Why did the police conduct

checks on drivers coming INTO the city? What purpose did it serve to stop cars at such busy places as the New Brunswick side of the Albany Street bridge or at Paulus Boulevard at Route 18 when most all of the drivers were non-residents?

What sympathy could they evoke and conversely, what help could those drivers be to their cause when they did not live here and had no stake or even interest in the issue?

Why, they further asked, were they, as drivers, being penalized for a problem not their concern?

Previte, a long time resident, said he watched from his window as tickets were being given out to erring parkers "the instant the violations occurred."

He said his wife, Dorothy parked in a prohibited area for precisely 1 1/2 minutes while she dashed in to his shop for money she wanted deposited in a bank. "A cop literally ran across the street and had the ticket made out when she returned," he reported.

Normally, Previte went on, "if an officer just happened to be around, the incident would have been overlooked because the time gap was so brief."

Previte said he was not accus-

ing all officers—"just those overzealous ones."

"The police did not make friends and if they think they aroused sympathy, they are wrong, dead wrong," the barber declared.

Previte directed The Home News reporter to the father of a 10-year-old boy who had been assaulted as he left classes Monday, the day the job action began. Confirming the fact, the father, refusing to give his name said: "My boy's coat was slashed to shreds. Fortunately he was not hurt, but where were the police?" He said he would not report the incident. "Why should I?" he asked.

There were instances of business being affected by the job action. In one case, a restaurant proprietor told The Home News his normal delivery of pies was cancelled because, he said, a police officer had warned the driver on Monday "not to come around because you'll be late and we'll check you out."

"As a result, we had to tell customers wanting desert we were sorry." "But we also told them the reason," he added.

"Don't use the restaurant's name. They'll be on my back," the owner asked.

Cost of Building Permits to Double

NEW BRUNSWICK — Contractors and others seeking building permits within the city will be paying twice as much as before under the terms of a new rate schedule proposed by Inspections Coordinator Bernard Schrum.

The new rates will not take effect until acted upon by the City Council, but Council President Aldrage Cooper already has decided to accept Schrum's recommendations. The rates likely will be changed by ordinance.

Cooper said the increased rates probably will mean an additional \$52,000 for the city treasury. However, since the city is prohibited by law from anticipating any increase in fee revenues over last year's receipts, the new revenue will not effect any decrease in this year's tax rate.

"We decided to approve the increases because the city is entitled to bring the building permit and inspection fees to the same level contractors pay in other municipalities," Cooper said. "New Brunswick now charges the lowest fees of any town in this area."

As an example, he said the permit fee for a \$50,000 building in the city currently costs \$125. In South Brunswick, the same permit would cost \$500, in Milltown \$250 and in North Brunswick \$370.

The new rate will be \$5 per \$1,000 of the estimated construction costs, doubling the present rate for a \$50,000 building.

The fee for a building estimate at \$1 million now costs \$500, but will be increased to \$5,000.

Certificate of occupancy fees for commercial and industrial buildings will be increased from \$10 to \$50 and for private homes it will be increased from \$10 to \$25. Inspection fees for apartments will be raised from \$10 to \$40 for the first two units and \$5 additional for each unit thereafter.

Inspection fees for private homes will be increased similarly, and sign permit fees will be doubled.

Cooper said the increases for private housing are caused by the requirements of the Federal Housing Administration and the Veterans Administration.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1972

New Brunswick Police Win Pay Raises

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — Police services in the city returned to normal today following ratification of a memorandum of agreement between the city administration and the Policemen's Benevolent Association.

The agreement gives the policemen a six per cent pay increase, an increased clothing allowance, an increase in longevity payments and the first paid holidays in the history of the police department.

The formal memorandum was signed about 6:30 p.m. yesterday by Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan, PBA President John Heslin and PBA attorney Kenneth Weiner.

It was ratified by "an overwhelming majority of the PBA membership after a two hour meeting last night, and this morning received the endorsement of the City Council.

The agreement raises the top pay for patrolmen with

three years service to \$10,400 retroactive to Jan. 1, and to \$10,800 effective July 1. Starting pay remains at \$8,500 with \$650 increments after the first and second years of service. The top of the scale is reached after the third year.

Previously, the pay scale had been \$8,500 to \$10,000 with \$300 increments.

Longevity payments, which previously ran from one to six per cent, increasing one per cent every five years, now will run in one and one quarter per cent increments to a top of seven and one half percent after 30 years.

The policemen also will receive five paid holidays and an increase from \$100 to \$150 in the clothing allowance.

Rather than receiving time off for the holidays, the policemen will receive an additional five days pay on the first payday in December. The clothing allowance will be paid at the same time. Weiner said the holiday pay would amount to an extra bonus for the policemen.

The agreement also includes a management rights

clause, sick leave up to one year and bereavement leave of three days.

Other new provisions include straight time rates for time spent in court up to a maximum of six hours and straight time for policemen called to duty during normal off duty hours. Patrolmen will receive a minimum two hours pay for the latter item.

That clause also effectively ends the stand-by procedure in which policemen are told to stay at home because their services may be needed.

The court time provision calls upon the Police Director to attempt to schedule court appearances for policemen during their normal duty hours.

Vacation provisions were changed to one week after the first year, two weeks after two years, four weeks after four years and five weeks after 20 years. Previously, it had been one week for each year of service to a maximum of three weeks.

The differential between the various ranks in the de-

partment has been set at six per cent. Half of the difference between the present salary for each rank and the differential will be paid retroactive to Jan. 1, and the other half paid July 1.

Accordingly, sergeants will be increased from \$10,500 to \$11,448; lieutenants from \$10,900 to \$11,517 and then to \$12,135; captains from \$11,400 to \$12,131 and then to \$12,863; and the assistant chief from \$12,400 to \$13,017 and then to \$13,635.

Heslin said the majority of the PBA members were "very content and happy with the settlement. They feel it is the best thing that has happened to them in many years."

Once it is formalized, the agreement will be the first written contract between the police and the city. Weiner said there remains several areas of discussion which he

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will attempt to resolve with City Attorney Norris Harding.

"None of the remaining items are controversial, however," he said. "It amounts to putting in writing those areas we agreed upon at the start."

Heslin said although some younger members of the force wanted more money, he felt the settlement had been satisfactory.

"This was our first written contract," he said. "And we realize we couldn't get everything we wanted the first time around."

The PBA had sought a starting salary of \$8,730 and a top of \$11,000 for patrolmen.

The settlement was hammered out after almost 31 hours of bargaining between the two sides following a two day job action by the police.

Both sides complimented state mediator Lawrence Hammer for setting down guidelines acceptable to both sides at the start of the long session yesterday.

Hammer, an attorney from Massapequa, N.Y., was assigned by the state Public Employment Relations Commission to mediate the dispute following Tuesday's job action in which the police stopped traffic coming into the city on major arteries for license and registration checks.

"We think this contract meets the needs of the men as well as insures the health, safety and well-being of our citizens," Mayor Sheehan said.



MAKING IT OFFICIAL — Attorney Kenneth Weiner, seated at left, signs the memorandum of agreement between the city and the Policemen's Benevolent Association at the conclusion of negotiations

yesterday as Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan awaits her turn. Witnessing the ceremony are from left, PBA President John Heslin, Police Director John O'Brien and state mediator Lawrence Hammer.

City, PBA Give Sigh of Relief Over Contract

NEW BRUNSWICK — A general aura of satisfied relief, tempered by a continuing disdain for the police job action, on the part of both city and Policemen's Benevolent Association officials has resulted from an announced settlement in their contract dispute.

As soon as the formal signing of the memorandum of agreement had been completed last night, PBA President John Heslin told Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan he was thankful for

her cooperation and understanding in the contract talks, and again apologized for the police action Tuesday morning.

"I'm sorry for any trouble we caused you personally and the people of the city generally in the traffic slowdown, and I sincerely mean that," he said.

While accepting the apology graciously, the mayor still contended she felt the job action to be an unnecessary burden on many people who had no part or interest in the pay dispute.

And in a statement released this morning, the mayor said, "The city bargained in good faith throughout this period. It is unfortunate that some of our patrolmen apparently showed a singular lack of restraint and took actions that were beyond the bounds of legal authority."

