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## Borough Council Meets Holds Orderly Session

The Mayor and Council met last Thursday night for an orderly meeting — in contrast to recent council sessions peppered with remarks from the public.

Mayor John Tucker opened the meeting to the public with a request that speakers address the chair, limit their remarks to the subject, be brief and abstain from dealing in personalities.

No one had a word to say.

During the business session the Council approved subdivision maps on the recommendation of the Planning Board for J. Rhoads Foster, Mary C. Job, William C. Talman, Gama Incorporated and Sara Yeomans.

Councilman Elwood Critchley asked for a resolution authorizing the Artesian Well Company to start exploratory drilling for water on the north side of Recreation Park between the brook and Crescent Avenue. This is necessary, said Mr. Critchley, in order that the town find an additional water supply. The present pumping system has just been able to meet water demands during the summer drought. Now the town must hunt for new wells to meet increasing demands.

Test wells had been dug on the south side of Recreation Park but had not been successful. The new authorization will cost the borough \$150 per day for a period not to exceed 6 days.

With the approval of a \$4,100 emergency appropriation, borough engineers were instructed to advertise for bids for rounding the corner of Franklin Turnpike and W. Allendale Avenue. Plans include widening the Van Houten corner up to the brook on W. Allendale Ave. Work is being scheduled to coincide with

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## PLAN TO FINISH NEW BUILDING AT PARK THIS WEEKEND

The Allendale Recreation Park is currently alive with activity, as volunteer workers from all parts of Bergen County rush ahead with construction of a new building which will contain dressing rooms, lockers, and lavatories.

Efforts to finish the building will be intensified this weekend so it will be ready in time for the fourth annual Bergen County Cerebral Palsy Horse Show, scheduled at the Park on October 17 and 18. The volunteers offering their time and labor are all members or supporters of the Bergen County Cerebral Palsy League, which will benefit from the proceeds of the show.

Directors of the construction crew are Stuart Archibald, Elwood Critchley, Fred Thurston, and Archibald Farrell of the Cerebral Palsy Horse Show committee. Among the many other volunteers are Joseph Piat, Carlton Hutchinson, Harold Osborne, James Walsh, Perry Conklin, Carlton Hutchinson, Vail Frost, David Cooper, Frank McCord, Martin Wetterauw, Warren Scerb, Ben Monaghan, Walter Rumsey, Thomas McLaughlin, Robert Stuart, Paul Davis, Walter Dunsby, William Forest and Stuart Archibald Jr., all of Allendale, as well as Murray Freendenphal of Yonkers, N. Y.

## SPRINKLING BAN PARTIALLY OFF

Fall plants and seeding lawns are in for partial relief from the sprinkling ban which has been on a month. Water Commissioner Ewood Critchley and Water Superintendent Chris Ryan have decided to allow sprinkling two days a week for residents to sprinkle new lawns.

A schedule has been set up to minimize the load on the pumps permitting sprinkling for two hours twice a week.

Home owners on the east side of the railroad are asked to water lawns only on Monday and Wednesday. Residents on the west side of the Railroad may water lawns on Tuesday and Thursday.

Citizens are asked not to take advantage of this partial lifting of the ban, because town water pumps are still going at capacity rates to supply basic needs. The order is designed to give help to homeowners planting new grass. The police have been instructed to see that the new regulations are followed.

## 17 PETITION COUNCIL AGAINST BUILDING PERMIT

Seventeen residents living in the area of Franklin Turnpike and Cherokee Avenue petitioned the Borough Council last week not to issue building permits for the construction of houses on two 60 foot lots on Cherokee Avenue.

The lots are undersized according to the minimum lot sizes established by the zoning code. The Council turned the petition over to Building Inspector Dave Colburn Jr., for investigation.

Mr. Colburn said he had already issued building permits to the owner of the two lots because the lots were established before the code went into effect.

Mr. Colburn will investigate and see that the houses planned comply with minimum floor area requirements and side lot requirements. If any violation of existing regulations are discovered Mr. Colburn has the authority to rescind the building permits.

The petition held that two homes built on 60 foot lots would add to existing drainage difficulties and would depreciate property values in the area.

