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CENTER OF ATTENTION . . . The Rahway Retired Men's Club Member-of-the-Month for December is Joe Mironowicz (at center of picture). He has served on the kitchen committee

for several years and is always available when help is needed. Ed Mette (left), Club President, and Fred Brown, Chaplain, helped celebrate the happy occasion.

P.D. to auction abandoned vehicles

Model years range from '77 to '85

Council also approves insurance coverage awards

by Pat DiMaggio
At Monday night's meeting, Rahway's Municipal Council approved a resolution authorizing the Police Department to hold an auction for the sale of eight abandoned vehicles.

The Police Department is authorized to conduct the sale to dispose of vehicles accumulated by the department's towing representatives. Monies from the sale are used to cover storage costs. Additional monies will be turned over to the City's treasury.

The sale will take place on Monday, January 22, at Ryan's Garage, 1062 Westfield Avenue at 10 a.m., at Johnny's Garage, 1677 Bridge Street at 11 a.m. and at Murphy's Garage, Route 1 and Scott Avenue at noon.

Vehicles to be auctioned by the Police Department's Traffic Safety Bureau include a 1977 Dodge Van and a 1978 Cimatti moped at Ryan's Garage; a 1977 Cadillac Deville and a 1979 Chevy van at Johnny's Garage; and a 1982 Dodge

Omni, a 1985 Dodge Lancer, a 1981 Dodge Aries and a 1979 Winnebago motor-home at Murphy's Garage.

Minimum bids will be established to cover towing and storage fees.

The Council also approved a resolution awarding insurance policies for buildings and contents, bonds and other miscellaneous policies to William H. Connolly and Company, Montclair, in the amount of \$13,864.

An insurance policy for police professional coverage was approved with the National Sheriff's Association, Alexandria, Virginia, in the amount of \$24,570 and a policy for public officials coverage was awarded to the National Sheriff's Association for a total amount of \$15,985.

A combined self-insurance/re-insurance program including Workers Compensation, General Liability and Automobile

Liability insurance proposed by the Rasmussen Agency of East Orange was approved in the amount of \$133,500.

The council also accepted the bid of Holt Machinery Company, Cranford, for a portable air compressor in the amount of \$10,728 for the Division of Water and the bid of Joseph Cheminat of Perth Amboy for a 1980 utility vehicle with snowplow in the amount of \$29,346 for the Division of Water.

Historical Society Announces Opening of Gift Shop

The Rahway Historical Society recently announced the opening of a Gift Shop in the Terrill Tavern, circa 1735 building located on the corner of St. George Avenue and Westfield Avenue. The Terrill, although not as well known as its neighbor, the Merchants and Drivers Tavern, has undergone rehabilitation and now enjoys a beautiful 1st floor shop, new wood roof and a new heating system.

The Gift Shop is manned by Society volunteers and represents a major source of revenue for preserving the two Taverns. Residents will be glad to know the Society will once again be selling the Luminaria kits in the Gift Shop.

These candle kits traditionally "light up Rahway" (and neighboring towns) on Christmas Eve and still cost only \$4 per ten-candle kit. Shoppers are urged to purchase their Luminaria kits quickly because of the large demand.

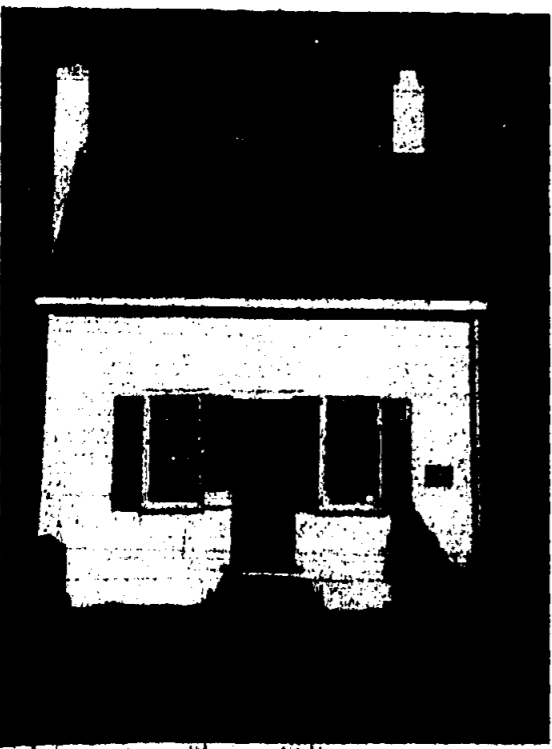
The society's Gift Shop, has a variety of gifts and goodies for all. Besides the luminaria kits, it features

holiday gifts such as whimsical Santa Claus carrels, hand-crafted ornaments and dolls, sachets of pot-pourri, tin works, and more. A special feature in the shop is the "Game of Historic Rahway", a trivia game with little known facts of our home town.

The Gift Shop is open for the holiday season every Thursday and Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The week prior to Christmas, December 18 through 22, the shop will be open every evening from 5 to 8 p.m. with special hours on Saturday December 23 and 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to accommodate last minute shoppers.



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TERRILL TAVERN . . . The historic Rahway structure (c.1735) has been extensively restored and now houses a permanent Historical Society gift shop.



THE TRADITIONS OF CHRISTMAS . . . Mrs. Albert C. Koehler (left), 1st Vice President of the GFWC-Rahway Woman's Club, introduces Mrs. Audrey Tappen, who spoke at the recent Federation Day luncheon in Rahway on the customs and folklore of the Christmas holiday season.