However, the mayor said she was generally pleased with the settlement and called the major elements of the contract both reasonable and fair.

"We recognize a need to provide a salary which reflects

the responsibility of the individuals involved," the mayor said. "We recognize as well the need to remain competitive in order to attract and retain qualified personnel."

Both the city officials and the PBA officials thanked state mediator Lawrence Hammer, who entered the talks Tuesday afternoon and remained in the city until the settlement was reached last night.

Both sides also had kind words for their own negotiators — John Miraglia for the city

and Kenneth Weiner for the PBA — for obtaining a settlement that each found acceptable.

City Councilman George Hendricks, the only councilman to issue a statement on ratifying the contract, said that while he was in full agreement with the package, he hoped the early approval in no way was interpreted as a reaction to the illegal and unethical police harassment of motorists two days ago.

Hendricks said he wanted to

go on record as condemning the lack of consideration shown to city residents as well as commuters to the city.

"These actions had nothing to do with wage negotiations," he said. "All they achieved was to put our police force in a bad light."

The mayor said while she appreciated Heslin's apology, she felt the action endangered the well being of the city and was the reason the city was forced to apply for a court injunction.

Medical School Devising City Health Plan

By GEORGE TRAPP
Home News Staff Writer
NEW BRUNSWICK — A comprehensive health care plan for the city, geared toward achieving more federal and state funds for such programs, is being developed by the department of community medicine at the Rutgers Medical School.

The proposal is an outgrowth of a "mini clinic" at the Neighborhood House and several other health projects within the city being run jointly by the local health department and the medical school.

"We have two fine hospitals in the city, and now we have a new medical school nearby," Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan said. "We also have a higher percentage of poor and aged people in our population than any other municipality in the county, and I think these institutions can do something to meet their health needs."

The mayor said she and Council President Altrage B. Cooper met with Dr. Richard Cross, chairman of the community medicine department, and Dr. Chris Hanson, his associate, some time ago to discuss the possibilities, and out of that conversation grew the idea of developing the overall health care plan.

"I'm not an expert in medical and health matters, so I can't suggest what should be done," the mayor said. "But I do see these resources nearby with people who have to get experience in clinics, and I want to see them get involved in the city."

Soon after the clinic was established at the Neighborhood

House through the cooperation of Dr. Hanson and local Health Officer John Hanson, the directors discovered such a facility would need broad based support.

John MacDonald, of Rutgers who helped establish the link between the medical school and the local officials, said the proposal now being developed usually is a necessary first step in applying for federal or state funding for such projects.

"What we need is to establish a baseline to show where New Brunswick and its environs are in terms of available medical services and needs," he said.

A short time after her meeting with the medical school officials, Mayor Sheehan requested Cross to develop such a package.

"This is not meant to be a duplication of the efforts of our own health department," she said. "We are starting with that base and asking the medical school people to fill the other needs of the city."

Rutgers Medical School since 1970 and recently was appointed to head the community medicine department, also is coordinating a project for community service in Lambertville with the Hunterdon Medical Center.

"New Brunswick has conscientious individuals and well organized institutions, such as the local hospitals, which provide health services now," he said. "Coordination of efforts will reduce the cost of overlapping services and will fill in the gaps which occur in any community."

N.J. Mayors Enthusiastic About Income Tax

By G. G. LaBelle
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New Jersey's big city mayors are generally enthusiastic about the report of Gov. William T. Cahill's Tax Policy Committee, although several have reservations about some of the committee's recommendations.

The committee's call for a state income tax drew the warmest response from the municipal officials Wednesday.

One mayor called it "at least 20 years overdue," and several said an income tax would shift the burden of taxation to citizens who are best able to handle it.

Several mayors, including Kenneth A. Gibson of Newark, the state's largest city, refused comment because they hadn't received copies. Dr. Paul Jordan, mayor of Jersey City, complained the mayors "would be the last to know."

However, Jordan said that on the basis of news reports his initial reaction was favorable.

"This is something aimed at relieving the crushing property tax burden of the people in the cities," he said.

Mayor Arthur J. Holland of Trenton echoed Jordan's thoughts on the income tax, saying, "I would say it's at least 20 years overdue and

probably 30 or 40 years overdue."

Holland said he expected it would cut property taxes in Trenton by 60 per cent and at the same time assure quality education for the city's school children.

The committee's recommendations should be viewed as a package and treated as such by the legislature, Holland said.

"The legislature should adopt it and implement it as soon as possible," he said. "I'm sure there will be amendments, but it should be adopted and implemented as much as possible in substance."

Mayor Arthur J. Dwyer of Paterson said the recommendations would mean a drop of \$2.43 per \$100 of assessed valuation in his city's school taxes, while giving it 40 per cent more for education.

"Further," he added, "it has a much broader impact in terms of our ability to attract dollars for investment housing in Paterson and to attract dollars for commercial and industrial development."

Dwyer said Paterson would be able to compete with other areas more fairly, not having to face competition from "the unnatural tax havens that have existed in the past."

Despite his praise for the report, Dwyer was among those who had criticism. He advised caution in adopting all the recommendations, saying the proposed taxes should be examined for "side effects" which would actually reduce tax revenue.

He also said the purpose for which income tax revenues would be used should be studied.

If the revenues are to be used to adequately train and pay government employees, he would favor an income tax, Dwyer said.

"But if it is to be a source used just to create a pool of

patronage over which politicians can fight," he added, "then I would be the first to fight with every resource I can think of, and a few that I can dream up, to oppose it."

The one mayor who saw the committee's recommendations as harmful to his city was William T. Somers of Atlantic City. The report calls for eliminating the sales tax exemption Atlantic City has had for years, and Somers said he was absolutely amazed the committee had even dealt with this.

"I thought the committee's main purpose was property tax reform," he said.

Atlantic City has a five per

cent luxury tax on liquor, cigarettes, amusements and hotel room charges, and is exempted from the sales tax in these areas. Without the exemptions it would have to charge a 10 per cent tax, a move businessmen fear would further cut into the fading tourist trade.

Somers said he intends to send former State Sen. Harry L. Sears, chairman of the committee, a report showing why Atlantic City needs the sales tax exemption to maintain its resort business.

"I don't think Sen. Sears is aware of our position as a resort," Somers said.

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'Elastic' Tax Is Key to Proposal

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TRENTON — By proposing taxes that act as a rubber band rather than a piece of string, the state Tax Policy Committee is hoping that the state's traditional budget crises can be abolished in the future.

The committee said yesterday that if its tax reform plan works as anticipated, the tax rates set forth in the plan would not need to be upped in future years.

Taxes would yield revenue in direct proportion to increased expenditures, eliminating budget deficits that call for legislative enactment of new taxes or increased tax rates.

As to how many years this anticipation could hold, the committee is not guessing. There are no promises and no guarantees, members stated.

Large Programs Factor

One factor that could alter its chains of "ifs" is if the state were to decide to embark on any new large programs requiring equally large sources of new revenue.

The committee's program is merely predicated on the average cost of new state programs over the past 15 years, said Executive Director William Miller. He did not recall what this average cost is, but anything larger increased revenues needed to finance the equally natural growth program.

Taxes that are elastic act like a rubber band. Under the program, they would naturally provide each year the increased revenues needed to finance the equally natural growth of state services.

The existing tax system, on the other hand, is described as inelastic. It fails to annually provide enough money to meet the increased expenditures.

The rubber band analogy can be carried only so far. A rubber band will break if stretched too far. The committee hopes its tax structure will not break—that is, fail to provide needed revenue.

The demon in the existing system is, of course, the

property tax. The committee's principal solution on the road to elasticity is to remove \$663 million in property taxes and replace them with \$926 million in more elastic taxes.

The chief elastic tax is the personal income tax

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whose anticipated elasticity is pegged at an "extreme" 2.4 per cent. This contrasts with the low elasticity of the property tax.

The closer that overall tax elasticity can approach 1.49 per cent the better. Anything over that mark is a bonus.

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In its report, the committee said that the income tax combined with other tax items in the \$926 million package—when added to existing tax sources—should raise the elasticity factor from the existing .98 per cent to higher than 1.30 per cent.

