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NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 4, 1987 at 8:00 p.m. at the Allendale Municipal Building, West Crescent Avenue, Allendale (Second Floor).

PROGRAM: "The Changing Face of Bergen County," a narrated slide program produced, written, and presented by the Bergen County Office of Cultural and Historic Affairs. Using before and after illustrations, the benefits of preserving community landmarks is demonstrated. Featured are historic houses which now function as offices, stores, restaurants, and schools, in addition to those continuing as private homes. Highlighted are some of Bergen County's early school buildings, factories, churches, barns, firehouses, and railroad stations now adapted to other, imaginative uses.

The meeting is, as always, free and open to the public, so please invite your friends and neighbors.

SOCIETY NEWS:

Please note that annual membership dues for our fiscal year from May 1987 through April 1988 are due and payable in May. Enclosed with this newsletter is a membership renewal form which we ask that you fill out and return with your check. (You can mail your renewal to us at the address at the bottom of this page, or you can bring it to the May meeting, where Marge Mowerson, our treasurer, will be happy to accept it.)

We are sorry to announce that Marie Kraft has had to resign as chairman of our committee to update the "History of Allendale" book. We are looking for someone to chair and coordinate this effort. Marie has already worked out an outline for an approach to this long-term project, which we hope can be accomplished over the next two or three years. If you can volunteer, or if you'd like more information, please call Pat Wardell (327-0605) or Eva Schmitt (327-5080 daytime at the Country Shop).

The proposed slate of officers for the year 1987-1988 is as follows:

President: Pat Wardell
Vice President: Eva Schmitt
Treasurer: Marge Mowerson
Secretary: Bonnie McKenzie
Trustees: Annette Baum, Marian Strangfeld, Harriett Grosman, Marie Kraft, Jeanne Cotz, Susan Braun

Publicity Chairman: Paulette From
Librarian: Shirley Cross
Program Chairman: Harriett Grosman
Newsletter Editor: Pat Wardell

The slate of nominated officers and chairmen will be read at the May meeting, and the floor will then be opened for further nominations, after which election of officers will take place.

BUSINESSES IN ALLENDALE

Compiled by Pat Wardell

(continued from the February 1987 issue)

Some bits and pieces about some of Allendale's businesses—past and present. We know that this list is incomplete and hope that some of our readers can add information. What businesses do you remember?

Allendale Sweet Shop

Some additional notes to the article on the Allendale Sweet Shop printed in the February 1987 issue:

The one store with two upstairs apartments was built on the 32' x 159' lot in 1931. According to the 1940 Borough Tax Appraisal sheet, the 27'6" x 52' building was a 2 story, with attic and basement, of stucco on block with a composition shingle roof and a 2 car 19' x 20' frame garage. Its foundation was concrete and the building was comprised of the store, 10 rooms (3 bedrooms), with attic all wallboard, 1 washroom with tile floor, and two baths, one



The Allendale Sweet Shoppe Building, 72 West Allendale Avenue, 1940. S. J. Moss, M.D. had an office in an upstairs apartment in October 1940.

wood and sheetrock and one tile floor.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bernstein took over the business about 1974 and ran it until about 1986, when it closed as a confectionery store.

Today the store is a children's clothing store, "Li'l Duds."

Atkins' General Store

William Atkins bought A. C. Rowland's store on Cottage Place c. 1887-88, after which he

ran the business for at least a year or two. He advertised in *The Hackensack Republican*, July 5, 1888: "Wm. Atkins, Successor to A. C. Rowland, Allendale, N.J." *The Hackensack Republican*, on November 29, 1888, noted: "Mrs. James Post has rented a suite of rooms of Grocer Atkins."

