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NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 3, 1980, 8:30 p.m. at the Allendale Municipal Building, West Crescent Avenue, Allendale.

PROGRAM: A slide program, "The Changing Face of Bergen" will be presented by a representative of the Cultural and Historic Affairs Commission of Bergen County. Join us, and bring a friend; the public is welcome.

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A HISTORY OF ALLENDALE

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PART X

Industries.....by Garry Garabedian and Clark Parkhurst

The first large industry, that of strawberry farming, started in Allendale about fifty years ago. (Editor's note: actually, strawberry farming in the Allendale area began in the first half of the 19th century.) Our town was a shipping center for the berries. The men who owned the largest farms here were Edward Vanderbeek, Joe Mallinson, and John Ackerson. Pickers came from miles around in season. At first, when the markets were in New York city, the berries were shipped by railroad, but when the markets started in Paterson, N.J., the berries were shipped by horse and buggy. After a number of years, the strawberry industry started to die out in Allendale and the farmers shifted to assorted fruits like apples, peaches, plums, pears, tomatoes, etc. Now the farmers grow fruits and vegetables and come under the truck farming classification. New York, Newark, and Paterson markets are supplied with our local produce.

The Ackerman Coal and Oil Company of Allendale was started in the year of 1872 by the present manager's father who handled the business. They now also handle oil and coke as well as coal. Ackerman's store was the first store in Allendale.

The Winter Brothers' Grocery Store was started in 1884 under the name of Winter and Leamon, and next as Winter and Christopher, who dissolved partnership. Mr. Winter said it was a general store then. Now they handle hardware, paints, coal, and groceries. Winter Bros. is the second oldest store in Allendale.

In 1892 Henry J. Appert bought a tract of 30 acres of wasteland on Franklin Turnpike and Cottage Place, and started the Appert Farm. After much labor, about half of the acreage was cleared and planted with onions as the principal crop. Mr. Appert made a success of his enterprise and in 1900 sold the 30 acre farm to a South Lima, New York, firm of growers. That year the crop was a failure. The farm then was returned to its former owner. In 1900 Arthur A. Appert was taken in as a partner and the business was conducted under H. J. Appert and Son. In 1912 Arthur A. Appert bought out his father's interest and became sole owner. In that first year he built his first green house in order to produce earlier crops. In the years that followed he bought five more green houses and also added to the acreage. Practically all of the acreage is reclaimed swamp land. In soil of these types, lettuce, celery, and onions are grown to advantage. To increase the natural fertility of the soil, Mr. A. Appert used about 70 tons of fertilizer and 25 tons of nitrate yearly. Although snow may cover the rich, black acres of the celery farm, tiny celery plants are pushing their way upward in the green house seed beds, and are later transplanted in cold frames so that the first crop may be ready for market. Mr. Arthur Appert has given 35 years of experience toward this complicated industry and succeeded in making it one of Allendale's largest industries. In the year 1943, he sold all his interest in the farm to a small group of men from Paterson, N.J. The Campbell Soup Company buys the bulk of the crop.

The Vanderbeek Farms of Allendale started well over 60 years ago. The original owner was Mr. Vanderbeek. He started out with not much of a variety of vegetables, but with special care and tests they found they could raise many of the vegetables you have on your table. These vegetables are transported to New York by truck and are sold wholesale.

The Christopher Lumber Mill in Allendale will have been functioning for 40 years this coming August. They have 15 trucks now in operation. The mill usually employs 50 men, but because of the war, they have only 26. They get their supply of wood from the state of New York, in Rockland and Orange Counties, also from Bucks County, Pa., and scattered areas of New Jersey. The only wood processed is oak. This wood is sold by the thousand cord feet to Todd and many other shipyards along the middle Atlantic Coast, also to the Bethlehem Steel Co. This business is owned and operated by Mr. Richard J. Christopher and his son, George.

The Thurston Garage on Franklin Turnpike was started in 1912 by Mr. Henry Thurston. They sell McCormick and Deering sprayers, tractors, etc. They also do repair work on tractors for farmers within a radius of 60 miles of Allendale and seldom service less than 200 different machines a year. It is one of the largest and busiest organizations of its type in the East, exclusively engaged in the selling and servicing of farm machinery.

The Central Garage in Allendale started in 1920. It is still located on its original site on Myrtle Avenue. Mr. Megnin said in his interview, "We get our supplies any place we can because of the war."