## Mrs. Ella Walling

Funeral services for Mrs. Ella Louise Walling, 71 Myrtle Avenue will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at Van Emburgh's Funeral Home in Ridgewood.

The family has requested that no flowers be sent to the services, but that donations to the Cancer Fund be made instead. The Rev. Bayard Hancock of Epiphany Church will officiate. Interment will follow at Airmont Cemetery in New York.

Mrs. Walling died Wednesday. She is survived by a brother, Edwin Spicher of Brooklyn, one sister, Eugenia Straut and her mother, Mrs. Clara Spicher, of Allendale.

## \$77 Per Person Tax Lowest Rate In Area

According to the abstract of ratables, Allendale is the cheapest place to live in this area — tax wise that is. The surrounding municipalities all have higher per capita tax costs, the abstracts shows, with only Waldwick matching Allendale.

Allendale's per capita tax cost, figured on the 1950 census figure adjusted upwards to approximate the growth of the community, shows that it costs \$77 in taxes for every man woman and child in town.

Waldwick also pays \$77 — but Wyckoff pays \$103 per person, Ramsey, \$100 and Saddle River \$89.

Investigation of the abstract shows that 27 municipalities have a higher tax rate than Allendale. There are more than 70 listed for Bergen County.

This information may have political meaning for both sides in the present pre election council campaign. The Republicans who have been charged with taxing the borough to the ceiling can show that this is not so—that Allendale is 27th from the top.

The Taxpayer's League can capitalise on the fact that they reduced taxes from last year's high.

## BOY BORN TO MR. AND MRS. J. RABE

Mr. and Mrs. John Rabe, 24 Prospect Street, Paramus, announce the birth of a third son, Richard Gene, born September 27 at Hackensack Hospital. Mrs. Rabe is the former Ann Vanecek, daughter of Mrs. Mary Vanecek of 856 Franklin Turnpike. The Rabe's two other sons are John Frederick, 4, and Robert James, 2.

Paterson assisting. Interment will be in George Washington Memorial Park.

## Fashions of Fall Show Feature Pro Models

Highlights in fall fashions staged annually by the Evening Woman's Club will be held tonight at the War Memorial Building. Following the parade of fashions being shown by Miss Eva Schmitt of The Country Shop, will be an evening of cards for the guests and members.

Two professional models will assist the club members in modeling the clothes that show the latest in fall design and fashion trends.

Mrs. Cuddi Sonius who has modeled in Copenhagen, The Hague, Amsterdam and Brussels will donate her time to this evening's show. Also, Miss Joan Ryer, who is a graduate of John Powers School of Modeling, will be featured.

Others who will assist in modeling the fashion selections are Mrs. Elinor Ostertag, chairman, Ann Staines, Tibby Critchley, Jean Henderson, Mrs. Bernice Bartle, and Mrs.

Claire Papon. Decorations and setting for the show have been prepared by Mrs. Jem Black and Mrs. Ted Osborne. The tickets, which will be collected in the form of a dollar donation, are in charge of Mrs. Dorothy Zane who said that the money will be used to carry out club projects of welfare and service.

Refreshments will be homemade cake and coffee arranged for by Mrs. Florence Bogart.

Mrs. Terry Critchley, Mrs. Kitty Morton and Mrs. Natalie Ramsey are in charge of the card party which will follow the fashion show scheduled to begin at 8:15.

## Opening Ceremonies Held



William C. Talman seen opening the door of the new offices of the Allendale Savings and Loan Association on W. Allendale Avenue last Friday evening. Harold Heinrich, chairman of the building committee; John C. Ware Jr., president, and Dee Zimmerman, secretary, are on hand to watch the ceremony.



PLANNING BOARDS ACT ON ORCHARD STREET

The Saddle River Planning Board and the Allendale Planning Board think alike on the extension of Orchard Street to Highway 17. Neither likes it.

Three representatives of the Saddle River board attended the local planning board meeting Monday evening and submitted a letter written to Andrew Christopher advising him that he may not cut a road through from Orchard Street to the highway without first submitting maps showing the proposed extension of Orchard St.

