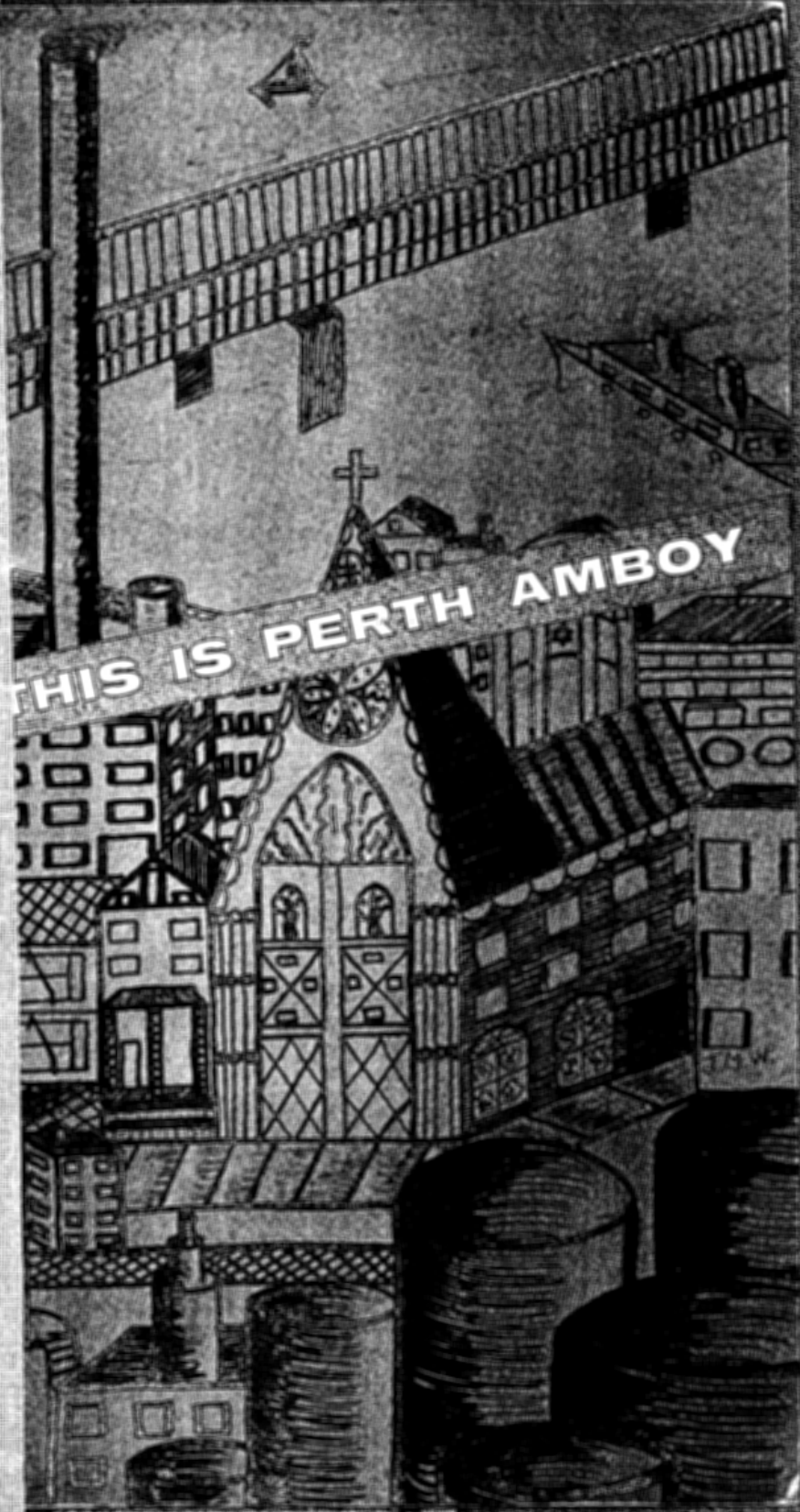


THIS IS PERTH AMBOY





## PREFACE

The League of Women Voters is a national non-partisan organization dedicated to the promotion of political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. It operates on the principle that good government and good citizenship begin at home.

Therefore, this handbook has been prepared as a tool and source of information about Perth Amboy's government. "This is Perth Amboy", is factual and objective. It represents an effort to report not evaluate.

Many League members, citizens and public officials have given much time and effort to make this handbook possible. To all of them we owe a debt of gratitude for their time, their patience, and their work. Especially we should like to thank Dr. William McGinnis, our city historian, and Miss Anna Cladek, head librarian, for their contributions on the history of Perth Amboy. To Freeholder George Otowski, we owe thanks for the use of his paper on the industrial history of our community. To all of our city officials, but particularly to our city clerk, Mr. Philip Costello, we are indebted for much information and help. For our maps, we thank Mr. Charles E. Sofield and for our cover design, Mrs. Robert Wilentz. Our appreciation goes also to the City Department of Parks and Public Property for many of our pictures.

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(Mrs. John Jr.) Helen M. Papp  
General Chairman

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# Chapter I

## HISTORY

The first inhabitants of the land now known as New Jersey were the Lenni Lenape Indians who belonged to the larger Algonquin group living along the northeastern shore of North America. A point of land, on the Raritan, called Ompoge, was deeded by these Indians on December 8, 1651 to August Herman, a Hollander. A later deed referred to the land as Emboyle and a still later one used the name Amboyle. When the town was settled in 1683, the place was called Ambo and then Amboy. The Perth was added when the settlement became the capital of East Jersey, in honor of the Earl of Perth, one of the Proprietors under the Royal grant.

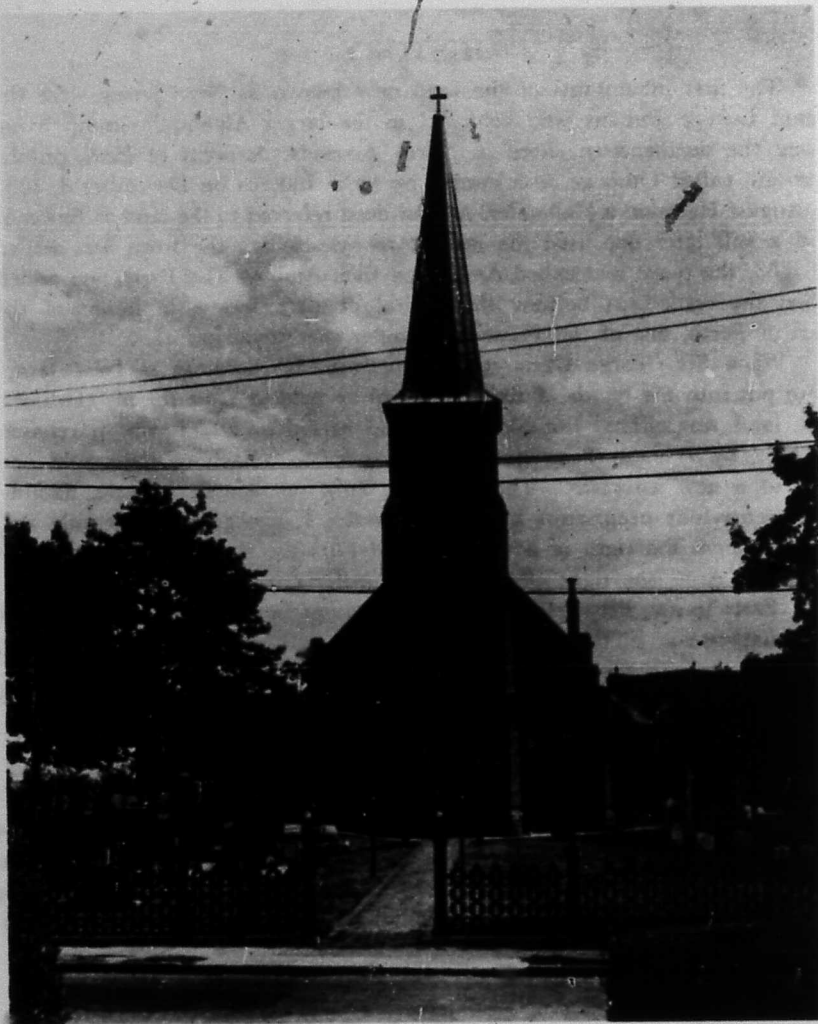
When Sir George Carteret died in 1680, his holdings in New Jersey were put into the hands of six persons, to be held in trust for his creditors. The land was offered for sale to the highest bidder and it was purchased in 1682 by William Penn and eleven associates. "Each of these sold one half to a new associate". The Duke of York confirmed the sale, naming the twenty-four proprietors by name. Charles II recognized their title and granted them the right of government. In 1702 the Proprietors surrendered to Queen Anne the right of government, but retained the title to the land. The East Jersey Proprietors, as a corporation, still exists today and its headquarters are in the small stone building north of the City Hall.

The first settlers of Perth Amboy were Scots, English, French Huguenots and some Dutch. The names of some of these early inhabitants, who were prominent in the affairs of the colony, have been preserved in the street names of the city: Gordon, Johnstone, Barclay, Neville, Lawrie, Willocks, etc.

Perth Amboy was an old town before the Revolution. It was the capital of East Jersey for more than a century before the adoption of the Constitution of the United States. The first meeting of the General Assembly was held in the town in 1686. Perth Amboy remained the center of commerce and government until the Revolution.

William Franklin, the son of Benjamin Franklin, was the last Royal Governor of the Province of East Jersey. The Proprietors House, the home of many of the Royal Governors, including William Franklin, still stands on Kearny Avenue. It is now referred to as the Westminster.

The first charter was granted to the settlement of Perth Amboy, by Governor Robert Hunter on August 24, 1718. It was incorporated as a city in 1784. The act of incorporation was amended in 1844. The original Charter was revised on March 17, 1870 and it is the one under which Perth Amboy operates at the present time.



ST. PETER'S CHURCH

From 1718 to 1844 Perth Amboy was governed by a common council which was made up of an appointed group and an elected group. The Mayor, the Clerk of the Market, the Sheriff and the Water Bailiff were appointed by the Governor. The Alderman, Assistants and other town officers were

elected by a majority of the freeholders. From 1844 to 1926 the city was governed by a Mayor and Council elected by the people. Since July 6, 1926, when the type of government was changed by referendum, the people elect five Commissioners under the Walsh Act.

### GEOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

Perth Amboy has a land area of 4.7 square miles. It is bounded on the North and West by Woodbridge Township, on the East by the Arthur Kill and on the South by the Raritan River. The Arthur Kill and the Raritan River meet forming Raritan Bay which is the southeast boundary of the city.

The business section is located in the center of the city, a little to the southeast and most of the heavy industry is located on the water fronts bordering either the Arthur Kill or the Raritan River. There is no distinct residential district, although there are three residential areas that reflect the city's growth from the southeast section to the northwestern corner of its boundary.

There are six election districts.

### POPULATION

Perth Amboy can well be called a "Melting Pot" of nationalities and cultures. The steady growth from a quiet colonial village to a busy industrial city portrays the picture of a population that is many and varied. In 1810 there were 815 people. These were third and fourth generation of the early settlers, and some freed slaves. In 1950 there were 41,330 inhabitants, representing almost every nationality. Many of the national groups are second and third generation, the largest being Slovanik. Recent years have brought a sharp increase in the Puerto Rican and Negro population.

### HISTORICAL BRIEFS

#### DATES

#### PERSONS

#### AND

#### EVENTS

#### INTERESTING DATES

- 1651 ... Land that is now the city was first mentioned in a deed granted to Augustine Herman by the Indians.
- 1685 ... Order issued for building of the first court house.
- 1699 ... First service held in St. Peter's Church — the first church built in the city.
- 1723 ... First printing in New Jersey. The General Assembly Laws were printed by William Bradford. Benjamin Franklin stopped in Perth Amboy on his journey from Boston to Philadelphia.

- 1765 ... First school was erected.
- 1776 ... William Franklin was dismissed as the last Royal Governor and was arrested in Perth Amboy in June 1776.
- 1863 ... First dirigible, the "Aereon" was flown by Dr. Solomon Andrews who built the ship.
- 1870 ... Thomas Peterson of Perth Amboy was the first negro in the United States to cast his ballot after the Fifteenth Amendment was ratified.
- 1896 ... The first submarine was given a successful trial run in Raritan Bay.
- 1912 ... First air mail delivery in New Jersey was made in Perth Amboy on July 4, 1912.

### PERSONS AND EVENTS OF NOTE IN PERTH AMBOY HISTORY

**John Watson** ... was America's first portrait painter.

**William Dunlap** ... painter, playwright and author. His "History of Arts and Design in America" is still referred to with interest in libraries.

**Aaron Burr** ... came to Perth Amboy after the fatal duel at Weehawken. He sought refuge with Commodore Thomas Truxton. The Commander himself drove him to Cranbury to get the stage to Philadelphia. The beautiful Truxton home was located on Water Street overlooking the Bay.

**Lawrence Kearny** ... called the sailor diplomat was born in Perth Amboy in 1787. He was the nephew of the Revolutionary naval hero James Lawrence ("Don't give up the ship".) Kearny, like his famous uncle, entered the Navy and was in a number of engagements during the War of 1812. In 1841 he was given command of the "Constellation" and sent to China. It was he who laid the foundation of trade relations in the Orient.

**Marcus and Rebecca Spring** ... were the owners of Eagleswood. Their interest in education, art and the politics of their day brought many famous personages to Perth Amboy. Thoreau surveyed the property. George Inness painted there. Theodore Weld, an early student of progressive education, taught in this school. The Peabodys and the Alcotts were frequent visitors. The Springs were staunch Abolitionists. Mrs. Spring brought the bodies of Hazlett and Stevens, two of the men who were hung with John Brown, to Eagleswood for burial. Later they were removed and buried with John Brown in North Elba, New York.

### ECONOMICS AND INDUSTRY

As early as the existence of the Board of Proprietors, the industrial potentialities of Perth Amboy were recognized. These men carefully chose this spot as a town site "by reason of its situation" which was "excellent for merchandise, trade and fishing, and this very location is situated between two bodies of water". It was natural then for the first industry to be fishing. Shell fishing was an early activity of the first settlers. The State of New Jersey leased over 250 acres of this water covered land in small lots to tenants who raised oysters on this acreage. Perth Amboy and New York had many disputes about these oyster rights; which according to records, sometimes resulted in riots.

Another natural gift which contributed to the industrial development of Perth Amboy was the deposits of clay.

As these deposits of clay were mined and put to commercial use, several industries developed. They were the terra cotta industry, the brick industry, the hollow tile industry, the tile and the porcelain industry. They gave the area the bulk of its employment.

The terra cotta industry influenced the ethnic complexion of the town. Danes came in great numbers to work in the terra cotta and brick industries. Germans and Dutch found their way into the brick and clay industries. These industries were known as the Hall Terra Cotta Company; the Perth Amboy Terra Cotta Works; the Atlantic Terra Cotta; Federal Seaboard Terra Cotta; Henry Maurer Fire Brick Company; the Watson Fire Brick Company; and National Terra Cotta Company.

In the year 1875, Perth Amboy had its real beginning as an Industrial titan, with the location of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Terminus in Perth Amboy. The railroad constructed huge coal dumpers which dumped whole carloads of coal into barges. These, in turn, supplied the entire East with its major fuel — coal. With the railroad came a large influx of Irish railroad workers, adding another ethnic group to the makeup of the city.

Because of these railroads, the years 1880 to 1901 saw heavy industrialization of this area. The major companies which built plants here included the American Smelting and Refining Company, the Raritan Copper Works, the National Lead Company, the Barber Asphalt Company, Chesebrough Manufacturing Company, and the Standard Underground Cable Company. Such industries brought a huge influx of Hungarian and Slavonic people who became laborers in these heavy industries. Perth Amboy, confined to an area of a little over four square miles, with a population never exceeding 50,000 has been for many years the industrial, commercial, and business center of the Raritan Bay area.

During the depression of the 30's, the brick and terra cotta industries practically disappeared.

Hollow tile was replaced by cinder block and terra cotta took the same course because of changes in architectural style and the cheapness of substitutes. (This was an industry which in the past had furnished the materials for the Supreme Court Building of the United States and many other major buildings.)

The people who were employed in these dying industries were beginning to look for new employment.

Perth Amboy, with its deepwater harbor, began to share in the great wealth that was part of the oil age. Mexican Petroleum, Cities Service, California Refining Company, and Hess Oil Company, located here. This revitalized the economy of the area.

With oil replacing coal as fuel, the coal dumpers practically disappeared although Perth Amboy is still an important fuel center, since it now supplies the eastern section of the country with oil.

The average hourly wage in this area is \$2.35 per hour. This average is brought up to its high level, largely by the oil industries and the other heavy industries. Total manufacturing employment is 87,000 according to report by the New Jersey Department of Labor and Industry in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor. In Perth Amboy, the large industries pay about 45% of the tax load, textile industries about 2%, merchants about 4% and second class railroad about 3%. The average home owners pay the remainder, which is about 45%. Latest census figures show that there are 103 industrial firms, 893 retail businesses, and 79 wholesale businesses listed in Perth Amboy.

Retail business in Perth Amboy reached a gross figure of \$76,950,000, according to a nationwide survey compiled by Standard Rate and Data Service for 12 months ending June 30, 1960. A total of \$80,698,00 was recorded for 1959.

The report said that Perth Amboy retailers accounted for .0353 per cent of the nation's business which is more than quota as city's population is only .0214 per cent of national.

Local earnings, after allowing for tax deductions, amounted to \$81,219,000 in the year. It was at the average rate of \$7,081 per household, which is more than was available in the rest of the United States, \$6,396 per household, the report said.