Barrett's Livery

Alonzo C. Barrett was running a livery service in Allendale by 1906 (and probably earlier), when he advertised in *The Allendale Methodist Herald*: "Livery. Prompt Service at all Hours. A. C. Barrett, Allendale, N.J. Telephone 99J1." He and his family moved to Red Bank, N.J. in the spring of 1915. In Allendale, he had been one of the organizers of The Franklin Club (and was its president for a number of years), was active in the Episcopal Church, and was chairman of the entertainment committee of the Allendale Board of Trade in 1915.

Ben Franklin 5 & 10 Store

This business was operating in the building on West Allendale Avenue that today houses Allendale Auto Parts (75 W. Allendale Avenue) by 1950-51. A 5 & 10-cent store existed in Allendale by at least 1945 (probably in the same location), doing business as the Marcus 5 & 10 Cent Store.

Better Sign Studios

This business advertised in the 1951 booklet "Guardians of Your Property and Welfare: Allendale Police": "Help Your Friends Find You at Night. Scotchlite Mail Box Signs or Scotchlite Lawn Markers Lite Up at Night. Better Signs Studios. Al. 1-4068. W. Allendale Ave." Alexander J. Ott was the business manager for Better Sign Studio, according to an advertisement in the 1963-64 edition of Here's Allendale.

Biggerman's Economy Meat Market

Theodore Biggerman was operating this meat market in Allendale by Sept. 6, 1920, when he advertised in Allendale's Labor Day Field Day program: "Biggerman's Economy Meat Market, Allendale, N.J." In 1916, the Biggerman family was living in Ridgewood, as evidenced by this item in the Allendale column of *The Ramsey Journal* of May 25, 1916: "Mr. and Mrs. Biggerman and daughter, of Ridgewood, were entertained on Sunday by Chief Braun and family."

It is not known where in Allendale Biggerman's market was originally, but in May 1923 John Yeomans and his wife sold to Theodore Biggerman a plot measuring 40 x 25.01 feet on West Allendale Avenue, "beginning 298.39 feet westerly from center line of Myrtle Avenue." Biggerman apparently transferred his business to this property, for *The Ramsey Journal* of October 11, 1923 announced: "The Biggerman meat market will move into its new quarters next week."

By May 1927, Biggerman was no longer doing business in Allendale, and the newspaper reported that "An up-to-date meat market was opened in Pompton Plains the latter part of last week by the former proprietor of the Economy Meat Market on Allendale Avenue, Mr. T. Biggerman."

Blue Churn Dairy Kitchen

This business, on West Allendale Avenue, was being run by Lemuel J. Webster by 1933. In April 1934, according to *The Ramsey Journal*, the business moved: "The Blue Churn Dairy Kitchen moved Monday night from the Kornhoff building to larger quarters in the Ackerman building."

Webster and his wife, the former Ethel Price, lived at 207 Park Avenue, Allendale. He was born in Passaic about 1890 and died early in 1967. He later worked for Bloomingdale's and Lord and Taylor's in New York City, and Meyer Brothers in Paterson. At the time of his death he was a retired department store section manager.

Borger's Dry Goods Store

This store, run by Mrs. Henry C. Borger, was operating by August 1903, when it was advertised in *The Allendale Methodist Herald*: "Mrs. H. C. Borger, Dry and Fancy Goods, Notions, Confectionery, Stationery, etc. Allendale, N.J." It was run in a building on the north side of West Allendale Avenue on the site of what was later Winter Brother's store and what is now the Christian Book Store. The building was moved to High Street in 1931 when the Winter Brothers store was built. According to a March 31, 1914 entry in Herbert Winter's diary, the "Borgers gave up dry goods business and moved to the Rapelje house" (on West Allendale Avenue, first house east of the Sweet Shop. This house stood at 70 West Allendale Avenue).

On May 4, 1916 *The Ramsey Journal* announced: "Garret Winter has leased the store recently occupied by Mrs. H. C. Borger to O.O. Clark of Ramsey, who intends starting a new and first-class dry goods store in the near future."

