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NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 1, 1984 at 8:00 p.m. at Borough Hall, West Crescent Avenue, Allendale.

PROGRAM: Mrs. Kirn Meyer (formerly Tiny Anthony) has sent the Historical Society a number of photographs and post cards of Allendale, and these will be on display at the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: We so enjoy hearing from old and new friends who now or once lived in Allendale, and we invite you all, far and near, to jot down your memories of Allendale and its vicinity--people, places, happenings--and send them to us. Here are more excerpts from questionnaires and letters received:

Husband's Name: Stanley Haviland

Wife's Maiden Name: Laura Barrett

Present Address: 20 Alston Ct., Red Bank, N.J. 07701

Former Allendale Address of the Barretts: Allendale Ave. and Elm

When did you live in Allendale? 1900-1915 (my family in the 1870s)

Children: Neal, Dean, Karl, Mart, Stan Jr., Sherry

Grandchildren: Seventeen; eight step grandchildren; three great grandchildren;
1 step great grandchild.

Memories of Allendale: In the February 1977 and April 1978 newsletter you printed some of my memories. Having lived in Allendale from 1900, the year I was born, until 1915, I still have many more.

I would like to mention a few of my Allendale friends. They are Grace Hubbard (Goetschius), the Hutchinson girls (Ruth, Dorothy and Marjory), Ruth Bloomer, Saddle River Ruth Taylor and also Allendale Ruth Taylor (Anthony) who was a friend and neighbor, Frank Drummond, Leon Kornhoff, Bob and Kenneth Fisher, Maytie Roland (Sparling), Ruth Meekins, Hazel and Mahlon Wetmore, Bee Nidd, Raymond Scholz, Marie Megnin, Eileen Feeny, May Selfridge, Georgianna Van Houten.

My sister, Mildred, and I had many good times playing in Grace's barn on Crescent Avenue and exploring the woods and brook behind it.

One of my best friends was Eileen Feeny. I had lots of good times at her house, spending some nights with her and her mother and Aunt George. We played with her cousin Ward Thomas when he came to visit. Something I can't forget is the time Eileen's brother Parnell, who was a great tease, closed the door of their ice house when Eileen, my sister Mildred and I were in it. We had gone in and down a ladder, as there was no ice in it at the time. When Parnell closed the door there

was total darkness. Mildred and I were scared stiff. Eileen managed to find the ladder and climbed up and opened the door. Parnell, of course, had disappeared. Mildred says she has had claustrophobia ever since.

It was so nice to read Dorothy Kornhoff's tribute to her father, Mr. Alling. He was a good friend of my father, Lon Barrett, and he and his wife and Dorothy visited my folks after we moved to Red Bank.

If you will bear with me, I would like to repeat part of my memories from 1977. It was customary for the eighth grade students to take their state examinations before the lower grades did. They were on their own then, to get ready for graduation. One of their activities was carving their initials in the belfry above the second floor of the school on Franklin Turnpike. There were five kids, I believe, in the class of 1912. While doing their carving, my sister Alice accidentally stepped between the beams and her foot broke through the ceiling of the room below. It was Miss Carey's room where my sister Mildred's class was taking their final examinations. Plaster fell on some of the desks and the two classes in the room were so disrupted that it was necessary to have a new set of tests sent and taken later. Mr. Alling, our teacher and principal, was so angry that he expelled all five students. They showed up every day and sat on the fence in front of the school begging to come back. Finally Mr. Alling broke down and permitted them to graduate, but refused to have his picture taken with them.

---Laura Barrett Haviland, July 19, 1984

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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.

Weeks, Charles H.

The son of Addison B. Weeks and Rachel Sckerman, he was born December 9, 1859 and married Agnes Westervelt, the daughter of James Westervelt and Mary A. Smith. She was born September 30, 1858. They were members of Archer Memorial Methodist Church, where both were active in the Sunday school, she as a teacher, and he as treasurer (in 1894). Charles H. Weeks was a director of the Orvil Co-operative Building and Loan Association in 1898 and was a charter inactive member of the Allendale Fire Association. Charles Weeks died December 25, 1930; his wife, Agnes Westervelt Weeks died August 19, 1925.

Westervelt, Bogert

In November 1873, Bogert Westervelt "formerly of Englewood" opened a meat market in Allendale from which he operated a whole-sale & retail butcher trade.

Westervelt, James

Born about 1834, he was living with Henry Christopher and his wife at the time of the 1850 Federal census. He married Mary Ann Smith and they had a daughter, Agnes Westervelt, born September 30, 1858. After the death of James Westervelt, Mary Ann Smith

married, about 1863, Joseph Mallinson.