## Chapter II

### FORM OF GOVERNMENT

A municipality has only the power which the State grants it and can pass only those laws in the interests of its citizens which are not contrary to the laws of the State or of the United States. Many State laws governing municipalities are mandatory and impose specific obligations. Such limitations affect especially the fields of finance, education, health and welfare.

### ORGANIZATION

Cities in New Jersey are classified according to location and population by Act of the Legislature for purposes of municipal legislation. These classifications are:

- Class I.....Population over 150,000
- Class II.....Population 12,000 to 150,000  
(Perth Amboy is in this class)
- Class III.....All cities not in I, II or IV.
- Class IV.....All cities being seaside on summer resorts bordering on the Atlantic Ocean.

### GOVERNING BODY OF PERTH AMBOY

Perth Amboy operates under the Commission-form of government, which means that five citizens in a non-partisan City-wide election to serve as commissioners. In these Commissioners are vested all the executive and legislative authority of the municipality.

Candidates must have been citizens and residents of the municipality for two years immediately preceding the election.

The term of office is four years.

Salaries are based on the population and classification of the municipality and the maximum is set by the Legislature. Each municipality must adopt its own salary ordinance at a figure within the limits prescribed by State Law.

Salaries are: Mayor, \$3750 annually and each Commissioner, \$3,000 annually.

Regular meetings of the Commission are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 11 A. M. in the City Hall. All regular or special meetings of the Commission are open to the public, and citizens may speak on matters for which the law stipulates public hearings. Minutes of the meetings are published in The Perth Amboy Evening News and copies of the minutes are available to the public at the office of the City Clerk. A complete file is also available at the Public Library.

The particular service to be included under each department are matters for the local government to determine.

Special meetings may be called by the Mayor or by two commissioners. Ordinances require two readings and publication in the newspaper. The Evening News carries all city government news releases and legal notices.

### POWERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF PERTH AMBOY

Perth Amboy government, by statute, is divided into five departments, each headed by a Commissioner. The responsibility of assigning departments rests solely with the Commission. These assignments are made at the organization meeting immediately following election, and the assignments may be changed at any time by a majority vote. Also, State Law requires that the Mayor be selected by the Commissioners at its first meeting after the election.

The particular services to be included under each department are matters for the local government to determine.



CITY HALL

The duties of the Mayor, in addition to the responsibility of his department, are to preside at the meetings of the Commission and report to the

Commission for its action all matters requiring the attention of the Commission or any department. He has no veto power. It has been customary in Perth Amboy for the Mayor to head the Department of Public Affairs.

Each Commissioner has authority to make appointments in his department, subject to Civil Service. However, certain appointments are made by the Commission as a whole, such as City Clerk, Magistrate, members of the Housing Authority and the Park Authority. Under the School Law, appointments to the Board of Education are made by the Mayor without the consultation or approval by the other Commissioners.

The work of the Commission is performed through the five departments of the Government. These are: Public Affairs, Public Safety, Public Works, Parks and Public Property, and Revenue and Finance, (as set up by State Law). The scope of each department is shown below.

#### Public Affairs

Air Pollution Control, Director and Appeal Board	Major Medical Plan
Auditor and audit of accounts and financial transactions	Mayor's Office
Board of Adjustment	Military Manpower Commission
Bureau of Control Purchase and Purchasing Agent	Rent Control and Director
City Attorney	Solicitors Advisory Board
City Clerk and his department	Superintendent and Engineer of Water Dept.
City Historian	Water Dept., including water mains and extensions
City Planning and Planning Board	Supervisor of Rehabilitation of Dwellings
Civil Defense	Traffic Co-ordinating Committee
Civic Publicity	Veterans Housing
Local Assistant Board and Welfare Dept.	Parking Authority

#### Parks and Public Property

Assessor and Assessments  
 Building Inspection and Building Inspector  
 Buses  
 Harbors and Harbormaster  
 Library  
 Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation  
 Plumbing Inspector  
 Public Buildings  
 Public Market

#### Public Safety

City Marshal  
 City Physician  
 Constables  
 Dog Control and Dog Warden  
 Fire Department, Fire Prevention and Fire Marshal  
 General Hospital  
 Municipal Court and Municipal Magistrate  
 Police Department

## Telephone Service

### Public Works

Chief of Electrical Bureau

City Engineer (Surveyor)

Fire and Police Call System

Garbage

Incinerator

Lighting Plant and Lights

Motor Maintenance

Sewage Disposal

Sewers

Sidewalks

Street Commissioner

Street Lighting

Street Maintenance and Cleaning

## Weights and Measures

### Finance and Revenue

Child Welfare

City Tax Collections and

Collection of Water Rents

City Treasurer

Collector of Revenue

Comptroller

District Nursing

Group Life Insurance

Health Department and Health  
Officer

Registrar of Vital Statistics

Sinking Fund

Licenses (except as otherwise  
provided by Statute or Ordinance)

## CITY CLERK AND CITY COUNSEL

1. The City Clerk appointed by the Board of Commissioners, at a minimum salary of \$6930, maximum \$9135, has tenure of office by State Law after having served five consecutive years. He is not under Civil Service. He must be a citizen, a resident of Perth Amboy, and at least 21 years of age. He is Clerk of the Commission. As such, he is required to attend Commission meetings and to keep accurate minutes of the proceedings. At the same time he is obliged to administer oaths of office and to act as information clerk to whom residents may go for answers to questions or problems of a governmental nature. He is keeper of the seal of the city, all records, books, papers and documents and is recorder of all ordinances and resolutions. Furthermore, he is charged with carrying out all the duties relating to elections, i.e., receiving petitions and printing of ballots for certain elections.

2. The City Counsel is appointed by the Commissioner of Public Affairs at an annual salary of \$6000 (minimum) — \$7500 (maximum) for a term of three years without tenure. He is not under Civil Service. It is his responsibility to prosecute and defend all actions brought by or against the City in corporate name or any board thereof, or by or against any City official, when so directed by the City Commission, and to prosecute suits for violations of the ordinances of the City. He keeps a register of all such actions, the determination of same and reports to the City Commission annually.

The City Counsel draws all deeds, leases, contracts and any other legal instrument relating to the interests of the City as required; drafts ordinances when requested by the City Commission; and advises members of the Commission upon matters relating to the City business when these are submitted

to him. He advises other City officers, boards and bodies. He is responsible for all legal papers relating to City matters and must deliver them to his successor.

There is also a legal assistant whose duty is to assist the City Attorney in all matters assigned to him.

## PERSONNEL

There are 420 persons engaged in the work of the Perth Amboy City government. This is exclusive of schools. The Commissioner of each of the five city departments hires the personnel of his department, subject to Civil Service (except where otherwise stated.) The office of the City Comptroller is the city central payroll office where personnel records are kept.

Personnel in Perth Amboy government is under Civil Service (except where otherwise stated) which is administered by the State Civil Service Commission, the President and members of which are appointed by the Governor. The provisions for salaries, promotions, dismissals and retirement are set forth in State laws and in ordinances of the City of Perth Amboy.

## COURTS (For Magistrate's Court, see Chapter VI.)

Perth Amboy citizens are served by local, County, State and Federal Courts. Under the New Jersey Constitution, judicial power is vested in inferior courts of limited jurisdiction, County Courts, a Superior Court, and a Supreme Court.

## INTER-GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Federal, State and County governments regulate local activity to some degree.

The Federal Government maintains and operates the Post Office. It coordinates the Civil Defense Program, collects income taxes through the Internal Revenue Bureau and provides services to city residents through Federal Bureaus and Departments. The Federal Health Education & Welfare Department maintains a Social Security Administration office in the city.

The State grants municipalities their charters; all cities are incorporated by the State Legislature. Some municipalities adopt by referendum, one of the many forms of government as provided by State Statute. Municipal powers are derived from these acts of incorporation and State Laws and are subject to a certain amount of State supervision, especially in financial matters. This supervision is carried on by the State Division of Local Government with a Commissioner and four-man board appointed by the Governor. Local budgets cannot go into effect until the approval of the State is given. The State regulates public utilities, sponsors the Health Department, the Bureau of Vital Statistics and the Division of Motor Vehicles. The State Board of

Education has authority over the City Board in certain matters and the State provides part of the funds to maintain public schools. There is a State Board of Taxation to which appeals can be made on municipal assessments and property valuation. There is a State Board of Alcoholic Beverage Control. The State builds highways, grants many forms of licenses, plans for civil defense, maintains and provides some local welfare service, and part of the local relief funds.

The County offers to municipalities certain services. As a subdivision of the State, the County gets from it specific authority for the care of public records, for administering education, welfare, taxes, elections and justice. The County government is responsible for the construction and maintenance of county roads, bridges and culverts; the prosecution of claims and the administration of certain courts; the administration of various welfare programs and aid to hospitals, and the administration of elections. It probates wills, records, deeds, and mortgages, and maintains and controls the County Seat.

Perth Amboy is the largest city in Middlesex County, of which New Brunswick is the County Seat. The seven members of the County Board of Chosen Freeholders are elected by the County at large. There are 25 municipalities in the County.

#### **METHOD OF CHANGING THE STRUCTURE OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT**

Changes may be made in the form of local government only in strict compliance with state law. The statutes further stipulate that no borough shall be incorporated or dissolved except by special act of the Legislature. Some forms of government which are available to municipalities are Commission form, Council-Manager Plan, Council-Mayor Plan and City Manager Plan.

These have been authorized by the State Legislation, some of which date back to early history. The most recent statute providing for change in the form of municipal government is the Optional Municipal Charter Law (Faulkner Acts) passed by the Legislature in 1950.

Change in local government form may be made (1) if the City Commission by resolution initiates a public question on a specific type of government; (2) if the citizens by petition inaugurate a public question on a specific type of government; or (3) if the City Commission or the citizens initiate a charter commission. By each of these methods the question is presented to the voters for approval or rejection.

The purpose of a charter commission, composed of private citizens, is to make an orderly and systematic study of local government needs before the voters are asked to vote on a specific charter. Recommendations of a charter commission are presented to the voters in a referendum, and the

final choice is made by ballot. Usually two referenda are necessary, the first to elect the commission, and the second to accept or reject its recommendations. At least nine months is allowed the charter commission for study.

# Chapter III

## FINANCE

### ADMINISTRATION

The finances of the City of Perth Amboy are administered by the Department of Revenue and Finance, which is headed by one of the Commissioners.

Within the department are the Comptroller, City Treasurer, and Tax Collector.

The Commissioners have dual functions in the handling of funds. As individuals, they sign purchase orders and payrolls, each for his own department. Together with the City Auditor and the Comptroller, they prepare the yearly budget. As the Board of Commissioners, they adopt the budget and pass upon the disbursements.

The City Comptroller is the chief fiscal officer of the City. He administers and supervises all budget expenditures. The 1959 budget totalled \$8,154,597.62. This included Schools and Water Utility. The Comptroller prepares all financial statements, including statements of expenditures and receipts for budgetary purposes. He supervises the City's fiscal affairs generally. His responsibilities also include the preparation of the financial prospectus and the sale of the City's bonds.

The Treasurer is the custodian of the City's funds. He deposits daily the monies collected. All receipts are reported monthly by the Treasurer to the Comptroller, and these are reflected on the general books of the City, kept in the Comptroller's Office.

The Tax Collector is the official to whom taxes are paid. He issues the tax bills, collects the taxes and water rents, and turns the receipts over to the Treasurer the last day of each month. It is his duty to conduct tax sales of real estate when taxes are delinquent.

### THE BUDGET

Perth Amboy operates under an annual budget which includes a reserve for uncollected taxes and includes appropriations for general municipal, local school district, and county tax purposes. Municipal participation in the school budget is through the Board of School Estimate, a body made up of the Mayor, two Commissioners and two members of the Board of Education, with the Secretary of the Board of Education as its Secretary.

Work on the City budget begins about November 15, when various department heads and officials prepare and submit figures covering their anticipated needs for the coming year. These are coordinated by the Comptroller and turned over to the City Auditor for the final draft. This budget,

when approved by the City Commission, must be advertised in the local newspapers. A public hearing is held before final approval. The budget is then sent to the State Division of Local Government for review and approval. Under State Law, the budget must be completed by March 10.

### APPROPRIATIONS

The Board of Commissioners appropriates monies for the budget by resolution. A lump sum is transferred monthly to the schools and charged to the school account. Under State Law, the money must be given the school system as required, but it is customary for the schools to submit a statement and request. The taxes to the county are paid quarterly. Transfers may be made between accounts after November 1, by action of the Board of Commissioners. Emergency appropriations can also be made by the Board of Commissioners by a two-thirds vote, providing the amount does not exceed three per cent of the operating budget. The amount of an emergency appropriation must be included in the ensuing years budget.

### ANTICIPATED REVENUES — 1959

Real and Personal Property Tax .....	77.70%	(A)
Surplus Revenue .....	11.52%	(B)
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes .....	1.99%	(D)
Anticipated Water Utility Surplus .....	1.32%	(E)
Franchise and Gross Receipt Tax .....	2.63%	(C)
Municipal Court Fines .....	.25%	(G)
Veteran Housing Units .....	.46%	(G)
Alcoholic Beverage Licenses .....	1.01%	(F)
Fees and Permits .....	.29%	(G)
Other (9 items) .....	2.83%	(H)
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### APPROPRIATIONS — 1959

Public Affairs .....	4.85%	(H)
Revenue and Finance .....	2.94%	(J)
Public Safety .....	12.62%	(C)
Public Works .....	9.38%	(E)
Parks and Public Property .....	5.81%	(G)
Capital Improvement .....	1.15%	(K)
Municipal Bond Debt .....	12.93%	(B)
Emergency Authorization .....	.55%	(K)
Pensions .....	4.27%	(I)
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes .....	7.95%	(F)
County .....	9.47%	(D)
Schools .....	28.08%	(A)
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	100.00%	

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

There are three members on the Board of Assessors plus one man who serves as clerk for the Board. The assessors are appointed by the Commissioner in charge of Parks and Public Property. They work on a part-time basis and are paid \$2500 per year. Under general State law, members serve 4 year terms. The Clerk of the Board of Assessors is a Civil Service employee appointed originally by the Board of Commissioners. The present clerk is earning the maximum \$6500 per year.

**PROPERTY ASSESSMENT**

Property assessment determines its value for tax purposes. New building assessments are computed on the square foot area of the individual structure, its character, location and facilities it provides. An assessment on a property is reviewed when additions or alterations are made. Reappraisals are made in response to applications.

Perth Amboy has not been revaluated as yet but is waiting for clarification of the State laws.

County Tax Boards may review the work of the assessors. At the state level, a Division of Taxation exercises general supervisory authority and a Local Property Tax Bureau assists assessors and local officials to bring about uniformity in tax assessments.

**ASSESSMENTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS**

Improvements such as new sewer lines, curbing, or sidewalks, streets and widening of old streets, may be assessed against the properties benefited as directed by the ordinance authorizing the improvements. Property owners are allowed a period of time in which to pay the assessments. Before the local ordinance authorizing "the improvement" is passed, it is subject to a public hearing and approval of the governing body.

**TAX APPEALS**

Anyone may appeal the current year's tax assessment to the local Board of Assessors. If the appeal is denied by the local board, a further appeal may be made to the County Tax Board by August 15. If the appeal is denied by the County Board, appeal may be made to the State Board by December 1.

The tax books are open in December for public inspection for subsequent years' assessments. Legal notice of the time and place is announced in the local newspaper.

**VARIATIONS OF ASSESSMENTS**

The ratio of assessed value of property to actual value varies from place to place. When comparing tax rates of municipalities, methods of assessment should be considered.

The State law of 1954 which greatly increased state aid to schools requires that the fund be distributed on the basis of equalized assessment. This equalizing is done at the County level by the County Tax Board which uses the same adjustment to apportion the county tax levied each year.

The ratio of assessed valuation in Perth Amboy for the past three years is as follows:

- 33.37% of true value 1959
- 34.74% — 1958
- 34.04% — 1957

**TAX EXEMPTIONS**

Government property and that used for religious, educational, and charitable purposes (if they comply with the statutes), are exempt from all real estate taxes, under New Jersey Law. There is a personal property exemption for everyone on the first \$100 of the assessed valuation of household goods. Veterans are allowed an exemption of \$500 assessed valuation on real and personal property.

**TAX COLLECTIONS**

Taxes are due quarterly and can be paid by mail or in person at the City Hall at any time prior to dates fixed. They must be paid by the first day of February, May, August and November. Six per cent interest is added after these dates. Taxes delinquent on real estate become a lien on the property on July 1 following the year due. The property is then advertised and sold by December 31, subject to redemption within two years.

Following is a comparison of tax levies and collections for the last three years:

Year	Tax Levy	Cash Collections	Percentage of Collections
1958	\$6,013,833.88	\$5,783,665.38	96.17%
1957	\$5,753,710.99	\$5,557,243.83	96.58%
1956	\$5,287,478.72	\$5,108,107.69	96.51%

**COMPARATIVE TAX INFORMATION**

The tax rate is determined by dividing the total assessed value by the total tax levy.

Year	Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Apportionment of Tax Rate		
			Municipal Tax Rate	Local School Tax Rate	County Tax Rate
1959	\$65,225,702.00	10.14	5.39	3.64	1.10
1958	\$64,072,888.00	9.34	4.94	3.30	1.10
1957	\$63,462,363.00	9.03	4.95	2.96	1.12
1956	\$63,137,800.00	8.34	4.77	2.75	.82

## CITY DEBT — 1959

Schools — Bonds and Notes .....	\$ 822,000.00
Water — Bonds and Notes .....	1,449,000.00
City — Bonds and Notes .....	5,118,280.00
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Total Gross Debt .....	\$ 7,389,280.00
Less Applicable Deductions .....	2,461,497.81
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Total Net Debt .....	\$ 4,927,782.19

## BONDS

Issuance of Bonds is regulated by the State Bond Law and bonds can only be issued up to seven percent of the average assessed valuation of the city for the three preceding years. Exceptions are granted only if the State Department of Health orders construction to eliminate a public health menace. The decision to issue bonds must be made by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Commissioners. Only serial bonds may be issued, and each year's budget must provide for the payment of those bonds maturing and interest on those outstanding.

