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142 Girl Scouts Enjoy Annual Camping Event

One-hundred and forty two girls and 16 leaders and assistants of the Allendale Girl Scout organization participated in the second annual cook-out, campfire and overnight held on the Crestwood Lake Property of Stephen Van Houten Jr. last Friday.

The girls gathered with their leaders at the campsite at 4 p.m. started their campfires and made their beds for the night. After supper was enjoyed and the campfires put in order, the girls gathered around the huge campfire for the lighting ceremony and program.

Mrs. Wilbur Goetschius, vice chairman of the District Committee gave a few brief words of welcome, with Mrs. Martin Husing, chairman of the Leaders Association, explaining the placing of the logs on the fire by members of each individual Troop. The logs symbolized what each Troop expected to contribute to Scouting this coming year, based on the ten Girl Scout Laws.

Beverly Vincent and Gail Cauwenberghs, Senior Scouts of Troop 49, lighted the campfire, with large torches made by Raymond Fowler, after which the girls sang, 'Rise Up Oh Flame', directed by Mrs. George Lott, Music Chairman of the District Committee. Mrs. Lott also directed the remainder of the program, with the exception of two songs, with motions, which were presented by Brownie Troop 130, under the direction of their leader, Mrs. Raymond Fowler. All the Brownies sang the "Brownie Smile Song" with all scouts singing "Coming Round the Mountains". Parents joined with the girls in singing, "Down by the Old Mill Stream".

Leaders and assistants participating were: Mrs. Joseph Platt, Mrs. George Price, Mrs. Gerald Pierce, Mrs. Carl Waibel, Mrs. Robert Meres, Mrs. Raymond Fowler, Mrs. Robert Thomas, Mrs. William Illingworth, Mrs. Harold Fox, Mrs. John Cogan, and Mrs. William Hughes. Girl Scout Troop 53 which is still without a leader, was chaperoned by Mrs. Frank Panek and Senior Scout Paula Standing, and Senior Troop 49, also without a leader, was chaperoned by Mrs. Henry Forshay, also acting as a chaperon for Troop 149, was Mrs. Vail Frost. Brownie Troops were assisted by Mrs. Sidney Geismar, Carl Waibel and Raymond Fowler.

Mrs. Charles Cavanagh Jr., was chairman of the affair with Mrs. Frank Panek, as assistant. Charles Cavanagh Jr. constructed the large campfire and also supplied the wood for it.

The girls and leaders are very grateful to Mr. Van Houten for his unlimited use of the property.

SPAS' TROUNCE N. Y. SUPERB CHAMPS

superb pitching by Pete McNab plus an unusual defense proved too much for the Dunnigan soft ball team last Sunday at the local recreation park when the Allendale Spas took the visitors into camp 7 to 3.

The local boys pulled their first and third baseman all the way up the line which prevented the Dunnigan team from bunting, their favorite way of getting on the bases. This forced the visitors to swing and against McNab's speed they were unable to get a hit until the fifth inning. He struck out 12 men and allowed but 3 hits.

Fielding plays by Charlie Schubert saved several runs for the locals. Charlie's hitting was the heaviest of his team. Parenti did good work for the locals too.

This was the second time Allendale team beat the Suffern boys who are considered to be the outstanding team in this section. The first time the locals won the losers claimed it a fluke. This latest win should remove all doubt of who is the superior team.

BOY SCOUTS ENJOY VISIT TO POINT

On Saturday Sept. 27th, 22 Scouts and parents visited West Point with 62 councils participating.

Those attending from Allendale were Scoutmaster W. Buhlman, Scouts Greg Price, Dick Ivany, Bob Papon, Jim Youmans, Richard Acompori, Stephen Vesper, Fred Paulsen, Glen Hall, Mike Kunish, Bob Haefner, Fred Degner, Jerry Davis, Dick Kanning, Eric Johnson, Freeman Winslow and Bob Lehman. Transportation was furnished by Dads, Wilfred Paulsen, Ed Hall, Les Johnson and Weston Ivany.

On Monday Oct. 13th a Court of Honor is planned at Archer Memorial Hall at which time three new boys will be inducted into the troop.

SAILORS CAUGHT WHO ROBBED MAN

The two sailors who last week robbed Edward J. Krawczyk of Bayonne, forced him out of his car at the Allendale light on Highway 17, were picked up by police in Auburn, N. Y. on Friday.

