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**1910**

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As a Volunteer Fireman, Al gave many hours of service to his community for which the department is very grateful.



*Allan Amos*

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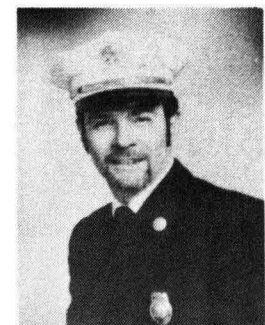
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<b>3 eggs</b>	1/4 cup warm water
1/2 pound oleo	1/2 cup sugar
<b>1 package yeast</b>	3/4 cup raisins
3/4 cup hot milk	1/2 cup chopped nuts
4 cups flour (or more)	

**METHOD:** Heat the milk and add the oleo until soft. Add the sugar while the oleo is getting soft. Dissolve the yeast in the warm water for 10 minutes. Add the yeast to the milk mixture. Add the eggs which have been beaten and then the flour, salt, raisins and chopped nuts. Beat well and add more flour if necessary or until the batter leaves the side of mixing bowl. Put in a greased bowl and cover with saran wrap. Store in refrigerator over night. Next day remove from the refrigerator and let it stand about 1 hour. Roll out on a floured board or on wax paper and dot with butter. Fold over and roll again and dot with butter once more. Fold over and form into one ball of dough. Now divide into two parts. Roll out each part and sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon and finely chopped nuts. Fold over and put the two cakes on a greased cookie sheet and raise for about one hour in a warm place. Bake in a 375 oven for twenty five minutes.

**ICING:** Heat two tablespoons of milk and add some confectionery sugar and one teaspoon vanilla, to right consistency. Put icing on cake while still warm and sprinkle with some finely chopped nuts.

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## Allendale Fire Department

After the disastrous fires of two residences on Myrtle Avenue on Christmas morning of 1909, the Citizens of Allendale decided that community effort would have to be made to give the Borough adequate protection against fire. These two homes were located in the center of town, Myrtle Avenue, corner of High Street, one residence owned by Mr. Max Scholz, the other by William J. Kornhoff, and rented by the La Conte family, who barely escaped death.

Up to this time fire fighting consisted of hastily summoned storekeepers, tradesmen, farmers and neighbors who happened to be close by when such fires occurred. There were no means of alarm and telephones were a luxury. The fire equipment non-existing, pails, shovels and axes were brought from homes by those attempting to help. Bucket brigades passed water from open wells as there was not a water system in the borough at this time.

Within five days after the fire, on December 31, 1909, steps toward the formation of a fire association were made. A general meeting was called at the Archer Hall, of all citizens. The Rev. Mr. Leech, Pastor of the Methodist Church was chosen Presiding officer, and Mr. John Yeomans, secretary. At this meeting a committee of seven was appointed to report on all details of organization, costs and etc. By a motion of Mr. William Talman, the committee was instructed to look into the possibility of purchasing a second hand two or four wheel apparatus. This first meeting was attended by fifty four citizens. (Looking over the names of those attending, this must have been almost a third of the male population of Allendale in 1909.) The committee of seven were very active, holding five meetings in the next twenty days, with a constitution and by laws formulated and plans for a full working organization prepared.

January 24, 1910, the constitution was adopted by unanimous vote. J. Willard DeYoe, Borough Council thereupon took acknowledgement of the incorporators, and the Allendale Fire Association was an accomplished fact. The enrollment of members was as follows, 24 civil, 32 active and 1 honorary, 57 in all. William Dewsnap was elected President, William Talman, Vice President; Treasurer, J. M. Christopher; Chief, R. W. Steele; Foreman, V. J. Braun; Assistant Foreman, Max Scholz; 2nd Assistant Foreman, Arthur Dathe.

The following committees were then appointed, Apparatus, Entertainment, Solicit Contributions and Alarm. Dues were set at 25 cents a month and pledges accepted. The Silk City Deposit & Trust Co., Paterson, N. J. was named the official bank. The Committee reported that the second hand Hook and Ladder truck, for sale at Dundee Lake, N. J. was not suitable.

In checking the minutes of the newly formed association, one can readily see that much interest and financial assistance was given by the members and citizens of the borough, in the early years of its existence.

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February 17, 1910 the Alarm Committee reported that the Erie R.R. would furnish 8 iron tires at \$22.50 per long ton. Lumber used to construct frames, so that the iron tires could be hung was donated by R. J. & J. M. Christopher.