O. O. Clark was later Mayor of Allendale.

Braun's Allendale Hotel

Valentine J. Braun and his wife, Lucy L. Braun came to Allendale in 1905. An advertisement in the program booklet on May 12, 1910 of "Vigilantia B. G. Constanter, Allendale N.J.S.N.J." (Bergen Guard?) stated: "Telephone 94-J-2. ALLENDALE HOTEL, Val J. Braun, Allendale, N.J."

Braun was born about 1864 and died in June 1931. He was the first Chief of the Allendale Fire Department, and when the department's first hook and ladder truck arrived on August 8, 1910, it was housed in V. J. Braun's barn near the Allendale Hotel. (The Allendale Fire House had not yet been built.) He was also Allendale's first Water Collector, in 1918.

He and his wife, Lucy, had one daughter, Ethel Braun, who married (1) Edward C. Corcoran, and (2) Myles Maratene.

After Valentine J. Braun's death in 1931, his wife Lucy continued to run the hotel and bar until about 1935, when Michael and Maude Connelly took over the business; Maude ("Mom") Connelly continuing to run the business after her husband's death in 1938.

In 1951 the property was deeded from Ethel Maratene and Myles Maratene, her husband, to J. C. Investment Corporation, and in 1964 William J. Dixon and Mary W. Dixon, his wife, bought the property.

Brice Bakery

On March 20, 1919 an article in *The Ramsey Journal* announced: "H. C. Brice of New York, will some time in the near future open a bakery in the store owned by William Kornhoff."

Brown's Dry and Fancy Goods Store

About April 1896, James Linkroum rented a store to Thomas Brown of New York, who opened a dry and fancy goods store.

Brown apparently moved the business, called "Brown's New York Store" across West Allendale Avenue to the Winter Building (where, later, Mrs. H. C. Borger ran a dry goods store) sometime before summer of 1897. In October 1896, Brown's store was broken into, and according to an article in *The Ramsey Journal*, "The best of everything in his store was taken. The thieves broke into the side entrance leading upstairs and through the partition into the store." The robbery may have been too much for Brown's business to recover from: by August 1897 he had closed the business and removed to New York.

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ALLENDALE HOUSES BUILT BEFORE 1940

Compiled by Pat Wardell

Compiler's Note: This "inventory" of pre-1940 Allendale houses has been compiled using information in the Society's files and in my own files. Very few of the houses have been systematically researched, so we know that for most of them, the information is incomplete. We would welcome any additions, corrections, updating, etc. from our readers, and will happily add such information to the Society's files.

Only houses still in existence today are included in this inventory. Houses are generally named for the earliest known owner/occupant. Names associated with a house are not necessarily always owners; some may have been tenants. Also, not all owners actually lived in houses they owned; some houses were leased for rental income. The houses are listed alphabetically by street names; then numerically by house number.

1 Ackerson Road

Parkhill House

Block 502, Lot 12 (Old Block 48, Lot 22)

Built about 1928. Elizabeth Parkhill, 1940. Frank Lambert and Myrtle C. Lambert, 1943-? Gregory C. Hubertus (1985-86 Here's Allendale).

In 1940 this house was described as a 2 story, 1 family frame home with an open porch and a detached garage on a 60 x 213 plot. It had a clapboard exterior, composition shingle roof, and concrete block foundation. There were 6 rooms, including 3 bedrooms, and 1 wood and plaster bath.

17 Allen Street

Christopher House

Block 1701, Lot 1 (Old Block 7, Lot 49)

Built about 1920-24. R. J. Christopher, 1940. Genevieve C. Hoffman, 1948-? David E. Hopson, Jr. (1985-86 Here's Allendale).

In 1940 this house was described as a 2 story frame home with an open porch and a detached 2 car garage on a 50 x 150 plot. It had a wood shingle exterior, composition shingle roof, and concrete block foundation. There were 6 rooms and 1 wood and plaster bath.

