

Dr. Pittis Tells About the Old Days In Allendale and of a Less Restricted Time

ALLENDALE — Following the organization meeting of the new '55 Boro Council and during the part of the meeting which is open to the public, Dr. Godfrey Pittis rose to speak a 'few words' to the council and the public of Allendale in general. His words extended themselves into an hour's dissertation encompassing a wide variety of subjects, ranging from the Village Improvement Society, an active town organization some 50 years ago, through the years to the present planning board of Allendale, who Dr. Pittis claims 'has taken away the life, liberty, and privileges of everyone in this town who owns property.'

Dr. Pittis told his audience that all the town councils were for the most part composed of politicians with whom the good citizens of Allendale were always struggling. Dr. Pittis recalled the virtues of the only two honest Mayors, whom he could recollect, Gustav Nadler and Kenny Fisher. The latter mayor was responsible for removing the grade crossing at Crescent Avenue.

After reminiscing at length about the mud roads, the days when the post office was in the railroad station, the difficulty of getting packages delivered, the Women's Auxiliary of the Board of Trade (who gave the flag to

the public school) and the problem of the Woman's Club who through the years have had no place to meet, Dr. Pittis descended upon the Firehouse. Here is where the germs from the common cold are germinated, says the Doctor. This is also the place where the Planning Board meets.

Dr. Pittis also pondered the problem of the old people. People who live in houses which are too large to maintain without servants and wish to sell their homes for nursing homes for the aged are prohibited in this action by the present zoning ordinances. He referred in particular to a denial to Mathew Crinkley of Hillside Avenue, who wanted to sell his home for this purpose.

The Doctor described his own plight with the Planning Board saying that he has fourteen acres of land which have given him nothing but sorrow. He put in water and curbs and took out a planned park, but has never been able to satisfy the board. George Wilson, said the Doctor just had to give up because he couldn't satisfy the board.

In conclusion the Doctor offered to cooperate in every way with the present council in the hope that they might be instrumental in easing his own problems.