

Mr. and Mrs. Vesci and the house converted to a Chapel. Here the Church now carries on its work.

From 1914 until 1954 the church had been operated as a Mission of St. Luke's, served by priests of that parish. By January 1953 the growth of the Catholic community led Archbishop Boland to establish Guardian Angel as a regular parish of the Newark Archdiocese. On July 3, 1954 the Rev. Maurice L. McManus, of Our Lady of All Souls in East Orange, was appointed the first resident pastor of the new parish. He endeared himself to his parishioners, who were much saddened by his illness and death. Father John Farrell replaced him for the next two years; in October of 1957 Rev. Joseph E. Stockhammer became pastor, continuing in that office to the present time. The parish today consists of more than 400 families.

An important activity of the parish is the work of the Columbus Cadets, a local branch of the National Columbus Cedets of America. The local unit was organized in 1958 under the guidance of Father Stockhammer and Warren Casteline with 25 boys. The girls were organized in 1959.

The units meet once a week, girls on Friday afternoons and the boys in the evening. There are now 40 boys and 25 girls in membership. Their activities include military drill, map reading, first aid courses as well as religious activities. They have competed in state competition for 6 years and this year the boys won one silver and 18 bronze medals while the girls were awarded 3 gold medals.



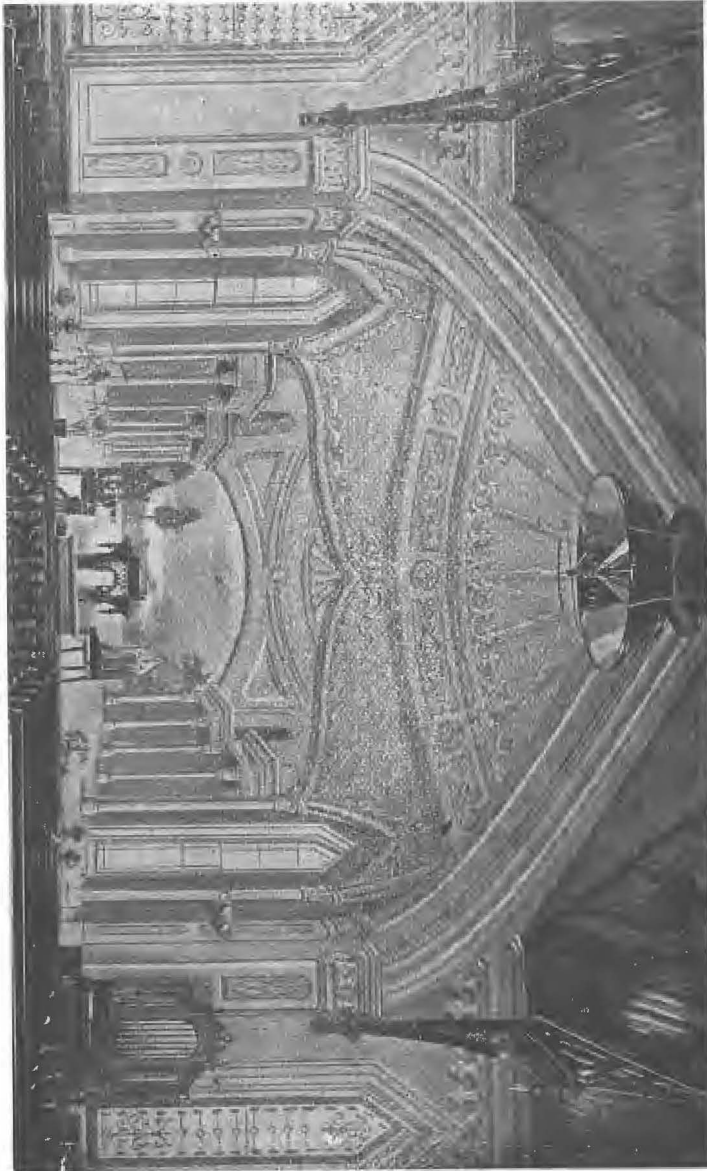
## ARCHER MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

During the early years of this district, between 1785 and 1790, the Methodists began to hold camp meetings. About 1797 the records of New Prospect, as Waldwick was then known, show that it was the Mother Church of the area and its ministers served the circuit stretching from Belleville, New Jersey to Haverstraw, New York.

In the early 1870's a summer resident of Allendale, Mr. O. H. P. Archer, combined a personal desire and a community need into an act of faith. With his own funds, he had a chapel built at the corner of Allendale Avenue and Franklin Turnpike in memory of his parents. As a result, the Methodists had a new church and Allendale had what has become a landmark. It was on February 17th, 1876, at three o'clock in the afternoon, that the chapel was opened for Sunday School purposes and on June 18th, this same year, the chapel was dedicated for church worship and a circuit rider assigned to hold services regularly in Allendale. The first sacrament performed in the new, uncompleted church was the baptism of a little girl about to leave for China, her birthplace and that of her mother. The ceremony took place "on a floor of wood shavings beside a font placed on a carpenter's work bench". The child's name was Augusta Connor Smith and she was born in Hong Kong on December 25th, 1873. A copy of her Baptismal Certificate is included in the Corner Stone of the Church. The officiating pastor was Rev. R. B. Collins and the date November 14th, 1875.

The first full-time pastor in Allendale was Reverend William Potts George, who was assigned to the church in 1886.

*Sixty-one*



*Interior of Archer Church - 1890*

*Sixty*

Archer Hall was erected prior to 1886 and was used for Sunday School and such social events as the church sponsored. On occasion it was also used by the community at large, for elections and for school graduation exercises.

On June 6th, 1888 Mary Elizabeth Mallinson of Allendale and LeVan Molineux of Brooklyn, the first of many hundreds, were united in marriage in the sanctuary.

On November 5th, 1893, an enlarged and beautiful Archer Memorial Methodist Church was re-dedicated. This edifice had cost the donor \$18,000. The morning service filled the church to capacity but the evening service, the same day, overflowed onto the grounds, some people coming as far as 25 miles — a long buggy ride!

The beautiful windows in the church are worthy of special mention, "They are of two kinds — the brightly colored and the grisaille — the story window and the decorative. The glass is both painted and fired, also molten mixed. Some panes are thick, some thinner; some blown and some pressed. All these variations are used to give a beautiful effect. The side windows in the nave — three on one side, four on the other — equal seven, the perfect number. Each is in two parts—the positive and the negative. These are grisaille. The side windows in the transept, also grisaille, are in three parts the center one having the circle of eternity made of the vine: "I am the Vine". "I am Everlasting Life". The windows in the north wall are stained glass wheel windows, each telling a story. One shows the Cross and Crown — the Life of Christ, his Birth and Death. The other has an open Bible, signifying Perfect Knowledge. In each are ten decorative spokes. The panel window in the south wall is composed of

four parts below, and three above — two in a pair and one above its. The four Gospels are the basis of the Christian Faith; the Trinity is the center of this faith. As a Christian one is either for or against the one true God. The single window has a white dove descending in a triangle in a square in a circle, the pure Spirit of God coming down to man through Eternal Christianity.

The parsonage was built in 1893 and given to the church in 1901, again thanks to Mr. Archer.

The present Moeller organ was built in the church during 1923 and dedicated on November 11 of that year. Reverend C. C. Woodruff was the minister and Mrs. Gilbert E. Nichols the organist, a position she held from 1917 until 1959. Mr. Olaf Seybert is the present organist and the organ was rebuilt in 1962.

A fiftieth anniversary was celebrated under the leadership of Reverend J. C. Hofer in 1926, and in 1951, during the pastorate of Rev. Harry W. Goodrich, the seventy-fifth anniversary was observed. Mr. Goodrich served at Archer Church for 15 years and is presently Superintendent of the Southern District of the Newark Conference.

As Allendale the community grew, so did the church; it was necessary to add classroom facilities at Archer Hall and the auditorium, was redecorated. Renovations were the order of the day at the parsonage also.

From the beginnings of the church there had been the organization known as the "Ladies Aid Society." A list of the officers for the year 1894-95 is most interesting



and worthy of study; Mrs. W. B. Asten was President, Mrs. G. F. Dickinson (wife of the pastor) was Vice-president, Miss Annie C. Van Blarcom kept the minutes and Mrs. Joseph H. Ware (wife of the teacher in our one-room public school) was custodian of the funds. This Society carried on the work of the women of the church most faithfully. In 1944 the name was changed to "Women's Society for Christian Service" and today functions under that title, with a membership of approximately 140.

In 1955 the membership of the church was saddened by the death of Mrs. Frank Berdan, who had been very active in the work of the church and particularly helpful with seasonal decorations. The beautiful chimes which Mr. Seybert so often plays on Sunday morning are a memorial to her efforts for Archer Church.

The Sunday School, which has grown so steadily that a new building was essential to carry on its work, now numbers about 500 and is directed by some 50 teachers and officers.

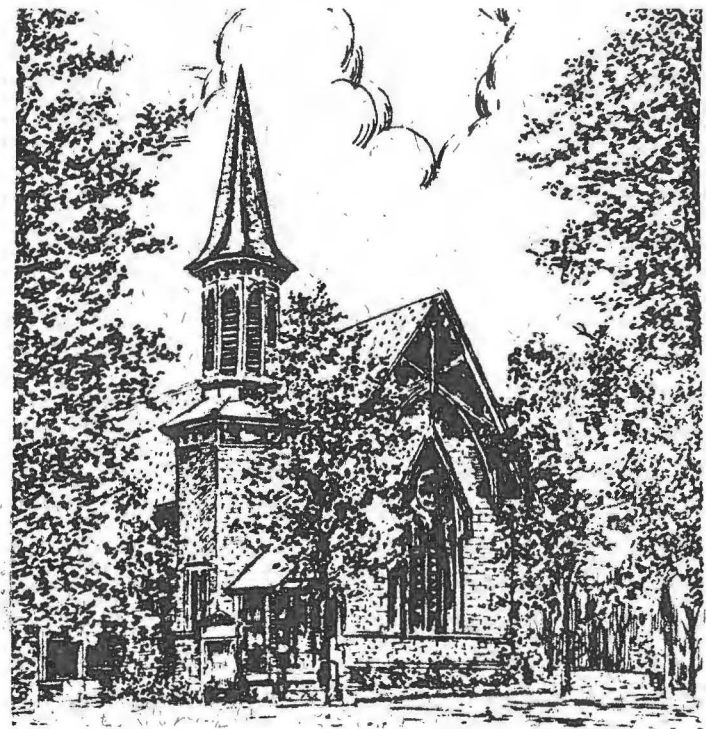
The many extra activities of the Church membership are deserving of special mention. Let us for a moment consider the beautiful creche that is displayed each Christmas on the church lawn. This enterprise was started in 1951 under the supervision of Mrs. S. E. Staines and Mrs. Harold Craven, and took three years for completion as it is now on view each Christmas season. Many hours of planning and discussion, as well as research, preceded the actual construction of this Christmas Landmark.