Perth Amboy issues an annual financial statement which is published as required by State Law.

Perth Amboy has an "BAA" rating from Moody's Investment Service.

## PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

The City of Perth Amboy has a Central Purchasing Department. The Purchasing Agent buys all the equipment, materials and supplies needed by the city and city officials, on the basis of detailed applications from various departments.

His position is covered by Civil Service, and the person holding the position must be a high school graduate with three years purchasing experience, knowledge of accepted procedure used in large scale municipal purchases, and knowledge of laws, rules and regulations affecting preparations of specifications and bookkeeping.

Each department head, including the Water Department, must make a detailed application on a purchase order.

The requisition form is signed by the Director of the Department and should be approved by the Commissioner in charge of the Department.

Each Department orders separately sometimes anticipating a year's supply at one time.

Purchase orders are necessary for fixed expenses also.

Open competitive bids on purchases of more than \$2,500 are required by State Law. This means that there must be advertisements for bids and the award of contract is made by resolution of the City Commissioners.

Advertisements and bids on certain things, such as tires, are handled in a special manner. The Purchasing Agent arranges for bids on a city wide order and each department buys from the successful bidder at the price specified.

The Purchasing Agent is also in charge of buying Roadbuilding repair equipment, chemicals, etc.

## AUDITING

Auditing in Perth Amboy is a function of municipal government. The auditor is appointed annually by the Commissioner of Public Affairs on a contract basis. The cost is \$7000 per year. An annual audit is required at the end of each calendar year. The audit is prepared in accordance with the requirements and standards specified in detail, by State Laws. The audit must be completed by May 1. It is then submitted to the Board of Commissioners and a copy is also submitted to the Division of Local Government of the State. This Division reviews the audit and indicates any corrections or changes it believes necessary. It is possible for good reasons to obtain an extension of time.

## Chapter IV

### PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION

Each local Board of Health is an instrument through which the Police Power of the State is exercised. Under the law, a local board has power to enact ordinances and to make rules and regulations necessary for the particular locality within its jurisdiction. It also is responsible for proper enforcement of State Sanitary Code established by the Public Health Council. The State's Department of Health may enforce state regulations if such regulations are not met by local boards. The local code in Perth Amboy is revised from time to time as the occasion warrants. The City Commissioners act on health matters at regular Commission meetings, since under our Commission form of government the members of the commission serve also as the Board of Health.

The Commissioner of Revenue and Finance supervises the Health Department, which is operated by the Health Officer, a civil service employee licensed by the State, and his staff. The Health Officer is appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The Health Department office is located at 44 Market Street, in the rear of City Hall.

The divisions of the Health Department are as follows:

- Sanitary Inspection
- Vital Statistics
- Child Welfare (Immunization)
- Control of Communicable Diseases
- Rabies Control
- Dental Division
- Public Health Nurses
- Laboratory
- Venereal Disease Control

#### SANITARY INSPECTION

The City normally employs three full-time inspectors whose duty it is to inspect bakeries, barber shops, beauty shops, confectionery stores, butcher shops, fish stores, groceries, ice plants, public eating places, public markets, soft drink bottlers, taverns and slaughter houses, etc. These establishments are spot-checked. If violations are reported, they are then re-checked within 10 days to see whether or not violations have been corrected. Continued violations may be prosecuted in the Magistrates Court, but the Health Department first tries all other means such as education and persuasion.

Complaints from citizens such as those on rodent annoyances, animal and fowl keeping with city limits, weed and insect nuisances, unsanitary housing conditions, garbage and refuse accumulations, etc., are handled by these inspectors.

#### RABIES CONTROL

A city Dog Warden is employed to pick up stray animals on the streets and others at the request of the owners. The dogs are disposed of painlessly, if necessary. Dog bite cases are reported and a careful watch is kept in cases of suspected rabies. From time to time free injections are given to prevent rabies. The vaccine for this program is supplied by the State. All dogs must be licensed and these licenses are obtained from the City Clerk's Office.

#### LABORATORY

The laboratory is staffed by one part-time laboratory technician employed on an hourly basis. Milk, drinking water, and cracked ice samples are analysed weekly. During the summer, the water at the beaches is analysed periodically. The results of the bacteria count and statements as to whether or not it is safe for swimming are issued in the local newspaper.

A diabetes detection program, free to all residents, is operated, usually in November.

#### COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The Health Officer has the duty of keeping a record of communicable diseases reported showing a comparison with the situation of a month ago and a year ago. According to the State Sanitary Code, every physician must report to the Health Officer any communicable disease listed in the Code within twelve hours after his professional visit. Investigation is then made by the Health Department. German measles, chickenpox, and mumps are no longer reportable. Tuberculin testing is done each year of High School students only. Teachers are x-rayed annually for possible tuberculosis.

#### MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH NURSES

The three nurses employed by the city Health Department do no bedside nursing care, although they will help with baby baths or formulas for newborn babies. The nurses visit expectant mothers to answer questions and instruct. After the mother returns home following the birth of the child, the nurses deliver free birth certificates and visit the home weekly for a brief period to check on the progress of the new baby. When there is need for supervision, home visits may continue for at least one year and sometimes even for three or four years. No Well Baby Clinics are being operated at present (1959).

Dental and medical examinations are made each year by two doctors employed by the Board of Education for public school children and by one physician employed by the Board of Health for the parochial school children. There are five school nurses employed by the Board of Education who help examine pupils and report defects of children in the public schools. A similar program is carried on by the city public health nurses for the

parochial schools. The children are checked for dental trouble, eyes, nose, ear, and heart defects and for general health. Notes are sent to the parents advising them of the findings if defects are found.

Children from public or parochial schools who need teeth filled or extracted and whose parents are unable to take them to private dentists, are referred to the Health Department dentist whose hours are from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. A school or city nurse accompanies the children to the dentist's office which is located in the same building as the rest of the Health Department.

### IMMUNIZATION

The maternal and child health nurses during their home calls advise the parents to consult with their private physicians regarding immunization of infants by the time they are six months' old. In addition, a free immunization program for children whose ages range from one to five is conducted regularly on the third Thursday of each month at the Board of Health office or the City Hall. An average of about 1000 children a year are immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and smallpox. Proof of immunization against these diseases must be given before a child can be admitted to school. Starting in 1960, polio immunization is also required before admission to school.

Free Salk Vaccine Inoculations have also been provided for anyone five years of age and over, including adults.

### VITAL STATISTICS

The duty of the local registrar of vital statistics as outlined by state law is to keep an accurate record of all births, deaths and marriages, occurring within the city. He also issues marriage licenses. The original records are sent to the State Registrar of Vital Statistics, but copies are kept in the local office. No one may be buried or moved from the state without a burial permit which is issued only when the death certificate has been filed. Likewise, a record of each birth must be filed within five days of the date of birth.

Marriage licenses and pre-marital blood tests are required prior to the performance of a marriage ceremony and, following such ceremony, all marriages, must, again by State law, be recorded by the local registrar of vital statistics within five days.

Marriage applications average 25-35 per month, deaths run 45-55 per month and the infant mortality rate is 23.9 per thousand live births on the basis of an estimated total population of 41,300. One out of every 230 births is cared for by a midwife, the rest by physicians. Free marriage, birth and death certificates are issued to people on pension, Veteran's Administration cases, Welfare Board clients and Government employees. These free certificates average 30-35 a month.

### VENEREAL DISEASES

A Social Hygiene Clinic for free treatment of venereal disease is maintained by Middlesex County and is located at the Middlesex General Hospital, 180 Somerset Street, in New Brunswick. The hours are 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Monday through Friday. Physicians are required by State law to report any case of venereal disease to the State Department of Health and these cases are then referred to the county clinic. The local Health Department also refers cases either to the clinic or to private physicians and a check is made to see whether or not they obtained treatment. About three cases a month are found locally with two of these taken care of by the clinic and one by a private physician.

### HOSPITALS

There is one hospital located in Perth Amboy known as the Perth Amboy General Hospital. This is a voluntary non-profit hospital open to the public regardless of race, creed, color, or finances. The hospital is administered by a non-salaried Board of Governors elected by members of the Hospital Association. Anyone may become a voting member of the Association upon payment of the \$10 a year dues.

The Perth Amboy General Hospital serves a wide area with an estimated population of 150,000 persons. About 28% of the patients now come from Perth Amboy proper. The only other general hospital in the area is the South Amboy Memorial Hospital with 35 beds and 16 bassinets. The Perth Amboy General Hospital has 360 beds and 60 bassinets, and according to a statement made by the Director, this hospital had in 1959 an average daily occupancy of 90.3%. South Amboy is building an addition which will soon give them an extra 40 beds while Perth Amboy is launching a campaign for funds which, if obtained, together with a Federal grant, will be used to increase the bed capacity from 360 to 480.

The patients in the Perth Amboy Hospital are charged according to their ability to pay. If unable to pay, they are taken care of free. At present (1959), 25% of the beds are for indigent patients, one half of whom come from Perth Amboy itself. About 1/3 of the cost of caring for indigent patients is provided by county funds; the rest is made up by private donations to the hospital and a \$30,000 grant (1960) from the city of Perth Amboy.

Two clinics are run entirely by the hospital — the pre-natal and the cardiac. Patients pay on a sliding scale according to their financial ability. The local Elks Lodge helps to support three clinics held at the hospital, namely, The Orthopedic Clinic, Speech Clinic, and Plastic Clinic. A public health nurse paid by the Elks organizes these clinics. There is a tumor clinic and also an eye clinic to which patients are referred by physicians. These are run on an appointment basis. There is no general medical clinic.

Another hospital which serves the entire County and not just the Perth Amboy area is Roosevelt Hospital, located in Roosevelt Park, just outside of Metuchen. Tubercular patients, those with other diseases of the chest, and the chronically ill are admitted. There are 228 beds and also an out-patient chest clinic held Monday 5-7 P.M., Tuesday and Thursday 12:30 - 3 P.M.

The Middlesex Rehabilitation and Polio Hospital, Georges Road, North Brunswick, is a non-profit voluntary hospital with 26 bed serving the entire county and offering physical, occupational and speech therapy for physical rehabilitation from multiple disabilities as well as medical and nursing care.

#### **NURSING SERVICES**

The Visiting Nurse Association in Middlesex County with a branch office located at 263 High Street, Perth Amboy, is a non-profit non-sectarian organization offering bedside nursing care in their own homes to all who need this service. It is family centered care with special emphasis on health guidance and teaching. All care is given in accord with physicians' orders. A sliding fee scale is used with free service to all who cannot afford to pay. This agency also does follow up work for crippled children at the request of the State Crippled Children's Commission. Hours are from 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday but necessary or emergency care is given seven days a week.

Mount Carmel Nursing Guild is a non-sectarian free bedside nursing service for patients at home. Care is given by Roman Catholic Nursing Sisters whose office is located at 184 Amboy Avenue, Woodbridge. This agency, however, serves Perth Amboy patients. Hours are indefinite but nursing help is available at almost any hour.

#### **AIR POLLUTION CONTROL**

The air we breathe is a vital necessity. Without reasonably clean air we would all perish. In any industrial community, particularly where there is a high density of population such as exists in the New York metropolitan area of which Perth Amboy is a part, there is a problem of air pollution. Perth Amboy is unique in being the only city of under 100,000 population along the Atlantic seacoast (according to statistics from 1958 Directory of Governmental Air Pollution Agencies) to have adopted an Air Pollution Control Ordinance (February 1, 1957) setting up a Director of Air Pollution Control (who was appointed June 19, 1957) and an unpaid Air Pollution Control Advisory and Appeal Board, consisting of five members, one of whom must be a licensed professional engineer, one a licensed physician and one a graduate chemist. The members of this Board are appointed by the Mayor and serve for a term of five years. The Director also is appointed by the Mayor under civil service regulations. His salary range is \$7875-\$8820 and he must be either a registered engineer or hold a degree in chemistry from an accredited college. The ordinance in addition to prescribing the

duties of an Air Pollution Control Director, sets up certain standards designed to regulate and control air pollution and provide for smoke abatement. It also fixes penalties for violations. In 1958 the cost of operating the Air Pollution Bureau was approximately ten cents per capita as revealed in the Director's report.

The City Bureau of Air Pollution Control works closely with the state which set up an Air Pollution Control Commission in the State Department of Health in 1954. This Commission has promulgated state-wide codes regulating such matters as open burning and smoke emissions from stacks. There is also in Middlesex County, a County Association of Air Pollution Control, composed of seven members, residing in the County, chosen by the State Air Pollution Control Commission on recommendation of the Board of Freeholders, Professional Engineers Association, Health Officers Association, and State Chamber of Commerce. These people serve without pay at the pleasure of the State Commission and function chiefly as an advisory and liaison body.

## Chapter V

### PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SOCIAL WELFARE

There are five major public assistance programs in New Jersey. Four of them provide for specific groups or categories of needy individuals — Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled, and Aid to Dependent Children. Federal, State, and County funds are available in varying amounts for all these groups. As a result the municipal responsibility today is limited primarily to the fifth program, General Assistance — that is aid to needy persons not otherwise provided for by law.

#### CHILD WELFARE

The Middlesex County Welfare Board under a change of law effective January, 1960 administers the program of Aid to Dependent Children also known as Home Life Assistance. This provides financial assistance to a child in need and to his mother (or mother substitute) in cases where one or both parents are incompetent or absent for a continuing period. The purpose is to keep the child in his own home if possible. Application may be made to the Middlesex County Welfare Board, Sheriffs' Building, Court House Square, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

The State Board of Child Welfare from its district office located at 75 Paterson Street, New Brunswick, provides care and placement in foster family homes or institutions for those children who must be removed from their own homes and is responsible for adoptive placements. It may also provide care for children with their own families in special circumstances.

#### AID TO THE BLIND

Any blind or partially blind person may apply to the New Jersey State Commission for the Blind, 1100 Raymond Blvd., Newark 2, New Jersey, for medical attention, educational training, home teaching in crafts or vocational training. Those eligible for financial assistance should apply to the Middlesex County Welfare Board, Sheriffs' Building, Court House Square, New Brunswick.

#### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is granted to persons over 65 who meet the eligibility requirements set forth by law and who are in need. Assistance will be given in securing proof of age and eligibility if required. Applications should be made to the Middlesex County Welfare Board, Sheriffs' Building, Court House Square, New Brunswick.

#### AID TO THE TOTALLY DISABLED

Assistance to the totally and permanently disabled includes payment for living expenses, medical care, nursing home expenses and services which will improve ability for self-support. Application for this help may be made to the Middlesex County Welfare Board, Sheriffs' Building, Court House Square, New Brunswick. To be eligible a person must be at least 18 years old but less than 65.

#### GENERAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Administration of the general public assistance program in Perth Amboy is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Affairs.

Public Assistance is the only form of financial assistance paid by the city. The total municipal expenditures for Public Assistance in 1959 was \$209,255 paid out in welfare of which \$49,255 was for administrative expenses and \$160,000 was for financial aid to those in need. Because of the economic recession and several strikes the expenses in 1959 were much higher than in previous years. In addition to the amount paid by the city approximately another 40% is also paid by the state. The Bureau of Assistance in the State Department of Institutions and Agencies sets the standards for the distribution of financial help as well as for the procedures of the local welfare department.

The Public Assistance Department, as it is called, is located at 276 Madison Avenue with office hours from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Monday through Friday and 8 A. M. to 4 P. M. during July and August. There is someone on call for emergencies nights, week-ends, and holidays.

The Local Assistance Board consisting of five members, one of whom must be a woman, is appointed by the Director of Public Affairs with the approval of the other commissioners. This is an unsalaried, rotating board each member of which serves a four year term.

The Public Assistance Director is appointed for a five year term by the Local Assistance Board. The Director's qualifications must be approved by the state if the city is to receive state aid. The staff in addition to the Director consists of eleven employees chosen after Civil Service Examination. They are one case supervisor, 3 case workers, 2 welfare investigators and 5 clerical employees.

The primary function of the Department of Public Assistance is the issuance of financial aid to needy individuals or families living in Perth Amboy not otherwise provided for under the New Jersey laws. The department is also responsible for investigating and preparing reports for the Courts and for initiating legal action in instances of neglect, non-support, and desertion of dependents. Prevention and rehabilitation services are provided through counselling, personal and family budgeting, and referral to categorical and other special service agencies.

## OTHER WELFARE AGENCIES

Among the other social welfare agencies offering services to Perth Amboy residents are the following:

**American Red Cross** 276 Madison Avenue, Perth Amboy. Home Service program for servicemen, veterans and their dependents, educational programs on water safety, First Aid and nursing activities, Disaster service and Junior Red Cross.

**Catholic Welfare Bureau** Diocese of Trenton (Fords Office) 846 Main Street, Fords, New Jersey. Catholics of area served; non-catholics on an individual basis according to facilities available. A comprehensive Child and Family Welfare Service including guidance counselling, services to the dependent, homeless, neglected, behavior problems, psychological testing, delinquents, psychiatric casework, legal adoptions, old-age placements, employment, supervision, unwed mother service, state commitments, court referrals, marital counselling, state parolees, court investigations.

**Community Chest and Council of the Raritan Bay Area** 214 Smith St., Perth Amboy, acts as a central coordinating body which conducts an annual campaign for the support of voluntary health, welfare and recreation agencies.

