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NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 5, 1979, 8:30 p.m. at the Allendale Municipal Building, West Crescent Avenue, Allendale.

PROGRAM: Mrs. Gay McIndoe of Ridgewood will speak to us about old postcards, including children's postcards, signed cards, Valentines, and St. Patrick's Day cards. Members who have old postcards are invited to bring to the meeting a few examples from their collections. We discovered that of seven people attending our last board meeting, four were postcard collectors; we suspect the hobby has special appeal for historically-minded people!

NEWS AND VIEWS: We are indebted to Mr. Albert O. Scafuro for his help in preparing our application for a non-profit organization tax-exempt number. We thank him for his assistance in filing for this non-profit status.

Again this year (and, we might add, in response to popular demand engendered by the success of last year's presentation) our society will again sponsor a production by the Ridgewood Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Company. This year's production is "H.M.S. Pinafore," which will be presented Saturday, April 7 at 8:00 p.m. at the Brookside School auditorium. Tickets are \$4.00 for adults, \$2.50 for students, and may be purchased by using the order form on the back page of this newsletter or by calling 327-4190 or 327-3510. The proceeds from this event will be used by our society for such projects as improving and adding to our collection and purchasing suitable cabinets to house and display the collection.

IN MEMORIAM: It is with very deep regret that we record the death of one of our charter members, Mrs. B. Perry Hamilton. Ina was active in numerous Allendale organizations, and for the past three years had served our society as trustee. In memory of Ina, a friend who will be deeply missed, a contribution has been made by our society to the Valley Hospital.

ALLENDALE, NEW JERSEY--"THE PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE"  
by Frank Berdan

*In this issue, we conclude the brief history of Allendale which was written by Frank Berdan for publication in a souvenir booklet celebrating the first anniversary of the Allendale Police Department in 1929. The booklet also contained the program for a presentation by the Allendale Players produced in honor of the occasion. Because the souvenir booklet is long out of print and, as far as we know, the short history has never been reprinted, we reprint it here for your enjoyment, just as it appeared in 1929.*

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With the close of the war a great real estate boom swept over our state and Allendale was not overlooked. On March 16, 1868 John A. Garrison and Dolly his wife, deeded to Herman Talman and Marie, his wife, and Harvey Sherwood and Charity M., his wife, a tract of land containing 34 acres, for \$6,000.00, located on both sides of Park Avenue (then called Allendale Avenue) from First Street to what is now New Street. This tract was subdivided into plots, and included for park purposes what is now known as Memorial Park. This was set aside for use of the purchasers of plots in the development. The streets in this tract were named as follows: First, Second, Third, and Fourth Streets, Allendale Avenue (now Park Avenue), Mallinson Street, from First to Fourth Streets (it was not cut through to Park Avenue as at present) and Anthony Street. Second and Anthony Streets are now known as Brookside Avenue. The residence of Postmaster Critchley was one of the first houses to be erected on this development.

As an inducement to prospective home owners, a group of citizens held a meeting on March 14, 1889, in the Home Amusement Club House in Saddle River, for the purpose of discussing the advisability of organizing a Building and Loan Association. John G. Esler acted as chairman and David Pickens served as secretary. It was decided at this meeting to organize, provided that subscriptions could be secured for 250 shares and that the organization should be known as the Orvil Co-operative Building and Loan Association. The following were appointed to solicit subscriptions: Walter E. Switzer, Albert L. Zabriskie, Andrew Esler, S. J. Van Blarcom, Wm. W. Packer, and Charles L. Parigot. The following gentlemen were also appointed to draw up a Constitution and By-Laws: John G. Esler, David Pickens, and Albert L. Zabriskie. Both of these committees were to report at a meeting to be held in the basement of Archer Hall on March 23, 1889, at 8 o'clock. At this meeting both committees reported and the records show a membership of 58 with a total subscription of 294 shares. On March 28, 1889, at a meeting held in the Home Amusement Club, the following were elected officers for one year, dating from a time to be afterwards arranged: President, John G. Esler; Vice-President, Albert L. Zabriskie; Secretary, David Pickens; and Treasurer, Edward E. Powell. At a meeting held in Archer Hall on April 13, 1889, the Constitution and By-Laws were adopted and the secretary was instructed to apply to the County Clerk for Charter of Incorporation. The following trustees were elected at this meeting: David P. Davis, A. E. Ivers, Frank L. Van Tassell, Horace O. Doty, Charles L. Parigot, S. J. Van Blarcom, Wm. H. Mallinson, Dr. Charles Badeau, Walter E. Switzer, of Allendale; Stephen Hopper, Hohokus; Andrew Esler, Wm. W. Packer, Saddle River.

