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NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 5, 1977, 8:30 p.m. at Allendale Municipal Building.

PROGRAM: Our speaker will be Mr. Jerome Jeffreys of Little Falls, N.J. who will speak on genealogy and getting started in tracing one's family tree. Mr. Jeffreys will offer suggestions helpful to those interested in seeking their own "Roots" and will answer questions from the audience.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Mark your calendar now and reserve our upcoming meeting dates: March 6, 1978 when our program will be a nostalgic night of old-time silent comedies, and May 1, 1978, when our program will be a slide presentation from our own collection of Allendale views.

NEWS AND VIEWS: Our slide program, "Allendale Then and Now," was presented for two groups during the month of October. Both Mrs. Little's 4th grade at Brookside School and Cub Scout Pack 252 enjoyed the show and had many questions to ask.

We are pleased to announce that Annette Baum has volunteered to serve as Membership Chairman for our society. Annette will welcome all to our regular meetings and introduce guests.

Florence Schenk and Jeanne Cotz have agreed to co-chair an oral history project for the society. Armed with tape recorders, volunteers will interview long-time Allendale residents to preserve on tape their memories of

Allendale and her neighbors. If you would be interested in helping on this project, or if you can suggest anyone the committee should interview, please call either Florence or Jeanne.

Do you know of a quick and easy fund-raiser that might be undertaken by the society? If you do, or if you would be willing to serve on a fund-raising committee, please call our president, Marian Strangfeld (327-3510).

ALLENDALE'S THIRD VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Allendale's first "improvement society" of which we have record was organized in June of 1882 when a group of citizens banded together to enhance the appearance of the town and to provide such public conveniences as sidewalks. These were the days when Allendale was

VILLAGE
IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION,
ALLENDALE, N. J.

"TOM COBB"

a farcical comedy
in three acts,

Saturday Evening,
December 3, 1904

8.30 O'CLOCK, SHARP.

still a part of Hohokus Township (which encompassed a large part of the present-day area of northwest Bergen County) and the supporters of this group wished to concentrate their efforts on their own little village of Allendale. One of the first efforts of this society was to beautify the area around the railroad station to give Erie passengers a more pleasing "first view" of Allendale and to attract visitors and residents to the town. The first officers of this early group were O. H. P. Archer as president,

On this page: cover and inside page from 1904 program for "Tom Cobb." On the following two pages: ads reproduced from the same printed program.

"Tom Cobb,"
an entirely original farcical comedy
in three acts
By W. S. Gilbert.

Cast of Characters:

Tom Cobb,	Mr. L. J. Griffen
Matilda O'Fipp,	Miss Edna Haring
Col. O'Fipp,	Mr. Wm. Dewsnap
Biddy,	Miss Sadie Ivers
Whipple,	Mr. H. O. Hashagen
Miss Caroline Effingham,	Mrs. Wm. Dewsnap
Footman,	Mr. Theodore Smith
Mr. Effingham,	Mr. A. C. Barrett
Mrs. Effingham,	Mrs. W. K. Walton
Bulstrode Effingham,	Mr. W. E. Carver

Act 1 and 2 At Col. O'Fipp's.
Act 3 Drawing room at Mrs. Effingham's
Time: Present.

John L. Yeomans as vice-president, Henry L. Hopper as secretary, and J. Alfred Ackerman as treasurer.

The Allendale Village Improvement Association (VIA) was organized in 1890 with similar objectives to those of the earlier improvement society. By this time, Allendale was a part of Orvil Township, which encompassed a smaller area than Hohokus Township had, but which still did not provide enough local improvements to satisfy Allendale villagers. Among the officers and committee chairmen of this second improvement group were Albert L. Zabriskie (president), George Cook (vice-president), David Pickens (secretary), William H. Mallinson (treasurer), Arthur DeZ. Patton, John B. Barney, William W. Merrill, Garret H. Winter, and Edward E. Powell. After Allendale incorporated as a borough in 1894, the borough mayor and council assumed responsibility for many of the public improvements previously initiated and maintained by the VIA. In 1895 the Village Improvement Association disbanded. In its brief existence, however, the Association had been responsible for many improvements including installation and maintenance of streetlights, road improvements (as well as renaming many of Allendale's roads) and planting of flowers and shrubs.

The third improvement association was organized in December 1903 by a group of civic-minded women of the community. This group, often called the "Ladies' VIA" to differentiate it from the earlier organization of the same name, formed committees to look after the borough park (now Memorial Park), to plant and care for flowers in the plaza near the train station, to organize an annual clean-up garbage pickup, and to help with the Allendale Library. In order to implement its projects, the Ladies' VIA held various fund-raisers including entertainments such as the 1904 production of "Tom Cobb," a three-act comedy, the printed program from which we reproduce here.

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Mrs. Joseph Ware1st Vice-President	Mrs. William Dewsnap.....Rec. Sec'y
Mrs. S. Van Houten...2nd Vice-President	Mrs. A. L. Zabriskie.....Cor. Sec'y

COMMITTEES.