February 22, 1910 Purchased six 3 gallon Chemical Extinguishers, not to exceed \$6.90 @ less 2%.

March 8, 1910 Resolution was passed that the Borough Council be thanked for the prospective quarters in the contemplated Municipal Building. The Rev. J. W. Jackson and the Rev. H. Leech, appointed as Chaplains.

March 17, 1910 Motion made and seconded to purchase a New Hook and Ladder Truck from the Combination Ladder Co. as per specifications submitted for \$995.00.

April 14, 1910 Two members fined each 25¢, "Absence without excuse". Treasurer reports \$768.00 subscribed, cash balance \$588.30.

May 5, 1910 Alarm committee was directed to request the borough council to draft ordinance covering penalty for maliciously sounding a false alarm.

June 28, 1910 Alarm Committee reported, all fire alarms erected. Motion made to attend 4th of July parade, uniform as follows — white duck trousers, white shirt, black belt, shoes and tie, white cotton gloves and to carry canes with flags attached. Orders from the Chief, NO SMOKING IN LINE, FINE TO BE IMPOSED FOR NON-ATTENDANCE.

August 18, 1910 Communication from Seagrave H. & L. Co. notifying the Association of the arrival of Hook and Ladder truck. Question arose for suitable place to house truck. Mr. Mallinson's paint shop unfit for purpose. Mr. Braun's offer to house truck in barn next to Hotel accepted.

September 8, 1910 A vote of thanks to H. J. Knack for loaning team of horses and harness for Labor Day parade.

June 15, 1911 Inventory of the Association's assets as follows — 1 truck, 6 extinguishers, 6 rubber buckets, 24 galvanized pails, 8 ladders, rope hook and chain, 1 wrecking bar, 2 roof hooks, 2 axes, ONE WHIP, 1 crow bar, 1 barrel of soda, 1 tank of acid, 8 alarms and 8 hammers.

September 7, 1911 Dr. Harry Archer was proposed and elected an active member of the association in respect of his past favors. Mr. Samuel C. Brower presented the Association with an enlarged picture of the fire truck.

October 19, 1911 Entertainment Committee reported that they had made arrangements for the hall at Saddle River and music had been secured for the Ball to be held to raise money for uniforms. This was held on the evening of November 29, 1911. Financial report shows that \$213.50 was taken in with expenses of \$89.41 and a profit of \$124.09. (Oh yes, it shows that William McGill was fined \$1.00 for his conduct at the Ball.)

February 1, 1912 Voted by the Association to purchase 1 dozen helmets at a cost not to exceed \$3.50 each. As the borough was growing it was decided that they would require additional alarms.

March 12, 1912 The following resolution was passed, that the first team of horses to arrive at the fire house when needed, the owner shall be paid the sum of \$5.00. A committee was appointed to contact Councilman Cockroft, in regards to town hall site.

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June 24, 1912 Chief Braun reports that he has sold the property on which the fire truck is stored, but will donate the barn to the Association. Mrs. Margaret Yeomans donated a 25' x 50' piece of ground on which to place the barn, for a fire house. Arrangements would have to be made with the Erie R.R. for right of way from lot to Park Avenue.

October 7, 1912 A meeting of the Building Committee, of the A.F.A. was held at the residence of George Parigot. Mr. Dewsnap produced a lease from the Erie R.R. giving to the Association the right of way, for the sum of \$1.00, per annum. Plans for a new building were discussed and a special meeting called for October 11, 1912, to obtain authority to proceed.

October 11, 1912 Mr. John Yeomans reported that he would donate a 50' x 100' lot instead of former offer, if the Association would raise \$1,000.00 by public subscription within one year from date, toward the new building. A vote of thanks to Mr. Dewsnap for his offer to draw the plans for the new building without charge.

December 19, 1912 Contract was awarded to S. T. Van Houten Jr. to erect the fire house for the sum of \$6712.00. The well was dug by Mr. LeBarren for the sum of \$82.00. Electrical by A. C. Burnett of Ridgewood for \$135.00, Hardware for \$118.00, Plumbing by L. E. Rossner for \$567.00 Cornerstone, \$12.00.

March 13, 1913 After a large fire at the Cooks residence on Allendale Avenue (Located where the Pfister Co. is now located.) Mr. Cook and Mr. J. H. Mallinson, located just across the street each donated \$100.00 to the Fire Association for services rendered, this was divided between the Fire Companies from Ridgewood, Ramsey, and Waldwick.

