

Allendale's Post Office Dedication to Be Held Saturday Afternoon

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ALLENDALE -- The newest building for this borough's 94 year old Post Office will be dedicated at 2 p.m. Saturday, with William Popaca, postal services officer of the Post Office Department, delivering the dedicatory message.

In addition to Mr. Popaca, Postmaster Charles H. Schubert announced that Rep. William B. Widnall, Mayor Robert I. Newman and members of the Borough Council would attend, as would other postmasters in the area.

The building, like many of the post offices being used throughout the country, has been constructed by a private owner and leased to the government, so it remains a taxpaying facility. The Kennedy Construction Co. of Rochelle Park is the builder and lessor of the property.

When the Allendale Post Office was established in 1869 its total receipts ran about \$200 per year. Ten years ago it was doing \$36,316 in annual business, which has now jumped to \$66,267. In

other ways it has increased, too.

When the original Post Office was opened on Nov. 11, 1869 the office was in the Erie Railroad station and Postmaster Smith

Roswell only served the government part time, as he was also the railroad ticket agent.

The second location was Winter's General Store, which by coincidence, was located at 2 Myrtle Ave., the location of the new Post Office. The exact date of moving to that location has not been found in the records, but the fact that John W. Winter was named postmaster on July 25, 1913, suggests that the office might have been moved then.

Between Mr. Roswell and Mr. Winter were six postmasters, R. V. Ackerman, appointed Sept. 18, 1885; L. Rossner, June 4, 1889; H. Upham, Feb. 13, 1892; S. J. Van Blarcom, Apr. 18, 1893; A. Krause, Apr. 26, 1897, and M. McDermott, May 6, 1902.

The second move made by the Post Office was to the present site of the Allendale Cleaners, 79 West Allendale Ave., on a date also missing from the records. Following Mr. Winter as postmasters were W.G.Z. Critchley, appointed June 30, 1922; Louise Kelly, June 7, 1936, and John J. Kelly, date missing; F. Archibald Farrell, Apr. 7, 1942; William F. Anderson, Mar. 26, 1959, and Mr. Schubert, who received his appointment on June 10, 1960.

Meanwhile, on May 30, 1936, the Post Office moved from 79 West Allendale Ave. to 100 West Allendale Ave., its location up to the move into the new quarters last week.

The Post Office has been a first class one since July 1, 1955. It first became a classified post office in 1909, then being designated fourth class. By 1918 it became third class, then in 1934 moved to second class, but slipped back to third class two years later, and after two more years regained second class status.

City delivery was established in the borough on Mar. 1, 1954, with two carriers for foot delivery and one mounted. There is still one mounted carrier, but there are now five foot carriers.

The Post Office now serves 4,890 residents of Allendale and a portion of the Fardale section of Mahwah in which 100 families reside. The present staff is as follows:

Mr. Schubert, postmaster; Mr. Anderson, former postmaster, now assistant postmaster; Herbert W. Scherb, Frederick Hasenbalg and Joseph Fronzaglia, clerks; Donald Santore, career substitute clerk; Christian Scherer, Charles Egerton, Frank Neumann and Robert Straut, regular carriers; Herbert Yauch, career substitute carrier; William Roberts, Anthony Del Colliano and Michael Alsdorf, substitute carriers, and Roland Steele, custodian.

Money is not required to buy one necessity of the soul.

--Henry David Thoreau.



