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NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 6, 1985 at 8:00 p.m. at Borough Hall, West Crescent Avenue, Allendale.

PROGRAM: Our guest speaker will be Gay McIndoe, who will discuss and exhibit old postcards. She has been a guest speaker in the past and her programs have always been enjoyed by our membership. Please plan to join us for an evening of entertainment and good fellowship.

SOCIETY NEWS: We are repeating our request for local members to consider giving a small amount of their time to our society to ensure its continuity and smooth leadership. We need officers and chairmen for the coming year. You will see that our proposed slate of officers is incomplete. Our demands are very minimal--at most, 8 meetings a year (4 general meetings, 4 board meetings). If you can help, please call our current president, Dorothy Kornhoff, 848-0573 (she lives in Wyckoff).

Proposed officers for 1985-1986 are:

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Annual Dues are due and payable again. Please use the form enclosed with this newsletter to renew your membership.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the cancellation of our March 4th meeting. The weather was so bad that it was decided everyone would be better off staying at home. We know there were many accidents because of the icy conditions.

In this issue we continue to print some of the photographs donated by Mrs. Kirn Meyer (formerly Tiny Anthony.) Those printed in this issue show early views of parts of Allendale's business section, especially West Allendale Avenue and the section called "Allendale Square."



If you were to stand in the middle of West Allendale Avenue, about level with the parking lot in front of the Independence Bank, and if you were to look west along West Allendale Avenue, and if you were transported back in time 80 years to 1905, the date of this postcard photo, this is the view you would have had. The house on the right is still standing; the house just west of it was torn down several years ago and has been replaced by an office building. In the distance, hidden by trees, on the far left, is the Allendale Hotel and, in front of it, the section called "Allendale Square."

EXCERPTS FROM HERBERT WINTER'S DIARY

From a typewritten manuscript.

Herbert J. Winter was the son of John W. Winter and Elizabeth A. Letson. He was born August 7, 1894 and married M. Edna Ackerman. 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, William L. Winter, in Winter Brothers Hardware Store. Herbert J. Winter died in March 1966.

- 1913--Jan. 11...Cook's house burned, on West Allendale Avenue.
 Apr. 5....Laying of the cornerstone of the Fire House.
 May 7.....My father, John Winter, then Mayor of Allendale, broke up an I.W.W. riot in town. (I.W.W.=Industrial Workers of the World, an international industrial labor union which was organized in Chicago in 1905.--P.A.W.)
 Sept. 30..Moved Post Office from Erie Station to new addition to Winter Store. John Winter, my father, was Postmaster.
 Oct. 7....Bergen Guard had first drill in new Fire House.
 Dec. 29...My father retires as Mayor.
- 1914--Jan.....Coal in the cellar of the Cook's house has been burning for a year. There was 60 tons in the pile.
 Mar. 31...Borgers gave up dry goods business and moved to the Rapelje house on West Allendale Ave.(first house east of the Sweet Shop.)
 Apr. 20...Store and Post Office robbed of \$756 in money and stamps.
 May 2.....Father sold store to Coats & Strump.
 May 14....We have a phone put in our house.
 May 24....Ball field on Park Avenue made into a Park (Memorial Park.)
 May 30....New ball field and swimming place opened on John Yeoman's property on Allendale Avenue (Recreation Park.)

This view of West Allendale Avenue is from a vantage point about in front of today's delicatessen, or just a bit east of the Maple Street intersection, again, looking west toward "Allendale Square." To the left, in the distance, is the Hotel. In the center of the picture is the Allendale Meat Market (later the site of Guatelli's, then Temperlyn's, and now the Allendale Florist.) The building on the right in the picture was moved to High Street in 1931, when the new Winter Brothers store (today's Christian Bookstore) was built. This photograph is dated 1906 (postmarked December 17, 1906.)