April 5, 1913 On this date the corner stone was laid amid ceremonies attended by many borough dignitaries. Mayor John W. Winter officiated, assisted by John Yeomans, Margaret Yeomans and Dr. Archer. The list of speakers included the Rev. James W. Jackson, Chaplain of the association; Dr. C. S. Woodruff, of the Archer Memorial M.E. Church, and Dr. Archer. This was a big day for Allendale and most everybody turned out, brass band included. During the past 47 years it has served in many ways. A home for the Fire Department, the meeting place for the Mayor and Council, Polling place on Election Day, the official office for the Building & Loan Association. The court room for the Municipal Judge, Drill hall for the Bergen Guards during World War I, Movies run by the Fire Association, plays by the Allendale Players, during twenties. Dances, Balls, Card Parties, Flower, Dog, Radio, Pet shows and Graduation Exercises for the school. To this day it is one of the busiest places in town.

May 14, 1960 we held our Fiftieth Anniversary. 1963, three years after our Fiftieth Anniversary celebration on March 7th at 5:30 P.M. the second floor of the 50 year old fire house was gutted by a stubborn blaze. Volunteers from Waldwick joined in the two and a half hour fight. The building was a total loss.

A new fire house was erected in May of 1964 on the same site. Dedicated Memorial Day, May 30, 1964, the new building houses four pieces of equipment. The last one, an American LaFrance 1250 gal. pumper was purchased in May 1967.

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**CARROT CAKE**

2 cups sugar	2 teaspoons baking soda
1 1/2 cups Crisco Oil	2 teaspoons cinnamon
4 eggs	3 cups coarsely grated raw carrots
2 1/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour	1 1/2 cups chopped nuts
2 teaspoons salt	

**METHOD:** Combine sugar, Crisco oil and eggs; Beat at medium speed for 2 min. Sift dry ingredients together, add to oil mixture and beat at low speed 1 min. Add grated carrots and nuts. Spread batter in a greased and floured 13 x 9 1/2 x 2 inch pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour, until cake tests done with a toothpick. When cool spread with Cream Cheese frosting.