Also the Saddle River ordinance reads that there is a 400 foot marginal road running parallel to the highway on both sides through which no road may cross in order to enter Route 17.

Members of the board said this restriction would prevent them from ever approving a road entering the highway.

The Allendale Planning Board decided to send a similar letter to Mr. Christopher, who has already cut down trees at the end of Orchard St. and cut a swath through the forest that gives every appearance of being the beginning of a road.

The Board expressed the opinion that if Mr. Christopher did apply for permission to construct a road connecting Orchard Street with the highway it would be denied.

In a rare moment of agreement, Frank Williams of the Advisory Committee to the Planning Board told Chairman Francis Scauro that the committee did not wish to see Orchard Street made a through street either.

Mr. Williams later charged that Mr. Scauro had failed to cooperate with the advisory committee and had subjected the members to such a kicking around that they had quit in disgust.

Mr. Scauro apologized for having created any bad feeling and said that it had not been intentional. He outlined a program of work for the advisory

GOP CLUB TO HEAR VERVAET

Arthur W. Vervaeet of Oakland is the expected guest speaker for the regular Republican Club meeting Tuesday night at the firehouse.

President Dave Cooper said that Mr. Vervaeet, state Assemblyman from Oakland would speak on the relationship between the borough and the county and how greater coordination can be achieved between the two levels of government.

Plans for the forthcoming local election will be discussed and a campaign program of contacting all residents on the borough will be worked out.

Mr. Cooper said that the Republicans feel that if they can talk with voters personally on the issues in the election Republican victory will be assured in November.

A group of citizens from Cherokee Avenue attended the meeting to find out if homes would be built on two 60 foot lots at the corner of Franklin Turnpike and Cherokee Avenue.

Richard Van Houten inquired about building requirements for his clients who propose to build homes on the lots behind Archer Church facing Franklin Turnpike.

Leonard Baum, secretary of the Board of Assessors, resigned from the Citizens' Advisory Committee to the Planning Board.

Mayor Tucker accepted his resignation with regret. Councilman Frank McCord, in an effort to squelch unfounded rumors, said he was not nearly as exercised about the possible extension of E. Orchard St. as people assumed.

He said he was opposed to cutting the road through to highway 17, but in view of Planning Board regulations he saw no possibility of this being done.

HORSE SHOW



Shown above are the only talking horses in the world. They attracted thousands of fascinated spectators at the Bergen County, Home Show where their conversations centered around the Bergen County Cerebral Palsy Horse Show which will be held in Allendale on October 17 and 18 for the benefit of the Bergen County Cerebral Palsy Center of Ridgewood.

BORO COUNCIL

(Continued From Page One) drainage work being done on the corner by the county road department.

A successful swimming pool summer season was reported by Councilwoman Helen Hanson. Registrations of adults and children totalled 785.

An ordinance authorizing the installation of a new heating system in the firehouse was adopted upon second reading.

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Mr. McCord said he was not prepared to "throw him-

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REV. BAYARD HANCOCK VIGAR Franklin Turnpike Allendale

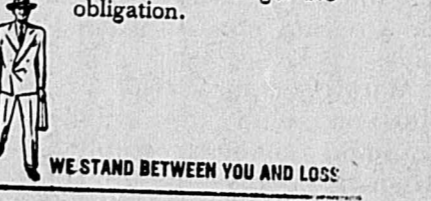
Sunday Oct. 4, (18th Sunday after Trinity): 8 a.m. Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Church School (9:30 to 10, Family Service; 10 to 10:30 Classes and Adult Study Group.) 11 a.m. Holy Communion and Sermon; Sermon title: "And in Jesus." (4th in a series of sermons on the Creed).

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self bodily in front of bulldozers' to prevent the extension of the road, that he did not wish the road cut through in order to stop people from turning around in his driveway and that he had not put up the barrier at the end of E. Orchard St.

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Do you remember the statement of former Mayor Johnson in answer to the editorial in the Allendale Press October 31, 1952, which asked, "What can be done to lower our tax bill?"

Do you remember how Mayor Tucker with the support of the two Independent Councilmen handled this tax reduction question? You received a 23 point tax rate reduction on your 1953 tax bill.

