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**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, March 7, 1988 at 8:00 p.m. at the Allendale Municipal Building, West Crescent Avenue, Allendale (second floor).

**PROGRAM:** Our own slide program, "Allendale Then and Now," showing pictures of Allendale as it was from about the turn of the century to the thirties, along with recent photographs of the same locations. Narrated by Pat Wardell, this program shows the changes over the years in our town. The meeting is, as always, free and open to the public, so please invite your friends and neighbors.

### SOCIETY NEWS:

We are most grateful to John Bristow of Mahwah for presenting a most enjoyable slide program on "Post-Victorian Houses in Allendale" at our December meeting.

Our thanks to Jeanne Cotz for bringing to that meeting an early photograph and medals won for sporting events at Allendale's "Coming of Age" (21st birthday) in 1915. (See item at right.) Thanks, too, to Bob Simpson, for bringing an early area map for all to enjoy. Additional thanks to Russell and Barbara Johnson of Maryland, who donated 3 issues of *The Ramsey Journal* and a number of other newspaper clippings of local historic interest, all dating from the 1960's. Barbara Johnson once wrote for the *Allendale Argus*, and she sent these items to Dorothy Shuit, who brought them to our December meeting. Our members in attendance all enjoyed seeing these items on display.

More thanks as well to Marie Kraft for donating to the Society some photographs of Crestwood Lake, taken about 20 years ago.

We're at that time when we must think about a slate of officers and chairmen for the 1988-89 Society year. We are always very happy to hear from any Society member who would like to volunteer for any office, committee, or chairmanship. If you would like to know more, or to volunteer, call Pat Wardell, 327-0605.

### Committees for Allendale's 21st Birthday Celebration, held September 4, 5 & 6, 1915

(From *The Ramsey Journal*, July 15, 1915)

The planning for Allendale's Carnival...has started with a rush. At a most enthusiastic meeting at Borough Hall on Tuesday night, the Allendale Carnival association was formed....The association will hold a three day festival to celebrate Allendale's Coming-of-age, the Borough having been formed just twenty-one years ago....The committees forming the association were as follows:

Mayor's Committee—Mrs. J. J. Murphy, Mrs. V. J. Braun, Mrs. F. Hilbert, Dr. Godfrey Pittis, B. F. Hutches Jr., John Hamilton

Village Improvement Association—Mrs. S. T. Van Houten, Mrs. W.M. Carver, Mrs. R.W. Rodman

Allendale Baseball Association—Charles F. Smith, Whiting Anthony, George Nimmo

Allendale Board of Trade—Arthur Tomalin, Arthur Bull Sullivan, W. D. Critchley

Allendale Fire Department—Val J. Braun, W.W. Dewsnap, Fred Koster

Allendale Shade Tree Commission—J.W. Rudolph, Max P. Arlt, Charles Weyand

The Community Arts Association invites all members of the Allendale Historical Society to the opening reception of their 14th Annual Sponsor Show on Friday, February 26 at 8:00 p.m. at the Allendale Boro Hall. Come, enjoy wine and fingerfoods, view the paintings, and meet the artists! Members of the Community Arts Association have been very generous to the Allendale Historical Society in the past, donating funds realized from the sale of paintings of local historic sites, and we are very grateful.

## 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.*

(continued from the November 1987 issue)

330 Brookside Avenue

### Williams House

Block 1407, Lot 3 (Old Block 5, Lot 103)

Built 1928. J. R. Williams, 1930. Herbert J. Clarke and Bertha L. Clarke, ?-1950. Everett E. Bragg and Gertrude C. Bragg, 1950-1953. Howard J. Owen and Gertrude V. Owen, 1953. John R. Mott and Christa Mott, by 1985.

In 1940, this house was described as a 1-story frame home with a 1 car garage on a 112' x 269' plot. It had a clapboard exterior, a composition shingle roof, and a concrete block foundation. There were 7 rooms, a fireplace (which may have been added after 1940) and one half tile bath.

350 Brookside Avenue (now 23 MacIntyre)

### Smith House

Block 1407, Lot 4 (Old Block 5, Lot 104)

Built about 1903, for Christopher P. Smith. "C.P. Smith" on 1913 Bromley Atlas. Christopher P. Smith, 1902-c. 1943. Sarah Katherine Smith, 1943. John Aro Mielty and Imbi (Impi ?) Mielty, 1943-1944. Earl Theron Engle and Mirth R. Engle, 1944-48. Stuart Archibald and Josephine Archibald, 1948-1973. Joseph J. Hatton, 1973-?. Nelson Swarts and Paige Swarts, c. 1980-present.

