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NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 5, 1983 at 8:00 p.m. at Borough Hall, West Crescent Avenue, Allendale. COOKIES AND CHAMPAGNE WILL BE SERVED - MERRY XMAS.

PROGRAM: Our speaker at the December 5th meeting will be Jerry Krawitz. His topic will be early American glass and silver. Society members are invited to bring some items of early American glass, china, silver, and porcelain for appraisal.

SOCIETY NEWS: The winners of the essay contests sponsored by the Society will be presented at the December 5th meeting. One winner will be from the 5th and 6th grades, and one winner from the 7th and 8th grades. Each winner will receive a \$25.00 savings bond from the Allendale Historical Society.

We are pleased to announce that Shirley Cross has agreed to act as Librarian for our Society. We can't think of a better choice for the job and are most appreciative of her help and interest. Thank you, Shirley!

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

We have begun to receive some returns from the questionnaire included with the September newsletter, and we hope that more will be on their way soon. It's great fun to hear from old friends and new friends who live or lived in or near Allendale. Here are some excerpts from questionnaires received.

Husband's Name: Raymond Paul Arlt

Wife's Name: Felicitas Marie Weiss - Ramsey, N.J.

Present Address: 2750 Cuesta Road, Santa Barbara, California

Former Allendale Address: East Crescent Ave., corner Arlton Ave., for many years prior to 1960.

Children: Raymond William Arlt, Phyllis Lillian Arlt White

Grandchildren: Kimberly Ames White, Mrs. Lauren A. White Stacey, Christopher White, Matthew White, Nancy Arlt, Daniel Arlt, David Arlt.

Great-Grandchild: Benjamin Stacey

Occupation: Asst. Supt. Engineering & Inspection Dept., New York Fire Insurance Rating Organization

Memories of Allendale: Served as Building Inspector several years. Attended Stevens Institute of Technology 3 years when called into U.S. Army with first group of Allendale men with Battery C, 308 Field Artillery, 48 Division, and served throughout World War I at Pont a Monson, St. Michael, Apremont,

Grand Pre, Verdun and Sedan when Armistice was signed.

My father was Max Paul Arlt, attorney and counsellor at law with offices in New York City and Paterson. He often accompanied State Police on raids during Prohibition. He loved his 106 acre farm and animals. My mother was Catherine Lillian Stagg Arlt. I had a brother, Ernest Arlt, sisters Augusta Arlt Wagner, Gertrude Arlt Fox, Blanche Arlt Gee.

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Husband's Name: William R. (Bill) Taylor
Wife's Maiden Name: Marion R. Gewin
Present Address: Joshuatown Rd., Old Lyme, CT 06371
Former Allendale Address: Franklin Turnpike, 1912-1931 and 1942-1950
Children: Mary Gay Taylor, Elizabeth T. Wall, Margaret T. Boyle
Grandchildren: Garrett Wall III, Christopher G. Wall, William T. Boyle
Occupation: Investment Counsel

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Husband's Name: C. Kirn Meyer (born Weehawkin N.J. Feb. 1903, died Oct. 1961)
Wife's Maiden Name: Helyn Whiting Anthony (Tiny)
Present Address: 573 Halyard Lane, Longboat Key, FL 33548
Former Allendale Address: 123 Park Ave. I sold this property Dec. 1967; I lived there until then. I was born in Allendale Sept. 1905 to Elizabeth Whiting (Bessie) and Henry C. (Harry) Anthony.
Occupation: Retired school teacher.

Memories of Allendale: I started teaching third grade in Allendale Sept. 1925. I gave up teaching there in 1947. Later on I taught in Ho-Ho-Kus and Ramsey, retiring from Tisdale School in 1964. Then I came to Longboat Key, Fla., across the bay from Sarasota, to build my home in the development called Country Club Shores. My sister, Betty Anthony MacLachlan, lives twenty-five miles from me in Venice, Fla.

My father, Henry C. (Harry) Anthony, and his father, Daniel Anthony, and his mother moved from New York City to Allendale in the spring of 1867. They bought the property on Brookside Avenue where the Brookside School is and all that development across from it. The Anthony family lived and owned property in Allendale for one hundred years from 1867 to 1967. Quite a record.

My husband, C. Kirn Meyer, and his father, Fred C. Meyer, and his mother bought property on Franklin Turnpike in Allendale in 1925. They sold it in 1945 to Walter Dunsby. This property is next to Koster's.

