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NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 6th, 8:30 p.m. at Borough Hall, Allendale.

PROGRAM: Our speaker will be David Cohen of the New Jersey Historical Commission, who will present a program on New Jersey folklore. Mr. Cohen, author of The Ramapo Mountain People (published in 1974 by Rutgers University Press) is a native of Westwood, N.J., holds an M.A. in American History, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in American civilization.

NEWS AND VIEWS: We applaud the work of many of Allendale's residents, friends, and borough officials (including, notably, a charter member of our own Society, Stiles Thomas) to secure much of the original "celery farm" acreage as a nature preserve and wildlife sanctuary. To read some background on the property, see our very first issue of this newsletter (Vol. I, No. 1, September 1974), which was entirely devoted to the story of the "celery farm" tract. The issue included an article, "The Allendale Produce Gardens," written by Ella M. Appert, whose father cleared and planted the land Allendale residents later came to call "the celery farm."

Please note an error in the numbering of our April 1980 issue: It was incorrectly labeled "Vol. IV, No. 3." It should be "Vol. IV, No. 4."

We gratefully acknowledge the gift of four children's books (two copies each of two titles) to the Society by the Taylor family. The books, "Whichitee, Which Way? and Other Stories" and "When Dragons Yawn and Other Poems," were written and illustrated by Ethel Stoddart Taylor, who lived, as a young girl, in Allendale. The books have been donated (one copy of each title) to The Lee Memorial Library in Allendale, and to the Brookside School Library. To make the gift even more meaningful, the author's sister, Peggy Taylor Kohler (who is a member of our Society) has written a brief biographical sketch about her multitalented sibling. We are pleased to present it in this issue.

ETHEL STODDART TAYLOR

by

Peggy Taylor Kohler

The Taylor family elected me to write a brief account of my sister, Ethel Taylor's life. . .so here goes.

Ethel Stoddart Taylor was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., November 18,

1895. The family later moved to Allendale, about 1912. She was interested in dramatics, particularly Shakespeare, from her childhood on. This interest was continued throughout her Smith College days, where she participated in anything and everything.

When World War I was over, she was with the first theatrical troupe to tour the camps of Europe to entertain American soldiers waiting to be sent home.

Later she became a leading member of the Fritz Lieber Shakespearean Company and continued her great love of Shakespeare. She wrote, acted in, and produced a play with George Hood, "Miss Gulliver's Travels," which was seen in New York at the Hudson Theatre in 1931. In later life she lived in New York and wrote prodigiously, mainly stories and poems for children (who adored her). She died on March 26, 1975.

Another sister, Ruth Taylor Anthony, was born November 3, 1898 in Brooklyn. She was musically inclined and did a bit of acting in amateur musicals in Ridgewood, when Busby Berkeley, of Hollywood fame, was Busby Enos of Ridgewood. Ruth later married Whiting Anthony (of another well-known Allendale family) and still later taught music in the Allendale school system. She later lived in Maryland and then in Philadelphia, where she died in 1977.

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From the program of "Miss Gulliver's Travels": Who's Who in the Cast -- "ETHEL TAYLOR was born in Brooklyn and made her first stage appearance in a high school production of 'Twelfth Night.' She has been seen in 'On the Hiring Line,' 'Shipwrecked,' 'Three Doves,' 'Harvest,' 'The Good Fellow,' 'The Goldfish,' 'Romance'; was leading woman with Fritz Lieber in Shakespearean repertoire and appeared for a season with Stuart Walker's repertory company in Indianapolis. Miss Taylor is a graduate of Smith College."

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In 1977, Mr. William R. Taylor, of Old Lyme, Connecticut, wrote us to give an outline of the Taylor line in America: "The first in this country was James, born in Leeds, England on February 23, 1787. He moved to Oldham, England by 1806 and came to New York City sometime after the birth of his son, William, in Oldham on May 31, 1812. William Taylor founded the Columbian Iron Works in Brooklyn, N.Y. My father told me that they supplied iron for the Brooklyn Bridge. William's son was Edwin Stoddart Taylor, born in Brooklyn on January 24, 1837. He was my grandfather." Edwin's son was Joseph B. Taylor, who brought his family to Allendale in 1912. They lived in the beautiful, historic house at 475 Franklin Turnpike.