The sailors told police they hitchhiked from Boston, where their ship, the Tarawa, was docked, to Newburgh, N. Y. where Mr. Krawczyk picked them up. They admitted having held up Mr. Krawczyk and stolen his car.

Mrs. Leo Polt, E. Allendale Avenue, will be hostess to a Girl Scout District Committee meeting, Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. All Scout leaders and assistant leaders are invited to attend.

Council Reverses Decision; Holds First Reading On New Zoning Law

The proposed zoning ordinance was given its official first reading at the Borough Council meeting held last Thursday night at Memorial Hall. The first informal public hearing on the ordinance will be held at the next council meeting on Oct. 9.

PLANNING BOARD ANSWERS PETITION

A letter from the Planning Board addressed to the Mayor and Council dated Sept. 21, took sharp exception to the petition signed by 465 Allendale citizens which asked that the Master Plan be put on the November ballot.

Francis X. Scafuro Chairman of the Planning Board, attacked the petition point by point and asked the Mayor and Council to review the petition and publicly correct the erroneous and misleading statements made in the petition.

The complete text of Mr. Scafuro's letter follows on Page 8.

TUCKER TO RUN FOR MAYOR HERE

John L. Tucker, 41 Elmwood Ave., a resident of Allendale for the past nine years, will be a candidate for Mayor on the Taxpayer's League slate.

Helmuth Falcke, president of the Taxpayer's League, announced Mr. Tucker's nomination and said that as a former councilman (he served one year during the term of Mayor Fred Burnett) he would be an experienced and able candidate.

Mr. Tucker is connected with the John Hancock Insurance Co. He has two children, Nancy who is in nurse's training and John Jr., a student at Ramsey High School.

PONY LEAGUE TO ELECT OFFICERS

The North Jersey Horse and Pony League will hold a business and social meeting tomorrow night at the Firehouse to elect officers for the coming year.

Phyllis Ahrens, program chairman, announced that record music will be provided for dancing after the business session. At that time ice cream and cokes will be served to the guests. All those who plan to attend are asked to bring their own box supper. Parents and friends are invited.

A League spokesman said that the meeting is open to all young people interested in the League and its activities, and stated that it was not necessary for prospective members to own a horse. All the League asks of its members is that they "like horses."

The past year's activities of the League included two horse shows, breakfast rides, a gymkana and a trip to Margaret Cebell Self's farm.

Committee members include Barbara Winters, Bill Goetschius and Claudia Crothers.

In going through with the first reading, the council reversed its earlier decision to delay presenting the ordinance until a preliminary public hearing had been held on it—although the usual procedure calls for reading and publication of the ordinance before public debate. At a previous meeting, the council, faced with specific and apparently organized opposition to parts of the zoning plan, had felt that they could save both time and money by holding off publication of the ordinance until a final draft acceptable to all parties could be drawn up.

The Council's action of last week in going ahead with the reading of the ordinance therefore came as a surprise. Equally surprising was the substantial display of public disapproval of the council's decision to disregard the routine procedure of handling ordinance and delay the zoning bill. It was this display of unfavorable public opinion that persuaded the council to go ahead with the zoning problem.

Thirteen letters from Allendale citizens, most of them couched in forceful language, were read at the council meeting. A good many of the writers were present among the audience of about 60 to back up their protests in person during the public discussion period. In general all of them said they wanted no further delays and that they thought the Mayor and Council had acquired too easily to the opposition's demands, which they interpreted in the main as a delaying action. All seemed to want no deviation from accepted procedure in consideration of the ordinance.

One spokesman for this viewpoint wrote that the council had "retreated, chicken-like" in the face of the opposition to the zoning plan, and another described the opposition as using delaying tactics as a means of preventing any action on the bill. He pointed out that a zoning plan had been advanced as long as eight years ago and that the opposition's tactics of delay had prevented its passage since then.

Fewer spokesman than usual were present for the opposition, which obviously was unprepared for the public interest shown in the zoning matter. The few who were there said they were disappointed at the new turn of events and denied that they had any intention of using delaying tactics against the ordinance.

They had expected a hearing in which they could present
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BOROUGH HAS 217 NEW VOTERS

A record number of new residents registered to vote with Borough Clerk, Charles Vollaro. Before registration closed last Thursday, Mr. Vollaro reports that 217 new registrations were recorded. This figure added to the 1280 who were registered for the April primary brings the total to 1497 in the Borough.