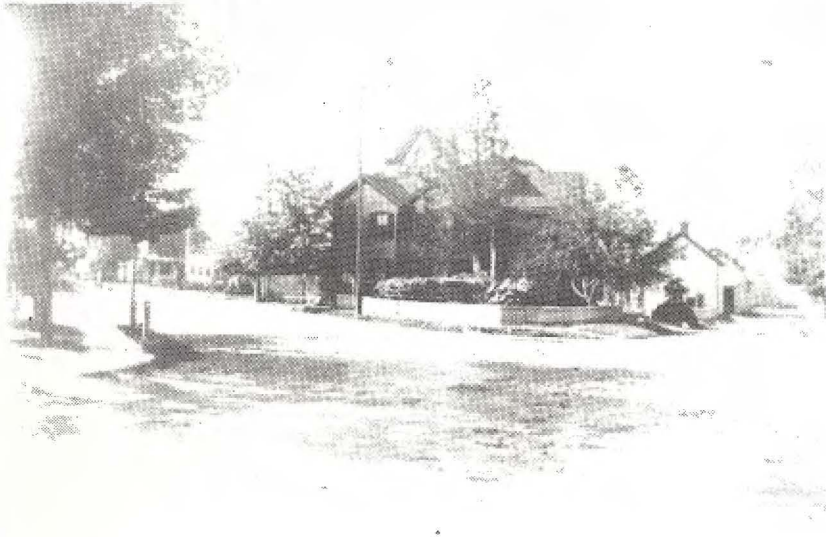


1914--July 23....Laying water pipes in Allendale

- 1915--Mar. 19....Grandma Winter is putting a new bathroom in her home on Elm Street.
 Mar. 25....Jessup barn burned on Brookside Avenue. First time town water was used for a fire.
 Mar. 26....Digging cellar for Guatelli Building on the Plaza (drug store and adjacent stores)
 May.....Grandma is putting in electric lights.
 Aug. 19....I am Assistant Postmaster.
 Aug. 30....Louis Guatelli opened drug store in new building.
 Sept. 1....Got first pay check from Post Office--\$50 per month.
 Sept. 24...Keck's Dry Goods Store opened in Guatelli's new building and sold first suit of clothes ever sold in the town.
 Oct. 20....Woman's Suffrage in N.J. defeated.
 Nov. 2....Gus Nadler elected Mayor.

- 1916--Feb. 17....Transcontinental phone in operation and Fidelity Lodge of Ridgewood is to talk to San Francisco tonight--open house.
 Mar. 9....Putting sidewalks on Franklin Turnpike.
 Apr. 21....Pancho Villa invaded New Mexico.
 May 1....Winter Brothers start business; had been father's business.
 May 17....The Magnet Grocery Store opened in Guatelli Building just west of Keck's.
 June 17....War declared on Mexico.
 July 30....Black Tom explosion.
 Sept. 6....Sidewalks on Turnpike finished.
 Nov. 3....First aeroplane flew over Allendale.
 Nov. 7....Woodrow Wilson President.

- 1917--Jan. 10.....Eddie Williams sold his livery stable (on the site of today's Central Garage) to Christopher J. Smith.
 Apr. 3.....I joined the Home Guards.
 Apr. 6.....The U.S. declared war on Germany.
 June 6.....A & P grocery store opened in Allendale.
 June 30.....Abe Ackerman gave up carting mail from Allendale to Saddle River after 31 years service.
 Nov. 24.....Received 25 pounds of sugar for sale, first in 3 weeks. Coal and flour also allotted.
- 1918--Jan. 31.....Allotment of coal and chicken feed received.
 Apr. 1.....Left for army.
- 1919--Sept. 1.....Allendale has Welcome Home for soldiers.
 Sept. 9.....Three aeroplanes over Allendale this day. Most ever!



This 1905 photo shows the view looking west from about in front of today's Christian Bookstore (formerly Winter Brothers Store.) The triangular fence in the center of the photo stands on the site of today's "Flatiron" Building (the Braun Building, built in 1911; today the office of Stiles Thomas.) Behind the fence is the Allendale Hotel. The small buildings on the right have not been identified; they may be stables or outbuildings of the hotel. The road to the left is Park Avenue, which in 1905 crossed the railroad tracks, as shown. The road to the right of the triangle is West Allendale Avenue; it too crossed the railroad tracks at this time. Just out of the picture, to the

right, would be the Allendale Meat Market and, to its right, Myrtle Avenue. Just out of the picture to the left would be the building housing the confectionery business run by James Linkroum, then James Webb, and later, Wally Gasparini. In the distance, across the tracks on Park Avenue, can be seen the Gasparini building, where Vito Gasparini sold and repaired shoes and boots.

