

POSTWAR YEARS
— 1946-1960 —

In 1950 the population of Allendale was 2,049 (down slightly from 1940's total of 2,051), and in 1960 it had nearly doubled, to 4,069.

Beginning at 3 a.m. on October 7, 1956, New Jersey Bell Telephone introduced modern, high-speed dialing for the Ramsey-Mahwah-Allendale-Saddle River area. In Allendale, telephone numbers changed from "Allendale 1" to "Davis 7" exchanges.

In September 1956, \$14,990 could buy a five-bedroom, two and a half story frame house on a 100' x 200' plot in Allendale.

In September 1950 the Borough of Allendale, after concluding negotiations begun a year earlier, bought property from the Erie Railroad surrounding the station on both sides of the railroad tracks. This land was used for parking lots. The Borough Council, working with the Allendale Garden Club, landscaped and planted the area around the station on both sides of the tracks.¹

With the post-war building spurt, zoning in Allendale once again became a major concern. One of the earliest zoning efforts had been in May 1924 when the Borough Council enacted zoning ordinances, beginning with the zoning of West Allendale Avenue. In 1952 Allendale adopted a zoning Master Plan and in 1957 a new building code was put into effect. In the mid-1950s, the council passed a zoning regulation prohibiting carnival troupes within the Borough limits.

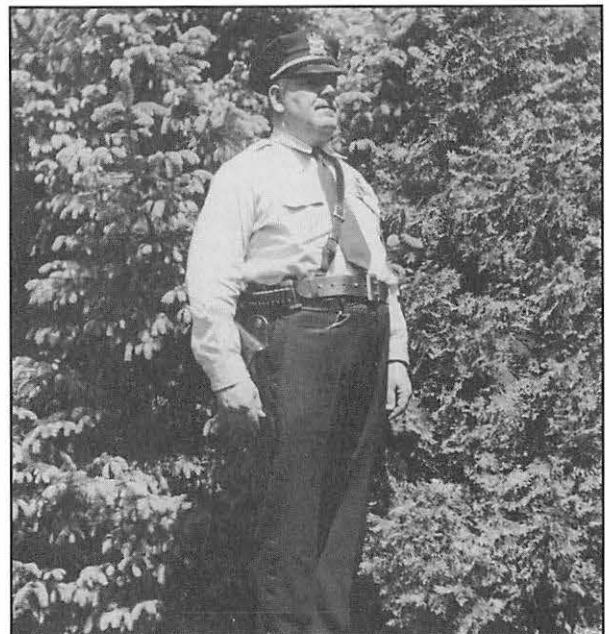
In November 1959 an ordinance was passed by the borough council creating a Board of Public Works in Allendale.

Allendale marshalls and deputy marshalls between 1946 and 1958 included Arthur W. Ahrens, Leonard Baum, Frederick Bavelaar, Kenneth M. Booth, Peter L. Cauwenberghs, John A. Comley, Robert Finlay, John O. Forshay, Roy Ivar Martin, Frank Parenti, Arthur Reyner, Lewis Turner, Howard Uhlinger, Robert Wehner, and Robert Wilson. In 1949, Marshall's pay was \$1.00 an hour. Some of the early desk marshalls before 1955 were Mrs. Mabel Ceely, Mrs. Robert Wilson, and Mrs. Mildred Conklin.²

In February 1951 the Allendale Police Department, under Chief John O. Forshay, issued a booklet titled "Guardians of Your Property and

Welfare." The booklet was distributed to all Allendale residents and contained information about the local law enforcement system. Since the late 1930s, police officers and marshalls had operated out of their private homes, keeping a room or desk for official business. Beginning about March 1951 Allendale's Police Headquarters moved to a store at 126 West Allendale Avenue.

Beginning on January 1, 1959, the Allendale Police Department was reinstated in Allendale. The Borough had begun with marshalls in 1894, and continued under the marshall system until 1927 when a Police Department was initiated. This continued until 1939, when as an austerity move (though some said a political liquidation) under Mayor Louis Keidel, the department was disbanded and the borough went back to a less expensive marshall system. Allendale's Police force had been a civil service department, and prior to this, if the department had been reinstated, the borough would have had to reinstate Chief William Reimer, in office when the department was discontinued, as well. By late 1958, Reimer



Chief Marshall Kenneth M. Booth, May 30, 1947.



Chief Marshall Robert D. Wilson, with Allendale's new police car, 1958. The car is parked on West Allendale Avenue, across from the Allendale Hotel, at the storefront (partially shown at the left) used as the Allendale Department of Safety headquarters at that time.

had died, paving the way for Allendale to reestablish its Police Department. The growing population was cited as the reason for the change. After 20 years under a marshall system, the Allendale Mayor and Council adopted an ordinance in December 1958 creating a police force as of January 1, 1959.