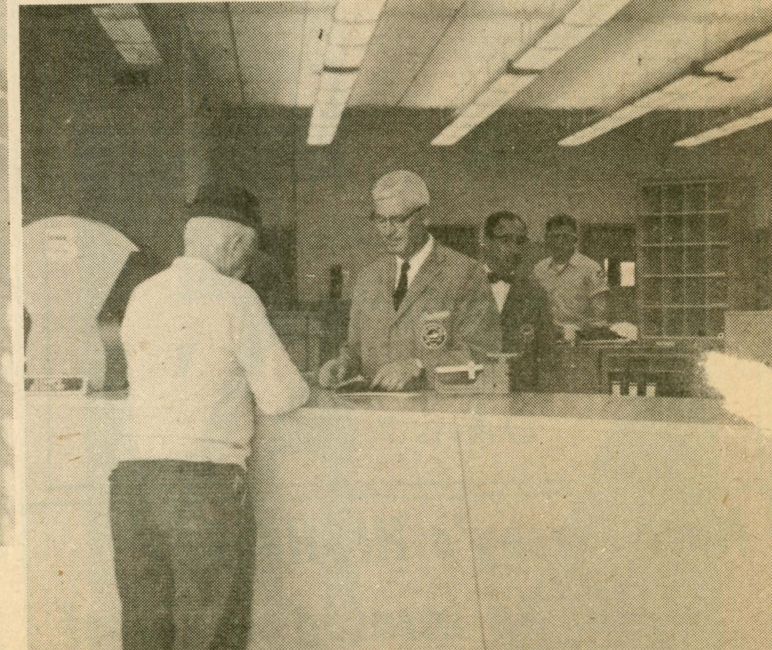
ALLENDALE'S NEW POST OFFICE, which will be dedicated Saturday at 2 p.m., at the corner of West Allendale and Myrtle aves. Photo by Rick Pallack.

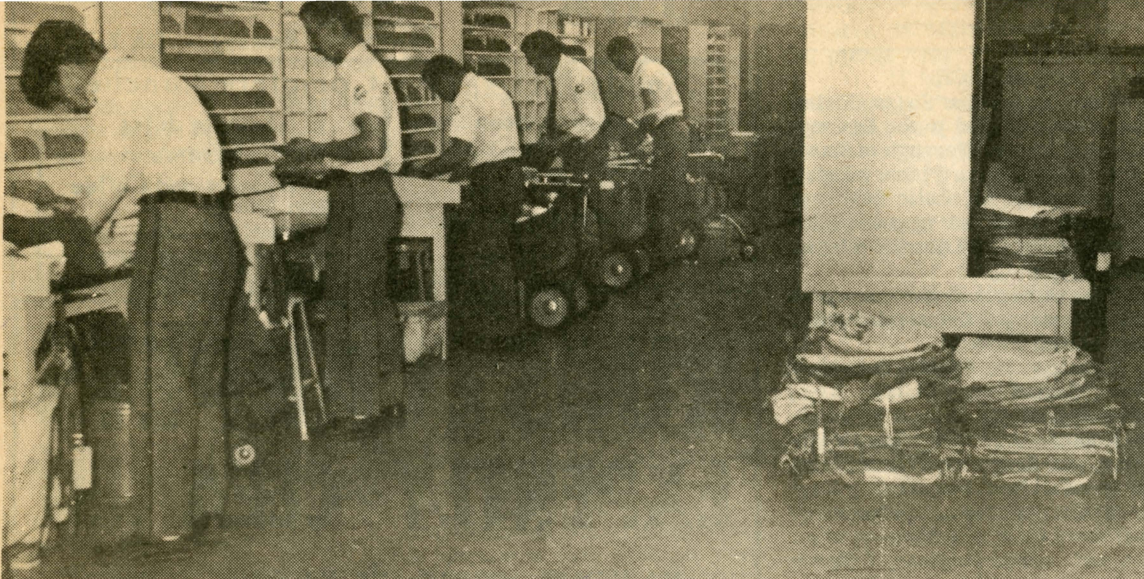


POSTMASTER CHARLES H. SCHUBERT seated, and Assistant Postmaster William F. Anderson in their joint office in the new Allendale Post Office. Photo by Rick Pallack.



AT THEIR COUNTERS, the clerks in the new Allendale Post Office show how they handle the sale of stamps and other operations connected with the mails. Left to right, they are Herbert W. Scherb, Frederick H. Hasenbalg and Joseph M. Fronzaglia. Photo by Rick Pallack.





CARRIERS AT THEIR SORTING CASES in the new Allendale Post Office prepare their routes for delivery. The group includes Christian F. Scherer, Charles R. Egerton, Frank H. Neumann, Robert A. Straut and William O. Roberts. The sixth carrier, Herbert W. Yauch, was outside the camera's range.
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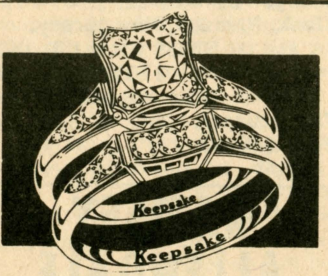
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