- 1920--Feb. 17.....First auto around town in two weeks after the winter snows.
 June 29.....First movies in Allendale shown at the Fire House.
 Aug. 5.....Charles Finch started to build houses on Dale Avenue.
 Nov. 2.....Women voted for the first time in Allendale.
 Nov. 13.....Fire siren installed on Fire House.
- 1921--Mar. 4.....Warren G. Harding is President.
 Nov. 4.....Eugene Melchionni is building new stores on West Allendale Avenue. (These stores were built on the

site of two frame buildings previously housing confectionery businesses run by James Linkroum, James Webb, and Wally Gasparini, each in succession from the 1890s on. The old buildings were removed to Myrtle Avenue and used as dwellings.--P.A.W.)

1921--Dec. 9.....George Megnin succeeded Sam Brower as Fire Chief.

1922--Jan. 12....Henry Thurston used motor driven plow to clear streets of snow--no horses.

Jan. 7.....Walter Temperlyn took over drug store.

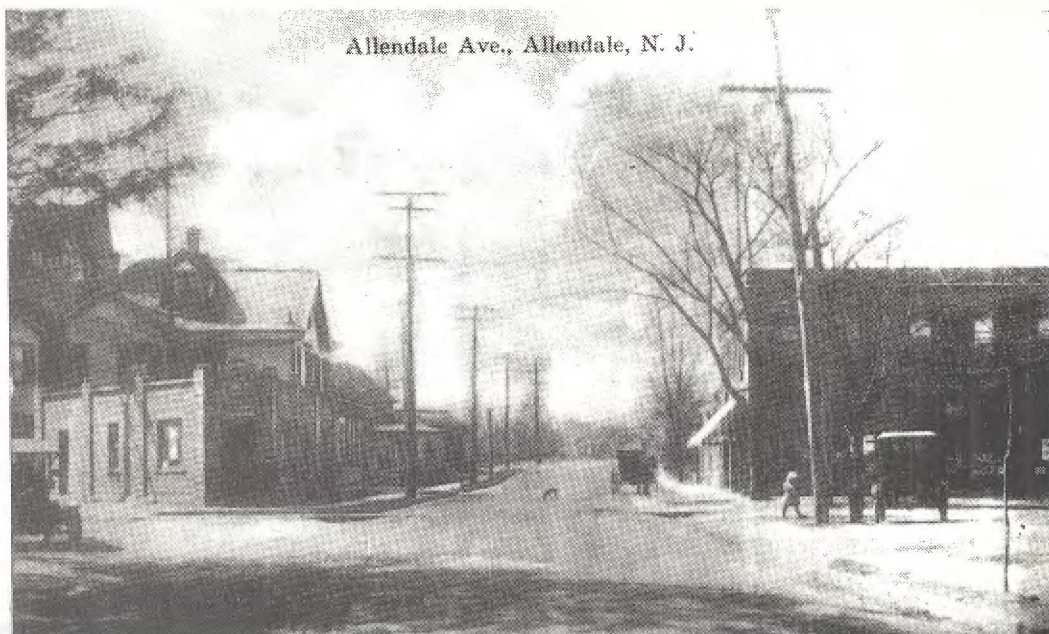
Aug. 17....Percy Fischer is new doctor.

Sept. 11...Winter Brothers opened account in Ramsey Bank instead of using one in Paterson.

Dec. 15....No coal in town--coal strike.

1923--Jan. 11....A 68-ton carload of coal was unloaded for Winter Brothers, the largest carload ever delivered in town.

This postcard view of West Allendale Avenue probably dates from about 1918 and shows, to the left, the "Flatiron" or Braun Building, built 1911 and behind it, the Allendale Hotel. The street stretching straight ahead (to the west) in the photo is West Allendale Avenue. The building on the right is the Guatelli Building, built in 1915, later housing Temperlyn's Drug Store, and today the Allendale Florist. Out of the picture, to the right, is Myrtle Avenue.



1923--Jan. 18.....We get first radio set (crystal.)

Sept. 7.....Sidewalks installed on Myrtle Avenue.

