

Newark Gets Plan to Construct Garage Under Downtown Park

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NEWARK, Nov. 5—Plans for a \$5,060,000 underground parking facility in the center of downtown Newark have been submitted to the Newark Parking Authority. Frank Grad & Sons of Newark, architects and engineers, announced today that the details for a proposed three-level garage under Military Park had been completed and were under study by the authority. The facility would have space for 1,003 cars.

The authority will consider the plan as part of an over-all project for a comprehensive off-street parking program to match a local building boom in the downtown area.

The park is bounded by Broad Street, Park Place and Rector Street. It is a triangular plot of 5.9 acres, but only 3.3 acres would be used for the garage.

Architectural and engineering details call for a subterranean, reinforced concrete structure with a total gross floor area of 384,102 square feet, 270,810 of which would be available for parking.

Plans provide for two entrances and two exit ramps, all off Park Place. Ticket dispensing booths would be set up at the entrance ramps and toll booths at the exits.

Exhaust System Planned

The roof of the structure, according to the architects, would be four feet under the park's surface. The garage would have an exhaust system that would provide ten complete air changes an hour. Decorative kiosk-like surface structures would house exhaust units.

The garage would be operated twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Motorists would park their own cars at right angles. An elevator, escalators and stairways would provide access to the street. The first tier of the structure would contain a waiting room, offices and lounges.

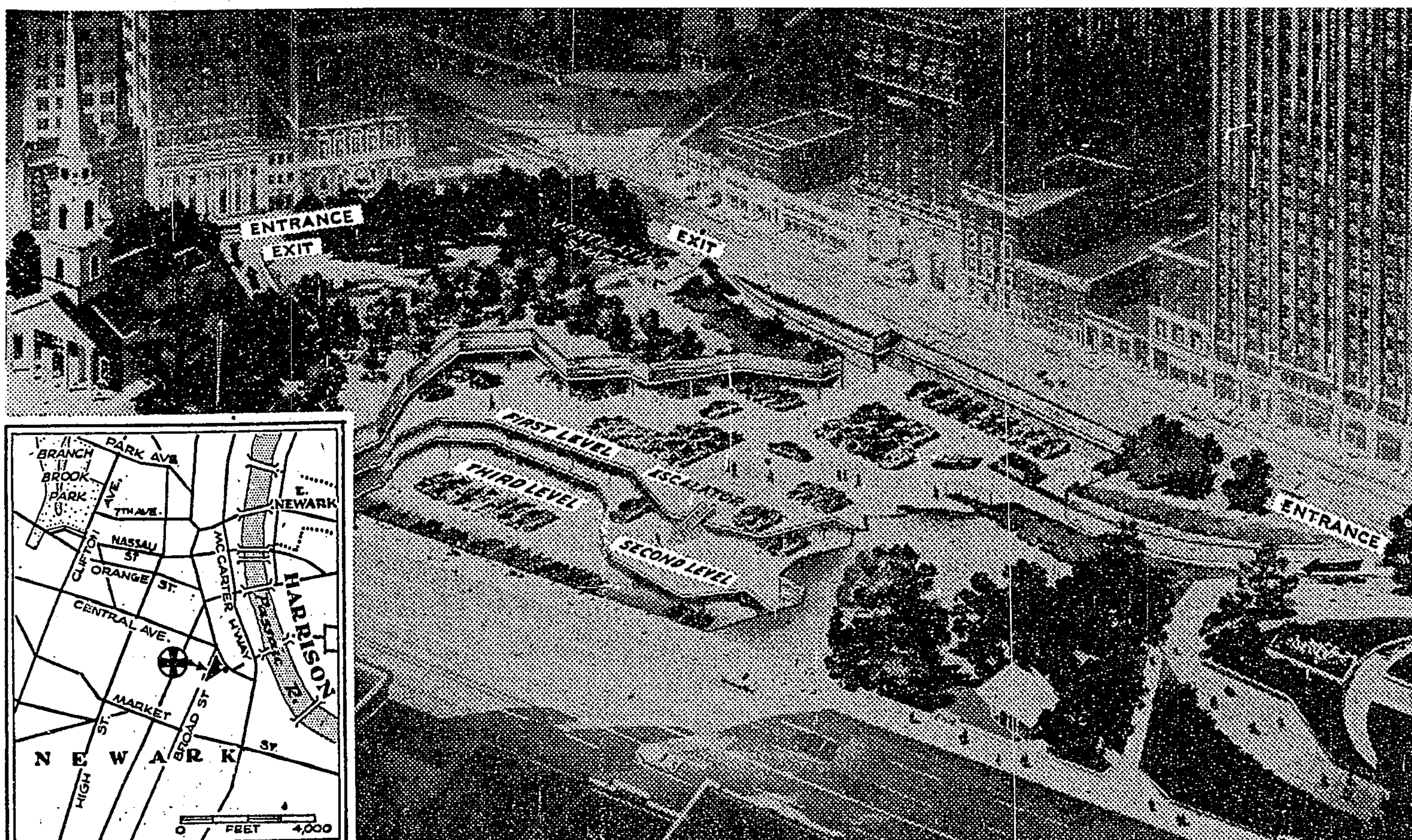
The park surface would be completely rehabilitated upon completion of construction. All monuments would be salvaged, restored and reset in their original locations. Sections of the affected area would be re-landscaped.

The problems yet to be resolved by the authority include the method of financing the project and whether to operate the garage itself or lease it to a private concern.

Mayor Leo P. Carlin announced last month plans for the redevelopment of about seventy-two acres in downtown Newark. The project would eliminate blighted business areas and make available new commercial and industrial sites.

The prime target would be the "skid row" area along Mulberry Street, a block from Broad Street, the city's principal thoroughfare.

Newark Considers 1,003-Car Underground Garage in Downtown Area



This is an artist's rendering of the proposed \$5,060,000 three-level facility (cross on map) under Military Park in the heart of the New Jersey city. Garage was designed by Frank Grad & Sons for the Newark Parking Authority.

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