LOCAL SINGER JOINS SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Josephine Lott (Mrs. George P. Lott Jr.) 184 Myrtle Ave. has joined the teaching staff of the von Bartheld School of Music in Ridgewood. She will be in charge of the vocal department.

Mrs. Lott has had considerable experience, both on the operatic and concert stage and radio and TV. During the past five years she has sung with the New York City Center Opera Company, at Radio City Music Hall, and the Chatauqua Theatre. She studied voice at the University of Iowa and at Julliard School of Music in New York. As an instructor at von Bartheld School she will coach in French, German and Italian diction as well as voice.

Mrs. Lott is well known in Allendale for her interest in civic affairs, particularly the Girl Scouts. She has for some time given private voice lessons at home.

Her career as a professional singer started after the war when she and her husband came to New York City. At that time she became a member of the choir of Riverside Church. Having a desire for more study she entered Julliard and studied with Belle Julie Soudant.

Having three children, George Jr., 10, Janet, 7, and David, 8-months, Mrs. Lott has had to discontinue her New York career. However, it is noted, she will not be stopping her career, she will merely be transferring it to Ridgewood.

CRECHE PROJECT WELL UNDERWAY

The Methodist Youth Fellowship group which has been working on additional figures for the Christmas creche to decorate the church during the holiday season, has completed the figure of Melchior, one of the three wise men.

Beth Goodrich is reported to have completed the flowing robes to be worn by the figure Melchior. The complete scene being made by the young people will include the figures displayed last year and the new figures of the wise men and a camel.

NIXON TO SPEAK SAT. AT FAIR LAWN

Senator Richard M. Nixon, whose dramatic radio-TV address wrote a new chapter in American political history, will speak Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Fair Lawn High School athletic field, at 8:15 p.m.

Bergen County Republican Campaign Manager Martin J. Ferber said today that in the event of rain the rally will be held in the high school.

The response in Bergen County to Senator Nixon's unprecedented radio-television appeal to the American public has been amazing, said Sheriff Ferber. "I have been

flooded with telephone calls from party workers and in several instances from independent Republicans, praising Senator Nixon. Other party leaders have had the same reaction. It all adds up to one thing, in my opinion, and that is Senator Nixon will attract the largest crowd to Fair Lawn on Oct. 4 in the history of our County. He has captured the imagination of the public by his forthrightness and his sincerity. It is my belief that Senator Nixon will receive a terrific welcome in our County on Oct. 4."

COUNCIL MEETING

(Continued From Page One) their views and document them with copies of the ordinance and maps of the zoning plan which the Mayor and Council had promised would be provided. Mayor Leslie Johnson reiterated that copies of the ordinance and the zoning map will be available this week at the Office of Public Safety. It will also be published as a legal notice soon in The Ridgewood News.

After hearing the 13 letters, Councilman Frank P. McCord said he thought he had made a mistake in voting to change the procedure on the ordinance and recommended, so that the public could be informed before the discussions, that the ordinance be given its official reading. Mayor Johnson pledged that there would be as many public meetings as necessary to hear all points of view on zoning before final action was taken.

Councilman Henry Cobb said

that the only reason he had voted for the delay in reading the zoning ordinance was that he didn't want anyone to think that "all members of the Council were in favor of the ordinance as drawn."

Another matter, which dominated the public discussion period but resulted in no decision, was Pat Job's petition that a non-conforming status be lifted on his Crescent Avenue tavern property and that it be zoned as business. His petition had previously been rejected by the planning board. A letter from the Chamber of Commerce favoring Mr. Job's request was read, as expected.

The current question of whether or not to change the zoning of Pat Job's tavern on Crescent Avenue which now operates under a "non-conforming status" to a business zone came up for discussion during the time of public debate at the recent Council meeting.

Earlier in the meeting a letter from the Chamber of Commerce was read which recommended that the tavern be zoned for business. Mayor Leslie Johnson said the letter would be acted upon in due course of Council business, but John Lothian, Forest Road, fearing that the Council might be persuaded to grant Mr. Job's request, said that he would hate to think that the Mayor and Council "would sell out for a couple of beers."

"For one, Mr. Lothian declared, "think that the town could get along very well indeed with one less gin mill." Mr. Job took exception to Mr. Lothian's remarks and reminded him that he had shown little respect for the present Mayor and Council if he thought they would sell out for a few beers. He also told Mr. Lothian, "I don't buy my way through these things."

