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School Opens To Largest Enrollment In History

Allendale school opened its doors yesterday to the largest enrollment in its history—452 students. This figure is not considered final because new enrollments are expected during the first week of school.

This influx, greater than anticipated, poses a problem for the Board of Education. The Board met Tuesday night to hear first hand how the situation stands. Principal Paul O'Connor gave the class figures and in two of the grades, 1st and 7th, the number of students is almost more than one teacher can handle. Here is the way the enrollment stands at the present time:

Kindergarten, 3 sections, 64 students, total; 1st grade, 2 sections, 34 students in each section; 2nd grade, 2 sections, 27 students in each section; 3rd grade, 2 sections, 27 - 29 students in each section; 4th grade, 2 sections, 28 students in each section; 5th grade, 2 sections, 18 - 21 students in each section; 6th grade, 2 sections, 24 - 22 students in each section; 7th grade, 1 section, 36 students, 8th grade, 1 section, 33 students.

As the chart shows, the 1st and 7th grades have capacity enrollments. The Board feels that probably some change will have to be made on one or both of these overcrowded classes. No decision was taken however, because the Board wanted to wait and see the actual count.

Preparations were made for the addition of one extra teacher. Mrs. Janice Oakes of Fair Lawn has been hired as a permanent substitute and she will help out until final arrangements are made. The decision pertaining to the hiring of a new teacher has been left to Mr. O'Connor and the teacher's committee.

The record enrollment comes close to what Mr. O'Connor predicted, although (Please Turn to Page Seven)

Heads Troast Campaign



WALTER JONES
Bergen County assemblyman, who is a candidate for state senator, will head the GOP county campaign for Paul Troast for Governor in the November election.

Announces High Enrollment



PAUL D. O'CONNOR
Supervising principal of the Allendale Public School, who announced to the Board of Education Tuesday night that Allendale school will have an enrollment of 452 students. This is an all time record for Allendale.

CARROLL PORTERS MOVE TO TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Werner Baarck welcomed their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Porter and daughter Jennifer Lee, to W. Orchard St. recently. Mrs. Porter is the former Peggy Baarck and she comes back to her home town after having lived in E. Orange. Mr. Porter was recently discharged after having served two years in the U.S. Army.

Home From Vermont

The Stuart Archibalds and children are home after having spent the summer on Lake Champlain, at Vergennes, Vt.

Firemen Stage Gala Picnic

The Volunteer Fireman's Annual Picnic held Sunday at the New Street picnic grounds went off without a hitch. The fire alarm siren mercifully stayed silent during the hours of the picnic from noon to 10 p.m.

Thirty couples made reservations for the holiday affair, but it turned out that more than 100 people came to the picnic. Refreshments held out until the very end and were served continuously during the afternoon and evening. Clam chowder, brewed from early morn by Harold Osborne and committee, was a real hit. The menu included all the favorite picnic fare; hamburgers, hot dogs corn on the cob, steamed clams, tomatoes, soda pop and gallons of coffee.

Firemen Ralph Bitzer and John Webb were co-chairmen for the affair which featured games with prizes for the guests and rides in the firetruck for the children. The old firetruck took two loads of children for a ride around the town much to the kids' delight.

The truck was loaded with wives of the firemen for a third (Please Turn to Page Seven)

SPRINKLING BAN STILL IN EFFECT

There has not been, and there will not be, any relaxation on the "no sprinkling" order issued last week by Mayor John Tucker, until the borough has enjoyed a substantial rain.

Police Chief Robert Wilson reports that he received numerous requests to water lawns following the shower that came last weekend. These requests were denied, he said, because the water supply is still critically low. "It will take a lot of rain to fill up the wells," he said, and he cautioned all residents against any excessive use of water until the drought ends.

Orchard St. Still Upset

The barrier across the end of Orchard Street remained in place this week with no sign of a final settlement as to whether it may be cut through to Route 17.