Do you remember that, although you received a tax reduction, our police and maintenance men and all other municipal employees received a raise in salary despite the fact that the former Mayor said it couldn't be done?

Do you remember that the present borough services were improved, not curtailed — that additional employees were hired and you still received a tax rate reduction?

Do you remember that all needed repairs were made or money allotted for them? Who said it couldn't be done?

Do you remember the new services such as taking over of the library and the swimming pool as municipal operations, improvements to recreation park and the completion of many projects contracted for by the previous administration? The former Mayor said it couldn't be done.

Do you remember the lame duck appointments made by the former Mayor after his defeat at the polls and all of them made without consulting the incoming Mayor? Obviously this last minute political maneuvering was done to hamstring and embarrass the new administration.

Do you remember that one of the lame duck appointments made by the ex-mayor was a defeated candidate to head the Board of Adjustment? Since when does a defeated candidate represent the majority of taxpayers?

Do you remember the determined opposition of Republican Councilmen to the Mayor's appointments of Borough Engineer - Borough Counsel - Building Inspector and others? They even tried to embarrass the office of Mayor in the right to make appointments on the Citizens' Advisory Committee.

Do you remember that when our fire truck was ordered in the early part of 1952 our officials didn't even know that the state civilian defense authorities had a program of financial aid which allowed approximately 50% of the cost to be shared by the state? Just another case of mismanagement which cost our town about \$7,000.

Do you remember the many nights we spent listening to the Planning Board Chairman and the former Mayor trying desperately to sell us their original master plan? Anything as good as they claimed it was doesn't require that much selling.

Do you remember the 118 point increase in the tax rate for 1951—the first year of former Mayor Johnson's term in office?

Do you remember the 41 point increase in the tax rate for 1952—Mayor Johnson's second year in office? This adds up to a 159 point increase in two years.

Do you remember how quickly a tax rate reduction was made after the Independents took office? You got a 23 point reduction in your 1953 tax rate because the Independents didn't say it can't be done.

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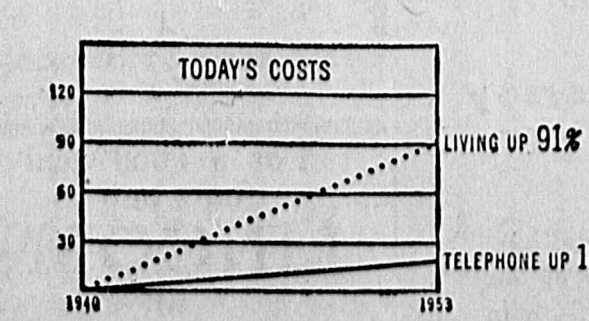
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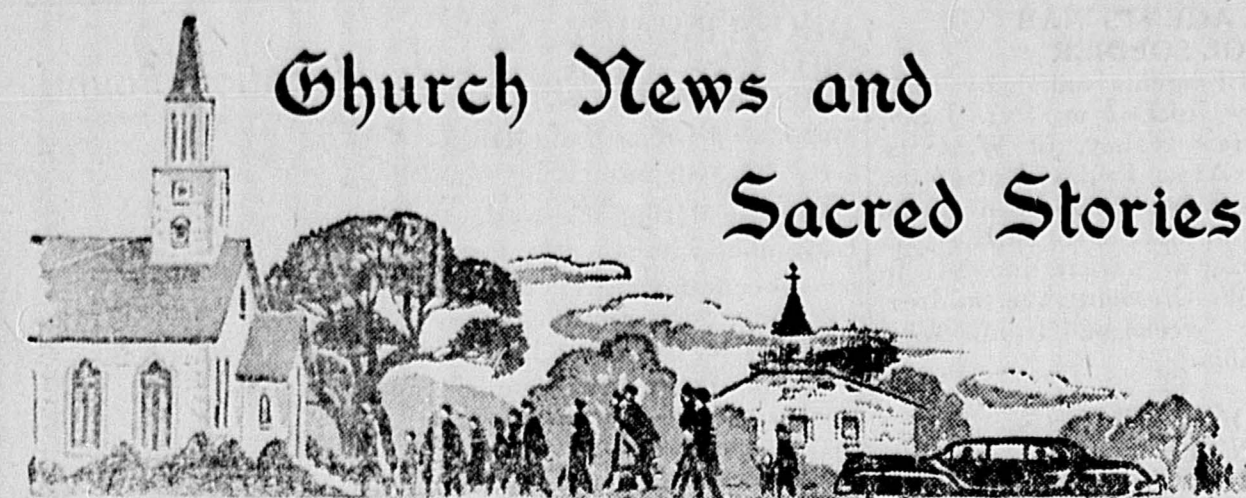
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PARENTI GIVES FIRST AID TO BRUCE ZITKE... Officer Frank Parenti was called Wednesday morning

