

## Large Crowd at Dedication of Firemen's Service Flag

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Over three hundred persons turned out Friday evening when impressive ceremonies were held by members of the Allendale Fire Department who unfurled its service flag, bearing twelve blue stars. The program got underway shortly after seven o'clock when the Department staged a parade through the Borough.

Members of the Midland Park Junior Drum and Bugle Corps led the procession, with the marching units including forty-six uniformed firemen, members of the auxiliary department and fire reserve units.

All speakers went over well in a program that included such notables as J. George Christopher, Fire Chief George Megnin, who officiated at the unfurling of the banner, which will be flown from the pole projecting from the front of the firehall.

These men were followed by Representative J. Parnell Thomas and Councilman Lyman Ceely, who replaced Mayor Louis A. Keidel.

### Thomas Speaks

Congressman Thomas, a resident of Allendale, was most impressive as he said: "We've a job to do in this country . . . because we've been stabbed in the back." Hitting home locally he added, "We are not a war preaching people, we'd rather go to Winter Brothers and gossip in small groups or go trout fishing in Saddle River.

"War has been placed on our doorstep, however, and we've got to win. We've got to be tougher than before. Our government has to be tough, our people have got to be tough. We must forget defense and now go on the offensive and do to Hitler and the Land of the Rising Sun what they wanted to do to us. Don't talk of basis of peace until allied soldiers view the buildings in Berlin and Tokyo. We must write peace in black ink . . . so as that we'll not have any more wars in our lifetime or in the life time of those soldiers serving us."

Thomas added, "We've got to be so victorious that these Axis tyrants know we can conquer them any time and that they'll never again start another scrap."

The Congressman told the audience that they've a job to do at home, that is to make those serving us happy in every possible way.

### Salute to Flag

Prior to the speech making, the

program was opened by President of the Fire Department Kenneth Booth and the invocation given by the Rev. Byrne of St. Luke's R. C. Church, Ho-Ho-Kus. The salute to the flag by Allendale Boy and Girl Scouts, who were joined by the audience and then the playing of the National Anthem over the public address unit.

The Rev. Robert J. Sudlow, rector of the Episcopal Church of Epiphany, Allendale, gave the prayer for the men in service, while the Rev. Herbert A. Sawyer, pastor of the Archer Memorial Methodist Church, Allendale, the benediction.

Those members of the Allendale Department now serving in the armed forces include: Archie Gamble, George Gasparini, Robert Osborne, Fred Van Horn, Allan Bogardus, John Fitzpatrick, Robert Hill, William Hill, Dr. Harry M. Lampa, Dr. Celric J. Ross, William Touw and Everett Straut Jr.

Throw Your Scrap Into the Fight!