Woman's Club hosts Federation Day luncheon

Marking its 65th birthday the GFWC—Rahway Woman's Club recently hosted a special Federation Day luncheon meeting in Fellowship Hall at the 2nd Presbyterian Church. In the hall, beautifully decorated in the spirit of Christmas, President Mrs. Raymond F. Eggers extended a formal welcome to all Club members and GFWC guests.

Following a festive luncheon, Mrs. Albert C. Koehler, 1st Vice-President, introduced Rahway Woman's Club Past Presidents, 6th District Club Presidents, 6th District Chairmen, 6th District E.M.D. Vice-Chairman, State Chairmen and Junior Club guests.

Greetings and congratulations were offered by guests Mrs. George Weinheimer, Past President, NJSFWC; Mrs. Jerry B. Loizeaux, Immediate Past President, NJSFWC; Mrs. Charles Gautier, Vice-President, 6th District; and Mrs. Edward C. Arnao, 1st Vice-President NJSFWC.

Mrs. Koehler introduced the speaker, Mrs. Audrey Tappen, who presented a program entitled "Customs and Folklore of the Festive Season". A native of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England, Mrs. Tappen explained the origin of unusual ceremonies and customs of the 12 Days of Christmas, why we decorate with Holly, Ivy and Mistletoe, when the first decorated Christmas

tree was introduced, and, dating back to the 4th Century, who was St. Nicholas of Patara? Mrs. Tappen also described other interesting and different customs of her native England: the meaning of Boxing Day, The Wassail Bowl, First Footing and Stirring-Up-Sunday. The guest speaker who resides in Millburn, became an active stage performer at age 15 and, after majoring in music, played many leading roles with the Northumbria Opera Society and the Newcastle Operetta Club. Since coming to the U.S. she has become active with the Overlook Musical Theatre, Montclair Operetta Club and Chatham Community Players, where she has played many leading roles. Mrs. Tappen donates all of her fees to the local Cheshire Home for permanently Disabled Adults in Florham Park, Cheshire Homes in England and around the world were founded by Group Captain Sir Leonard Cheshire, V.C.—O.E. an RAF War Hero.

The enduring S.A. kettle

Since 1891, Salvation Army kettles have helped make Christmas a time of joy for those in need. This holiday season, when you pass by a kettle, be generous and help The Salvation Army help those who cannot help themselves. Let Christmas be a time when ALL can rejoice!



Celebration Singers . . .

There can be no better way to stimulate a sustained holiday spirit than with unforgettable renditions of traditional and contemporary Christmas music by a renowned glee club. That is what Rahway's Union County Art Center promises when it kicks off the holiday season by hosting the annual Christmas

Celebration Singers to bring 50 years' experience to Rahway concert

Over the past 50 years, The Celebration Singers, who will be performing at the Union County Arts Center this Saturday, have been known by several different names.

First known as the Esso Choristers, the group was founded in 1938 as an all-male chorus of Esso employees. They were sponsored by the Esso Bayway Refinery in Linden.

In the 1950's the Choristers were key participants in the Esso Variety Shows held annually at the Elizabeth Masonic Temple for audiences of 2,000. Later, with the company name change, the group became

known as the Exxon Choristers.

In the late 1970's, the group was sponsored by the Township of Union Recreation Department and became known as the Choristers of Union. Subsequent budget cutbacks found the chorus without a sponsor and facing the possibility of disbanding.

Determined to keep the group together, the members decided to incorporate and form the present non-profit, self-supporting group, called The Celebration Singers. They are now a 35-voice mixed chorus under the direction of Dr. Anthony Godlefski of Piscataway.

From its start in 1938, the

chorus has performed at many memorable events: a Christmas show at Camp Kilmer in 1956 for Hungarian Refugees; in the N.J. State Pavilion at the 1964 N.Y. World's Fair; at the 50th Anniversary of the Bayway Refinery in 1959; for the National Conference of Master Mason's Marine Square Club in New York City; at the Jamesburg Reformatory and Elizabeth jails; numerous Christmas shows at the Port of Authority Bus Terminal in New York and at Newark Airport.

In addition, many organizations have booked the Singers for benefit concerts. Local communities enlist their talents for Summer Festivals, Christmas Tree

Lighting ceremonies, bi-centennial celebrations etc.

The Group has participated in such fund-raising events as the Rotary International work to stamp out polio in third world countries and the Center for Hope, which helped raise

\$10,000 for its Hospice, among others.

The Celebration Singers, along with other artists in Union County, participated in the 20th Anniversary Celebration of Washington's Inauguration in Old Elizabeth Towns April 22.

Rahway Hospital auxiliaries awarded

The N.J. Hospital association presented 28 Master Auxiliary awards in November to auxiliaries who have attended continuing education programs designed to address healthcare issues and assist auxiliary leaders in managing their organizations. Among those receiving the awards were Rahway Hospital auxiliaries Pat Caruso and Shirley Levitzky. Aida Vasta, also a Rahway Hospital auxiliary was one of five to receive 1989 Auxiliary Achievement Awards at the same ceremony. The award goes to

those who have been rated as Master Auxiliaries for three years.

Forrest A. Brower, NJHA group vice president, who presided over the award ceremony in Jamesburg last month, said, "Auxiliaries are an integral part of the hospital team. They bring to the community and back to the hospital the unique opportunities of the community to support the hospital."

The N.J. Hospital association is a non-profit organization that advocates for patients and the public.



A VIEW FROM THE ROOF . . . Doug Nicol of Bricktown, left, and Angelo Margione of Fairfield take measurements as they work on the re-roofing of one of the wings of Rahway Hospital. This most recent hospital project, which encompasses re-roofing over the areas of Labor and Delivery, the Pediatric/Adolescent Unit, Telemetry, the Laboratory and the Radiology Department, will be completed in approximately two months.

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