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NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 5, 1984 at 8:00 p.m. at Borough Hall, West Crescent Avenue, Allendale.

PROGRAM: Our guest speaker will be June Regal, who will discuss "How to Prepare to Liquidate an Estate."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: We are making an urgent request for better attendance at our meetings. It can be embarrassing when we ask a guest speaker to present a program and only 5 or 6 members come out to the meeting. We would like to see more members come out to meetings so that we can ask speakers to come without fear of embarrassment.

Harriett Grosman is our new program chairman. She would welcome ideas and suggestions for future programs. If you have any thoughts about topics for programs or possible speakers, contact her.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE: We thank all of you who have written to us with notes about yourselves and your memories of Allendale. These are wonderful to read, and we know that society members all over the country are thoroughly enjoying hearing about old friends and acquaintances. If you haven't sent in your questionnaire (from last September's newsletter), please do. If you've misplaced the questionnaire, or if you've already sent it in and would like to add more thoughts and reminiscences, just jot down your thoughts on plain paper and send them to the society at the address printed below.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

It's great fun to hear from old and new friends who now live or once lived in Allendale. Here are more excerpts from questionnaires and letters received.

Husband's Name: John W. Foster, Jr. (deceased 1974)

Wife's Name: Dancy Pritchett Foster

Present Address: 78 Bentley Ave. #7, Los Gatos, CA 95030

Former Allendale Address: corner of Franklin Turnpike and E. Orchard Street

Children: S. Stephen Foster, Brant Pritchett Foster, David Barrow Foster (died 1972, age 19)

Grandchildren: Tracy Foster (16), Christopher Foster (14)

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Memories of Allendale: People--my sister, Florence Pritchett (died 1965), my brother Samuel Mason Pritchett III (Daisy, to many). I remember so much--teachers Inez Norman (7th grade) who mispronounced "yacht" in a spelling test--Gertrude Robinson (Etesse) in 8th grade, who was a great teacher. Me reciting, at 8th grade graduation, Joyce Kilmer's "The House with Nobody In It" (with gestures and buck teeth.) And a local resident, Ross Peardon, who had a daughter in show business (Patricia Peardon.) Said I should head for Hollywood. At least I made it to California in my declining years!

I remember taking the train to Ramsey High School and taking it home after something gooey to eat at Parvin's Drug Store. I also remember having to walk home when I got detention. When I'd pass the Strangfeld house, I'd know I was halfway home. Then I'd rush to the post office--where dear Bill Anderson was in charge--to see if there was any mail (I can still remember the box #233.)

I can also still remember our telephone #3384--which usually was ringing for my beautiful sister, Florence. In fact, if the John Webb who answered in the November newsletter was also known as "Squeak" Webb--mother ran over his brand new bicycle in our driveway when he was calling on Florence.

My special friends were Ruth Morrison--who may still live at East Allendale Avenue and Powell Road, and Marie Quackenbush who lived up Powell Road. The Morrisons had a tennis court and there was always much activity there.

One thing--as I read of all the original residents--my Aunt Daisy really should be included. She was not a property owner but she was the step- or half-sister of my grandmother and she moved with the Pritchetts to Allendale in the early 1900s. Her name was Sue L. Barrow and she worked for the minister of the Archer Church. She never married--was a funny little lady with cropped gray hair--always wore a black dress with a white collar, a black hat and low heeled black shoes with a strap. She would always say she was going "down street" as she left our house for the Archer church. She knew all about everybody in Allendale. There was a section of our attic that she and my grandmother always referred to as the "Tank Room" and in it were boxes of buttons, beads, string, etc.--they saved everything. She eventually left Allendale in the late 1940s--pensioned off by the Methodist church--and spent the rest of her days in a Methodist home in Ocean Grove, N.J.