It was necessary to rush him to Valley Hospital where the doctor had to take five stitches to close the wound.

Fourteen Allendale firemen took part recently in the parade held by Volunteer Firemen at Pearl River, N. Y.

The Harold Van Emburgh Funeral Home... 109 Darlington Avenue Ramsey, N. J.

Confession, Saturday 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday immediately preceding masses.

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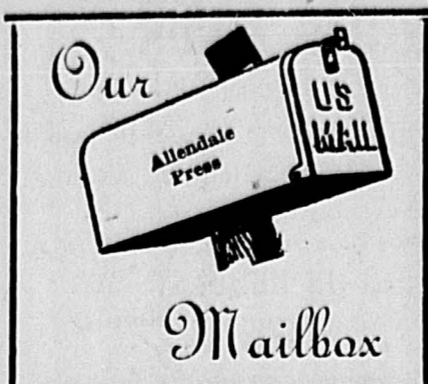
H'RSESHOW ENTREES DUE BEFORE OCT. 10... Deadline for entries in the fourth annual Bergen County

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Sincerely, Gertrude F. Taylor Executive Secretary Bergen County Chapter

To The Allendale Press: We three women saw the Republican Club's ad about "the minor league Coney Island" slamming Mr. Van Houten's Crestwood Lake.

We were among the leaders of a well known girl's organization who felt the girls needed some outdoor camping experience.

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We think it would be interesting to see if any of those who persist in their caustic criticism of Mr. Van Houten and Crestwood Lake can measure up in any of their activities to these contributions to Allendale.

SCHOCKERT HOST TO DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASS'N

The Bergen County Deputy Sheriff's Association celebrated its 12th anniversary at the home of Jack Schockert on Elm St. last Saturday night.

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The purpose of the Open House is to stress importance of adequate civil defense and to inform the public of the present status of Allendale's C. D. preparations and to give public recognition to those actively engaged in Civil Defense work in town.

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—That last year's tax reduction claimed by The Taxpayers League was achieved not by any economies, but by robbing the Surplus and Capital Improvement Funds?

— That the \$4,100 emergency appropriation for rounding Van Houten's corner, which should have been paid for from a proper Capital Improvement Fund, MUST be paid for out of your 1954 taxes.

—That The Taxpayers League as a political party opposed our School Addition, resulting in a delay that cost you an extra \$47,000 in construction costs (is this the same group that now, for political expediency, advocates "adequate appropriations to provide the best possible education?")

— That The Taxpayers League agrees with us that "the principles of the present zoning laws are basically sound and necessary"? (Do you think Dickie Van Houten will vote in accordance with these principles or in his own private interests?)

— That last year when The Public Library and The Swimming Pool needed support, there was none given by The Taxpayers League?

— That despite denials of affiliation The Citizens Committee and The Taxpayers League, the now confessed president of The Citizens Committee has publicly admitted supporting The Taxpayers League?

— That last year The Taxpayers League promised you that appointments would be made without regard to political affiliation. Nevertheless, the four new appointments made by Mayor Tucker in the Borough were:

- 1. Board of Adjustment, Helmuth Falke, Pres. of Taxpayers League. 2. Planning Board, Thomas Zane, onetime candidate for Mayor on the Taxpayer ticket. 3. Building Inspector, Dave Colburn Jr., son of one of their present candidates. 4. Tax Assessor, Leonard Baum, former candidate for Councilman on the Taxpayer ticket.