At least two houses and probably a mill building originally stood on this property. The possibly pre-Revolutionary Smith house, which was a very small stone structure that stood close to the road, was razed in 1979. (See Allendale History and Heritage, Sept. 1979, for a detailed background on this small stone house.)

Sometime before the winter of 1979, the Hattons sold the property to Chestnut Ridge Associates. The Allendale Historical Society made an unsuccessful attempt to save the small stone house which stood near the road; it was razed in 1979. The land was subdivided and developed, houses being built along MacIntyre Lane. The existing larger house was remodeled and added to in 1979-80.

The property on which this house stands was lot #196 of the Ramapo Tract (Alexander-Morris Survey of 1767-68). Between 1768 and 1794, lot #196 of the Ramapo Tract was sold, but the deed was not recorded in Bergen County. The earliest recorded deed for this property is dated 6 June 1794, when the property was transferred to Albert Smith. This may have represented an inheritance, for in a later deed Albert Smith was declared "owner by indefeasible estate of inheritance." Albert Smith and his wife, Susanna, had at least five children, among whom was Jacob A. Smith, to whom his parents deeded about 30 acres in 1823. Mentioned in the deed was a mill dam.

The Smith family originally owned a large tract of land in the area of Brookside Avenue, Hillside Avenue, and Forest Road; at least 4 Smith homesteads were built on this tract, one of the earliest (formerly on the site of the present Hillside School) having been built before 1783. All of these Smith houses (including another at 53 Forest Road) have been destroyed.

Albert Smith, his sons, and their heirs operated a sawmill on this Brookside Avenue site from before 1823 until as late as 1895. The mill is indicated on several early maps.

Jacob A. Smith, son of Albert and Susanna Smith, married Margaret Van Blarcom. Jacob's will was probated June 1871. His son, Jacob J. Smith, lived with his wife, Jemima, in the small stone house on this property (razed in 1979),

where he continued to operate the sawmill as well as farming the surrounding acreage. One of his crops was strawberries, for which Allendale was well known. Jacob J. Smith, despondent over the death of his wife, committed suicide at the age of 65 by hanging himself in his barn in January 1895.

Christopher P. Smith, who was county superintendent of Hudson County in 1896, had spent summers in Allendale for several years before he moved here year-round with his family. He was apparently unrelated to the earlier Smiths involved with this property. His son, Christopher J. Smith, in 1917 built a home on a lot subdivided from his father's tract.

Stuart E. Archibald, who bought this property in 1948, was a one-time Hackensack Mayor who owned his own insurance business, the Stuart Agency of Hackensack, which specialized in bus and truck insurance. He operated "Brook Ledge Farm" on his Allendale property, a horse farm specializing in the care and rehabilitation of trotters.

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387 Brookside Avenue  
**Voorhis (?) House**

Block 1406, Lot 14 (Old Block 6, Lot 28)

Built before 1887. Probably "A. Voorhis" on 1887 driving map. "A. Voorhis" or "Mrs. Reed" on 1913 Bromley Atlas. (The positions of the houses marked with these two names vary on the 1902 Robinson's map and the 1913 Bromley Atlas; there seems to be some confusion.) In 1897 Sarah V. Rossner and Louis Rossner, her husband, conveyed property to Anna Lee (this was probably a right-of-way; Anna Lee may have owned this property or property behind this). Mrs. C. P. Hone, by 1929. Russell Voorhees and Florence M. Voorhees, ?-1956. Muriel A. Morgan, 1956-1956. Ruby Kaura, later Ruby Kaura Essex and W. Burton Essex, 1956-1969. A. Chalmers Omberg and Susan H. Omberg, 1969-? Paul W. Lally and Shirley Lally, by 1985.

The Ombergs added the western section of the house and the second-story ironwork exterior balcony about 1972.

Andrew Eugene Voorhis married Bertha

Quackenbush, daughter of Abraham J. Quackenbush and Mary Catherine Van Blarcom. Bertha was born in 1876.

Andrew may be the "A. Voorhis" indicated on the 1887 driving map, the 1902 Robinson's map, and the 1913 Bromley Atlas. Both the Van Blarcom and the Quackenbush families were early landowners in the Allendale-Wyckoff border section.

Russell Voorhees (see above), a later owner, probably was unrelated to the earlier Voorhis family associated with property in this vicinity.

