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thereupon took acknowledgement of the incorporators, and the Allendale Fire Association was an accomplished fact. The enrollment of members was as follows, 24 civil, 32 active and 1 honorary, 57 in all. William Dew-snap was elected President, William Talman, Vice President; Treasurer, J. M. Christopher; Chief, R. W. Steele; Foreman, V. J. Braun; Assistant Foreman, Max Scholz; 2nd Assistant Foreman, Arthur Dathe.

The following committees were then appointed, Apparatus, Entertainment, Solicit Contributions and Alarm. Dues were set at 25 cents a month and pledges accepted. The Silk City Deposit & Trust Co., Paterson, N. J. was named the official bank. The Committee reported that the second hand Hook and Ladder truck, for sale at Dundee Lake, N. J. was not suitable.

In checking the minutes of the newly formed association, one can readily see that much interest and financial assistance was given by the members and citizens of the borough, in the early years of its existence.

2/17/10 Alarm Committee reported that the Erie R.R. would furnish 8 iron tires at \$22.50 per long ton. Lumber used to construct frames, so that the iron tires could be hung was donated by R. J. & J. M. Christopher.

2/22/10 Purchased six 3 gallon Chemical Extinguishers, not to exceed \$6.90 @ less 2%.

3/8/10 Resolution was passed that the Borough Council be thanked for the prospective quarters in the contemplated Municipal Building. The Rev. J. W. Jackson and the Rev. H. Bleach, appointed as Chaplains.

3/17/10 Motion made and seconded to purchase a New Hook and Ladder Truck from the Combination Ladder Co. as per specifications submitted for \$995.00.

4/14/10 Two members fined each 25c, "Absence without excuse." Treasurer reports \$768.00 subscribed, cash balance \$588.30.

5/5/10 Alarm committee was directed to request the borough council to draft ordinance covering penalty for maliciously sounding a false alarm.

6/28/10 Alarm Committee reported, all fire alarms erected. Motion mad eto attend 4th of July parade, uniform as follows — white duck trousers, white shirt, black belt, shoes and tie, white cotton gloves and to carry canes with flags attached. Orders from the Chief, NO SMOKING IN LINE FINE TO BE IMPOSED FOR

NONATTENDANCE.

8/18/10 Communication from Seagrave H. & L. Co. notifying the Association of the arrival of Hook and Ladder truck. Question arose for suitable place to house truck. Mr. Mallinson's paint shop unfit for purpose. Mr. Braun's offer to house truck in barn next to Hotel accepted.

9/8/10 A vote of thanks extended to H. J. Knack for loaning team of horses and harness for Labor Day parade.

12/13/10 An invitation from Glen Rock Fire Co. to attend their Fair and Supper, Dec. 15-16-17, 1910, at the Glen Rock Schoolhouse. Chief R. W. Steele reported that conveyance from the Ridgewood R. R. Station would be furnished by the Glen Rock Fire Co.

6/15/11 Inventory of the Association's assets as follows — 1 truck, 6 extinguishers, 6 rubber buckets, 24 galvanized pails, 8 ladders, rope hook and chain, 1 wrecking bar, 2 roof hooks, 2 axes, ONE WHIP, 1 crow bar, 1 barrel of soda, 1 tank of acid, 8 alarms and 8 hammers.

9/7/11 Dr. Harry Archer was proposed and elected an active member of the association in respect of his past favors. Mr. Samuel C. Brower presented the Association with an enlarged picture of the fire truck.

10/19/11 Entertainment Committee reported that they had made arrangements for the hall at Saddle River and music had been secured for the Ball to be held to raise money for uniforms. This was held on the evening of November 29, 1911. Financial report shows that \$213.50 was taken in with expenses of \$89.41 and a profit of \$124.09. (Oh yes it also shows that William McGill was fined \$1.00 for his conduct at the Ball.)

2/1/12 Voted by the Association to purchase 1 dozen helmets at a cost not to exceed \$3.50 each. As the borough was growing it was decided that they would require additional alarms.

3/12/12 The following resolution was passed, that the first team of horses to arrive at the fire house when needed, the owner shall be paid the sum of \$5.00. A committee was appointed to contact Councilman Cockroft, in regards to town hall site.

4/12/12 Three new alarms had been secured and installed. A communication from the Ramsey Fire Department, enclosing check for \$30.00, in appreciation

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for assistance rendered them at the Ramsey fire.

6/24/12 Chief Braun reports that he has sold the property on which the fire truck is stored, but will donate the barn to the Association. Mrs. Margaret Yeomans donated a 25'x50' piece of ground on which to place the barn, for a fire house. Arrangements would have to be made with the Erie R.R. for right of way from lot to Park Ave.