Just prior to the change, Chief Robert Wilson (a full-time marshall since 1943) and Sgt. Frank Parenti had been the borough's only full-time marshalls, supplemented when needed by part time marshalls, and they continued as officers in the new department. In February 1959 Andrew Baum and James Tallia were added to the police force.^{3,4}

In 1952 a new ambulance was acquired for the Allendale Ambulance Corps. That same year 564 calls were answered by the Corps. Presidents of the Allendale Ambulance Corps between 1948 and 1960 were Charles Bijou, Leonard Baum, Sr., Stephen T. Van Houten III, Jack Tackaberry, Emory Turnure, Charles Schubert, and Don Purvis. Captains of the Corps between 1948 and 1960 were F. Archibald Farrell, John Comley, and Peter Cauwenberghs, Sr. Others active in the Corps between 1946 and 1960 were Kenneth M. Booth, Arthur Canning, Roy Dietert, Charles Guam, Alwyn Grossmann, Ed Grosman, Robert Judson, Henry Kahse, Jacob Kaplan, Frank Keil, Louis Kubler, Frank Occhipinti, Paul D. O'Connor, Frank Parenti, Jack Phillips, Lawrence Scafuro, Peter Stanchak, Fred Thurston, Rudy Tomerack, Lou Turner, Carl Wehner, and

Clifford Winter. An addition to the Ambulance building was erected in 1959, providing meeting and storage space.⁵

At the annual Ambulance Corps installation dinner, held at Crescent Terrace Inn in December 1956, former Corps captain F. Archibald Farrell noted that Allendale's Corps was the first in New Jersey to take a patient through a railroad car window, and first to take a patient off an airplane.

In 1960 the Borough Council, at the recommendation of the Allendale Garden Club, adopted the dogwood as Allendale's official Borough Flower.

Mayors of Allendale during this era were J. George Christopher (1945-1946), Frederick J. Burnett (1947-1950), Leslie R. Johnson (1951-1952), John L. Tucker (1953-1956), Albert O. Scafuro (1957-1958), George A. Dean (1959), and Robert I. Newman (1959-1966).

Those serving on the Allendale Council from 1946 to 1960 included Leonard A. Baum, Rea A. Becker, Robert J. Black, John Borger, Henry C. Cobb, Perry Conklin, Victor J. Cotz, Matthew S. Crinkley, Elwood T. Critchley, Edward P. Dwyer, Helmuth Falcke, Edmund Grofsick, Mrs. Helen Hanson, Mayo A. Harvey, Harold Heidrich, Lewis H. Kort, Frank P. McCord, Arthur F. Mueller, Robert I. Newman, Mark W. Olson, Albert E. Ostertag, Wilfred H. Paulsen, Harold Roberts, Raymond M. Scholz, Mrs. Hilda Sprague, Russell K. Stewart, John Tucker, Richard Van Houten, John Wattles, and John D. Webb.

Borough Clerks between 1946 and 1960 were Charles R. Vollaro (who served as Allendale's borough clerk for 18 years until his death in February 1957) and J. Frank Roualt.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATION

In May or June of 1947 the Borough and the Board of Education of Allendale deeded the old 1896 school building on Franklin Turnpike to the Allendale American Legion Post 204. The Legion had been using the building as a community center since 1940, and the group now prepared to convert the building into a war memorial community center. Renovation work was done to make the building more suitable as a community center. The building was then renamed the "War Memorial Building."⁶ As a fund-raiser that same year, the Legion held, in early July, a War

Memorial carnival on the field on West Crescent Avenue near West Maple Avenue.⁷

In September 1949 work had begun on remodelling the War Memorial Building. The roof and the upper story were removed, making the building into a one story structure. The front stairs and entrance were removed and the exterior of the building was stuccoed and painted sparkling white. Large Blue letters on the front of the building spelled out "War Memorial Building," and in smaller letters underneath was "American Legion Post No. 204."

Members of Allendale Post 204 between 1946 and 1960 included Ernest Arlt, Harold Bayles, John Borger, Lyman Ceely, Edward P. Dwyer, E. Forshay, Alwyn Grossman, James Hummer, David Kaplan, Jacob Kaplan, Robert J. McLoughlin, Robert Osborne, Jack Phillips, Fred Rohl, Albert O. Scafuro, Lawrence Scafuro, Victor Scafuro, Peter Schefers, Everett Straut, Jr., John Tackaberry, R. Terwilliger, Stiles Thomas, Fred Weise, and William Winter.