**The Social Planning Council** although a part of the Chest has a much broader membership including agencies and representatives from interested citizen groups. The Council is interested primarily in coordinating, improving, and planning for the future in the fields of health, welfare, and recreation.

**Jewish Community Council** 316 Madison Avenue, Perth Amboy, sponsors a volunteer case work program for the needy and recently for the newly arrived Americans; periodic community relations programs; educational studies for children.

**Salvation Army** 315 Madison Avenue, Perth Amboy, offers counselling and guidance; emergencies and disaster help, material assistance to transients; fresh air camps; Christmas and relief baskets; hospital for unwed mothers.

**Youth Consultation Service** 84 Elm Street, Westfield, one day a week (Friday) at Y. M. C. A. Jefferson Street, Perth Amboy. Offers professional family case work service on a non-sectarian basis especially stressing marriage counselling and service to youth.

For complete list of services available see Directory of Social Resources in Middlesex County obtainable from Community Welfare Council, 78 Carroll Place, New Brunswick.

See also chapters on Health and Recreation.

## Chapter VI

### PUBLIC SAFETY.— POLICE, FIRE, CIVIL DEFENSE AND COURTS (3)

#### INTRODUCTION

The Perth Amboy Police Department is under the direct supervision and control of the Director of Public Safety, who appoints the Chief of Police from among those qualifying in a Civil Service Promotional Examination.

The Police Headquarters Building, located at High and Fayette Streets, houses all three divisions of the Police Department, including the city jail.

#### DUTIES OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The duties of the Police Department are: To enforce the laws and ordinances of the City, County, and State, to protect the life and property of the citizens, and to prevent crime. It also detects and arrests offenders and performs emergency services.

#### DIVISIONS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FUNCTIONS

**Uniform Division.** A Police Captain is in charge of this division, consisting of six Lieutenants, six Sergeants, and forty Patrolmen. They work 40 hours per week in eight hour shifts, providing 24 hours of continuous police protection. The city is patrolled on foot and by three radio cars.

This division also escorts the payroll clerks of the local industries and businesses to and from the banks. From April to November a three-way radio Police Launch operates on the local waterfront from Sewaren Creek to Keasbey, seeking and assisting boats in distress; preventing and detecting drownings; and supervising the protection of the docks.

**Traffic Division.** The personnel of the Traffic Division is headed by a Police Lieutenant and consists of four Patrolmen and four Motorcycle Patrolmen. This division has two motorcycles and two motor scooters.

Traffic Officers enforce, control, and supervise the flow of traffic and operate traffic lights in congested areas.

**Detective Bureau (Plain Clothes Detail).** The Detective Division consists of a Captain, three Lieutenants, two Sergeants, three Detectives and two Patrolmen (assigned plain clothes men). The division investigates all crimes and interrogates criminals.

**Municipal Court.** The Municipal Court, presided over by the Magistrate, has jurisdiction to try cases of violations of motor traffic laws, fish and game laws, disorderly persons laws, illegitimacy cases, desertions if families are or will become public charge, and violations of municipal ordinances

such as health, building or zoning. Violators are fined, discharged or committed to the county jail or workhouse.

On crimes of a more serious nature, the Magistrate is authorized to conduct preliminary hearings. If the evidence is sufficient, he may hold the accused in bail or in custody for the grand jury. Matters in the Municipal Court are ordinarily handled without jury. The Municipal Court is supervised by and subject to the Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court. All juvenile and domestic relations cases are referred to County Court. All federal offenders are turned over to federal authorities.

The Magistrate of the Municipal Court is appointed by the Board of Commissioners for a term of three years without tenure at a minimum starting salary of \$5,000 and a maximum salary, reached over a five year period, of \$6,500. He must be an attorney-at-law, and a resident of Perth Amboy. The Magistrate is not under Civil Service.

One of the Police Captains is assigned as the Court Clerk in the Municipal Courts. A Patrolman is assigned as a Violation Clerk who collects fines. The court is operated every week day starting at 8 A. M. The Records Bureau is in charge of the filing of crime reports and records.

**Bicycle Bureau.** The Bicycle Bureau, in charge of a Patrolman, issues a license to each bicycle owner in Perth Amboy, at a cost of thirty-five cents.

#### PERSONNEL, SALARIES AND BUDGET OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The personnel of the Police Department in December, 1960 is comprised of 84 regular employees. There is also one Jail Keeper who is in charge of the cell blocks. It takes a member of the Police Department five years to acquire full maximum pay.

##### AUTHORIZED SALARY 1960

NUMBER	POSITION	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
1	Chief of Police	\$7,200.00	\$8,600.00
3	Police Captains	5,400.00	6,800.00
11	Police Lieutenants	4,900.00	6,300.00
14	Police Sergeants	4,760.00	6,100.00
3	Detectives	4,500.00	5,900.00
55	Patrolmen	4,300.00	5,700.00
Total Salaries .....		\$536,524.00	
Other Expenses .....		62,400.00	
<b>TOTAL BUDGET FIGURES .....</b>		<b>\$598,924.00</b>	

#### QUALIFICATIONS FOR PATROLMEN

A police candidate, in order to take the Civil Service examination, must be a resident of Perth Amboy for at least two years preceding the closing

date for filing an application. He must have a formal education equivalent to two years of high school and be of good moral character. He must be between 21 and 30 years of age and must be at least 5'7" tall with the weight proportioned according to this height. A written, medical and oral examination is held by the Civil Service Commission. The appointments are on a competitive basis selected from a list of names submitted by the Civil Service Commission to the Director of Public Safety.

#### TRAINING

The new policemen are given a 30-day training period by the local and state police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the local headquarters. They are then sent to the State Police Academy in Sea Girt for a six week live-in training course. Upon completing the course they are supervised by experienced officers on the beat and in the radio cars. There is an in-service training throughout the policeman's entire career such as pistol practice every Monday. Advanced courses are taken by many of the officers. They include schools conducted by the New Jersey Chief's Association, FBI Academy in Washington, The New York City Police Association, and classes at Rutgers University.

#### PROVISIONS FOR PROMOTIONS AND RETIREMENT

All promotions are given after the Civil Service examinations are taken. A Patrolman must be on the force three years before taking the examination to become a Sergeant. All other officers are required to have one year's service before promotions. The men are selected by the Director of Public Safety.

There are two pension plans, which serve both police and firemen. All members appointed to the department prior to July 1, 1944, are covered by Consolidated Police and Fireman's Pension Fund. Those entering the department since July 1, 1944, are under the provisions of the Police and Fireman's Pension System of New Jersey.

#### EQUIPMENT USED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

There are three Radio Patrol cars, one Detective car, one Chauffeur's car, one patrol wagon, one emergency truck, the police launch, and Chief's car. Two motorcycles and two motor scooters are also used by the force. The Department's arsenal is furnished with automatic shot guns, rifles, gas guns, and gas grenades.

#### POLICE RESERVE

The Police Reserve consists of volunteer men who have taken a course of training which results in their certification as police officers. They are required to attend in-service training and to report for any emergency duty as designated by the Police Chief or the Director of Civilian Defense.

## **SAFETY PATROL AND SCHOOL GUARDS**

The School Patrol (children who are trained by the Traffic Division) is assigned to crossings in the vicinity of the schools during certain hours, and is assisted by the Police or the Women Guards. Twenty Women Guards have no police powers but, direct traffic in certain areas before and after school hours, under the direction of the Lieutenant of the Traffic Division.

## **ARRESTS DURING THE YEAR**

During 1958 there were 1,575 arrests, of which 835 resulted from traffic violations, made by the police.

## **DETENTION OF LAW VIOLATORS**

The jail, housed in the cellar of the Police House, contains 12 cells. Violators are not held more than 12 hours or until they appear at Police Court. Men and women are held in separate cell blocks. First offenders are not separated from the others.

## **JUVENILE AID BUREAU**

The Juvenile Aid Bureau, conducted by a Police Lieutenant and assisted by a Detective, investigates and maintains a complete case history file of all juvenile offenders coming to its attention. The Bureau is charged also with the application of preventive and corrective measures to youthful delinquents. It cooperates with all other organizations working for rehabilitation of the juvenile offender. Serious juvenile offenders are sent to the County Detention Home in New Brunswick.

## **POLICE COMMUNICATIONS**

The Police Department has a switchboard consisting of four outside lines, a direct line to the Perth Amboy General Hospital and the City Hall. There are 26 police call boxes. A three-way radio base set in Police Headquarters, connects all police cars, ambulances, and the police boat.

## **COOPERATION WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES**

The Police Department cooperates with the Fire Department. It also works with Federal and State Departments investigating crime as well as with Civil Defense and Disaster Control Groups.

## **OTHER DEPARTMENTS UNDER THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

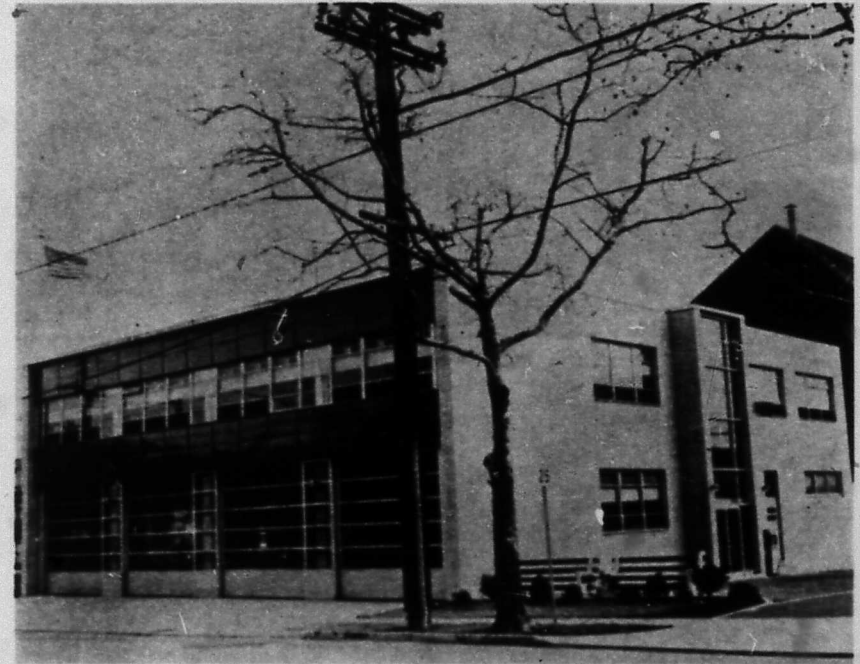
**Weights and Measures.** The Weights and Measures Bureau is located where Fayette Street, New Brunswick Avenue and Madison Avenue join. The Weight Master's duty is to inspect and test all weighing and measuring equipment used commercially in the city.

**City Physician.** The City Physician is appointed by the Director of Public Safety. His duties are to check Police and Firemen for sickness. He also

examines drunken drivers, juvenile girls that are molested, and cases that are brought to the Municipal Court.

**Meter Department.** It is the function of the Meter Department to install meters when new parking zones are established. The meters are checked daily and the meter receipts collected weekly.

**Dog Warden.** The Dog Pound is located on Fayette Street off Morris Street. The Warden, who is appointed under Civil Service, is on call 24 hours a day. His duty is to patrol public streets and pick up all dogs that are not leashed or muzzled with or without a license.



**FIREHOUSE ON HIGH STREET**

## **PERTH AMBOY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Fire Department is under the general supervision of the Director of Public Safety. Firemen's duties are to protect life and property, extinguish and prevent fires, and render service in any emergency. It is part paid and part volunteer with paid members working an average of 56 hours a week. The 55 paid members, fire stations, apparatus and equipment are under the immediate supervision of a paid chief, whose title is Chief, Uniformed Fire

# 275th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CITY OF PERTH AMBOY

**INDUSTRIAL SHOW** at HIGH SCHOOL GYM, 271 State Street  
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday — 3 P. M. to 8 P. M.

**USS MALOY — NAVY DESTROYER**, at anchor in the bay, foot of Smith St.  
**PUBLIC INSPECTION** on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1 to 4 P. M.

**ARMY ELECTRONICS DISPLAY** ALL WEEK  
Lichtman Bros. Furniture and Appliance Showrooms  
327 State Street and 152 New Brunswick Avenue

**MONDAY, JUNE 22 —**  
10 A. M., Crowning of  
King and Queen  
Mayor Flynn  
Polkowitz Motors  
7 P. M., Painting Sidewalks Green  
Courtesy:  
Dutch Boy Paint  
and Painter's Local  
6 to 8 P. M.  
200 piece Accordion Band  
8 P. M., History Program  
High School Auditorium

**TUESDAY, JUNE 23 —**  
10 A. M.,  
World's largest installation  
of Sandran LINOLEUM  
on Smith Street Mall  
7:15 P. M., 4 hour PARADE

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24 —**  
10 A. M. to 5 P. M.,  
Boy Scouts and Girls on Mall  
Unveiling 1960 Norman  
Rockwell Boy Scout Painting  
7 to 9 P. M.,  
Nationality Group Program  
9 to 11 P. M.,  
200 piece Accordion Band

**THURSDAY, JUNE 25 —**  
10 A. M., BABY PARADE  
2 P. M., PET PARADE  
4 P. M., FASHION SHOW  
7 to 9 P. M.,  
Nationality Group Program

**FRIDAY, JUNE 26 —**  
10 A. M. to 5 P. M.,  
CIRCUS DAYS  
Kiddie Rides, Clowns  
Circus Acts  
9:30 P. M., MOVIE PREMIER

**SATURDAY, JUNE 27 —**  
10 A. M.,  
South Amboy ROLLER SKATERS  
11 A. M., KEASBEY EAGLES  
12 noon, TRAMPOLINE ACTS  
1 to 5 P. M., PONY RIDES  
HAY RIDES  
7 to 9 P. M.,  
Nationality Group Program  
9 to 11 P. M., BLOCK DANCE

**SUNDAY, JUNE 27 —**  
BASEBALL GAMES  
WATER SHOW,  
BOAT RACES  
MODEL AIRPLANE SHOW  
OTHER SPORTS EVENTS

CHECK INFORMATION BOOTHS  
FOR LAST-MINUTE CHANGES  
and LOCATIONS

ASK ABOUT THE FREE VACATION TRIP FOR 2 PEOPLE  
at all information booths.

Sponsored by MARGARETTEN & CO., Travel and Insurance

## 8 CONVENIENT PARKING LOTS

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|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| LOT #1 — JEFFERSON STREET<br>Next to Post Office    | LOT #5 — STATE STREET                           |
| LOT #2 — JEFFERSON STREET<br>Rear of Woolworth's    | LOT #6 — KING STREET<br>and HIGH STREET.        |
| LOT #3 — JEFFERSON STREET<br>Rear of Strand Theater | LOT #7 — MADISON AVENUE and<br>McCLELLAN STREET |
| LOT #4 — HOBART STREET                              | LOT #8 — CENTRAL R. R.<br>and SMITH STREET      |

BIG 800-CAR FREE PARKING LOT  
MARKET STREET — Entrance: Oak Street and Prospect Street

## HISTORIC SITES

- BARTOW-KEARNEY-SMITH HOUSE, oldest in city, 1730; 83 Market St.  
NEVILL-WALL-KING HOUSE, 1737; 228 Water Street  
KEARNY COTTAGE, 1780; 63 Catalpa Avenue  
THOMAS MARSH HOUSE, 1837; 265 Rector Street  
The WESTMINSTER, GOVERNOR'S HOUSE, 1765; 149 Kearny Avenue  
SITE of MIDDLESEX COUNTY JAIL; 255 State Street  
SITE of ORIGINAL FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1735  
P. A. High School  
SITE of INDIAN BURIAL GROUND; P. A. High School  
OFFICE of EAST JERSEY BOARD of PROPRIETORS (Organized 1684)  
55 Market Street  
SITE of FIRST SCHOOL HOUSE, 1765; 36 Gordon Street  
SITE of FIRST ST. MARYS SCHOOL HOUSE (In New Jersey), 1851  
104 Center Street  
SITE of ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1844  
S. W. corner Centre and Mechanic Streets  
SITE of WATSON-KITCHELL HOUSE, 1743; 273 High Street  
ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1683; New Jersey's oldest Parish  
S. W. corner Gordon and Rector Streets  
SITE of TRUXTON-LEWIS-WOODRUFF HOUSE, 1685; 129 Water Street  
SITE of FAMOUS LONG FERRY TAVERN, 1685;  
45 High St. opposite Royal Court Apts  
THOMPSON-JOHNSON-SEAMAN HOUSE, 1847; 1 Lewis Street  
ENGLISH-SEAMAN-BEEKMAN HOUSE, 1840; 72 High Street  
SOFIELD HOUSE, 1853; 40 Lewis Street  
ALFRED HALL HOUSE, Founder of Terra Cotta in U. S.; 490 State Street  
SITE of OLD BRITISH BARRACKS, 1759  
Grammar School grounds, Barracks Street  
VILLAGE INN, 1720; Packer Hotel  
SITE of ORIGINAL METHODIST CHURCH, 1837; 337 High Street  
SIMPSON METHODIST CHURCH, 1866; Town Clock, 337 High Street  
MARKET SQUARE, 1684; Market and High Streets  
SITE of STOCKS and WHIPPING POSTS, 1684; High Street Park  
ORIGINAL FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 1827; Fayette and High Streets  
WILLIAM DUNLAP HOUSE; 173 High Street  
JOHN WATSON HOUSE; 235 Rector Street  
The HISTORIC BLUFF, landing place of earliest settlers; 146 Water St.  
MOSES MARTIN HOUSE; 66 High Street  
PALMER HOUSE, 1842; 49 Gordon Street

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Department. One of the paid members is assigned to clerical duties. Two other paid members are assigned as fire prevention inspectors whenever manpower permits.