10/7/12 A meeting of the Building Committee, of the A.F.A. was held at the residence of George Parigot. Mr. Dewsnap produced a lease from the Erie R.R. giving to the Association the right of way, for the sum of \$1.00, per annum. Plans for a new building were discussed and a special meeting called for 10/11/12, to obtain authority to proceed.

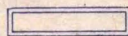
10/11/12 Mr. John Yeomans reported that he would donate a 50'x100' lot instead of former offer, if the Association would raise \$1,000.00 by public subscription within one year from date, toward the new building. A vote of thanks to Mr. Dewsnap for his offer to draw the plans for the new building without charge.

12/19/12 Contract was awarded to S. T. Van Houten Jr. to erect the fire house for the sum of \$6712.00. The well was dug by Mr. LeBarren for the sum of \$82.00. Electrical by A. C. Burnett of Ridgewood for \$135.00, Hardware for \$118.00, Plumbing by L. E.

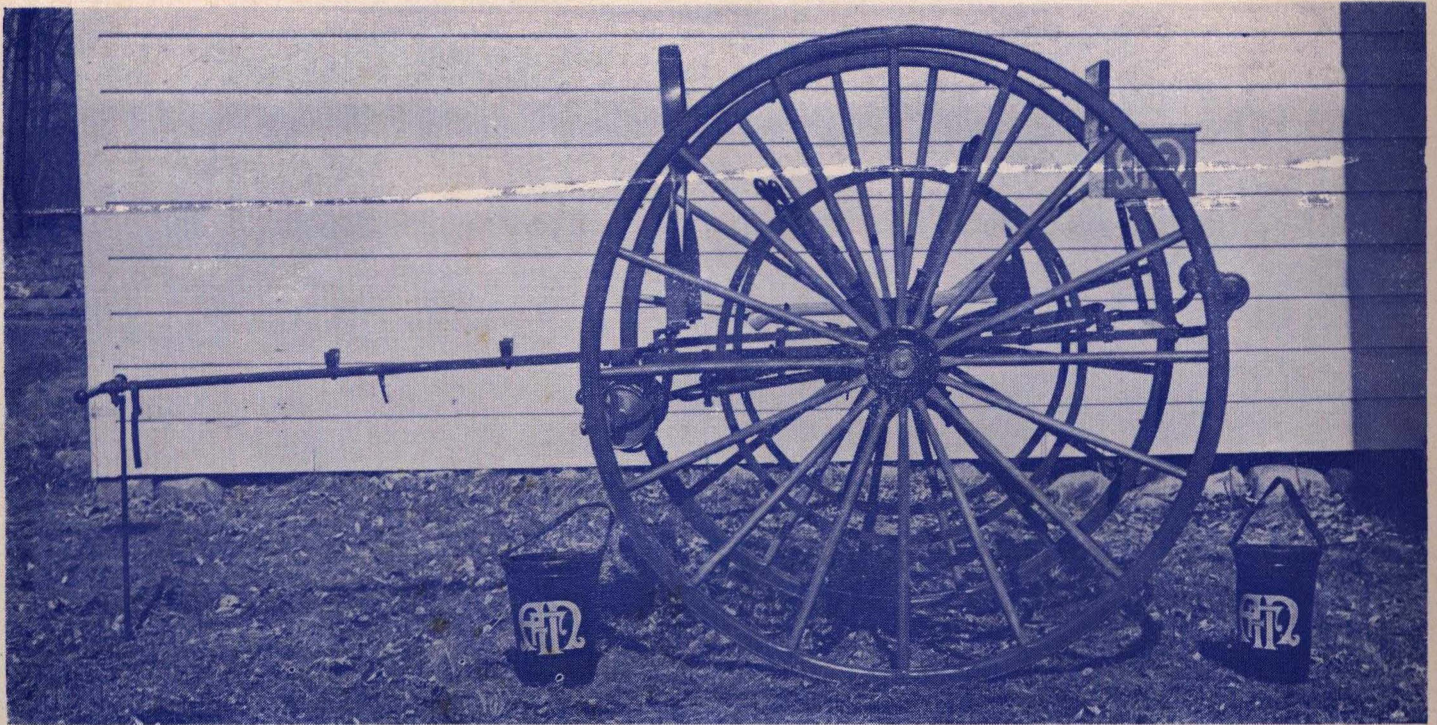
Rossner for \$567.00. Cornerstone, \$12.00.

3/13/13 After a large fire at the Cooks residence on Allendale Ave. (Located where the Pfister Co. is now located.) Mr. Cook and Mr. J. H. Mallinson, located just across the street each donated \$100.00 to the Fire Association for services rendered, this was divided between the Fire Companies from Ridgewood, Ramsey, and Waldwick.