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Husband's Name: Albert Lant Capstaff (deceased)
Wife's Name: Dr. Genevieve MacKeeby Capstaff (Professor)
Presnt Address: 13909 Will-Cook Rd., Orland Park, IL 60462
Former Allendale Address: Crescent Avenue (Merrill's Place), 1920s-1940s
Children: Judith Heinrick
Grandchildren: Barbara, Robert and Audrey Heinrick
Memories of Allendale: There are so many! My father, John Wesley MacKeeby, was Chief of Police before W. Reimer. My mother, Josephine Pinckney MacKeeby, was very active in the Episcopal Church, Women's Club, and other civic organizations. I attended the grammar school on Franklin Turnpike. I left Allendale, moved to Ho-Ho-Kus, and returned to Allendale as a bride. I was active in the Junior Woman's Club and was a scout leader. Do people still swim in Longrack? Is the old log cabin still on Potter's place? My Aunt, Mrs. Andrew Storms, owned the house on the corner of Park Ave. and Crescent Avenue. Nina Pinckney bought it from her.

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Husband's Name: Wilbur Ramsey Goetschius (deceased)

Wife's Name: Grace Hubbard Goetschius

Present Address: R.D. 1, Box 311, Buskirk, N.Y. 12028

Former Allendale Address: Grace Hubbard Goetschius was born in the Hubbard house on Crescent Avenue. We later built our house at 246 E. Crescent Avenue--it was the last house in Allendale along that road. Lived in Allendale from 1902 until August 1, 1967.

Children: Martha Moore Goetschius Foshay, William Ramsey Goetschius.

Grandchildren: Leslie R. Foshay, Wilbur R. Foshay.

Occupation: "Trying to keep alive!"

Memories of Allendale: It would fill two books. Growing up with the Barretts, Ivers, Van Houtens, Webbs, Van Horns, Andersons, Scholz, Vanderbeeks, Kornhoffs, Frank Drummond, Megnins, Fishers, Hutchinsons, May and Jack Selfridge, Darrows, Carvers, Cockrofts and Mr. Alling. Whom did I forget?

Second book--bringing up our children with their friends, their teachers, and all of our neighbors.

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Husband's Name: Victor J. Fredrickson, M.D.

Wife's Maiden Name: Sally Stoddard Anthony

Present Address: Box 849, Buckingham, Penna. 18912

Former Allendale Address: My parents and I lived in Ramsey, then Cragmere Park, Mahwah, until I was 18. I was born in Allendale (Taylor House) and lived there 6 years. My grandfather, Joseph B. Taylor lived in Allendale; also Mrs. Kirn Meyer and Mrs. John MacLachlin, aunts. My father, Whiting Anthony, my mother, Ruth Taylor and her family, my grandparents, Anthonys, Taylors and Kohlers, my uncles and aunts.

Children: Susan A. Frederickson Brindle (33), Gay Greenwood Fredrickson (30), and James Bradford Fredrickson (25).

Grandchildren: Laran Stoddard Brindle, Ross E. Brindle.

Occupation: Registered physical therapist and housewife.

Memories of Allendale: Many weekends at the Cable House (My grandparents'-- Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Taylor--home on Franklin Turnpike) which seemed like Mount Vernon and was a fascinating home. Also visiting other grandparents on Park Avenue (Whiting Anthonys) was a fond memory. Going to private school at "Oakley Hall" on Franklin Turnpike. Hearing stories of my mother's and father's wedding in Allendale and of my mother being the lead singer in "Quaker Girl" given after the war and directed by no less than Busby Berkeley. Hearing of my father being the first to leave for the service from Allendale--"a flier in France." He was also the youngest High School graduate (Ridgewood H.S.) in the state of New Jersey. My mother also taught music in the Allendale schools when Mr. Alling was principal. I remember Congressman Parnell Thomas came to my graduation party at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C. after I graduated from a private school near Washington.

Would Jeanne Cotz have been Jeanne Buhlman (maiden name?) Is Marion Morse who lived next to the Appert Celery Farm still in Allendale? Who else of you might I know?

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From the Hackensack Republican, April 12, 1883:

"Garry Van Vorst complains that there is a drouth in girls. He says he had a horse and buggy and money to spend, but nary a girl could he find to recreate with him."