The volunteer department consists of 425 members. It has its own chief, and two assistant chiefs. They are on duty only in the event of fire and immediately lead fire fighting operations. They are elected by a majority vote of the fire companies for a one year term. Terms of all volunteer chiefs expire on June 1 of each year.

### EXPENSES

The annual Fire Department budget is prepared by the Chief of the Uniformed Fire Department and approved by the Director of Public Safety. The salary of the paid firemen is \$4,300 minimum and \$5,700 maximum. In the Volunteer Department, the 30 members of each of the 8 companies who achieve the highest percentage of attendance at fires during the year, receive \$100 while the retiring Volunteer Chief receives \$500, or a total of \$24,500 volunteer appropriation. A special appropriation of \$3,000 is given annually to the First Aid Squad and \$350 to the Fire Department Memorial Committee.

### APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

All but seventeen members of the paid department were appointed prior to the establishment of civil service regulations. Future appointments will be made by the Director of Public Safety from eligible lists furnished by the Civil Service Commission. Applicants must pass competitive mental and physical examinations. The minimum qualifications are: height 5'6"; age, between 21 and 30; formal education or other education showing attainment of the level represented by two years of high school.

### TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION

At the present date, plans are being formulated for the construction of a drill tower for training purposes. Volunteer members of the department hold a combined engine and truck drill at least once a year at the discretion of the individual company. The Uniformed Firemen also hold their special drills but at the discretion of their own Fire Chief.

### APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT

The Fire Department consists of six pumpers and one old auxiliary pumper.

All pumpers, ladder trucks are radio equipped. Three aerial ladder trucks are in service.

In addition to the above apparatus, the department has two four-door sedans used by each of the Fire Chiefs, a station wagon, used by the Fire Inspectors, and a pick-up truck which has a dek gun installed in the rear

for close fire fighting purposes, and a portable pump for drafting of river water for dock fire fighting.

### FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

A telephone switchboard, located at the New Central Fire Headquarters Station on High Street, is manned 24 hours a day. This board has four trunk lines for incoming calls.

The fire alarm system is maintained by the Superintendent of the Electrical Bureau, which is part of the Department of Public Works. The alarm headquarters, consisting of operating generator and battery rooms, is in a small building located on outer Smith Street.

### COMPANIES

### LOCATION

Lincoln 1 .....	High Street (Headquarters)
Washington 2 .....	High Street (Headquarters)
McClellan 3 .....	State Street and Pearl Place
Eagle 4 .....	Davidson Avenue between Smith Street and Market Street
Garfield 5 .....	Amboy Avenue and Hall Avenue
Memorial 6 .....	Pfeiffer Boulevard opposite Homann Avenue
Protective 1 .....	High Street (Headquarters)
Liberty 2 .....	Wayne Street near State Street
Humane 3 .....	Amboy Avenue and Hall Avenue

### FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

A municipal ordinance of September 16, 1936, provides for the establishment of a Bureau of Fire Prevention. An amending ordinance adopted July 1, 1953, and a more recent ordinance adopted May 18, 1955, to conform with Civil Service classification, designated the Fire Chief of the Uniformed Fire Department as Chief of the Bureau of Fire Prevention.

Permits for the storage of explosives and flammable liquids are issued by this bureau, after inspection and approval by the Chief. Commercial occupancies in the principal business district and adjoining mercantile areas, schools and lodging houses are inspected at least twice a year. When fire hazards exist, a verbal recommendation is made. In more extreme cases a letter is sent to the violator by registered mail. Records of all inspections are kept in permanent files in the Chief's Office.

School Fire Drills are held at least twice every year. The schools also undergo a close inspection for any hazardous conditions that may tend to cause an outbreak of a fire; and such conditions, if found, are immediately reported to the Superintendent of the School System for abatement.

## FIRST AID

The Fire Department First Aid Squad, incorporated with a membership of 72 volunteers provides emergency service to the city and surrounding areas. It is located between the Fire House and Police Headquarters on High Street. There are three ambulances, all equipped with radio on the Police Headquarters frequency and carrying three resuscitators, an inhaler, and complete first-aid equipment. At least one ambulance responds to box alarms of fire. There is a sleep-in crew on duty 24 hours. The department is supported by donations of industry, and private citizens, plus a \$3,000 a year contribution from the city.

## COOPERATION WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS

The Fire Department is a part of the Middlesex County Mutual Aid Program with a Chief as the designated Fire Coordinator. In the event of any disaster in the county and fire department equipment is needed, the Chief is immediately notified and dispatches whatever equipment and supplies are necessary. Continuous drills are carried on in various municipalities of assimilated disasters, and are observed by head officials of the New Jersey Civil Defense Organization.

## CIVIL DEFENSE

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Civil Defense and Disaster Control organization is the coordination of existing services and trained individuals in order to minimize the effects upon the civilian population of any emergency resulting from enemy action or civil disaster. The CD Corps of Perth Amboy was established by order of the Governor under the laws of 1942 as amended by the laws of 1949. In 1952 by proclamation of the governor, the CD organization was extended to include Disaster Control.

### ORGANIZATION

New Jersey Civil Defense and Disaster Control Organization consists of state, county, and municipal groups, but the basic CD and DC group is the municipality. The Perth Amboy organization consists of the Civil Defense Disaster Control Director, Deputy CD-DC Director, and a Municipal Staff appointed by the Mayor. The Municipal Staff is made up of Committee Members heading various departments such as Communications, Doctors and Medical Supplies, Police and Fire Reserves, Public Education, Transportation Welfare Services and Water Supply.

The Perth Amboy Civil Defense Disaster Control Director is responsible for and has the authority to enforce the planning, activating, coordinating and conduct of disaster control operations in the City of Perth Amboy. He also has the power to proclaim a state of local disaster emergency, and direct disaster control plans.

## DUTIES

The duties of the Civilian Defense Director and staff are as follows:

1. Education of the public covering the whole field of civil defense.
2. Organization and training of adequate police reserves.
3. Organization and training of adequate fire reserves.
4. Provision for emergency fire fighting equipment.
5. Establishment of emergency static water supply for fire fighting independent of normal water supply.
6. Institute of a rescue, first aid and casualty evacuation program.
7. Organization for emergency ambulance crews.
8. Provision for emergency hospitalization, blood donors program, blood typing of entire population.
9. Mortuary program to include collection, identification, registration and burial of dead.
10. Inventory of heavy duty machinery for road clearance crews.
11. Provide for bomb proof control centers, emergency radio and telephone communications and emergency light and power supply for these facilities.
12. A public works program designed to restore and repair water, electric, gas, telegraph and radio broadcasting.
13. A broadly conceived welfare program to include dispersal, evacuation, housing and feeding of evacuees.
14. To provide emergency hospitals.

## SCHOOLS

The public and parochial schools are equipped with a warning system which is used during the regulated State and County Air Raid Drill. School teachers are trained in first aid and safety prevention.

## FINANCING

Appropriations for CD and DC are included in the Department of Public Affairs Budget. In 1959 Perth Amboy allotted \$6,800.00 for equipment and expenses.

## Chapter VII

### STREETS, UTILITIES, TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING

#### STREETS: Maintenance and Repair

The Public Works Department operates under the Commissioner of Public Works. The 1959 Operating budget for the Department of Public Works exclusive of salaries and capital improvements was \$203,925. A force of 49 men with necessary equipment is assigned to keeping the streets clean. Five men equipped with one truck, one concrete mixer and one air compressor keep the 75 miles of paved and 5 miles of unpaved streets in repair. Perth Amboy receives approximately \$22,000 each year from the State and appropriates a like amount for resurfacing the city streets. There are seven county roads and four state roads within the city which are maintained by the city with the help of county and state funds. The four small and one large (Washington Street) bridges over railroad tracks are maintained by the city with costs shared by the railroad companies and the city.

#### STREET LIGHTING

The city of Perth Amboy does not operate its own power plant for street lighting, but instead purchases electric power from the Public Service Electric and Gas Company at wholesale rates for distribution over city owned lines. As a capital improvement, the city also entered into a contract with the Public Service Company whereby a new and modern street light system ranging from 2500 to 20,000 lumen per unit has been installed.

#### CITY ENGINEER

The City Charter calls for "City Surveyor," although the term "Engineer" is frequently used. The City Engineer, a professional, licensed civil engineer has custody and charge of all maps, plans of streets, highways, sewers, and such other maps as may belong to the city. He prepares all plans and specifications for municipal work except for the Water Department or Board of Education. He also supervises any contract for street improvement including the paving, grading, curbing, guttering, and putting of proper monuments for the directions of said work.

No payment is made on any contract for any pavings, construction of sewers, grading of streets, or any other public improvement, until the City Surveyor has filed and certified that the same has been done according to contract and specifications.



FIVE CORNERS

The City Engineer is appointed under Civil Service by the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works. His present salary is \$3300 per year and in addition he is paid 6% of the total cost of any capital improvements made in the city.

## **GARBAGE AND REFUSE COLLECTION**

Garbage and refuse is collected twice a week by 35 men, employing 9 trucks. Combustible materials are collected separately and burned at the incinerator, and non-combustibles, cans, bottles, and ashes are used as land fill on the city dump. Daily collections average about 40 tons. The average daily collection during "Clean Up Week" approximates 500 tons, requiring 30 extra men who are hired to help for a two week period.

## **INCINERATOR AND DUMP**

All combustible materials are burned at the municipal incinerator located on outer Fayette Street by a force of 12 men. The resultant ash is deposited in the city dump. The dump is kept clean and level daily with a bulldozer. The incinerator constructed in 1929 was rebuilt in 1957 at a cost of \$125,000.

## **THE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM**

The Sewage Treatment System operates under a superintendent, at an annual operating budget of \$120,000.00. The System consists of a Sewage Treatment Plant located at Sadowski Parkway and Second Street, together with a garage and workshop; the State and Front Streets Pumping Stations; 21 Diversion Chambers and seven miles of intercepting sewers.

Domestic sewage and industrial wastes enter the system, while storm water is bypassed and is discharged through outfalls into the River, Bay and Sound.

The treatment of sewage is chemical and mechanical, all bacteria is destroyed and the sterile affluent is discharged into the River. The sludge amounting to 10 tons per day is buried at the city dump. Six million gallons of sewage are treated daily; the plant operates on a 24 hour per day basis 365 days a year, by a force of 12 men. The standards are set by the State Department of Health and by the Interstate Sanitation Commission, and by whom the plant operation is checked.

## **PUBLIC UTILITIES**

The New Jersey Bell Telephone Company, Western Union Telegraph Company, Public Service Electric and Gas Company, and the Elizabethtown Gas Company are the public utilities which serve Perth Amboy. These are regulated by the State Public Utility Commission.

The amount received by the City of Perth Amboy from the public utility franchise taxes during the year 1959 amounted to \$152,703.96. Public Utility franchise taxes are collected by the State of New Jersey and various municipalities are apportioned their share of such taxes.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **Railroads.**

Three railroads operate through the city under a franchise granted them by the New Jersey State Legislature. Railroad taxes are paid to the city by the railroad companies. In 1959 the railroad property tax paid to the city of Perth Amboy amounted to \$125,516.16.

The State Public Utilities Commission and the Federal Interstate Commerce Commission control railroad operation, including regulations at grade crossings.

The Pennsylvania and Central Railroads have a passenger, mail and freight station on Smith Street; the Central Railroad has another freight station at Barber on State Street.

### **Bus Facilities.**

Buses providing transportation within Perth Amboy are privately owned and operate under a franchise granted by the City's governing body and approved by the Public Utility Commission.

The bus lines serving Perth Amboy include the Public Service Coordinated Transport, the Marathon Bus Company, and the Red and Tan Line.

The State Public Utilities Commission has jurisdiction over fares and service. The City approves routes and locations for bus stops by ordinance.

The 1959 bus tax receipts as required by law, received by the city amounted to \$9,917.51.

### **Taxicab Service.**

There are 27 taxicabs owned by 12 independent companies or individuals. Each cab is licensed annually by the Department of Public Safety, at a fee of \$15.00. Drivers must obtain a Cab Driver's License at a fee of \$2.00. All drivers are photographed and fingerprinted and have a medical examination. Cabs are inspected by the Police Department and there exists a city ordinance regarding taxicabs.

Under provision of Chapter 2131 Laws of 1929 now embodied in R. S. 48:16-1 etc. of the State of New Jersey, a minimum of insurance is set on taxicabs.

During the year 1958 taxicab owners paid fees of \$397.50, and taxicab drivers paid fees of \$220.00.

### **Wharves and Docks.**

The City owns and maintains a yacht basin at the foot of Market Street, and the stalls are rented to 92 pleasure craft owners, at a rental of \$11,763 in 1959.

### **Ferries.**

The City leases the right to use the foot of Smith Street for the nominal sum of \$100.00 yearly, as a ferry landing for ferries running between Perth Amboy and Staten Island.

## THE ELECTRICAL BUREAU

The Electrical Bureau is operated by a chief of the Electrical Bureau, appointed by the Director of the Department of Public Works. The Bureau has the responsibility of operating and maintaining the Fire Alarm Telegraph System, the Police Telephone and Telegraph System, the inspection of all electrical work done anywhere in the city, the supervision of all pole lines constructed, and supervision over all motion picture operators. In addition, the chief of the Bureau is a member of the Examining Board which issues licenses to electricians. The Bureau also maintains and services all traffic lights, whose lamps are standardized and approved by the Traffic Department of the State Highway Department.

The operation of supplying power and maintaining the entire Street Light System has been taken over by the Public Service Company.

## THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

This Department inspects all new interior wiring in the city and checks on all old wiring, licenses all electrical contractors and journeymen, and issues permits to do all electrical work. It also examines and licenses all motion picture operators.

The entire Electrical Bureau is operated by a total personnel force of 10 employees. Upon completion of the new street light system and the assumption of its maintenance by Public Service, the number of employees will be reduced accordingly.

## PARKING REGULATIONS

Parking regulations are fixed by the City Traffic Ordinance and by State Law. Recommendations for such regulations are made by the Parking Authority of the City of Perth Amboy, the Ramp Building Corporation, consulting engineers of New York City, and the Perth Amboy Planning Board, in cooperation with the Police Department, which also handles enforcement.

## PARKING FACILITIES

The Perth Amboy Parking Authority has charge of the parking meters which are located in the main shopping areas.

The Authority was established by the City of Perth Amboy by ordinance and authorized by statute in 1952. The Parking Authority consists of five members appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The Authority employs a Secretary at any annual salary of \$5200, and a counsel is retained at a yearly fee of \$1200. The Authority members serve a five year term without a salary. It is a rotating board.

The Parking Authority has the responsibility to do all things necessary for the creation, operation, and maintenance of off-street and on-street parking facilities, as well as research in respect thereto.

There are eight off-street parking lots in Perth Amboy with a total of 679 parking spaces. There are 902 on-street curb spaces which are metered.

Income from the lots is used for the improvement and care of existing facilities, and paying off the indebtedness incurred in the acquisition of the properties, construction and maintenance of the parking facilities.

Four meter handlers and collectors are employed by the City of Perth Amboy, Department of Public Safety, and loaned to the Parking Authority; the city is reimbursed for their services by the Trustees for the bond holders. (The First Bank and Trust Company of Perth Amboy). Two sweepers are hired by the Parking Authority to keep the lots clean.



SMITH STREET LOOKING EAST

To finance the development of this parking program, two bond issues were sold — the first for \$550,000 in 1955 and the second for \$525,000 in 1958.

Special services for the operation of the Authority include auditing, and trusteeship fees, office upkeep, including rent, telephone, and supplies.

## WATER DEPARTMENT

The Water Department is in the Department of Public Affairs. It is headed by the Superintendent Engineer who has a degree in Civil Engineering, and who is licensed by the State as a professional engineer, as a first

class operator of Water Treatment Plants and as a Group I operator of a Public Water Supply System. He is appointed by the Commissioner of Public Affairs under Civil Service at a salary range of \$9,450.00 to \$13,650.00 annually.

The Water Works is a public water supply system owned and operated by the City. The entire water supply system consists of the following: The watershed, collection system, pumping station, treatment and filtration system, transmission and distributing mains and reservoirs.

The supply is obtained from ground water well fields at Runyon, Madison Township, about nine miles south of Perth Amboy. The City has 1200 acres at Runyon, most of which are dotted with the wells that are a part of the collection system. This collection system, with its present facilities, can furnish about 11½ million gallons of water per day, as compared with the average present daily demand of 10¼ million gallons, although the safe yield of the city's holdings, if they were to be fully developed, is estimated to be 15 million gallons per day.

When Perth Amboy first acquired the property at Runyon, the supply was of the surface water type pumped from the pond formed by damming Tennent's Brook.

The City Water Works, in addition to serving the City of Perth Amboy, also serves the municipalities of Sayreville, part of Madison Township, and the Keasbey section of Woodbridge Township, an estimated total population of 60,000.

Perth Amboy Water supply conforms to the standards of the New Jersey State Department of Health and the United States Public Health Service, and is certified for interstate commerce. Bacteriological examinations are made weekly by the local health department laboratory, and additional checks of the water supply are made quarterly by the State Department of Health and agents of the United States Public Health Service. The water is also fluoridated for control of dental caries.

The Water Department furnishes free water to fraternal organizations, charitable institutions, the hospital, churches and "Y's". Consumers of water in Perth Amboy pay rates that are in the lowest brackets of any in the State. All water services are metered. The domestic consumer pays a minimum charge of \$3.75 per quarter for which he is allowed 7500 gallons. There is a sliding scale of rates in which, at the other extreme of consumption, the largest consumer, an industry using two million gallons daily pays only \$110.00 per million gallons. In spite of these low charges, the Water Department turns over to the City of Perth Amboy a \$100,000.00 profit each year. In the past 20 years, the Water Department has turned over \$2,000,000.00 to the City. This has meant that just that much less money had to be raised in general taxation.