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

*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.*

DeYoe, J. Willard

The son of the Rev. Ephraim DeYoe and Anna B. Crouse, he was born August 23, 1866 in Saddle River, and died May 10, 1956 at Hewitt, N.J. He married, in February 1895, Catilla Lydecker, the daughter of Albert A. Lydecker and Christianna Ackerman. They had a son, Willard L. DeYoe. J. Willard DeYoe was a lawyer and served as counsel for numerous Bergen and Passaic communities; he was named Borough Counsel for Allendale on February 21, 1895.

Doolittle, Elias B.

Born about 1830, he and his family moved from Passaic to Allendale about 1875; he is listed in the 1880 Federal Census as a "corn merchant." He and his wife, Jemima, had children: Mae L. Doolittle, b. Sept. 3, 1855, m. Joseph Henry Mallinson; Frederick Doolittle, b. abt. 1866; Jennie Doolittle, b. abt. 1868; Maria Doolittle, b. abt. 1872; Ralph Doolittle, b. abt. 1873; and Frank Doolittle, b. abt. 1875. Elias B. Doolittle was Assistant Superintendent of Archer Memorial Methodist Church Sunday School in 1876.

Doolittle, Mae L.

Born Sept. 3, 1855, she was the daughter of Elias Doolittle. She taught school in Passaic, N.J., where she lived with her parents. She married Joseph Henry Mallinson and they had two sons: Chartre D. Mallinson and Russell Mallinson. They lived in the house on the northwest corner of the intersection of Franklin Turnpike and Allendale Avenue (Van Houten Real Estate Office today). She died on April 14, 1953 at the age of 97.

Doty, Horace Osborne

Born in 1847 at Norwalk, Connecticut, he served on Allendale's first Borough Council in 1894. He moved to Allendale about 1877 and built the house at 253 Franklin Turnpike in 1889-1890. He was an executive and large stockholder for the Bradley & Currier Manufacturing Company of New York City, well-known manufacturers of doors and mantles. He was a member of the Allendale Club, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Archer Methodist Church, and a Trustee of the Orvil Cooperative Building and Loan Association. He and his wife had two children: Percy Southwick Doty, b. abt. 1879; and Edna L. Doty.

Doty, Percy Southwick

Son of Horace Osborne Doty, he was born about 1879 in Brooklyn and married Mildred Washburne, daughter of Edward G. Washburne and Pauline Fischer. He was a charter member of the Allendale Garden Club and was active in the Church of the Epiphany. Percy S. Doty and his wife, Mildred Washburne, had a son, John Washburne Doty.

Drake, J. S.

He operated a shoemaker shop in Allendale in 1894-95.

Dubois, Peter

In 1793 he owned land in or near what is today Allendale; his lands are cited in a boundary description in the deed dated Nov. 1, 1793 conveying land from John Fell and Susannah, his wife, to John H. Thompson of New York.

Duer, John ("Dewar")

Born about 1832, he is listed in the 1860 and 1870 Federal Census records as a farmer and carpenter. The name is also found spelled "Dewar." He and his wife, Maria, had children: Ann Duer, b. abt. 1851; Matilda Duer, b. abt. 1854; Mary J. Duer, b. abt. 1856; Thomas J. Duer, b. abt. 1859; Elizabeth Duer, b. abt. 1862 (on Easter Sunday in 1880 a brass cross was presented to the church

"in loving memory of Lizzie Ennita Dewar, aged 17 years" by the Sunday School of the Chapel of the Epiphany); Leah Duer, b. abt. 1866; and John W. Duer, b. abt. 1870.

Elliot, C. N., Jr.

He was the first secretary of the Allendale Fire Association in 1910 and later was a charter inactive member of the Association.