Willard, J. B.

J. B. Willard was President of the Allendale School Board in 1894.

Wilson, John

Born about 1830 in Ireland, he married Margaret _____, who had been born in Ireland about 1835. John Wilson was a stonecutter and a farmer and was living, with his family, in the Allendale area by about 1866. John and Margaret Wilson had children: Margaret E. (Maggie) Wilson, b. about 1861-62 (m. Edward Linkroum); William J. Wilson, b. abt. 1863; Anna J. Wilson, b. abt. 1864; James Henry Wilson, b. abt 1866, d. Feb. 11, 1886; Mary E. (Mamie) Wilson, b. abt. 1867-68; Matthew J. Wilson, b. November 1869; and George Wilson, b. abt. 1870.

John Wilson died in March 1898; Margaret, his wife, died April 1886.

Wilson, Matthew

Born about 1840 in Ireland, he was a farmer and milkman. At the time of the 1880 Federal census, he was living with his sister, Jane Wilson, and his brother, Edward Wilson. He bought 48 acres of land from J. E. Ackerman in June 1878. Matthew Wilson died in January, 1903.

Wilson, William

Born about 1797-98 in Ireland, he and his wife, Ellen, were living in the Allendale area by the time of the 1850 Federal census. His occupation is listed as shoemaker in the 1850 census; as farmer in the 1870 census. William and Ellen Wilson had children: Martha Wilson, b. abt. 1828 in Ireland; William Wilson, b. abt. 1830 in Ireland; Jane Wilson, b. abt. 1833 in Ireland; James Wilson, b. abt. 1835 in Ireland; Matthew Wilson, b. abt. 1836; Nancy Wilson, b. abt. 1840; and Edward Wilson, b. abt. 1842.

Wilson, William

The son of William and Ellen Wilson, he was born about 1830 in Ireland and married Jane Stanley. The family was living in the Paterson area about 1858, but later moved to Allendale. William and Ellen Wilson had children: Ellen Wilson, b. Dec. 7, 1858, d. Jan. 6, 1942; Nancy Wilson, b. June 30, 1860, d. Dec. 14, 1941 (m. James White); Anna Wilson, b. abt. 1872, d. Jan. 21, 1936.

Wilson, William J.

The son of John and Margaret Wilson, he was born about 1863 and married Margaret J. _____, who had been born about 1872. About 1903 he was a mail carrier, serving as the rural free delivery man on route number one for about 17 years. Before their marriage, Margaret J. Wilson had been a teacher in the Sandy Hill section of Paterson. William J. and Margaret Wilson had children: Robert D. Wilson (later Allendale's Police Chief), George M. Wilson, and John K. Wilson. In addition to their own children, they raised May Selfridge and her brother, Jack Selfridge.

William J. Wilson died in 1928 and Margaret J. Wilson died in December 1962.

Windiford, Hercules

"Hercules Windaford" is listed in the 1780 Franklin Township Rateables as a householder, and on the Erskine-Dewitt Map #26 (survey made by Capt. John W. Watkins, August 1778) "Windifords" is labelled south of "Fells" in the vicinity of what would today be Franklin Turnpike on the east side of the road.

Windsor, Washington

Washington Windsor lived in Allendale with his family in the 1880s. They often spent their winters in Florida.

Winter, Garret Hopper

The son of John A. Winter and Adeline Terhune, he was born April 22, 1842 in Mahwah, N.J. He married Charity Ann Dater, daughter of Abraham Dater and Maria Ackerman. She had been born April 25, 1846 in Saddle River. Garret Hopper Winter served on the Entertainment Committee of the Allendale Village Improvement Association in 1892. Garret and Charity Winter had a son: John W. Winter, b. Nov. 6, 1868 in Saddle River.

Garret Hopper Winter died in 1928; Charity Ann, his wife, died June 6, 1921 and is buried in Valleau Cemetery.

Winters, Garret H.

Garret H. Winters married Mary Elizabeth Van Blarcom and they had two sons: Charles D. Winters and John L. Winters. Garret H. Winters died Oct. 11, 1950.

Winter, Herbert J.

The son of John W. Winter and Elizabeth A. Letson, he was born August 7, 1894 and married M. Edna Ackerman, daughter of John H. Ackerman and Jennie A. Hemion. He served in the Army in World War I and was a charter member of Allendale Post 204 of the American Legion. He was a partner, with his brother, in Winter Brothers Hardware Store and was a director of the First National Bank of Allendale. He was a member of the Allendale Rod and Gun Club, and a charter member of the Allendale Field and Stream Association. Herbert J. and Edna Winter had one daughter: Eleanor Winter (m. _____ Youngblood). Herbert J. Winter died in March 1966.

