

Dr. Osborne, Wife Escape Flying Bricks

By GEORGE W. ROBINSON
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Hamilton Township Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ralph W. Osborne and his wife escaped injury last night when two bricks shattered the glass in two windows in the superintendent's office.

Dr. Osborne said the bricks were hurled simultaneously into the windows from two different directions and sounded like "an explosion." He said he and his wife, Ann, immediately dashed out of the room.

Dr. Osborne said he was sitting at his desk at 8:25 p. m. when one of the red construction bricks hit the metal divider in the window in back of his desk, about two feet from his chair, smashing out the glass.

At the same time, another brick came through the glass of a side window, landing inside his office, located in Hamilton High School on South Clinton Avenue.

The brick throwers fled and were not seen by Dr. Osborne, who telephoned Hamilton Township police. A search of the area failed to turn up any suspects. There must have been at least two who did it, Dr. Osborne said.

The superintendent said if the brick that hit the metal divider of the window in back of his desk had been six inches to one side or the other, "I would hate to think



DR. RALPH OSBORNE

of the consequences." The smashed windows are approximately two feet by four feet in diameter.

There is no evidence to connect the brick-throwing incident with the suspension of nine seniors Monday for defying school authority, Dr. Osborne said.

In the latest development on the suspensions, principal Herbert Griffith said a date should be set today or tomorrow at the latest for the ousted students to return to school.

Griffith said he is recommending that the students be given an opportunity to graduate in June.

Top Cop Indicted In Bergen

HACKENSACK (AP) — Police Chief Angelo DeRosa of South Hackensack was indicted by a Bergen County grand jury Tuesday on charges of misconduct in office and conspiracy to obstruct justice.

First Asst. Bergen County Prosecutor Michael Gross also said three other Bergen County police chiefs have been subpoenaed to appear before a grand jury. Gross declined to comment on the nature of the inquiry.

He said the subpoenas went to Fort Lee Chief Theodore E. Grieco, president of the New Jersey Police Chiefs Association; Chief John Orr of Ridgewood, president of the Bergen County Police Chief's Association, and Chief Norman H. Statler of Park Ridge, first vice president of the Bergen Association.

None of the chiefs would say why they had been subpoenaed, but Orr and Grieco said they assumed it was in connection with alleged receipt by policemen of money from private citizens.

Motel Raid

The indictment charged that DeRosa knowingly testified before the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Division in behalf of Vincent Sallazzo.

Gross said DeRosa had been informed about a month before his testimony that a raid by the county gambling squad on a South Hackensack motel had turned up evidence of a *l o n s h a r k i n g* operation allegedly involving Sallazzo.

Fuel Dealer Prospective Buyer

12 CF&I Buildings Sought

By JAMES GOODMAN
Staff Writer

A Trenton businessman is negotiating for the purchase of 12 vacant buildings in the large CF&I Steel Corp. complex on South Broad Street.

Paul A. Byer, president of Hutchinson-Hawk (fuel and oil) Co., 100 Hamilton Ave., confirmed today that he is attempting to purchase the now unused buildings that make up about 25 percent of the once-thriving industrial site.

The plant actually is owned by Crane Co., a New York based firm which took over CF&I last year. A New York real estate investment firm also is reportedly interested in the properties.

Byer said today he has commitments from prospective tenants to occupy about 85 percent of the buildings if the purchase is completed.

Tenant Interest

He said American Steel and Wire, C.V. Hill, De Laval Turbine, Inc. and Andy's Automotive are among the firms interested in using the buildings either for light industry or for warehousing.

Byer said that he would use part of the complex for expansion of his own firm, one of the oldest companies in the city of Trenton. He predicted that up to 300 persons would be employed at the buildings within six months.