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Husband's Name: J. Parnell Thomas
Wife's Maiden Name: Amelia Wilson Stiles
Present Address: 937 Snell Isle Blvd., St. Petersburg, FL 33704
Former Allendale Address: 160 East Allendale Avenue from 1921 until 1956.
Children: Stiles Thomas and J. Parnell Thomas Jr.
Grandchildren: Georgiana Wynne, Betsy Mair and Judith Dolan
Occupation: Housewife

Memories of Allendale: When I first moved to Allendale from Mt. Vernon, N.Y., where I was born, the town in 1921 had no drug store. Mr. Temperlyn came in 1922. There was Winter's grocery and post office in the old wooden building, Mr. Simpson's meat market and next to his market, a small produce market. We had no bank, dry cleaner or real grocery shop or drug store -- had to go to Ridgewood. The population was about 2000 then, I believe. My husband was Mayor several years (first a councilman), then to N.J. Legislature and in 1936 to U.S. Congress, where he served from 1936 to 1950. He died in 1970.

Husband's Name: William B. Hanson
Wife's Maiden Name: Helen Korndorfer
Present Address: 2567 Riverbluff Parkway, Sarasota, FL 33581
Former Allendale Address: 17 New Street; moved from Allendale in 1962 to Staten Island, N.Y. and to Florida in 1971. Bill moved to Allendale in 1912 and lived on Crescent Avenue in the house between Dargues and Critchley. Helen came to Allendale in 1925 and lived at 82 West Crescent Avenue.
Memories of Allendale: Our fondest memories are flooded with Allendale and all the friends and good times we had there. Our fondest memories are of the good times we had at the Fourth of July Celebrations and the Decoration Day Parades. Halloween was another big day with parties in the Firehouse. Speaking of the Firehouse, we will always remember the movies and card parties held there and the Allendale Players performances. Of course the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of Allendale will always hold a special place in our memories. Swimming in San Jacinto Lake (Hutches Pond) and later at Crestwood Lake as well as at the pool at the Park was great. Skating in winter on the ponds is another fond memory as well as sleigh riding down Park Avenue hill.

Husband's Name: Eric R. Johnson
Wife's Maiden Name: Rebecca Connell (A Foreigner from Kansas City)
Present Address: (temporary address until June '85): 7 Meadow Lane, Montvale, N.J. 07645 (Permanent Address): 530 Terrace Trail East, Lake Quivira, Kansas 66106
Former Allendale Address: 90 East Orchard Street (former phone number: Allendale 1-3195) from 1945 through 1956.
Children: Matthew, age 13, Meghan, age 10, Katie, age 8.
Occupation: Dentist
Memories of Allendale: I went from first grade (Brookside School) through Junior year in High School (Ramsey) before moving to Kansas City, MO. Post-War Allendale was a great place to grow up. I have many, many fond memories growing up in Allendale--I'm temporarily back in this area as a postDoctoral Resident at Fairleigh-Dickinson University. How Allendale has changed in 26 years!

Husband's Name: John Durie Webb
Wife's Maiden Name: Anne Margaret Cullen
Present Address: 130 Crestview Drive, Englewood, FL 33533
Former Allendale Address: 16 Crescent Place. John was born in Allendale (1918); we moved to Florida in 1976.
Children: Patricia Anne Webb Wardell and John Durie Webb Jr.
Grandchildren: David Wardell, Steven Wardell, Beth Wardell, Christopher Webb, and Craig Webb.
Memories of Allendale: John's dad, James Edward Webb, built many homes in Allendale and Saddle River. He helped build the original Allendale Firehouse. Anne's dad, Francis Hamilton Cullen, was Custodian of the Brookside School. Anne's mother, Mary Elizabeth (Mae) Morris Cullen was one of the first women real estate brokers in Bergen County (licensed 1933.) James Edward Webb also built the house John was born in on the corner of Crescent Place and Crescent Avenue.

Husband's Name: John Mac Lachlan (died July 17, 1982)
Wife's Maiden Name: Betty Anthony
Present Address: 817 Robert St., Venice, Florida 33595
Former Allendale Address: 123 Park Avenue. I was born in Allendale 1902, moved December 1945 to Butler, N.J.
Occupation: Employed at Metropolitan Life Ins. Co., New York City; left 1945.
Memories of Allendale: I lived in Allendale from 1902 until 1945 when I married

and left to live in Butler, New Jersey. I have many memories of my life in Allendale. My sister now living in Long Boat Key, Florida, was Tiny Anthony who taught school at one time in Allendale. She is Mrs. C. Kirn Meyer. I moved here to Florida in 1965.