## Chapter VIII

### PUBLIC EDUCATION

#### RESPONSIBILITY

##### State and County Administrative Organization:

The State Board of Education establishes requirements for certification of teachers and minimum curriculum standards. It approves building plans for new schools. The State Board makes occasional inspections of schools to insure operation within state laws. It also makes studies of current educational problems and makes recommendations to the state executive and legislature.

The County Superintendent, appointed by the State Commission of Education, for a term of three years, acts in an advisory capacity. He serves as an agent for the teachers in matters relating to the State Board, such as certification, and passes on the allotment of state funds for school transportation.

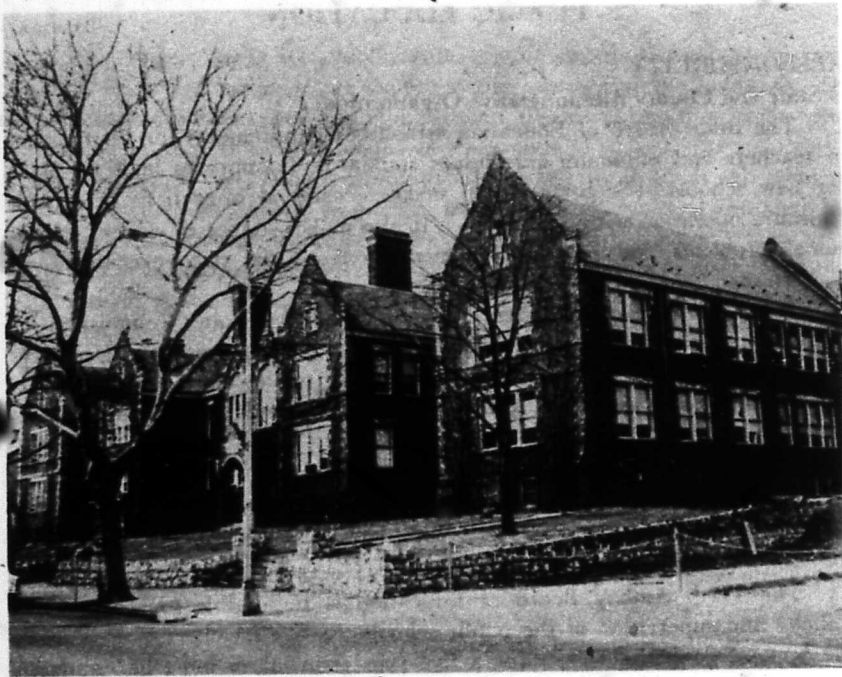
##### Perth Amboy Administrative Organization:

The City of Perth Amboy provides and maintains its public schools. Financing is the local responsibility, with contributions from the state determined by formulae.

The Perth Amboy Board of Education is responsible for educational policies and supervision of the public schools. Its five members, non-salaried, are appointed by the Mayor for a five year term. They must be reputable citizens who have resided locally for three years prior to the appointment; they need no college degree but they must be literate; they must be free from any contract or claim against the Board. Monthly meetings of the Board of Education are open to the public.

The Perth Amboy Board of School Estimate is composed of two members of the Board of Education and three of the city's five Commissioners, one of whom is the Mayor of the city. The Board of Education provides the Board of School Estimate with a statement of the estimated cost of school operation for each year. The Board of School Estimate, in turn, determines the amount of money necessary to be appropriated for the use of the public schools in the ensuing year, exclusive of the amounts estimated to be received from State, Federal and other sources. The actual appropriations are then decided upon by the Commissioners of Perth Amboy.

The Superintendent of Schools is appointed by majority vote of the Board of Education and may acquire tenure after completing three calendar years. The State Board of Education sets the criteria for the qualifications as an educator for this position. The Superintendent of Schools is the Chief



PERTH AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL

Executive Officer of the local Board of Education. He recommends appointments and promotions for the school staff; he recommends types of instruction to be given in the school system; he plans courses of study and time schedules for all employees and supervises their operation. The Superintendent of Schools must make monthly and yearly reports on the condition of the public schools, and perform all other administrative duties required by law or directed by the Board of Education.

### SCHOOLS, SCHOOL CHILDREN AND FACILITIES

#### School Law on Attendance and Length of Term:

The State of New Jersey requires the yearly term of public schools to include a minimum of 180 days. All children between the ages of seven and sixteen years must attend. Attendance is enforced by attendance officers. Children must be five years old on or before October 15 to enter kindergarten.

#### School and Facilities:

Perth Amboy has 11 public schools with an approximate enrollment of 6,000 pupils. Free books, equipment and playgrounds are provided for all students. Kindergarten to twelfth grade is covered. The average elementary class numbers 26; secondary, 25.

SCHOOL	DATE BUILT	ADDITIONS	GRADES	EST. ENROLL- MENT 1959	TEACHERS
Number One .....	1871	1905	K-5	266	11
Number Two .....	1889	1895	K-5	209	10
Number Four ....	1896	1904	K-5	158	8
Number Five .....	1898	1907	K-7	328	13
Number Seven ..	1905		K-5	278	11
Number Eight ....	1909	1911	K-5	414	16
		1939			
Number Nine ....	1914	1916	K-4	415	15
Number Ten .....	1915		K-5	217	9
Grammar .....	1909	1912	6-8	624	28
		1938			
S. E. Shull .....	1924	1926	K-8	1353	53
P. A. High .....	1900	1911	9-12	1504	75
		1915			
		1923			
		1930			

#### School Lunch Program:

The Board of Education supports a cafeteria in the Perth Amboy High School, in conjunction with the Federal School Lunch Program. Students pay a minimum amount for hot or cold meals, with the Board of Education making up the yearly deficit. An average of 1500 persons is served daily.

The Board of Education also supports a milk program in the elementary schools. The children pay for the milk; the board pays for the straws. School funds subsidize milk purchases for children who cannot afford them.

#### Special Provisions for Handicapped Children:

Special classes and services are provided for handicapped children, as required by law, and financed by local and state support. There are six classes for educable children, (those who are retarded but who can be taught to read and write), with a maximum enrollment of 15 per section. One class is held for trainable children, (those who can be taught chiefly to care for their own personal needs), limited to 10 pupils, and two classes are held for victims of cerebral palsy, also limited to 10 each. Students are assigned to these sections only after clinical tests by an approved psychologist. At present 18 children are receiving bedside instruction; this number varies according to need. These students are tutored five hours a week at a cost

of \$5 per hour, with the state and city sharing the expense. Deaf children are transported to a class in Woodbridge. Many New Jersey communities have established reciprocal programs in neighboring districts to accommodate the needs of the handicapped student. Three-fourths of the cost of transportation of the handicapped children is borne by the state, the rest by Perth Amboy.

#### School Libraries:

The High School has an established library. The Samuel E. Shull School has a branch of the Perth Amboy Public Library. The Grammar School has a small library. The Board of Education allots \$1200 a year for the purchase of books for the school libraries. Some of the elementary schools have started libraries in empty classrooms, with the school P.T.A. furnishing books and buying books. There are two full-time librarians employed by the school system.

#### Vocational Schools:

Our county vocational school system is the oldest in the state, dating from 1914. There is a Vocational Board, whose Secretary is the Superintendent of the vocational schools. Three such schools, located in Perth Amboy, Woodbridge and New Brunswick, are known as the Middlesex County Vocational and Technical High Schools. Entrants are carefully screened. Shop work is emphasized, but regular academic studies are correlated with trades and skills. These schools are supported by the county budget, from county taxes. There is also an Adult Evening School which offers both vocational and technical courses.

#### Guidance department:

The Department of Guidance and Special Services of the Perth Amboy school system directs the programs for the mentally and physically handicapped children, operates a placement bureau to secure part-time jobs for students and positions for graduates, and assists graduates in making college choices and applications. A Director of Guidance and Special Service heads this department which includes a school psychologist, nine special education teachers, two secretaries and four part-time counselors in the High School.

#### Education Beyond High School:

Although Perth Amboy does not maintain schools for higher education, a number of local service clubs, banks, industries and private donors contribute scholarships on the basis of need and superior scholastic achievement. These are almost entirely four-year scholarships, averaging \$250 a year, and awarded annually to Perth Amboy High School graduates. Thirteen such grants are available in addition to four four-year awards of \$600 per year.

Surveys of High School graduates over the past few years show that about one-third are enrolled in 130 colleges. The majority attends Rutgers,

the State University, and the various State Teachers Colleges. Some attend the major eastern colleges, with the remainder in colleges located in other sections of the county.

#### Adult Education:

The Perth Amboy Adult Evening School is sponsored by the Board of Education under the supervision of the Superintendent of Schools. It is the outgrowth of early programs to train foreign born residents of our city for naturalization. Some courses are free and others cost ten dollars for a semester. Courses are given in subjects of high school level, such as algebra and Spanish; in English for the foreign born; in business studies. There are also hobby and self-improvement classes.

#### PAYING FOR EDUCATION

##### School Personnel:

The teaching staff of the Perth Amboy schools includes 272 instructors, 27 of whom hold temporary or emergency certificates, 116 of whom hold bachelor's degrees or their equivalent, 77 of whom hold master's degrees or their equivalent. A bachelor's degree is now compulsory for state certification of teachers. For teachers in both elementary and secondary schools, various credits in education courses are also required. Tenure is obtained by teaching satisfactorily, under state certification, for a period of three consecutive school years, plus one day under contract for the fourth year.

The following list covers the entire school staff:

Superintendent .....	1	Bus Drivers (part-time) .....	2
Secretary to Superintendent .....	1	Matrons for Busses .....	3
Principals .....	10	Secretary to the Board of Education .....	1
Vice-Principals .....	2	Clerks .....	10
Assistants to the Principals .....	3	Bookkeeper .....	1
Directors and Supervisors .....	7	Cafeteria Manager .....	1
Dean of Girls .....	1	Workers .....	18
Teachers .....	250	Janitors (Full-Time) .....	21
Special Teachers for Handicapped Pupils .....	9	(Part-Time) .....	21
Bedside Teachers (varies) .....	6	Telephone Operator .....	1
Librarians .....	2	<b>Adult Evening School:</b>	
Psychologist .....	1	Principal .....	1
Physicians (part-time) .....	2	Teachers .....	20
Nurses .....	5	Clerk .....	1
Attendance Officers .....	1		
		<b>Total .....</b>	<b>402</b>

##### Teacher Salary Scale:

The Perth Amboy Teachers' Salary Guide, effective July 1, 1958, provides that teachers with four years of training receive a minimum of \$4000

per year and a maximum of \$7000. Those with five years training receive a minimum of \$4250 and a maximum of \$7250. The difference in range depends upon years of teaching. The annual increment in both cases is \$300. The minimum state salary schedule range (1960) is \$3800-\$5800 for four years training, and \$4000-\$6200 for five. The state schedule for annual increments is \$250. Teachers of special classes receive \$250 above the salary of regular classroom teachers with similar training.

#### Funds for School Support:

The sources of our public school operating funds are the City of Perth Amboy, the State of New Jersey, the Federal Government and miscellaneous receipts (tuition, use of buildings, etc.). On the whole, city taxes pay for our schools, with a contribution from the state. The local Board of Education determines how the money will be spent. The money from state sources is used for general purposes, except for occasional capital outlays, for which it is specifically earmarked. Public money is not used for non-public schools.

The average per pupil cost per year in our public schools is \$404.30. The average per pupil cost in Middlesex County is \$350.00; in New Jersey, \$375.21; in the nation, \$268.00.

A school building program is financed by the local Board of Education petitioning the Board of School Estimate, which approves a bond issue. This is in turn authorized by the City Commissioners, who pass an ordinance floating a bond issue.

#### PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS:

**Parochial Schools:** There are six parochial schools in Perth Amboy:

SCHOOL	DATE BUILT	GRADES	EST. ENROLL- MENT 1959	TEACHERS
Holy Rosary .....	1908	K-8	204	4
Holy Trinity .....	1920	K-8	425	10
Our Lady of Hungary..	1919	1-8	162	4
St. Stephen's .....	1893	K-8	600	12
St. Michael's .....	1956	K-5	140	4
St. Mary's Grammar ....	1851	1-8	425	8
St. Mary's High .....	1922	9-12	819	28

**St. Peter's Nursery School:** The first school building in Perth Amboy was built by St. Peter's Church in 1765. At present, the school sponsored by this Church is an accredited nursery and kindergarten, with three state certified teachers employed. No religion is taught. Admission is for children from three years six months to five years of age. The enrollment in 1959 was 40.

**Hillel Academy** is the most recently built school in our city. Construction was completed in 1958. This is a Hebrew Day School, with classes from nursery and Kindergarten through sixth grade. Regular academic subjects are taught in conjunction with Hebrew subjects and language. The enrollment in 1959 was 101.

#### MUSEUMS AND LIBRARIES:

**Kearny Cottage**, the home of Commodore Lawrence Kearny, Mayor of Perth Amboy from 1848 to 1849, contains a collection of articles of local, county and state historical interest. The Cottage, built in 1780, is now located in a city park on Catalpa Avenue and is open for public visits on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from 2 to 5 P.M. Membership in the Kearny Cottage Association is open to anyone interested in its activities. The Kearny Cottage is maintained by the Park Department of the City of Perth Amboy.

**The Public Library** was established under municipal support in 1896. It is located at 196 Jefferson Street. In 1925 a branch was started in the Samuel E. Shull School. The Library and its branch function under the Commissioner of Parks and Public Property. All appointments to the staff are made by the Commissioner and must qualify under Civil Service, and since July 1, 1957, under the Certification Requirements for librarians in the state. At present the staff consists of nine full-time and three part-time librarians plus three maintenance employees. A total of \$78,910 was appropriated to cover all library costs in 1959. All funds come directly from taxes.

The library is open 9 A.M. - 9 P.M. Mon. - Fri.; 9 A.M. - 5 P.M. on Saturdays except in July and August when it is closed on Saturdays. The branch library is open on week-days only all year. The library has some 63,000 volumes, a reference collection, a periodical file. There is also a file on microfilm of the Evening News, formerly called The Perth Amboy Evening News and the New York Times. Collections of local historical material, art and sheet music are available.

There are tentative plans being discussed now for the improvement and extension of library services.

# Chapter IX

## RECREATION AND PARKS

The Recreation Department is a division of Parks and Public Property. In charge of the department is a director and a staff of 22 regular personnel including 10 recreation workers and 12 clerical and maintenance employees.

The director is a civil service employee who has a college degree in physical education and education, with specialization in recreation. The duties of the director and his staff are to plan, develop and administer a broad program of recreation activities and facilities and to conduct studies for determining the recreational needs of the community.

In addition to the regular personnel, full time temporary employees are engaged to conduct the summer program. These individuals are trained, at a 2-day Pre-Playground Institute, in various phases of the summer program.

There are 61 areas of playground and athletic areas in the city and these facilities are offered for use to all age groups. This total area is comprised of: one stadium, 6 baseball fields, 2 softball fields, a Little League Park (2 fields), 17 playgrounds, 3 wading pools, Board walk, 2 beaches, 16 tennis courts, boat basin and 5 city owned buildings for indoor recreation.

In addition to its own program, the department co-operates with all local groups and organizations desiring the use of recreation facilities. More than 1000 field permits are issued each year to 80 different groups.

Beginning in April of each year, senior baseball, softball, Babe Ruth and Little Leagues are organized in preparation for play starting in May. In addition, a baseball Farm System is in operation for boys of Pre-Little League age, throughout the summer months.

At the closing of schools for the summer months, 17 playgrounds are in operation. Daily activities include: games, sports, art and crafts, music, hobby shows, apparatus play, talent show, dancing and story periods.

Activities conducted by the department, independently of the playground program are: twelve block dances, concerts, track and field, costume parade, dance festival, fly and surf casting, bicycle races, all day July 4th program (including fireworks) Tennis tournament, 8-week tennis clinic, model plane exhibition, summer basketball league, handcraft exhibit, wading and bathing.

Activities during other than summer months are: Perth Amboy Invitation Tennis tournament, Championships for senior softball and baseball teams, Babe Ruth and Little Leagues, Fish derby, basketball leagues for all classes, city wide Ping pong and marble tournament, Easter parade, physical education program, physical fitness tests, games and sound movies at each indoor

center, flying olympics, touch football league, Annual Halloween parade, ice skating and sleigh coasting.

Eleven indoor centers are operated during the fall, winter and spring months, from 4 to 9 p.m. daily.

### INDOOR CENTERS

Neal Lucey Memorial .....	William Street
Rudyk Memorial Park .....	Outer State Street
Roessler Gym .....	Lewis & High Streets
Tennis Building .....	Brighton Avenue
Senior Citizen Club .....	Brace & Lee Streets
Senior Citizen Club .....	Smith & Goodwin Streets
Delaney Homes .....	Housing Development
Dunlap Homes .....	Housing Development
Shull School Gym .....	New Brunswick Avenue
Teen Age Canteen .....	Smith & Goodwin Streets

NOTE: Activities at Roessler gym and the Tennis Building are conducted by the various local groups under self-supervision.

Activities at the above 8 centers include: table tennis, dramatics, quiet games, sound movies, handcraft, social dancing, various tournaments, junior, light senior and senior basketball leagues.

Children from indoor centers also participate in various drives as Polio, Muscular dystrophy and others, plus making toys and dolls for the shut-in children in the Perth Amboy hospital.

### PRIVATE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

#### PERTH AMBOY AREA GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL

The Perth Amboy Area Girl Scout Council serves 1,100 girls, including 500 brownies, 590 intermediates and 10 seniors. There are 200 adult volunteers; no paid workers. The council's summer day camp, in Jamesburg, serving approximately 200 children, operates for four weeks.