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396 Brookside Avenue  
**(Pollock?)-Hasenbalg House**

Block 1407, Lot 5 (Old Block 5, Lot 109)

Built before 1913, when it is shown, but not labeled, on the Bromley Atlas. Early ownership not known; possibly William W. Pollock from c. 1913 to c. 1935. Frederic H. Hasenbalg, by 1947.

William W. Pollock was born in Jersey City August 20, 1855 and married, January 15, 1885, Cora L. Tompkins. He managed a large New York City Coal Company, was secretary to former Gov. Theodore F. Randolph of New Jersey (afterwards a U. S. Senator); and was secretary to General Fitz John Porter, a noted Civil War figure.

He was founder and publisher of the *Jersey Observer*, served 4 years as borough clerk of Allendale, was editor and publisher of the *Allendale Argus* for four years, and was clerk of the Allendale Board of Health. He died in November 1936.

Frederic H. Hasenbalg, who worked for the Allendale Post Office before retiring in 1970, died December 26, 1985, aged 77 years. His wife, Alice (daughter of Alfred and Alice A. Crist), died August 1985.

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404 Brookside Avenue  
**Johnston House**

Block 1407, Lot 6 (Old Block 5, Lot 111)

Built about 1925. Marion Johnston, by 1940. Rose M. Peardon, 1943-47. Ferdinand Growsick and Florence Growsick, 1947-?. Louis C. Larsen and Natalie F. Larsen, ?-1952. Byron H. Collins,

Jr. and Isabelle H. Collins, 1952-1956. Clifford L. Winter and Phyllis A. Winter, 1956-1962. Clifford L. Winter, 1962-?.

In 1940 this house was described as a 1-story frame bungalow with an open porch and a two-car garage on a 70'x260' plot. It had a stucco exterior, composition shingle roof, and a poured concrete foundation. There were 5 rooms (2 bedrooms) and one half-tile bath. In 1949-50 the porch was enclosed and in 1956 a rear entry was added.

This house sold in June 1947 for \$11,000.

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410 Brookside Avenue

**Webster House**

Block 1407, Lot 7 (Old Block 5, Lot 112)

Built about 1923. H. DeWitt Webster and Harriette W. Webster, by 1940. Charles C. Beaver and Henrietta C. Beaver, 1941-?. Charles C. Beaver and Virginia B. Beaver, ?-1952. George Wehner, Jr. and Marion E. Cappel Wehner, 1952-?. George Wehner, Jr., ?-1971. Geoffrey D. Abbott and Janice G. Abbott, 1971-present.

In 1940 this house was described as a 1-story frame bungalow with 2 bays and an open porch, and a two-car garage on a 170'x348-369' plot. It had a clapboard exterior, composition shingle roof, and a stone and concrete block foundation. There were 6 rooms (2 bedrooms) and one half-tile bath. Sometime after 1940 and additional bedroom and bath were added, and in 1950 the kitchen was modernized.

The Abbotts began the westerly addition to the house in the 1980s.

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411 Brookside Avenue

**Voorhis (?) House**

Block 1405, Lot 13 (Old Block 6, Lot 26)

Built c. 1890?. Early ownership not determined. This house may have been the one marked "A. Voorhis," or the one marked "Mrs. Reed" on the 1902 Robinson's map and the 1913 Bromley Atlas (see also #387 Brookside Avenue). The houses in this vicinity on early maps are possibly positioned or labeled incorrectly. More research needs to be done to correctly identify houses and early owners. Frank

Klemens, by 1947. J. Russell Voorhees and Florence M. Voorhees, ?-1961. Edward Phillips Greene & Marion E. Greene, 1961-1971. Robert James Foley & Marion Elizabeth Foley, 1971-? Leon Kirylak & Lucie Kirylak, c. 1977-present.

The Bergen County Historic Sites Survey (1983) cites this house as "significant in Allendale's late 19th century architecture as a fine example of a Queen Anne residence." and suggests that the house was built between 1876 and 1900, probably c. 1890. It describes the house as a residential, vernacular Queen Anne style, 2-1/2 stories with tower. The exterior of the first story is clapboard, the second story, shingles, and the attic story has patterned shingles.

The Survey notes that the house "is very similar in design and details to its western neighbor at 435 Brookside Avenue...and it is likely that both houses were designed and/or built at the same time by the same builder."