Husband's Name: Leon R. Kornhoff
Wife's Maiden Name: Dorothy Alling
Present Address: Dorothy Kornhoff, 122 Sheldon Street, Wyckoff, N.J. 07481
Former Allendale Address: 21 Iroquois Ave. and 533 Franklin Turnpike, from 1912 to 1982.

Memories of Allendale: I was born on September 9, 1912. My father, Willard Alling, was principal of the old public school on Franklin Turnpike which is now the Police Headquarters. He was principal for 30 years. Paul O'Connor took his place when he passed away. He taught in the Brookside School for a couple of years before he passed away. I had a brother Howard who died in 1953. He left one child, Bob, who is married and has two children, Beth, 16, and Brian, 11.

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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 residents. We invite any member or friend to write us to add information to any listing or to insert an omitted listing. We would welcome additional information for our files. These notes are being compiled using information at hand that has been accumulated over the years and we freely acknowledge that the lists, and the information, is far from complete. In general, it is our policy to list residents who were born or lived in Allendale and its vicinity before 1900, but there are a few exceptions for those with unusual or outstanding accomplishments or lengthy and dedicated service to Allendale.

Van Blarcom, John L.

The son of Lewis Van Blarcom and Rebecca Smith, he was born at Allendale on August 16, 1829 and died February 2, 1904. He married Hester Winters, the daughter of Cornelius Winters and Margaret Geroe. She was born April 13, 1831 and died February 27, 1879. They had children: Lewis D. Van Blarcom, b. 1852, m. (1) Ellen _____, m. (2) Delia Voorhis; Margaret Louisa Van Blarcom, b. 1855; Daniel Van Blarcom, b. 1857, m. Maria Jane Smith; Susan Rebecca Van Blarcom, b. 1859, m. David Mowerson; Mary Elizabeth Van Blarcom, b. 1862, m. Garret H. Winters; John Van Blarcom, b. 1864, m. Charity Louisa Smith; a son who d. 1869; Charles Henry Van Blarcom, b. 1875, m. Mattie J. Campbell.

Van Blarcom, Lewis

The son of John Van Blarcom, he was born April 21, 1803 and baptized Sept. 8, 1803 at the New Prospect (Waldwick) M.E. Church. He died July 26, 1885 and is buried in Union Cemetery, Wyckoff. He married Rebecca Smith, daughter of John A. Smith and Abigail Van Blarcom. She was born June 3, 1808 and died May 26, 1893. Their children were: Abigail Ann Van Blarcom, b. 1827, m. James S. Van Blarcom; John L. Van Blarcom, b. 1829; James Van Blarcom, b. abt. 1834; Susan Van Blarcom, b. 1832; Eliza Van Blarcom, b. 1839; and Mary Louisa Van Blarcom, b. abt. 1844.

Van Blarcom, Stephen J.

The son of James S. Van Blarcom and Abigail Ann Van Blarcom, he was born September 2, 1846 and died March 30, 1926. He married, on December 18, 1867, Eliza Jane Packer, who was born about 1844 and died in January 1916. They had children: Anna Van Blarcom, b. about 1871, and Jemima Van Blarcom, b. about 1876.

Stephen J. Van Blarcom was a charter member of the Allendale Fire Association and was a Trustee and Vice President of the Orvil Building and Loan Association. He served on the Allendale Board of Education in 1900. He was a carpenter and builder. He built the Allendale school house of 1896 (now the Police Headquarters on Franklin Turnpike), the original Archer M.E. church, the Methodist parsonage, and many of the homes in Allendale.

Vanderbeek, Abram Ackerman

The son of John R. Vanderbeek and Aletty Demarest, he was born October 20, 1848 and married, July 25, 1868, Hannah Maria Quackenbush. They had children: Charles Vanderbeek, b. abt. 1870; Lillie Vanderbeek, b. abt. 1871; John Vanderbeek, b. abt. 1872; George Vanderbeek, b. abt. 1878.

Vanderbeck, Henry H.

Henry H. Vanderbeck taught in the old (1826) Allendale school at one time, according to Bergen County historian Van Valen.

Vanderbeek, James Demarest

The son of John R. Vanderbeek and Aletta Demarest, he was born February 10, 1853 and died April 2, 1929. He married, December 30, 1876, Mary Elizabeth Bertholf, daughter of Jacob Bertholf and Margaret Snyder. She was born in 1857 and died in 1944. They had children: John Edward Vanderbeek, b. 1878, m. Catherine Thomas; and Margaret Matilda Vanderbeek, b. 1884, m. Rudolph Oscar Gass.

