



MEMBERS OF the Allendale Fire Department battle a blaze in their own baliwick Thursday as they work to bring under control the early evening fire that destroyed the second floor of the borough's firehouse. The ceiling and furniture in the second-floor meeting room were destroyed and the beams and walls badly charred.



SMOKE pouring from the eaves of the Allendale Firehouse Thursday turned to reality the old saw about a "fire in the firehouse." The 2½-hour blaze which gutted the second floor of the 53-year old building was fought by the Allendale, Waldwick and Wyckoff Fire Departments. Equipment was moved to a nearby garage.



EQUIPMENT and other paraphernalia are moved from the Allendale Firehouse Thursday when a fire on the second story threatens the building. The fire, which broke out shortly after 5 p.m., was reportedly started by carelessness with cigarette ashes by four juveniles. Two firemen were overcome by smoke during the 2½-hour battle by the Allendale, Waldwick and Wyckoff Fire Departments.

Firehouse Blaze Blamed on Youths

ALLENDALE—The fire which severely damaged the firehouse Thursday was caused by four juveniles, according to police Lt. Frank Parenti, juvenile officer. The blaze resulted from an undetected cigaret butt which fell in a closet containing plastic covered card tables.

The youths, released in the custody of their parents pending a hearing in juvenile Court before Judge Martin Kole, had entered the building to investigate and smoke. They ranged in age from 12 to 15. The boys were still in the firehouse when the blaze broke out, and attempted to put it out with extinguishers. One went dry, they told police, and while searching for another, fled when they thought they heard someone coming.

The blaze was then detected by Michael Flemming of 55 Park Ave., who set off the outside alarm at 5:30 p.m. The fire had apparently been burning for some time between the times the boys left and it was detected by Flemming.

Reach Scene

William Foreit and Albert Ivany, both members of the fire department, were the first to reach the scene, and removed the fire engines. They are being housed in the Chevron Garage on Park Avenue.

The fire was finally extinguished at 7 p.m. The local Fire Department was assisted by the departments of Waldwick, Wyckoff and Ramsey. Local police were assisted by the police of Ramsey and Upper Saddle River.

Two firemen, Robert Osborn and Russell Stewart were overcome by smoke, and taken to the Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, for treatment. They later were released.

Most of the fire damage was con-

finied to the upper floor, firemen reported. The lower floor was damaged by smoke and water. All contents of the upper floor were completely destroyed, although firemen did save their prize pool table, and a juke box.

Damage Assessed

Mayor Robert Newman met Friday with representatives of the insurance company, the Fire Department, the Council, the borough engineer and an architect, to determine the extent of the damage. He said the initial estimates of the architect and the engineer indicate it would cost more to restore the old building than would be realized in insurance. The roof, plaster walls, ceiling beams and air ducts in the basement need replacing, he added, and the walls are bulging, rendering the building unsafe.

Newman said he would like to further investigate the possibility of building a new fire house.

Clerical Help Needed on TB X-Ray Bus Visit

HO-HO-KUS—The Bergen County Tuberculosis and Health Association is seeking volunteers to address cards to local residents informing them of the schedule of the X-ray bus.

Volunteers may work morning or afternoon on April 29, April 30 or May 1 at the association building at 369 Union St., Hackensack.

Anyone interested is asked to call Mrs. Marion Muller, secretary of the Board of Health, at the board office at 201 Warren Ave.

Skidding Auto Hits Post, Driver Unhurt

SADDLE RIVER—Carleton Ryffel, 18, of 510 Brookside Ave., Allendale, was not injured Friday night when his car spun and skidded on an icy spot on West Saddle River Road, and hit a concrete post.

The front end was completely demolished, and the car was towed away. Ptl. Frank Barnes investigated the accident, assisted by Ptl. Albert Romer of the Upper Saddle River police.

To Continue As Board Delegate

OAKLAND—An adjourned meeting of the Borough Council scheduled for Thursday night to vote on the representative from the Borough Council to the Planning Board, was canceled when it was learned that the present member has tenure.

Councilman John Taylor Jr. was appointed by Mayor Joseph Van Vooren as representative in January 1962 to replace Van Vooren who, as Mayor, automatically became a member of the Planning Board.

In January 1963 Taylor was not

reappointed and no representative from the Council has been at Planning Board meetings for the last two months.

According to Councilman John Heavey the appointment would have been made but the Mayor agreed to wait for the vote of the full Council. Councilman Ben Wood and Councilman Taylor both had been absent due to illness.

Following the Tuesday night Council meeting during which the appointment was discussed in a 10-minute recess, Councilman Heavey checked the legality of a new appointee. He found that according to the state statute, Councilman Taylor was legally entitled to hold the posi-

Firemen Pump Village Cellars

RIDGEWOOD — The fire department pumped water out of 35 basements last week. The flooding, ranging from one inch to over three feet, was caused by the heavy rains and the impenetrability of the frozen ground.

Included in eight other calls was work in front of 912 Hampshire Road on Wednesday, where the wind knocked over a tree which dragged telephone and electric wires with it.

tion until his term of office is completed in Dec. 1964

3-Day Book Fair Slated by Girls' Senior Sodality

HO-HO-KUS—The propagation of good literature is the object of the Book Fair to be sponsored by the Girls' Senior Sodality at St. Luke's High School next week. Both religious and secular books for students and adults will be available.

The fair, to be held in the high school library, will be open to the public from 7 to 9:30 p.m. tomorrow, Wednesday and Friday.

All of the proceeds from the sale of books and articles will be donated to the school library so that it may continue to increase the availability of valuable reading and studying material to the students.