

SECAUCUS Home News

Secaucus, N.J. 07094 - Union 7-2071

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1970

PRICE TEN CENTS

50TH YEAR NO. 33



VISITS TOWN. U. S. Senator Harrison A. Williams is greeted by Councilman Howard Lightcap at Democratic rally Saturday in Keilp's. Williams made the trip from Atlantic City for the occasion. Others in photo, l. to r., are Louis Lehigh, Anthony Just, Councilman Elwood Rennie, N. Howard Elwell. The hall was packed for the occasion.

Funeral Is Today

Patrolman Dies Of Crash Injuries

Patrolman George Rennie, who was injured in a motorcycle crash last Friday night, died early Monday morning at North Hudson Hospital, Weehawken.

The son of Robert and Sarah (nee Forster) Rennie, of 172 Louis Street, the Secaucus Patrolman was born in Jersey City but lived most of his life in town. He was 24 years of age.

Religious services were held Wednesday night at the Mack Memorial Home with Rev. Marvin B. Cady, pastor of the First Reformed Church officiating. The funeral will be today, Thursday, at 2:30 p.m. Interment will be in Arlington Cemetery, Kearny.

Patrolman Rennie was assigned to a special 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. tour of duty which had been set up during what is called the "high crime hours." He was riding his motorcycle west on Paterson Plank Road when it crashed into a stalled auto

near Tito's. The auto was driven by William Dodd, 59, of 220 Griffith Street, Jersey City, and police reported he was pushing his auto toward a service station because it would not start.

Patrolman Rennie was a member of Local 84, Secaucus PBA, the New Jersey Honor League, the American Rifle Association and Fort Lee Gun Club.

The last town employee to be killed in line of duty was Charles Wittreich, a fireman with Engine Company No. 1. He was killed crossing Route 3 responding to a fire. That was on May 20, 1965. Wittreich was a retired plumber and the oldest fireman in his company.

The previous fatality was 37 years earlier when John Keilp, also a fireman, was killed when the engine on which he was riding overturned at the corner of County Road and County Avenue near Harms Tavern.