Vanderbeek, John R.

The son of Richard J. Vanderbeek and Margaret Goetschius, he was born March 27, 1810 and died July 26, 1886. He married, November 7, 1835, Aletta (Aletty) Demarest, the daughter of Samuel J. Demarest and Elizabeth Terhune. They had children: Richard Vanderbeek, b. 1836, m. Eliza Thomas; Mary Elizabeth Vanderbeek, b. 1838, m. James Van Blarcom; Margaret Jane Vanderbeek, b. 1840, m. (1) John Van Blarcom, m. (2) Andrew Nelson Terhune; Samuel J. Vanderbeek, b. 1842, d. 1865; John Jacob Vanderbeek, b. 1845, m. Elizabeth Quackenbush; Abram Ackerman Vanderbeek, b. 1848, m. Hannah Maria Quackenbush; Rachel Catherine Vanderbeek, b. 1850, m. James DeBaun; James Demarest Vanderbeek, b. 1853, m. Mary Elizabeth Bertholf; Leah Lavinia Vanderbeek, b. 1856, m. John M. Quackenbush (?); William Steven Vanderbeek, b. 1859, m. Jennie S. DeBaun; Cornelius Henry Vanderbeek, b. 1861, d. 1862; Adeline Vanderbeek, b. 1867, d. 1876.

John R. Vanderbeek was a farmer who lived in the Fardale section of Mahwah, near what is today Vanderbeek Lane, near the Allendale border. He also operated a saw mill, and on January 16, 1874 the Bergen County Democrat reported: "During the freshet, whilst

John R. Vanderbeek was fixing the water wheel of his saw mill, the force of the current broke into the flume, and the body of water rushing out carried Mr. Vanderbeek fifty feet, when he caught the limb of a tree, and hung to it, until his son rescued him from his perilous position."

Vanderbeek, John Jacob

The son of John R. Vanderbeek and Aletty Demarest, he was born December 26, 1845 and died February 8, 1925. He married, October 14, 1868, Elizabeth Quackenbush, the daughter of Abram A. Quackenbush and Catherine Lozier. She was born April 3, 1850 and died December 4, 1931. They had children: Carrie Vanderbeek, b. 1872, m. Abram Theodore Ryerson; John William Vanderbeek, b. 1873, m. Theressa Maude Carlough; Edward S. Vanderbeek, b. 1883, m. Gladys Strong; Charles J. Vanderbeek, b. 1886, m. Elsie R. _____. John Jacob Vanderbeek served on the Allendale Borough Council, 1897-98.

Vanderbeek, John William

Born on March 8, 1873, he was the son of John Jacob Vanderbeek and Elizabeth Quackenbush. He died January 20, 1922. He married, October 1898, Theressa (Theresa) Maude Carlough, daughter of James V. Carlough and Doris Courter. They had three sons and one daughter.

Vanderbeek, Richard J.

The son of John Vanderbeek and Abigail Terhune, he was baptized November 2, 1777 at Schraalenburgh and died May 30, 1848. He married, January 2, 1808, Margarietje Goetschius. They had children: John R. Vanderbeek, died young; John R. Vanderbeek, b. 1810, m. Aletty Demarest; Catherine Vanderbeek, m. Abraham G. Ackerman; Abigail Vanderbeek, b. 1815, m. John D. Valentine; Elizabeth Vanderbeek, b. 1818; Rachel Vanderbeek, b. 1823, m. William G. Debaun.

Richard J. Vanderbeek and his family lived on Vanderbeek Lane in the Fardale section of Mahwah, near the Allendale border. He is buried in the Vanderbeek cemetery, a half-acre plot established by him on the original farm "for a burying ground forever."

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NOTES ON ROADS AND STREETS IN ALLENDALE BOROUGH
compiled by Pat Wardell

East Allendale Avenue

Early on, this thoroughfare was called, simply, the "Saddle River Road." By 1888, it was being called "Lenox Avenue" (with an alternate spelling of "Lennox Avenue" sometimes seen.) In 1892, the Allendale Improvement Association renamed it "Allendale Avenue."

East Crescent Avenue

On February 20, 1914, the following item appeared in the Ramsey Journal: "The Crescent Hill Improvement Association is engaged in improving the landscape in that section of the borough. The railing

along the dangerous precipice on East Crescent Avenue has been completed. The authorities will place street lights upon it now to insure the safety of travellers along the highway.