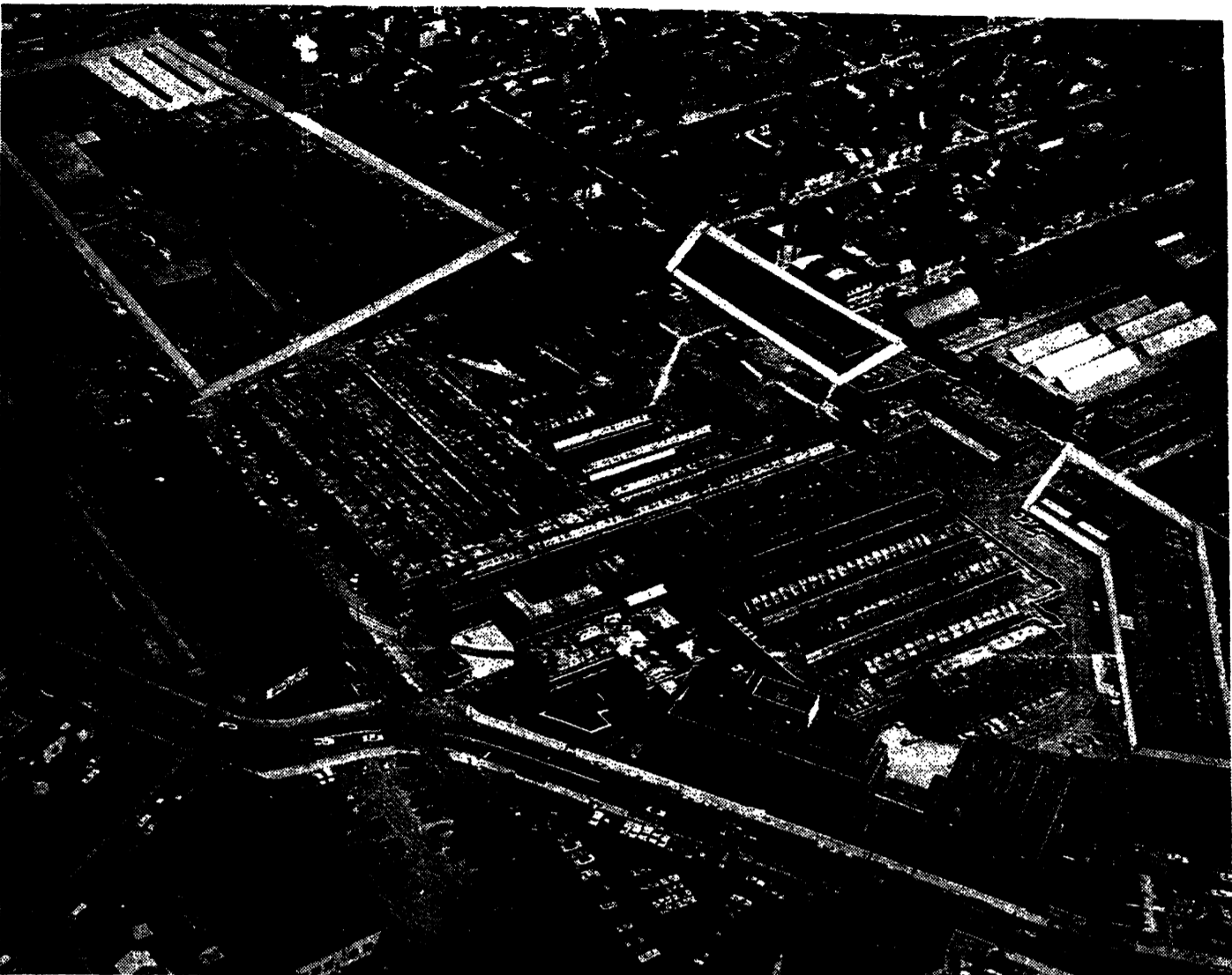
The purchase does not affect the consolidated manufacturing area where CF&I is continuing to operate, or the two building business office complex which has been purchased by Mercer County for an administration building.

A spokesman for Crane Company said the buildings in the proposed sale are "considered obsolete" for our purposes "but are excellent for light manufacturing and warehousing."

The buildings include two Elmer Street rope shops, the Clark Street rope shop, a carpenter's shop and a boiler house in an area bounded by Elmer Street, Clark Street, Hamilton Avenue and Canal Street.