Archer Memorial Methodist Church has been sponsor for Boy Scout Troop No. 59 since its inception. About 50 couples

of the church recently organized the "Archer Couples Club," which meets the third Saturday evening of each month for a social time.

The music of the church has been a very important part in its regular services and all special affairs. There are three choirs; the Chancel Choir under the direction of the organist, Mr. Seybert, and the Chapel and the Crusaders, both under the direction of Mr. R. Perinchief, the Associate Pastor.

The present pastor is the Reverend Franklin W. Thurston, who came to administer to the church in 1962.





## CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

In the Fall of 1954 a group of Lutheran families met together to discuss the possibility of starting a congregation in the town of Allendale. A committee was formed consisting of the following members: Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Cantillon, Mr. and Mrs. George Eriksen, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Froyland, Mrs. Reidar Johansen of Allendale; Mr. and Mrs. Haakon Fure, Mr. and Mrs. Arne Gustavson of Ramsey; Mr. and Mrs. Ragnar Hansen of Mahwah. The Borough Council was approached and they gave permission for the use of the Allendale Fire House on West Allendale Avenue opposite the railroad station. The first service was held on December 5, 1954 at 11:00 a.m. The Rev. C. O. Pedersen, President of the Atlantic Circuit of the Eastern District of the Evangelical Lutheran Church was the speaker at this first service. There were 61 present.

It is a rare occasion when a Sunday School is organized with more teachers than pupils' — yet this is what happened when the Sunday School was started on January 2, 1955. Nineteen men and women volunteered to teach, and nine students were enrolled.

On January 11, 1955 the ladies of the congregation met and "The Guild" of Calvary Lutheran Church was organized.

From December of 1954 until 1956 the congregation was served by visiting pastors who were doing graduate work at Princeton Theological Seminary. These men were all ordained pastors in the Evangelical Lutheran Church. On August 1, 1956 the Rev. Luther B. Keay and his family arrived in Allendale, Pastor Keay to serve as the first official pastor

of the congregation.

Property on West Crescent Avenue and Ivers Place was purchased and in December 1956 ground was broken for the building of the first church unit, located at 165 West Crescent Avenue. Prior to the ground breaking, the men of the congregation had cleared the land of brush and trees and several thousand yards of fill had been used to raise the level of the land.

On May 26, 1957 the congregation gathered for the last time at the Allendale Fire House. From there they moved to the new church where a Service of Entry was held. The church was dedicated on June 16, 1957. It consisted of an auditorium seating 200, a pastor's study, a secretary's office, a kitchen and a fellowship room.

Due to the rapid growth of the Sunday School, in December 1959 construction was started on a parish education addition consisting of five new classrooms and a new fellowship room, the old fellowship room being divided into two Sunday School rooms.

The first parsonage of this congregation was located at 60 Cottage Place, but this house was sold and a larger two story house built on the church property, 70 Ivers Place. Pastor Keay and his family moved into the new home in April of 1960.

Calvary Lutheran Church has grown from a charter membership of 40 families to over 110 families in the short period of its existence. The Sunday School now has well over 200 pupils.

The Men's Brotherhood of the congregation sponsors Boy Scout Troop No. 159.

The Hi-League, for all high-school youth, is an active group with a program centered around the Word of God as well as many good wholesome recreational activities.

Calvary Lutheran Church, at the time of its organization, became a member of The Evangelical Lutheran Church body. In January of 1962 three church bodies, The Evangelical Lutheran Church, United Evangelical Lutheran Church, American Lutheran Church, merged and formed The American Lutheran Church body, of which Calvary Lutheran Church now is a member.

Through the shepherding of Pastor Keay, the congregation has grown in numbers and has been spiritually enriched.

On January 15, 1963 the Rev. Luther B. Keay terminated his pastorate at Calvary Lutheran Church to assume the pastorate of Messiah Lutheran Church, Park Ridge, Illinois. On May 8, 1963 the Rev. John F. Nelson of Brookings, South Dakota accepted the call to be pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church. Pastor Nelson and his family moved into the parsonage on June 15, 1963, at which time Pastor Nelson assumed the spiritual leadership of the congregation.

## BOY SCOUTS OF ALLENDALE

1917 - 1964

Boy Scouts in Allendale today are represented by three Troops. The original, Troop 59, is sponsored by the Archer Memorial Methodist Church with Robert Turner as Scoutmaster and John Cebak and Bruce Liming as Assistant Scoutmasters.

Troop 252 which is sponsored by the Church of The Epiphany, was organized in 1958, and has as its Scoutmaster David Stewart, with Edward O. Curtiss as Assistant Scoutmaster.

Troop 159, organized in 1960, is sponsored by the Men's Brotherhood of the Calvary Lutheran Church, with Scoutmaster Rolf W. Guthey in charge.

Troop 59 has a Cub Pack for boys eight to eleven years of age, which was organized in 1943, and whose present Cubmaster is Frank Doughty.

In 1956 it was recognized that a new Cub Pack was needed to take care of the young boys of Allendale's growing population. The Church of the Epiphany agreed to sponsor Cub Pack 252 and two years later a new Boy Scout Troop evolved from this Pack. This Pack's present Cubmaster is Victor Butler.

Behind all these active boys are a great number of Allendale men who serve as Troop Committeemen, Institutional Representatives, and in various other capacities to make it possible for our scouts to take part in the many activities that are a part of Scout Life. Scouting in Allendale owes its success

to these men and to all the other persistent men before them who believe in youth.

Through the efforts of Mr. Robert A. Phair, presently living on Franklin Turnpike, Scouting became a factor in Allendale in 1917, when the Allendale Scouts were first organized and backed by a group of local men, The Reverend Charles Woodruff, of Archer Church acted as Chairman of the Troop and his associates were Willard Alling, Arthur Tomalin, Harry Hartt and A. E. Atkinson.

Robert Phair was Allendale's first Scoutmaster. His Troop consisted of Scouts Leon Kornhoff, Ray Scholz, William Buhlman, Floyd Vander Beck and Otto Vander Beck. Boy Scouts in Allendale were active in World War I selling War Bonds and collecting old newspapers.

Allendale was then known as Troop 1, and as with all Boy Scout Troops in America, was directed from National Headquarters.

However, as the movement grew, it was found that smaller directing units were needed, and the country was divided up into regions and councils. Allendale was made a member of the North Bergen County Council in 1920, and the Troop number was changed from 1 to 59. This breaking down into smaller units helped greatly because Troops could compete with each other through organized activities conducted by the Council.

In 1938 Allendale had 35 members in Troop 59, 22 of which were active. The Troop was then 21 years old, and Archer Memorial Methodist Church accepted its sponsorship. Previous to this it had been sponsored by a group of local

men: Frederick L. Savage, William Buhlman, George Wehner, Jr., and John Gasko.

Under the new sponsorship of the church, these men were re-elected to the committee along with William Early, at a reorganization meeting. Associate Committeemen also elected at that time were the Rev. George Storey, Dr. Harry M. Lampa, George R. Price, and G. Albert Hill.

The highest rank in Scouting is that of Eagle Scout, and the first member of Troop 59 to attain that rank was Norman Farrell, in 1939. Since that time many others have followed suit. This same year a new Committee of Health and Safety was formed and was headed by Dr. Frederick R. Kanning as Chairman.

On April 24, 1940, Troop 59 held its first annual Parents Night at the Firehouse. This was also the first meeting of the newly formed Mother's Auxiliary with Mrs. B. McNally as Chairman and Mrs. B. Perry Hamilton as Secretary-Treasurer. Every Boy Scout Mother was automatically a member of this group. They paid no dues and their sole aim was to help the boys with their large meetings and to serve refreshments. Later when the Cubs were organized mothers were also called upon to act as Den Mothers.

Under the leadership of devoted men, Allendale's Boy Scouts have had numerous opportunities to experience a variety of adventure.

In May of 1940 the Scouts of Troop 59, under the then Scoutmaster Arthur Albert, camped for a week at the New York World's Fair as a part of the Composite Boy Scout Troop, and later that same year attended World's Fair cere-



monies in observance of the Ninetieth Birthday of National Scout-Commissioner Daniel Beard.

During the past 45 years Scouting has been consistently offered to the youth of Allendale by adults who have recognized the value of the organization. Men who have served as Scoutmasters in Allendale are Robert A. Phair, Harry C. Hartt, Daniel I. Dargue, Walter Hillman, Frederick L. Savage, Jonas C. Clain, George R. Price, Dr. Harry M. Lampa, Elwood T. Critchley, Arthur A. Albert, William B. Buhlman, David Kaplan, Harvey Beswick, Robert D. Simpson, Donald Anderson, Frank McCord, Edward Cook, W. James Hall, Thomas Mowbray, Frank Hoffman, and the present Scoutmaster Robert Turner.

Let it be noted here that William B. Buhlman, who was one of Allendale's original Scouts, was also our most constant Scoutmaster, holding that post at three different times, and for anywhere from two to five years at a time. At present he serves the Boy Scouts in the office of Assistant District Commissioner.

Credit should also be given to the sponsoring organizations and to all the adults who have worked on the committees of the organization by aiding the various Scoutmasters.

Allendale's Boy Scouts helped tremendously in the National Defense effort during World War II, as they did in the First, by collecting aluminum and old newspapers. At that time the shortage of paper constituted a grave problem and the boys under Scoutmaster William Buhlman worked hard and diligently to take part in the Nation's defense. The monies paid for newspapers also helped to make our Boy

Scout Troop more self-supporting. Through their efforts, Allendale's collection topped the Borough's quota by ten per cent.

They have been called upon in times of emergencies and have contributed their time and efforts to community projects: painting the underpass by Troop 252; Troops 59 and 252 worked on local conservation projects, clean-up jobs for sponsoring organizations, trail work etc. in Campgaw Reservation after a Camporee.

Many of Allendale's Scouts have served in the Armed Forces. Two made the supreme sacrifice in World War II: Edward Hamilton and Harold Scott, Jr.