18 Allen Street

Collins House

Block 1701, Lot 31 (Old Block 7, Lots 47 and 31A)

Built about 1924. Waldwick Building & Loan Association, 1940. Elizabeth Collins and Julia Collins, 1944-? Allan B. Gorab and Michelle Gorab (1985-86 Here's Allendale).

In 1940 this house was described as a 1 story frame bungalow with an open porch and a detached 2 car garage on a 50 x 160 plot. It had

a wood shingle exterior, composition shingle roof, and a concrete block foundation. There were 5 rooms, including 2 bedrooms and 1 wood and plaster bath. An addition 25' (35'?) of ground was purchased in 1945, changing the plot dimensions to 75 (or 85?) x 160.

46 Allen Street

Finch & DeYoe House

Block 1701, Lot 33 (Old Block 7, Lot 31; later only lot 31C)

Possibly built before 1900. Early owners unknown at present writing. Finch & DeYoe, 1940. William J. Henderson, 1946-47. Ralph E. McQuillin and Gloria J. McQuillin, 1947-49. Donald Evan Rowe and An [sic.] Rowe, 1949-1951. Elena Lankomski Smolensky and Alexander F. Smolensky, 1951-1953. Michael Santulli and Lena Santulli, 1953-? Anne Fierro (1985-86 Here's Allendale).

In 1940 this house was described as a 2 story frame home on a 5-acre plot with a clapboard exterior, composition shingle roof, and a stone foundation. It had 5 rooms including 3 bedrooms. The basement had a dirt floor. There was no indoor plumbing, no electricity, and the heating source was stoves. The exterior and interior condition of the house was "very poor."

About 1946 most of the acreage was sold off, leaving a 100 x 158 plot. By October 1947 the house had been repaired and resingled with a combination of clapboard and wood shingles (it is supposed that an indoor bathroom had been added by this time, as well as electricity).

In October 1949 a porch was under construction. By October 1950 a breezeway, closed porch, and garage had been added. In November 1953, the breezeway was extended.

26 Beatrice Street

Forster House

Block 405, Lot 4 (Old Block 45, Lot 10)

Built about 1928. George T. Forster and Marjorie Forster, 1940. George W. Schwack and Marion B. Schwack, 1950-present.

In 1940 this house was described as a 1-1/2 story, 1 family frame home with a detached garage on an 88 x 150 plot. It had a clapboard and wood shingle exterior, composition shingle roof, and a poured concrete foundation. There were 5 rooms, including 2 bedrooms and 1 wood and plaster bath.

29 Beatrice Street

Temperlyn-Topken House

Block 404, Lots 11 and 12 (Old Block 44, Lots 6 and 5A)

Built about 1925-30. Walter Temperlyn

and Ethel Temperlyn, 1940. Paul P. Topken and William J. Topken, 1947-? Werner P. Topken, 1950-? Werner H. Topken (1973 Here's Allendale). Louis Konefal (1985-86 Here's Allendale).

In 1940 the house was described as a 1 story frame home with an open porch, detached garage and [chicken] coops on a 50 x 140 plot. It had a clapboard exterior, composition shingle roof, and poured concrete foundation. There were 5 rooms, including 2 bedrooms and 1 wood and plaster bath.

In 1947 additional ground (Lot 5A) was purchased, changing the plot size to 126 x 140.

30 Beatrice Street
Kastenhuber House

Block 405, Lot 5 (Old Block 45, Lot 12)
Built in 1928. Retta C. Kastenhuber, 1940. William T. Previdi and Augusta D. Previdi, 1946-? Robert Inch and Clare Inch, 1972.

In 1940 this house was described as a 2 story, 1 family home with a sun porch, open porch and detached garage on a 100 x 150 plot. It had a wood shingle exterior and a poured concrete foundation. There were 7 rooms, including 3 bedrooms and 1 half-tile bath.

45 Beatrice Street
Klein House

Block 404, Lot 14 (Old Block 44, Lot 9)
Built in 1935. John Klein and Grace M. Klein, 1940. Hattie H. Klein (1985-86 Here's Allendale). John Klein, Jr. (1985-86 Here's Allendale).