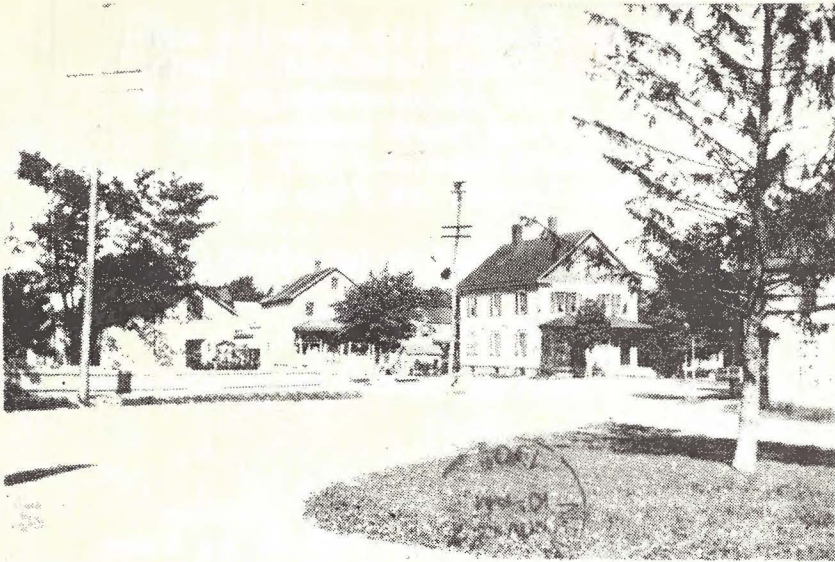
1924--June 23.....K K Klan held a meeting in town.

July 21.....State Troopers have headquarters at Van Blarcom's, corner of Maple and West Allendale Avenue. (The Van Blarcom house stood on the site of today's Country Shop.--P.A.W.)

Nov. 5.....Coolidge is President, Al Smith Governor of New York, and William Kornhoff is Mayor of Allendale.

Dec. 11.....Allendale Chamber of Commerce is founded.

1925--Feb. 11.....Charter for the First National Bank of Allendale awarded.



This photo postcard, postmarked Nov. 13, 1905, shows the view from what would be today's commuter parking area near the Allendale Hotel, looking across Allendale Square in a northeasterly direction. Behind you are the railroad tracks. Just out of the picture, to the left, is the Allendale Hotel. The white fence behind the telephone pole to the left marks the site of the future Flatiron, or Braun Building (to be built in 1911.) Beyond the fence, the frame building is the Allendale Meat Market. Myrtle Avenue falls between the Meat Market and the building to its right in the picture. This building, fronting on Myrtle Ave.,

was built in 1884 by Garret H. Winter, and a grocery business opened in it under the name of Winter & Leamon; later Winter & Smith; and still later, Winter & Christopher. Garret H. Winter's son, John W. Winter inherited the store in 1912, and he was succeeded by his sons Herbert J. and William L. Winter, trading as Winter Brothers, in 1916. The larger building to its right (just right of center in the photo) housed Mrs. H. C. Borger's Dry Goods Store from about 1903 until 1914; after 1914 Mrs. O. O. Clark ran a dry goods store there. In 1931 this building was moved to High Street and a new store (to house Winter Brothers Store) was built on its site.

- 1925--Mar. 30.....Jack O'Dea (gangster) was killed by a bomb placed in his car while it was parked in front of the Allendale Manor. (The Allendale Manor stood on the site of today's Allendale Nursery on Franklin Turnpike--P.A.W.)
- May 30.....Eleanor Winter and Doris Mallinson unveiled the monument in Memorial Park.
- June 1.....James Haulenbeck is new Marshall.
- June 3.....Started building bank.
- June 12.....Digging drain on Allendale Avenue.
- Sept. 1.....Concrete Plaza poured in center of town.
- Dec. 19.....First National Bank of Allendale opened for business.
- 1926--Jan. 11.....Post Office moved to Kornhoff Building. First heard London via radio.
- Mar. 8.....Winter Brothers added hardware department to store in place formerly occupied by Post Office.
- Apr. 17.....Public Service starts to put in gas mains.
- Apr. 24.....John Ackerman changed his home on West Allendale Ave. into stores.
- May 8.....Winter Brothers bought John Mowerson's grocery stock.
- May 22.....Eugene Melchionni and John H. Ackerman start new building on West Allendale Avenue.
- June 16.....J. P. Thomas, Mayor; Chas. F. Smith and Eugene Megnin, Councilmen.
- Sept. 9.....Chris J. Smith and S. T. Van Houten open real estate office in new Melchionni building.