Allendale's Explorer Post 59 was the first such Post in the Ramapo District and was chartered in November 1946, with William Buhlman as leader. It continued for about two years. This organization was for boys 14 years and older. It was disbanded when many entered college or the Armed Forces. In 1956 it was reactivated under the leadership of Frank McCord and their biggest project was a trip to Philmont Scout Range in New Mexico. Again after a two-year period it was disbanded, only to be reactivated in April of 1963 with W. Rohman as leader.

## GIRL SCOUTS

In the summer of 1932, because of the need for planned recreation, a Girl Scout troop committee was formed. Among its members were Mrs. H. Webster, Mrs. Frank Berdan, Mrs. Ernest Craze, Mrs. George T. Winne and Mrs. William Lightbody. This committee secured Mrs. Edward Megnin as the first leader of Troop 50, for girls between the ages of 10 and 14 years. Miss Rose Dugan and Miss Hazel Lightbody were the assistants and the girls met in Epiphany Church Hall on Monday afternoons.

Brownie Troop 79 was formed in 1937 for girls in the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades at the suggestion of Mrs. Herbert Flandreau. This group started with 24 youngsters, meeting weekly at Archer Hall.

In the 1940's a second Brownie troop for younger girls was formed and met at the school under the guidance of Mrs. Louis Kort assisted by Mrs. Charles Williams.

Senior Service Scout Troop 49 was first registered with the National organization in February of 1945. This troop was for high-school girls and Mrs. Heuser was the first leader, assisted by Miss Mayrose Schmidheini.

By November of 1940 there were 90 registered Scouts and Brownies in Allendale and the troop committee had become a District Committee of the Paterson Area Girl Scouts. A few years later our town was written up nationally in Scout magazines, as every girl in Allendale of scout age was a member and a registered Girl Scout.

In September of 1963 Allendale Scouts, along with Girl

Scouts throughout the United States participated in a program change to four levels of Scouting. There are now 5 Brownie troops of 2nd and 3rd graders; 5 Junior troops of 4th through 6th grade; 2 Cadette troops of 7th and 8th grades and Senior troop 49 for girls in high-school. The District Committee with 23 members meets monthly to coordinate the program. The Leaders also meet monthly in their Association to plan their activities and to learn new skills to impart to their girls.

Many residents who have special skills and interests volunteer their time to assist the troops as Badge consultants.

An annual Fund drive in the fall supports the volunteer efforts of the Scouting program. A Girl Scout cookie sale later in the Fall helps to support the Scout camp, Te Ata, and also swells the treasuries of the individual troops.

From the beginnings with one troop and three leaders Girl Scouting has now grown to 320 girls in 13 troops with 31 leaders giving weekly of their time and talents. Totaling girls, leaders, district committee and badge consultants and helpers there are over 400 scout-minded people in our town of Allendale.

## GARDEN CLUB

On May 12, 1921 at the Borough Hall a small but very enthusiastic group of residents met to discuss the formation of a Garden Club. G. W. Potter, Chairman of the Board of Trade, presented the plan to form the club and Rev. J. D. Kennedy was called upon to express his views on the subject. At this first meeting were many residents who became well known for their interest in the beautification of the community. Among those present were: Mrs. A. A. Abbott, Philip B. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Berdan, Mr. and Mrs. George Etesse, Mrs. B. F. Hutches, Mrs. M. Wilkins, Mrs. I. Jersey, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Phair, the Misses Mary and Martha Parkhurst, Mr and Mrs. W. C. Tallman, Mrs. J. W. Rudolph, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rathburn, Mrs. E. R. Mainey, Mrs. A. B. Sullivan, Mrs. S. T. Van Houten, Mrs. F. A. Whittaker and Parnell Thomas.

An organization meeting was held on May 26, 1921 and Wallace Carver was elected president. The other officers were: Frank Berdan, vice president, Mrs. E. R. Mainey, secretary, and Louis Jones, treasurer.

The Allendale Garden Club was instrumental in founding the Bergen County Federation of Garden Clubs later that year in Ho Ho Kus, and is a charter member. Over the years many of the Garden Club members have served the Federation in various capacities.

In its early years the Garden Club won many awards at the county, state, and even national levels. Mrs. B. F. Hutches won a photographic contest showing beauty spots and home

gardens, the pictures and her articles appeared in GARDEN MAGAZINE. Mrs. H. K. Schoenheiter in 1929 won an award in the NEW YORK WORLD contest for better gardens. The next year the Club entered the State Flower Show in Kearney and received a first in the miniature garden exhibit. Also that year an entry at the National Gladiolus Society show at Grand Central Palace earned the blue and silver medal of the American Gladiola Society for four of the club members: Mrs. Berdan, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Doty, and John Doty. The winning exhibit, which was in competition with the works of commercial growers, contained 1,500 spikes in its arrangement. Two years later in the HERALD TRIBUNE better lawns and gardens contest first prizes in class A and B were won by Garden club members E. Z. Dator and Roy Quackenbush.

On the local level the Garden Club sponsors an annual Flower Show and a Christmas Doorway Decorating Contest which are open to all residents as well as members. There have also been Home Garden contests, garden tours in town, and occasional plant sales.

Civic improvement projects have always been important to the Garden Club. The planting designs for the Town Library, Municipal Park, Railroad Plaza, and Municipal Building have had their beginnings with the Garden Club.

In order to form a Shade Tree Commission in 1960 the Allendale Garden Club recommended names to the Mayor and Council, and club members Roy Quackenbush, Charles Palmer, and Michael Pasquier have continued to serve on the Commission. Through their efforts the Japanese Cherry trees have been planted throughout the shopping districts



of town and all parts of town are continually inspected to maintain the shaded rural atmosphere of Allendale.

The Garden Club has always taken an active part in conservation and state beautification efforts through support of Greebrook sanctuary and anti-billboard legislation.

The Club, which is composed of local couples interested in gardening and horticulture, meets monthly at the homes of members.



*Old Toll Gate House - Allendale, N. J.*



*Hillside Avenue - Allendale, N. J.*



## HOLIDAY OBSERVERS

One of the most popular community organizations is the Holiday Observers. This was the outgrowth of an idea of a friendly, public-spirited citizen, Mr. G. M. Potter, who lived at 775 West Crescent Avenue about 1919. At his suggestion he and his neighbors pooled their supply of Fourth of July fireworks and thus had a greater display and a friendly get-together. Such fun resulted that it was repeated on succeeding years. Eventually a group of citizens was organized to purchase fireworks, and the Recreation Park was designated as the place for the display. The people from surrounding towns came to enjoy the display and admission was collected from "out of towners." The audience finally numbered into the thousands and the entire field would be covered with people on blankets and folding chairs, as well as in, on, and around the cars parked there. It was an unforgettable sight to see the bright light from the "bombs bursting in air" light up the faces of young and old.

A standing committee, self-perpetuating, of about 30 developed, and was called The Holiday Observers Committee. This group was taken over as an adjunct of the Town Council and membership was limited to citizens who were recommended by the organization and officially appointed by the Mayor and Council. During the period until 1946 the Mayor was the Honorary Chairman but the administration of the organization was by the officers. The object was the proper observance of Independence Day, and any other Holiday or special occasion, at the discretion of the organization.

In 1926 in observance of the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Independence of the United States a very fine pageant was presented by the townspeople under the auspices of the Holiday Observers together with all the Civic Organizations of the Borough of Allendale. Quoting from a newspaper clipping: "The pageant at Allendale to celebrate the Sequicentennial of the Declaration of Independence, showed the careful attention to details and the painstaking work which all participants had given to make it the outstanding success it proved to be." Among those who took part in the Pageant and who are still living in Allendale are: Helen Anthony Meyer, Mrs. Frank Megnin, Elwood Critchley, J. M. Christopher, George Wehner, Jr., Frank Scafuro, Edith Growsick Pasquier, Genevieve Talman, Mrs. Clinton Rossner, Mrs. W. Darken, E. E. Megnin, J. Kaplan, Edward Higgins, Mildred Ebersole Wetterauw and Norman Critchley.

The 1929 program listed activities from dawn to midnight. The flag raising occurred at 7 A.M., followed by athletic games, a baseball game, review of the uniformed organizations and, after the fireworks, a dance at the Town Plaza until midnight.

During 1930, under the Presidency of Frank Berdan, the organization sponsored Allendale's First Community Christmas Festival, with choruses from Paterson, Totowa, Ramsey, Ridgewood, Glen Rock and Allendale.

The George Washington Bicentennial Celebration was observed under the sponsorship of the Holiday Observers in 1932 and all organizations and clubs of Allendale presented a Pageant on February 22nd on the Life of George Wash-

ington in twelve Episodes. Among those participating in this were David Colburn and David Colburn, Jr., John Doty, Elwood Critchley, Marion Simpson, Florence Forbes, Marguerite Farrell, J. M. Christopher, Clara and Herbert Flandreau, William Anderson, Edna Ackerman Winters, and Dr. C. H. Von Glahn.

Dr. Harry Lampa was President in 1933 when the Fourth of July program included a display of aerial acrobatics put on by the Nelson Air Service. Water events were included for several years, with races from the lower to the upper dam. Kite flying was included in 1935, and in 1938, under the Presidency of Charles Vollaro, trick horseback riding and roping were staged. 1939 was the year of the Motorcade — Allendale's first Motor Show. Motorboats, airplanes, tractors, motorcycles, outboard motors, and 50 models of automobiles were on display.

The general level of prices is reflected in the 1940 report of the organization, which show that 100 penny post cards were purchased for one dollar. Twenty five dozen doughnuts cost three dollars, with five dozen thrown in free, and 40 gallons of cider cost six dollars.

There was divided opinion throughout the town in 1941 as to whether there should be fireworks that year. By a post card ballot the citizens voted to continue the practice and the same year the Holiday Observers installed Christmas decorations and lights in the business section of town. 1942 was the first year in its history that the Holiday Observers Fourth of July celebration was not climaxed with a fireworks exhibit and the Christmas tree was not lighted either. This was the year, however, that the Borough Honor Roll



Committee was appointed by the Holiday Observers to construct an Honor Roll of Allendale residents serving in The Armed Services. It was designed by W. J. Baarch, assisted by R. S. Haythorn, and over 1,000 persons turned out for the unveiling of the scroll bearing 101 names of local men. During the war years the Holiday Observers took over the work of collecting money to send Christmas packages to all Allendale residents serving in the Armed Services.