A new industry has sprung up in Allendale. Mr. Fred Gates has

started a new type of work to build up Allendale's already growing industrial center. Mr. Gates started his business on January 1, 1944. He makes out-door and in-door furniture. He uses chestnut, oak, pine, and cypress woods. The wood used is reprocessed interior house trim. Mr. Gates sells his wares wholesale to R. H. Macy and Ramberger's.

The Allendale Bakery was founded over 16 years ago. The original owner was William Kornhoff, who died about 2 years ago. The bakery has kept its original site during the 16 years. Mr. Erheart Scherb, the present proprietor, has been the owner since 1929. The war has made that business very difficult to maintain because of the scarcity of material. It is maintained and run by the Scherb family of Allendale. There is no other bakery in town, but a lot of bakery products are imported and sold in the food stores here.

Walter Temperlyn founded his drug store located on the corner of Myrtle Avenue and Allendale Avenue. The store, the only drug store in Allendale, has never moved from its present site. Mr. Temperlyn is still the owner of his store. He gets his supplies from various firms and factories, one of the biggest being Johnson & Johnson Surgical Supplies. The war interferes with getting chemicals because of the big demand of our army.

The Allendale A & P was started well over 23 years ago, with Mr. Yearling as manager. It is still located on its original site. It gets its supplies from large A & P warehouses by truck and carries mostly Ann Page products. The warehouses are located in nearby New York and Newark. The local A & P employs six people. It is a grocery and butcher store combined. The present manager is H. J. Rose.

Being minors, we were not permitted on the premises of The Allendale Hotel, so we have not much information about it. We have found that it was functioning when Allendale was in the heyday of the strawberry industry, and that itinerant pickers crowded not only the Hotel itself, but its stables when the season was in progress. It was also patronized greatly by summer boarders when the Erie Railroad introduced city folks to Allendale's restful atmosphere. The hotel today functions principally as an eating and drinking place.

The following is a list of the businesses that are centrally located in Allendale. Oddly enough, all are on the main street, W. Allendale Ave.

Post Office	Great Eastern Groceries
First National Bank	M. J. Van Sickles, Confections
Marcus 5 & 10 Cent Store	A & P Groceries & Meat
Reuben Tailor	Althausen's Delicatessen
Allagio's Beauty Parlor	Critchley's Real Estate
Scherb's Bakery	Kornhoff's Real Estate
H. Halpern's Confectionery	Alberta's Barber Shop
& Stationery	Telephone Exchange
Walter Temperlyn Pharmacy	Allendale Hotel

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Some Notes on the Christopher Family

Sent by our member, Dorothy Ware.

From Pre-Revolutionary Dutch Houses and Families in Northern New Jersey and Southern New York by Rosalie Fellows Bailey we learn about the presumed ancestors of the Christopher family in Allendale:

Hans Christophel was one of the settlers of Staten Island in 1661. He married Tryntie Barents. He died before 1703 and his widow died between 1703-06.

One of their children was Barent Christopher, who was baptized

June 6, 1680 at Flatbush, married Anna Catherine Stillwell, daughter of Nicholas Stillwell, Jr. They had eight children, among whom was John (Hans or Johannes) Christopher who was born about 1706. He married Jane Arrowsmith and they had four sons.

Their third son was Joseph Christopher, who was baptized August 8, 1736 on Staten Island. He married Charity (or Heirtry, or Geertruy) Hagewout. Their son Joseph Christopher was a cordwainer (shoemaker); he was presumably the father of John J. Christopher who married (1) Jemima Van Buskirk, and (2) Jane Smith.

Dorothy Ware says, "Jane Smith had been married first to a Jersey of Rockland County by whom she had one child, John E. My father told me that he used to take my grandmother, Maria Louisa Christopher Ackerman, to visit Smith cousins in Allendale (Smith house on main road near Strong St.) and at so-called Treason House in Rockland County."

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

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Compiler's Note: This alphabetical listing cannot be considered an all-inclusive list of prominent early Allendale residents. We invite any member or friend to write us to add information to any listing or to insert an omitted listing. These notes are being compiled using information that has been accumulated over the years, and we freely acknowledge that the list is far from complete. In general, it is our policy to list residents who were born or lived in Allendale prior to 1900 but there are a few exceptions for those with unusual or outstanding accomplishments or lengthy and dedicated service to Allendale.

Christopher, John William (Willis)

The son of Charles and Elizabeth Christopher, he was born January 27, 1855 in Allendale, reportedly in the old tollgate house on Franklin Turnpike. He worked as a carpenter, was a life-long resident of Allendale, and died in September 1936 at the age of 81.