Members of the Allendale Post 204 American Legion Auxiliary during this same time period, in addition to to the wives of the above named post members, included Mrs. Ernest Arlt, Mrs. Rose Z. Burnett, Mrs. John Fox, Mrs. Fred Hageman, Mrs. Archibald Gamble, Mrs. Arthur Reyner, Mrs. William Smith, and Mrs. Gary Tallman.

Members of the Allendale Woman's Club during this era held fund-raising bazaars, card parties and other events, and went on trips and outings. Among those active in the Woman's Club of Allendale between 1946 and 1960 were Mrs. George Albert, Mrs. Clifford Anderson, Mrs. Frank Berdan, Mrs. J. H. Bowman, Mrs. Joseph Cushwa, Mrs. William Darken, Mrs. Talbot B. Dunn, Mrs. Helmuth Falcke, Mrs. Arthur Fallon, Mrs. William Forbes, Mrs. B. Perry Hamilton, Mrs. William Harrison, Mrs. Edgar Horstmann, Mrs. Martin E. Husing, Mrs. L. A. Johnson, Mrs. Robert C. Kindred, Mrs. William Lightbody, Mrs. Hans Loen, Mrs. Louis Mocco, Mrs. Jay S. Morris, Mrs. Arvid H. Nyberg, Mrs. Leopold Polt, Mrs. William Previdi, Mrs. Henry A. Rademaker, Mrs. H. E. Schoenheiter, Mrs. G. Simmons, Mrs. Bernt Spilling, Mrs. F. A. Van Sickle., Mrs. Charles F. Vollaro, Mrs. Stanley J. Wenc, Mrs. Charles Williams, and Mrs. Raymond Zane.

The Woman's Evening Club was first organized as the Evening Membership Department of the Woman's Club on March 8, 1946. Its first chairman was Mrs.



Allendale's War Memorial Building, on Franklin Turnpike, in 1950.

Kenneth Mowerson. In November 1948 it became a separate Woman's Club, officially the Woman's Evening Club of Allendale, a member of the New Jersey Federation of Woman's Clubs.

In 1948, the Woman's Evening Club officers were Mrs. Roy Dietert, president; Mrs. Ulysses E. Savoye, vice-president; Mrs. Martin Wetterauw, secretary; and Mrs. Hans Kirschenbauer, treasurer. Additional members between 1948 and 1960 included Mrs. William E. Bartle, Mrs. Rea. A. Becker, Mrs. Bieder, Mrs. Harold Bogardus, Mrs. H. L. Bogart, Mrs. R. H. Brinker, Mrs. Henry C. Cobb, Mrs. H. F. Craven, Mrs. Elwood T. Critchley, Mrs. Norman G. Critchley, Mrs. B. J. Davala, Mrs. DeBlock, Mrs. Calder Estler, Mrs. Fred Grofsick, Mrs. Sigmond Hadel, Mrs. Harold Haefner, Mrs. M. Harvey, Mrs. R. Hoppen, Mrs. Carleton Hutchinson, Mrs. Norman Kershaw, Mrs. G. P. Martin, Mrs. J. B. Monaghan, Mrs. Kenneth Mowerson, Mrs. A. B. Newton, Mrs. Mark Olson, Mrs. Harold Osborne, Mrs. A. E. Ostertag, Mrs. George Price, Mrs. Russell Stewart, Mrs. Edgar Varick, Mrs. Carl Wehner, and Mrs. T. H. Zane.⁸

Members of the Junior Woman's Club of Allendale between 1948 and 1960 included Mrs. Walter Burtis, Mrs. Elmer Bush, Mrs. Robert Cross, Mrs. George Dean, Mrs. Edward deJongh, Mrs. George De Young, Mrs. W. Joseph Dixon, Mrs. Louis Fallon, Mrs. James Freeman, Mrs. John Fyffe, Mrs. Harry Goodrich, Mrs. Paul Huot, Mrs. Martin Husing, Mrs. Robert Kaplan, Mrs. James Laird, Mrs. Robert Lynch, Mrs. Daniel Phair, Mrs. John Phillips, Mrs. Robert Pirie, Mrs. Carroll Porter, Mrs. William Previdi, Mrs. G. F. Pryor, Mrs. Richard Rose, Mrs. Walter Rumsey, Mrs. F. H. Schefers, Jr., Mrs. Raymond Scholz, Mrs. Douglas Sharp, Mrs. John Strangfeld, Mrs. John H. Stubba, Mrs. Robert B. Taylor, Mrs. Stiles Thomas, Mrs. Fred

Thurston, Mrs. Lewis Thurston, Mrs. Joseph Tremitiere, and Mrs. Harold Zitko.