In 1944 the Allendale Borough Council delegated the Holiday Observers to organize and present a community celebration on the occasion of our town's 50th Anniversary. 1944 was the last year that the members were appointed by the Mayor and 1945 was the last year that a townwide dance climaxed the Fourth of July celebration.

In 1946 fireworks appeared again. The Holiday Observers were incorporated that year and membership opened to all residents of Allendale. The purposes of the organization as set forth in the certificate of incorporation are:

- a. To preserve the memories and incidents of the History of our Nation and Community.
- b. To foster and perpetuate a one-hundred-percent Americanism.
- c. To provide the means for the proper observance of the anniversaries of National and Local Holidays.
- d. To promote social, intellectual and physical culture for the citizens and residents of the Borough of Allendale through organization and combined action to exert the maximum for the good of all of the people.

In 1953 the members assisted in the Cerebral Palsy Horse

Show that was held in Allendale and in 1954, when Harold Asp was President, the Holiday Observers inaugurated the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Labor Day Weekend Teen Age Dances were held in 1960, 1961 and 1962 in addition to the regular activities.

For about 45 years this organization of men has given freely of time and funds to provide Allendale with a variety of worthwhile community programs designed principally for the benefit of the children. These programs, chiefly centered around the Fourth of July, Halloween, Christmas and Easter, have become traditional.

## WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF THE VALLEY HOSPITAL Allendale Branch

The idea for a hospital was born and brought to maturity by a handful of men. As the needs for a hospital grew greater, so did the obstacles. In the 1940's, Mr. Robert Stout, the force behind the drive for a hospital, approached Mrs. Arthur H. Kiendl with a request for assistance. At the initial meeting of several women from the area, which gave birth to the auxiliary, the ladies were assured that theirs would be a job of draperies and paint, — no fund raising. Mrs. Kiendl was right: "This would not stimulate enough interest." In 1964 the Women's Auxiliaries as a whole will have completed their third \$100,000 pledge to the hospital.

Mrs. Donald Farrell spoke to town groups and in 1949 Allendale's branch was officially organized with Mrs. Hans Loen, Mrs. Harold Preston, Mrs. William Quaintance as officers.

To mention names is to risk important omissions, but Mrs. George Albert already had organized a small but faithful group who were already busy at work hemming towels, diapers and necessary linens before completion of the hospital in 1951. Once a month Allendale still endeavors to assist in tackling the stacks of linens waiting to be mended and made in the Production Room of the hospital. The linen fund, once \$5,000 yearly, is still shouldered by the auxiliary, now \$1,000 monthly.

Allendale Branch members now exceed 200, over half of whom manage to staff the various service needs. Attendance at meetings has grown from 6 to 60.

*Eighty-six*

In April 1950, Kurth Cottage, the hospitality shop staffed by volunteers, was established. It is a pleasant tea room and source of good will, as well as a fund raiser. With only a handful attending monthly meetings, Allendale struggled to fill its quota of volunteers one day monthly, first with the help of Ridgewood, then with the aid of Mahwah. In 1958 Allendale voted to staff its own day at Kurth. Service at the new hospitality shop now necessitates 31 volunteers to staff it once, sometimes twice a month.

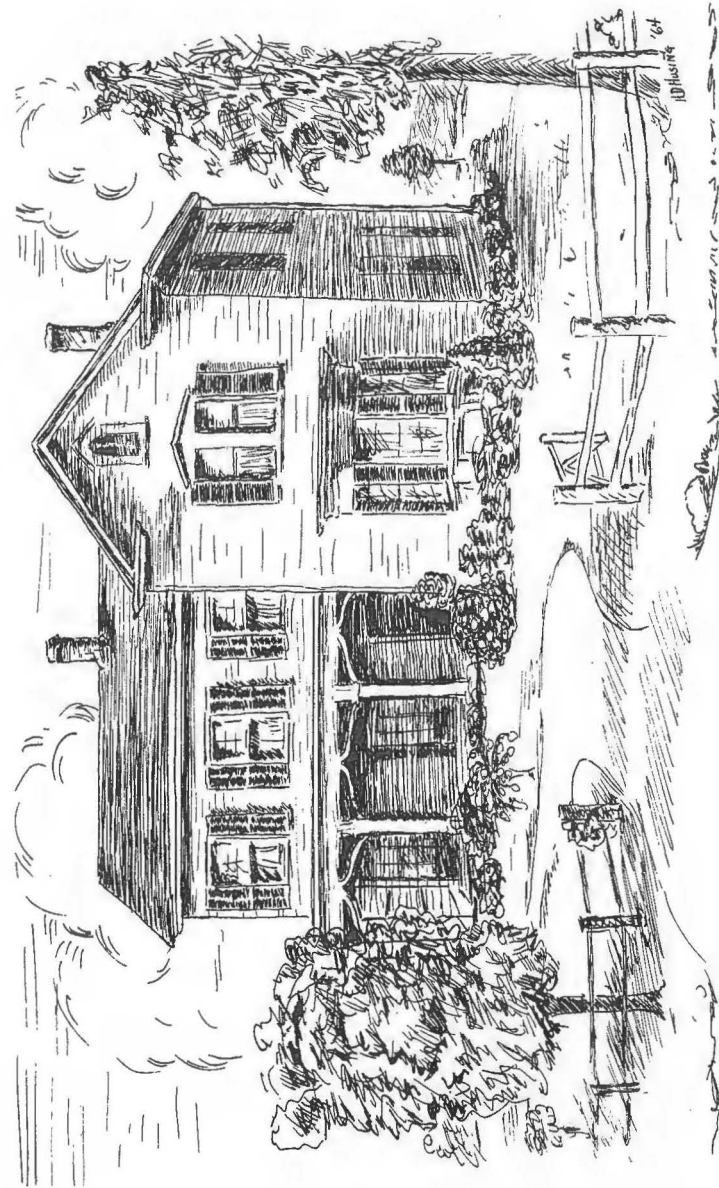
At one stage in the development of the hospital, a large elevator shaft stood high, surrounded by nothing, just awaiting the third floor shell (estimated at \$57,000). Mrs. Kiendl believed 1,000 women in the area should aim not for a shell, but for a completed third floor. They did. In one month \$152,000 was raised.

Many small pleasantries that make a hospital more inviting are handled by the auxiliaries: each branch produces its monthly quota of "Sunny" puppets, a highlight of many pediatric visits; tray-favors created by each branch greet patients at every holiday of the year; fancy birth certificates are presented for each newborn; magazines are contributed.

The Cotillion, now in its tenth year, is made possible by debutantes from the area. Outstanding profits are realized from contributions in the form of Program advertising. The town has steadily increased this support, from \$75 in 1956 to \$1,000. Allendale has had four debutantes: Helene Pasquier (now Mrs. Robert C. Olson), Barbara Walter, Kathleen Crothers and Marilyn Walter.

*Eighty-seven*

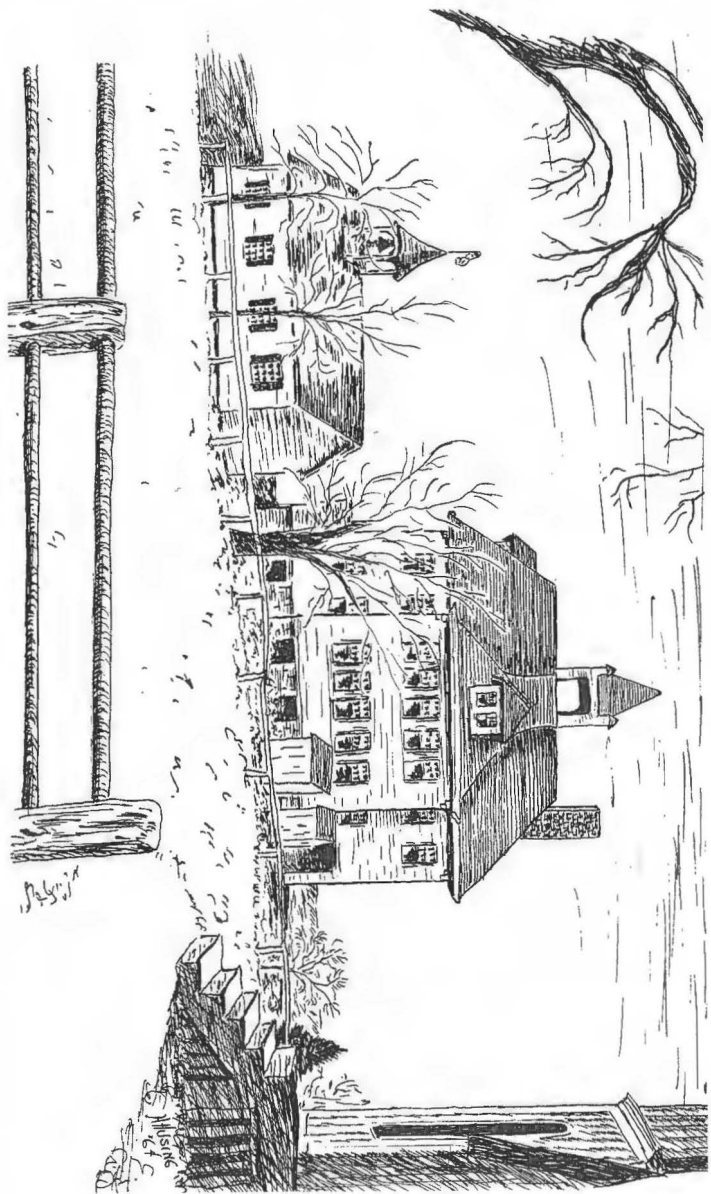
The Allendale Branch have donned their hats and gloves to enjoy teas, many luncheons, bridge games and dances. Each month willing hostesses serve coffee and gracious sociability while 50 to 60 women accomplish the business at hand, — all with good cheer.



*Home of Mayor Brainerd - 1895*



*Old School Buildings - 1895*



*Brookside School*

## ALLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Schools have always played an important part in the events of Allendale and will continue to do so as we grow.

The first school of which we can find any mention was a small one-room building erected in 1824 at what is now the intersection of Chestnut Street and Franklin Turnpike. Here the sons and daughters of the early settlers received their instructions in the three R's and such other subjects as were considered of importance at that time.