In 1940 this house was described as a 1-1/2 story, 1 family frame home with an open porch on a 125 x 140 plot. It had a stone and wood shingle exterior, composition shingle roof, and a concrete foundation. There were 5 rooms, including 1 bedroom and 2 baths, one with tile floor, one half tile, and a stall shower. The garage was on the basement level.

50 Beatrice Street
Temperlyn House

Block 406, Lot 6 (Old Block 45, Lot 16)
Built 1935. Walter Temperlyn and Ethel Temperlyn, 1935-? Robert Draper and Barbara Draper, ?-present.

In 1940 the house was described as a 2 story, 1 family frame home with sun porch, open porch, detached garage and lean-to on a 150 x 150 plot. It had a brick and clapboard exterior, composition shingle roof, and poured concrete foundation. There were 7 rooms, including 3 bedrooms, 2 baths (one lavatory, one half-tile,

with stall shower). The basement was finished, with tubs and a bar.

? Boroline Road
Scafuro House

Block 702, Lot 13 (Old Block 53, Lot 219)
Built 1932. Victor Scafuro and Rose Scafuro, 1940. Ellis R. Parry and Phyllis B. Parry, 1946-? John E. Vesper and Ina M. Vesper, ?-? Harold J. Pratt and Phyllis S. Pratt, 1955-?

In 1940 the house was described as a 2 story, 1 family frame home with an open porch and detached garage on a 125 x 87 plot. It had a stucco exterior, composition shingle roof, and concrete block foundation. There were 6 rooms, including 3 bedrooms and 1 wood and plaster bath. The house sold in 1946 for \$5,500.

? Boroline Road
Wilson House

Block 601, Lot 3 (Old Block 53, Lot 250)
Built in 1921. Anna Wilson and Ellen Wilson, c. 1936 (and perhaps earlier). Rogers Dairy; Rogers "Woodland Dairy"; Fred Rogers, c. 1915 (predating building of house?)-? (after 1934). Hannah Wilson, 1940 (estate of Anna Wilson?) Borough of Allendale, 1941. Robert D. Wilson and Dorothea D. Wilson, 1941-1967. Richard Van Houten and Stephen T. Van Houten III, 1967.

In 1940 the house was described as a 1-1/2 story frame home with 2 old barns and a shed on 19.93 acres (about 1/2 swamp). The exterior was clapboard with a poured concrete foundation. There were 4 rooms, including 2 bedrooms. There were no baths, no indoor plumbing and no heat. In 1946 part of the property was sold.

Anna Wilson, born about 1872 at Preakness, N.J., died January 21, 1936 (Boroline Road), and Ellen Wilson, born December 7, 1858 at Little Falls, N.J., died January 6, 1942, were daughters of William Wilson and his wife, Jane Stanley Wilson. Ellen Wilson lived in Allendale from about 1892, and Anna Wilson from about 1905. Fred Rogers, the son of William S. Rogers and Ellen Rosens Rogers, was born February 18, 1870 in London, England, and died on Boroline Road, Allendale in January 1951. He came to the United States about 1889 and first lived in Totowa, N.J. He moved to Allendale about 1901. He operated the Rogers "Woodland Dairy" from about 1915 until about 1950. He made his home with Anna and Ellen Wilson, and later with Robert D. Wilson, in this house.

Robert D. Wilson, the son of William J.

Wilson and his wife, Margaret J. Davidson, was born about 1911 and died February 1982 at Sherburne, N.Y. He was the nephew of Anna Wilson and Ellen Wilson. He was appointed temporary Allendale (Police) Marshal in 1949, and appointed permanently in 1950, becoming Allendale's first full-time, paid Marshal since the police department was discontinued in the late 1930's. In 1959, the Allendale Police Department was reorganized and Wilson was appointed Police Chief. He was also Chief of the Allendale Fire Department in 1959. He married, October 1929, Dorothea Drake. She died in 1971 and he married (2) Elizabeth Whalen. Robert D. Wilson and his first wife, Dorothea Drake, had children: Robert Wilson, Charles ("Chuck") Wilson, James Wilson, William Wilson, and Dorothy Wilson.

