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# Ambulance Corps Dedicates New Headquarters Building

## Allendale Unit Host To Officials, Residents At Ceremonies; Lothian Lauds Men

Borough officials, Legionnaires, and clergymen participated in dedication ceremonies which marked the formal opening of the Allendale Ambulance Corps's new headquarters yesterday afternoon. ~~Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> 1940~~

Councilman John Lothian, speaking in the absence of Mayor Louis A. Keidel, lauded members of the corps for performing a three-fold service — to God, humanity, and themselves.

### WEHNER REVIEWS

The ceremonies were opened by Carl T. Wehner, president of the corps who reviewed the history of the organization. Wehner related that the purchase of an ambulance in 1937 brought with it questions of where it would be kept and what organization or group was to be responsible for it. To meet these needs the Allendale Ambulance Corps was formed at the suggestion of Councilman Lyman Ceely on July 8, 1937, when 13 men of the Borough volunteered for duty.

Wehner said that the ambulance purchased a year ago was made possible through funds raised from card parties, carnivals, and the generosity of Mrs. Charles L. Denison of Saddle River, and that the building being dedicated was built to house the new ambulance and carry on the business of the corps.

One of the principal speakers at the ceremonies was former Mayor Kenneth Fisher, under whose administration an ambulance was first obtained.

"These men diligently learned the art of first aid and, although at first they had little to dedicate themselves to, they were dedicated to the task of building this home and in doing so rededicated themselves to a service long needed," the former Mayor said.

Badges of membership chaplains were presented to the Rev. Herbert A. Sawyer, the Rev. Patrick J. Maloney, and the Rev. Robert Budlow. George Christopher, chairman of the Building Committee presented President Wehner with a key. Commander Sherwood Butscher of the Allendale Post 204, American Legion, presented the corps with an electric clock.

The closing presentation was made by Harvie Davis, Americanism Director of the Bergen County American Legion, who raised the flag the Legion gave to the corps up the flagpole in front of the building. The flag-raising ceremony was accompanied by William Carshaw of the Harry B. Doremus Post drum and bugle corps.