In the year 1860 a parcel of land on Franklin Turnpike was deeded by Peter G. Powell and his wife, Marie, to Aaron Ackerman, Peter G. Powell and William White, Trustees of Allendale School District No. 6 for the purpose of providing a place for the building of a school house. The purchase price was \$25. A one-room building was constructed, with folding doors which could make it into two rooms when needed. Among those who instructed the children there was Joseph Henry Ware, father of John Christie Ware, now of Saddle River and founder of the North Jersey Paper Company. It is of interest to note that John Christie Ware was one of the boys who assisted the surveyors when the borough was officially surveyed. Mr. Ware, when first employed as teacher, lived in Saddle River and walked to and from his task each day. He later moved to Allendale and his wife taught music to many of the children in the community.

One of the first acts of the Borough of Allendale, after its founding in 1894, was to build a new school just back of the existing one-room building. This was a four-room, stucco building and each room was planned so as to house two



*Brookside School Playgrounds*

grades, taught by one teacher. The faculty was to consist of three teachers and a teaching principal. (Miss Murdock, Miss Sadie Saylor, Miss Ella Appert, Alfred Ackerman and John B. Zabriskie were among those who taught in the early days of the Allendale Schools.) The school opened with two teachers; the others were added as they were needed.

In 1907 a three-man Board of Education carried on the business of the school. Mr. John Hubbard was President of the Board; at that time Mr. Willard Alling was appointed Principal, and served in that capacity until his death in 1940. The budget for 1908-09 was \$2,582.50, which included salaries for three teachers, a principal and a janitor; supplies; and high-school tuition.

The school facilities provided none of the advantages found in the present system. However, the pupils found many ways to enliven the monotony of their education. One day, while they were seeking an interesting noon-hour diversion, someone remembered the forbidden area of the bell tower perched high on the roof. A ladder to the second floor of the building always stood ready for use should some repair to the school bell be needed. An idea was born! It would be an ideal place to spend the afternoon, out of reach of teachers and principal! Believe me, that ladder disappeared into the tower. Neither the pleas nor the threats of the principal were of avail. The children refused to come down. We understand that eventually time and fear of severe punishment induced several sheepish boys and girls to descend from the tower and face the mighty wrath of their principal.

A program of the 1910 graduation exercises is of interest. The class of eleven boys and one girl presented their pro-

gram in Archer Hall. Each had a part in the exercises which included an "Address of Welcome" by J. Parnell Feeney, and orations on such topics as "Decisive Battles of American History," "Knocking the Railroads," "Invention, the Fruit of Civilization," "Capitol and Labor," by Herbert Winter and "Awakening of China," by Bertram Sneed.

The membership of the Board of Education was increased to five in 1923, and so it is today. Also in 1923 Mrs. John D. McKeonnie, then Mary Goetschius, joined the faculty. She was there for six years and later returned to the system. This spring, 1964, she retires, to the great regret of pupils and faculty.

In 1926 the County Superintendent recommended the obtaining of another site and construction of a new school. This advice was followed and in 1929 the new brick building on Brookside Avenue, named Brookside School, was opened with an enrollment of 225 students. There were nine grades, kindergarten through eight, taught by nine teachers and supervised by a full-time principal. Home economics and industrial arts were added to the curriculum during the 1930's and a part-time music teacher also employed. The land for Brookside School had cost \$8,000, the building \$170,000; \$10,000 was spent for equipment.

The one-room school was sold to John Appert and used for storage on his celery farm on Franklin Turnpike, just north of Cottage Place. Later Victor Scafuro used it at his aquarium plant and in the spring of 1963 it was demolished. The stucco building is now our Municipal Building.

At Brookside School during the depression years a kitchen



and lunchroom area was set up in a large storeroom adjacent to the gymnasium, and here the first hot lunches were served to children whose families had been hurt by the unemployment and hard times of the period. This room soon proved too small for the number who began to stay and buy their lunches so tables and benches were set up in the gymnasium each day and this space was used as auxiliary eating facilities from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. This makeshift arrangement was in use until the new cafeteria was built in 1957.

Mr. Willard Alling died in 1940 and Mr. Paul D. O'Connor was appointed to fill his position.

Many new residents had moved to Allendale in the late forties, and by 1951 it was necessary to enlarge the educational facilities. At a cost of \$255,000 for building and \$5,000 for equipment, the north wing was added to Brookside School. This wing contains eight rooms; Home Economics, Industrial Arts, Nurses Room and five classrooms. There are now 308 pupils and 12 classroom teachers, in addition to music, industrial arts, and home economics instructors, two custodians, and a supervising principal.

By the middle fifties additional educational facilities were again needed. However, a referendum presented to the voters by the Board of Education to purchase ground where Pittis Avenue now is was defeated. Since the need was so great that something had to be done, another addition was made to Brookside School. This addition, partly on the east side and partly on the west, included a new, well-equipped cafeteria, three new offices, more adequate library space, nine additional classrooms, another teacher's room and a stock room. This was completed in 1957 at a cost of \$247,906

for the building and \$29,094 for equipment. There were now 20 teachers, a supervising principal, and a supervisor of curriculum to attend the needs of 569 students.

Mr. O'Connor retired in March of 1960 and Mr. H. C. Seibel, who had joined the faculty in 1956 as supervisor of curriculum, was acting supervisor until September 1960, when he started his term of service as Superintendent of Brookside School. That same fall Mr. Joseph Dorer came to the system as supervisor of curriculum and in 1962 was made principal of the school.

Once again the population explosion had hit Allendale. In 1960, when the enrollment had reached a total of 905, it was again necessary to make more room available. A third addition was constructed which contained six classrooms, a conference room, corrective reading space and a music room. This was added to the east side of the existing building. This construction cost \$155,964 and the equipment \$3,981. The addition was completed in 1962.

At the opening of school in September 1963, with an enrollment of approximately 950 pupils, the faculty of 44 members was composed of a Superintendent, a Principal, full-time vocal and instrumental music instructor and a part-time primary music instructor, a part-time art teacher, full-time librarian, corrective reading teacher, instructor for special education classes, full-time nurse, home-economics and shop instructors and physical education director, besides the regular classroom teachers. There are also two full-time secretaries and one part-time one, an attendance officer and a part-time school doctor, besides a cafeteria supervisor and five helpers and four custodians.

When the third addition was added the library was enlarged and a full-time librarian employed. There are about 4500 volumes in the library available to the children. A program of library service, including the teaching of the uses of the library is conducted by the librarian. There is an organized Library Club; extending their service outside of the school they are working with the art teacher making murals for the reading room for pre-school groups in the basement of Lee Memorial Library.

The first Special Education Class in Allendale was started in September 1963. Due to lack of space in the Brookside School, a room was rented by the Board of Education at the Calvary Lutheran Church, West Crescent Avenue, Allendale for instructional purposes. Here the first session was held on September 5, 1963 with nine students attending, all from Waldwick and Allendale. Mrs. W. H. Bowman was appointed to instruct the class. This very worthwhile project is made possible through the Beadleston Act, a law passed in 1954 and further supplemented by more legislation in 1959. In October of 1961, under the guidance of Mr. Archie Hay, County Superintendent of Bergen County Schools, seven regions for Special Education were set up throughout the County, and at the regular meeting of the Allendale Board of Education on December 12, 1961 the members adopted a resolution to support and participate in the program. All children assigned to Special Education must be classified by a strict set of regulations established by the State Board of New Jersey and supervised by the Child Study Supervisor of the County.

While the foregoing is a factual statement of the growth

of the school system it would not be a true picture were we to fail to mention some of the other activities closely connected with the townspeople and the school. During the 1920's and 30's the "Allendale Players" presented many entertainments on the stage of the school and gave to the school the first set of curtains for the auditorium stage. Minstrel shows by the Firemen, plays by the Epworth League, patriotic pageants and other events drew large crowds. The Holiday Observers still hold their annual Halloween Party and the Audubon Society shows films once a year in the auditorium. Each year the graduating class presents a program that fills the auditorium to overflowing and provides great enjoyment for parents and all who can attend.

The special assembly programs and the musical concerts given by the band, chorus and choir provide splendid entertainment. The Concert Band is composed of 65 members and there is also a beginners band. The Band is a much-enjoyed part of the Memorial Day Parade each year. There is a Glee Club of over one hundred voices and a Choir of some 40.

Among the many extra-curricular but very worthwhile activities of the system we find the Student Council, Safety Patrol, Press Club (which publishes the Brookside Reporter), Science, Mathematics, Dramatics and Handicraft Clubs, not forgetting the previously mentioned Library Service Club.

Physical Education in the Allendale School contributes to the total fitness growth and the development of the child through physical activities. Among the goals or purposes of this program are the development of physical fitness and useful skills, the acquisition of socially desirable traits and

an awareness of safety skills and habits. Intra-mural sports have proved most popular and afford opportunities for any child who is interested to participate, regardless of his ability, thus enabling many, who would otherwise be deprived of the opportunity, to benefit by such participation. There is also a Sports Club, which meets twice a month after school and is limited to eighth graders.

Students graduating from Brookside have attended High Schools in Ridgewood, Ramsey and Mahwah. In 1962, the Boroughs of Upper Saddle River and Allendale joined to establish a new Regional High School. This will be erected on property off Hillside Avenue opposite Forest Road on a plot of land consisting of 40 acres. The school will be called "Northern Highlands Regional High School" and it is hoped that it will be opened for use in 1965. Mr. Gerald F. Hopkins will be the Superintendent of the system.

Aiding in the work of the school system in Allendale is the Parent-Teacher Organization, now under the leadership of Mr. Jay Rasmusson. This group was organized about 1939 and has through the years helped in various ways with the needs of the school.

No history of any school system would be really complete were there no mention of the Members of the Board of Education, those men and women who give of their time and efforts that the children of the community may have the best possible opportunity to secure an education that will enable them to meet the problems which the complex living of today will present to them.

## WOMAN'S CLUB OF ALLENDALE

We are indebted to Mrs. William Forbes of 126 Hillside Avenue for the following report on the founding and development of the Woman's Club of Allendale. She has been a member many years and is Past President of the organization.

She brings out in her report the community activities the club took part in since its inception, and the ideals of neighborliness with which it was started.

Her report follows:

"When I first joined the Woman's Club of Allendale almost 40 years ago, one of the charter members, Mrs. Stephen Van Houten, who knew everything about the Club's beginnings and progress, was the final authority on what happened and when. If no one could find an answer, someone invariably said, 'Ask Mrs. Van.' She always knew the answer.