Also included is the Clinton Avenue mill at Elmer Street and Clinton Avenue and a machine shop and tool room on Dye Street at Clinton.

The spokesman for Crane Company and Byer agreed that both parties are just beginning serious negotiations but Byer is confident the sale



Aerial view of CF&I Steel Corp. plant shows 12 buildings for sale. Aerial Photo By Staff Photographer Warren Kruse and Trenton Aviation Inc.

would be completed. Byer declined to discuss the estimated price of the sale. He said he feels the purchase would be an asset to the city and indicated he hopes the city would be able to give him some kind of a tax break.

The Hutchinson-Hawk firm was incorporated in 1915 but dates back to the turn of the century. The firm operated the first motor-driven coal delivery vehicle in the city.

Freeholders OK Runway Extension

By THOMAS H. GREEK
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Lengthy court action looms to block extension of Mercer County Airport's main runway after the freeholders brought in their ailing veteran colleague, Frank Black, yesterday to break a tie vote that threatened to kill off the project.

Bruce Schragger, attorney for Ewing Township, the major opponent of the runway extension, said he planned to file today for a restraining order to prohibit the freeholders from taking any further action on the \$1.2 million project.

Schragger said he also has advised attorneys for Ewing's airport consultant in Washington to seek a similar restraining order there to prevent the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) from entering into any agreement with Mercer County.

Vital Vote

Only the dramatic appearance of Democratic Freeholder Black recuperating at

home from the second cataract operation in recent months, saved the runway plan yesterday.

By a 4-to-3 vote, the freeholders awarded a \$524,980 construction contract to the Dayton Construction Company of Dayton for the project. An additional \$700,000 is expected to go for drainage work, grading, fill and lighting.

The FAA will pay half the cost.

Democratic Freeholder Joseph E. Tighe joined the two Republicans on the board in voting against the proposal.

Without the vote of Black, who was helped by two persons as he entered the meeting room, the proposal would have been defeated by the 3-3 deadlock.

FAA had advised the freeholders that if the contract was not awarded yesterday it would withdraw its \$600,000 assistance.

He said the extension would prompt additional expenses for other improvements and that the county has too many other responsibilities.

Appears 'Slanted'

He said much of the information in the recent airport feasibility study was "undocumented, unsupported and appeared to slant toward building a case for airport expansion."

Republican Freeholders Clifford Snedeker and Regina Meredith, who voted for the initial runway measure in 1968, said there is no economic justification for approving the extension. They said all of the information in the matter has not been answered.

Freeholder director Arthur R. Sypek, Freeholders John Watson and Charles Farrington joined Black in voting for the measure.

Farrington called the expenditure for the extension "seed money, which will stimulate private interests and private money to come to the airport."

Watson said the extension would be "a signal to the business community that Mercer plans a first-class airport."

Sypek again tried to dispel fears that Mercer would become a "jumbo jetport."

Sypek said tens of thousands of dollars of Ewing Township money already has been spent for consultants and legal fees without results.

He said a court suit could require Ewing Township to post a bond amounting to half the cost of the entire runway project, which could be about \$600,000. He said this would needlessly burden Ewing taxpayers again.

The suit could cause the loss of over \$1 million in federal funds for Mercer County, Sypek said.

Tax To Rise 52 Cents

By PAUL NINI
Staff Writer

There was no fanfare as City Council yesterday took only 30 minutes to adopt Trenton's 1970 budget, which will raise property taxes 52 cents for each \$100 of assessed value.

Only about 10 persons attended the brief public hearing in City Council chambers.

The 1970 program calls for the city to raise \$36.7 million locally. \$24.6 million from the

property levy. The remaining \$12.1 million will come from revenue.

Business Administrator Daniel P. Mennella said the budget, calling for a tax rate of \$13.56, would be sent immediately to the state Division of Local Finance.

Up \$26 On \$10,000 Home

Under the new rate the owner of a \$10,000 house, assessed at \$5,000, will pay \$678 in taxes annually, about \$26 more.