20 Brookside Avenue

Ackerson House

Block 1707, Lots 3 and 4 (Old Block 12, Lots 10 and 11A)

This is Lot 47 on the Talman & Sherwood Map, filed 1869. The house was built in 1926. John Ackerson, 1923-1941. John H. Ackerman and Jennie A. Ackerman, 1941-? Robert E. Intemann Sr. and Catherine L. Intemann, ?-? Richard H. Heddy and Catherine L. Heddy, 1951-present.

In 1940 the house was described as a 1-1/2 story frame home with an open porch and detached garage on a 50 x 100 plot. It had a wood and asbestos shingle exterior, composition shingle roof, and a poured and concrete block foundation. There were 5 rooms, including 2 bedrooms and 1 wood and plaster bath. Lot 11A was added about 1954.

24 Brookside Avenue

Lutz House

Block 1707, Lot 2 (Old Block 12, Lot 9)

This is Lot 46 on the Talman & Sherwood Map, filed 1869. The house was built in 1923. William Lutz, c. 1928 (or earlier)-1944. M. N. Lutz, 1940. James W. Secor and Dorothy Secor, 1944-?

In 1940 the house was described as a 2-1/2 story frame home with a shed, sun porch, and detached garage on a 50 x 100 plot. It had a clapboard and shingle exterior, composition shingle roof, and a cement block foundation. There were 7 rooms, including 3 bedrooms and 1 wood and plaster bath.

28 Brookside Avenue

Mowerson House

Block 1707, Lot 1 (Old Block 12, Lot 8)

This is Lot 45 on the Talman &

Sherwood Map, filed 1869. The house was built about 1907-1909, probably for John Mowerson. It is shown, not labelled, on the 1913 Bromley Atlas map. John Mowerson and Emma Jane Mowerson, c. 1907-1947; then Emma Jane (Mowerson) Condle until 1957. Kenneth J. Mowerson and Marjorie M. Mowerson, 1957-? Marjorie M. Mowerson, ?-present.

In 1940 the house was described as a one family frame home with 2 open porches on a 50 x 100 plot. It had a clapboard and wood shingle exterior, composition shingle roof, and stone foundation. There were 7 rooms, including 4 bedrooms and 1 wood and plaster bath. The basement had a dirt floor.

Sometime between 1940 and 1955, the house was converted to a 2-family dwelling, another bath was added, and the basement floor was finished.

John Mowerson, the son of Albert Mowerson and Sarah Jane Eckerson, was born October 20, 1880 in Upper Saddle River, and died September 1947. He came to Allendale about 1907, worked for the Erie Railroad for a time, and about 1920 went into the grocery business with his brother, Robert, at Wyckoff. He later ran a dairy business. He was a charter member of the Allendale Fire Association. He married Emma Jane Storms, daughter of John A. Storms. They had one son, Kenneth J. Mowerson (m. Marjorie Mary McMahon).

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70 Years Ago in *The Ramsey Journal*

January 11, 1917: • Theodore R. Price, of Park Avenue, has started a traveling meat market. • A feature on Lake San Jacinto last Saturday night was a close and interesting practice hockey match by the light of the moon.

January 18, 1917: • Arthur Appert, of this Borough, is remodeling the tenement house on the Appert farm, which will be used next summer as a dwelling place for summer workers.