Esler, Andrew

The son of George Esler and Adeline Zabriskie, he was born about 1857 in Saddle River and lived there all his life. He and his cousin, John G. Esler, ran a florist business in Saddle River. He married Elizabeth Obelins, who died in 1911. In 1893 he was elected treasurer of the Orvil Building and Loan Association, a position he held until 1931. He died in Saddle River in 1939.

Esler, John George

The son of Henry Esler and Jane Snyder, he was born about 1847 and lived in Saddle River all his life. He married Rosa Ward and was in the florist business with his cousin, Andrew Esler. He was president of the Orvil Building and Loan Association for 35 years, retiring about 1826-27. He succeeded his father as Postmaster of Saddle River. John G. Esler died in January 1928.

Eveson, Cornelius

Born about 1825, he and his wife Susan, along with their children, Eleanor and Israel, were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, probably living in the Allendale-Waldwick area. The surname is spelled, in the census record, "Eveson," but may actually be Everson.

Eveson, Isaac M.

Born about 1784, he and his wife Ellen are listed in the 1850 Federal Census, living near the Allendale-Waldwick vicinity. Also listed as living in the same household are Jeremiah Eveson (born about 1761) and John Storm (born about 1838).

Farrell, Frank Archibald

Born in Boston about 1894, he was in the Army during World War I and was Postmaster of Allendale for about 17 years, resigning in 1959. He was a member of the American Legion, the Holiday Observers, and the Democratic Club. After resigning as Postmaster, he moved to Lakewood, N.J. He died in October 1974.

Feeney, Georgianna Thomas

The daughter of George Thomas and Lydia Balcom, she was born at Albion, N.Y. about 1864, and spent her youth in Bloomfield, N.J. She was a graduate of the New York Academy of Design. She married John Parnell Feeney and they first came to Allendale, as summer residents, about 1897. They had children: a daughter, who married Ralph Tyner; and a son, John Parnell Feeney (who later took his mother's maiden name of Thomas) who served as Mayor of Allendale and later, from 1937-49 as U.S. Congressman representing New Jersey's 7th Congressional District.

Feeney, John Parnell

Born about 1863, he married Georgianna Thomas (see above). He was police commissioner of Jersey City and served as president of the city police board. He served three terms in the New Jersey legislature, representing Hudson County, and was an adjuster for the North Jersey Railroad Company. He died at the age of 43 in January 1906.

Fell, Elizabeth

The daughter of John Fell and Susanna Marschalk, she married, on October 13, 1774 (New York Dutch Church), Cadwallader Colden.

Fell, John

Born in New York City on February 5, 1721, he ran a merchant firm in the city. He married, on December 2, 1749 (Trinity Church, New York), Susanna(h) Marschalk, widow of a man named McIntosh (or Mackintosh). They had children: Peter R. Fell, Elizabeth Fell, and Susannah Fell. Fell purchased land in Allendale sometime before 1769 and lived in the house at 475 Franklin Turnpike. During the Revolution, John Fell was a well-known and respected Bergen County patriot. He was named a Bergen County Justice in 1771 and was a member of the Provincial Congress in 1775. He was a member of the Continental Congress from 1778 to 1780. He later moved to Coldenham, N.Y., where he died on May 15, 1798. (For a more detailed account of John Fell, see Allendale History and Heritage, Vol. I, No. 3, p. 1, February 1975.

Fell, Peter Renaudet

The son of John Fell and Susanna Marschalk, he was born about 1752. He married, in 1781, Margaret Colden, daughter of Cadwallader Colden and Elizabeth Ellison. They had children: Elizabeth Fell, John Fell, Susan Fell. He served as lieutenant-colonel in the Revolutionary War (First Regiment, Bergen County). He became crippled with rheumatism and, some time after the war, moved to Coldenham, N.Y., where he died on October 6, 1789.

Fisher, John Robert

The son of John Fisher and his wife, Harriett A., John Robert Fisher was born in Brooklyn on March 12, 1859. He and his wife, Elizabeth J., had children: John William Fisher, Stanley Perkins Fisher, Percy Coupland Fisher, Robert Winfield Fisher, and Kenneth Victor Fisher. The family lived on East Allendale Avenue. John Robert Fisher died on January 13, 1924.

