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### SOCIETY NEWS

We are very grateful to Don Landzettel and his Christmas Ornament Committee at Archer Memorial Church for their work in organizing the issue and sale of the first annual Allendale Commemorative Christmas Ornaments (1994's ornament featured Archer Hall). A portion of the money realized through sales of the ornament was designated to go to our Society as a donation, and this has resulted in a gift from Archer Church to the Allendale Historical Society of \$282.82. Once again, our thanks and appreciation to Don and his committee!

We're also pleased to advise our membership that we have paid back \$4,000 of the \$5,000 loan advanced by the Allendale 100 Centennial Committee from their surplus funds. This loan was made to enable us to pay the publisher of our book, Allendale: Background of a Borough in full before the entire run of books was sold. We expect to be able to make another \$500 payment toward this loan within the next month.

As of this writing, we have only about 40 copies remaining of the initial printing of 400 copies. We do not expect to reprint the book, so we urge any reader who wishes to purchase a copy (or an extra copy) to do so quickly — when these remaining copies are gone, that will be the end of the book's availability. The books are \$54.00 (\$50 for the book itself and \$4 postage and handling). Local residents who wish to pick up a copy and save postage can call Pat Wardell at 201-327-0605.

In this issue of the newsletter, we are happy to continue publication of Natalie Storms Holeman's memories of Allendale.

We're also happy to include in this issue a photograph of the Junior Choir of Archer Methodist Church, taken about 1942-1943, loaned by Marilyn

Wilson Tackaberry. Marilyn has identified nearly all of those in the picture. Can any reader provide missing names and pinpoint the date more exactly?

Ethel Braun Maratene, whose father was Valentine Braun, owner of the Allendale Hotel, and Allendale's second fire chief, has written more of her memories of Allendale and the Allendale Hotel, which we are pleased to print in this issue.

For those who live locally, we are still looking for people to volunteer for positions as officers, so that the Society can be reactivated. Currently, we are inactive, and our only function is to prepare and print the newsletter four times a year. With new leadership, the Society could be as active as those leaders wished to make it. A volunteer for the presidency is especially needed; with someone to lead and coordinate, other volunteers would surely come forward. If you're interested, call Pat Wardell at 327-0605 for further information. ■

### MEMORIES OF MY HOMETOWN, ALLENDALE

by Natalie Storms Holeman

(continued from the February 1995 issue)

I remember fields of violets growing in and around the property of Mrs. Gates (?), who lived on the corner of Park Avenue and Brookside, across from the Rathbun and Anthony families. I would sit and pick these violets until I had a basket full.

We often used the trolley. The Erie Railroad, the trolley, and later Bill's Bus Line were our transportation out of Allendale.

At the time we did not have a car, and walking all over was the "name of the game." We rode the trolley often to Suffern (end of the line). It was the



destination of our dentist and doctor. When we took the trolley south to Paterson, the old cars practically flew along — it was all down hill. We went there many times to shop, and if I was lucky, lunch and a movie at the old Fabian Theatre.

I remember my girlfriends and myself many Saturdays packing a lunch of sandwiches and lemonade and taking off for the day roller skating. We would take off from our area where we lived, take East Allendale Avenue (no Route 17 then) down the hills in Saddle River, out West Saddle River Road until we reached the Upper Saddle River line. This was the spot we chose to have our lunch — and we were starved! When we had rested a bit we still had to turn around and head back home. I can't recall ever roller skating up those hills — I guess we flung the skates over our shoulders and hoofed it back home. Can you imagine the kids of today doing that and besides calling it fun, too? No charge, either.

We had lots of heavy snowstorms years ago. From November to April snow and ice covered the ground, and that was fun too. We went sleigh riding on Christopher's Hill (Park Avenue) — later on when we had a few cars, they would close it off to traffic. When the crust on top of the snow froze, we had a ball. We used to take our Moms' metal pie pans, put our legs up, sit in them, and really get a good ride down hill (today the kids use "discs"). Of course after those pie pans were used this way, they were thoroughly dented — Mothers weren't too happy over that deal!

I grew up and married in Allendale, and after twenty years of marriage, we built our new home at 15 Ceely Court, and later sold it to our cousins, Dot and Jim Secor.

In finishing these many, many thoughts and childhood memories, I must not forget to include my oldest friend, John Webb, father of Patricia Webb Wardell [editor of this newsletter]. Our parents were life-long friends — Mother often

told the story of Mrs. Webb bringing John to my third birthday party (we are both the same age — well, John is two weeks older!) We have been very close friends over the years to date — had schooling together, married about the same time, had our children about the same time. We, with our spouses, enjoyed many good times. John and his wife, Anne, are my dear friends and I see them often. Today, tomorrow, and always we have enjoyed a lasting friendship. This year — 1995 — we will celebrate our 77th birthdays!!