"Through the ensuing years, I worked beside her and learned too. Amazingly, the years have slipped away and so have many of the founders of the club. And today when questions about any incident in the past need answering, someone always says, 'Ask Florence Forbes.'

"So here I am to tell some of the things I can remember about our history. What I couldn't remember I learned from reading 44 years of minutes.

"It all began Dec. 13, 1918, and I quote from the Constitution of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Board of Trade:

"The name of this organization is the Community Club,



The Woman's Auxiliary to the Allendale Board of Trade. The object of the organization is to keep in existence as a body the Borough's progressive women for the purpose of cooperating with the Board of Trade in advancing the business interests, futhering social and civic welfare of the Borough of Allendale.'

"Thirty women were invited to attend, and 20 were listed as our charter members.

"In 1918 our country had just celebrated the first Armistice Day to mark the end of World War I and the first minutes recorded the mention of erecting a memorial to boys who had served in the war. From this discussion came the establishment of the small memorial park on Park Avenue. It was determined to make Allendale a better place to live and to that end we must work to build a library and a new school.

"The charter members from the very beginning worked with amazing zeal and before long they were planning a nursing service, a center for the distribution of used clothing to the poor, and ways of keeping streets and properties clean, especially the trolley station. Remember, back in 1918, we had no busses, just the old trolley to help the Erie to transport townsmen to and from Allendale.

"The early minutes disclose all these needs, as well as Woman's Suffrage and formation of a Garden Club to beautify approaches to the town, especially at the Erie Station.

"Street signs were needed and a movement by the Board of Trade to place them followed.

"Bergen County was beginning to grow and everywhere

road advertising signs were marring the country areas. The Community Club wrote letters to residents of Franklin Turnpike begging them not to permit advertising signs or road marts.

"Many other projects were undertaken. Sheets and pillow cases were given the Soldier's Home on Chestnut Ridge. National and local charity drives such as Salvation Army, Red Cross and similar services were triggered by the Community Club.

"We worked closely with the school. The need for hot lunches became evident and some of our women started lunch serving, not only planning but actually doing the cooking and the serving. Our Mrs. Frank Berdan, Home Demonstrator at the time, and Mrs. Kenneth Burger, sponsored the 4-H Club and taught cooking and serving to the girls before the school maintained a Home Economics Department.

"We maintained giving of prizes for high scholarship and paid for magazines and many, many books for the school.

"We bought the first furniture and equipment for the kindergarten.

"And don't forget the planting of more than 50 trees along the sides of Recreation Park and on the school grounds.

"We wrote the mayor asking for better street lighting.

"We started a Baby Clinic, where every week we carried our infants to be weighed and examined by a registered nurse.

"We pledged \$500. toward the new library and, oh how many card parties and bazaars were sponsored to fulfill that pledge.

"We installed a new stove and water heater in the Fire House when we used that building for our meetings.

"We installed the kitchen in our present meeting place (Allendale Municipal Building).

"Mrs. Hawes, a member of the Ridgewood Club, visited us in 1922 and told us about the Federation of Women's Clubs, suggesting we join. So, on May 26, 1922, we joined the New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs and changed our name to the Woman's Club of Allendale.

"We wrote a cookbook and contributed to countless charities, both those local to Allendale and those of the Federation. Our members visited Old People's Homes and Bergen Pines and, at one time before the town acquired an ambulance, we established a motor corps to carry sick people to hospitals.

"In 1933, The Junnor Woman's Club was founded and is still under our sponsorship. An evening department was formed which later withdrew and became the Evening Woman's Club.

"Oh, there are countless other activities we have engaged in which I could never enumerate. You know all about them, for all Woman's Clubs are full of good works and high ideals."

This spring a geranium sale was conducted, the proceeds of which will be used toward beautifying the borough. A red oak was planted at the Ambulance Corps building this Arbor Day and last year an evergreen was planted at the Town Hall.

The Club has made tray favors for patients at the Valley Hospital and the Children's Home in Hackensack. They have entertained the people at a Nursing Home in Haledon.

Each graduation day at Brookside School a prize is awarded to a girl and boy in the Senior class and \$100. is contributed to the Thunderbird Scholarship at Mahwah High School.

A Scholarship Fund for the Northern Highlands Regional High School is being established through the efforts of the three Woman's clubs of the community.

A delegate is sent to Citizenship Institute at Douglass College each June and all expenses are paid by the Club.

The Woman's Club joined with the other organizations of Allendale a few years ago when an All Day Fair was held for the benefit of the Ambulance Corps.

Most of the members of the Club are also active in the affairs of the churches, school, hospital and the borough.

## JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF ALLENDALE

The Allendale Junior Woman's Club was organized and federated in May of 1933, with a membership of 32. Terry Critchely (Mrs. Norman) was the first President. She is now a member of the Woman's Club of Allendale. Bridge parties were the main source of income during the early years and still at times serve a very useful role.

In 1934 the first year book was planned; the club colors were blue and gold, later changed to blue and silver. A baby parade was one feature of that year's activities.

In 1936 the club grew to a membership of 56. Many and various were the moneymaking projects of the club during the years. The amounts raised varied from \$5 to \$600, and all the money was used to further the aims of the club: to be of help to needy families in the community, to instigate and aid in carrying out worthy local projects, and to aid in the Federation projects.

The club entered the Little Theatre tournament sponsored by the Federation in 1941 and presented POLLY PUT THE KETTLE ON to win first prize in the 6th District contest, competing with eight other clubs.

During the war years from 1941 to 1945 the club activities were concentrated on the war efforts. Bond sales, aid to soldiers and sailors, assisting Red Cross and any kind of help they could give were among their activities.

Each year the Juniors of the State select a special project and the Allendale Juniors always cooperate to give all possible assistance. These projects have included: the Mobile Eye

Clinic, the Curative Workshop, Braille, "Save the Children Federation," Navajo Indian Children, Restoration of Independence Hall, Village School for Mentally Retarded Children (a District project), Teacher's Training Fund, Upper Extremity Amputee Fund, State Home for Girls at Trenton.

On the local scene the members of the Club have been of great assistance not only by the prodigious amount of money a small group could raise for good causes but also for the energy and time they gave to promote necessary and worthy projects in the community. The Allendale Swimming Pool would not have been put in good operating condition without the prodding the Club gave the committee, as well as a substantial amount of money. Christmas dinners and toys for needy families have been provided. Members have aided the Lee Memorial Library by helping at the Library, and by giving toward the cost of having a man take care of the grounds and by donating money to purchase childrens books. The comic book situation in the community was investigated and the three stores in town cooperated to remove the most undesirable ones from the stands. The Club aided the Brookside Fair held for the benefit of the Parent Teacher Association, at which \$1,000 was cleared. Every year members help at the Horse Show for the benefit of the Cerebral Palsy Center; one year they made 125 coloring books for the children at the Center. They work in the Valley Hospital Auxiliary, aid the Northern Bergen Nursing Service, the Red Cross, March of Dimes, Allendale Ambulance Corps, in fact name any worthy cause in the community and you will find a Junior among the workers.

Mrs. Frank Berdan, who helped with the founding of the Club and acted as advisor until 1946, was honored at a meet-

ing in 1947. She was given an Advisor Pin with the bar inscribed "Life," making her a Life Member of the Federation.

Among the social events observed by the members have been anniversary meetings, Halloween parties, putting on plays for competition and for entertaining others, and Christmas parties as well as dances for fun and profit.

Each year the Club sends a girl to the Douglass College Citizenship Institute, which is sponsored by the Federation. This project is a natural for a group of young women who are an excellent example of good citizenship in their own daily lives.

## WOMAN'S EVENING CLUB OF ALLENDALE

The Woman's Evening Club of Allendale was formed on March 8, 1946 for those women of the community who were no longer eligible for membership in the Junior Woman's Club, who either had small children or were pursuing business careers, making it impossible for them to attend the daytime meetings of the Woman's Club.

It began as an Evening Department of the Woman's Club of Allendale and was called the Evening Membership Department. Its first chairman was Mrs. Kenneth Mowerson.

On October 7, 1948 the Department asked to withdraw from the Woman's Club and form a separate club because it felt it could derive greater benefits by becoming a Federated Club in its own right. This request was granted on November 12th of that year.

It was then organized as the Woman's Evening Club of Allendale and federated. The then chairman, Mrs. Roy Dietert, became its first President. Its colors are rose and silver. It describes itself as: a group of progressive women who are interested in the welfare of the community and furthering the aims of the Federation.

In 1949, when the Borough of Allendale planned to reconstitute the local swimming pool, the club voted to raise funds by holding card parties, dances, etc., to help in furthering this worthwhile project. Later when a new ambulance was needed, the Club worked in conjunction with the other two Woman's Clubs to raise money for it.

Each year a prize is awarded to a Grammar School student



in the Club's name, and a girl student in her Junior year in High School is sent, at the Club's expense, to the Citizenship Institute at Douglass College. A scholarship is also awarded to a High School graduate each year. The Club is now trying to put into effect, with the other local Woman's Clubs, a growing scholarship Fund for the new High School.

The Club members also give volunteer help at the Lee Memorial Library and have donated books to it. They have worked on projects for such charities as the Cerebral Palsy Fund and the North Bergen Visiting Nurses, they do clerical work for the Blood Bank and the X-Ray bus; many of its membership belong to the Valley Hospital Auxiliary and help staff Kurth Cottage in Ridgewood. They have held dances and collected money and goods from local businessmen, for gifts to needy families in the Borough. They have taken charge of other charity drives such as the annual Cancer Drive and the Red Cross Drive. They give donations to the local Fire Department, and each year sponsor the local Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Drive, stuffing the envelopes and taking charge of the returns.

The Art Department sponsors an annual sidewalk art show, inviting all area artists to participate.

The Club started out with a closed membership of 40, but the original membership of 33 voted in May 1951 to change this to open membership, which at present numbers 53.

## LEE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

At the southwest corner of Franklin Turnpike and Allendale Avenue sits an attractive little brick building known to the readers of Allendale as the Library.

"In 1900 began an era of development which continued sporadically until the recent depression. Culturally, the most important event that year was the establishment of a public library by Mrs. Walter Spring, assisted by Mrs. Stephen Van Houten, Mrs. Wallace Carver, Mrs. Frank Merrill, Mrs. Frank Drummond and Mrs. William Talman. The Library, on the second floor of the Borough Hall, was patronized largely by summer boarders and was open only during June, July and August. Later it was moved to the Braun Building, where it remained until the erection of its own building at Franklin Turnpike and Allendale Avenue in 1926." From ALLENDALE AND ITS FIRE FIGHTERS, 1938.

