

## The Rahway Record

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TUESDAY GOOD AFTERNOON DEC. 17, 1935

### Make Them Pay

Among the many worthwhile suggestions which came out of the city's recent crime conference was one made by Mrs. William F. Little urging charging of costs in police court here.

State law sets fixed charges for various court services but in Rahway this service is performed free of charge to those who are involved in court actions and is charged to the taxpayer. Few persons here know that Rahway gets very little of the money collected in police court.

When a drunken driver who has menaced law-abiding citizens on our streets or highways is arrested and fined, the money is paid to the city, the bulk of it. In a year's time the city's share of fines does not begin to pay the salary of the police judge, let alone pay for the time of the court clerk, the printing of forms and the time spent by officers on the cases.

Some persons use the court as a collection agency and after a fine is levied, they do not pay it. It is common practice when two automobiles are in an accident for one of the drivers to make a complaint against the other and then withdraw the complaint when the defendant agrees to pay for the damages. Such practice takes up much of the time of the court clerk who is already harassed by a multiplicity of duties connected with the court and police department.

When a police officer appears in court to testify, he gets nothing for his services. Most of the time he has to give a free evening to hang around the courtroom until his case is called. On the other hand, witnesses in cases are paid for answering a subpoena. Attorneys will argue that costs should not be assessed. They claim such action is placing a price on justice. An attorney cannot be blamed for this stand. He is tending the side of the defendant and wants as much in his favor as possible.

Correctly handled, court costs are not a price on justice. A fair judge such as Clarence A. Ward will not try and collect as much as he can just to bolster city funds. After all, the court is not being operated for the benefit of Rahway taxpayers. It is being paid for by the public for the benefit of those persons who have transgressed and they should be made to pay at least a portion of the cost of this service which is now assessed entirely against the taxpayer of the city, the majority of whom are law-abiding citizens. This expense would not be necessary if all persons were as law-abiding as the majority of those who pay for this service.

There will be a new judge in police court beginning next year. Why not inaugurate a new system of court costs in accordance with the provisions of New Jersey law?

### Brighten Rahway

Christmas at its best would little to us if we did not properly enter into the spirit of the occasion. And yet, it goes without saying that Christmas means a great deal to all of us regardless of the state of the nation.

That one season in the year when throughout the world we hear ringing the universal song of praise, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth, Peace, Good Will Toward Men," means something more to us than the depression, the next presidential election or any of the many pressing problems which face us. The Yuletide season brings with it memories of home, the joys of a homecoming, thoughts of our folks, wherever they may be, the gleeful shouts of the children as they scamper beneath the Christmas tree and the peaceful contentment that comes to us only when we are with those we love.

During this season we more or less forget ourselves; forget the trials and tribulations besetting us, and with one accord we join our fellow men in sharing a brief, joyful, peace-loving and somewhat philanthropic existence in being happy and making others happy.

The Christmas Lighting Contest which is being sponsored by the Rahway Junior Chamber of Commerce offers one avenue of great possibilities in making Rahway a city of beauty during the holidays. We can make it a place worth coming to, with little or no expense, if we join in this contest and make our homes display with whatever means we have at our command, the Christmas spirit and joy which dwells in our hearts and minds. Maplewood, Summit, the Oranges and other communities in that vicinity have, through similar contests, made themselves a Mecca to which thousands have come from all over the state to view and enjoy the Christmas decorations.

Why not make Rahway and Colonia as interesting, when so little effort is required, especially when in so doing we are making ourselves eligible to win one of the five valuable prizes awarded by several local merchants who are only too glad to co-operate with the organization in bringing the contest to a successful climax?

Surely the support of every family in this community will be forthcoming in this worthwhile undertaking of this group of young business men who have

banded together for the praiseworthy purpose of making Rahway a better place to live in. There are no entry fees, no obligations to be assumed by the contestants in this competition and the prizes are being distributed in such a manner that the lowliest may enter with the wealthiest on even ground. For example, the one set of prizes will be awarded to the best display costing the least amount of money; another to the most original displays, and another to the display expressing most clearly and definitely the true spirit of Christmas.