At a meeting held in Yeoman's Hall on April 19, 1889, Frank J. Kimball was appointed Attorney. The first meeting for the payment of dues was held May 13, 1889 and on the tenth of June following, the first loan was sold to Elbert V. D. Rousseau, of Ramsey, N.J. at a gross premium of 2%. On May 8, 1893 J. W. De Yoe was appointed Attorney. On September 11th of the same year Edward E. Powell resigned as Treasurer and Andrew Esler was appointed in his place and has served in that capacity ever since. The secretary, David Pickens, having removed to Scranton, Pa., on March 12, 1894, William C. Talman was appointed to the Secretaryship and has served continuously to the present time. Following is the present Directorate: John H. Ackerman, 1896-1901 and 1922 to date; Charles H. Weeks, 1898; Henry C. Borger, 1906; John Yeomans, 1907; Garret H. Winters, 1909; Milton W. Packer, 1918; A. A. Lawrence, 1920; Frank Berdan, 1926; W.G.Z. Critchley, 1926; Ambrose K. Merrill, 1928; E. K. Burger, 1929; M.E. Higgins, 1929; Louis Jones, Director, 1900; President, 1926; George W. Parigot,



Director 1901, Vice-President 1926. Since July 1913 all meetings were held in the Fire House and in January 1926 the place of meeting was changed to the First National Bank Building. The name of the organization was changed to the Allendale Building and Loan Association on November 1, 1926. Over a period of forty years the Association has had only seven foreclosures, which is a remarkable record. During its entire existence only one pay meeting was not held; this on February 13, 1899, due to a very severe snow storm, when the Secretary was the only member who succeeded in arriving at the place of the meeting.

With the arrival of new folks the progressive citizens already saw the need of some modern improvements and a group of citizens organized the Allendale Improvement Association in 1887. Our former Mayor and highly esteemed fellow townsman, Albert L. Zabriskie, was one of the active workers in this group. Among their activities was the installation of 40 oil lamps throughout the town. Mort Southwick, who is still an active Fireman, was appointed Lamp Lighter. The first piece of macadam roadway as well as a flagstone walk was laid through the efforts of this organization. Both of these improvements were on the present Allendale Avenue, between the railroad and the Turnpike. This same organization, with the support of many of the citizens of the village, made various attempts to improve conditions at the school, which was then a one-room building. We were still under Township government and the surrounding villages made it very difficult, by their opposition, for Allendale to secure practically any additional funds for school purposes. Public opinion became aroused with the result that petitions were circulated with the object of forming a Borough and by act of the Legislature, our local school district was separated from Orvil Township dating from Nov. 10, 1894 and designated as the Borough of Allendale.

The history of Allendale as a Borough, from 1894 to 1930 will appear in the second anniversary program of the Police Department. It will also contain a historical sketch of the following organizations: Allendale Players, American Legion, Village Improvement Association, Bergen Guards, Franklin Club, Women's Club, Alpha Republican Club, Allendale Republican Club, Allendale Democratic Club, Fire Department, Police Department, Garden Club, Women's Christian Temperance Union, Boy Scouts, Archer M. E. Church, Epiphany Episcopal Church, Church of the Guardian Angel, Public School, Library, First National Bank, Allendale Argus, Our Parks, Crestwood Lake, and Lake San Jacinto.

The writer would appreciate the privilege of inspecting old photographs and records of any of the above organizations.

----Frank Berdan

*Editor's Note: It is not known if the proposed "second anniversary program" was ever printed. If it was, we have never seen a copy of it. If anyone has such a copy or knows of its existence, we would be most happy to see it. If Mr. Berdan did, in fact, continue his history as planned, it would certainly make for interesting reading today.*

#### FROM THE RAMSEY JOURNAL

25 YEARS AGO IN ALLENDALE.....Postmaster Frank A. Farrell announced that City Delivery Carrier Service will be instituted in Allendale on March 1, 1954....Residents will be required to erect mail receptacles or mail slots for the receipt of mail.....(February 25, 1954)