Winter, John W.

The son of Garret Hopper Winter and Charity Ann Dater, he was born November 6, 1868 and married, on October 12, 1892, Elizabeth (Libby) A. Letson, the daughter of (Rev.) William W. Letson and Sarah M. Outcalt. They had two sons: Herbert J. Winter, b. August 7, 1894; and William Letson Winter, b. January 12, 1896.

John W. Winter graduated from Latamer's Business College of Paterson in 1887, worked with A. J. Winter of Mahwah until 1889 (serving as assistant postmaster of Mahwah during this period), when he left to accept a position as clerk in the Internal Revenue office in Paterson, where he worked for the next eight years.

In 1890 he formed a partnership with J. M. Christopher, and the firm, Winter & Christopher, dealt in coal, feed, groceries, and general merchandise. Later, Winter ran the business by himself until after World War I, when, upon the return from service of his sons, he turned the business over to them and it became known as Winter Brothers Store.

John W. Winter served on the Allendale Borough Council for 16 years and was Mayor of Allendale in 1912 and 1913. He was

a charter member of the Allendale Fire Department and he laid the cornerstone for the old fire house. He served as Postmaster of Allendale from 1913 until 1922.

Elizabeth (Libbie) Winter died December 20, 1920, and John W. Winter died May 21, 1925.

Winter, William Letson

The son of John W. Winter and Elizabeth A. Letson, he was born January 12, 1896 and married Dorothy Young. They had children: Norman Winter, Clifford Winter, and Ethel Winter.

William L. Winter served in the Army in World War I and was a member of Allendale Post 204 of the American Legion. He was a member of the Exempt Fireman's Association and was a partner, with his brother, Herbert J. Winter, in Winter Brothers Hardware Store.

William L. Winter died in April 1951 and his wife, Dorothy, died in January 1974.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO IN ALLENDALE...NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS FROM
"ALLENDALE'S SCRAPBOOK"

From The Bergen Evening Record, December 12, 1958:

AFTER 20 YEARS ALLENDALE AGAIN WILL HAVE A POLICE DEPARTMENT--
Council Adopts Ordinance Re-Creating Force; Four Applications Already.
ALLENDALE--The new year will find this borough with a new Police
Department, its first in 20 years.

The Borough Council last night adopted an ordinance creating a police force as of January 1.

The ordinance which passed without comment at the public hearing will eliminate the present marshal system which has policed the borough since the regular department was abolished in an economy move in 1938.

Councilman Robert I. Newman said four applications already have been received for the new force and others will be accepted until Monday, which has been set as a cut-off date.

Mayor Albert O. Scafuro added these applications would have been sought whether or not a police department was formed. "The town has grown, and more men are needed," Scafuro explained.

Scafuro said the salary scale probably would start at \$4,200 a year for patrolmen.

Unidentified newspaper clipping, probably from the editorial page, dated December 16, 1958:

ALLENDALE WIPES AN OLD SLATE CLEAN

The decision of the Allendale Mayor and Council to create--rather, to re-create--a municipal police department January 1 makes sense. It would have made sense at any time in the last 20 years. But this is a creation in which death had a part to play, and death goes its own pace.

Allendale did have a police department. Also, along in the late '30s, it had a thorough-going political reform movement. The Chief of Police was William J. Reimer, a policeman popular in County, State and national police organizations. The head of the Fusion house-cleaning operation was stern old Mayor Louis A. Keidel. Among the charges against Mr. Reimer was that he spent entirely too much of

the Borough's time on his extra-curricular activities, but there was no secret about Mr. Keidel's considering the Chief the local Republican boss and not liking that. He didn't want public trial, though; so when the 2-man force was liquidated economy was given as the reason. It never was much of an economy, and law enforcement in the town since has depended on the self-sacrifice of a few hard-working marshals and their paid chief marshal and sergeant; but Allendale's had been a Civil Service department, and if at any time it had been reconstituted Mr. Reimer would have had to be reinstated as Chief. But he died a few months ago, and Mr. Keidel is dead; and so that can all be forgotten. Allendale has gotten along soberly and equably with its marshals, but it's growing up--3,500 population now against the 2,000 of 1939, Chief Reimer's last year--and no harm can be done by systematic organization and allocation of police responsibility under regulations drafted by the government itself. The timing is the only remarkable aspect of the development. People are apt to say, "Eventually, why not sooner?" The only answer is that death takes its time.