No prediction is made beyond this 30 per cent increase, although the report clearly hopes it will move very close to 1.49. As these two indices come together, said the committee, "the recurring financial crises in the state budget process will be minimized if not avoided entirely."

This appears to be the best prediction the public—which recalls the promises concerning the sales tax—will get.

When the sales tax, originally set at 3 per cent, was

enacted in the late 1960s, sponsors claimed it would be the panacea needed to hold down the local property tax.

Although the sales tax took a bit of the punch out of the property tax, it failed to have any lasting effect. The property tax continued to rise, placing a greater burden on homeowners, even though the sales tax was increased to 5 per cent.

As a matter of fact, the sales tax did pick up a substantial amount of slack, to the point where it is now financing nearly a third of the state's operating budget. But while it has proved a boon to the state, it has not been enough to do more than temporarily dent the property tax. The latter has been accelerated by rising school costs, whose elasticity factor is much higher than that of the property tax.

The solution, said the committee, is to reduce the property tax in excess of \$600 million.

Shifting of Taxes Stressed

Repeatedly emphasized in the report is the point that the reform program merely shifts taxes, but does not propose new revenue statewide beyond what is now being reaped.

"We're recommending a tax system and not a budget," said one committee member at a press conference yesterday.

Although numerous efficiencies are proposed by the committee throughout the massive report, it has not been contended that these will significantly reduce spending. They may or may not. The aim of the administrative efficiencies is basically equality in taxation and spending. Anything beyond that is a bonus.

It was noted that if \$663 million in property tax is cut and \$922 million in new and increased taxes are added, there is \$63 million left over that, on the surface, would accrue to the state government as extra income.

That's not necessarily so, the committee pointed out. Chairman Harry L. Sears even thought that if everything were added up—as it has not been in the report—the \$63 million might be more than wiped out.

The question of whether the program results in unanticipated revenue was not considered overly important because the state, in preparing its budget, can tailor the proposed tax changes to the proposed budget services. Only at that point will it be known exactly what the tax changes would yield.

Miller said he thinks the \$926 million in revenue is conservative and that even more could be raised.

Sears expressed the stern hope that the committee's program will be wholly implemented for the 1972-73 fiscal year, beginning July 1. It can be done, he said, if the legislature wants to do it. Gov. William T. Cahill already has submitted a \$2 billion budget, highlighted by \$146 million in increased taxes to meet the annual deficit.

Delay in OK to Cause Revised Figures

The longer it takes the legislature to enact the program—if it does so at all—the more the committee's estimated revenue figures would change. The committee anticipates, however, that they would change in proportion.

The potential budget deficits that the committee hopes can be abolished by a natural rise in tax levies without a rise in rates are large. After talking with state officials, the committee reported a potential revenue gap of up to \$173.3 million by 1975, at 3 per cent annual inflation.

If state school aid under the Bateman-Tanzman special formula were fully funded, this gap would rise to \$451 million.

Theoretically, there would be no local revenue-raising gap because the property tax is automatically pushed up to meet needs. However, a \$143 million local revenue gap could be projected, said the committee.

Added to the state-government projected deficit, the combined total is \$316.4 million by 1975 and \$1 billion by 1980. At a 4 per cent inflation rate, which is possible, the figure for 1980 would be \$1.8 billion with full funding of the Bateman-Tanzman formula.

But the committee anticipates that if all goes well, its program can fill this \$1.8 billion gap without tax rate increases.

Some might argue that an alternate solution is to reduce state spending. It is very difficult to do this, the report noted, pointing out that the recommendations of the governor's management study commission were unable even to project savings of 10 per cent in state government.

The committee conceded that a possible disadvantage to the elasticity principle is that it would make the state budget more vulnerable to cyclical declines in the economy.

City Will Get Urban Aid Funds

NEW BRUNSWICK — Among the hundreds of telephone calls coming into City Hall each day, one brought especially good news to city officials today.

City Clerk William Cahill said that was the "official" call from the state Division of Local Finance advising him the city can now anticipate receiving \$290,771 from state Urban Aid funds.

Finance Director George Cox said that money reduces the city's anticipated tax rate by 22 points.

Receipt of the funds had been expected, but the city was prohibited from including them in its budget until officially notified by the state it could do so.

A bill authorizing the 25 municipalities involved in the Urban Aid package to anticipate the funds was passed by the state Senate Feb. 10, and by the Assembly last Monday.

Cahill said he was notified

that Gov. William T. Cahill would sign the measure Tuesday morning.

The city budget introduced Feb. 10 included a tax rate of \$9.07 per \$100 assessed valuation. That was an increase of 61 points over last year's figure.

Cox said in addition to the 22 point decrease the Urban Aid funds would allow, the city probably will be able to lower the rate another four points as a result of the \$50,000 settlement it received in the Raritan River pollution suit.

However, he said he will not amend the budget until final computation of the cost of the police contract is completed.

That agreement, reached Wednesday evening, likely will cost a few more tax points than the city had anticipated, but Cox said he must figure the cost per patrolman before he could give an overall cost.

It likely will be sometime next week before those figures are available, he said.

Biggest Tax Break Coming to City?

Home News Trenton Bureau

TRENTON — The \$1.5 million that the State Tax Policy Committee recommends as a payment to New Brunswick for Rutgers facilities in the city is the largest tax boost of this category in the state.

Charts that the committee released yesterday show that the amount exceeds the total that would be contributed to entire counties. The total for each county except Mercer is lower than the New Brunswick figure.

The committee, among its recommendations for a new tax package, calls for the elimination of in-lieu payments for state facilities and the substitution of a tax levy based on their value.

Mercer County, according to the charts, would reap a \$2 million benefit by the change, most of it going to Trenton, where state offices are tentatively valued in the report at \$1.4 million. The lowest total for a county is Salem, which would receive only \$1,925.

Municipalities in Middlesex would receive \$2.6 million, which also includes \$950,000 for Piscataway, the site of considerable Rutgers property.

\$145,000 in Past

For the past few years, New

Brunswick has received \$165,000 annually as an in-lieu payment for Rutgers.

The Rutgers tax levy is a major factor in the chart tabulation which shows that if the proposed package had been in effect last year, New Brunswick would have had the lowest equalized tax rate in the county.

Ernest C. Reock, director of the Bureau of Government Research at Rutgers, warned, however, that the figures have to be viewed "with some caution." The bureau compiled the figures that the tax study committee used.

Reock said that the figures are based on last year's equalized tax rates for property, which he said, may be adjusted this year—contending that "they may not be that accurate."

Two other factors, he added, affect the \$1.5 million figure. First, in compiling the figures the bureau forgot to eliminate the \$165,000 in-lieu payment, and second, the ratable figures used to compile the Rutgers value included only buildings and not land.

Reock added that the two oversights in effect, work in opposite directions. "So it may not be that far off after all," he concluded.

Mayor Sheehan Foe Of Property Rate

Home News Trenton Bureau

TRENTON — New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan said yesterday she opposes a key recommendation by the State Tax Policy Committee that a state property tax of \$1 of \$100 true value be assessed as part of its reform package.

A member of the committee who served on the services levels costs and allocations task force, she also objected to removing the sales tax exemption on clothing.

Mrs. Sheehan set forth her objections in a public letter to the committee, pointing out that the state property tax, expected to raise \$600 million, "will seldom actually be \$1 per hundred dollars because of the admitted vagaries in tax assessments and evaluations."

She termed the recommendation confusing.

The mayor did not make

clear in her statement whether she opposed the state property tax altogether or merely the proposed mandatory \$1 per \$100 rate of assessment. Nor was she available for questioning on what alternative she proposed.

She pointed out that the actual reduction in property levies may be comparatively small—"too small certainly to represent the real and substantial shift away from the existing property tax base as the source of income, for New Jersey, particularly for the support of education."

"It also raises serious questions on the degree to which it propels us toward the constitutional goal of true tax equity," she continued.

She recalled that 357 communities currently invest more in local education than the statewide average. The com-

mission proposes these districts be forced to raise "substantial revenue," he said, from local real estate taxes in addition to the state school aid to be furnished from by \$553 million of that \$600 million if they wish to maintain their existing per-pupil standard of expenditures.

These are districts that would want to "protect the quality they have, with great self-sacrifice, built into their school system."