Fisher, Kenneth Victor

The son of John Robert Fisher (see above), he served as Mayor of Allendale from 1935-1938.

Fisher, Percy Coupland

The son of John Robert Fisher, he graduated from the Allendale School in 1910. He attended medical school and in 1922, Herbert Winter recorded in his diary: "Percy Fisher is a new doctor."

Fisher, Stanley P.

The son of John Robert Fisher, he was born April 7, 1892 in Brooklyn, N.Y. He was a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He married, on July 11, 1918, Anita Van Houten, daughter of Stephen Terhune Van Houten and Georgianna Schneider. He died April 10, 1958.

Folly

(This surname also found spelled "Folley," "Valley," and even "Walli.")

Folly, Abraham

Born about 1794 in New Jersey, he and his wife Adaline and three daughters, Rachel (age 16), Mary (age 11), and Eveline (age 7) were listed in the 1850 Federal Census of Franklin Township, living in the Allendale-Waldwick-Wyckoff vicinity.

Folly, Adam

Born about 1796, he and his wife Jane, and their family were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, living in Franklin Township. Their children were: William Folly, b. 1823 (baptized Jan. 24, 1824, New Prospect) apparently died young; Daniel Folly, b. Nov. 9,

1825 (bapt. New Prospect); Hannah Folly, b. March 6, 1828 (bapt. New Prospect); Sally Folly, b. abt. 1830; Jane Folly, b. April 15, 1833 (bapt. New Prospect); David Folly, b. abt. 1836; Eliza Folly, b. abt. 1840; and William Folly, b. abt. 1844.

Folly, David

He was one of the signers of a June 30, 1827 application for the establishment of a public road in Franklin Township, apparently the easterly continuation of what is today's Brookside Avenue from the Crescent Avenue intersection easterly to the line of the lands of Albert Garrison (vicinity of West Orchard Street). (Bergen County Road Return E-193.)

Folly, Elias

He owned land in the vicinity of present-day Allendale in 1811. In January of that year, Bergen County Road Return D-239 petitioned for vacation of a road called "The Shunpike" and described the road as running over the lands of, among others, Elias Folly.

Folly, William

He is listed in the 1779 Bergen County listing of Franklin Township Rateables as owning 100 acres of land and 8 horses or cattle. His land (lot #203, comprising about 106 acres) is shown on the Ramapo Tract Map with the date of May 1787 and with the name spelled "William Valley." He is also mentioned in the Road Return (D-239) mentioned above (see Elias Folly) as well as in another 1811 Road Return (D-249) concerning Hopper Avenue (now known, in Allendale, as Chestnut Street) which describes the road as "running. . .to the Franklin Turnpike Road, near the dwelling house of William Folly." This is probably the same William Folly mentioned in the Martha Ann Zabriskie diary under the date of January 16, 1832: "Died old William Folly from Turnpike."

Folly, Mr.

When Aaron Ackerman, Sr., while plowing his farm in May-June 1861, discovered a cache of pewter (a large bowl, 2 platters, 12 plates), he recollected "being told by a Mr. Folly many years ago that such things had been buried on his farm by somebody, he has forgotten who, who entered into service as a soldier and never returned." (Paterson Daily Guardian, June 10, 1861.) The "Mr. Folly" may have been William Folly (see above).

Forshay, Abraham

He owned land in or near Allendale in 1811; his lands were referred to in Bergen County Road Return D-239 (for vacation of "The Shunpike"). The description of the road states that "the road desired vacated runs over the lands of. . .Major Abraham Forshee. . ." as well as several others.

Forshay, John O.

Born in Suffern, N.Y. about 1894, he lived in Allendale for many years before moving to Mattamoas, Pennsylvania. He and his wife Anna had children: James Forshay, Henry Forshay, Everett Forshay, Kenneth Forshay, Ethel Forshay, and Jane Forshay. He had served as chief marshal of the Allendale Police Department, was a member of the Allendale Volunteer Fire Department, and a member of the Allendale Rod and Gun Club. He died February 2, 1975; his wife Anna R., died in April 1967.