"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.

Vanderbeek, Richard J.

The son of John R. Vanderbeek and Aletty Demarest, he was born August 23, 1836 and married Eliza C. Thomas. They had at least two children: Letty J. Vanderbeek, b. abt. 1863, and Charles Vanderbeek, born about 1865.

Vanderbeek, William Steven

The son of John R. Vanderbeek and Aletty Demarest, he was born June 7, 1859 and married, on October 15, 1879, Jennie DeBaun of Saddle River.

Van Horn, Abraham Q.

Abraham Van Horn was born in Allendale about 1873, the son of John J. and Maria E. Van Horn. He died in January 1951.

He married, on February 23, 1895, Lucinda Herbert, and they had children: Angenette Van Horn (m. _____ Minurn); Ida Van Horn (m. Charles Templeton); Alice Van Horn (m. _____ Smith); Virginia Van Horn (m. Henry Kahse); Whynett Van Horn; Ellsworth Van Horn; and Frederick Van Horn.

Van Horn, Daniel D.

Born about 1807, Daniel D. Van Horn and his wife, Ann (or Anna), had at least five children: Isaac Van Horn, b. abt. 1830; John Van Horn, b. abt. 1834; Abraham Van Horn, b. abt. 1838; Daniel Van Horn, b. abt. 1841; and Anna Maria L. Van Horn, b. August 17, 1848.

Van Horn, John J.

Born about 1829 in Allendale, he married Maria E. _____ (probably surnamed Quackenbush). He died in February 1888, and she died in July 1894. His nickname was "Griddlegreaser," which was evidently a "reverse" nickname, for he is said to have been more than six feet tall, exceedingly thin, and with long hair falling about his neck. He was remembered as something of an inventive genius, turning out many unique mechanical objects in his blacksmith shop on Franklin Turnpike. Among his mechanical contraptions were shotguns and a cider mill operated by goat power. He was also known as a lay preacher and a lecturer, and once gave a series of fiery lectures in the old Allendale schoolhouse that stood on the northwest corner of Franklin Turnpike and what is today Chestnut Street (in 1859).

John J. Van Horn and his wife, Maria, had children:

Sarah E. Van Horn, b. about 1853; Rachel J. Van Horn, b. abt. 1856; Anne Janet Van Horn, b. abt. 1858 (killed July 1882 at Hokokus by a passenger train as she crossed the railroad tracks); Roseanna Van Horn, b. abt. 1863; James E. Van Horn, b. abt. 1868; Mary Emma Van Horn, b. abt. 1869; John Van Horn, b. 1871; Abraham Q. Van Horn, b. abt. 1873; and Charles W. Van Horn, b. abt. 1875.

Van Houten, Jacob Henry

The son of John J. Van Houten and Rachel Romeyn, he was born May 3, 1835, probably in what is now Wyckoff. He married, on October 21, 1858, Hannah Matilda Terhune, the daughter of John Albert Terhune and Antje Ackerman. She had been born October 21, 1836 in Upper Saddle River. Jacob Henry Van Houten and his wife, Hannah Matilda Terhune, had children: Almena Van Houten, b. Oct. 21, 1859 (m. R. Willard Vermilye); John Chillian Van Houten, b. July 23, 1863 at Saddle River (m. Eleanor W. Wheeler); Stephen Terhune Van Houten, b. April 29, 1866 (m. Georgianna Schneider); Amelia Anna Van Houten, b. September 10, 1868 (m. Frank H. Wakeham); Stella Matilda Van Houten, b. March 18, 1872 (d. 1872); Harry J. Van Houten, b. November 17, 1874 (m. Mary Townsend Cole).

Jacob Henry Van Houten died January 23, 1917 and his wife, Hannah Matilda Terhune Van Houten died March 23, 1914; both are buried in Valteau Cemetery, Ridgewood.

Van Houten, John H.