Andrew Christopher of Saddle River who owns the property at the end of Orchard Street has cut down the trees in order to extend Orchard St. to the highway, but has made no application for permission from the Planning Board to build a road.

Last week in our story on the "extension" of Orchard St., we said that one of the proposals in the original Master Plan was to cut Orchard Street through to Route 17. Since then we have learned that this was wrong, and this provision never was a part of the plan.

On the contrary, the Master Plan sought to direct traffic through the borough on main arteries and keep it off the side streets. The secondary road map which was published in the Master Plan shows that the proposed extension of Orchard Street would turn north and eventually provide an outlet for the undeveloped land between Powell Road and Orchard St., but would never be a straight "through" street.

GOP Picks D. Cooper For Council Candidate

The Republican Club, pepped up by the fall weather and coming political campaign, enthusiastically endorsed the Club president, Dave Cooper, as its candidate for Borough Councilman at a special meeting held Wednesday night at the firehouse.

Announces New Candidate



L. R. JOHNSON
Former Mayor of Allendale who announced the selection of Dave Cooper as Regular Republican candidate for councilman in the November election. He succeeds Robert Thomas who moved out of town after the primary election.

STUDENTS MAY BE INSURED AGAINST ACCIDENTS FOR \$1.

Parents will be able to insure themselves against expenses for injuries suffered by their children during the school year for only \$1.

Letters of explanation will be sent home by the students explaining the insurance policy being offered. The dollar payment when received at the school immediately insures the child up to \$1500 in medical fees for injuries received at school, or going to and from school. Also \$50 will be allowed for dental expenses if injury to permanent teeth is incurred.

The only exception to the policy pertains to team members engaged in inter-school athletics. The policy covers all other school sponsored activities. It also offers an accidental death payment of \$1000.

The School Board pointed out that the letters which will be sent home early next week must be returned to the school within ten days and advised parents to inquire about the letter if it doesn't reach home. Principal Paul O'Connor will have extra application blanks at the school office.

This policy is being sponsored by the Board of Education in hopes that a majority of parents will avail themselves of the opportunity to get an accident insurance policy for their child for very little cost.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cross and children returned home from a shore vacation recently.

Before a room full of supporters, former Mayor Les Johnson announced that the nominating committee had picked Mr. Cooper because they thought he would prove a good running mate for Lew Kort, because of his unbounded energy and interest in local government, and because, he said jokingly, he's not too old. Mr. Cooper is 36.

He lives on Powell Road with his wife Annette and two children, Glenn, 7, and Lynn, 4. His experience in politics is limited to his recent association with the local Republican club, which started a year ago when the GOP lost out to the Taxpayers' League slate in the borough election.

Mr. Cooper told the Republicans almost a year ago to quit crying about having lost an election, to organize and start working to win the next election. His advice was not lost on the nominating committee.

The newly selected candidate promised a fighting campaign, one in which the issues were spelled out clearly for the voters. He expressed his willingness to meet with his opponents on any platform to discuss borough political questions.

Other Republicans expressed their views on the upcoming campaign by saying that this time the organization would tell the people what they stand for without waiting for issues to be raised. "We plan to lead an aggressive campaign, not a negative one," Mr. Cooper said.

The issues as Mr. Cooper sees them are contained in the GOP statement of policy which means keeping the essential quality of Allendale as it is today. He quickly said that this (Please Turn to Page Seven)

On Shrub Committee



MICHEL PASQUIER
Michel Pasquier, president of the Garden Club, who was appointed on a committee to select the shrubs to be planted at the Erie station plaza.

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11 a. m. Morning Prayer and Sermon; Sermon title: "I Believe". Small children will be cared for in the Parish House during the 11 a. m. service.
Thursday, Sept. 17th, 2 p. m. Open meeting of the Epiphany Guild, 8 p. m. Meeting of the Acolyte's Guild at the Parish House.