Gamble, Hosey A.

Son of James Gamble and Margaret Ann Pulis, he was born about 1876. He married, on October 3, 1896, at the parsonage of the Lutheran

Church at Ramsey, Dora Carlough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Carlough. They lived on East Crescent Avenue. They had children: Margaret Gamble (Mrs. Charles Shuart), Dorothy Gamble (Mrs. John Sturr), and Archibald J. Gamble. Hosey Gamble died in January 1962.  
Gamble, James

James Gamble married, on November 11, 1869, Margaret Ann Pulis, daughter of Abram Pulis and Margaret Straut. They lived on East Crescent Avenue and had children: Mary Gamble, Hosey Gamble, Jennie Gamble (married Garret Quackenbush), a daughter (married Charles Secor), Belle Gamble (m. ---- Scott), Florence Gamble, and Lucinda Gamble (m. H. Snyder).

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ALLENDALE NOTES, . . .  
BITS AND PIECES OF ALLENDALE HISTORY  
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Ackerman Union Sunday School

About 1865, Miss Jane Ackerman (daughter of John G. Ackerman) organized a Union Sunday School. The School met in an old store building which stood on Franklin Turnpike just about opposite the Ackerman house. About 1866, when preparations to straighten the Turnpike threatened the building, it was sold to a Mr. Lyon who--some years later, about 1874--had it moved to his property in New Prospect (now Waldwick). The building was moved on four wooden sleds (runnerless sledges) called "stone boats." They were so named because they were most commonly used to move large stones or boulders. Drawn by four teams of horses, it is said to have taken 3 days and 2 nights to move the building the distance of a mile and a half to the Lyons property; during that length of time, the rig blocked the highway day and night. The building eventually burned about 1878.

Allendale Alerts

The "Allendale Alerts" baseball club was active in Allendale during the summer of 1885. Two of the teams they played that summer were the "Young Americas" (of Wortendyke) and the "Jay-Eye-Sees" (of Park Ridge).

The Allendale and Waldwick Times

This newspaper, established in October 1894, was published for just seven weeks. On November 22, 1894, The Hackensack Republican reported its demise.

The Allendale Argus

The Allendale Argus was an independent weekly newspaper established in 1924 by Allen Kistler. By 1938, it was edited and published each Thursday by G. Albert Hill, Dale Ave., Allendale. The newspaper was later taken over by the Ridgewood News Publishing Company.

The Allendale Sun

This newspaper apparently began publishing in December 1894; in February 1895 it was reported (in The Ramsey Journal) that The Allendale Sun had been bought by William S. Harper, Editor of the Suffern, N.Y. Independent. Nothing further is known about the paper.

Allendale Athletic Association

As far back as 1900 Allendale had an organization by this name. In the summer of 1900 The Allendale Athletic Association was made up of about 70 men and they sponsored and organized, among other events, baseball games and Labor Day races and games for Allendale's young people (the greased pig was caught that year by George Nimmo).

Allendale Park Estates

This was a real estate development in the area of Franklin Turnpike and Homewood Avenue. Advertised in May 1930 as "new brick veneer houses of the finest quality, each with garage," they could be bought or rented (for \$75. per month) from August Helm & Co., builders.

Allendale Players

This group, founded sometime before 1917, was first called the "Borough Dramatic Company." Early members of the group included Louis Jones, Arthur Bull Sullivan, Elsie Mainey, Arthur Tomalin, Mrs. H. E. Watson, A. K. Merrill, Martha Parkhurst, William Dewsnap, Dorothy Carver, Genevieve Talman, and Lois Merrill.

Allendale Radio Club

This group held its first show in the Allendale Borough Hall (the old Firehouse) in March 1923. In February 1927, members of the club erected a 37-foot antenna which, they announced, was expected to "greatly extend the service range of Allendale's Radio Station." The club reported that they had recently moved to new headquarters "over the second floor of a garage building" and they offered to accept messages "for transmission to all parts of the world without charge."

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New Members

Mrs. John MacLachlan of Venice, Florida  
Mrs. C. Kirn Meyer of Longboat Key, Florida

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