When prominent personalities such as our Mayor Barger, William E. Brokaw, Kenneth Baumann, Mrs. Jan van Herwerden and others have consented to act as impartial judges in the contest; when well-known merchants have gladly stepped forward in offering prizes to the winners; when church groups and organizations such as the Daughters of the American Revolution are applauding the efforts of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in its zealous determination to do something for Rahway, why not get behind the movement and make it something worth talking about for some time to come?

The application blanks printed in this paper must be filed not later than December 21. There are only a few days left to get them in. Let's send ours in right now and really give the judges a bigger job than they expected to get. Let's encourage groups such as the Junior Chamber of Commerce to keep on doing things for Rahway and let's do our bit to make Rahway one of the most beautiful spots in New Jersey this Yuletide season.

### the scrapbook

History of Rahway Newspaper Files  
Tuesday, December 17, 1935

#### Rahway 65 Years Ago

From The National Democrat—December 16, 1930.

This is no humbug! By sending 35 cents with age, height, color of eyes and hair you will receive by return mail a correct picture of your future husband or wife with name and date of marriage. Address: W. Fox, P. O. drawer No. 24, Fultonville, N. Y.

#### Rahway 25 Years Ago

From The Rahway News—December 16, 1935.

Plenty of skating and well is it being improved, the boys and girls are merrymaking with their coasting down the hillsides of Riverside park, while the jingle of bells, the laugh of young men and maidens, the flick of the snowball in the back hurried by the small boy and everybody merry and happy assures that winter is here and the holidays are at hand.

#### Rahway 15 Years Ago

From The Rahway Record—December 17, 1920.

Formal presentation of the large silver loving cup suitably inscribed to Protection Hose Company, No. 3, by Roosevelt firemen in recognition of the local company presenting the best appearance of any company in line at the dedication of new fire apparatus several weeks ago was made last night with fitting festivities.

A splendid dinner was served by Ben Moore followed by speech-making. Mayors Herman and Trembley, City Commissioners Harry Simmons, Chief Rapp, Chief Post, Assistant Chiefs Crowley and Way, Elsworth Miller, Arthur G. Schaefer, Robert Jeffries, Valentine Gleckler, Chief-elect Lloyd, Messrs. Albright and Strohach of Roosevelt, former Chief Henry L. Lamphar ably presided as toastmaster.

#### Rahway 5 Years Ago

From The Rahway Record—December 16, 1930.

More than 400 persons attended a dance in St. Mary's auditorium Friday night given by members of Court Victory, No. 449, Catholic Daughters of America for the benefit of the Christmas charity fund of the organization. The elimination dance was won by Miss Genevieve Ryan, Ford, and Lester Neary, Woodbridge, while the lucky spot dance was taken by Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Connor.

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"An habitual criminal cannot be reformed." No matter what sacred instinct within you this disturbs, society cannot safely anchor on any other ground; no matter if there is a spectacular reform, real or pretended, in one case in a thousand.

"The criminal lawyer, the lawyer who uses criminal instrumentalities, perjury, bribery and intimidation, and many criminal lawyers do, is just as bad as the criminal that he defends."

"Organized crime will exist as a business just so long as it pays."

"We are the most criminal people on the face of this earth; twelve or fourteen times as criminal as the most civilized nations of Europe."