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Monday, Sept. 14, Group 2, will meet at the home of Mrs. J. Witmer, Group 4, will meet at Mrs. Eugene Webbs, Group 6, will meet at Mrs. Ray Fowlers. All meet at 8:30 p. m.

No Business
The Labor Day weekend passed quietly for the borough with no reports of accidents, fires or ambulance calls.

GIRL SCOUT ACTIVITIES

There will be a get together of all new Brownie Scout Mothers at the home of Mrs. Geo. Wolfson, 32 New St. on Friday morning, Sept 19, at 9:45. Invitations have been sent to all second grade mothers, whose names were available, but if there are any other mothers whose girls are starting Brownies for the first time this year, they are cordially invited to attend.

This is a very important get together, as the program, dues and registration are explained at this time.

There will be an organization meeting of all captains and co-workers for the annual Girl Scout Drive, at the home of the chairman, Mrs. J. R. Foster, E. Allendale Ave. on Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 1:30 p. m. The drive will be held the week of Sept 20 to 27.

Funds collected during this drive will be used to finance the very active Scout Program in Allendale.

Mrs. Foster has announced the following district Captains: Mrs. R. A. Dietert, Mrs. Leo Polt, Mrs. William Gordon, Mrs. Warren Seitz and Mrs. Henry Cobb.

Local Man Receives Honor
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Mrs. Smith asks that members and friends make their

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GROSSMANN ATTENDS ARMY REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. Alwyn Grossmann attended the reunion of the 29th Division, U. S. Army held at the Statler Hotel in New York City last weekend.

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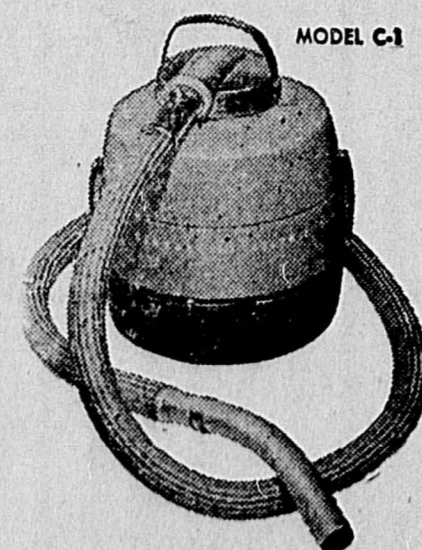
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A meeting was held on Tuesday, September 8 at the home of Mrs. William Forbes to plan for the opening meeting of the Women's Club. Present were: Mrs. Thorlief Berntsen, Mrs. Martin E. Husing, Mrs. Henry A. Rademaker, Club President and Mrs. Nyberg, chairman.

The first meeting of the Woman's Club will be held on Friday, Sept. 18 at 12:30 at the War Memorial Building. A Smorgasbord luncheon, presented by the Drama Department, will be the feature attraction and all members are urged to attend this first social and business function of the Club year.

The Ways and Means Committee of the Woman's Club is sponsoring a Card Party on Tuesday, September 29. Refreshments will be served at 1:30 and cards will be preceded by "Dance Americana" a dance program by Garry Randolph of New York City. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the Woman's Club.

The workshop group of the Woman's Club Art Department holds its first meeting on Thursday, Sept. 10 at the home of the chairman, Mrs. William Darken at 10 in the morning. Placemats and assorted novelties for the Tiny Bazaar are among the items to be made this fall by the Workshop group.

Visit Yellowstone
Mr. and Mrs. Dietert and children, John and Katherine, of 27 Iroquois Ave., have returned from a trip to Yellowstone National Park.

F. A. Van Sickle, Mrs. William Forbes, Mrs. Jay S. Morris, Mrs. William Previdi, Mrs. Martin E. Husing, Mrs. Henry A. Rademaker, Club President and Mrs. Nyberg, chairman.