March 1, 1917: • On Thursday morning 19 Allendale Boy Scouts left on an all-day hike to Torne mountain near Suffern....Those who went on the hike were Scoutmaster Phair, C. L. Weyand, Patrol Leader Buhlman, Assistant Patrol Leader O. Vanderbeek, George Rudolph, Howard Rudolph, Arthur Quackenbush, Walter Hillman, Norman Merrill, King Merrill, Edwin Merrill, Edward Austin, Leon Kornhoff, Floyd Vanderbeek, Wilbur Vanderbeek, Allen Smith, Preston Asten, Charles Webb, Andrew Mowerson.

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March 8, 1917: • The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company will soon open a store in our Borough, in the Guatelli building. Business will be started some time next week.

June 14, 1917: • Allendale's three deputy sheriffs, Ernest R. Steele, Edward Hilbert and Fred Koster, prevented a good deal of confusion while on traffic duty last Sunday. For the first time in over a month not one accident occurred on Franklin Turnpike.

September 27, 1917: • There will be a skating rink at the Recreation Park this winter if the plans of several people are fulfilled.

November 28, 1917: • Miss Ethel Taylor, known in the amateur stage world, recently played a leading part in a play produced by the Theatre Workshop Company of New York.

December 6, 1917: • The first skating of the season was enjoyed last Thursday when the youths of the Borough played a game of hockey on the Recreation Park rink. • "Eggs will be one dollar a dozen by the time the snow flies," was the prediction made by poultry dealer F. J. Crick in the Journal's poultry column last summer. It has proved only too true, and by Christmas Mr. Crick says eggs will have reached the \$1.25 mark.

December 13, 1917: • During the blizzard of last week several electric light and telephone wires were blown down.

December 20, 1917: • Bowling was in its prime on the Epiphany alleys at the Parish House last Saturday night, when the "young blood" of our Borough started the winter sport for the first time this season. • Captain H. I. Hand of the Allendale Home Guard announces that in the near future the Allendale Home Guard will take up target practice. The men will use an indoor range to be built in Borough hall.

December 27, 1917: • The service flag again floats over Station Square. It was raised yesterday, with seven additional stars sewed on the field of white. • Allendale's tribute to the men of the Borough serving Old Glory was individual gifts sent to each of the boys in camp. • On account of the coal shortage the opening of the Public School has been postponed until January 6. Enough coal to last until March 15 is reported in the school bins.

Allendale's Youth Center/Teen Canteen of the Mid-1950's

In February-March of 1955, a Youth Center opened in Allendale, and *The Ramsey Journal* recorded the event: "The big stir among

the high school set of Allendale is the newly organized Teen Canteen. This opportunity for good wholesome fun and sociability is afforded the teenagers by the American Legion of Allendale. They provide the place, the War Memorial Building [today's Police Headquarters], and the chaperones and the rest is up to the youngsters. The group meets on Friday nights from 7:30 to 10.... They dance to the music of their own highly coveted record collections. A refreshment committee of their own group provides soft drinks, cake, etc. Any Allendale teenager is welcome to join the fun. A youngster from out of town must be accompanied by a date from Allendale. To date nearly forty young people have come out. At present Beverley Wilson is the temporary secretary and Evan Wetterauw the temporary president."

In October 1958 a revitalized youth center was organized, again under the sponsorship of the American Legion Post, and supervised by Kay Heddy. On September 24, 1959 *The Ridgewood News* reported on the opening of its second season: "The Youth Canteen will open its doors tomorrow night in the War Memorial Building as the popular teen age center embarks on its second year of activity. According to Mrs. Richard H. Heddy, who supervises the youngsters during the dance sessions, the canteen will be open as in the past, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. The activities will again be sponsored by American Legion Post 204 and will include dancing every Friday and Saturday night, plus various outside activities. Mrs. Heddy, who lives with her husband and four children at 20 Brookside Avenue, lists ping-pong, shuffleboard and tumbling as other outlets for teenage energies.

"Mrs. Heddy called on adult residents to act as chaperones during the get-togethers. The lack of chaperones has plagued Mrs. Heddy ever since the canteen first opened on Oct. 3 of last year. The juke box has been stocked with the latest record hits, she reported, with the 15 cent admission charge going toward the purchase of records and refreshments. A soda machine has been installed and all details for the opening night have been taken care of, she added.