I know I am so fortunate to have had my childhood and adulthood in Allendale. My roots will always remain there. ■

## THE ALLENDALE HOTEL

by Ethel Braun Maratene

In the year 1906 my father, Val Braun, my mother Lucy, my brother Peter, my grandmother, Elizabeth Klein, my great grandmother, Elizabeth Schwein, and I came from New York City to Allendale. It was then that my father purchased the Allendale Hotel from Mr. John Bierman. No liquor licenses were in



On the steps of the Allendale Hotel in 1908: Val Braun, Mrs. Jones, our neighbor, Dick the bartender, Lucy Braun, and John Monroc. John was handicapped. He lived on Park Avenue and was a strict tee-totaler. He walked over to the hotel every day and sat on the porch with my dad, while they talked over daily events in town. — *Ethel Braun Maratene*



effect in those days. Instead, a petition was circulated among officials and townspeople to be signed by those who approved of liquor being sold in the hotel. This project was always successful.

My father retired in 1913. He rented his business to Mr. Otto Sturchler from Paterson. Shortly after the First World War was declared, Prohibition went into effect, abolishing the sale of liquor in the entire country. Only non-alcoholic beer and soda were sold in the hotel.

Mr. Sturchler, the tenant, was a German who never forgot his fatherland. Mr. Sturchler was making disparaging remarks about America. My father heard of this and became very upset. There was a garden with a flag pole outside the hotel building, Mr. Sturchler refused to display the American flag. My father would go to town every morning, put the flag up, and at sunset go back and take it down. Due to all the contention, my father became very discouraged. It was then that he decided to sell the business.

A Mr. Taylor from Paterson was a prospective buyer. Mr. Taylor gave a deposit in September and January 1st was to be the closing. However, when January 1st arrived, Mr. Taylor never appeared. Mr. Sturchler had purchased the Center Hotel in New Milford.

My father, being an active person in community welfare, was highly respected by the townspeople. Some of these people approached my father, advising him to take over the business, which he did. My father ran the business until 1931, at the time of his death. My mother inherited his estate. She then ran the business. During this time the Prohibition law was abolished. Liquor licenses were issued by the town to a person applying for a license. My mother was given the honor of receiving the #1 license to sell liquor at the hotel.

My mother retired in 1933. She rented the business to Mr. Peter Young of Allendale. After being there for only a year, Mr. Young ran into financial trouble. After Mr. Young vacated, the business was rented to Michael Connelly. After Mr. Connelly's death, his widow Maude Connelly rented the hotel.

After my mother's death, I became the owner of the hotel. The business and building was rented for

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\$85 a month. The property taxes were raised and the building was badly in need of renovation. I could not raise the rent due to the fact that the Office of Price Administration was in effect, which meant due to the fact the tenant was making her home there, the rent could not be raised. The tenant never agreed to sign a lease, so there was none. I then notified the tenant I was returning to run the business. The tenant then purchased property in order to establish another business. At no time did my mother or I sell the liquor license — it was the intent that the license remain at the hotel, in order that whoever operated it would have the privilege of selling liquor. A petition was circulated among townfolks seeking to have the license remain in the hotel. It was signed by many prominent people, but was ignored by Mayor Burnett and his council who permitted the license to be transferred to the Allendale Bar & Grill. The number of liquor licenses given was based on the town's population, which was not large enough to warrant issuing another liquor license. Therefore the hotel was unable to obtain a liquor license.

It was then that the hotel was made into a guest house. The hotel is the oldest business in Allendale. It holds many dear memories for me. Prominent people patronized the hotel. Mr. Willard Alling,



principal of the Allendale Public School, made his home there before he married Mabel Quackenbush. Rev. Warmly, the Episcopal Minister lived there, and also Mrs. Craze, teacher at the Allendale Public School. Dr. Kanning, Dr. Pittis, and Mr. J. M. Christopher were often dinner guests.

The Board of Trade, which I understand is now the Chamber of Commerce, held their monthly dinner meetings at the hotel. There would be 22 gentlemen seated around a large round table in the dining area.

At Christmas time, a large tree was put in the large room. Guests were given names, we exchanged gifts, and sang carols. One year there were 22 guests. When I was a little girl, I remember my mother at Christmas. She would hang a real holly wreath with a red satin bow in every window

of the hotel.

We held going away parties for boys who worked for Thurston Equipment, when they were called to service during the Second World War.