The owner of a \$15,000 house will pay about \$1,017, up \$39, while the \$20,000 homeowner will pay \$1,356, \$52 more than currently.

Only two persons spoke at the hearing and one of them, former Mayor Arthur J. Holland, complimented council for cutting \$20,000 for a consultant's fee and for cutting the business administrator's salary by \$8,000.

He then urged deletion of the assistant-to-the-mayor job

at \$12,519, of an administrative assistant at \$8,414 and of personnel officer at \$12,519. The jobs are held respectively by Robert Carmignani, Anthony Fiasco and John Tesoro, who is also school board president, an unpaid post.

The other speaker, Charles Hiel, president of the Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association (FMBA), criticized the five members of council who voted for the promotion of six men to floating captain

without replacing them within the ranks.

"It's a damn shame the taxpayers really don't know the true facts," Hiel stated.

\$3,000-\$4,000 Extra

He questioned the estimated additional cost of between \$3,900 and \$4,000 to allow the six men to rotate as floating captains.

Hiel said he would hold the five councilmen and Mayor Carmen J. Armenti responsible if a single life is lost

because of a manpower shortage.

Councilman Gerard S. Naples cast the only "no" vote on adoption of the budget.

"Inasmuch as council refused to go along with my proposal for bringing suit against the state in an attempt to force them to assume the cost of education, I must vote against this budget as a matter of principle," Naples explained.

Police Aim At Parking In Ewing

The Ewing Township police are cracking down on cars parked on the wrong side of the roadway.

The crackdown is part of the police Safe Traffic Operation Project, said Police Chief Calvin R. Steepy.

According to state law, the chief said, cars must park parallel with the roadway edge and headed in the direction of traffic, on the right hand side of the road and no more than six inches from the road edge.

Ewing police will issue summonses for any violations, he said.

Doctor's Advice

"I'm not supposed to be here today," Black said in a low voice. "I left my doctor a short while ago and he told me to go home and keep my eyes closed for three hours, at least."

Bandages were removed from Black's eye yesterday for the first time since the surgery about three weeks ago.

"I'd vote on this measure if I had to crawl down here," Black said. "Nothing could keep me away."

County officials said yesterday they expect a restraining order to hold up construction, but it would have no effect on the federal assistance because the contract has been awarded.

The county plans to extend the main runway from 5,200 feet to 6,000 feet. Airport experts say the extended runway will increase safety and decrease the noise of aircraft landings and takeoffs.

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said the facts presented do not prove the economic feasibility of dumping more money into the airport at this time.

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Trenton Board To Appeal Council's School Funds Cut

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With its current school budget not yet settled, the Trenton school board voted last night to appeal city council's cut of its 1970-71 budget.

The board voted 5-0 to ask State Education Commissioner Carl L. Marburger to restore all or part of the \$921,000 council cut from its \$16.2 million budget.

Meanwhile, school officials continue to wonder when they will receive the money Marburger ordered restored to their current budget over four months ago.

Council has appealed that decision by Marburger, which called for a \$772,000 restoration, and the case is still before the State Board of Education.

Chances are, the school board will enter into the 1970-

Enlistment Openings Set For Navy

During April and May, limited immediate openings will be available for young men wishing to enlist in the Navy, according to CPO E. B. Barber of the Navy recruiting station here.

Barber also said that any ex-Navyman separated from active duty for less than four years may re-enlist at his old rate and pay grade for two, three, four or six years.

Information on either of these programs may be obtained from the Navy recruiting station in the Trenton Post Office building on East State Street.

Marburger Orders Restoration

State Education Commissioner Carl L. Marburger ordered today that Jersey City restore to its public school budget \$14 million cut out by the mayor and city council, who want the state to take over the city's education costs.

In an 11-page decision released by the Education Department in Marburger's name, the city was told that the \$6.6 million budget certified by the council was far too small. It ordered that the figure be set at \$20.3 million, as requested by the Board of Education.

"Neither the Board of School Estimate nor the Mayor and Council have indicated items of expenditure which they consider excessive and unwarranted nor does the commissioner find any such," the decision said.