Street and Sanitary—Mrs. Josephine Asten; Railroad—Mrs. A. L. Zabriskie; Finance—Mrs. Walter Dewsnap; Library—Mrs. W. E. Carver; Parks and Natural Beauty—Mrs. S. M. Pritchett; Children's Auxiliary—Mrs. Frank Drummond; Prevention of Cruelty to Children and Animals—Mrs. Wm. C. Talman.

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In October 1917, the VIA disbanded at their final meeting held at the Borough Hall (then in Allendale's first firehouse). The president of the organization, Mrs. S. T. Van Houten stated that since most of the work of the organization had been taken over by other organizations, the need for a VIA no longer existed. The one project which was to still receive support from a special committee formed before the group disbanded was the Library Committee, composed of Mrs. W. Carver, Mrs. S. Pritchett, Miss Mary Parkhurst, and Mrs. S. T. Van Houten.

A bit more than one year later, in December 1918, many of the members of the Ladies VIA plus others including Mrs. W. C. Talman, Mrs. W. Lee, Mrs. W. H. Mallinson, Mrs. J. H. Mallinson, Mrs. A. A. Lawrence, Mrs. G. M. Potter, Miss Dorothy Parkhurst, Mrs. W. G. Critchley, Mrs. K. Harris, Mrs. C. F. Smith, Mrs. W. R. Darken, Mrs. A. Whittaker, and Mrs. B. F. Hutches, met to form a women's group called the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Board of Trade.

This group formed the beginnings of what was to become, four years later in 1922, the Woman's Club of Allendale.

TO OUR READERS.....DO YOU REMEMBER?

Do any of our readers remember a swimming place in Allendale called Longrack? Laura Barrett Haviland mentioned Longrack in her article, "Some Childhood Memories of Allendale," which appeared in the February 1977 issue of Allendale History and Heritage. Marston Potter told us that the section of the brook in back of his parents' home on West Crescent Avenue was already called Longrack when they moved there in 1909.

Do any of our readers have other memories of Longrack to add? Does anyone know how the spot got its name?

TIME CAPSULES

104 YEARS AGO IN ALLENDALE....

Smith Roswell is now ticket agent and postmaster here. The Erie Co. opened a telegraph office last week...James Reading has nearly completed his new house. Isaac W. Halsted of Ramsey's has the contract. (Hackensack Republican, Nov. 27, 1873)....There was a shooting for turkeys on Christmas. Six were put up at fifty cents a pop. They were from the farm of Daniel Anthony, Esq., and weighed in the aggregate of 86 pounds. The distance was fifty yards. J. Raymond Achenback won three; R. B. Cable one; C. Coe Achenback shooting one; and Daniel Anthony one...(Bergen County Democrat, December 26, 1873)

100 YEARS AGO IN ALLENDALE....

Last Friday night Miss Hattie Ackerman entertained her friends in a most novel and delightful manner. The place of entertainment was her father's barn, which was tastefully decorated with autumn leaves, evergreens, and the pretty feathery clematis, and brilliantly illuminated. When filled with the bright faces of the happy guests, and resounding with their merry laughter, formed one of the most picturesque scenes imaginable. Our venerable friend, Yan Moore, furnished the music in his happiest manner, and the joyous feet of the dancers kept good time....We must not omit to mention the clog dance, which was performed by Yan, with ready good nature, at the request of the young people, and created great merriment. (Bergen County Democrat, October 5, 1877)

90 YEARS AGO IN ALLENDALE....

John Andrew, Wm. Henry and Joseph Henry Mallinson, Mr. Weeks and Mr. Cummings have returned from Greenwood Lake, and report has it that they had a very wet time of it, but caught a great big lot of fish all the same....A. E. Ivers and our

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*Advertisements from The Allendale
Methodist Herald, August 1903.*

(90 YEARS AGO IN ALLENDALE, continued) dominie came home from Greenwood Lake with a few fish, and fairly well pleased with their trip... John Van Horn's cider presses are in full operation. (Hackensack Republican, October 6, 1887)

87 YEARS AGO IN ALLENDALE....There was more ice on Asten's pond last week than at any time during last winter. The skaters seized the chance and were out in full force, trying to make up for missing so much of their sport last season. (Bergen County Democrat, December 12, 1890.)

64 YEARS AGO IN ALLENDALE....The house which was recently purchased from Mr. B. F. Hutches is being transformed into a Catholic Church and services will likely be held in the new place of worship on Christmas Day. (Ramsey Journal, December 5, 1913)

FROM OUR READERS....

October 10, 1977---I really enjoy your Allendale History and Heritage so much. So many wonderful people and happy memories of years past.

I was born on West Crescent Avenue, as was my father. My grandparents lived in and owned the former Critchley house (well still standing) next to Dr. Richard Botta.

We moved near Crestwood Lake to West Maple Street in 1929. I recall, with a smile, it was that year the state decided to pave West Crescent Avenue. The dirt and ruts of mud are gone forever, but the traffic still lingers on!

I know my children join me in being proud to have grown up in Allendale. ----Natalie Storms Holeman

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Family Membership.....\$5.00
Individual Membership.....\$3.00

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