The hotel was the only place for miles around where one could get a home-cooked meal and night lodging.

I sold the hotel in 1945 to Mr. John Corello of Paterson, who in turn sold it to its present owner, Mr. Dixon. Mr. Dixon has done a marvelous renovation job to the building and property.

For me the hotel holds many happy memories. As of today it still stands in all its glory. Many businesses have come and gone, but the dear old hotel still remains, after a century, in the same old place off the village plaza. ■



The Junior Choir of the Archer Memorial Methodist Church, about 1942-1943. Pictured, from left to right, Top Row: Eleanor Clark, -?- Preston. Center Row: Marilyn Wilson, Muriel Morgan, Mary Alsdorf, Joan Wilson, Barbara Elschner, Jessie Mohan and -?- Mohan. Bottom Row: Barbara Hampson, Louise Lennox, -?-, -?- Clark?, and Ethel Winters



## 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 February 1995 issue)

458 Franklin Turnpike

### Appert House

Block 801, Lot 15 (Old Block 53, Lot 120-121)

#### Built about 1922.

Arthur A. Appert, 1940.

Arthur A. Appert and Loretta J. Appert, 1943-1949.

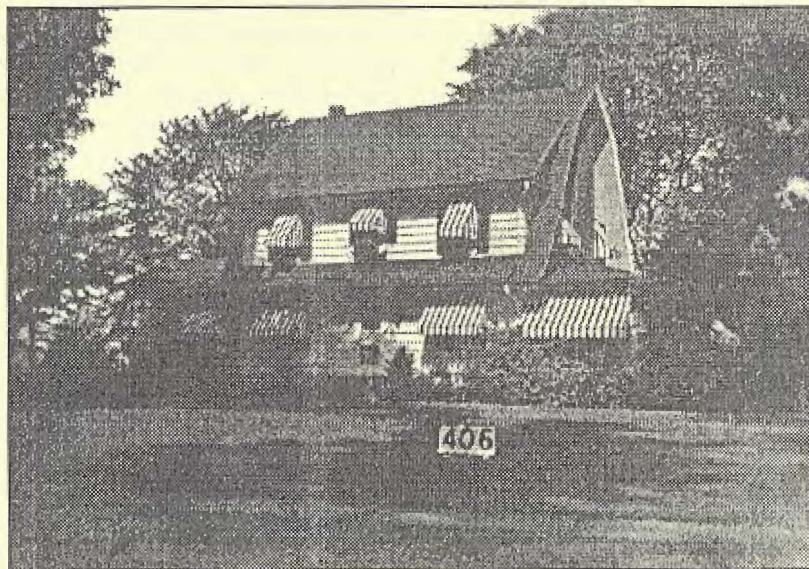
Charles Dupuy and Marion V. Dupuy, 1949. Charles Dupuy (1963-64, 1973 Here's Allendale).

Daniel P. Morse and Marion Morse, ?-? Daniel P. Morse, Jr. (1963-64 Here's Allendale). Daniel P. Morse (1973 Here's Allendale).

Robert M. Kossick and Sherry L. Kossick, ?-1985.

Louis and Kathleen Scipione, by 1989-?.

In 1940 the house was described as a 2 story, 1 family frame dwelling with two open porches and a



458 Franklin Turnpike, photo taken 1940

garage on a 78.41-acre plot (of which 1.412 acres was the homesite, 40 acres were cultivated [Appert Farm], and 17 acres were swamp).

It had a clapboard exterior and a wood shingle roof and was built on a poured concrete foundation. There were 10 rooms, including 5 bedrooms and two baths (1 half-tiled). The basement was finished with an office, laundry and bathroom.

Appert Farm acreage and outbuildings were sold in 1943 and other land was subdivided into 3 lots in 1956.

The house was offered for sale in 1985 and the real estate listing noted that the north end of the property was bordered by 67 acres of Green Acres (the so-called Celery Farm preserve).

475 Franklin Turnpike

### Fell-Ackerman-Cable House

Block 1809, Lot 14 (Old Block 35, Lot 44)

Part built before 1767. (The oldest part is thought to be the most southerly section.)

"H. I. Hopper/220 acres/John Fell Esq." (with a house shown) by 1767-8 (Romopock Tract map, Claire K. Tholl, Bergen County Historical Society, 1963).

John Fell, by 1767-1793.

"John H. Thompson, a merchant of New York City" November 1, 1793-?

William Curtis, ?-1823

Abner Armstrong and Nancy, h/w, 1823-1828

William Carr and Maria, h/w, 1828-1830

John G. Ackerman and Maria, h/w, 1830-1846

Garret G. Felter and Jerusha, h/w, 1846-1850

Dubois Hasbrouck, 1850-1851

John G. Ackerman, 1851-1866

Emma Cable, wife of Stephen Cable, 1866-?