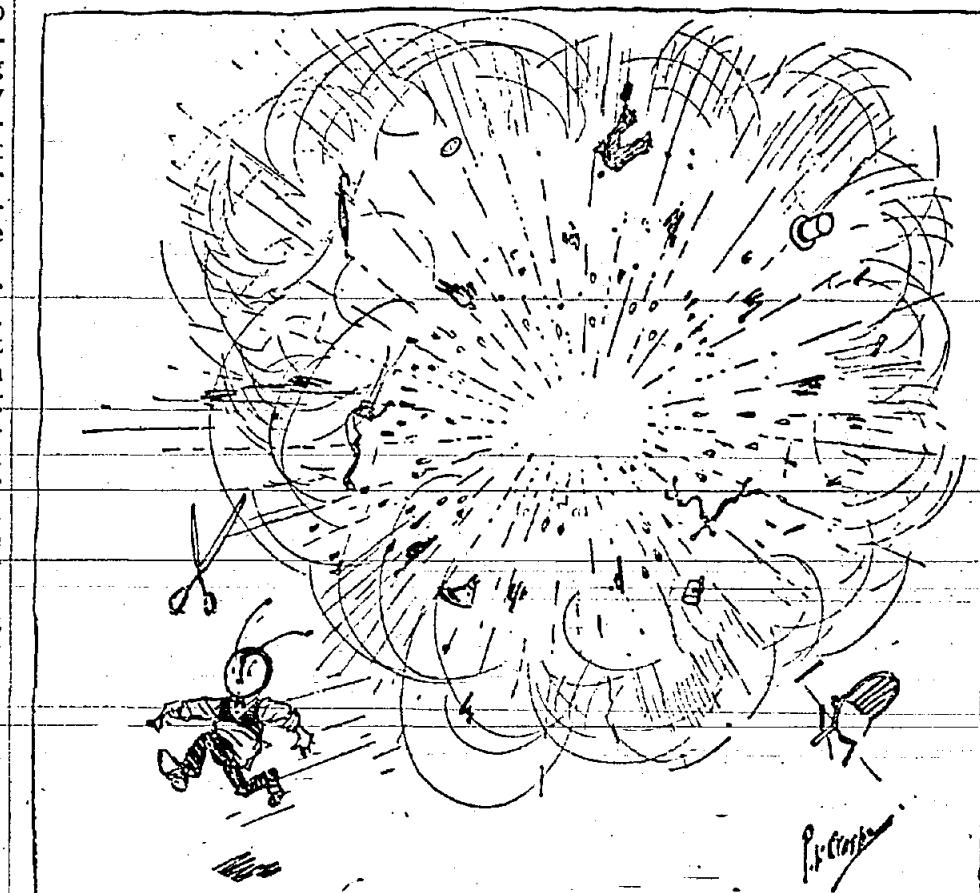
"Crime costs this nation one billion dollars a month. That's a lot of money, even now!"

"Less than one percent of the population of this nation is criminal-minded or giving us any trouble whatsoever."

He suggests a number of remedies which are the best I have ever heard. Of course, it would be difficult to have them adopted in this country where we allow crime to thrive but it's fun thinking of them. Here they are:

"Adopt a rule that a man accused of crime must

### The Kiddies' Bugtime Story



Tailor Bug: "What a fool I was to give Mr. Firefly gasoline to clean his clothes with."

#### JUN LEAGUE AWARDS

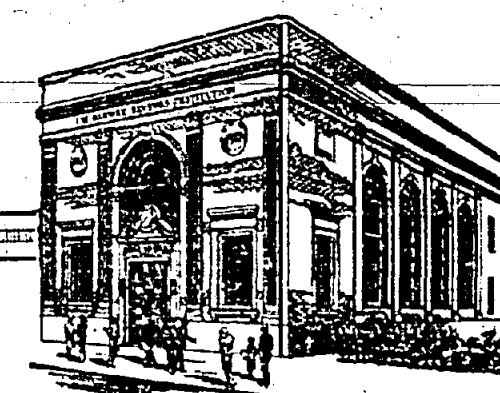
C. O. Connolly, Newark and George M. Oake, St. New Brunswick, won the awards in the Junior League league contest which closed Saturday.

"Let trial be held in any county in the state other than the one in which the respondent lives, or in crime was committed."

"A jury verdict in both civil and criminal cases should be a three-quarters verdict. Juries are bribed or fixed. One or two men are bribed or fixed and anyway, a unanimous verdict is always a compromise verdict."

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Truth and Poetry

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Side Splitter Of 1912

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Only with a high club

Lies We All Know

Our interest in each other

The King's English

Look at the fly by the

Add Truth and Poetry

The winning bathing

Is not much heard but when

Just So You Know

You don't have to play

Famous Last Words

This car will stop on a

### Always First

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RAHWAY, N. J., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1935

PRICE THREE CENTS

Always Fair

THE PAST IS GONE WE FACE TO DAY

Two One-Way Streets Are Sought Here

Farrell Place and Section Of Cherry Street Would Be Affected

Safety Council Raps Improper Car Parking

Plans to ask Common Council to create two additional one-way streets

Because of a marked lack of public interest in the Christmas lighting contest sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the committee in charge announced last night that the date of making entries will be extended until next Monday night.

Residents of Rahway and Colonia have been urged to enter their names in the contest. The contest is being held to raise money for the Junior Chamber of Commerce and to help the needy.

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