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Separates Make College Team



THIS SEASON, separates take the lead in the school and college fashion picture. Switch them around, dress them up or down and create the effect of a large wardrobe. Here a wool felt skirt is teamed with a wool jersey pull-over blouse. The skirt has smooth dependable closure, thanks to its automatic locking skirt placket Talon zipper. The blouse has Seam-tain Talon zipper to make the midriff fit snugly. They are Advance Pattern No. 5973. (ANS)

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A family dinner party was given for Mr. and Mrs. Ray V. Jones, E. Orchard Street, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray V. Jones Jr., in Glen Henry of Ridgewood.

Rock. The occasion was the birthday of Ray Jones Jr.

Other guests were his grandmother, Mrs. Frederick Frambach of E. Orchard Street, his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hird and son and Mrs. Edward Hird and son

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WYCKOFF COUPLE HAS ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Steckel of 409 Russell Avenue Wyckoff, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary last week.

Mrs. Steckel, the former Minnie Perry, daughter of the late Rachel J. and John H. Perry was born in Allendale. Mr. Steckel, son of the late Margaret Ann and Oliver J. Steckel was born in Newton, N. J. They were married by the Rev. Krause of Newton.

Mr. and Mrs. Steckel have two children, Mrs. Fred (Rachel) Graham of Waldwick and Oliver J. Steckel of Godwin Avenue, Wyckoff; also two grandsons, Barry Graham Steckel and Bradley Wayne Steckel.

A dinner party for relatives was held Saturday at the Swiss Chalet, Ramsey, in celebration of the occasion. Mr. Steckel will retire next year from the United States Custom House, New York City, after twenty-nine years service.

GOP GARDEN PARTY TO BE HELD IN WESTWOOD SEPT. 16

Mrs. Kathleen Job will be the Allendale hostess at the Bergen County Woman's Republican Club garden party at the home of Assemblywoman Wilma Marggraff, Wednesday, September 16, which will feature a fashion show. This has been announced by Mrs. John C. Conklin, program chairman, who said that Mrs. George Ramey, of Hackensack, will handle the fashion show arrangements.

Mrs. Marggraff's Westwood home will be open to club members and interested women Bergen County from 1:30 p.m., with the fashion show scheduled to start at 2 p.m.

following a short business meeting.

According to Mrs. Ramey, who has participated professionally in many New York and Florida fashion events, the coming show will be unique. In addition to previewing fall fashions, fur coats will be highlighted and cosmetic souvenirs will be presented to the audience. Miss Barbara Hebbard, beauty consultant to John Robert Powers models, will demonstrate make-up. Miss Linore MacDougal, formerly on the staff of Vogue, will be fashion commentator.

Home From Hospital William B. Quaintance, of East Allendale Avenue, is home from a 10 day confinement at the Presbyterian Medical Center, New York City.

FORDS VISIT SON AT NAVAL ACADEMY

Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Ford, Brookside Avenue, enjoyed parents weekend with their son Hadley Jr., at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., recently.

They were entertained at dinner in the mess hall, preceding the parents forum Saturday night.

Saturday morning Mr. and Mrs. Ford witnessed a dress parade. At noon Mr. Ford was a guest at the fathers' luncheon.

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On the way home from Annapolis the Fords stopped to visit Allendale School Principal and Mrs. Paul D. O'Connor at their farm in Galena, Maryland.

Confined To Home George Dean of E. Allendale Avenue is confined to his home with pneumonia.

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Our townspeople are surely aware of the need for an adequate supply of water. Not only during the dry spell, but at all times. Not only for consumption or hygienic purposes but also for fire emergencies. This is especially true during a drought, when fire spreads rapidly.

If one has ever lived on a farm, and come face to face with the importance of "ye olde well" in everyday life, one certainly would think twice before careless water usage. It was only last winter that we suffered a severe ice storm. That caused a power shortage in our area. A good many of our homes were without light, water, or heat. This was a good lesson in conservation. We managed with candles, auxiliary heaters, and the like. So let's use our low water supply wisely and sparingly by cooperating with our commissioner 100 per cent.

