

Dinner for Chief Wilson Leaving Allendale Force

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ALLENDALE—A police career spanning twenty years, 17 of them spent as chief of the department, will come to a close on June 1st when Robert D. Wilson will retire from the force.

On June 16 a testimonial dinner will be given in his honor, and he and his wife, Dorothy, will move shortly thereafter to their new home in upstate New York.

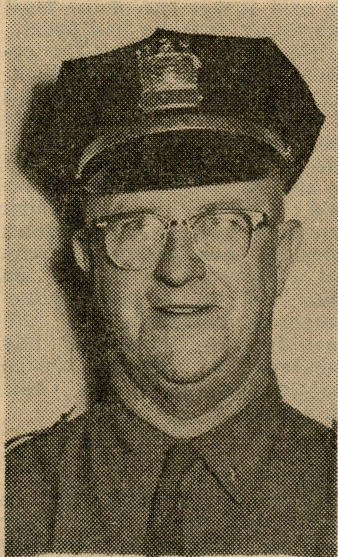
In 1959, Wilson was chief of both the police and fire departments. In 1960 he received attention for his remark "Jersey justice stinks" in explaining why no drunken driving charges were ever filed in Allendale.

Wilson ordered his department not to issue tickets for that offense because a case in which a local magistrate after a 5½ hour hearing in which three patrolmen and two private citizens testified as to the drunk condition of the driver was upset in a Bergen County court in 20 minutes on grounds of insufficient evidence.

Chief Wilson said at the time that he believes the testimony of four or five witnesses should be sufficient for a drunken driving conviction and that doctor's examinations and drunk-o-meter tests are unnecessary.

At the same time, Wilson blasted "coddling" of juveniles by the courts. He also preferred to let municipal courts handle juvenile cases since he believed the judge in a local court would be more familiar with local problems and individuals. He was known for putting

youthful offenders to work raking leaves with the consent of their parents rather than refer the case to juvenile authorities.



ROBERT D. WILSON

New Allendale Chief

Lt. Frank Parenti Jr. was promoted to chief Thursday night by the Borough Council, effective June 1 at a salary of \$9,100. Patrolmen Andrew Baum and James Tallia were promoted to sergeant effective on the same date. Three new patrolmen were also appointed to the force.