Robert B. Cable and Catherine Cable, ?-1912.

Robert B. Cable and Catherine Cable, owners, April 1910 (census); possibly, at the time of the 1910 Census (April) the following families may have been boarding (renting) in this house: John W. and Josephine MacKeeby; Louis E. and Ruth [MacKeeby] Rossner; Marshall and Missouri Couch; Arthur H. and Elizabeth S. Walton; Lodowick and Mary MacKeeby; Gilbert and Ethel Hover.

Joseph B. Taylor, 1912-? (Joseph B. Taylor d. 1942)

Frederick W. Pfister and Rose M. Pfister, h/w, 1951

Rose M. Pfister, 1966-?

Jean Paul & Janet Pfister, ? - 1994.

D. S. and Carolyn Halyalkar, 1994-?.

John Fell acquired this property at an unknown time before 1766, in which year, on Sept. 30, he was appointed a Judge of the



Court of Common Pleas of Bergen County. Fell was one of Bergen County's most important men during the Revolutionary War era, serving as a member of the First Provincial Congress (1775) and as New Jersey delegate to the Continental Congress (1778).

On November 1, 1793 Fell sold his estate for £2000 to John H. Thompson, a merchant of New York City. Nothing is known of the owners and occupants of the house until May 8, 1823 when a deed recorded in Bergen Co. shows that William Curtis conveyed the property to Abner Armstrong.

On July 16, 1828 Abner Armstrong and Nancy, his wife, deeded the property (in 3 lots) to William Carr of the City and County of New York. The deed gives descriptions of the lots:

(1) 82 acres, more or less, bounded by Garret A. Ackerman (formerly Peter Tebowdes?) on north side of road leading to Ramapo; James Ackerman; Wolf Swamp; Albert Zabriskie

(2) 8 acres more or less, bounded by: lands formerly of heirs of Peter Tebow, dec'd; Henry Powles [Powell]; Peter Ackerman; John Van Houten

(3) 1/2 acre more or less, bounded by: Henry Powles [Powell]

On May 5, 1830 William Carr and Maria, h/w, conveyed the property to John G. Ackerman. Joseph Warner Allen lived with the Ackerman family in this house about 1848 at which time Allen was surveying the route of the Paterson & Ramapo Railroad (later the Erie) through this area. When the railroad began operating in 1848, and a depot was established here, the station stop was named "Allendale" in honor of Mr. Allen.

In 1846 John G. Ackerman and Maria, his wife, conveyed a portion of their property (in 2 lots) to Garret G. Felter (19.86 acres and 27.29 acres).

In 1850 Felter and his wife conveyed these two lots to Dubois Hasbrouck.

Hasbrouck, in 1851, deeded 12 acres to John G. Ackerman.

In 1866, John G. Ackerman conveyed "about 14

acres more or less" to Emma Cable, wife of Stephen Cable.

The Cable family retained ownership of this property until 1912, when Joseph B. Taylor bought the house. In 1915 he had an addition built, much renovation work done on the house, and a "tenant's



475 Franklin Turnpike, photo taken 1987

house" and "Gardener's cottage" (one and the same?) built on the property.

Frederick W. and Rose M. Pfister bought the house in 1951; their son, Jean Paul Pfister later became its owner, and about 1979 he sold about 5.2 acres of the western part of the property, which was developed into the Allison Village condominium complex. In 1994, Pfister sold the house and remaining acreage.

The 1983 Bergen County Historic Sites Survey suggested construction dates for the various sections of the house: south center block, about mid 18th century; east block, about 1782-1810; north center block and west wing, 1912. The date "1782" appears over the east door, in the east block. The south half of the first story of the central block is the oldest part of the house. The main entrance faces east, fronting on Franklin Turnpike (about 75 feet from the road) on, in 1983, an 8-acre lot. In February 1995 the house was described as an antique colonial with 8 bedrooms and 4-1/2 baths. A 19th century barn stands about 75 feet north of the house.

475 Franklin Turnpike to be continued next issue



## 1910 Federal Census Borough of Allendale

Transcribed by Pat Wardell

The following information was taken from a microfilm produced by the National Archives. For additional information on this census in general, refer to the introduction in the issue of February 1992, p. 3.

