

Old Allendale Community Club Suggested By Board Of Trade Is Now Member Of Federation

Present Woman's Club Is Offspring of Group Formed In 1918 To Help Improve Conditions In Borough; Younger Women Invited To Organize In 1933

In December 1918, a number of women of Allendale met at the call of a committee of the Board of Trade, to confer as to the forming of an organization of the women of Allendale into a body functioning for the advancement and betterment of the Borough. Mrs. W. C. Talman was elected chairman of this meeting, and Mrs. W. H. Darken, secretary; the chairman to call a general meeting in January following.

On January 3, 1919, this meeting took place, at which the following were present and constituted the charter members of the Community Club: Mesdames W. E. Carver, O. O. Clark, W. G. Z. Critchley, W. H. Darken, J. R. Fisher, K. L. Harris, B. F. Hutches Jr., Ida Jersey, A. A. Lawrence, W. C. Lee, J. H. Mallinson, B. Markwell, E. Mainey, A. K. Merrill, G. Nadler, Miss Mary Parkhurst, Miss Martha Parkhurst, G. M. Potter, J. W. Rudolph, E. Spicher, A. B. Sullivan, W. C. Talman, J. B. Taylor, S. T. Van Houten, G. Wilkin, H. E. Watson, F. A. Whitaker, J. W. Winter, M. L. Woodruff and A. L. Zabriske.

At this meeting it was unanimously voted that the organization be known as and entitled the Community Club. Up to 1922 it had but two presidents; Mrs. F. A. Whitaker, who served two years, and Mrs. W. C. Talman, who also served two years.

Joined Federation

The organization opened up to its members a new and rich field of development by joining the State Federation of Women's Clubs, in May, 1922. Through the medium of the federation it was felt that the club would have access to many other departments and activities which it could not otherwise hope to reach, and could improve conditions in its own Borough through this medium, as well as improve the interests of its own members and, consequently, the interests of Allendale.

From its very inception the club was, insofar as possible, philanthropic, and gave annual card parties for the benefit of the Allendale Library; maintenance of a Red Cross loan closet; contributed funds to the Red Cross nursing service and baby clinic, and the Smyrna Relief fund and to the Mary Fisher Home; helped the Salvation Army in its drive; sold seals for the Bergen County Tuberculosis and Health Association; gave a shrub annually through the garden club to the owner of a home showing the greatest garden improvement; gave two prizes annually to the school seventh and eighth grades; and attended to unsightly or objectionable conditions in the Borough either themselves or bringing them to the attention of proper authorities.

by an appointed committee.

There are 12 active departments: literature and drama, civics and international relations; American home, garden, welfare, education, house, membership, N. J. Club Woman subscriptions, building fund, transportation, and a custodian, as well as auditors and two councilors for the Junior Club.

Other public matters handled through the club were in raising a sum of money for kindergarten equipment when the new school building was erected; conducting a house-to-house campaign in the interest of the children's health and cooperating with the State and County in the anti-diphtheria campaign. Other frequent small contributions have been made to the school through the club, such as the recent gift of a subscription to the National Geographic magazine.

Member On Council

One of their members, Mrs. Maude Grey Pittis, is president of the Borough Council, and because of her intimate knowledge of local affairs, she has been civics chairman of the club for some time. When matters occur of which all the club may not be aware, Mrs. Pittis posts them on events. It was through her efforts and announcement to the club a few months ago that the Allendale branch of the Consumers' Tax Council was formed, to which many of the members belong although it is in no way a branch of the club, being a state-wide organization.

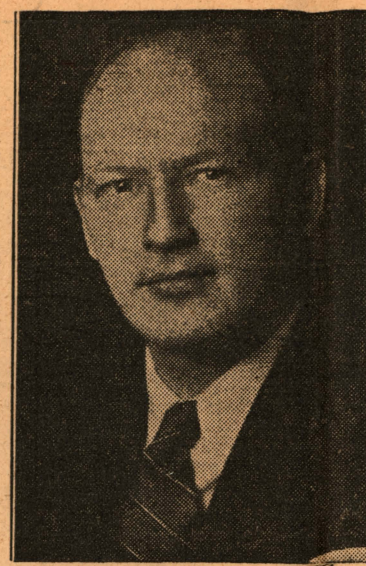
The Building Fund

In May, 1928, a donation from Mrs. William Talman started the club building fund with which the group expects eventually to build a house of its own for meetings and social events. Mrs. Talman was the first chairman of the fund, and upon her death it was turned over to Mrs. William P. Asten, the present chairman. In a savings account the club has \$357.88 toward the building; in paid up building and loan it has \$1,400, from which the interests helps pay for the five shares now being bought by the club. The first money toward this fund, after Mr. Talman's donation gave it a start, was raised by the members through socials and sales, and it has been their custom periodically since then to purchase a few more shares. No property has