With offices located at 199 New Brunswick Avenue, the Girl Scout Council receives its operating funds from its annual cookie sale and from the Raritan Bay Community Chest.

#### BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA RARITAN COUNCIL

Over 5,000 boys and 1,500 adults participated yearly in the Scouting program of the Raritan Council, Boy Scouts of America, in three phases of Scouting (Cub Scouting for boys 8 through 10, Boy Scouting for boys 11 through 14, and Exploring for young men over 15.)

The Council operates a year-round camp at Camp Cowaw on the Delaware River. Summer camp is offered for six weeks during July and August, and is open to any of the 107 units in the council for off-season weekend camping.

With offices located at 175 Smith Street, Perth Amboy, the Council receives its operating expenses from the Raritan Bay Community Chest and Council, and through its own membership enrollment.

#### **YOUNG MEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION**

The YMHA, with a program covering every age level, has 2,500 members and 10 clubs. Its building contains five classrooms, two kitchens, four offices, a gymnasium, swimming pool, game room, lounges, two sets of lockers and showers. A day camp is operated at Roosevelt Park during July.

#### **YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION**

The YMCA, with a membership of 4,000, serves from 6,000 to 7,000 in the Raritan Bay area. Its building contains 74 residence rooms, gymnasiums, exercise room, handball court, weightlifting room, health clubroom, swimming pool and several meeting rooms. Program includes group activities for boys and girls. Twelve plants participate in an industrial management program. An average of 450 children is served daily at its eight-week day camps at Sayreville and at Roosevelt Park.

#### **CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION**

The C. Y. O. is located in the old Holy Trinity Church building. Open from 7 till 9 p.m. during school days, to provide recreational facilities. While the center is open, it is under the supervision of at least one adult advisor, who may be assisted by one or more junior advisors.

Every Saturday evening from 7 till 11 p.m., a dance is held. Music for dancing is provided by a juke box or by one of the many local teenage bands.

Sunday afternoon from 1 till 5 p.m., the center is used for basketball. Three complete games are played, which is part of the Amboy District C. Y. O. League competition. In the evening from 7 till 10:30 p.m., the newly formed C. Y. O. varsity basketball team meets with other local teams in open competition.

Besides the activities already mentioned, there are bowling, billiards, ping pong, volleyball and others. There are about 200 C. Y. O. members with many other teenagers also using the facilities.

#### **THE RARITAN YACHT CLUB**

The Raritan Yacht Club, one of the oldest in the nation, is located on the Raritan Bay in Perth Amboy. This Club presently is organized on a cooperative basis and offers a year-round schedule of sailing, boating, social events, conferences and lectures.

## **PARKS**

### **CITY PARKS**

The Park Department is activated by a program for the maintenance of parks and other public areas, including the care of trees along the city's streets. This program is based on daily and seasonal activity. There is a set routine of soil preparation, grading, seeding, planting, cultivating and caring for lawns and flower beds. A period of time is set aside for maintenance and storage of equipment. The Department has recently taken a census of curb trees in the city. It has embarked on a plan of keeping these trees trimmed for better growth and to insure safe transportation conditions. A periodic inspection is made for infectious plant diseases. The Department is responsible for the decoration of public buildings for Christmas and other occasions and for arrangement and settings for parades and all other civic functions. There is close cooperation with and extensive use made of the services of the State Department of Agriculture, Rutgers University, Department of Agriculture and the Middlesex County Extension Division. A total area of 85 acres has been set aside for parks and playgrounds in the city exclusive of the beaches.

### **COUNTY AND STATE PARKS**

The following Parks are within the reach of Perth Amboy: Roosevelt Park — located east of Metuchen; Johnson Park — extending along the Raritan River northwest of New Brunswick; Donaldson Park — at the banks of the Raritan River in Highland Park; Cheesequake Park — a large State Park west of Lawrence Harbor in the Madison Township area. These parks offer a variety of facilities such as baseball and softball fields, tennis courts, camping and picnicking areas, adult and teenage fishing, track, playgrounds and refreshment service. The Roosevelt Park has a bridle path and horses can be hired at nearby riding stables.

Ice skating is available under floodlights until 10:00 P.M. on the ponds if the thickness of the natural ice permits.

## Chapter X

### HOUSING IN PERTH AMBOY

The City of Perth Amboy has 12,000 dwelling units ranging from luxurious one-family homes and apartment houses to backyard shanties that are used for shelter. Almost 3,000 dwelling units are substandard. Perth Amboy is a very old city and therefore most of the dwelling units are very old, and those that are neglected to any degree soon become substandard and create blight and slum areas. The great depression of the '30's plus World War II brought new home construction to a standstill in the city, and little was done in the way of modernization or rehabilitation of existing units. Subsequent to World War II, efforts have been made to cure this problem.

The dwelling units in the City are divided into 40.9% home owners and 59.1% tenants. There are no neighborhoods in the city which are completely devoted to any racial or ethnic group nor is there any neighborhood which completely excludes any racial or nationality group.

Many departments in the City Government participate in working towards better housing conditions. In addition, the City has a Housing Authority, which, although autonomous (City funds are not used for any of its operations) is generally considered to be part of the municipal housing program.

#### HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy was created in May, 1938. The legislature, State of New Jersey, passed a law permitting municipalities to set up housing authorities to carry out the construction and management of low-cost housing units. The Housing Authority is composed of a board of six commissioners, five of whom are appointed by the City of Perth Amboy, and one by the State of New Jersey, for a term of five years. They serve without salary. This board must engage the services of a Secretary who shall be the Executive Director of the Board, and such other staff as it deems necessary. The Executive Director of the Board is a federal employee under Civil Service with a total salary of \$10,800 per year \$4,500 of which he receives as Manager of Public Housing \$3,480 as Director of Public Housing Development and \$2,800 as Director of Urban Renewal.

#### LOW-COST PUBLIC HOUSING

The Housing Authority has constructed and operates the William Dunlap Homes with 258 units and the John A. Delaney Homes with 252 units. These are low-cost housing projects and are designed to accommodate the 20 per cent of the population that falls into the lowest economic group. The

Authority currently has plans underway to construct 248 additional units in three different locations throughout the city. Forty-eight of these units will be exclusively for elderly people 65 years of age or over. Because of the lack of available land in the City of Perth Amboy upon which to build these new 248 units, they will be built on land presently occupied by blighted dwellings and will be high-rise elevator apartments up to eight stories high.



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#### URBAN RENEWAL

In 1949 the Congress of the United States conceived a new idea of assisting the cities of our country, called Urban Renewal (Redevelopment). Again the legislature of the State of New Jersey took action to authorize housing authorities to carry out this work for their respective cities. In 1950 the Housing Authority began the work of Willocks and Forbesdale Projects. This work involved a completely new concept for clearing slums because instead of constructing low-cost housing with their own funds on vacant land, the Authority must select a blighted area in the city, acquire the individual parcels of property, relocate all the people who lived in the area, demolish the buildings and then try to find a private builder who would reconstruct the area for a use which had been predetermined by the

authority in conjunction with the Planning Board and the City Commission. Forbesdale became the first one-family home project of any type in the United States to reach the construction stage, and became the first project of any type in the State of New Jersey. The first occupants moved into the project in December, 1956, and the project was completed in September, 1958. This is a one-family home development built by private enterprise with the homes ranging in price from \$13,000 to \$17,000.

The Willocks Project was completed in 1959. This project is located on the site of what was one of the worst slums of the city and after the Housing Authority bought the property and demolished the buildings, the land was sold to private enterprise. This project consists of 275 elevator apartments renting for about \$33.00 to \$35.00 a room. The Willocks Project is the second project in the State of New Jersey to get into construction.

The Authority is currently making a preliminary survey of an area approximately 108 acres in size in the downtown section of Perth Amboy. It is anticipated that the new uses for this area will be largely commercial with special financing to be provided for the rehabilitation of existing housing in the area that is still capable of being rehabilitated. The Authority has also applied to the Urban Renewal Administration for a loan to study the possibility of acquiring the property on Sadowski Parkway presently occupied by the Elizabethtown Consolidated Gas Company.

#### **SUPERVISOR OF REHABILITATION**

In 1958 the City of Perth Amboy adopted a Housing Code which provided for minimum standards of housing and which further provides for an officer to enforce these standards. A Supervisor of Rehabilitation and his staff have had some success in the last several years in enforcing these standards and have caused many properties to be demolished and others to be rehabilitated. The Supervisor of Rehabilitation is appointed by the Housing Authority but must meet the qualifications of Federal Civil Service before receiving permanent appointment. His term of office lasts as long as the Urban Renewal Program remains active and he receives a salary of \$6500.

#### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

It is the responsibility of the Building Inspector to approve plans for all new construction and additions to buildings.

Building permits, which are issued at the office of the Building Department in the City Hall, are required for construction, alteration, repair, and demolition of buildings, as well as for the erection of signs.

The Building Inspector, together with the Plumbing Inspector and the Electrical Inspector, have the responsibility of seeing that the standards established by the Building Code are observed.

In June, 1959, a new B.O.C.A. Building Code was adopted.

## **Chapter XI**

### **PLANNING AND ZONING**

#### **PLANNING BOARD**

Perth Amboy has maintained a form of planning for many years. From 1948 to 1954, there existed the "Post War Planning Commission." Then in June of 1954, according to State Statute 40:55, Et. Seq. the Planning Board in its present form was established.

The purpose of the Planning Board is through constant study to direct the physical development of the city. The Board serves the citizens by outlining a continuing plan for "growth, conservation and proper use of land and adequate provision of circulation, utilities and services."

The Planning Board consists of nine members who, with the exception of the "Co-Ordinator" (\$3,000 per annum) and the Secretary (\$450 per annum) serve without compensation. They are: the Director of Public Affairs; an official of the city appointed by the Director of Public Affairs, a member of the governing body selected by said body, and six citizens appointed by the Director of Public Affairs. The Director of Public Affairs also has the authority to appoint an attorney to the board at an annual salary of \$1500, which would be in lieu of any other fee for legal services.

The duties of the Planning Board are:

1. Regulation of land sub-divisions
2. Prepare and amend from time to time a Master Plan (Completed in 1952) which shows:
  - A. Allocation of land use for public buildings such as schools, firehouses and libraries
  - B. Allocation of land for parks, playgrounds, parking areas and business and industrial areas
3. Work with other boards and agencies in planning.
4. Cooperate with surrounding municipalities for mutual benefit of all concerned.
5. Acts as Zoning Commission for the city of Perth Amboy.
6. Make recommendations to the governing body upon request.

Some recommendations of the Planning Board that have been acted upon are:

1. A central firehouse.
2. Parking facilities for the business area.
3. Redevelopment program in the Willocks and Forbesdale sections.

Of the recommendations contemplated are:

1. Proposed link between the outerbridge and Fords, New Jersey. (Interstate Highway).
2. New school in Forbesdale section.
3. Park extension along the waterfront.

### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Perth Amboy Board of Adjustment was established in Perth Amboy September 4, 1940 in accordance with the State Statute on Zoning Boards. This ordinance was amended April 7, 1948. The Board is made up of five members appointed by the Director of Public Affairs each to serve three years. It is a staggered board with overlapping terms: The board appoints its own chairman and secretary; members serve without pay except for the secretary who receives \$1800 annually.

The Zoning Board of Adjustments adopts such rules and regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of the zoning ordinance and laws of the city.

The Zoning Ordinance adopted by the City of Perth Amboy regulates the construction, alteration, repair, demolition or removal of buildings; also the use, occupancy and maintenance of all buildings within the city.

The ordinance was adopted after being changed and modified in June 1959.

The Zoning Ordinance is enforced by the Building Inspector, who is responsible for issuing permits and investigating complaints of violation.

Meetings, open to the public, are held on the first Friday of each month. Additional meetings are called by the Chairman, when it is deemed necessary. Minutes of the meeting and records of official actions of the Board are filed with the Building Inspector and the City Clerk. These are public records.

Duties of the Zoning Board are:

1. To determine in accordance with the zoning ordinance passed by the city commission, the locations of boundary lines.
  - a. Residence
  - b. Business
  - c. Industrial
2. Acts as an appeal board and after hearing and determining, in its discretion, if it is proper to grant a variance from the requirements of the ordinance, directs the building inspector to issue a permit.
3. It receives written reports from the Fire Marshall and Police Department of violations and acts on said reports.
4. It shall have powers consistent with these set forth in the State Statute on the Zoning Board.

### CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE PLANNING BOARD

Created in 1954 in accordance with the State Statute.

Objects of the Committee:

- (a) Acquaint the public with the duties of the Planning Board and disseminate information relative to the work of the Planning Board.
- (b) To discuss problems of planning and make appropriate recommendations to the Planning Board.
- (c) Assist the Planning Board in its attempt to find solutions to problems of planning as they are presented to them.
- (d) To conduct learning and public discussion relative to public planning.

The members, not more than 30 are appointed by the Director of Public Affairs and shall serve so long as he desires. Two-Thirds of the committee as a whole may recommend a candidate to the Director of Public Affairs of the removal of any member.

The committee shall appoint one of its members to act as liaison to the Planning Board. In addition one member shall be appointed by the chairman to attend each meeting of the Planning Board.

The committee submits an annual report to the Director of Public Affairs and the Planning Board based on studies and work done through the year. They also give other reports from time to time as they are completed.

## Chapter XII

### POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Citizens of Perth Amboy participate in elections of two separate and distinct characters, the Municipal Election and the General Election. The Primary Election is held in the Spring. The Municipal Election is held on the second Tuesday of May every four years for the purpose of electing members of the City Commission (the next election is in May, 1962). The General Election takes place on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November for the purpose of electing County, State or National officials. The administration of these two elections differs in some respects and is defined in the following pages. The requirements for and method of registration and voting are identical as prescribed by law, and these stipulations are given in detail in this chapter.

#### REGISTRATION

To qualify for registration in the elections the voter must:

1. Be a citizen of the United States
2. Be 21 years old on or before General Election Day
3. Be a resident of New Jersey for 6 months by General Election Day
4. Be a resident of Middlesex County for 60 days by General Election Day
5. Reside in the district in which he intends to vote
6. Be neither an idiot, nor insane, nor disqualified as a criminal.

#### METHOD OF REGISTRATION

To register the voter must:

1. Apply in person any time during office hours except during the 39 days preceding an election.
2. Register at the Middlesex County Board of Elections (313 State Street, Perth Amboy) during regular office hours (9-4, Mon. - Fri.), except during the last 4 days immediately preceding the close of registration, when the office is open from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. and from 7 P. M. to 9 P. M., Saturday and Sunday excluded; or with the City Clerk of the City of Perth Amboy (City Hall — High and Market Streets, Perth Amboy) during regular office hours (9 - 5, Mon. - Fri.), except for at least the last 4 days immediately preceding the close of registration, when the office is open from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. and from 7 P. M. to 9 P. M., Saturday and Sunday excluded.

Also the Municipal Clerks appoint deputies to take registrations in various other places upon the recommendation of the Municipal Chairmen of each political party.

Prior to the closing date for registration, the public is informed a number of times about the great importance of and the time for registration through paid newspaper advertisements. This is not only to keep the general voters informed but also to alert the new voters — those who have attained 21 years of age, the newly naturalized citizens, the newly married women, and the newcomers to the community.

Registration is permanent in New Jersey (without further registration) provided the registrant

1. Votes at least once every 4 years.
2. Does not become disqualified for failing to meet the conditions for registration.
3. Does not change his name by marriage, divorce, or court decree. If there is a change in name, one may vote only at the next election by signing his old name, but re-registration is necessary in order to vote in any subsequent elections.
4. Does not change his residence into a new County. If the voter moves within the County, within the City (into a new ward or district) or within the district, he must notify the Commissioner of Registration (313 State Street, Perth Amboy) not later than 40 days before election, giving the date of moving with the old and new addresses. If a person moves after 40 days before an election, he may vote in that election in the area of his previous address, provided that he signs an affidavit concerning the change of address.

**Absentee registration** is permitted only if a person is chronically or incurably ill, or totally incapacitated. He then must write to the County Board of Elections for a registration card. If ill, the registrant must enclose a physician's affidavit; in such a case, a duly authorized member of the Middlesex County Board of Elections or its staff will call to register him personally.

Members of the Armed Forces are not required to register. When they are released from service, if they have never registered, they then must register as any other citizen before voting. If they are registered, notice must be given the Middlesex County Board of Elections regarding change of status and address.

Naturalized citizens must meet all the requirements and, whether registering for the first time or re-registering, they must present their naturalization papers.

## VOTING

Only those voters whose names appear in the register may vote. Absentee voting is permitted under the following conditions:

1. Be registered.
2. Make application to the County Clerk not later than 8 days before any election for civilian absentee ballot, stating reasons for making the application. Acceptable reasons are (a) out of state on election day; (b) physically incapacitated; (c) chronically or incurably ill; (d) observance of a religious holiday on Election Day.
3. Have the application notarized before sending it back to the County Clerk.
4. If the applicant is unable to come to the polling place by reason of illness, the request for an absentee ballot must be accompanied by a doctor's certificate and state the home address and hospital address if the applicant is confined.
5. No person receiving a civilian absentee ballot shall be permitted to vote in person at the polls; he must execute the absentee ballot.

If the request is granted, a ballot will be sent to the applicant with full instructions.

Notice of time and place for election is given the public by means of sample ballots mailed to the voters. The public is kept informed about the candidates and the issues, through political clubs, by means of mass meetings where the public is invited to meet the candidates and to hear the issues discussed, and by means of paid advertisements, and by the voter service activities of the local L.W.V.