This 1907 photograph was taken from the west side of the railroad tracks, looking northeasterly across the tracks at what most of us think of as "the back" of the Allendale Hotel. Beyond the iron railings along the track, we can see what appear to be a number of white hitching posts. Apparently, in 1907, a roadway extended along the tracks on the "back" side of the Hotel as well as the West Allendale Avenue side. The roadway to the right in the photo is the Park Avenue extension, that crossed the railroad tracks in those days and intersected at Allendale Square with Myrtle Avenue and West Allendale Avenue.



1927--Jan. 28.....Wm. Reimer, Chief of Police; Jas. Haulenbeck and Ben Bongart, Marshalls.
 Feb. 25.....Allendale State Police station closed.
 Mar. 21.....Bank has deposits of \$290,000.
 June 20.....Widening West Allendale Avenue and putting up light standards.
 Dec. 17.....H. R. Miller is building a new house on Archer property.

1928-- Hard surfaced street from Bank to Plaza.
 Oct. 18.....Graf Zeppelin flies Atlantic.
 Nov. 6.....Hoover is President.

1929--Jan. 31.....Public Service takes up old trolley tracks.
 Mar. 14.....Rev. C. H. Von Glahn new Methodist Minister.
 Mar. 17.....Ackerman store on West Allendale Avenue nearly finished.
 June 29.....Ostertag Hardware store opened on West Allendale Ave.
 July 13.....A & P opened store.
 Aug. 6.....New school on Brookside Avenue.

1930--Feb. 11.....New test well drilled.
 Feb. 12.....Harry I. Hand president of Board of Education.
 Feb. 15.....Started building Telephone Building.
 (Here the diary ends.)

ALLENDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT...RECORDS OF EARLY CALLS TO FIRES (ABSTRACTED)
 (continued from the February 1985 issue)

June 12, 1928--7:45 p.m.-8:15 p.m.; Franklin Turnpike; Truck, Sam. Laskey, owner; cause--spilled gasoline.

Oct. 11, 1928--5 p.m.-5:15 p.m.; Myrtle Avenue; Brush, H. Yeomans, owner.
Cause--unknown; no damage.
October 20, 1928--7:30 p.m.-7:55 p.m.; Turnpike; truck; cause--leaky
presto tank; \$10.00 loss.
October 18, 1928--11:45-12 noon; Plaza; Auto, Mrs. Almquist; cause--
leaky gas line; \$15.00 loss.
November 16, 1928--10:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m.; Myrtle Ave.; Brush; H. Yeomans,
owner; cause--RR; no damage.
December 11, 1928--10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.; Turnpike; Brush & rubbish; Back
of garage; H. N. Thurston, owner & occupant; cause--unknown; no
damage.
February 18, 1929--1:30 p.m.-2 p.m.; Russells; fields; Russells, owner
of bldg.; no damage.
February 26, 1929--6:20 p.m.-6:30 p.m.; Ivers Rd.; dwelling house; F.
Megin, owner; Mrs. F. Zabriskie, occupant; cause--fat on stove;
no damage.
March 19, 1929--3 p.m.-3:40 p.m.; Crescent Avenue; Brush, C. Job, owner;
M. Rossner, occupant; cause--RR; no damage.
March 17, 1929--4:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m.; Turnpike; Brush; school; Oakley
Hall School, occupant; cause--RR; no damage.
March 20, 1929--2:15 p.m.-2:30 p.m.; Mallinson St.; Brush; Williams,
occupant; cause--unknown; no damage.
April 7, 1929--4 p.m.-4:20 p.m.; Brookside Avenue; Brush; DeMauriac,
owner; cause--unknown; no damage.
April 9, 1929--3 p.m.-3:25 p.m.; Park Estates; Brush; cause--workmen;
no damage.
March 22, 1929--2:45 p.m.-3:00 p.m.; Maple St.; Brush; Moore, occupant;
cause--unknown; no damage.
March 24, 1929--1:00 a.m.-1:30 a.m.; Homewood Ave.; Brush; Burned from
Waldwick; no damage.

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