Mr. Job invited Mr. Lothian to come to his tavern and see for himself the respectable nature of the business he conducted and said that the invitation was not to be construed as an attempt to buy him off, but merely as an offer to come and see that "a modern restaurant that serves liquor is not necessarily a gin mill."

Mr. Job defended his business by saying that he operated an orderly establishment under the control of both state and local laws which had never been violated. He also said that he had "no assurance from the Council that his zoning request would be granted". Councilman Frank McCord told Mr. Lothian he very much resented the implication that

he would "sell out for a couple of beers." Councilman Mayo Harvey quickly remarked that the Council had "never sold out and did not propose to do so."

Following this swift exchange Mayor Johnson recognized Gil Job who declared that Mr. Lothian's remarks were out of order.

To this Mayor Johnson replied that during the public session of Council meetings any subject might be discussed, "including the price of onions in Bermuda." The Mayor did however call attention to the business at hand and the meeting proceeded.

Among the letters favoring immediate reading of the zoning ordinance was one from Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hutchinson, West Maple, which advised against unnecessary delay because "it would play into the hand of selfish interests."

"Taxpayers want developments restricted to a size making cheap developments impossible," the Hutchinson letter said.

Another from J. R. Foster, E. Allendale Ave., said "no one has been informed of the contents of the ordinance", and that therefore what opposition there is to it can only be surmised. He urged the council not to vary its normal procedure.

A. Gordon Arns, 84 Myrtle Ave., wrote that "the zoning ordinance needs to be read so that residents may have a chance to evaluate and discuss the matter in detail."

W. E. Bartle, 71 Maple Ave., pleaded for a strong zoning ordinance "Inadequate zoning

leads to a burden on the taxpayer," he maintained. Among the others were: J. Brunson Williams, 77 Powell Road — expressed approval of the official zoning map and wanted the ordinance read.

Edward J. Heagen, Heights Rd. — offered a vote of confidence for the mayor and council and said that "the proposed zoning will benefit the community."

C. Bardsley, 30 Elmwood Ave. — "Citizens are becoming disgusted with the delays," he wrote, and urged no preliminary discussions before the first reading.

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GIRL SCOUTS TO CONTINUE DRIVE FOR \$800 GOAL

Allendale has one of the largest Girl Scout programs for its size in the country. This fact was brought out in a letter sent to all box holders announcing the local Girl Scout fund raising drive.

The drive, according to Mrs. Fred Walter, 1 Cottage Place, chairman, has been "going very well." No figures have as yet been released on the amount of money received because not all the districts in

town have been canvassed. Mrs. Walter said, however, that the drive will be completed this next week.

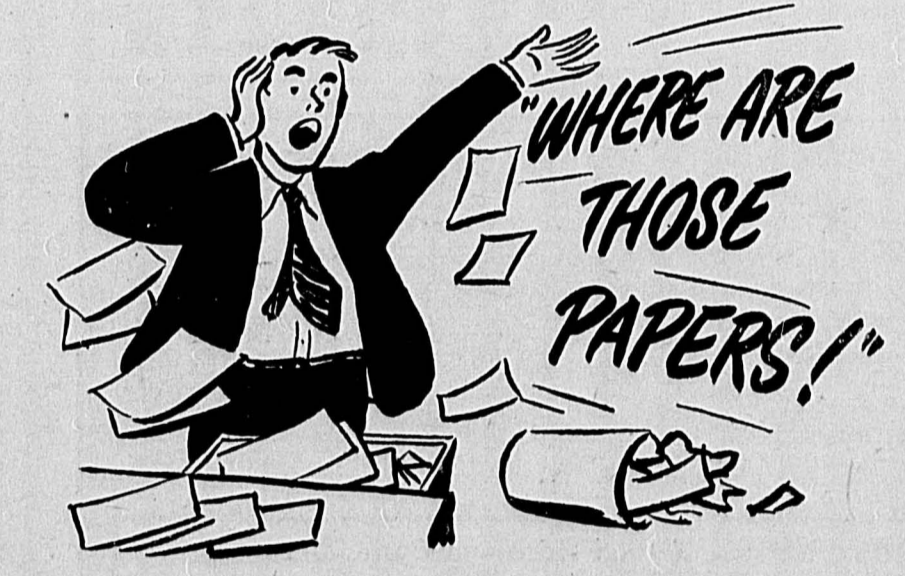
Mrs. George Wilson, New St. District Chairman, explained that the money would be used for such general expenses as the Campout which was held at weekend (see story), housing, ceremonies such as the Court of Awards and the Fly Up, uniforms and supplies for the leaders, troop funds, and a donation to the area Council for service rendered.