The decision said that the larger budget is "necessary to

Jersey City Slash Overruled

the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of public schools in Jersey City."

But Marburger did not act on a request by the city Board of Education for \$4 million more as a result of last month's teacher strikes. He said that should be worked out in Jersey City.

Mayor Thomas Whalen and the council here already said they will ask the state to take over all education costs and have filed a suit to have it done. They claimed during the

Registration Set For Kindergarten

The Farmingdale School will hold kindergarten registration April 8 from 9:15 to 11 a.m. in the lunch room.

Youngsters five years old on or before Nov. 30 will be eligible. Parents must bring a birth certificate and proof of vaccination, diphtheria shots, polio and measles vaccine, when registering.

'Real Drama' To Mark Bicentennial

By JANE S. FINK
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An outdoor production at Washington Crossing Park with real cannons and horses galloping across the stage, is planned to commemorate New Jersey's role in the 1776 National Bicentennial celebration.

Local historians, educators and state officials began initial discussions of Mercer County's participation in the celebration last night to mark the 200th anniversary of the American Revolution.

During the meeting, conducted in the Lawrence Township municipal hall by Assemblyman William E. Schluter (R-Mercer), it was decided to meet again May 12.

The musical drama — a

folk opera — at Washington Crossing Park, is to depict the eventual ten days beginning with the Christmas day 1776, crossing of the Delaware by Washington's troops; the two battles of Trenton and Battle of Princeton on Jan. 3, 1777.

Summer Months

The drama is proposed to run during the summer months in a second open-air theater, according to Mrs. Annette Carter, head of the newly formed New Jersey Historical Drama Foundation.

Citing the importance of these "ten days" when Washington's weary troops captured three Hessian regiments at Trenton and demonstrated the six-year War for Independence had only begun,

Kemble Widmer, state geologist and historian, recalled last night the British historian Trevelyan:

"Never in so short a time, have so few done so much to change the course of history."

Widmer is directing the construction of new dioramas at the Old Barracks in Trenton. These, along with slides and a sound track, display the capture of the patriot spy John Honeyman of Griggstown.

PTA To Meet

A meeting of the Hamilton Square PTA is slated for today at 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The topic for the evening will be narcotics.

artillery being brought across the Delaware River and the battles of Trenton and Princeton.

Princeton Battlefield

Widmer further urged the state to enlarge and preserve the Princeton Battlefield, including the 17-acre Worth's Mill site on the Princeton-Lawrenceville Road, now up for sale, in addition to the 12-acre Weller Tract adjoining the battlefield.

The Weller Tract, separating the historic Thomas Clark farm and the Quaker Meeting House, is owned by the Institute for Advanced Study, which has proposed building faculty apartments there.

Other plans for the Bicentennial celebration within the

county include construction of a permanent 1 1/2-story visitor center adjoining the Old Barracks at the intersection of Willow and West State Streets in Trenton.

The site now houses the Mercer County Community College, which is moving to its new West Windsor Township campus next year.

George H. Pearson, president of the Trenton Historical Society, also told of efforts to revitalize the Old Eagle Tavern at South Broad and Ferry streets.

Pearson proposed restoring the structure, possibly as a museum. He added his group is interested in preserving archeological artifacts found in excavating the Assumpink Creek in Trenton.

Democratic Figure's Wife Dead At 73

NEW YORK (AP) — Alice Weisel, the wife of former Democratic national committeeman Edwin L. Weisel, an attorney, died Tuesday after a prolonged illness at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. She was 73.

1,100 At 'King' Movie

Pay \$6,000 To Fund

More than 1,100 persons filled the downstairs of the Lincoln Theatre last night for the special showing of the film "King."

The showing here raised about \$8,000 for the Martin Luther King Special Fund, according to Mrs. Edith Savage, Trenton representative of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Money raised in Trenton and at other special showings across the nation last night will go towards the building in Atlanta of a "living memorial" to the late civil rights leader. The memorial will include a library and school for advanced training in theories and techniques of non-violence.