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435 Brookside Avenue

**Hamilton-Rossner House**

Block 1405, Lot 12 (Old Block 6, Lot 24)

Probably built c. 1890 for John M. Hamilton or his brother, Charles Hamilton. John Hamilton was living on Brookside Avenue, probably in this house, when he died in January 1918. Clinton Badeau Rossner and Elsa Rossner (later Elsa Rossner, widow), 1919-1969. Russell M. Waterman and Elizabeth B. Waterman, 1969-1970. Walter Richard Paschke and M. Mona Paschke, 1970-? Ralph Canonico and Randy Canonico, c. 1976-present.

The Canonicos built an addition in the early 1980s, and are now building another addition.

John M. Hamilton was born in New York City in 1841. He fought in the Civil War and then joined the New York City Police Department, serving for 21 years and rising to the rank of lieutenant. In 1885 he became chief detective of the City National Bank and held that position for 20 years. His brother, Charles, lived with him at the time of his death.

Clinton B. Rossner was a son of Louis Rossner and Sarah Viola Smith Rossner (whose home was at 450 Brookside Avenue).

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## BUSINESSES IN ALLENDALE

Compiled by Pat Wardell

(continued from the November 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.*

### Crestwood Club (Crestwood Lake)

On November 24, 1927 an article in *The Ramsey Journal* announced: "What is believed to be the first venture of its kind in this section of Northern New Jersey is the newly completed open-air ice skating rink to be officially opened in Allendale this winter. Crestwood Rink, as it is to be known, is a four acre body of water..."

Christopher J. Smith and Stephen T. Van Houten had purchased the property west of the intersection of Crescent Avenue and West Allendale Avenue from the Mallinson family. They turned the former Mallinson's Pond, a small, shallow farm pond which was home to many turtles and fish, into a recreational lake. They dredged and covered the bottom of the lake bed with from 1-3 feet of sand and built a two-hundred-foot dam, with a gate and spillway that permitted control of the depth of the water. The lake was named for a wooded crest on its west bank.

The following May the club was opened as a swimming club, with a sand beach, an up-to-date chlorinating plant, and a maximum water depth of ten feet. The club offered boating as well as swimming on the four-acre lake.

The lake soon became well-known and carloads and trainloads of people from all over northern New Jersey and New York state came to spend summer days at Crestwood Swim Club. A newspaper report in June 1932 announced: "More than 3,000 people visited Crestwood Lake on Sunday."

Additional acreage was purchased, and the lake itself was increased in size over the years, to approximately 10 acres. Slides, swings, showers, lockers, lavatories, a picnic grove, filtering systems, rafts, a diving tower, a softball court, see-saws, and refreshment stands were added. In the thirties a miniature golf course was built (and soon dismantled by order of the borough council, finding a zoning ordinance had been

violated). A dance pavilion was built (c. 1937) and at one time Mrs. Corsan, the first mother to swim the English Channel, supervised the lifeguards at Crestwood for 3 years.

In the 1960s the Crestwood tract was the focus of various developmental proposals, either to develop the area as a light-industrial site, or to subdivide the acreage and build homes (83 residences were planned in one proposal). In 1966, a proposal by the Duro-Test Company, manufacturers of light bulbs, to purchase about 100 acres of the Crestwood tract (for development as a manufacturing plant, at the same time donating 36 acres to the borough) was defeated.

In November 1971, the borough of Allendale bought 70 acres, including the lake, from S.T. Van Houten & Sons for \$1 million. The lake and the surrounding park and other facilities have since been available to Allendale residents as a municipal recreation area, and the summer swim facilities are open to Allendale residents who pay an annual membership fee which covers the maintenance and operation costs of the swimming facilities.

### De Graaf's Meat Market (The Plaza Market)

In 1931, H. A. Kramer retired from his retail business, the Plaza (Meat) Market, to enter the wholesale meat trade, with his son, in Paterson.

J. De Graaf, of Hawthorne, who had been with the Portland Market in Ridgewood for many years, took over the business in Allendale in September 1931. He carried a full line of meat and poultry, as well as fish on Thursdays and Fridays.

### De Hossen's Hardware Store

On Monday, December 6, 1915, Herman De Hossen opened a hardware store in the Guatelli Building in Allendale. According to an ad in *The Ramsey Journal*, he carried hardware, household goods, crockery, glassware, and paper hangers' and painters' supplies.

De Hossen was a retired New York restaurant proprietor. He discontinued the business about April 15, 1916.

### Dewar's Butcher Business

William Dewar, who apparently lived in Mahwah, started his butcher business in Allendale in February 1893. In February 1894, *The Ramsey Journal* reported: "Butcher Dewar has

traded horses. He now has a trotter." By June 1894, he had retired from his butcher business, and was disposing of some articles at an auction.