The goal for the drive has been set at \$800. A spokesman for the committee said that this might sound like a lot of money but actually when it was broken down into individual allotment, the cost per Girl Scout for the year is just a little more than \$5.

The committee feels that this amount is not very much to keep the Scout program going and hopes for the generous support of the townspeople in raising the necessary \$800. Another fact brought out by

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Councilman William Illingworth was sworn in as a deputy sheriff at the fourteenth annual meeting of the Bergen County Deputy Sheriffs' Association, held last Saturday night at the home of John B. Schockert, Elm St.

The meeting was attended by Congressman William B. Widnall and Bergen County Freeholder Chester Smeltzer.

Patricia V. Christopher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Christopher, 30 Walnut Place, is a member of the freshman class at Beaver College, Jenkintown, Pa. She has been enjoying orientation week, which is held prior to the regular to help the new girls get acquainted with other incoming school session, and is deemed a freshman. Patricia graduated last June from Ramsey High School. She plans to major in Biology at Beaver.

Mrs. Wilson is that no girl has to wait to get into the Scout program in Allendale because of insufficient leadership or inadequate troop facilities.

Mrs. Walter announced the area chairmen of the drive: Mrs. Albin Anderson, Mrs. J. R. Foster, Mrs. George Lott, Mrs. A. E. Peterson, Mrs. W. H. Muhlman, Mrs. Stewart Archibald. These chairmen have appointed their own committee members who are conducting the house to house canvass.

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John B. Schockert, president, announced that Mr. Lavigna and Herb Plaska shot 16 crows and hawks last Saturday at Morris County. A ground posting group of 75 will leave Sunday morning at 9 a.m. for Oak Ridge and Milton.

Surviving are his wife Gustava, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Hoyt, New York City. Funeral arrangements were made by Van Emburgh Mortuary, Ridgewood, Interment was in Maryrest Cemetery, Darlington.

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Kindly permit me to call your attention to the concentration of power in the hands of a few, where else should we look but to the small appointed group of the Allendale Planning Board and their advocates. Where else need one go to find a group, probably well meaning yet with a fundamental lack of knowledge of the job necessary and with so little practical background for such a vital program.

There are many in this community both willing and capable to perform the task of sensible planning and who would not have made a fiasco of the entire program. I believe they, the Planning Board should have taken into consideration the various aspects of the community and endeavor to fit the ideas of the various property owners into the plan, instead of devising a monstrosity and having the gall to attempt to jam it thru the governing body regardless of the public opposition.

The Chairman and other members of the Planning Board have stated from out of the three meetings which were held for the purpose of public discussion, not a single constructive criticism was presented, yet they hastily closed the last meeting, made alterations of major importance to the original plan, approved and adopted its revised version. In plain words Mr. and Mrs. property owner, anyone who opposes their utopian dream is considered irrational and unworthy of consideration, yet we are residing in America, not Russia.

People of Allendale, this arbitrary attitude is not just confined to the Planning Board, its also evident in the Council, our governing body, the so called Supreme Court of the Municipality in which we live. Thank goodness there are on the Council at least some who are willing to listen to our pleas and whom we believe will not be bullied nor led into voting into being, zoning which would become detrimental to many property owners and the community at large. George M. Wilson

FLOWER SHOW TO BE HELD IN NOV. The September meeting of the Allendale Garden Club was held last Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bradley.

A Fall and Winter Show will be held at the Epiphany Parish House on Nov. 22 and 23 with Mrs. L. R. McPeck as general chairman. A number of members participated in the Bergen County Federation of Garden Clubs' Flower Show held at the "Y" in Ridgewood. The Club exhibit arranged by Mrs. A. J. Bradley and Mrs. Hans Loen won an Honorable Mention. In the invitation classes the Club won a blue for its entry in a niche and second prize was awarded to John Doty for his shadow box. Mrs. Hans Loen also received Honorable Mention for her entry in the class featuring handmade ceramics.

After the business meeting Mr. Frank Scherby of Hasbrouck Heights gave an informative talk on attracting and keeping birds around the yard. Various ways in which this may be accomplished is always having plenty of water available for both drinking and bathing; planting shrubs and bushes, especially those with berries, or which birds may feed; scattering bits of string about for nest building material. His talk was accompanied by colored slides showing the many kinds of berries on which birds feed. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Dunn, Mr.

