## Allendale man dies in apartment fire

## Mary Service

ALLENDALE — Robert Mahoney, 36, died in an early morning fire Saturday, Sept. 17, that swept through his apartment and the one next to it above the Allendale Florist and Nail Necessities. The cause has not been determined vet.

His mother, Patricia Mahoney, escaped with minor burns and Thomas Rinaldi and his two children, who live in the adjacent apartment, were evacuated safely.

## **Rescue attempts**

A newspaper delivery man alerted the police about 3 a.m. that a fire was in progress on the second floor of the building at Myrtle and Central avenues.

By the time Sgt. Martin Potter and police officer Ann Kanze arrived, flames were coming out of the windows of the Mahoney apartment, which was located above the nail salon. The two officers made the first of what would be numer-

Robert Mahoney died in an early morning fire in the Allendale apartment (see arrow) above Nail Necessities on Central Avenue that he had shared with his mother. An investigation into the cause of the Sept. 17 fire is continuing.