Born January 30, 1763, he married, on June 28, 1794, Margaret Mickler. They had children: Paul Van Houten, b. March 14, 1795 (m. 1835 Rebecca Demarest); and Margaret Van Houten (m. John Lawbaugh). John H. Van Houten died May 7, 1848, and his wife, Margaret Mickler died October 10, 1853.

Van Houten, Paul

The son of John Van Houten and Margaret Mickler, he was born March 14, 1895. On May 30, 1835 he married Rebecca Demarest, daughter of James Demarest and Letty Cooper. They had a daughter, Margaret Van Houten, born August 31, 1835, who married, on May 25, 1855, John Yeomans. They lived in the house at 209 West Allendale Avenue.

Van Houten, Stephen Terhune

The son of Jacob Henry Van Houten and Hannah Matilda Terhune, he was born April 29, 1866. He married, in January 1890, in New York City, Georgianna Schneider, and they had children: Stephen Terhune Van Houten, Jr. (m. Marion F. Taylor); Anita Van Houten, b. March 6, 1892 in Allendale (m. Stanley Parkins Fisher); Georgianna Van Houten (m. Melvin R. Lane); Matilda Van Houten (m. George Linke); and Grace Van Houten (m. Oscar Pienecke.) S.T. Van Houten served on the Allendale Board of Education in 1900. In 1897 the house at 589 Franklin Turnpike was built for him and he moved into it with his growing family. Georgianna Schneider Van Houten was one of the founders of the

Allendale Public Library, a member of the Allendale Woman's Club, and was active in many borough civic affairs. She was president of the Village Improvement Association in 1917 (which at that time governed the public library) and signed the certificate of incorporation of the Allendale Public Library in 1923. She was one of the organizers of the original library in 1900.

Stephen Terhune Van Houten died June 19, 1936 and his wife, Georgianna Schneider Van Houten died in December 1943.

Van Houten, Steven Terhune, Jr.

The son of Steven Terhune Van Houten and Georgianna Schneider, he was born about 1893 and he married Marion F. Taylor. He was a builder and realtor in Allendale, owner of the real estate firm of S. T. Van Houten and Sons. With Christopher Smith, he developed what had been Mallinson's Pond into Allendale's Crestwood Lake in 1929. He and his family lived in the house at 50 West Maple Street.

S.T. Van Houten, Jr. and his wife, Marion F. Taylor, had two children: Richard Van Houten and Steven Terhune Van Houten III.

S. T. Van Houten, Jr. died in January 1977.

Van Riper, Abraham

Abraham Van Riper (Van Ryper) operated a fulling mill on the Chapaumes Brook (Hohokus Brook, near today's White's Pond) in what would today be Waldwick. The mill is shown on a survey drawn for a Franklin Township Road Return, dated June 29, 1811.

Van Riper, Marinus (or Rynier)

Born about 1810, his name is found written "Marinus," "Rynier," and "Rynard." He married, on August 1, 1839 (recorded New Prospect) Anna Van Zile (Van Sile; Van Syle), the daughter of Peter and Mary (Maria) Van Sile. They had at least two daughters: Hannah E. Van Riper, b. abt. 1848; and (possibly) Eliza J. Van Riper, b. abt. 1851 (m. William Call).

Van Tassel, Frank L.

Frank L. Van Tassel moved to Allendale about 1885; in May of that year the Hackensack Republican noted that "Allendale is now a famous section for poultry fanciers. Among the most noted pens are those of Geo. C. Sterling....A new comer to the place is Frank Van Tassel, fresh from Harlem; he is a breeder of high class poultry and has just finished a very complete chicken house which is in every respect unsurpassed--it is commodious, well-lighted and thoroughly ventilated." He was secretary of the Board of Trustees of Archer Church in 1886, showed his dog at the dog show at Madison Square Garden in 1888, and was elected a Trustee of the Orvil Co-operative Building and Loan Association on April 13, 1889. Richard Van Tassel, probably the son of Frank L. Van Tassel, attended the Allendale School in 1888.

Van Vorst, Henry

Henry Van Vorst apparently ran the Allendale Hotel from about 1878 to 1883 or later.