JUNIOR WOMEN PAINTING TILES Sixteen members and guests attended the first Art Department meeting of the Woman's Club held last Tuesday at the home of the chairman, Mrs. Martin E. Husing.

Mrs. Bradley Rhodes of Allendale a graduate of Pratt Institute, spoke and demonstrated to the group the techniques of Silk Screening and Tile Painting. Yesterday morning the Art Department met for the first of its Thursday morning work sessions. The members are painting tiles to be sold at the Little Bazaar which will be sponsored by the Woman's Club early this winter.

and Mrs. Martin Husing, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. McPeck, Mr. and Mr. William Quaintance, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Standing, Mrs. H. E. Ahern, Mrs. P. S. Doty, Mrs. Hans Loen, Mrs. J. S. Morris, Mrs. S. E. Staines, Mrs. E. R. de Beixodon, Miss Marie Quackenbush, Earl Conklin, John Doty and Roy Quackenbush.

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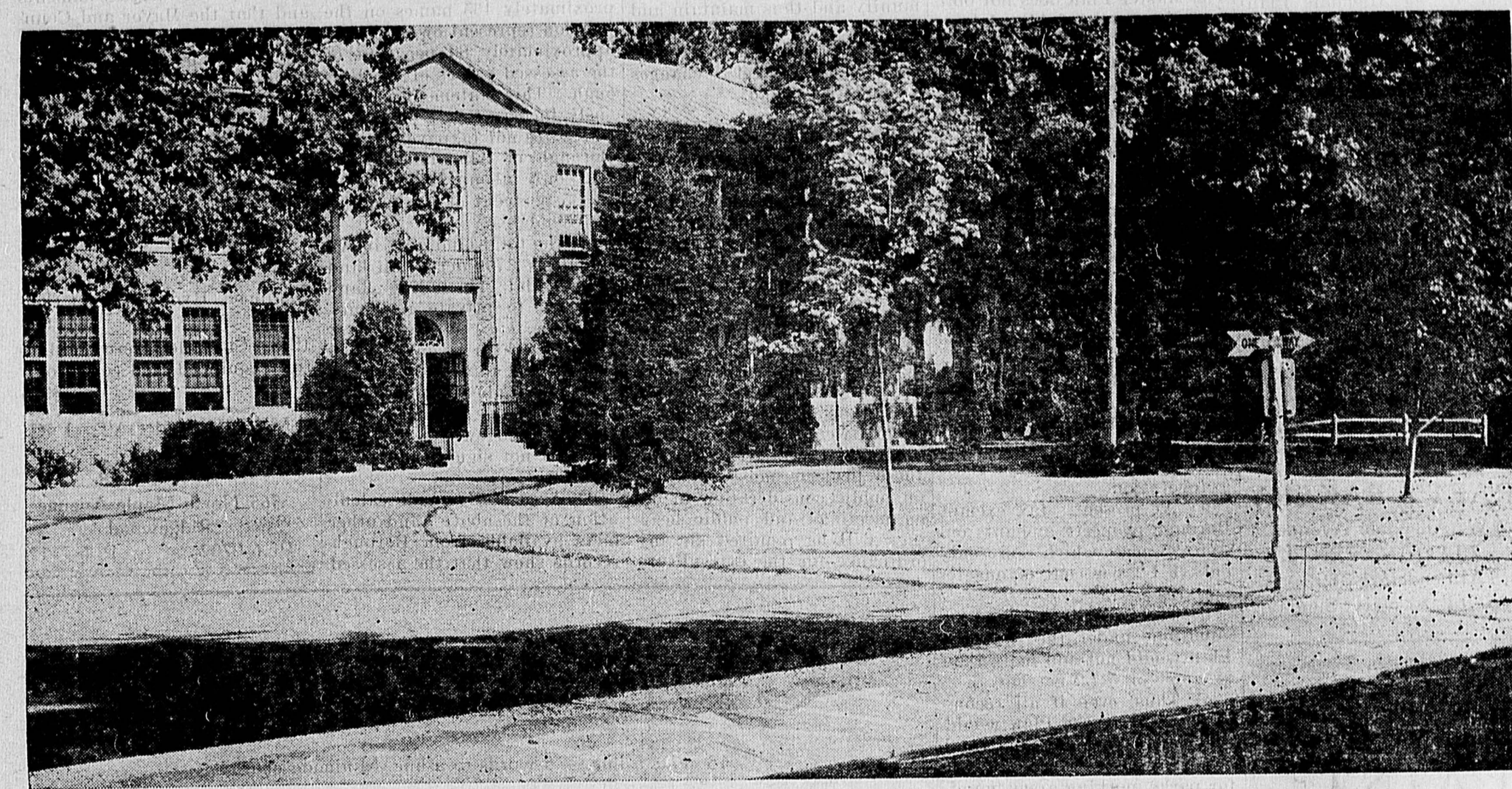
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At a special meeting of your Planning Board on September 17th, consideration was given to the petition presented by Attorney Dwyer in reference to the Comprehensive Plan adopted by the Allendale Planning Board.