4/5/13 On April 5, 1913, the corner stone was laid amid ceremonies attended by many borough dignitaries. Mayor John W. Winter officiated, assisted by John Yeomans, Margaret Yeomans and Dr. Archer. The list of speakers included the Rev. James W. Jackson, Chaplain of the association; Dr. C. S. Woodruff, of the Archer Memorial M.E. Church, and Dr. Archer. This was a big day for Allendale and most everybody turned out, brass band included. During the past 47 years it has served in many ways. A home for the Fire Department, the meeting place for the Mayor and Council, Polling place on Election Day, the official office for the Building & Loan Association. The court room for the Municipal Judge, Drill hall for the Bergen Guards during World War I, Movies run by the Fire Association, plays by the Allendale Players, during twenties. Dances, Balls, Card Parties, Flower, Dog, Radio, Pet shows and Graduation Exercises for the school. To this day it is one of the busiest places in town.

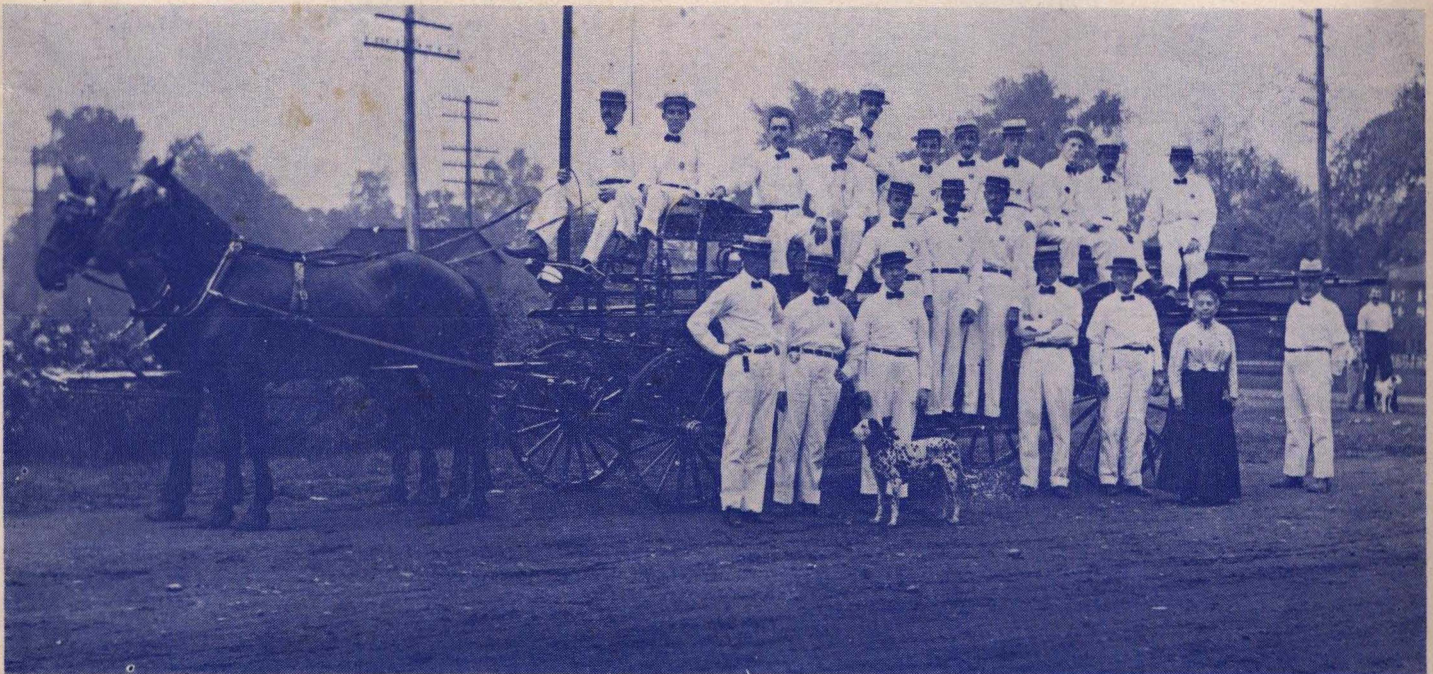


Allendale Firemen's Antique Hose Reel



ITS VINTAGE? 1848!

Allendale's First Horse Drawn Rig



Allendale firemen, with white suits, black bow ties, and, get those straw hats, pose proudly with their first horse drawn rig. The lady is not a member.