*(continued from February 1995 issue)*

### (Franklin Turnpike)

Dwelling #126; Family #137

- **Schuster, George W.**, Head; M; W; age 36; Married (1) 8 yrs.; b. New York; his father b. Virginia; his mother b. [illegible]; speaks English; occupation illegible; owned home

- —, **Jennie**, Wife; F; W; age 32 yrs; Married (1) 8 yrs.; Mother of 0 children; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York; speaks English

- **Lawler, Charles**, Father in Law; M; W; age 64; Married (1) 40 yrs.; b. New York; his father b. New York; his mother b. New Jersey; speaks English; occupation illegible

- —, **Sarah J.**, Mother in Law; [M!!]; W; age 59; Married (1) 40 years; Mother of 1 child, 1 then living; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. [illegible]; speaks English

Dwelling #127; Family #138

- **Nadler, Gustave**, Head; M; W; age 45; Married (1) 25 yrs.; b. Germany; his father b. Germany; his mother b. Germany; speaks English; occupation illegible

- —, **Marie**, Wife; F; W; age 46; Married (1) 25 years; Mother of four children, three then living; b. Germany; her father b. Germany; her mother b. Germany; speaks English

- —, **Marie E.**, Daughter; F; W; age 18; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. Germany; her mother b. Germany; speaks English

- —, **Florance**, Daughter; F; W; age 15; Single, b. New Jersey; her father b. Germany; her mother b. Germany; speaks English

- —, **Gustave, Jr.**, Son; M; W; age 11 years; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. Germany; his mother b. Germany; speaks English

Dwelling #128, Family # 139

- **Phillips, James Farmer**, Head; M; W; age 36; Married (1) 1-11/12 years; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; occupation illegible

- —, **Isabell**, Wife; F; W; age 23 years; Married (1) 1-11/12 years; Mother of one child, one then living; b. New Jersey; her father b. [Scotland??]; her mother b. New York; remainder of line illegible

- **Mabel Elizabeth**, Daughter; F; W; age 6/12 year; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. [illegible]

Dwelling 129, Family #140

- **Ackerman, Rosie E.**, Head; F; W; age 69; widow; Mother of two children, one then living; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. New Jersey; speaks English, owned home

- —, **Hester S.**, Daughter; F; W; age 46; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New York; speaks English

Dwelling #130; Family #141

- **Shearman, Mary W.**, Head; F; W; age 42, Single; b. Washington, D.C.; her father b. New York; her mother b. [illegible]; speaks English; owned home

- —, **Helen M.**; Aunt; F; W; age 83; Single; b. New York; her father b. Rhode Island; her mother b. New York; speaks English

- **Hickey, Ann**, Nurse; F; W; age 23; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. Ireland; her mother b. Ireland; spaks English; Nurse, family

Dwelling #131, Family #142

- **Simpson, James E.**, Head; M; W; age 59; Married (1) 36 years; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New York; speaks English; occupation illegible; owned home

- —, **Emily C.**, Wife; F; W; age 51; Married (1) 36 years; mother of one child, one then living; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York; speaks English

- —, **Herbert I.**, Son; M; W; age 33; Single; b. New York; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New York; speaks English; occupation illegible

Dwelling #132; Family #143

- **Sanford, Ella**, Head; F; W; age 40; Married (1) 10 years; mother of 0 children; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey; speaks English; [Buyer?] [-?-] Store

- **Miller, Pauline**, Servant; F; W; age 40; Single; b. Ohio; her father b. Germany; her mother b. Germany; speaks English; Housekeeper

*(1910 Federal Census to be continued next issue)*



**Graduates of the Allendale Public School**

**Graduating Class of 1900**

(from *The Ramsey Journal*, June 29, 1900)

Bertha Mallinson Archer Asten  
Edna Storms Bertie Smith  
Arthur Appert Fred Willard  
Willie Yeomans

**Graduating Class of 1902**

(from *The Hackensack Republican*, July 3, 1902)

Mabel Quackenbush Samuel Pritchett  
Harold Ackerson

**Graduating Class of 1903**

(from *The Ramsey Journal*, July 3, 1903)

Gertrude Borger Hazel Burtis Charles Johnson  
Florence Mallinson Frank Walsh Anna Van Dien

**Graduating Class of 1906**

(from the Commencement Program, Archer Hall, June 21, 1906)

Mary Hubbard Willie Ackerson  
Matilda Van Houten Grace Bloomer  
Anita Van Houten Sadie Mallinson  
Ethel Borger Marie Nadler  
Duell Wall

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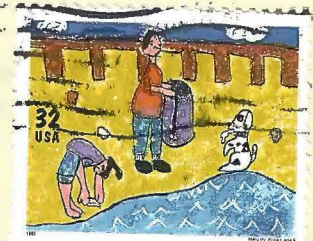
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