30 YEARS AGO IN ALLENDALE.....Plans for the restoration and operation of the swimming pool in Recreation Park were discussed at a meeting of the Swimming Pool Restoration Committee on Monday evening held in the Fire House. Present at the meeting of the committee, which is composed of representatives of town groups, were Mrs. James Secor, Women's Society of Christian Service; Leslie Johnson, Holiday Observers; Joseph Hampson, Boy Scouts; Robert Cottrell, American Legion; Mrs. Wilbur Vanderbeek, Guardian Angel Guild; Edwin Grosman, Fire Department; Howard Elschner, Allendale Athletic Association; Mrs. Walter Rumsey and Mrs. Doris Tatosian, Junior Woman's Club; Harvey Beswick, who is serving as engineering advisor to the committee; and John Doty, who is representing the Garden Club....The committee's plans call for the completion of the restoration work in time for opening the pool about July 1st and operating through Labor Day.....(January 27, 1949)

35 YEARS AGO IN ALLENDALE.....Members of the Allendale Ambulance Corps were active last week taking two Waldwick residents to Paterson General Hospital. George Price and Mrs. Paul O'Connor were the ambulance crew. Two Saddle River residents were taken to Hackensack Hospital. James Kievit and Paul O'Connor were the ambulance crew, and one Allendale call, with Edwin Grosman and Paul O'Connor as the ambulance attendants. ....(January 6, 1944)

Last Thursday evening the Allendale Council met with Mayor Geely presiding. Four members of the councils were present: Christopher, Borger, Wehner, and Ostertag....Borough Clerk, Charles R. Vollaro, read an invitation from Tenafly to join with them on their fiftieth anniversary. This brought forth the reminder from the mayor that this is also Allendale's fiftieth year as a borough and that he hoped suitable ceremony would be held in November to mark the occasion. A committee will be appointed for this matter.....(February 17, 1944)

40 YEARS AGO IN ALLENDALE.....Work on the construction of the two temporary Erie Railroad by-passes around the grade crossing elimination work at West Orchard Street and West Crescent Avenue was started yesterday....A crew of 15 to 20 railroad workmen unloaded ties and rails for the tracks Tuesday.....(January 5, 1939)

A proposal to close the Allendale municipal building and to transfer all borough activities to the firehouse was made by Councilwoman Mrs. Maude Grey Pittis, chairman of the building committee, at Thursday night's meeting of the borough council.....(February 2, 1939)

65 YEARS AGO IN ALLENDALE.....Sometime during Monday night burglars gained an entrance into the hotel through a window and helped themselves to the change in the cash register and some good cigars....Beginning February 9th, the First National Bank of Ramsey will receive deposits on Monday and Thursday at the store of W. F. Kornhoff between the hours of 2:30 and 3:45 p.m.....(January 30, 1914)

A special meeting of the Fire Association was held in the hall on Thursday evening to take some action in regard to the uniform force attending the wedding of Dr. Harry M. Archer to which each man received an invitation and which takes place on Tuesday evening in St. Mathew's Church, West 84th Street, near Central Park, West New York.....(February 13, 1914)

70 YEARS AGO IN ALLENDALE.....It is said that the Women's Improvement Association are arranging for a stone station. They have consulted with the railroad officials who promise cooperation. There are stones enough in this section for several stations.....While several women



were walking along the turnpike one day last week, a horse and cutter approached, when suddenly the horse started to run. The occupant of the sleigh was thrown out and one of the women and her child knocked down. The cutter went over them but neither was hurt much. The horse was caught a little further on.....Last Saturday morning the town was treated to another chariot race under the auspices of the Women's Improvement Association. Both bodies sent out a snow plow, each with two horses attached, and in some parts of the town the chariots indulged in a little brush. But the chariots did good work and the result was one could find a well broken path in all parts of the borough. ....(February 5, 1904)

"FIRST FAMILIES" OF ALLENDALE...Notes on early residents of Allendale and vicinity  
Compiled by Pat Wardell

(continued)

Alyea, Albert.

Born about 1794, he and his wife, Jane are listed in the 1850 Federal Census, in which his occupation is given as "miller." Also living in the same household are John Alyea, a farmer (probably Albert's son) and his wife, Margaret. Albert may be the "Albert Alyea" who was said to have owned and run a peat mill in Allendale.

Anthony, Daniel.