From The Paterson Evening News, April 18, 1959:

S-L ASSOCIATION MARKS 70TH YEAR.

ALLENDALE--The Allendale-Waldwick Savings and Loan Association of 33 West Allendale Ave., is celebrating its 70th year of operations. The association was organized in 1889 following a number of meetings by a group of citizens of Allendale and Saddle River.

The original name of the association when incorporated was the Orvil Co-operative Building & Loan Association. On January 1, 1959 the Allendale Savings & Loan merged with the Waldwick Savings and Loan Association. On March 14, the association opened its first branch office on Prospect St. in Waldwick.

During its 70 years the association has never failed to pay a dividend. They became insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation in March of 1953. The association is also a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York.

From the Bergen Record, May 15, 1959:

JOB SELLS INN, LIQUOR LICENSE. SHIFT COMES AS CASE WAITS COURT ACTION. ALLENDALE--Pasko C. Job, owner of the Crescent Inn on West Crescent Avenue, yesterday revealed he has sold his business and liquor license.

Job, whose family has operated the inn the past 27 years, will turn over the business to Sam Sorris, Jack De Korte of Franklin Lakes, and Jack Cowan of Mahwah on about May 18.

The inn has been the center of controversy for several years, which has resulted in a suit charging a Borough Council-granted variance that permitted Job to have music and dancing on the second floor was illegal.

The suit, which was brought by several surrounding residents is pending before the Appellate Division of the Superior Court on an appeal of both sides.

Superior Court Judge Donald M. Waesche ruled in September 1956 that Job can serve meals on both floors, but only have music and dancing on the first floor.

From The Bergen Record, October 1, 1959:

NEW BUILDER SETS POST OFFICE WORK. CONSTRUCTION IN ALLENDALE TO BEGIN IN 3 WEEKS; BUILDING SMALLER.

ALLENDALE--Construction of the new post office should begin within

3 weeks, former Mayor Albert O. Scafuro said last night.

However, the office will not be built by former Mayor George A. Dean Jr., who now holds the contract with the Federal Government to erect the building.

Scafuro, who is Dean's attorney, explained that since Dean moved to Kansas City, Mo., the Government contract has been under negotiation with a new party. This new party should sign a new contract by the end of the week, Scafuro said.

Scafuro declined to comment who the new builder of the post office would be, but he did say it was not a resident.

Dean moved to Kansas City in June for business reasons. At that time he resigned as Mayor and was succeeded by Councilman Robert I. Newman.

The new post office will be located next to the present post office at West Allendale and Myrtle avenues.

A store on the proposed post office site was torn down by Dean several months ago.

Dean had planned to build a 2-story building and locate his business in the second story of the structure.

However, Scafuro said the new builder will erect only a 1-story structure which will be somewhat larger than present post office quarters.

From The Ridgewood News, May 7, 1959:

CHURCH'S CORNERSTONE REVEALS OLD DOCUMENTS.

ALLENDALE--When the cornerstone of the Archer Memorial Methodist Church was laid 83 years ago, various articles were encased in it, and last Sunday after the stone had been opened, members of the church were able to learn more about the beginnings of the building in which they worship. The building is currently being renovated and it was necessary to remove the cornerstone. The cornerstone had been put in place June 15, 1876 and 24 articles were enclosed in it.

The articles found included letters from various persons who were evidently present at the cornerstone laying ceremonies and a document containing the Sunday School roll of 1876....Because the metal container which had contained the articles had become rusted over the years, Fred Herndon, a member of the official board, will donate a stainless steel receptacle which will be deposited Sunday, May 17 in the replaced cornerstone....

From The Paterson News, May 8, 1959:

CHURCH OF EPIPHANY PLANS EXPANSION

ALLENDALE--The congregation of the Church of the Epiphany voted to purchase a 10-acre tract of land bordering West Crescent Ave., Brookside Ave., Wehner Pl., and George St., for future expansion. A house adjoining the 10-acre property on Brookside Ave. was also purchased.

Tentative plans for the future call for the erection of a new church and parish house on the property. The new structure would face West Crescent Avenue.

The parish made the decision to relocate after a long search for property adjoining the present site. Officials said that even if land had been available for purchase in the block where the present buildings are located, this would have been insufficient to comply with parking regulations for a new and enlarged structure.

The present building of Epiphany church seats 110 persons, with approximately 210 parishioners. The new Church will provide enough