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The guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Althausen and children Rita and Bobby, Metuchen, N. J., and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Althausen, Bronx, N. Y.; all families of brothers of Chris; Mr. and Mrs. Andy Obes, Manhasset, Long Island; and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Folger Brooklyn, both families of Mrs. Althausen's sisters.

LEFTS TO CELEBRATE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The Ely A. Leffs, proprietors of the Allendale Spa, have flouted superstition for 40 years. They were married on Friday the 13th in 1913. They also started the Spa on Friday the 13th.

The well-known couple will celebrate their wedding anniversary with a party given by their son, Nat Leff and family, and their daughter Frieda. Frieda Leff is engaged to be married. Speculation has arisen that the wedding might be on a Friday the 13th also, which would make it a November wedding.

Home From Valley Hospital

Frank Merrill, 234 Brookside Avenue has returned from Valley Hospital after being hospitalized for 10 days following an accident which occurred in his yard. He fell and broke several ribs.

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Owners are asked to contact the Police within the next two weeks to make collection of the lost articles. After September 20, the entire supply will be turned over to the Good Will.

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The Opening Gun By The Citizen's Committee



In 1950 the Republican Party of Allendale was in an admirable position to recover from a disastrous defeat administered by the Independent voters during the previous ten-year period. Fresh blood in their ranks, and new faces on the horizon, combined with general apathy on the part of the taxpayers, presented them with a golden opportunity for success in the ensuing election.

A shining light appeared in the person of Leslie L. Johnson, who had won his spurs as president of the P.T.A. He was nominated during the primary by the Republicans, and the path ahead seemed rosy. This situation was evident during all of 1950. Accordingly Mr. Johnson and council colleagues, Mr. Critchley, Mr. Cobb and Mrs. Hanson were elected to office in November of that year.

Mayor-elect Johnson received 611 votes, the greatest ever accorded a mayoral candidate in the history of Allendale. Late in the evening of Election Day an informal group of well-wishers and workers attended a victory celebration held by the mayor-elect in his residence on East Orchard St. During this victory party Mayor-Elect Johnson was heard to remark, "Now we shall show the people of Allendale how a town should be run."

We shall show you in succeeding articles how Mr. Johnson told you the truth. These words uttered in exultation came from the heart. The die was cast! From here on

Mr. Johnson took hold of the reins. He became the recognized Republican political leader of Allendale and ruled it with an iron hand — woe be to whoever should differ with his program. Many of the Republicans who campaigned and worked for his election were thrown into the discard. An entirely new group of political aspirants came into prominence.

Allendale rapidly deteriorated into a police state municipality with absolute rule by a few. The majority of taxpayers and citizenry no longer mattered. Intimate friends and business associates were appointed on important boards and committees with slight regard to experience and capabilities to serve and mostly for the purpose of "going along with Les".

In the two-year interval between January 1, 1951 and January 1, 1953, many new ordinances were enacted and later amended, which demonstrated utter lack of knowledge of what they were doing, to say nothing of the high cost to the taxpayers of the community.

During this period Boss Johnson took unto his wing three key personalities who became part of the inner circle.

A former borough attorney acted as legal advisor both for the borough and as political advisor for the group. This same man was acting as borough attorney in 1939 during the era when ex-Mayor Kiedel smashed the Republican machine.

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What POWERFUL KATRINKA ordered removed the Cerebral Palsy banner depicting the forth-coming horseshow for the support of crippled kiddies?

THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE, a civic-minded practical group of experienced Allendale citizens, desires it to be thoroughly understood that they are in no way affiliated with any political organization nor with any other so called civic or social association.