Mrs. Sheehan pointed out that school districts would be expected to continue to finance school construction, transportation and atypical classes with local tax monies.

"These local costs that would not be paid by the state "will leave the citizens of many of our municipalities with a property tax reduction that will be little more than a token—plus the new burden of an income tax."

The sales tax on clothing would be levied on those least able to pay, she said. "It clearly penalizes families with children—the larger the family, the greater the penalty."

The proposed rebate plan for low-income families purchasing clothing was placed in the report as a compromise, she said, but it would fail to achieve its objective. "It is obviously cumbersome, will be most often overlooked by precisely the type of individual or family it is designed to relieve and it's arbitrary and unrealistic in its selection of income limits for the rebate procedure."

How the Tax Package Would Affect Twin County Districts:

By BARBARA SELICK
Home News Staff Writer

What does the monumental new tax package proposed for New Jersey mean to schools in Middlesex and Somerset counties?

Education would be paid for almost entirely by the state.

School building construction and debt service would continue to be paid by local districts, however, with the present state aid programs in these areas remaining in effect.

Taxpayers would still have to supply massive amounts to operate the schools in the state but would no longer do so primarily through property taxes. If the new tax package were put into effect this year, property taxes would pay for about 35 per cent of total schools costs, other taxes, such as the proposed income tax, would fund the remaining 65 per cent.

Poorer districts would rise in quality — if quality indeed, is the result of more funds.

Richer districts could continue to pay more to get better education — but if the education got too much better, the districts could be told to halt by the State Board of Education.

In general, districts would be brought closer together in the amount they spend to educate each child. The present disparities in Middlesex and Somerset counties are significant.

Presently, the amount spent to educate a student in Cranbury is \$1,233.30 per weighted student. If the same student lived in South Amboy, \$519.36 would be spent on him.

The term "weighted student" is used in computing school aid formulas, including the present Bateman state aid and the nearly full state funding proposed yesterday by the N.J. Tax Policy Committee.

"Weighted" refers to the fact that it costs more to educate a high school student than a kindergarten, more to educate a welfare child than a middle class child.

The proposed tax package also calls for collective bargaining on a regional basis for teachers' salaries and fringe benefits — the major portion of present school budgets.

The bargaining would be done by a representative of the state and would be binding on the school districts. Local boards would thus be freed of the time-consuming task.

Teacher strikes in individual districts would diminish or end, but the spectre of regional teacher strikes would appear.

The tax policy commissioner did not deal with how many negotiation regions would be created in the state.

What about local control of the school? The Tax Policy Commission contends it would continue, even with the nearly full state funding proposed.

The committee says each local board of education would still be responsible for educational programs, staffing ratios, appointment of personnel, auxiliary services, work assignments and administration and management of the school system.

How would the new system work financially? Each year the state commissioner of education would set an amount per pupil he considers "sufficient to support a uniform high quality standard

of elementary and secondary education." The state would then supply each district with a basic sum of money based on this figure multiplied by the number of students per district (weighted).

Let's say the figure set by the commissioner is the present average student expenditure in the state — \$842.89 per weighted student.

In Jamesburg, an average of \$683.61 is presently budgeted to educate each student. This is \$159.28 below the state average.

Under the proposed formula, the state would provide a basic grant of \$825,965 to keep the same standard of education and gradually make available an additional \$192,430 to bring the education up to the state average. The Jamesburg taxpayer would not feel these additional funds as an increase in his local property tax, however. Instead, the borough local school tax would fall from the present rate of \$2.55 to .93.

In North Brunswick, on the other hand, an average of \$1,094.69 is presently budgeted to educate each student. This is \$251.80 above the state average. Under the proposed formula, the state would provide a basic grant of \$3,564,750 which, is however, \$1,064,902 below the district's present expenditures this year. The district could nonetheless retain its present spending level because the state would make available approximately \$156,000 in additional funds and the district could make up the remainder through local property taxes.

Even with this added local tax, however, the school tax rate in North Brunswick would drop from 1.66 to 1.23.

Both Jamesburg and North Brunswick could raise their property taxes higher in order to provide even more educational services if they receive approval from local voters at a public referendum.

Under the formula proposed yesterday, a district is discouraged from going too high, however.

If a district raises the amount spent per pupil by more than one-third over the yearly standard set by the commissioner, the district can be told by the state Board of Education:

"You've gone far enough. You're so far above the educational quality of other districts that it perpetuates the inequities among communities that we had under the old financing system."

The following is a district breakdown of the effect of the new formula in Middlesex and Somerset counties. It is based on 1971-72 levels of spending and the assumption that the districts are attempting to reach the present state average of \$842.89 per weighted pupil. School tax rates exclude capital construction and debt service.

Carleer: \$695.27 presently spent per weighted pupil, \$147.62 below the state average. Would receive basic state grant of \$3.8 million to keep same level of spending; state would make available an additional \$607,165 to bring it up to average. Local school tax would fall from 1.79 to .81.

Donnell: \$970.93 presently spent per weighted pupil, \$128.04 above the state average. Would receive a basic state grant of \$1,363,532, which is \$306,969 below district's present expenditures. State would make available approximately \$104,000 more and the district could make up remainder through additional local property taxes. Local school tax rate would fall from 2.51 to 1.06.

East Brunswick: \$858.28 presently spent per weighted pupil, \$15.39 above the state average. Would receive a basic state grant of \$9,816,381, which is \$179,291 below the district's present expenditures. State would make available about \$111,000 more and the district could make up remainder through additional property taxes. Local school tax rate would fall from 2.30 to .90.

Edison: \$919.98 presently spent per weighted pupil, \$77.09 above the state average. Would receive a basic state grant of \$14,499,731, which is \$1,326,079 below the district's present expenditures. State would make available about \$429,000 more and the district could make up remainder through additional

property taxes. Local school tax rate would fall from 1.83 to .98.

Helmetta: \$942.75 presently spent per weighted pupil, \$99.86 above the state average. Would receive a basic grant of \$189,307, which is \$22,438 below the district's present expenditures. State would make available about \$9,500 more and the district could make up remainder through additional property taxes. Local school tax rate would fall from 2.10 to 1.03.

Highland Park: \$1,079.21 presently spent per weighted pupil, \$236.32 above the state average. Would receive a basic grant of \$2,844,165, which is \$294,000 more and the district present expenditures. State would make available about \$294,000 more and the district could make up remainder through additional local property taxes. Local school tax rate would drop from 2.48 to 1.25.

Jamesburg: \$683.61 presently spent per weighted pupil, \$159.28 below the state average. Would receive basic state grant of \$825,965 to keep the same level of spending; state would make available an additional \$192,430 to bring it up to average. Local school tax rate would fall from 2.55 to .93.

Madison: \$875.23 presently spent per weighted pupil, \$32.24 above the state average. Would receive basic state grant of \$1,299,367, which is \$471,683 below the present expenditures. State would make available about \$318,000 more and the district could make up remainder through additional local property taxes. Local school tax rate would fall from 2.92 to .91.

Meluchen: \$555.70 presently spent per weighted pupil, \$287.19 below the state average. Would receive basic state grant of \$3,381,675, which is \$51,409 below the present expenditures. State would make available additional \$26,200 and the district could provide the remainder through additional local property taxes. Local school tax rate would fall from 2.98 to .86.

Middlesex: \$779.29 presently spent per weighted pupil, \$63.60 below the state average. Would receive basic state grant of \$3,288,047 to keep the same level of spending; state would make available \$296,697 to bring it up to average. Local school tax would fall from 1.96 to .85.

Milltown: \$882.21 presently spent per weighted pupil, \$39.32 above the state average. Would receive basic state grant of \$1,136,390, which is \$53,003 below the present expenditures. State would make available about \$19,800 more and the district could make up remainder through additional local property taxes. Local school tax rate would fall from 1.75 to .83.

Monroe: \$972.74 presently spent per weighted pupil, \$129.85 above the state average. Would receive basic state grant of \$1,835,393, which is \$282,738 below present expenditures. State would make available an additional \$114,000 and district could provide remainder through additional local property taxes. Local school rate would fall from 1.99 to 1.01.

New Brunswick: \$836.53 presently spent per weighted pupil, \$4.36 below the state average. Would receive basic state grant of \$6,390,669, to keep up same level of spending; state would make available additional \$75,817 to bring it up to average. Local school tax rate would fall from 1.79 to .72.