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been selected as the site of the building, their first consideration having been to raise funds for its construction.

Organize Junior Club

In May, 1933, a Junior Woman's Club was organized for the girls and younger women of the town, the age limit being between 16 and 30, with two additional years of associate membership permitted before members leave the Junior group to join the Seniors.

There were thirty charter members of the club, who elected as their first president Mrs. Norman Critchley, who served during 1933 and another term in 1934; she was followed in 1935 by Mrs. David Frazer; 1936, Mrs. Bert Strong; 1937, Mrs. William Hanson; 1938, Mrs. Strong; 1939, Mrs. Thomas Eagleson, and this spring, Mrs. Albert Hill was elected.

The Junior group has followed in its elders' footsteps on charity work and public affairs, and has the same departments as the Senior Club. A welfare department has aided many town families in need, has provided baby cloths and paid milk bills. The entire club has aided in the Red Cross drive by canvassing for members, and this spring gave a benefit card party whose proceeds were turned over to the Child Hygiene Nurse to help defray her expenses in Borough work.

Senior Officers

The list of presidents of the Senior Club, since it was first formed as the Community Club include Mrs. F. A. Whittaker, 1919-1921; Mrs. W. C. Talman, 1921-23; Mrs. E. W. Hurd, 1923-24; Miss M. C. Parkhurst, 1924-26; Mrs. D. M. Colburn, 1926-27; Mrs. W. C. Talman, 1927-28; Mrs. F. W. Winters, 1928-29; Mrs. B. W. Griffiths, 1929-30; Mrs. E. P. Dwyer, 1930-31; Mrs. J. B. Hunter, 1931-33; Miss Katherine Wenzel, 1933-34; Mrs. F. A. Van Sickle, 1934-36; Mrs. Charles M. Gaston, 1936-38; Mrs. William Forbes, 1939.

The Senior Group holds meetings every second Friday of the month from September through May; the Juniors meet every first Thursday night in the month from fall to summer.

Ambulance Corps, Allendale's Newest Public Servant, Marks Another Step In Civic Growth

Organization, Formed Only Two Years Ago, Has Record Of 125 Calls Answered; Provides Transportation For Local and Nearby Residents to Hospitals

A gift to the Allendale Borough Council, made possible through the offer of Dr. Frederick Kanning in May 1937, of an ambulance which he was able to procure from the Hackensack hospital, opened the way to the formation of the Ambulance Corps. Dr. Kanning discussed the offer with former Police Chief William Reimer and former Mayor Kenneth V. Fisher, the latter accepting the ambulance and turning it over to Chairman John P. Doehling of the Committee of Public Safety, feeling that it could be used for transporting residents to nearby hospitals in emergency cases much more quickly than waiting for an out-of-town ambulance to arrive.

The ambulance was delivered to town on June 10, and Doehling called a meeting on June 30, for men interested in operating and maintaining the vehicle. Present at the first meeting were Archie Farrell, Nelson White, Paul O'Connor, Cyril Dargue, Gus Sohne, Harold Heidrich, John L. Winters, James Kievit, John P. Doehling, Henry Kahse, Fred Van Horn, Lyman Ceely, Jacob Kaplan, George Wilson who acted as secretary, and Carl Wehner.

Doehling informed the men that Doctors Kanning, Harry Lampa and James Campbell of Ramsey would act with the public safety committee as an advisory board.

Officers Elected

In the election of officers Carl Wehner was named president; Nelson White, vice-president; Kahse, secretary-treasurer; O'Connor, captain. The name of the Allendale Ambulance Corps was approved by the members and accepted as the title.

pointed to consider by-laws: Farrell, O'Connor, and White. Fees set for transporting residents to the hospital, with the understanding that local residents would be granted its use free of charge, were as follows: \$10 for non-residents to local hospitals; such as Hackensack or Paterson; \$20 for non-residents to New York hospitals, and \$10 for local residents to New York hospitals.