Volz, August G.

Born about 1862 in Dubuque, Iowa, he made his home with Richard

Aken of Forest Avenue, Allendale at the time of his death in March 1949. August Gorden Volz was a retired scenic artist, having founded the United Scenic Artist Association, Local 829, and having written the constitution for it. He was president of the association for a number of years. He was the first stage manager and director of Proctor's Players in New York City. During the period of the WPA he painted the mural in the court house at Hackensack.

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

Garrison Street

Today's West Orchard Street was known as "Garrison Street" by 1869 when it was so called on the map of "90 Valuable Building Lots and Sites at Allendale, Bergen County, N.J." filed August 17, 1869. The road is called "Garrison Street" in a newspaper description of Allendale dated 1870, and the Hackensack Republican, on August 18, 1887, reported that "P. Powell has broken ground for his new house corner of Broadway and Garrison street." The street was undoubtedly named for the Garrison family, whose home-
stead, with its marvelous "Dutch" barn, stood near the corner of what is today DeMercurio Drive and West Orchard Street, where the A & P shopping center now stands.

Heights Road

This street was known as "Heights Road" by 1928, when the following item appeared in the Ramsey Journal: "A. E. Atkinson of Heights Road returned from Florida where he has been on a business trip."

High Street

High Street was so called by 1886, for it is so noted on a "Map of the Property of John L. Yeomans," surveyed March 1885 and filed May 5, 1886.

Hillside Avenue

This may be the road referred to in a Franklin Township Road Return of June 26, 1827, petitioning for the establishment of a public road which might be today's Forest Avenue, to begin "on the public road a few rods south of the house formerly belonging to John A. Smith, now to Abraham A. Quackenbush."

Hillside Avenue was, in early years, informally called "the back Ramsey Road." But by 1910 it was being called Hillside Avenue as evidenced by an item in the Ramsey Journal of Jan. 14, 1910: "Barber Scholz has moved in H. J. Knack's house on Hillside Ave."

Homewood Avenue

The street was so named by May 1, 1930, when the following classified ad appeared in the Ramsey Journal: "Allendale Park Estates - New brick veneer houses of finest quality, each with garage, on plot 75 x 120. Very convenient terms, or rent \$75 per month. August Helm & Co., Builders, Franklin Turnpike and Homewood Avenue, Allendale."

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

February 9, 1927--9 p.m.-10 p.m.; Saddle River; Outbuildings; Call for assistance by Waldwick Chief; none needed.

March 8, 1927--10 p.m.-1:15 a.m.; Forest Road; Frame greenhouse and home; Farm; R. G. Gass, owner and occupant; cause--overheated furnace; Outside of Allendale--assistance rendered by request of owner.

March 14, 1927--2:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m.; Brookside Ave.; Frame dwelling; Owen, owner and occupant; cause--faulty stove installation; loss on building, \$100.

March 23, 1927--1:15 p.m.-1:45 p.m.; Turnpike; Brush; Simpson, owner and occupant; cause--unknown.

March 24, 1927--1:20 p.m.-1:45 p.m.; Turnpike; Brush; Turner, owner and occupant; cause--unknown.

April 12, 1927--11:45 a.m.-12:50 p.m.; Crescent Ave.; Brush; Hutches, owner & Occupant; cause--ordinance violation; served with summons and reprimanded by judge.

July 5, 1927--5 p.m.-5:15 p.m.; Turnpike; Appert's Field; Appert, occupant; cause--unknown.

July 30, 1927--6:40 a.m.-8:30 a.m.; Turnpike; Truck; cause--leaky gas tank; transient truck.

September 7, 1927--3:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m.; Crescent Avenue; auto; fire out on arrival.

December 4, 1927--1 p.m.-3 p.m.; Maple St., Frame 2 family house; residence; J.E. Dater, owner; Miss Smith, occupant; overheated stove and faulty installation; call for assistance.

December 24, 1927--11:30 p.m.; Mahwah; Barn.

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