North Brunswick: \$1,064.69 presently spent per weighted pupil, \$251.80 above the state average. Would receive basic state grant of \$3,564,750, which is \$1,064,902 below the present expenditures. State would make available about \$156,000 more and district could provide remainder through additional local property taxes. Local school tax rate would fall from 1.66 to 1.03.

Perth Amboy: \$734.38 presently spent per weighted pupil, \$108.51 below the state average. Would receive basic state grant of \$6,549,130 to keep the same level of spending; state would make available an additional \$867,679 to bring it up to average. Local school tax rate would fall from 2.19 to .82.

Piscataway: \$975.15 presently spent per weighted pupil, \$132.26 above the state average. Would receive basic state grant of \$8,267,992, which is \$1,326,079 below the district's present expenditures. State would make available about \$429,000 more and the district could make up remainder through additional

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South Brunswick: \$1,056.74 presently spent per weighted student, \$213.85 above the state average. Would receive basic state grant of \$3,776,063, which is \$958,029 below the present expenditures. State would make available about \$532,000 more and the district would provide the remainder through additional local property taxes. Local school tax rate would drop from 2.83 to 1.11.

South Plainfield: \$914.55 presently spent per weighted student, \$71.66 above the state average. Would receive basic state grant of \$5,111,706, which is \$434,385 below the present expenditures. State would make available about \$204,000 more and the district could provide remainder through additional local property taxes. Local school tax rate would drop from 2.83 to 1.11.

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Sayreville: \$807.12 presently spent per weighted pupil—\$55.77 below the state average. Would receive basic state grant of \$6,230,772 to keep the same level of spending; state would make available about \$267,170 more to bring it up to average. Local school tax rate would fall from 1.56 to .81.

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Variables Blur Impact For \$10,000 Tax Bracket

Home News Trenton Bureau

TRENTON — Chances are that anyone earning higher than about \$10,000 a year would be paying more combined taxes under the State Tax Policy Committee reform program than he is now paying.

This interpretation can be drawn in general terms from one table printed in the committee's report.

There are, however, so many variables involved, said committee spokesmen, that even a generally can be dangerous.

Said Executive Director William Miller:

"There is no way to determine the point at which a person would pay more totally. It depends on his property tax, where he lives, his income and so forth."

Geared to Income Level
Those who are in the low and middle income brackets would generally be paying less combined property, personal income and sales taxes, the committee said. Those in the higher brackets would pay more.

The table cites the percentage of income now paid in state-local taxes, primarily the sales tax and property tax, but including items such as cigarettes, alcohol and gasoline taxes. The figures are as follows:

Under \$3,000 income: 20.3 per cent of total income.
From \$3,000-5,000: 16.9 per cent.

From \$5,000-7,500: 15.2 per cent.
From \$7,500-10,000: 13.6 per cent.

From \$10,000-15,000: 12.9 per cent.
From \$15,000-25,000: 11.5 per cent.

Over \$25,000: 7.2 per cent.

These existing percentage outlays show how those with incomes less than \$7,500 pay out greater portions of their income, while those in higher brackets pay less proportionately.

The committee's reform program will reduce the percentage amount paid by those

with low-incomes and redress the balance by requiring those who earn more to pay more proportionately, as follows:

Under \$3,000: 15.8 per cent.
From \$3,000-5,000: 14.4 per cent.

From \$5,000-7,500: 13.4 per cent.
From \$7,500-10,000: 13.9 per cent.

From \$10,000-15,000: 13.2 per cent.
From \$15,000-25,000: 12.8 per cent.

Over \$25,000: 12.3 per cent.

Thus, it can be seen that in the \$7,500-10,000 bracket, the taxpayer would be paying 13.9 per cent of income, slightly higher than 13.6 under the existing system. This marginal three-tenths of a percent increase is carried over to the \$10,000-\$15,000 bracket, contrast-

ing 13.2 per cent with 12.9 under the current system.

Tied to Income Tax
Over \$15,000 income, the increase in the amount of income paid out in comparison to the existing system becomes significant. The major portion of the increase that anyone would be paying in total taxes would be attributed largely to the graduated income tax.

The wealthier the municipality in which a wage-earner lives, the higher his property tax rate would likely be and the more combined taxes he would be paying. But this same taxpayer would be paying less overall if he lived in a less wealthy community where his property tax would be lower, assuming properties owned are of equal true value.

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Editorials

Tax Study Report: Required Reading

The report of the Governor's Tax Policy Committee—a document almost two years in the making—has been released to the public, and an exhaustive study it is.

Starting from the premise that every tax presently levied in New Jersey should be scrutinized and re-evaluated, the members of the committee have presented a proposal for a total reform of New Jersey's aging, inequitable and insufficient tax structure. It is a report of historic proportions in that it presents a persuasive argument for a sweeping overhaul of the present tax structure which is itself a root cause of countless complex social and economic problems in this state.

Because of the scope and the significance of the tax report, close study of its findings and recommendations is required by New Jerseyans. In the days and weeks ahead, The Home News will carry full accounts of the study and thoughtful analyses of its potential for the state.

We believe it is vitally important for the citizens of this state to read in depth this monumental study in order to understand fully its implications and to arrive at informed conclusions about it. No one in New Jersey will be unaffected by the changes proposed in the study, and it is incumbent upon us all to seek the fullest understanding of the impact true tax reform could have on this state.

East Brunswick Seeks Funds Town Aim: Save Tract From Auction

NEW BRUNSWICK — East Brunswick officials are making last-minute efforts to save some city-owned land in the township from the auction block.

New Brunswick wants to sell the land, a 17.5-acre tract along Riva Avenue, but East Brunswick wants to save it for open spaces without putting any township money into it.

Last week, officials of the two municipalities met to discuss a compromise.

East Brunswick Council President Jack Rooney proposed to lease the land from the city for a nominal fee, while the township attempts to obtain state or federal funds for its purchase.

However, this would require postponement of the auction, which is scheduled for early March.

City Council President Aldrage Cooper said the entire council probably will discuss at today's meeting whether to grant such a postponement. He indicated there is a possibility the postponement will be granted.

Although the lease would not be a money-making venture, the city could stop paying taxes on the land — one of the reasons why it wants to dispose of the property.

The 17.5-acre tract is part of five parcels the city owns within the city and in East and South Brunswick that is due to go on the auction block this spring. The city wants both the revenue from the land sales and to stop paying taxes on lands in the townships.

The tract East Brunswick wants is across Riva Avenue from Farrington Lake and adjoins a 10-acre city-owned tract in South Brunswick, also to be sold next month.

Cooper said he sees no difficulty in selling these tracts, which he described as "very beautiful land for development."

Rooney described his lease proposal as "a holding action," while the township tries to obtain the funds for the purchase. However, there is no guarantee such funds would be available.

Both council presidents said the proposal would have to be discussed by the full councils before any decisions could be made.

City Plan Board Receives Grant

NEW BRUNSWICK — The assistance from the state Department of Community Affairs, received an \$8,000 planning grant from the state.

The federal government provides two-thirds of the cost of an approved planning program with the grant recipient paying the remainder.

Mayor Sheehan said the grant will be used for consultant services in the third and final phase of the master plan updating. The city will contribute \$4,000 in services of its own Planning Division for the project.

McDermott said the funds will be used by Eugene Oross Associates, the city's planning consultant, to develop background materials and statistics for a revision of the city's zoning ordinance.

In addition to preparing an agenda for the legislative meeting on March 6 and 7, the committee also will make policy recommendations for the annual meeting of the Conference of Mayors to be held in June in New Orleans.

The board completed the second phase of its master plan revision in December. It included a comprehensive land use program for the city.

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Most People Will Pay Less: Sears

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TRENTON — The chief argument for the proposed tax overhaul of the state, according to its proponents, is that it is more progressive—more firmly based on the ability to pay. That was the contention of Harry Sears, chairman of the State Tax Policy Committee. In presenting the plan here yesterday, he called it "a whole new ball game."

"Most people will pay less," Sears said, "because the bene-

fits will fall on the lower- and middle-income groups."