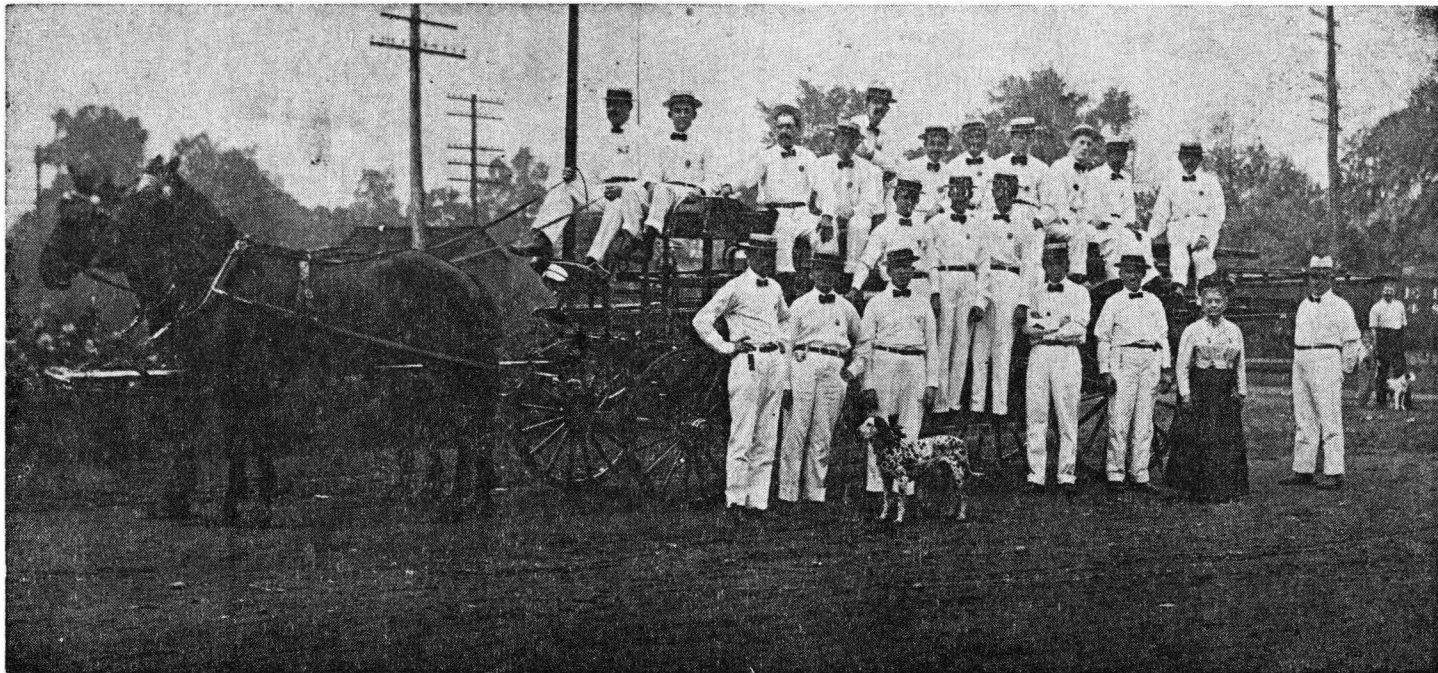


**CREAM CHEESE FROSTING**

1 8 ounce package cream cheese	1 package (1 lb.) confectioners sugar
1/4 cup butter or margarine	(sift if lumpy)
2 teaspoons vanilla	

Let cream cheese and butter warm to room temperature. Beat them together and add vanilla. Gradually beat in sugar. Add more sugar to thicken or milk to thin frosting if needed for good spreading consistency.

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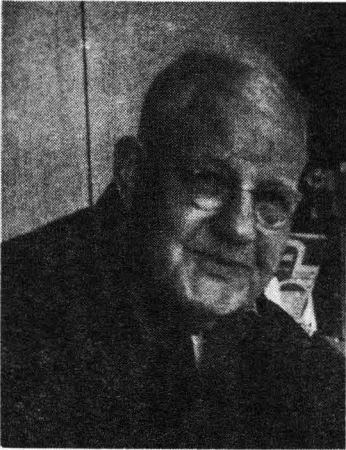
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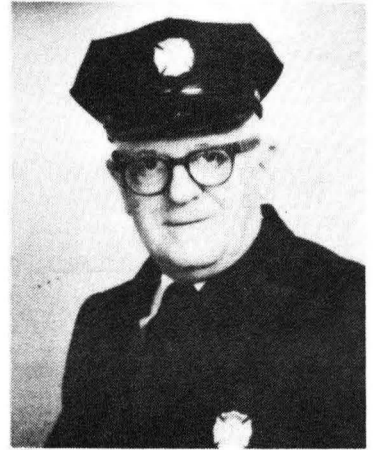
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1 tablespoon milk	1/4 teaspoon salt
1 can crab and juice	pepper (to taste)
2 tablespoons chopped onion	1 package sliced almonds

Blend cream cheese and milk. Add remaining ingredients and mix. Bake in 375 degree oven until it bubbles, about 15 minutes. Serve as a dip.



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1 1/2 cups soft bread crumbs	3 tablespoons onion finely chopped
3/4 cup milk	4 tablespoons butter or margarine
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg	1 pound ground beef
1 1/2 teaspoons salt	1 egg slightly beaten
1/8 teaspoon pepper	1 can consomme

Soften bread crumbs in milk, saute onions in half the butter, about 5 minutes. Add to crumbs. Add beef, seasonings and egg. Form into small balls. Saute in remaining butter until brown. Add consomme and simmer about 10 minutes. Thicken gravy to own desired consistency, with a little cornstarch (about 1 1/2 tablespoons) dissolved in water.

### ITALIAN MEAT BALLS & SAUCE

2 well-beaten eggs	2 cans tomato paste
1 pound ground beef	3 cans hot water
1 clove garlic, minced (or use garlic salt)	1/2 teaspoon basil
2 tablespoons minced parsley	1 teaspoon oregano
1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese	1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon salt	1/2 teaspoon sugar
3 tablespoons oil	Dash of pepper

Mix together first 6 ingredients. With wet hands form into about 16 balls (mixture will be quite soft). Brown slowly in hot oil, shaking pan frequently to keep meat balls round. Blend tomato paste with remaining ingredients. Pour over meat balls. Cover and simmer 1 hour. Makes about 4 servings. Serve with spaghetti.

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