Christopher, Joseph

The son of John Christopher and Aaltje Zabriskie, he was born in 1783 in New York and died August 29, 1853. He married, on June 8, 1805 at Paramus, Euphemia (Eva) Swinn, who had been born in March 1787 and who died June 26, 1852. They are both buried in Union Cemetery. They lived on Hillside Avenue near the site of today's high school. Their children were: Aaltje (Ellen) Christopher, b. 1806, m. Garret O'Brien; John J. Christopher, b. 1808, m. (1) Jemima Van Buskirk, (2) Jane Smith; Catherine Christopher, b. 1811; Peter Christopher, b. 1813, m. Deborah Banta; Jacob Christopher, b. 1815, m. (1) Susannah Crouter, (2) Jane Ellen --?--; Lavinia Christopher, b. 1820, m. James H. Young; Charity Christopher, b. 1826, m. John P. Terhune; Harriet Ann Christopher, b. 1828, m. John A. Quackenbush; Margaret Ellen Christopher, b. 1831. There was possibly an additional son: Charles Christopher, b. about 1831-32, m. Elizabeth --?--.

Christopher, Richard

Born in 1852, he was the son of John J. Christopher and Jane Smith. He married, in May 1876 at Wyckoff, Anna Maria Green Ackerman, daughter of Jacob J. Ackerman and Elizabeth Young. Richard Christopher started a saw mill in 1879 near the Park Avenue-Crescent Avenue intersection. He and his wife had three

children: Jacob Muried Christopher , b. 1879, m. Ada Mallinson; James George Christopher, b. 1881, d. 1905; and Richard J. Christopher, b. about 1884, m. Jennie Duvall.

Christopher, Richard J.

The son of Richard Christopher and Anna Maria Green Ackerman, he was born about 1884 and died in March 1957. He married Jennie Duvall, who died in July 1952. They had three children: J. George Christopher (who was Mayor of Allendale in 1945 and 1946); Muriel Christopher, m. --?-- Cook; and Anne Christopher, m. (1) Paul D. O'Connor, (2) Harold Lussow. Richard J. Christopher ran a lumber and sawmill business in Allendale (first "Christopher Brothers" with his brother, J. M. Christopher; later "R. J. Christopher & Son" with his son, J. George Christopher); was president of the First National Bank of Allendale from its founding in 1925 until his death in 1957; and served on the Allendale Borough Council.

Christopher, William C.

The son of Joseph Christopher and Euphemia (Eva) Swinn, he was born June 25, 1823 and baptized at Paramus. He married Rosanna Lake, the daughter of Abraham Lake and Margaret Van Sise. She was born about 1828 and died October 16, 1892 at Allendale. William C. Christopher died July 13, 1892; both are buried in Union Cemetery, Ramsey. They had children: Margaret L. Christopher, b. 1845; Catherine Lavinia Christopher, b. 1849, m. Thomas A. Ackerman; Anna E. Christopher, b. 1851, m. Stephen Zabriskie Hennion; John Edward Christopher, b. 1854, m. Elizabeth Murray; Abraham Christopher, b. 1857, m. Ella --?--; Charity Matilda Christopher, b. 1859, m. David F. Smith; Joseph H. Christopher, b. 1863, m. Elizabeth Hopper; William Christopher, b. 1870, m. (1) --?-- Forshay, (2) Elizabeth --?--; Harriet Christopher, b. 1874, m. James Penel.

Clark, Orival O.

He was born August 1, 1850 in Orville, Wayne County, Ohio. His wife ran a dry goods store until late 1920, succeeding to the business previously run by the Borgers. Mr. Clark, who had served as president of the Allendale Republican Club, was elected Mayor of Allendale in 1918 and served as Mayor during 1919 and 1920.

Cockroft, R.

He brought his family from Brooklyn to Allendale in 1896, having bought property from the Van Horn estate on which he built the large home at 703 Franklin Turnpike (later Pruiksma's Nursing Home). He and his wife had two daughters, Fannie M. Cockroft, m. Wallace Carver; and --?-- Cockroft, m. --?--Weyand. He died October 13, 1924.

Coe, Cornelius

He ran the Allendale Hotel circa 1873-74, and in 1874 operated a livery stable in conjunction with the Hotel.

Colburn, David M.

He was born in Fitchburg, Mass. about 1894 and moved to Allendale about 1920. He served as a Borough Councilman, Allendale Tax Collector, and Allendale Borough Clerk. A veteran of World War I, he worked as a bookkeeper for Faber Cement Block Company. He and his wife, Margaret Austin, had two sons: David M. Colburn, Jr., and James A. Colburn.