## ELECTIONS

**Municipal Elections** are held on the second Tuesday of May every four years. Candidates for local offices are nominated by petition which must be filed with the city clerk 40 days before election. There is no primary election for local offices. The qualifications of the voters in the local or commission election are the same as for any other election. These elections are non-partisan, but sometimes candidates agree to bracket themselves for the ballot.

Five Commissioners polling the highest number of votes are elected by the voting public by means of voting machines. "Write-in votes" are permitted if the names of the candidates are not listed on the machines.

**Primary Elections** in New Jersey are held on the third Tuesday in April of each year for all political parties. New Jersey has "closed" Primaries, which means that the voter must declare his preference for one of the two political parties when he votes in the Primary, and he must make selection

among the candidates proposed for nomination by that party only; however, "write-in votes" are permitted. Once a voter has indicated his choice, he is considered a member of that party and may not vote in the Primary Election of another party until he has refrained from voting in 2 successive Primaries.

**General Elections** are held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November of each year. National, State, and County officials are elected. The voting polls are open for each election at 7 A. M. and are closed at 8 P. M. Voting machines are provided at each polling place.

## VOTERS IN PERTH AMBOY

		REGISTERED	VOTED
Primary Election	1958	20,297	4,829
Municipal Election	1958	20,514	14,913
General Election	1958	21,468	14,870
General Election	1959	20,920	15,023
General Election	1960	22,436	19,521

There are never as many people voting on bond issues and charter changes as there are for candidates for office.

## ELECTION MACHINERY

The state has limited supervision over the conduct of elections, a Board of State Canvassers. Consisting of 6 members, the Governor as Chairman, the Secretary of State who is Clerk, and 2 Democratic and 2 Republican Senators is appointed by the Governor. The function of this Board is to meet and certify as to the legality of election reports and make official certification of election results.

There is a Democratic and a Republican **State Party Committee**. Members are elected by the voters in gubernatorial years at the Primary Election for a term of 4 years. They are composed of 1 committeeman and woman from each party in each county.

**The Middlesex County Board of Elections** administers and controls all registrations and elections. It consists of 4 members; 2 Republicans and 2 Democrats. These are nominated by the Chairman of the State Party Committee of each major Party and are commissioned by the Governor for a term of 2 years. This Board selects 1 of its members as President — salary \$4,500 — and 1 of the members as secretary, who also acts as the Commissioner of Registration for the County (salary - \$6,750.) His job is full-time. The other 2 members receive a salary of \$3,000.00.

The Board is responsible for all the voting machines in the County. This entails setting up these machines at each election, maintaining them and storing them. The machines are stored in a warehouse set aside for this purpose.

**The County Clerk** is elected by the voters for a term of 5 years. Among

other duties, he supervises the printing and issuance of election supplies, certifies election results to the Secretary of State and apports costs of elections.

**County Party Committees** (Democratic and Republican) consist of a committeeman and a committeewoman from each election district in Middlesex County. They are nominated by petition containing at least 10 signatures of voters within their districts and are elected by the voters in the primary election for a term of 1 year. The members of each County Committee elect committee chairman and vice chairman on the Tuesday following the Primary.

**The Municipal Clerk** is the election official and has complete jurisdiction and sole responsibility for Municipal Elections.

**A District Board of Elections** in each election district consists of 2 Democrats and 2 Republicans who are appointed by the Middlesex County Board of Elections. Each member of the District Board of Elections is paid \$20.00 for each election day, plus \$7.50 for each election for mailing out sample ballots.

**Local Party Committeemen and Women** are members of the Middlesex County Party Committee who are residents of Perth Amboy; they serve on both the County and Municipal levels. On the Monday following the Primary they elect a municipal chairman for the party. These committeemen and women represent the basic unit of party politics. They assist in the political organization work in their respective districts, in shaping party platforms, and in nominating party candidates.

**Challengers** — 2 Republicans and 2 Democrats may be appointed by each candidate for each election district in each ward in Perth Amboy where his name appears on the ballot.

## Chapter XIII

### INDUSTRY IN PERTH AMBOY

Perth Amboy is primarily an industrial city, with a harbor large enough for ocean going vessels. It is also served by three railroads and several major highways. The Industrial Directory of Middlesex County lists a total of 106 companies, large and small, making many different products from terra cotta, industrial jewel bearings, and food products machinery, to neckwear, men's felt hats, women's and children's clothing and cigars. However, the largest industries are mainly what are called "heavy industries", such as the metal and oil refineries and related plants.

In the non-ferrous metal field, the two largest companies are the American Smelting and Refining Company and the International Smelting and Refining Company (Raritan Copper Works).

The American Smelting and Refining Company, begun by Meyer Guggenheim, started in Perth Amboy in 1894. Today it occupies 75 acres of land and employs 1800 men and women. Many types of copper and lead products are produced as well as by-products. A parting plant on the property is the world's largest producer of silver and a major source of gold. A special exclusive process has been developed for casting continuously copper cakes as long as 25 feet weighing up to 17,000 pounds. Copper for this new continuous casting process is provided by the world's largest direct arc copper melting furnace.

The Raritan Copper Works of the International Smelting and Refining Company, a subsidiary of the Anaconda Company, began production here in 1899. The plant, which is New Jersey's largest copper refinery covers 100 acres, normally employs 1250 people and has a capacity of 48,000,000 pounds of refined copper per year. The Raritan Copper Works is also the largest producer of electro-deposited copper foil used in the fabrication of printed circuits for the electronics industry.

The California Oil Company with 1,400 employees is Perth Amboy's only petroleum refinery. Here, super tankers carrying as much as 8 million gallons of crude oil unload their cargo, which, at the rate of 100,000 barrels a day, is converted into gasolines, kerosene, light fuel oil, heavy bunker oil, asphalt and other specialty products. Of just one product, asphalt, enough is produced daily to surface 60 miles of 20 foot wide highway. The finished products are delivered by train, ship, barge and truck to millions of waiting consumers.

The other large oil company in Perth Amboy, Hess Oil Company, specializes in storing and distributing oil for industry and for distributor marketing. Oil is brought in Hess owned ocean going tankers to various terminals on the East Coast; the largest terminals of which are located in the Perth Amboy - Woodbridge Area. The oil is pumped from tankers into storage tanks and is then reloaded into Hess trucks and barges for re-delivery

to consumers.

The General Cable Company, makers of electrical wires and cable conduits, employs over 1,000 persons. It was this company which devised and made the cable used in the building of the great Boulder Dam. At present their products are being used, among other places, in the missile field.

The Syncro Machine Company is one of the largest manufacturers of wire drawing and other types of copper wire working equipment. The copper wire is used for telephone communications systems as well as for the transmission of electrical power. Copper base wire is also used for many other purposes such as for costume jewelry. Syncro, likewise, produces the large and expensive steel wire stranding machines employed to make the steel cables used for modern suspension bridges. Syncro also serves the aircraft and building industries supplying precision made components used in helicopter construction as well as complicated signal systems used in many modern elevator installations.

The Philip Carey Manufacturing Company, which started operating in Perth Amboy in 1941, makes products needed for home and industrial building. At Perth Amboy a large paper making machine using Jersey pinewood and wastepaper makes a felt paper, used as a basic material for other building products. The felt paper produced here in one day when converted to rolls of roofing, would roll out a distance from Perth Amboy to Washington, D. C. The Roofing Department makes asphalt slate shingles, rolls of slated roofing, tarpaper and saturated fabric. In an 8 hour period enough shingles are made to cover over 160 acres.

Another company manufacturing home building materials is the Keasbey and Mattison Company, which bought out Bona-Fide Genasco in 1956. This concern makes asbestos building materials and asbestos insulation, but the principal products made at the Perth Amboy plant are asphalt roofing shingles, roll roofing, siding shingles, saturated roofing belts, roof coatings and cements.

A third company in Perth Amboy making asphalt products is the Witco Chemical Company. This concern, a leading manufacturer of asphalt products, serves an unusually wide variety of industries. For example, it produces paving compounds for highways; vibration dampeners and undercoating for automobiles; roof coatings and tile adhesives for building construction; laminating agents for moisture resistant paper containers; battery sealers; acid-proof paint for ammunition; waterproofing compounds; metal protectors and scores of other products with equally diverse uses.

The National Lead Company has been manufacturing paint and lead

products in Perth Amboy for over fifty years. The well known Dutch Boy Paints and Enamels are made here. Lead products such as solder, lead pipe and bends and sheet lead are also produced in this plant. Solders are used in electrical and plumbing work, lead pipes in plumbing and water systems, and sheet lead in the chemical industry. The Perth Amboy plant also manufactures shielding materials used to protect personnel from radiation such as that emitted from X-ray machines and at the nuclear reactors and in nuclear powered ships and submarines.

The E. G. Du Pont de Nemours & Company has two of its smaller plants located in Perth Amboy. One is an electrochemical plant, making chiefly formaldehyde and the other produces ceramic decorating compositions. An elaborate filing system makes it possible to match the various shades and colors even some years after the original was produced.

The Welin Davit and Boat Company has been located in Perth Amboy since 1940. This company makes lifeboats and is the world's largest manufacturer of life-saving equipment. In addition to items manufactured in steel and aluminum, Welin was the first to develop and construct a U. S. Coast Guard approved plastics lifeboat in the United States. During World War II, Welin manufactured over 90% of all the boat handling equipment used by American flag vessels.

Chesebrough-Pond's Inc. is one of Perth Amboy's oldest plants and until recently conducted a large share of its product manufacture locally. However, although the hair tonic, etc., is no longer made here, its world renowned Vaseline in its pure form is still refined in Perth Amboy.

The Carborundum Company, with 385 employees is the largest plant in the world producing only super refractories. These bricks, shapes, and cements are manufactured from electric furnace products as silicon carbide, aluminum oxide, and fused mullite. Super refractories are used world wide to line all kinds of furnaces and industrial equipment.

Because of all of these manufacturing concerns with their many, varied products Perth Amboy is correctly known as an industrial city.

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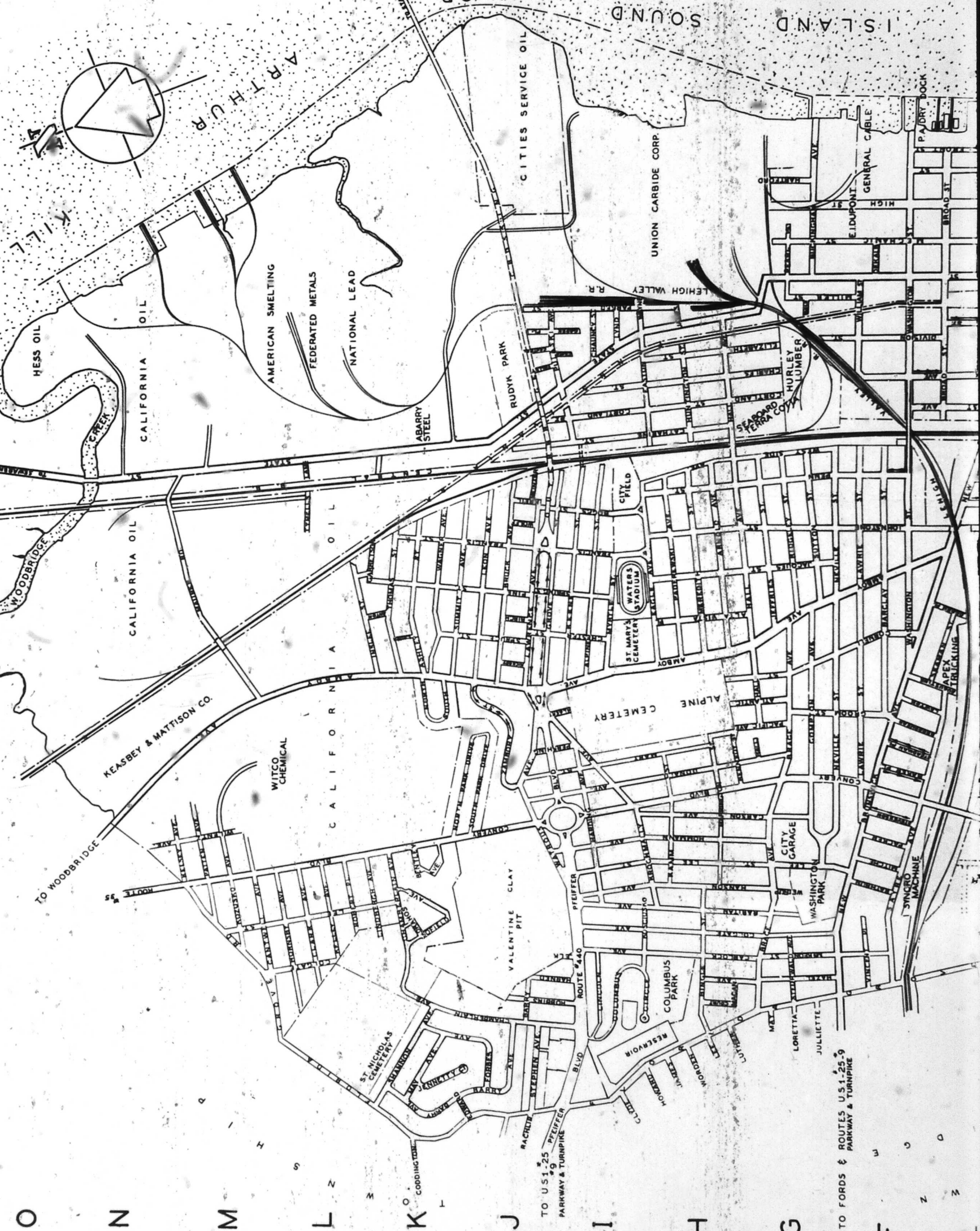
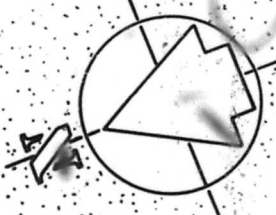
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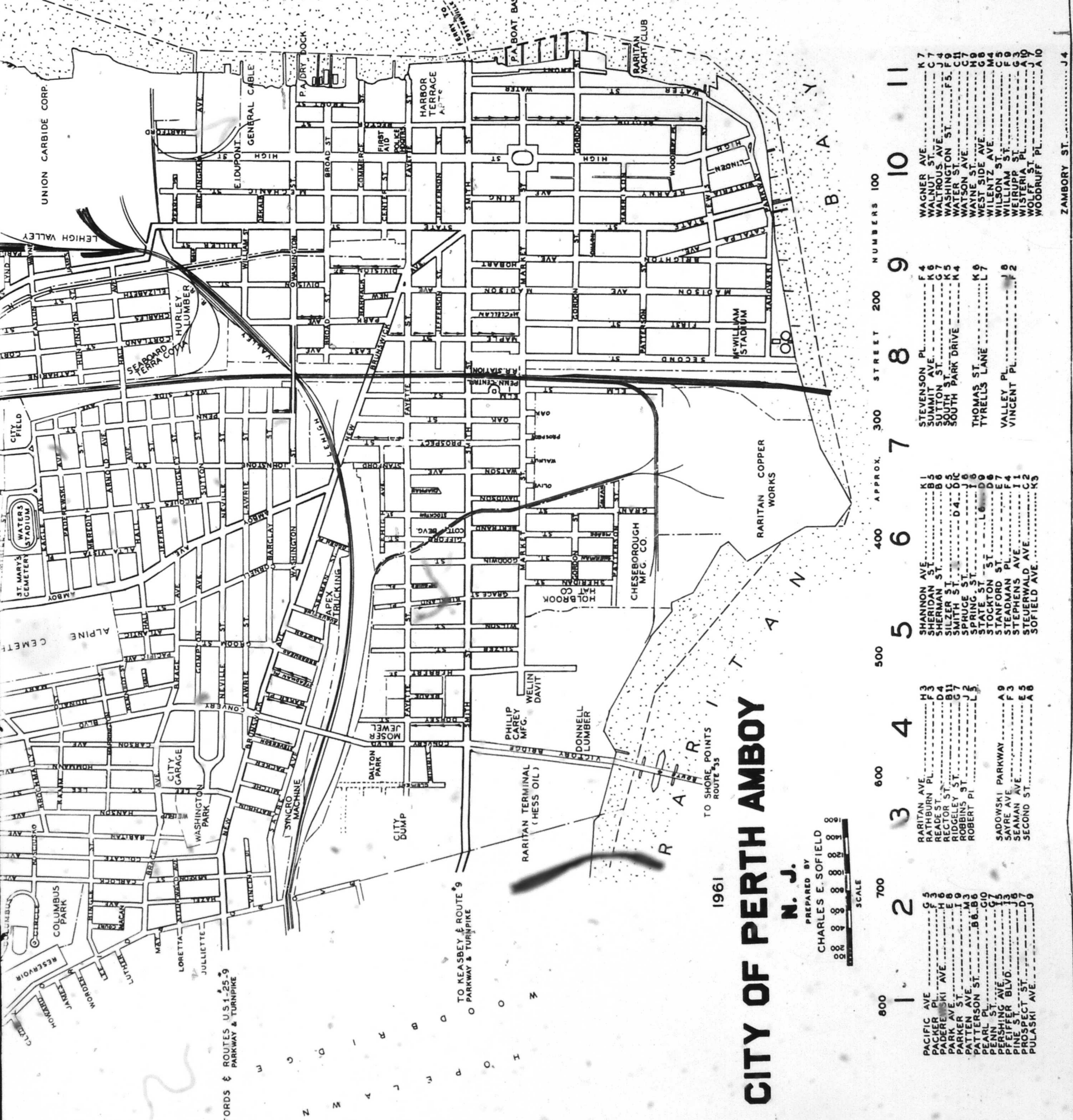
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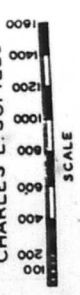


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