Much regret is expressed because the magnificent locust grove on East Crescent Avenue was so sadly mutilated by the contractors in the grading of the street. Some of the choicest specimens bordering on the highway were cut down. It is now rumored that the owner of it intends to cut down the entire grove, or at least that section of it on East Crescent Avenue. Such action, it is believed, would rob the hill of its charm.

It is suggested that if the Wayne Construction Company should remove from the sides of the avenue the boulders which they pushed there in grading, the physical appearance of a romantic neighborhood would be changed to such an extent that its residents would not recognize it. This rural road is taking on the appearance of civilization, to the regret, it is said, of some who have worked to keep it in a natural state."

East Orchard Street

The road now called East Orchard Street, was labelled "Walton Avenue" on a map entitled "Map of Walton Heights, formerly Shady Side Park in the Village of Allendale, Bergen County, N.J. dated August 30, 1907, made by A. W. Falk, Architect and Civil Engineer, Allendale, N.J., and filed in the office of the clerk of the County of Bergen on April 9, 1908, as Map Number 901.

Elm Street

Today's Elm Street was so labelled on a "Map of the Property of John L. Yeomans...Surveyed March 1886 (Filed May 5, 1886)" In February 1892, the Allendale Improvement Association renamed the road "Grove Place," but the name did not stick--it remains Elm Street to this day.

First Street

"First Street" is shown on the map of "90 Valuable Building Lots and Sites at Allendale, Bergen Co., N.J., Filed August 17, 1869." The Paterson Daily Guardian of March 30, 1870, included this description of the land southwest of the railroad depot: "...A prominent street is Anthony, leading from the depot to Wyckoff. Allendale Avenue, 60 feet in width (today's Park Avenue), intersects the old Paterson Road from the Turnpike gate at William Shannon's. Then First Street striking into Garrison, extends from the station to the Albany turnpike..."

Forest Road

Forest Road was known by this name by March 1927, when it was mentioned in Allendale Fire Department records.

Fourth Street

"Fourth Street" running west from today's Park Avenue to Mallinson Street, is shown on the map of "90 Valuable Building Lots and Sites at Allendale, Bergen Co., N.J., Filed August 17, 1869."

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ALLENDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT...RECORDS OF EARLY CALLS TO FIRES (ABSTRACTED)
(continued from the September 1983 issue)

- June 17, 1925--3:15 a.m.-6:45 a.m.; Franklin Turnpike; Tremaine, owner, Allendale Manor; cause--unknown, probably incendiary; value of bldgs 20,000; loss on bldgs, 15,000.
- March 12, 1926--2 a.m.-8 a.m.; Allendale Ave.; frame and brick store and apts.; Wm. Kornhoff, owner of bldgs.; occupant--none; cause--workmen; value of bldgs 20,000; loss on bldgs, 2000.
- March 24, 1926--10:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m.; Myrtle Ave.; field, H. Yeomans, owner; cause--R.R.
- March 29, 1926--9 a.m.-9:30 a.m.; Waldwick, frame store; barber shop; cause--store poorly ins.; call for assistance by Waldwick Chief.
- April 15, 1926--5 p.m.-6:15 p.m.; Turnpike; brush fire; Higgins, owner; cause--R.R.
- April 22, 1926--1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.; Crescent Avenue, field; Gamble; cause--unknown.
- April 27, 1926--1:45 p.m.-2:00 p.m.; Park Ave., field; Lumberyard; Allendale Coal & Lumber; M. Christopher, occupant; cause--R.R.
- May 5, 1926--6:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m.; Hillside Ave., field; Goussett's; cause--unknown.
- September 17, 1926--12:35 a.m.-2:30 a.m.; Tollgate; Auto; cause--backfire; total loss.
- October 8, 1926--11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m.; Crescent Avenue; Frame building, dwelling; A. Ackerson, owner and occupant; cause--chimney; 100. loss on bldg.
- October 21, 1926--11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Plaza; tar barrels; cause--heating.
- January 28, 1927--4:50 p.m.-5:10 p.m.; Park Ave.; Frame House; Rathbun, occupant; cause--Tel. Co. lineman's tool kit; loss on bldgs, 25.
- February 7, 1927--9:15 a.m.-10 a.m.; Cottage Place; Frame dwelling, H.J. Appert, owner; G. Appert, occupant; cause--faulty stove installation; loss on bldgs 25.

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