Cook, George

The son of John Cook, he was born July 13, 1862 in St. Clair, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, but his family soon moved to

Washington, D.C. He attended Emerson Institute and then Columbia University, from which he graduated, at the age of twenty, with a degree in law. He moved to New York in 1885 and built up a law practice, specializing in patent law. He married --?-- Johnson, and moved to Allendale about 1887. He served as vice president of the Village Improvement Association in 1892, as Mayor of Allendale from 1898-1900, and as Assemblyman in 1903-04. The Cooks lived on West Allendale Avenue in a house formerly occupied by Joseph Mallinson. The Cook house was destroyed by fire on January 11, 1913.

Cornel, Albert

Listed in January/February 1779 and December 1780 Franklin Township rateables, with 50 acres (1779) and as a householder (1780), his proximity in the listing with other names familiar to this area would indicate that he probably lived in the vicinity of Allendale shortly after the Revolution.

Courter, Isaac

Born about 1815, he married, March 3, 1835 at New Prospect (Waldwick), Sarah Storms. They had children: Sophia C. Courter, b. about 1836; Rachel J. Courter, b. about 1838; William Courter, b. about 1840; Andrew Courter, b. about 1844; Aaron Courter, b. about 1846-47; Leah J. Courter, b. about 1854-55; Sarah A. Courter, b. about 1856; and James Courter, b. about 1862. Isaac Courter was a farmer, one of whose crops was strawberries, which, in 1856 he sold through John J. Storms, a wholesale fruit and produce commissioner. In May 1871 a fire destroyed Courter's house and its contents. This family apparently lived in the vicinity of Crescent Avenue near today's San Jacinto Swim Club.

Critchley, Perry W.

About 1908, he bought 12 acres of land, along with the old homestead, from the Storms estate and moved his family from Brooklyn to Allendale. He was a charter member of the Allendale Library Association. He died in 1929. His wife, Mabel Scoville Critchley, died in 1957, survived by one son, Harold F. Critchley.

Critchley, William G. Z.

Born in 1879 in Brooklyn, he married Ella Von Seyfried, who was born April 13, 1879, also in Brooklyn. They moved to Allendale in 1914. He was very involved in Allendale civic and volunteer organizations. He was Postmaster of Allendale for 15 years and a member of the Borough Council for 8 years. He was one of the founders of the Holiday Observers and served as treasurer of the Allendale Library Association. He served as Assistant Chief of the Allendale Fire Department and was honored with life membership in the Department. He was a director of the Allendale Building & Loan Association and one of the founders of the Allendale Real Estate and Insurance Agency. He was affectionately known, to young and old, as "Dad" or "Pop" Critchley. William G. Z. Critchley died November 26, 1947. Mrs. Critchley was a charter member of the Woman's Club of Allendale. She died in March 1946. William G. Z. and Ella Critchley had two sons: Norman G. Critchley, m. Margaret Rossiter; and Elwood T. Critchley, m. Marion Booth.

Crouter, Anthony

Born about 1782, he was probably the son of Anthony Crouter and Maria Stephenson. He was living in Allendale before 1811, for in January of that year he was one of the signers of an application

and petition for the "vacation" of a road called "the Shunpike," which ran through Allendale. He married Elizabeth --?-- and they had children: Margaret Crouter, b. April 12, 1805; Mary Crouter, b. March 22, 1808; Elizabeth Crouter, b. Jan. 2, 1813; Steven Crouter, b. June 11, 1815; Agnes Crouter, b. 1817, died in infancy; Agnes Crouter, b. 1820; and Catherine Crouter, b. 1823, baptized April 6, 1823 at New Prospect (Waldwick), m. Henry Mallinson. Anthony Crouter was a farmer and a wheelwright. On March 31, 1847 Martha Ann Zabriskie recorded in her diary the marriage of Crouter's youngest daughter, Catherine "from Turnpike" to Henry Mallinson from Haverstraw, N.Y. Anthony Crouter died May 15, 1865; his wife Elizabeth died April 24, 1855. Both are buried in Union Cemetery, Waldwick.

Cullen, Francis Hamilton

The son of Alexander Cullen and Margaret Hamilton, he was born January 31, 1893 at Jersey City and died December 21, 1966 at Allendale. He married Mary Elizabeth (Mae) Morris and they had two daughters: Anna Margaret Cullen, m. Jogn D. Webb; and Jean Marie Cullen, m. (1) Cornelius Dross, (2) George Hans Stein. He was an electrician by trade, a World War I veteran, and a member of the American Legion.