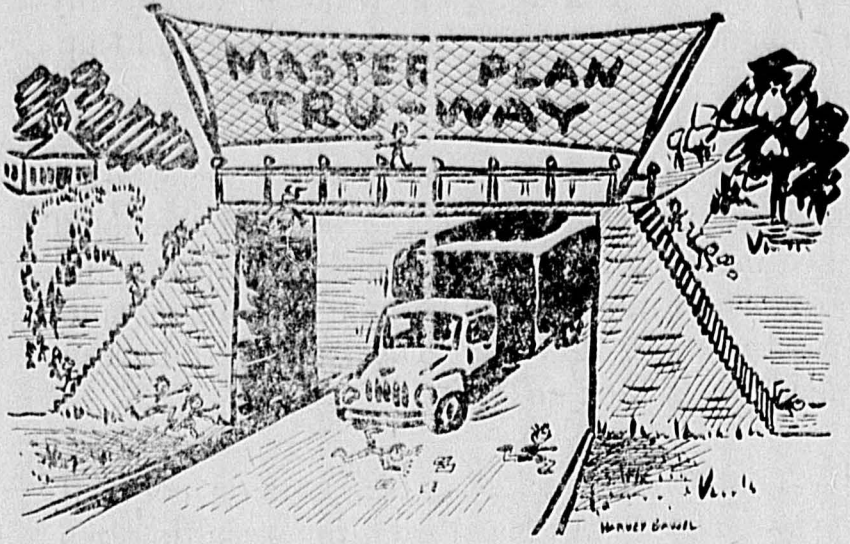
He also tried to give the lucrative Borough Engineer's appointment to the brother of the aforementioned president of The Citizens Committee, so that Brother Engineer could supervise Brother Contractor on Borough projects.

The Allendale Republican Club thanks you for your contributions which allow us to present these facts against a campaign of lies and distortions. Please continue to send them to Treasurer, Republican Club, P. O. Box 343.

Vote for Cooper and Kort Paid for by Allendale Republican Club



# Men of Vision



Page Sixteen of the Master Plan top of page, says, "It is recommended that a connecting link between First Street and Hillside Ave. be constructed with the building of a throughway between the school ground and the Recreation Park . . . A pedestrian overpass to connect the school grounds and Recreation Park will take care of the safety of school children." The above sketch is an artist's conception of the ridiculous, unrealistic and dangerous throughway that was considered by the Planning Board and has tacit approval of most members of the Borough Council of 1952. To cut through our Recreation Park with a traffic thruway where school children are at play, and where many of them must cross on their way to and from school shows conclusively how little practical application any of these board members were able to bring to the problem. The necessity of providing an overhead bridge in itself was impractical, yet it shows these people recognize the hazard involved. All overhead bridges today call for a 15 foot clearance above the roadway. Mathematically this means 127 steps to reach the bridge from either side, 254 steps twice a day for those children using this monstrosity. How did these "brain-stormers" expect to prevent the kiddies from rebelling against this mountainous climb and running across this thruway with the results depicted in the sketch. Yet we find some of these same people had the effrontery to say, "They are men of proven ability".

## Precedent or Persecution

Mr. Joseph Mahoney purchased a home located on Franklin Tpk designated as Block 21, lot 1-B. He subsequently purchased a small strip of ground in the rear of his lot which was taken from an adjacent, irregular, wedge-shaped lot known as lot 1-D. The small parcel was 10 feet in width and 27 feet long. Its deletion from lot 1-D did not in any way place this lot under the zoning lot area required.

The division, which did not have Planning Board approval, was not discovered until long after the homes had been erected and purchased by individuals. It only turned up when the owner of lot 1-D became involved in a difference with the developer of what the grading of the grounds constituted. The owner of lot 1-D in an effort to get action against the developer took the matter to the Planning Board. Soon the Boro was involved in a lawsuit which was both asinine and without justification. This matter had been dragging along for some time. A couple of months ago it finally came up before Judge Grimshaw of the Superior Court. RESULT - CASE DISMISSED. The owner, Mr. Mahoney had to lose considerable time, have been subjected to annoyance, and finally had

to pay a bill of \$150 to protect his own interests. Actually by all the rules of freasoning and simple justice the Boro of Allendale should pay this charge, for was it not caused by the act of a municipal board, the elected agent of the taxpayers?

