

# Peek At Past In Allendale Presented In Special Book

ALLENDALE—Anyone interested in the history, or folklore, of Allendale must refer to the fascinating book, "A History of Allendale," compiled by the Tercentenary Committee of the borough in 1964. Since many of the people who gave their memories to the committee have died, one must draw on the book for a peek into Allendale's past.

Once upon a time the Central Garage property on Myrtle Avenue was a livery stable. The State Troopers had their headquarters in the old Van Blarcom house at the corner of Maple and West Allendale Avenue. There was a taxi service in town run by Mr. Grossman at the present location of the Towne Cleaners.

Once upon a time there was a trolley line running from Paterson to Suffern. It ran from 1910 until 1929 and was called the North Jersey Rapid Transit Company. The ride was an outing for youngsters. The tracks were removed in 1929, sold to the Russian government and sent to Siberia.

Once upon a time peat was mined in the area now known as the celery farm. The land that is

now Allendale was, according to records, owned first by John Laubough or Lauback and Powles Van Houten and came to their heirs Joseph and Henry Mallinson. Legend has it that a Frenchman preceded Mallinson and Laubough. He is said to have erected a stone structure on Franklin Turnpike where the Pfister home is now located. In 1860 Stephen Cable purchased the land and dug up a box of coins dated before 1700.

Peter G. Powell and his wife, Marie, whose name was given to Powell Road, owned 400 acres of land between Franklin Turnpike and Saddle River. The printing shop on Park Avenue was once the home of the John Ackerman family as well as the grocery store, post office and later the feed and coal company.

In the days of Benjamin Harrison the post office was located in the Allendale Hotel, and Lewis Rossner was postmaster.

Once upon a time Cy Gousett, in the house on Hillside Avenue now occupied by the M. F. Crinkley family, invented and made the first chocolate-covered cherries.