Cullen, Mary Elizabeth (Mae)

The daughter of William J. Morris and Anna Conover, she was born January 13, 1895 at Paterson. She married, March 28, 1921 at Ho-Ho-Kus, Francis Hamilton Cullen. She was one of Bergen County's first women real estate brokers, active from the 1920's until her retirement about 1962. She died August 31, 1970.

Dathe, Arthur

He was a charter member of the Allendale Fire Association and served as Second Assistant Foreman of the Association in 1910.

Dean, George A.

Born in Anaconda, Montana, he attended the Montana School of Mines and graduated from the University of Minnesota as an aeronautical engineer. He married Margaret Bowne Smith of Ridgewood. George A. Dean served as Mayor of Allendale in 1959.

DeBaun, Jacob

The son of James DeBaun and Anna Cannif, he was born May 12, 1722 and died October 30, 1797. He married, in 1747 at Hackensack, Marytie Thibout (the name is also spelled Debow, Tebow), the daughter of Peter Thibout and Margaret Rogers. They lived near present-day Allendale; both are buried in the Reformed Church cemetery of Upper Saddle River. They had children: Margaret DeBaun, bapt. 1748, died young; James (Jacobus) DeBaun, bapt. 1749, m. (1) Jane Wortendyke, (2) Margaret Shurtze or Swarts; Peter DeBaun, bapt. 1751, died young; Joost DeBaun, bapt. 1752, m. Margaret Alyea; Peter DeBaun, bapt. 1754, m. Maria Eckerson; Andrew DeBaun, bapt. 1755, died young; Andrew DeBaun, bapt. 1756, m. Jane Forshay (Forseur); John DeBaun, b. 1759, m. Adeline Wortendyke; Anna DeBaun, bapt. 1764, m. Jacob DeBaun; Elizabeth DeBaun, bapt. 1766, m. Abraham Forshay; Jacob DeBaun, b. 1768, m. (1) Ursula Demarest, (2) Anna Van Dien; Margaret DeBaun, bapt. 1770, d. 1791.

DeBaun, James Alfred

Born about 1847, he married Ellen Catherine Tallman, daughter of Herman Tallman. Herman Tallman owned, in 1870, the hotel at Allendale, and his son-in-law ran the hotel circa 1870-71. James DeBaun was granted a tavern license for the "new Hotel at Allendale" in September 1870 and in February 1871 the Bergen County

courts "in the matter of the application of Stephen Cable and others for laying out a road in the township of Hohokus...appointed the Surveyors of Hohokus, Franklin, and Washington, to meet at James A.DeBaun's hotel, Allendale."

DeBaun, John J.

Born about 1813, he was living in the Allendale area at the time of the 1870 Federal Census, in which he is listed as a lawyer, with his wife Frances DeBaun, and Hasbrouck DeBaun (probably their son) aged 14. John J. DeBaun died in or before 1883.

Debow, Pieter (This surname is seen in various spellings, including Thibout, Tebou, Dubouw, Thebou, Tibow, etc.)

The son of Andries Debow and Marie DeGrave, he married (banns March 3, 1716 Hackensack) Margrietje Reyerse (Rogers?). They were living in the area of what is today Allendale by 1737 at which time "the house of Peter Tibow" is mentioned in a Bergen County road return altering a two-rod road originally laid in 1733.

Pieter and Margrietje Debow had children: Sara Debow, b. 1733; Marytie Debow, bapt. 1736, m. Jacob DeBaun; Ryer Debow, bapt. 1724, m. Abigail DeBaun.

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New Members

Accessions

Mr. & Mrs. William J. Becker of Kansas City
 Mr. & Mrs. Norman Critchley of Allendale
 Mrs. Victor Fredrickson of Buckingham, Pennsylvania
 Mrs. Wilson E. Gardner of Wyckoff
 Mr. & Mrs. Truman Keet of Allendale
 Mrs. C. L. Lathrop of Lebanon, Conn.
 Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Mowerson of Allendale
 Mrs. Gerald Pearce of Pine Bush, N.Y.

Three photographic negatives:
 (1) The Quackenbush-Ivers house at 700 Franklin Turnpike, taken in the late 1880's;
 (2) school picture, before 1913, taken of students on steps in front of school;
 (3) school photograph of graduating class of Allendale school in 1913; all donated by Laura Barrett Haviland of Red Bank, N.J.

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