The Boro of Allendale will pay. You, the taxpayers, will also have an attorney's bill to have to foot this expense, simply because a Chairman of the Planning Board was so 'bullheaded' he insisted the matter go to court. The YES MEN of the Planning Board and the Council went along. This matter is still not marked "Closed." The Chairman is awaiting a decision on an appeal to a court rule, and if it be reversed, then this same ridiculous case is to again come before a court.

HOW MUCH LONGER ARE THE MUNICIPAL BOARDS GOING TO BE PERMITTED TO INCUR DEBT, SIMPLY TO GRIND UNDER FOOT SOME INDIVIDUAL, AND SHOW HIM THE WORD OF THE PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN IS THE LAW OF THE LAND?

Incidentally, the former Boro Attorney, John Christie handled this case for the municipality. WHAT GIVES TAXPAYERS?

## THE REPUBLICAN STORY

Election Day saw an unprecedented number of voters turn out to express their individual feelings. Out of a total of 1,494 registered voters in Allendale, 1,324 went to the polls to indicate their choice of candidates. Late in the evening the voting machines were tallied, it was apparent the people were dissatisfied with their Republican Municipal Council. The voters had swept into office a new mayor and two new councilmen. Tucker had received 755 votes to only 507 for Johnson—a clear-cut 248 vote plurality for the independent candidate.

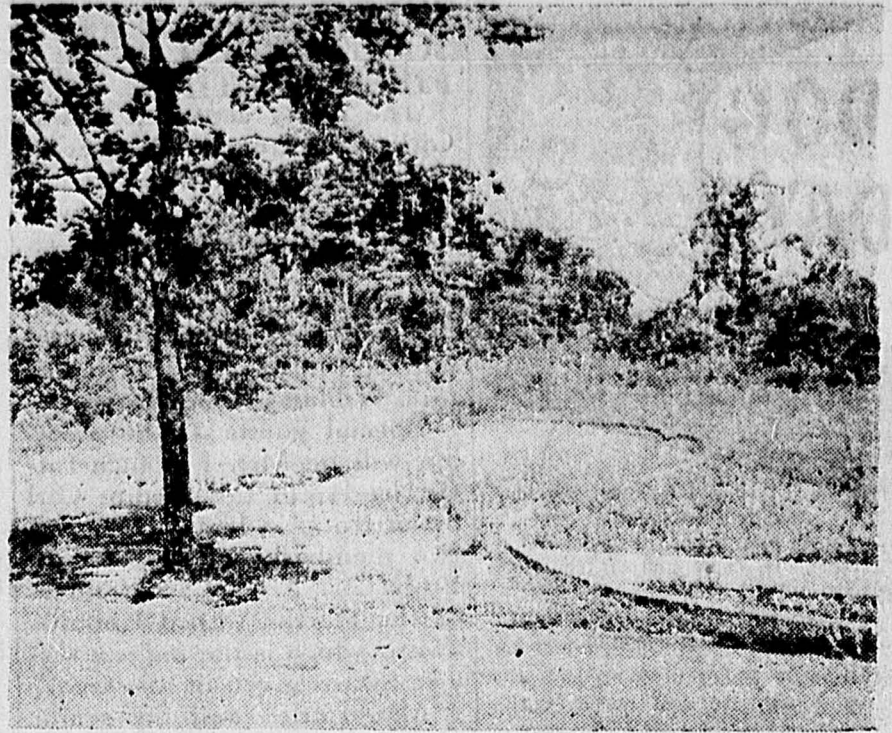
When the first voting machine was opened and the count determined, the wife of a Council incumbent remarked, "Goodness, there must be a mistake." When the second voting machine total was released, the results were unmistakable. The local Republican Organization had received a terrific beating. Again the public was treated to a display of arrogance on the part of one of the defeated candidates. This was his statement, "All I have to say is God help the town."