### **Dolsky's Confectionery**

About 1931 Samuel Dolsky bought the confectionery business of Eugene Melchionna on West Allendale Avenue, across the street from the Braun (Flatiron) building. In June 1932, Dolsky sold the business to Israel Yachnin, who ran it as "The Allendle Spa."

### **Harry Doolittle, Engineer/Surveyor**

Harry Doolittle took an ad in the 1929 souvenir booklet commemorating the first anniversary of the Allendale Police Department and the Allendale Players production of "Officer 666":

"Harry Doolittle. Licensed Municipal Engineer & Land Surveyor. Guatelli Building."

### **Eddie's Meat Market**

Edward Klingman ran this butcher shop at 82 West Allendale Avenue by 1963. He offered, according to an ad, "Prime Meats, Poultry and Provisions" as well as "Personalized Service (and) Barbecued Chickens."

### **Fitzgerald's Dry Goods Store/Fitzgerald Sister's Dress Shop**

Two sisters, Edith and Ethel Fitzgerald, were running this dry goods business in Allendale on West Allendale Avenue by 1928 and their slogan was "A Buy Word in Allendale." They sold dry goods and children's wear in 1928 and 1929, but by 1933 they had apparently limited their merchandise to women's wear, and the store was known as Fitzgerald's Dress Shop.

They evidently ran seasonal promotions of prize drawings: Mrs. Ed Megnin, of Myrtle Avenue, won a doll in December 1928, and Mrs. Edward C. Corcoran, of West Maple Street, won \$5 worth of merchandise in December 1933.

Edith and Ethel Fitzgerald were the daughters of Charles and Kate O'Rourke Fitzgerald. The family apparently moved to Allendale about 1925 and they lived on First Street in Allendale, and later (after 1935) on West Allendale Ave.

### **Foreit Construction Co.**

The Foreit Construction Company was in business by 1954, when it advertised in *The*

*Allendale Press*: Excavating & Grading; Bulldozer & Shovel Service; Asphalt Paving-Equipment Rental-Trucks-Loaders-Graders; Top Soil and Fill Dirt.

By 1963 the business, at 303 West Crescent Avenue, advertised as Excavation and Paving Contractors, involved in concrete curbs and sidewalks, all kinds of pipe work, water--sewer--drainage.

### **Franklin Garage**

About March 1924, John Knack opened the Franklin Garage in the building on the west side of Franklin Turnpike, across from Archer Hall. This building once housed the Mallinson Wheelwright Shop and Pulis Blacksmith Shop and Mallinson's Cider Mill was operating here by about 1890. About 1912 Henry N. Thurston started his Allendale Garage at this location.

John Knack was the son of Henry J. Knack.

### **Gasparini's Shoe Store**

In April 1898, Vito M. Gasparini opened up a boot and shoe repair shop on West Allendale Avenue, near Hop Youman's Butcher Shop. Later he bought a house which stood on the site of the present train station. After the Erie Railroad purchased this land from Mr. Gasparini, he bought, in April 1902 from John A. and Mary C. Mallinson, the property at 42 Park Avenue, where he lived and had his store until his death in 1925. He advertised in August 1906 in *The Allendale Methodist Herald*, "Allendale Shoe Store. Vito Gasparini, Prop., Dealer in Ladies', Gents' and Children's Fine Shoes at New York Prices. All kinds of repairing neatly done."

Vito M. Gasparini was born in Castle Grande, Italy, on December 4, 1869 and came to America in 1886. He returned to Italy in 1888 and served for 3 years in the Italian army. He brought his wife and eldest daughter to America and the family lived in Newark, Orange, and Paterson before moving to Allendale in 1898. He was a charter member of the Allendale Fire Department.

### **George's Radio & Television Service**

This business, at 85 West Allendale Avenue, was being run by George Horton by 1963. He offered sales and service of all makes of radios and televisions, as well as P.A. rentals.

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This photograph, reproduced on a postcard published by Tichenor & Rudolph, probably dates from about 1905. It was taken standing in the center of Park Avenue, looking east toward the Railroad Station. The "Allendale Shoe Store" (lettering on sign on porch), Vito Gasparini's shop, is just visible at the left of the photo.

## The Thimble Club of the Archer Memorial Methodist Church

About 1923 or 1924 a group of twelve women from the Archer Memorial Methodist Church Choir formed a club which met afternoons to sew to raise \$50 toward the payment of the new organ for the church. They called themselves The Thimble Club. Even after the money was raised, the group continued to meet, working to raise money which was used to buy chairs for Archer Hall, to pay to have the church organ tuned quarterly, and to make donations toward whatever was needed, including the furnace and the painting of the church.

Early members of this group included: Mrs. Fred Hoerschgen, Mrs. Sam Brower, Mrs. J. Muried Christopher, Mrs. Chartre D. Mallinson, Miss Sadie Mallinson,

Mrs. R. S. MacNeill, Mrs. Louis Rossner, Mrs. John J. Storms, Mrs. James E. Webb, Mrs. Alfred E. Atkinson, Mrs. Herbert J. Winter, Mrs. Florence Roberts, Mrs. John Mowerson, Mrs. Jacob Van Sickle, Miss Nellie Archer, Mrs. George Nimmo, Miss Florence Gamble, Mrs. George Feldman, all of Allendale, and Mrs. Gilbert Nichols (the church organist), of Ho-Ho-Kus.

The group met monthly, at members' homes, with members taking turns at hosting the group. Refreshments were served at the earliest meetings, and eventually luncheons were served, with a social afternoon following.

The group was still meeting, with many of the original members attending, c. 1955, probably about when the photograph below was taken. The meeting shown below was held in the Crescent Place home of Mrs. James E. (Ida) Webb, who is standing at the left. Can any of our members identify the others in the group?



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

(continued from the September 1987 issue)

October 12, 1933 [this item is dated 10/12/33 but its sequence is between entries for 10/25/33 and 11/21/33; either the item was entered out of sequence or its date should be November 12, 1933]-10:45 p.m.-11:15 p.m.; Hillside Avenue; residence, 2 story frame; McNally, owner; K. Newhouse, occupant; cause--rubbish near interior flue; 10.00 loss on bldgs.

November 21, 1933--5:40 p.m.-6 p.m.; Park Avenue & Crescent; auto; Mrs. Schoenheiter, owner; cause--backfire; slight loss.

November 27, 1933--12:05 p.m.-12:30 p.m.; Brookside Avenue; auto; Mr(s?) Peardon; cause--backfire; no loss.

January 3, 1934--3:55 p.m.-4:50 p.m.; East Allendale Avenue; residence; Mr. Mazzo, owner & occupant; cause--dirty chimney; no loss.

January 26, 1934--6:25 p.m.-6:45 p.m.; Brookside Avenue; auto; A & P Tea Co., owner; cause--backfire; no loss.

January 29, 1934--8 a.m.-8:15 a.m.; Hillside Avenue; auto; transient owner; cause--overheated motor; no loss.

February 3, 1934--12:30 p.m.-12:45 p.m.; Myrtle Avenue; auto; Abm. Quackenbush,

owner; cause--backfire; no loss.

February 17, 1934--11 a.m.-11:20 a.m.; Franklin Turnpike; auto truck; N.Y. & Suffern Exp. Co., owner; cause--short circuit; 25.00 damage.

February 23, 1934--10:15 a.m.-10:35 a.m.; Crescent Avenue & Myrtle Avenue; attic; residence; R. J. Christopher, owner; L. Conklin, occupant; cause--spark from mill; 10.00 loss on bldg.

February 26, 1934--6:15 a.m.-8:15 a.m.; Ramsey; East Crescent Avenue; residence; Geo. Appert, owner; cause--overheated flue; Ramsey Fire answered call for assistance.

March 20, 1934--6:10 p.m.-6:40 p.m.; East Crescent Avenue; residence; Am. Harvey, owner and occupant; cause--using cleaning fluid in bath tub.

March 22, 1934--3 p.m.-3:30 p.m.; Chestnut Street and Railroad; Brush; C. Otto, owner; cause--RR; no loss.

March 29, 1934--4 p.m.-4:10 p.m.; Hillside Avenue; Brush; C. Goussett; Out on arrival; no loss.

March 30, 1934--12:50 p.m.-1 p.m.; Vreeland Place; Brush; no loss.

March 30, 1934--1:30 p.m.-2 p.m.; East Crescent Avenue; Brush; M. Arlt, owner; no loss.

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### Allendale Historical Society Officers and Chairmen, 1986-1987

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Annual Membership Dues: \$5.00 for membership from May through the following April.

The newsletter, **Allendale History and Heritage**, is published four times a year in September, November, February, and April, and mailed to members of the Allendale Historical Society. General meetings of the Society are held at the Allendale Municipal Building on W. Crescent Avenue the first Monday of October, December, March, and May at 8:00 p.m.