Assemblyman Richard W. DeKorte, a Bergen Republican, said that people making \$7,500 and under "will pay dramatically less" and those making more than \$25,000 "will pay dramatically more."

The committee proposes the abolition of all local property taxes to pay for public-school financing, and their replacement by a statewide property tax and graduated income tax. A large portion of the public,

which remembers that lower property taxes were used as an argument for a state sales tax, and that the property tax continued to shoot upward, may not agree.

For an example of how an average taxpayer would have paid less in 1971 under the new tax package:

An Edison resident with a \$20,000 true-value home paid about \$818 in property taxes last year, a figure that includes taxes for local school financ-

ing, county costs, and municipal costs.

Under the proposed new plan he would have paid \$303 in property taxes. The figure includes the levy for municipal and county purposes, and a payment to the state—only \$1 per \$100 of true value—that would finance public schools through the state.

In addition to the \$303 in property taxes, he would have paid \$85 in state income tax, if he had a gross adjusted in-

come of \$10,000 and a family of five.

The adjusted gross income, a term derived from federal income tax returns, is income after some deductions, chiefly for business—including bad debts, depreciation, business losses, and travel expenses.

The committee makes the point that the Edison homeowner would be able to deduct this state income tax from his federal returns, resulting in a \$17 saving on federal taxes. Therefore the effect of his state in-

come tax would be only \$68, rather than \$85.

If the Edison homeowner had more than five dependents, he would subtract an additional \$15 for each additional dependent directly from the tax due. If he had fewer than five, he would pay \$15 extra for each. Thus, if he had four dependents rather than five, his state income tax would be \$100 rather than \$85.

The taxpayer also would be able to deduct this state income tax from his federal returns, resulting in a \$17 saving on federal taxes. Therefore the effect of his state in-

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come tax would be only \$68, rather than \$85. If the Edison homeowner had more than five dependents, he would subtract an additional \$15 for each additional dependent directly from the tax due. If he had fewer than five, he would pay \$15 extra for each. Thus, if he had four dependents rather than five, his state income tax would be \$100 rather than \$85.

Closing a Loophole
DeKorte, who headed the committee's task force on revenue resources, said the committee rejected the "piggy-back" state income tax—which applies a percentage directly to the federal income tax—because it would perpetuate the many loopholes for those in the higher tax brackets.

Ernest C. Rock, director of the Bureau of Government Research at Rutgers, also contends that the package will benefit most taxpayers. He worked extensively with the committee on the plan.

Particularly for homeowners, he said, it will represent a break

because the state is "trading off" a more regressive tax structure for a more progressive one.

Rock rejected the contention that the effect of equalizing educational costs will raise taxes because the expenditures will not level out but go up toward the levels of wealthy communities.

The recent Superior Court decision that local property taxes are an unconstitutional way to finance public schools does not aim so much at absolute equality of education, he said, as at a fairer proportion between the tax burden and the educational benefit.

The decision of Judge Theodore Botter and the statewide property tax are aimed toward "making it just as easy for a poor community to finance its schools as a wealthy community," Rock said.

City, Perth Amboy Area Eligible for Federal Funds

March 1, 1972

WASHINGTON — The New Brunswick-Perth Amboy labor area is now eligible for federal Public Works grants because of high unemployment, U.S. Rep. Edward J. Patten, D-N.J., was informed today by the U.S. Labor Department.

Patten disclosed that under Title I of the Public Works and Economic Development Act, the New Brunswick-Perth Amboy labor area is eligible for federal grants of 50 per cent in Public Works projects, ranging from access roads to industrial parks. The projects

must show a favorable economic impact on the area and indicate that the projects will help produce jobs over a long period.

Patten was told that the program will call for the county to create an overall Economic Development Commission, consisting of various groups, including labor, minority, industrial and others.

The committee must assess priorities and submit a plan to the Economic Development Administration in Washington.

The New Brunswick-Perth Amboy labor area became eli-

gible for the 10 per cent U.S. grants by suffering an average unemployment rate during the 1971 calendar year of over 6 per cent. Patten noted that the most recent figures available from Trenton show a seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 6.5 per cent—or 21,600 unemployed persons.

The Perth Amboy-New Brunswick labor market area entered the 6 per cent unemployment rate in October, 1970, when 6.5 per cent unemployment was recorded. The previous rate, for August, 1970, was 5.9 per cent.

Patten warned, however, that there are no funds available for the rest of fiscal 1972, which extends through June 30 of this year. He was told that the administration has included \$160 million for the next fiscal year, starting July 1, 1972, for the entire nation.

Patten said he has informed Fred J. Mazurek, the governmental aide coordinator for Middlesex County, that the area is now eligible for the 50 per cent grants and said that Mazurek will contact the regional office of the EDA in Trenton.

Priest Complains of Wild Dog Packs

March 1, 1972

By MIKE CELIZIC
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — The 2nd Ward is going to the dogs—literally.

This was the complaint brought before City Council today by the Rev. Richard Turk, associate pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Throop Avenue.

Packs of wild dogs are roaming through the city, Father Turk claimed, and are particularly troublesome in the area of Sacred Heart Church and school.

"The situation is so bad that I think eventually a pack of dogs will attack a child," he told the council.

In other activity, the council approved specifications for the city's park improvement program, which will provide new tennis and basketball courts and provide for repair of existing facilities.

No Results

Speaking of the dog problem, Father Turk said he was "bringing the problem into the open after I tried to solve it in a quiet way with no results." He said that he had spoken with Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan five times and had spoken to Willard Ferguson of the SPCA, but had gotten "no response."

Calls to the police department also brought no solution to the problem, Father Turk said.

"I am asking and demanding that something be done before a child is hurt," the priest told the councilmen.

Council President Aldridge B. Cooper Jr. said afterward that he will reach Ferguson and "ask him to get up there." He also said that he will ask the police department to cooperate with the SPCA in solving the problem.

Father Turk said that during the three months that he has been trying to get action, he has seen a dog kill a cat, observed a pack of "at least a dozen" dogs in the Sacred Heart playground and has seen "five dogs encircle a little girl."

Tennis Courts

Specifications for park improvements approved by council call for the resurfacing of 14 tennis courts in Buccleuch Park; and construction of two tennis courts in Boyd Park, one tennis court and one basketball court in Remsen Park and a basketball court in Harvey Park.

Existing basketball courts will also be repaired under the park improvement program. Total cost of the program is estimated at \$250,000, of which \$125,000 has been supplied by the state Department of Environmental Protection.

"We expect that work on the parks will proceed rapidly once the contract is awarded," Cooper said, "and we hope that by this summer much of the work on the tennis and basketball courts will be completed."

Contracts for the project are expected to be awarded late this month.

Bids for supplying athletic and recreational supplies for the city's summer recreation program were opened by the council. Bids ranged from \$2,800 to \$3,200 and will be reviewed before the contract is awarded.

The Council introduced four ordinances which will revise existing city ordinances. Public hearings on all four were set for 7:30 p.m. March 15.

Truck Parking

The first ordinance would extend the overnight parking ban for trucks in excess of 5,500 lbs. to cover all city streets.

The ordinance currently bans overnight truck parking in "A" and "B" residential districts. A new procedure which would require review of build-

ing plans by the Planning Board would be initiated under the second ordinance.

A third ordinance is designed to tighten licensing procedures in the city by bringing all licenses under the same municipal code chapter.

A schedule of building permit

fee increases is outlined in the fourth ordinance.

Councilmen Vito Racine and George Hendricks Jr. were absent from this morning's meeting, Hendricks because of the birth of his first child, a girl, early today, and Racine for business reasons.

Fight Closes High School; Probe On to Find Cause

NEW BRUNSWICK — About 2,250 New Brunswick High School students have the day off today, an action ordered by the Board of Education in the wake of a racial disturbance yesterday afternoon.

How long the split session school will remain closed is uncertain, according to board president Eli Saltz.

"We don't want to open the high school until the administration can look into all the causes of this thing," he said last night. "We can't put our finger on the cause now, so the safest thing to do was close the school."

About a dozen afternoon session students—boys and girls—were injured when fighting erupted after a 3:20 p.m. 10th grade assembly, Willard Lindstrom, the school's principal, said. At least one student, senior Eric G. Appel, required hospital treatment. A total of 646 students attended the assembly.