Until 1919 the affairs of the library had been carried on by the Library Committee of the Village Improvement Association but on April 7th of that year they formed an organization known as the Library Association. Mr. A. Tomalin was elected the first president on April 22, 1919. In November of that year the Allendale Players gave a performance for the benefit of the Library.

Monies had been accumulating for a few years and by January 11, 1923 the amount had reached a size that made possible the purchase of property from William Mallinson at the southwest corner of Allendale Avenue and Franklin Turnpike. It was in November that same year that the Li-

Library Association was incorporated. This seemed to spur interest in the work, with the result that a series of affairs was sponsored by the Woman's Club to raise money for a Library building. Many individuals and various organizations gave to the fund and by April 5, 1926 a sufficient amount had been accumulated so that the Building Committee, consisting of Mr. Washburn and Architect William Dewsnap was able to sign the contract for the erection of the building. Mr. John Ackerman offered 100 loads of fill at \$1.00 a load and the Garden Club asked to be allowed to landscape the grounds. Unanimously accepted. Open House at the new building was held December 1, 1926.

Money to carry on the work was obtained through yearly membership dues of \$1.00, a charge of \$.02 per week for books taken out, gifts from local organizations: Woman's Clubs, Catholic Men's Club, Lions Club, Allendale Players, generous gifts from Mr. and Mrs. William C. Lee and others.

Actual work at the Library was supervised by Mrs. Wm. C. Lee, Librarian for nearly 30 years, ably assisted by such public-spirited women as Mrs. William Dewsnap, Mrs. Edwin Hurd, Mrs. Robert S. McNeill, Mrs. William Talman, Miss Grace Moellhausen, Mrs. David Frazer, Mrs. William Hanson, Mrs. R. V. Jones, Mrs. D. M. Colburn, Mrs. L. R. McPeck, Mrs. Charles Williams, Mrs. Martin Husing, and Mrs. Austin Sprague.

On March 21, 1931 Mr. L. E. Sylvester Buechner, long an active member of the Board of Trustees, presented a framed panel on which the names of the people who had contributed to the fund for the Library building and grounds were inscribed. In paying tribute to those who labored hard and

long for the organization we must not forget those who served as Trustees and made the plans that now provide us with such fine facilities. Among those who thus served us were L. E. S. Buechner, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Lee, A. L. Zabriskie, E. G. Washburn, W. T. Z. Chritchley, Frank Berdan, Mrs. J. Jackson, F. Savage, E. K. Burger, M. E. Higgins, Mrs. D. M. Colburn, Mrs. S. J. Geismar, Mrs. George DeBlock, S. E. Staines and Miss Ruth Morrison.

It was with great appreciation that the Board of Trustees accepted the gracious and generous offer of Mr. and Mrs. Lee on June 16, 1941 to erect an addition to the Building. This is known as the "Mary K. Lee Room" and was completed and put into service by November 1941.

A lecture sponsored by the Catholic Men's Club on May 5, 1944 netted \$100. for the Library. The Lions Club in 1951 painted the trim and door of the building.

On July 30, 1952 the Library Association was saddened by the death of Mr. William C. Lee. Quoting from a resolution passed by the organization, "Always faithful in office, Mr. Lee held the interests of the library ever in mind. His good advice and sound judgment will be sadly missed by the Board."

The Board in September 1952 began discussion as to the advisability of municipalizing the Library. Mr. L. R. Johnson, then Mayor of Allendale, met with the Board and later presented their ideas to the members of the Borough Council. The citizens at the November election voted to have the Borough take over the Library. The Board at its annual meeting in December 1952 voted unanimously to change the

name from "The Allendale Library" to "The Lee Memorial Library." A final meeting of the Trustees was held on January 5, 1953 and the association formally turned the Library and its assets over to Mayor John L. Tucker.

On January 6, 1953 at the first meeting of the Trustees of the Free Public Library of the Borough of Allendale one of the first acts was to pass a resolution appointing Mrs. Lee honorary advisor to the Board of Trustees for life.

Mrs. Austin Sprague started as the first paid librarian on February 2, 1953. The hours of the Library were extended to include Monday afternoon and evening; Tuesday afternoon; Wednesday afternoon and evening; and Friday afternoon and evening.

During 1954 members of the Woman's Club made draperies for the windows. Also that year representatives from the Service Bureau of the State Library in Trenton surveyed the books, eliminating obsolete, outdated and worthless ones. New cataloguing was initiated. Lavatories were installed in the basement in 1955. During 1956 a new forced hot-air heating system was installed, and the Woman's Club donated an iron railing for the steps. Also this year Rev. Bayard Hancock was elected the first clergyman to sit with the Board in an advisory capacity. This practice continues. Fluorescent lights, screens and a new asphalt tile floor were acquired in 1957, and in 1958 storm windows contributed to the comfort of workers and borrowers.

"The Friends of the Library" are a group who, while not formally organized, includes all public-spirited women who are giving their time and energy to help keep the library

operating smoothly. They act as volunteers to aid the librarian, conduct story hours and perform many useful services.

Great Books Discussion Group, under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Achille Pelizzari, formed in 1962, having proved of great interest, will be continued as long as interest warrants.

Summer Story Hours, started in 1954 by volunteer readers under the leadership of Mrs. Sprague, were carried on by Parent Teachers Association. These now have been expanded to include pre-school story hours throughout the year, the entire project under the direction of Friends of the Library.

Circulation figures over the years give us some interesting statistics: total circulation 1932 was 7085 volumes for the year; in May 1937 the total was 4875 in 1942 the total was 4732; in 1947 the total was 3595; in 1953 the total was 6285; in 1958 the total was 22,190; and in 1962 it rose to 34,048.

In 1963 the affairs of the Library were carried on by the following members of the Board of Trustees: Martin E. Husing, President; Mrs. William Hentz, Secretary; Fred W. Condle, Treasurer; Miss Ruth Morrison; Mrs. Daniel Morse; Robert I. Newman, Mayor; Henry C. Seibel, School Superintendent; and Rev. Franklin Thurston, Clergy. In 1964 Rev. John F. Nelson will represent the Clergy.

Mrs. Sprague is now assisted by Mrs. Carl H. Huebner and Mrs. Mitchell Saul.



## DID YOU KNOW

THAT the land that is now Allendale was, according to records we were able to find, first owned by John Laubough or Lauback and Powles Van Houten and descended to their heirs, among whom were Joseph and Henry Mallinson. Legend holds that there was a Frenchman who preceeded Laubough and Van Houten, but his name is not known. He is said to have erected a stone dwelling on Franklin Turnpike on the site now occupied by the Pfister home. About 1860 Stephen Cable purchased this property and while in possession dug up a box of coins dated before 1700.

THAT the property now occupied by the Guardian Angel Church had been bought by Mr. O. P. H. Archer from Joseph Henry Mallinson, whose home was the house that is now used by the Van Houten's for their Real Estate Office.

THAT the Elwood Critchley home at 146 Park Avenue was the Parigot Home; the H. Pinckney home at 723 West Crescent Avenue was the Andrew Storms home; the house next to the shopping centre was known as the Berdan house and before that as the Garrison place; the Pfister house on Franklin Turnpike was the Taylor house and earlier the Cable home; the J. L. Crothers home at 450 Brookside was the Rossner home; the house where E. R. Panzironi resides belonged to John and Abraham Storms (father and son); the D. S. Cromwell home at 913 Franklin Turnpike was the Wilson farmhouse; the Richard Beyer place at 209 West Allendale Avenue next to the ballpark was the home of the Yoe-mans; the R J. Kropp home at 18 First Street was the Ryerson Ackerman homestead; Leroy Moffitt at 330 Hillside Ave-

nue lives in the William Christopher house and that the J. E. Pfaff home at 100 East Allendale Avenue had been built about 1840 by Mr. Switzer?

THAT C. A. Quackenbush once owned a large farm on Franklin Turnpike and lived at 700 Franklin Turnpike, where the J. F. Kirby family now reside. He built a house at 754 Franklin Turnpike, where Robert Phair now lives, for his son Kirn and another house, at 555 Franklin Turnpike, for his son Abraham. R. H. Duncan now lives at the latter address.

THAT Richard Christopher and wife moved to Allendale from Saddle River in 1879 and first lived at the Allendale Hotel, where J. Muried was born. They afterwards lived at 723 West Crescent Avenue and then moved across the street (Park Avenue) to what is now the Calder Estler's house at 320 Park Avenue. It was here that Mr. Christopher spent his boyhood.

THAT Peter G. Powell and his wife, Marie, owned some four hundred acres of land between what is now Franklin Turnpike and Saddle River. His granddaughter, Mrs. William Dewsnap, lives at 42 Powell Road.

THAT the Allendale Auto Parts establishment had been a cider mill, a paint, wheelwright and blacksmith shop, a dentist parlor, and Thurston's first garage.

THAT the Central Garage on Myrtle had been a livery stable.

THAT the Printing shop on Park Avenue was once the home of the John H. Ackerman family as well as the grocery



store, post office and later the feed and coal company office?

THAT the house next to the Fire House on Park Avenue was Gasparini's Shoe Repair Shop?

THAT there was a dry goods store in a building on the site of the present Winter Brothers Store until March 31, 1914, when the Borger family closed the store and moved into the house just east of the Sweet Shop.

THAT the Guatelli Building on the Plaza was built in 1915, the first Drug Store opened by Louis Guatelli there on August 30th that year. Mr. Walter Temperlyn took over the store in 1922 and was there until December 1957 when Betty and Nick DiGruttilla came to Allendale.

THAT State Troopers had their headquarters in the old Van Blarcom house at the corner of Maple and West Allendale Avenue, where the Howard Real Estate Office is now, from June 1924 until February 1927.

THAT the KK Klan held a meeting in Allendale on June 21, 1924.

THAT the Charter for the First National Bank was received on February 11, 1925; the Bank opened for business on December 19, 1925.

THAT the building where Kaplan Cleaners and Art's Shop are located was originally the home of John H. Ackerman and family and was converted to stores in April of 1926.

THAT Mr. Simpson had a Meat Market where Bob's Barber Shop is now and that the child who came on an errand was rewarded with a piece of bolonga or a frankfurter.

THAT there was a Taxi Service in town, run by Mr. Grossman, at the place now occupied by the Towne Cleaners.