Born about 1828, he died in May 1894. He married Susan Amelia Steele and they had children: Irene Anthony (married Robert Cable), Jane E. Anthony (b. about 1854), Henry Clay Anthony ("Harry" born May 15, 1861 in New York City, he married Elizabeth Sanford Whiting), Roberta S. Anthony ("Bertie" born about 1867), Walter D. Anthony (b. about 1868), Daniel Anthony (b. about 1870), and Watson Anthony (born July 4, 1876). By 1870, the Anthony family was living in Allendale, and probably as early as 1860, they were spending part of the year in their summer home in Allendale. Daniel Anthony was a ship builder in New York, and in his later years, grew fruit on his farm in Allendale.

Anthony, Henry Clay ("Harry").

Son of Daniel Anthony and Susan Amelia Steele, he was born May 15, 1861 in New York City and died August 4, 1940. He married, on June 2, 1895, Elizabeth Sanford Whiting, the daughter of Winslow Whiting and Anna Sanford. They had children: Whiting Anthony (married Ruth Greenwood Taylor); Elizabeth Whiting Anthony (married John MacLachlan); Helen Whiting Anthony (married C. Kern Meyer); Robert Anthony; Walter Anthony; and Henry C. Anthony, Jr. Henry C. Anthony was a charter member of the Allendale Fire Association, and was at one time Borough Clerk of Allendale. He served on the Shade Tree Commission and was a member of the Allendale Rod and Gun Club. According to a story told by Rod and Gun Club members, at one time he was asked by Mayor Kenneth Fisher and the Borough Council to undertake the tedious job of cleaning and inventorying the Borough safe. He agreed to do the job, and refused to accept pay for it. "I'll tell you what," he said, "When the job's done, you can buy me a new fishing rod." The Council, so the story goes, passed a special resolution, not only for a rod, but also for some tackle.

Appert, Arthur A.

Son of Henry J. Appert and Ella B. Finn. He graduated from Allendale public school in June 1900, and he married Loretta ("Betty") Keidel, daughter of Louis A. Keidel, who served as Allendale's mayor in the early 1940's. They had a son, Arthur A. Appert. Appert lived in Allendale, later in Ridgewood and Fair Lawn. He continued the

produce farm his father had started in Allendale, and at one time he was known as the "celery king."

Appert, Henry J.

Born January 7, 1860 in Egg, Switzerland, he died February 15, 1927. He married Ella B. Finn on February 13, 1881 and they had children: Edward P. Appert, Lawrence Augustine Appert, Arthur Adolph Appert (married Loretta Keidel), Henry John Appert, Jr., and Ella M. Appert. He came to America when he was 19 and began work for a dry goods business in Michigan. A year later he began a cigar factory in Chester, N.Y. In 1892 he purchased the acreage in Allendale on which he established his produce farm. Over the years, he added to the farm by purchasing other, adjoining tracts of land, and he developed the property into the well-known Allendale Produce Gardens (this area of marshy farmland has since been known popularly as "the celery farm.") He was a member of the Board of Education, served two terms on the Borough Council, and was a director of the First National Bank of Ramsey.

(to be continued in next issue)

#### New Members

Miss Mildred Barrett of Florida  
Mr. & Mrs. David Berdan of Freehold  
Genevieve MacKeeby Capstaff of Illinois  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert O. Fraser of Florida  
Mrs. Estelle Mazur of Allendale  
Mrs. Mildred Post of Ramsey

#### Accessions

Allendale section of Ridgewood News of June 15, 1939, donated by Kay Yeomans and the Upper Saddle River Historical Society.

Photographs of Allendale scenes circa 1898-1906; program of an entertainment given at Archer Hall in 1912, donated by Russell Mallinson.

Old newspaper clippings relating to Allendale, circa 1890-1920's, donated by Laura Barrett Haviland.

Mimeographed booklet: "Allendale Anthology from the Workshop, Literature Dept., Allendale Womens Club," a collection of poems written by Womens Club members, 1940-41, donated by Edith Jones.

Receipt book for payment of dues to the Allendale Republican Club, 1939, donated by Kathleen Job.

288-page book, Tariff of Rates, Bergen County (New Jersey) 1896, a listing of insurance rates, plus roster of buildings insured in towns, villages, boroughs, etc. of Bergen County, donated by Dave and Betty Quackenbush.

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Additions to, corrections of, and just plain comments about the articles and items printed in the newsletter are always welcome. In addition, anyone who would like to contribute an article, story, or reminiscence for publication in our newsletter is hereby encouraged to do so!

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