Our members are plainly sick at heart and disgusted with the thoughtless manner in which our community affairs have been mishandled and the arrogance of public officials towards the individual citizen and taxpayer. Their incompetence and poor judgment is exemplified by the conditions of chaos, uncertainty and subsequent throttling of private business to the point of deterring progress in the community.

During the early part of 1952—when the Master Plan was first presented to the public—it immediately became obvious that a concentrated effort was on foot by a chosen few to force down the throats of the local citizenry this incomprehensible plan—a monstrosity deliberately designed to choke off the growth of our village.

A group of worried citizens met together for the purpose of preserving common liberties for all. As conditions deteriorated, the group grew rapidly in numbers. It had become apparent that an individual's thoughts were of no importance to our town fathers and their appointed boards. Therefore, the CITIZENS COMMITTEE decided to become an instrument for the purpose of representing and speaking for the individual property-owners and taxpayers. We still had hope of being able to iron out the obvious mess before it could hamstring the community by being enacted into law by the passage of a new Master Plan and subsequent Zoning Ordinance.

During the prolonged fight for private rights—both before the Allendale Planning Board and later before the Mayor and Council—a definite pattern began to take shape. New angles became apparent. The secrecy attending the past administration came into focus, and we did not admire the resulting picture.

The CITIZENS COMMITTEE in 1952 determined to do something about this uncalled for situation, recognizing the necessity of a political housecleaning; and to this end, upon presentation of an independent group of candidates, actively supported their candidacy. The November election proved that you, the people, definitely upheld our contention that such changes were necessary by your overwhelming support and election of the three independent candidates.

We all had cause to rejoice and hope for better things, but immediately thereafter a small group of the holdover diehards avowed to stick together in support of the defeated cause. As there were four Republican hold-over councilmen and but two newly-elected independent members, it became quite apparent what the results would be. The obstructionists, in absolute disregard of the will of the people, or fairness to the individual, continued to maintain a solid front and efficiently blocked all efforts by the newly-elected officials to institute the changes indicated by the electorate. The result has been a slow strangulation of business in our community, much bitterness, section pitted against section, and practically nothing accomplished for the good of the community or its citizens.

It is our intent to show you from week to week just who the persons responsible for this condition are and how they have worked both underground and in an underhanded fashion to retain their hold upon the peoples of this community. We shall show you by indisputable figures waste in expenditures, purchases of equipment at excessive costs, expenses piled up against the taxpayer that should have been met by the County and a general overall picture of a selfish group entirely incapable of running the municipal affairs of your town.

It is our purpose to point out how the acts of this irresponsible group in 1952-53 affected every one of your lives and in many instances your pocketbook, the mistakes they made, some through ignorance and others through deliberate intent, even to the extent of packing the administrative boards with long "Lame duck" appointments. This expose shall continue for the eight consecutive weeks, prior to General Election Day when you will have your opportunity to decide just who shall represent you on the municipal council.

The CITIZENS COMMITTEE believes this decision should be yours and is confident that it will be a sound one.

There is one major point we should like to clarify, and that is what our interpretation of "personalities" embodies. The person either elected or appointed to public office is a servant of the people. Therefore, any and all of his acts pertaining to his public life and what he says or does is entirely open to public criticism. The office-holder at home, his personal finances, business, religion, and private life are entirely personal and should be treated as such; and therefore, have no place in public discussion.

The CITIZENS COMMITTEE wants no part of machine politics in our community where county political organizations may dictate the policies to be carried out by their underlings.

We are in favor of independent free thinking candidates who base their decisions upon the desires of the citizenry and what is best for the community. Let's stop comparing Allendale with other communities. It's our town; let's keep it that way!

The CITIZENS COMMITTEE upon organizing took unto itself a motto:

"Economy and wisdom in government with equal rights for all."

The members of our Committee are proud of this motto. They stand fast behind its thought. We urge your support to help carry it out.

A great military leader once remarked, "You cannot stop a victorious army." We've got that feeling.