THAT the house owned by Charles R. Yennie at 133 Franklin Turnpike was the home of Silas Ward Brainerd, Mayor of Allendale in 1898.

THAT Stephen T. Van Houten was the contractor for the building of the first Fire House in Allendale.

THAT Miss Ella Appert, who now lives at 3 Cottage Place, taught in the big school on Franklin Turnpike.

THAT there was a trolley line running from Paterson to Suffern; it was established about 1910 and ran until about 1929. This was called the North Jersey Rapid Transit Company. There were shelters along the way at the main road intersections, one being at Crescent Avenue near the place where Mrs. Mary Job now lives and one in the center of town, just west of the present Allendale Liquor Store. High-School students used this means of transportation to attend school at Ridgewood and at Ramsey. The ride to Suffern was often used by young people as a special outing. The tracks were removed by the Public Service Company in 1929. Rumor has it that they were sold to the Russian government and sent to Siberia!

THAT the buildings on West Allendale Avenue from the Sweet Shop to Maple Street were erected in 1948 and that Mr. Oakley, the first tenant, moved in on April 4, 1950.

THAT peat was mined on what is known as the celery farm. A narrow gauge railroad spur ran several feet into the

field and carried the peat out to the loading wagons which were used to haul it to the markets.

THAT chocolate covered cherries were first made by the inventor, Cy Goussett, in the house on Hillside Avenue now occupied by the M. F. Crinkley family?

At the request of our Mayor, Robert I. Newman, we the undersigned have attempted to collect as much information about the beginnings of Allendale as possible. That we have omitted the mention of interesting events there is no doubt, but we trust that what we have for you will prove both enlightening and interesting.

Our thanks to all who have furnished us with books, pamphlets, programs, newspaper clippings, pictures and hours of most interesting talk. Would that we could have included more of the latter!

May you get as much enjoyment from reading this small book as we have received in preparing it for you.

For the Junior Woman's Club;

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For the Evening Woman's Club;

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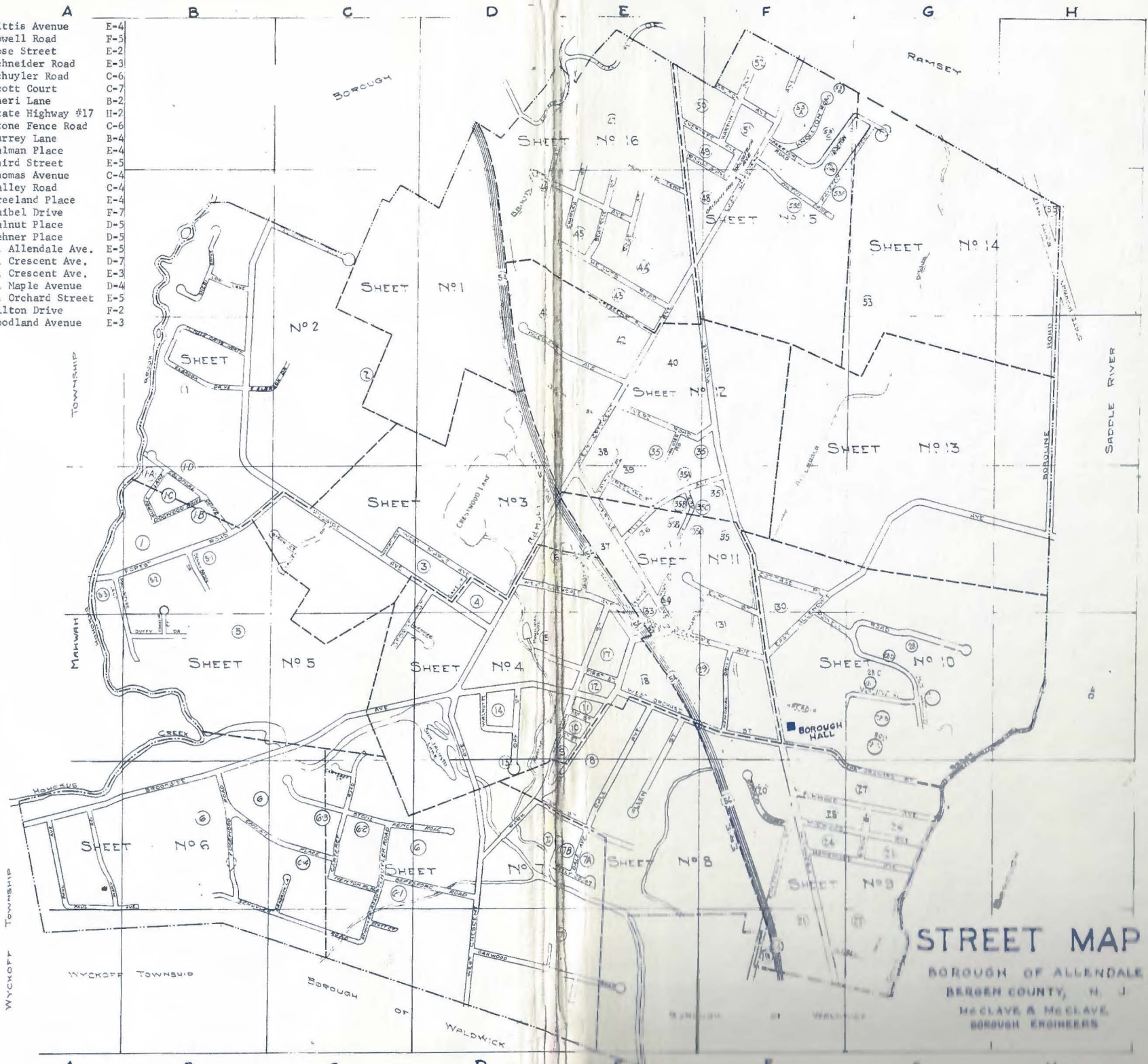
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Ina M. Hamilton, Chairman



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| Allen Street      | E-6 | Pittis Avenue     | E-4 |
| Arcadia Road      | F-5 | Powell Road       | F-5 |
| Arlton Avenue     | F-1 | Rose Street       | E-2 |
| Beatrice Street   | E-2 | Schneider Road    | E-3 |
| Beresford Road    | C-6 | Schuyler Road     | C-6 |
| Berkshire Road    | G-5 | Scott Court       | C-7 |
| Birch Street      | G-6 | Sheri Lane        | B-2 |
| Boroline Road     | H-4 | State Highway #17 | H-2 |
| Bradrick Lane     | C-6 | Stone Fence Road  | C-6 |
| Brookside Avenue  | B-6 | Surrey Lane       | B-4 |
| Byron Court       | C-4 | Talman Place      | E-4 |
| Canaan Place      | B-6 | Third Street      | E-5 |
| Canterbury Drive  | E-1 | Thomas Avenue     | C-4 |
| Carteret Court    | C-6 | Valley Road       | C-4 |
| Carteret Road     | C-6 | Vreeland Place    | E-4 |
| Ceely Court       | E-6 | Waibel Drive      | F-7 |
| Central Avenue    | E-4 | Walnut Place      | D-5 |
| Charles Street    | E-2 | Wehner Place      | D-5 |
| Cherokee Avenue   | F-1 | W. Allendale Ave. | E-5 |
| Chestnut Street   | F-6 | W. Crescent Ave.  | D-7 |
| Colonial Drive    | B-3 | W. Crescent Ave.  | E-3 |
| Conklin Court     | B-5 | W. Maple Avenue   | D-4 |
| Cottage Place     | F-4 | W. Orchard Street | E-5 |
| Crescent Bend     | G-5 | Wilton Drive      | F-2 |
| Crescent Place    | E-3 | Woodland Avenue   | E-3 |
| Dale Avenue       | E-6 |                   |     |
| Delta Court       | E-4 |                   |     |
| Dogwood Drive     | B-4 |                   |     |
| Donnybrook Drive  | B-4 |                   |     |
| Duffy Drive       | B-5 |                   |     |
| E. Allendale Ave. | F-5 |                   |     |
| E. Crescent Ave.  | F-2 |                   |     |
| E. Elbrook Drive  | C-3 |                   |     |
| E. Orchard Street | G-6 |                   |     |
| Edgewood Road     | B-6 |                   |     |
| Elbrook Drive     | B-3 |                   |     |
| Elbrook Dr. North | B-3 |                   |     |
| Elm Street        | F-4 |                   |     |
| Elmwood Avenue    | F-6 |                   |     |
| Erol Court        | F-6 |                   |     |
| Ethel Avenue      | E-2 |                   |     |
| Fairhaven Drive   | C-2 |                   |     |
| First Street      | E-5 |                   |     |
| Forest Road       | B-4 |                   |     |
| Fourth Street     | E-5 |                   |     |
| Franklin Turnpike | F-6 |                   |     |
| George Street     | C-5 |                   |     |
| Grey Avenue       | E-4 |                   |     |
| Hamilton Street   | E-3 |                   |     |
| Harding Avenue    | F-1 |                   |     |
| Harreton Road     | F-1 |                   |     |
| Harreton Road     | G-2 |                   |     |
| Heights Road      | E-2 |                   |     |
| High Street       | E-4 |                   |     |
| Hillside Avenue   | C-4 |                   |     |
| Homewood Avenue   | F-6 |                   |     |
| Iroquois Avenue   | F-2 |                   |     |
| Ivers Road        | E-3 |                   |     |
| James Street      | E-2 |                   |     |
| Kayeton Road      | G-1 |                   |     |
| Knollton Road     | F-1 |                   |     |
| Lake Street       | D-4 |                   |     |
| Lakeview Drive    | E-1 |                   |     |
| Lori Lane         | B-2 |                   |     |
| MacIntyre Lane    | B-4 |                   |     |
| Mallinson Street  | E-5 |                   |     |
| Mayle Street      | E-5 |                   |     |
| Mark Road         | A-6 |                   |     |
| Memorial Drive    | F-5 |                   |     |
| Midwood Avenue    | F-6 |                   |     |
| Montrose Terrace  | E-2 |                   |     |
| Myrtle Avenue     | E-4 |                   |     |
| New Street        | D-6 |                   |     |
| Newton Place      | C-6 |                   |     |
| Oak Street        | D-5 |                   |     |
| Oakwood Road      | D-7 |                   |     |
| Oolooteka Avenue  | F-2 |                   |     |
| Oritani Avenue    | F-2 |                   |     |
| Park Avenue       | D-6 |                   |     |
| Paul Avenue       | A-6 |                   |     |



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