Mr. Tucker put in an appearance — ostensibly for the purpose of congratulating his opponent — only to discover to his astonishment that he, Mr. Tucker, was the victor. A flagrant indication of poor sportsmanship was apparent on the part of the defeated mayoralty incumbent, Mr. Johnson who departed from the polling place without making any effort to shake the hand of the victor. As an afterthought he did condescend to murmur congratulations.

It was very obvious the local Republican machine had been shaken to its very roots. They were astounded and flabbergasted and made no efforts to cover up the fact that they simply couldn't take it.

The citizenry was pleased to believe that they shortly would see some changes in the attitude of the Council. They believed their vote on Election Day would be reflected in at least some of the acts of the Mayor and Council, but they were doomed to

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## SERPENTINE CURVE

WHY DID THE OFFICIALS PULL THIS BONER?

In 1951 Dr. Godfrey Pittis, owner of a tract of approximately 10 acres lying between the Franklin Turnpike, the old Public Service right-of-way and Myrtle Ave., applied to the Planning Board for a subdivision of this property. He was informed of the requirements, and his engineer proceeded to draw up the proposed development according to the rules laid down by the Board.

On the Myrtle Ave. intersection a curve was required on each side of the street. Dr. Pittis' property did not allow for much deviation from the originally proposed street. The adjacent property owner on the northwest corner was reluctant to grant sufficient area for the curve requirement. Dr. Pittis and the owner could not get together. Yet the Planning Board insisted on a 20 degree curve radius.

Dr. Pittis thereupon was compelled to purchase a large plot on the opposite side of his proposed street in order to shift the entrance of his new street over to allow for a radius on the northwest corner. Plans had to be redrawn, and in conjunction with the Planning Board's demand for the radius, an unusual and totally impractical layout had to be formulated.

It resulted in what is known as a Reverse Curve — a monstrosity of impractical engineering and a safety hazard regardless of from which direction one enters the road. It is also a source of drainage and snow removal problems.

This matter was called to the attention of the Planning Board by the Citizens Committee, who, along with others, claimed it to be outrageous and impractical.

Investigation brought out the fact that at no time had the Planning Board, through its chairman, Mr. Scafuro, ever attempted to bring together the two parties concerned and attempted to iron out the situation. Rather they held aloof, simply demanding the impractical without attempting to straighten out the muddle.

Endless conferences were held between Dr. Pittis and the Planning Board. What was right one month was changed the next until Dr. Pittis became disgusted and threw up his hands in horror at the uncertainty of what the Board wanted. When the plan was finally adopted—almost a year later — Dr. Pittis had been compelled to purchase addi-

tional lands and to provide for the reversed curve radius which later was to be known by the picturesque name of Serpentine Curve.

Dr. Pittis proceeded to have the curbing installed on both sides of the new roadway starting about 200 feet back from the intersection. He had water installed in the street and then a bond requirement came into being. Dr. Pittis was compelled to put up a \$15,000 cash bond to guarantee the fulfillment of the project. This bond was recently renewed for an additional six months.

Late last fall the contractor installed one side of this reversed curve, and it was necessary to tear out some of the original curbing which had already been installed on the straight-away.

This spring the matter came up again before the Planning Board for review. The CITIZENS COMMITTEE continued to fight for its correction. The Council went along. The property on the northwest corner changed hands, and the new owner offered the Borough the ground required to straighten out the roadway with its required curve.

The Boro Engineers made a survey of the situation and recommended the reverse curve be removed and straightened and that two additional catch basins be installed.

The Council turned the matter over to Chairman McCord, who inspected and reported on Sept. 10 that the changes should be made and the cost to the town would be in the neighborhood of \$950. This amount represents approximately three points of additional taxation on your individual tax bill simply because the Planning Board and the Mayor and Council of the year 1952 did not know what they were doing.

Work that was done must be ripped up and destroyed. All the parties concerned are thoroughly disgusted. The taxpayers in the long run must pay for the mistakes of their officials. The project has been an eye-sore for two years.

What member of the Allendale Planning Board remarked at a public meeting "Waldwick is a community of sub-standard homes", then had to apologize.

PAID FOR BY THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE