

Allendale's Tercentenary Ball Oct. 9

The Tercentenary celebration of New Jersey's 300th birthday and the 70th year of Allendale are now well past the half way mark. Plans for all of this were begun in the Spring of 1962 when the Mayor and Council requested the three Woman's Clubs to form a committee to write a history of the Borough.

Included on the original committee were Mrs. Thomas Watson, Mrs. J. L. Burrows and Mrs. Carroll Porter from the Junior Woman's Club; Mrs. Kenneth Mowerson and Mrs. George Price from the Evening Club and Mrs. J. L. Cushwa, Mrs. William Forbes and History chairman, Mrs. B. Perry Hamilton from the Woman's Club.

The earliest efforts of the committee was the sponsoring of two visits of the Historymobile for day long visits outside of Brookside School. Through the efforts of Mrs. Henry C. Seibel, superintendent of schools, all of the grammar school classes were conducted through the Historymobile and the evening hours afforded many residents with a chance to view the varied exhibits of early New Jersey.

In the spring of this year the committee was expanded to include special townwide observances and former Mayor Albert O. Scafuro was appointed general chairman.

During March, the Tercentenary Committee assisted by members of the Junior Woman's Club held a contest to choose a Miss Allendale. A tea was held on a Sunday afternoon and 14 young high school girls entered the contest. Miss Dorothy Farnan was elected queen and her coronation by Mayor Robert I. Newman was held at Brookside School in April followed by a Hootenanny program.

The last week in June opened the town celebration with one of the largest parades ever staged in Allendale. Chairman of this event was John Fredericks who was assisted by the Fire Department and the civic organizations of town. The parade route ended at the Recreation Park where the members of the Holiday Observers cooked and served the refreshments supplied



A HISTORY OF ALLENDALE is donated to the Allendale Library in conjunction with the New Jersey Tercentenary celebration. Mrs. B. Perry Hamilton, chairman of the history committee; Mrs. Austin L. Sprague, librarian, and Mrs. Martin E. Husing, president of the Woman's Club of Allendale, look over the new book before placing it on the library shelves.

by the Tercentenary Committee. Bands from many nearby towns and floats from the local organizations brightened the lines of march.

During the Tercentenary Week a special exhibit was staged by Mrs. Hamilton and her committee from the Woman's clubs. Many costumes, tools, photographs and knicknacks from an earlier era were on display in a shop in the Business District.

The main event during the middle of the week was a block dance held at the A & P parking lot. Active on the committee were Mrs. Thomas Zane and Mrs. Elwood Hansen.

The Fourth of July celebration sponsored by the Holiday Observers closed the gala Allendale Tercentenary week.

Along with all these events the History committee was working with old time residents and many organizations to compile the Borough's history. During August the hard-covered, illustrated volume was placed on sale in the two gift shops for three dollars. The history which starts with the Indian days of this area also covers the Municipal government, the four Churches, the Scout movements, the Clubs and organizations and ends with a chapter entitled "Did You Know?" Many rare old pictures of old Allendale with dirt roads and horseless carriages are included as well as recent photographs of the town and pen and ink sketches.

Mrs. Hamilton has been chairman of all the many details which included proof reading and contacting the Highway Printing Company who published the history. Martin Husing supplied the local pictures

and his wife rendered the pen and ink sketches.

Many residents ordered their copies before the publishing date and if they were paid for they may be picked up at the Town Library on Monday evening, August 31. If the blanks were unpaid the copies may be picked up at Oakley's or the MerriMart.

The Woman's Club voted to donate a copy of the History to the Library, the Grammar school and another copy is being saved for the new Northern Highlands Regional High school when it is completed.

The sale of the books and a town-wide Tercentenary Ball on Friday, Oct. 9 will conclude the celebration activities. Mrs. Zane may be contacted for tickets for the Ball which will be held at the Club 17.