Having carefully examined the petition, the Board wishes to place before you the following comments in relation to each of the paragraphs in the petition:

Paragraph 1:

The Comprehensive Plan was modified and regularly adopted by the Planning Board at a meeting on August 8, 1952, pursuant to the procedures est-

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ablished by State Statute, which fact was announced publicly. Before any action on any part of the Plan will be attempted, the people of Allendale will have a chance to be heard. No projects involving expenditure of public funds can be undertaken without the usual action and hearings before the Mayor and Council. The Master Plan does not obligate the people of Allendale or its elected representatives. The purpose of this Plan is to aid the Planning Board in carrying out its functions and in making recommendations to the Mayor and Council and the Board of Education.

Paragraph 2:

The contention that the Plan proposes unnecessary burdens to taxpayers is contrary to fact. On the contrary, the more orderly development to be achieved through the Plan will result in tax savings for Allendale taxpayers.

Paragraph 3:

The statement that under the Plan 1-3rd or 33 percent of the taxable area would become exempt is incorrect and a gross exaggeration.

a) At present, tax exempt Borough property amounts only to 25 acres which represents only 1 1-2 per cent of our total area.

b) The most liberal land acquisition under the adopted Plan would not add more than 98 acres or 5 1-2 percent.

c) Thus, even if all recommendations in the Plan would ever be carried out, the total area (exempt from taxation) for parks, parking areas, municipal buildings and schools would not increase the total tax exempt area for such purposes to more than 7 per cent. (And this would include areas now owned and taxed exempt).

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have enjoyed constitutional tax exemption for generations. Paragraph 4:

The Comprehensive Plan placed particular emphasis on improving the flow of traffic so that it would move easily and directly between points on streets of adequate width to achieve the greatest possible safety and quiet for our community and thus maintain and increase property values. The adopted Master Plan does not recommend street changes around the school.

Paragraph 5:

The "existing Master Plan" referred to in the petition is only a Zoning Map and is not a Master Plan of the kind defined in and required by the State Municipal Enabling Act. Paragraph 6:

The recommendation that the Master Plan be submitted to a referendum vote of the people of Allendale is not practical because the Plan includes a variety of subjects and projects to be considered for execution over a twenty to thirty year period. Of necessity, many of these projects must come up on public consideration in open meetings and public hearings will be required on any ordinance for the expenditure

of funds; also, referendums may be resorted to as need arises with specific projects. It is for these reasons that the State law fixes the responsibility for the making and the adoption of a Master Plan solely on the Planning Board.

Mr. Dwyer's letter presenting the petition to the Mayor and Council states that the approximately 465 names on the petition represent ownership of approximately 80 per cent of the assessed values of the Borough. This statement is obviously incorrect. which are not taxpayers to the Borough of Allendale) represent only about 175 families, or, 35 per cent of the families in Allendale.

b) The total land area in Allendale is 1,790 acres. All land in Allendale (including land attached to private residents, buildings, etc.) is assessed at \$600,000 which is only 25 per cent of the total Borough assessment of about \$2,400,000.

c) A sizeable number of substantial land owners in Allendale did not sign the petition, therefore.

d) A carefully made calculation of the above and other facts available from Borough records show that the assessed

valuation of property owned by signers of the petition cannot be more than 30 per cent of the total Borough assessments and not 80 per cent as claimed by Mr. Dwyer.

May we respectfully recommend that the Mayor and Council review the Dwyer petition in the light of the above carefully considered comments and that the Mayor and Council take appropriate steps at the earliest possible moment to publicly correct the erroneous and misleading statements made in the petition.

Francis X. Scauro, Chairman
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