



FIRE IN FIREHOUSE: The blackened face of the Allendale firehouse is evidence of the intensity of flames which roared through the upper floor of the structure yesterday. One of four juveniles who admitted being in the building told police ashes from his cigarette started the blaze. Apparatus was saved before the fire gained much headway. (The Record photograph.)

CATHOLICS HIT COMMUNITY Y.

Wayne-Lakeland Plan Scored By Clergy

Wayne — A meeting which began with tributes to the proposed Wayne-Lakeland community Y. M. C. A. ended in controversy last night after a letter of protest from about 25 Catholic clergymen was read to the group of nearly 200 attending. The letter, read by Gerald J. McKenna of 21 Ingraham Drive, protested that the Y. was founded on a Protestant ethic, and Catholics would therefore be unable to join.

The petitioners, all Catholic clergymen in upper Passaic County, said their protest was made after consulting Bishop James A. McNulty of the Paterson Diocese. They said a Vatican directive of 1920 prevents all Catholics from joining the Y.

ASK RECONSIDERATION

"Can your present plans serve the needs of all the youths in the community," the letter asked, "when no Catholic may support or hold membership in the Y. because of its religious and ethical tradition?"

"We ask you to reconsider a plan which will exclude all Catholics and will therefore be a divisive influence in the community."

Clarence Moser, the associate secretary of the Y.'s Central Atlantic area, responded to the letter by saying: "The Y. is open to everybody. There is no answer to this problem. If people wish to be instructed not to be affiliated, that is their prerogative in a democratic society."

Sydney R. Milburn, executive vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce and a member of the (Continued on Page 12, Column 3)

Allendale Blaze Guts Firehouse

Youth Admits Cigarette Ashes Started Flames; Fire Equipment Saved

Allendale — A cigarette dropped by a careless youth was blamed today for a fire in the Borough firehouse yesterday that heavily damaged the second floor and roof of the 2-story structure.

The fire at 5:30 P. M. swept through the meeting room that occupied the entire second floor, destroying the ceiling, furniture, and leaving the beams and walls badly charred.

The fire equipment, transferred to a nearby garage, was undamaged.

Four juveniles, police said, admitted smoking in the 53-year-old firehouse. One youth admitted that his carelessness with cigarette ashes caused the fire, police reported.

Thirty Borough firemen fought the blaze 2½ hours, aided by firemen from the Waldwick and Wyckoff departments.

Nixon Charges Kennedy Failure

New York (AP)—Richard M. Nixon has fired a salvo at the Kennedy Administration for lack of air cover in the abortive 1961 Cuban invasion.

The former Vice-President, in a taped television show, said he could not imagine former President Dwight D. Eisenhower not providing such air cover.

Nixon advocated an oil blockade of Cuba.

Saying President Kennedy has been subjected to some unfair (Continued on Page 2, Column 3)

Borough firemen Russell Stewart and Robert Osborne were overcome by smoke. Stewart was reported in good condition at home and Osborne later returned to the fire.

The ceiling in the 2-story building caved through in two sections in the front of the building. Two heat registers fell through to the first floor.

The stairwell on the left side of the firehouse and the ground floor of the firehouse were also extensively damaged from water, Fire Chief George Prince said.

The Borough architect and Borough engineer were scheduled to examine the building today to assess the damage and determine whether the firehouse can be rebuilt. Insurance investigators were scheduled to visit the building at 2 P. M.

Lieutenant Frank A. Parenti Jr. reported the building has been closed off to the public and no one will be allowed on the premises. Police will patrol the area. All persons have been warned to keep away.

The youths said they attempted to put out the blaze with a fire extinguisher and used it until it was empty. Hearing a car pull up, they became panicky and left, police said the youngsters told them.

A passing resident, Michael Fleming, turned in the alarm shortly after 5 P. M.