"Last year, Mrs. Heddy said, outside activities included three roller skating parties at the Paramus Roller Rink and four hay rides. At every dance there are potato chips, peanuts, pretzels, popcorn and crackers. Mrs. Heddy explained that attendance last year ranged from 15 to 75 teenagers, depending on the weather. She said that she hopes the canteen will 'catch on' this year and everyone connected with the venture expects a banner season."

Allendale Fire Department... Records of Early Calls to Fires (Abstracted)

(continued from the February 1987 issue)

November 7, 1931--10:45 a.m.-11:10 a.m.; E. Crescent Ave.; Residence; Einhorst, owner & occupant; Called by Ramsey Chief but not needed.

November 8, 1931--5:20 p.m.-11:45 p.m.; Saddle River; Residence; Geo. Eckert, owner & occupant; called by S. R. Chief, all his men were out of town.

November 12, 1931--2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.; Woodland Avenue; Brush; back of Hubbards; no damage.

November 13, 1931--1:45 p.m.-3:00 p.m.; Homewood Avenue; Brush, woods; started in Waldwick and worked up; no damage.

?, ?, 1931[dates left blank]--4:55 p.m.-6:10 p.m.; Crescent Avenue; combined barn and residence; Garage; Geo. Winne, owner & occupant; cause--sparks from brush; value bldg. \$3,500; loss on blg. 150.00. [This entry is recorded between 12/8/31, Drill, and 12/30/31, the date of the following entry.]

December 30, 1931--Noon-12:20 p.m.; Crescent Ave.; Grass; Mrs. Gordon, occupant; cause--sparks from brush heap; no damage.

January 26, 1932--11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; Mallinson Street; First Aid rendered to Mrs. Bogardus; cut foot.

January 19, 1932 [recorded out of sequence?]-12:15 p.m.-12:30 p.m.; Allendale Avenue; Brush; L. A. Keidel, owner & occupant.

January 28, 1932--11:00 a.m.-noon; Hillside

Avenue; woods; Goussett, owner & occupant.

February 22, 1932--10:30 a.m.-10:50 a.m.; Oak Street; Brush & woods; R. J. Christopher, owner & occupant; cause--boys.

March 5, 1932--12:15 a.m.-12:30 a.m.; Crescent Avenue; Brush & fence; Mrs. R. Turner, owner & occupant; set by Turner; summons issued, violation of ordinance.

March 8, 1932--6:05 p.m.-6:35 p.m.; Crescent Avenue; fields; Mrs. Lutz, owner & occupant; cause--R.R.

March 8, 1932--1:15 a.m.-3 a.m.; Saddle River; residence; J. Christopher, owner & occupant; called by S. R. Chief to protect other property.

March 11, 1932--1 p.m.-1:15 p.m.; Homewood Avenue; Brush; Park Estates; cause--unknown.

March 17, 1932--12:10 p.m.-12:20 p.m.; Beatrice Street; Brush; Wilson, owner & occupant; cause--unknown.

March 23, 1932--4:10 p.m.-4:45 p.m.; Chestnut Street; Brush & outbuilding; Wm. Heady, occupant; cause--R.R.; loss on bldg. \$5.00.

April 23, 1932--3:50 p.m.-5:00 p.m.; Beatrice Street; woods; Wilson & Temp. [Temperlyn], owners; cause--unknown.

April 23, 1932--1:30 p.m.-2:50 p.m.; Midwood Avenue; Brush & garage; Hutchinson, owner & occupant; cause--burning papers; loss on bldgs \$10.00.

April 24, 1932--5:15 p.m.-6p.m.; East Orchard Street; woods; R. V. Jones, owner & occupant; cause--boys; reported to police for censure.

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Allendale Historical Society
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