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WEDNESDAY GOOD MORNING NOVEMBER 7, 1934

Dinner Pails—Dividend Checks

With the officials who will serve Rahway for the next year now named by the people, the citizens' important task is just beginning.

Now the people are faced with the responsibility of taking an active interest in the affairs of government.

Participation by the masses of people in the operation of their community has always been a crying need. Hardly a year goes by but the need is shouted from the speakers' platform and from the printed page. But never has the need been more demanding and necessary than at the present moment.

Never will we be able to have concerted public action on all important questions of mutual interest, because too many people are content to sit in their arm chairs and let the other fellow do it. Regardless of how much particular problems affects the everyday lives of all our citizens, many of us will be content to growl and complain about conditions—and then absolutely refuse to do anything about it.

However, even with this lack of participation in municipal affairs, the coming year will see a greater need for public participation in local governmental affairs than ever before in the memory of any of us.

The next year will be critical and on how well we solve the problems of which we even now hear rumblings will depend in large measure the future success of the city.

The people have elected their officials—and those officials are determined to give their all for the proper government of the city. But they need and want the support and active participation of the people whom they serve. They are not all slaves. No really honest man thinks otherwise. They do have some backbone, ground upon which to lean, but they must know what the people want, what they are thinking about and how they want the city government operated if the city is to be governed wisely and well.

There will be many municipal problems facing the city during the next year which should have the co-operative attention of every citizen. The ever-present tax nightmare will, of course, be heading the list. But there will be a problem of poor relief and creation of jobs; an internal sewer system to give Rahway full value from the Rahway valley trunk sewer and its disposal plant, the building of the late room of the church, with Miss Margaret Mansfield presiding, passed a resolution to extend heart-felt sympathy to Miss George Underhill on the death of her sister, Miss M. Louise Underhill, whose presence and fellowship will be greatly missed within the society.

Decide now to eliminate unnecessary talk and put your shoulder to the municipal wheel next year to the mutual benefit of every person residing within our gates.

To The Future

Age, mellowed by the experience of the years, is one of the finest attributes of any church congregation. In celebrating the centennial anniversary of Methodism, the 186th anniversary of First M. E. church, Rahway Methodists can look with pride at the history of their denomination as well as the local congregations.

The three anniversaries will be observed this month by the two local churches.

From these two churches have come the inspiration and teaching that has meant much in the lives of men and women who, through the years, have contributed their bit toward the building of our city. Today the members of the churches can easily look back and name men and women who have served well. They can also look with pride at the accomplishments of their church and what it has meant in the life of Rahway.

Thus we pause to offer congratulations and express the hope that the churches will continue to serve Rahway people as they have done in the past. In so doing we believe we speak for all of Rahway.

Visit Your Schools

When local citizens visited the various school buildings in the city to see their votes Tuesday, it was the first time many of them had been in the buildings since the primary last spring.

With National Education Week being observed this week, it is a good time for taxpayers to resolve to take more interest in the educational plant of the city which annually expends thousands of dollars to promote the city's most important function.

Teachers should be interested in their schools. The education of their children is an important consideration with which they should familiarize themselves. The Parent-Teacher associations of the city have worked a strenuous feeling of understanding between the school staff and parents.

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Death?

Nothing strikes so suddenly as death. Nothing is so horrible; nothing claws so maliciously at the very marrow of our being.

And unless we people of Rahway do something immediately to eliminate a very definite danger, death will unsuspectingly and suddenly drop into one of more Rahway homes and take another child from us.

We refer to the youthfully careless bicycle riders who hitfully disobey every regulation we have designed for safety on our streets.

Without regard to traffic lights or any of the other traffic regulations, including lights on their vehicles for night riding, these riders every day lay themselves open to serious injury or death.

The responsibility lies with parents and police to see that traffic rules are obeyed—and the lives of our children protected.

THE SCRAPBOOK

History of Rahway from Newspaper File
 Wednesday, November 7, 1934

Rahway 65 Years Ago

From The National Democrat—November 4, 1929

Last week a telegraph wire was introduced into the State House at Trenton to expedite the transaction of executive and legislative business.

Rahway 50 Years Ago

From The Rahway Advocate—November 8, 1914

DEATH TAKES AN OLD RESIDENT—At about half past nine o'clock this morning, Mrs. Mary Cook, one of Rahway's oldest residents, died at her home on Campbell street, at the advanced age of 84 years.

Rahway 25 Years Ago

From The Rahway News-Herald—November 4, 1909

Senator Kean was in Rahway early Tuesday with his big red automobile.

Rahway 15 Years Ago

From The Rahway Record—November 1, 1919

With a more decisive voice than two years ago, the voters of the city decided in favor of the trunk sewer project. The first district of the First Ward was the only one of the nine districts going against the plan.

Rahway 5 Years Ago

From The Rahway Record—November 2, 1929

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But there are other responsibilities which are of especial importance today. For example, the people expect their newly elected officials, in co-operation with the present carry-over officials, to do everything within their power to make the Rahway police department worthy of its name. How can we have a progressive community if our own police department is operated in a slovenly and none-too-satisfactory manner, the people ask.

The people will expect their officials to make a thorough study and solution of the relief problem. They will expect an answer to the thousands of dollars being spent for relief and how we can get the idea out of the heads of many who receive relief that "the government will take care of me."

The question of maintenance of city credit and the proper upkeep of city property, including streets and buildings is also laid squarely in the lap of those who are this minute being elected to office.

Continued support of public education and broadening of the scope which our schools will cover in the education of our children will be another responsibility which voters are today giving to their public officials.

The question of salaries of city employees will be another question which these officials may well be expected to solve within the next year. Will they find it necessary to continue salary reductions or will they find a means of bringing salaries up to their old levels? The people will be waiting for an answer.

These are only a few of the questions to which these men today elected to office will have to give serious and careful consideration during the year to come. There will be a hard job, no matter who receives public support.

Incidentally, I'd surely like know that story about Abie's Irish Rose.



Letters to the Editor

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By JAY ABE

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 Write as a column and
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 Don't do with boys
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She Had A New Habit
 Want to find out
 — show —

Why There Are No
 Auto horns that are
 — show —

Lies-It's All Known
 "You I can take the
 — show —

No Doubt About
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 — show —

Nifty, 1905
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