Captain O'Connor started first aid classes for the men, which consisted of a ten weeks' training period.

The men purchased their own uniforms, and Doehling presented each man after completion of the course with a State emblem for his uniform. In the meantime O'Connor was searching for ways to bring the Corps up to the highest degree of efficiency and co-operation with the public. Thus he formulated a call system whereby two

might come in. He assigned two men for each day, and two men for a given night of each week.

Join Council

The Corps joined the New Jersey State First Aid Council to keep informed on new methods in first aid and other safety precautions and problems which are regularly brought before that body. All squads which are members are kept up to the highest degree of efficiency. The Corps is also under the supervision of the State Police, where all equipment is listed so that in case of emergency or any major disaster the State Police know which squads would be best trained and equipped to be of assistance.

Blood typing has been performed for each member, and in the past year blood of members has been

donated for five different patients.

The Mobilization Call

Through the efforts of Captain O'Connor, and in co-operation with the State Police and State First Aid Squads, the Corps staged the first mobilization call in Bergen County at Allendale Recreation Park, during which 10 squads from different parts of the County responded and put on a demonstration. This drill proved such a valuable aid to all involved in teaching them methods of their brother-corps, that other counties in the State have since followed the same procedure.

To the present time a total of 125 calls have been answered and five blood donations given by the Corps. Two lieutenants have been appointed recently to assist Captain O'Connor and to improve the efficiency of the group. These men, whose appointments have been confirmed, are Nelson White and William Strangfeld, the latter now an American Red Cross instructor.

The Ambulance Fund

At present the burning ambition of the men is to reach their quota in a drive to buy a new ambulance, which they feel is a great necessity, as their original vehicle is a 1926 model and has gone over 85,000 miles. To meet this expense, the Corps is holding a carnival, an event which promises to become an annual affair, from July 17-22 of this year at Recreation Park.

Several members hold important positions on committees of the New Jersey First Aid Council; Captain O'Connor is chairman of mobilization and safety, and F. A. Farrell is Third District secretary and a member of the executive board.

Since the inception of the Corps the ambulance has been equipped, entirely through funds raised and provided by the group, with an up to date doctor's first aid kit, and a six-man carry stretcher, as well as many other articles which are for the doctors' use, too numerous to

mention.

Many first aid demonstrations have been performed before the State Council, and the Allendale group has been highly commended both on its efficiency, equipment, and enthusiasm. The Corps is only a young organization, and with a steadily growing membership it promises to live a long and useful life in service to the community. They have asked no outright donations from the townspeople, and have never failed to respond to a call efficiently, and quickly. The annual carnival is their principal fund-raiser, and the townspeople, in response to the many favors granted them by the Corps, have responded generously by supporting the activity.

The Personnel

The Advisory Board of the Corps includes Dr. Kanning, Dr. Harry Archer of the New York Fire Department; Dr. H. Lampa; Dr. S. J. Ross; Dr. Campbell; Dr. Vernon Hawes of Ramsey; Dr. S. E. Robinson of Waldwick; Councilman Lyman Ceely; O'Connor; Councilman George Albert; President Carl Wehner; Vice-president White; Secretary Farrell; Treasurer Charles Bijou, and Lieutenant William Strangfeld. Members are Harold Ryan, Kanse, Kaplan, James Kievit, George Price, Walter Christie, J. Winters, Sohne, L. Scafuro, and Harold Kiermaier.

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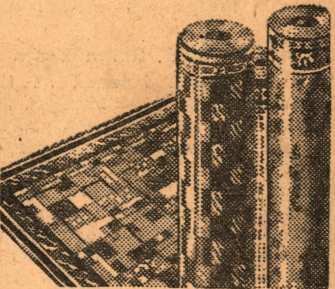
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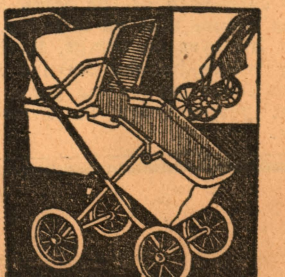
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