Appel, who participated in the assembly, said he was

bumped from behind by a black student. A fight followed, joined by 10 other black students, he added. Teachers finally separated the students.

"It wasn't a confrontation. It was an attack," Lindstrom said. "The staff will meet at 9 a.m. today to see if we can get all the facts on this thing. Who provoked who isn't really clear at this point."

The fighting was the second incident in two days at the school. Lindstrom said three white students were suspended Tuesday for fighting in the school. He said the students were members of a group of white militant students who call themselves the "Rebels."

Reports at the scene of yesterday's outbreak, indicated that the Rebels had come to school Tuesday with rebel flags on their clothing. Lindstrom admitted that he had heard that students were wearing the flags, "although I didn't see them."

Black students who gathered outside the school yesterday

blamed the fighting on Tuesday's problems and the Rebels. Eli Saltz, president of the New Brunswick Board of Education today denied that any students were rebel flags to school. "That's a popular misconception," he said. "There are so many things being said by so many people it's hard to determine the truth."

Saltz said that the school staff is meeting today at the high school "trying to piece together what happened yesterday."

A window pane in a front door was kicked out and an interior door window was broken in the series of scuffles, Saltz said. New Brunswick and North Brunswick police were called in by Lindstrom after the disturbance began.

"I heard a commotion in the hall," he said. "When I walked outside I saw what was happening and came right back

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(to the main office) to call the police."

The afternoon session was dismissed at 4:50 p.m.—about 20 minutes early, Lindstrom said. Black and white students—in separate groups of about

150 each—milled around the Livingston Avenue building before police dispersed them. Lindstrom said there was no problem in the morning session.

The black group headed north on Livingston Avenue. More than six windows in homes on the west side of the street were broken. Police arrested at least one black student but refused to comment on the charges last night.

Lindstrom noted a "recent racial animosity in the school community made up of New Brunswick, Milltown and North Brunswick" over the controversial busing plans by North Brunswick to racially balance the city school system.

"This thing will give both

sides (of the busing issue) a lot of radical fuel to thrive on," Lindstrom added. "Some of the parents will say 'now you see why I want to take my kid out of New Brunswick' and the other side will say 'go ahead and take your kids out of here.'"

"All we can do is try and use some common sense and try and modify the belligerent attitudes."

The high school was boycotted for three days last fall following a racial confrontation.

Saltz said the Milltown and North Brunswick school boards agreed on the New Brunswick board's action to close the school.



GROUND BREAKING — Bishop George W. Ahr watches intently with Sister Joan Manion, administrator of St. Peter's Hospital, as Mayor Patricia Sheehan of New Brunswick, wields her shovel in ground-breaking ceremonies for a new wing to the hospital.

St. Peter's Hospital Wing Started At Ground Breaking Ceremonies

NEW BRUNSWICK — Wielding a gleaming shovel that bit with difficulty into the frozen earth, Sister Joan Manion, St. Peter's Hospital administrator, signaled the beginning of construction on the institution's new patient wing at ground breaking ceremonies Tuesday afternoon.

A familiar landmark for many decades to patients, visitors and community residents, the expansive and scenic lawn fronting the hospital shortly will reverberate

with the discordant sounds of progress as excavation for a modern, \$10 million addition takes place.

Extending from the core of the main building out toward Easton Avenue, the health care structure, which is expected to be completed in the Spring of 1974, will consist of a bi-level base designed for new operating suites, radiology department, supportive services and departments, expanded emergency room and out-patient facilities, with a five-story tower potential of 200 more patient beds.

According to the hospital's master plan, the initial phase of the building program will include the dual-level base and 40 beds on each of the first three floors of the patient tower for a total of 120 beds. The remaining 80 beds have been programmed for use as patient demands warrant and funds become available.

"This is indeed a significant day for St. Peter's General Hospital," Sister Manion said, "as we join together in the faithful

pursuit of our commitment to the community."

Participating in the ground breaking ceremonies with Sister Manion and other Grey Nuns representatives were Bishop George W. Ahr, Mayor Patricia Sheehan, members of the hospital's Board of Trustees, Medical Staff, Advisory Board of Directors, Auxiliary and employees, as well as officials from city and county departments.

State Control of City School Sought

By VIRGINIA GABRIELE
Home News Staff Writer

NORTH BRUNSWICK — Upset over the handling of last week's disturbances at New Brunswick High School the North Brunswick Board of Education has called upon the state to run the high school and wants investigations into criminal activity and the replacement of the city school board and administration.

March 6, 1972
The township school board charged that the actions of New Brunswick officials were "wholly inadequate" before, during and after Wednesday's incident and said it was fed up with the entire situation.

A spokesman for state Commissioner of Education Carl J. Marburger said he believes the commissioner does not have the power to take over and operate "any school. "We don't have clear statutory power," he said.

The commissioner does have the power to close a school to protect the safety of students, according to the spokesman.

A source in the state education department expressed doubt, however, that the people of the state or Marburger himself would want the commissioner's office to have the right to take over and operate a school.

This would allow a local board to cop out of working to solve its own problems, he said. The state will provide all the help it can, he said, but the local board has all the powers necessary to meet the situation, including the right to bring in security.

In a related development, more than 90 parents, teachers and community leaders met yesterday afternoon with the New Brunswick Board of Education and the New Brunswick Education Association to discuss the recommendations of the various committees established after the disturbance.

The committees, which deal with discipline, security, communications and student relations, were scheduled to report fully today after discussions with students. They

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will then make recommendations to the entire faculty for adoption.

On Friday, the North Brunswick school board sent telegrams to Gov. William T. Cahill and Marburger demanding that Marburger assume direct administration of the high school and that the school be closed until "adequate safety and security measures have been provided to assure the safety of all students and faculty."

However, following meetings Saturday, the township along with New Brunswick and Milltown, endorsed a proposal to re-open the high school today for 11th and 12th graders only.

Normal scheduling was suspended to permit small seminar discussions with faculty members on the topics of discipline, security communications and student relationships.

The North Brunswick school board also demanded that Cahill order the state attorney general and the Middlesex County prosecutor's office to immediately investigate the "alleged criminal activity in the school and the malfeasance and nonfeasance of official duties."

Similar telegrams were sent to John S. Kuhlthau, Middlesex County prosecutor, and Arthur Campbell, foreman of the county grand jury.

A spokesman for Attorney General George Kusler Jr. said this morning that the board's telegram has not yet reached his office.

No comment was available from Gov. Cahill's office.

Middlesex County Prosecutor John Kuhlthau said he was phoned Saturday by Jack Borrus, attorney for the North Brunswick school board, and given a copy of the telegram.

Kuhlthau said he was not launching a full-scale investigation but was informally gathering information which at this point does not warrant malfeasance or non-feasance charges.

Similarly, Kuhlthau said he does not see any "criminal activity" on the part of students but pointed out that persons under the age of 16 are incapable of committing a "crime" in the eyes of the law.

The school board wants the investigation to include alleged incidents of assaults, theft, destruction of public and private property, and possession and use of deadly weapons.

Following the announcement of North Brunswick's demands on Saturday, New Brunswick Board of Education President Eli Saltz said that any authority — including the governor and the education commissioner — was welcome to look into the situation at the high school.

Demands Sweeping Changes

A telegram to New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Q. Sheehan demanded a new city Board of Education and high school administration.

The North Brunswick school board has not yet received answers to any of its demands.

In all of its telegrams, the school board charged that the city school board and high school administration "had been forewarned of tension in the school and totally failed to take remedial action or provide adequate security."

The board also detailed one of the incidents last Wednesday which led to the closing of the school. It claimed a "mob" kicked open a locked classroom door, attacked a woman teacher, and then attacked and beat two boys and the girl students in the room.

Such an incident was not listed in the preliminary report of the trouble issued Saturday by four faculty members after a study of 49 separate reports from faculty members and security aides.

However the preliminary report did say a classroom was entered as the teacher attempted to lock the door and some of the students panicked and jumped out the first-floor windows.

During yesterday afternoon's meeting, parents were told that the recommendations of the security committee will be implemented before regular classes resume.

Glass panels in doors already have been replaced with unbreakable materials, they said, the plainclothes policemen will supplement the regular security forces.

The committee has recommended two-way communications between classrooms and administrative offices and the security forces will be equipped with walkie-talkies.

As some of the problems in the school are solved, security will be eased, the committee said.

Saltz said: "None of us are happy with a situation in a school system which requires that security forces exist at all, but the problems that need to be solved will take a long time, and in the meantime, it is our responsibility to provide adequate security for our students."

Saltz also commended the faculty for the interest it has shown in the current crisis.

Both North Brunswick and Milltown have been requested to assign a representative to the high school until further notice.

The committee on communications recommended that in the event of a major disturbance, a 24-hour rumor control line be established and a statement of facts be issued as soon as possible.

High School Opens for Juniors, Seniors

March 6, 1972

NEW BRUNSWICK — The high school opened this morning on a voluntary basis for 11th and 12th grade students to participate in discussions on discipline, security, communication and student relations.

Identification cards were checked as students filed into the school for the first time since an outbreak of fighting

Wednesday in the afternoon session at the double-session school closed the building for two days.

A spokesman for the Board of Education said that while the major purpose of the seminar discussions was to find solutions to the school's tension another aim is to demonstrate

"how difficult indeed it is to devise solutions."

The press was not allowed into the school. The Board of Education spokesman said, "There is no reason to have a reporter there. It's not an event."

"This is a school session for See HIGH SCHOOL, Page 19

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Continued from Page One students and teachers. We don't usually have reporters in the school," he said.

Some 600 to 700 students attended this morning. Morning session enrollment at the school is an estimated 1,200.

The spokesman said the students were given copies of the New Brunswick Education Association's preliminary report of what occurred at the school last Wednesday and a general discussion was held.

The spokesman said it was an attempt to make sure the

morning session students know as much as anyone else knows about last week's occurrences, which occurred in the afternoon session.

Afterward, the students went to seminar-type discussions on discipline, security, communications and student relationships.

Both the meeting and discussion groups were run by the New Brunswick Education Association, which is composed of teachers in the city.

The spokesman announced the school administration will meet

with any parent of a student in the 9th or 10th grade who wishes to add information or explain his child's role in the disturbances last week.

The parents should arrange for an appointment through Assistant Superintendent of Schools Nick Hummel, who can be reached at the Board of Education offices.

The spokesman also said depending on the outcome of today's discussions by the 11th and 12th graders, a similar session may be held tomorrow for the 9th and 10th grades.

He said a determination would be made later this afternoon after the results of the discussions are known.

"The students still have to report on the outcome of their discussions," he said. "If the results and the information obtained appear significant, the lower grades will be called in tomorrow. However, if it appears necessary to hold another day of discussion for the upper grades, that will be done instead."

No academic classes will be held tomorrow.

Editorials

Pincus Conduct Is Inexcusable

March 8, 1972

North Brunswick Mayor Jack Pincus and the Township Committee have — quite improperly we think — injected themselves into the bitter attack being made by the North Brunswick Board of Education upon the New Brunswick Board of Education and the administration at New Brunswick High School. Both the latter have been working with dedication, aided by teachers and pupils, to eradicate the sources of racial tension which have led to disturbances at the school and to cessations of normal educational processes in the school.

The language of Mr. Pincus is inexcusable. He says the township's students have been treated as shabby second class citizens by what he calls the city's do-nothing school administration. Prodded by Pincus, the Township Committee has unanimously appointed attorney Ralph Mayo to intervene in the regionalization hearings now under way with New Brunswick, North Brunswick and Milltown.

We do not see any possibility of any good whatever coming from the angry and aggressive and unreasonable approach that Pincus is taking in this controversy. All he is doing is adding an emotional and abrasive approach to a situation which calls for a musing of animosities, for a coming together of people, for a touching of hands that should be mutually clasped today.

Over the long years, the New Brunswick High School has provided a good education for generations of North Brunswick young people, many of whom have built successful careers on the foundation of that education. The school relationship is an ancient, successful and friendly one. The North Brunswick students at New Brunswick High School have not in fact been treated as shabby second class citizens by the high school administration, and Pincus knows it.

If there is anything shabby and shoddy and sorry about the current controversy, it is the sordid example that adults are setting for young people.

Route 18 Delegation Set

NEW BRUNSWICK — A delegation to Washington seeking to speedup the environmental impact study for the Route 18 Raritan River bridge will have the support and presence of both U.S. senators from New Jersey.

Headed by Gov. William T. Cahill, the group is scheduled to meet March 15 with John Volpe, the federal secretary of transportation.

State Sen. J. Edward Crabiel said the delegation represents every governmental level in an effort to show the strong sentiment of the area for construction of the bridge across the Raritan.

Crabiel said Sen. Harrison A. Williams will attend and that the governor told him that he had been assured Sen. Clifford Case will also be on hand.

Rep. Edward J. Patten also has indicated that he will make the session, Crabiel said.

On the state level, Crabiel and Senators John Lynch and Norman Tanzi will make the trip, as will Assemblymen William Hamilton Jr. and Peter Garibaldi.

Rutgers President Edward J. Bloustein, Piscataway Mayor Ted Light, New Brunswick Mayor Patricia Sheehan, and Middlesex County Frecholder Director George J. Otowski will also be present, he said.

Others in the delegation include Hugh N. Boyd, president and publisher of The Home News.

Crabiel said the delegation

will contend that the environmental study is not necessary, but that if the department insists upon a study, that it be completed as soon as possible.

The bridge construction is opposed by citizen and Rutgers student groups who contend that environmental damage will result.

Crabiel Predicts Tax Reform Struggle

March 8, 1972

By WARREN SLOAT
Home News Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — Senate minority leader J. Edward Crabiel predicted political struggle and strong opposition in the effort to remake the tax structure of New Jersey.

The Middlesex Democrat said the pressure has not begun—but that it will build into a major "political argument" over the recommendations of the State Tax Policy Committee.

Crabiel, the only one of the 34-member committee who refused to sign the report, said he favors tax reform and will not be placed in the position of becoming an opposition figure. He spoke yesterday before a meeting of The Home News editorial board.

The argument, though political, will not be a partisan battle pitting one party against another, Crabiel predicted.

He pointed out that former Gov. Richard J. Hughes, Robert Wilentz and oth-

er prominent Democrats have signed the committee report, while Republican state Sens. Alfred Beadleston and Wayne Dumont already have signified their opposition to an income tax.

Crabiel finds the income tax the most desirable proposal of the tax package—opposed by the Republicans.

The inequities in the tax package—as Sen. Crabiel sees them. Page 11.

posing the report on other grounds, including his contention that it would represent a windfall for business.

The Senate minority leader said opposition to various aspects of the package will develop. The New Jersey Education Association, Crabiel foresees, will dislike the proposal that the state negotiate salaries with teachers, and the AFL-CIO will oppose the extension of the sales tax to cover clothing sales.

If labor and the legislature clash on this issue, he said, "it will break the program."

Nevertheless, he said, he believes the legislature is already committed to some aspects of the report, such as the state takeover of welfare costs and school costs and the urban aid program. And he predicted, the income tax will be enacted this year.

To get the package enacted, Gov. William T. Cahill will have to take a position and will have to provide proposed bills, said Crabiel. He said he thought the package will be broken into 30 to 40 proposed pieces of legislation.

Crabiel contended that the committee's proposed state property tax presents a credibility problem for the public. "It lets the legislators, in effect, have three taxes to play with," he said, without any guarantee to the public that the levels will not later be raised.

Salesmanship The committee deliberately set the statewide property tax rate at \$1 per \$100 of true value "to sell the package," he

said. Just days before, he added, Wilentz, as chairman of the committee's task force on aid levels, "was still talking about \$1.50 (per \$100)."

Crabiel said he was attacked by the committee for his dissenting view because "they feel that any opposition at all will kill the whole report. . . . That's why they called me a demagogue."

He said the report "has to stand up under the light of day." That, he remarked, "is why I wanted the argument in public."

The various task forces of the committee, he claimed, worked without "the full knowledge of the committee. All I knew was my own task force."

He said he first learned that a statewide property tax would be proposed last September and began to ask the various proposals come up to the whole committee for discussion. Nevertheless, he said, he found out about the veterans' exemption proposal only two months ago.