GOOD FOOD and a FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE

TURNPIKE TAVERN

9 Franklin Turnpike

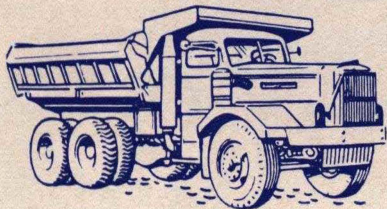
Allendale, N. J.



Davis 7-9848

Albert Raffaele

GOOD LUCK FOR THE NEXT 50!



FRANK DOOLITTLE

Allendale, N. J.

Compliments of

SAN JACINTO CLUB

Davis 7-3140 — Day

Davis 7-3028 — Night

CENTRAL GARAGE

EQUIPPED FOR THE BEST

George W. Megnin, Prop.

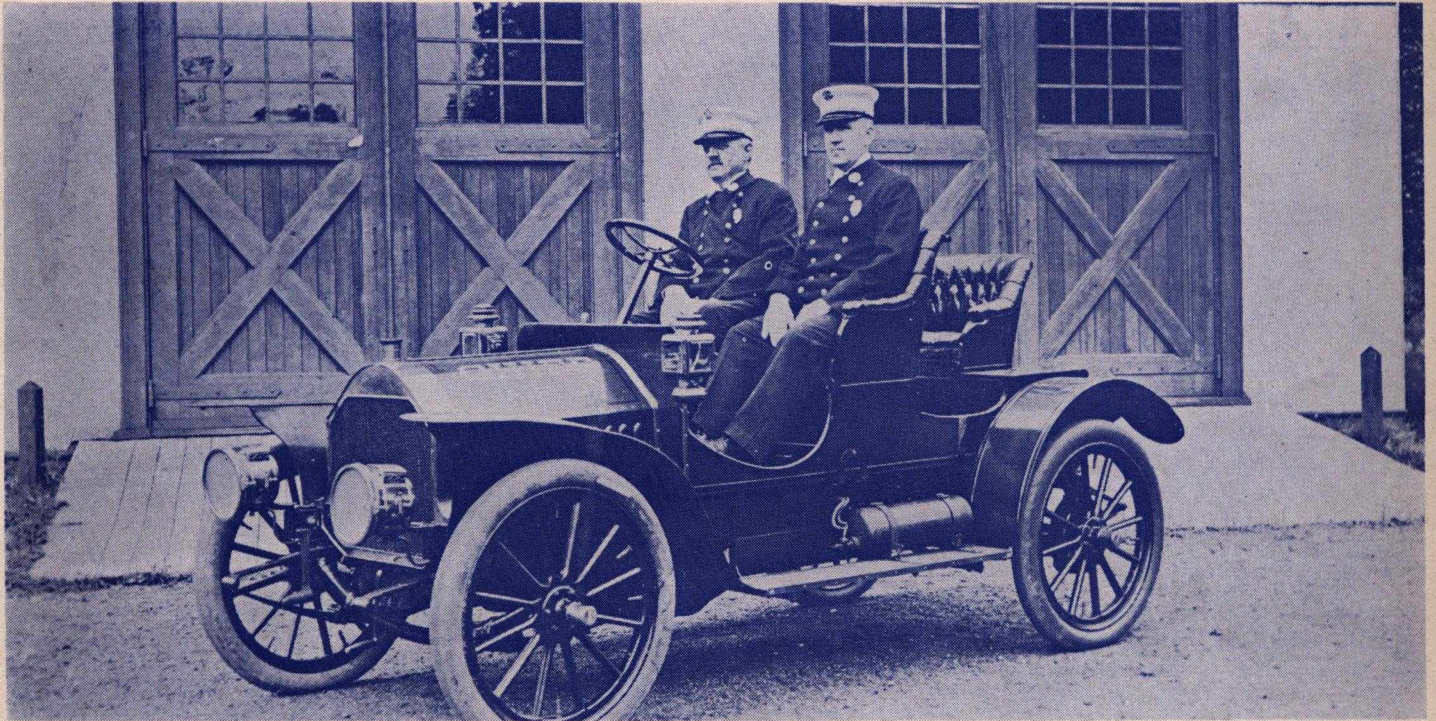
Myrtle Avenue at Plaza

Allendale, N. J.

Chevrolet Truck Purchased In 1946



The Chief's Car In 1914



Chief V. J. Braun and Assistant Chief Samuel Brower pose proudly in the chief's car. Look at those fire house doors!

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Waldwick Fire Department

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Mldland Park Fire Department

FROM ONE OLD TIMER TO ANOTHER

Congratulations And Best Wishes For The Future
To The

Allendale Fire Department

Established 1910

From The Boys (?) At The Allendale Real Estate

Howard J. Elschner
Exempt Fireman, 1958

& Insurance Agency
Established 1936

Norman G. Critchley
Exempt Fireman, 1941