In 1949 the Allendale Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Valley Hospital was organized with Mrs. Hans Loen, Mrs. Harold Preston, and Mrs. William Quaintance as officers. Even before the hospital building was completed in 1951, Allendale women, headed by Mrs. George Albert, were at work hemming towels, diapers, and other linens for the Ridgewood hospital. The Woman's Auxiliary raised money for various hospital needs, provided volunteers to staff the hospital's tea room, Kurth Cottage, and made various "sunshine" items such as tray favors, puppets, and fancy birth certificates for distribution to patients. Additional later members of the Allendale branch of the Valley Hospital Auxiliary before 1960 included Mrs. Clifford Anderson, Mrs. Stuart Archibald, Mrs. Leo Bachstetter, Mrs. Larry Bogart, Mrs. Henry Cobb, Mrs. David Cooper, Mrs. Norman Critchley, Mrs. John L. Crothers, Mrs. E. Z. Dator, Mrs. Howard Delehanty, Mrs. Talbot B. Dunn, Mrs. Raymond Fowler, Mrs. A. Vail Frost, Mrs. Theodore Hamway, Mrs. R. S. Haythorn, Mrs. Edgar Horstmann, Mrs. L. R. Johnson, Mrs. Hans Kirschenbauer, Mrs. Charles Kook, Mrs. L. R. McPeck, Mrs. Daniel Morse, Mrs. John Morton, Mrs. Robert Newman, Mrs. Albert Ostertag, Mrs. L. Post, Mrs. William B. Quaintance, Mrs. James Secor, Mrs. Harry Tamagny, Mrs. J. Parnell Thomas, Mrs. James Secor, Mrs. F. A. Van Sickle, Mrs. Joseph Stehn, Mrs. Fred S. Walters, Mrs. Frank W. Winters, Mrs. John Witmer, and Mrs. Raymond Zane. Betsy Edna, daugh-

ter of Mr. & Mrs. Stiles Thomas of Allendale, was the second baby, and first girl, to be born, in August 1951, at the new hospital.

A number of social groups existed in Allendale during these years, and one such group was the Hobby Club, a group of Allendale women many of whose husbands were Allendale volunteer firemen. This group met on Friday nights, every other week, in the 1950s, while their husbands were attending meetings of the Allendale Fire Department. The Hobby Club planned and sponsored social events, for themselves and their husbands, such as parties and progressive dinners (at which each course of the dinner was served at a different member's home, and club members traveled from house to house to complete their meal). Members of this club included Mrs. Robert Wilson (Dorothy, or "Dot"), Mrs. Ralph Grossman (Evelyn), Mrs. William Lightweis (Marian), Mrs. Edwin Grosman (Harriet), Jean Cullen, Mrs. Charles Ritter (Viola), Mrs. Walter Rumsey (Natalie), Mrs. Martin Wetterauw (Alice), Mrs. Russell Stewart ("Jen"), Mrs. Harold Osborne ("Ted"), Mrs. Howard Uhlinger (Doris), Mrs. John Webb (Anne), and Mrs. Wilbur Vanderbeek (Mary).^{9, 10}

The Holiday Observers continued to plan and sponsor annual events on July 4th, Halloween, and Christmas, and during and after World War II until about 1948 maintained Allendale's World War II Honor Roll sign. The Observers first sponsored Halloween window painting in 1947 (under the direction of John Doty), and in 1954 they held their first annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children of Allendale. In 1953 Holiday Observers members assisted with the Horse Show held in Allendale that year for the benefit of the Cerebral Palsy Fund.

Among those active in the Observers during these years were Arthur Ahrens, William Anderson, Aarold Asp, Harold L. Bogardus, Arden Bradley, Harold Brown, John Cebak, John Christ, Jr., Herbert Clarke, John Comley, Victor Cotz, Fred Condle, Dave Cooper, Elwood Critchley, Norman G. Critchley, W. G. Z. Critchley, Robert Cunningham, Edgar Curtiss, John Doty, Al Douglas, Robert Douglas, Howard J. Elschner, Arthur Fallon, Hadley Ford, Vail Frost, David Garrabrant, Kurt Getzlaff, Wilbur Goetschius, Fred Gofsick, Edwin Hall, Russell Jenkins, Leslie Johnson, Garry Langevoort, Joe Lichtenberger, John A. Manders, Frank McCord, John Morton, Alexander Ott, Michel Pasquier, Fred Rickerich, Raymond M. Scholz, James Standring, Joseph H. Stehn, Russell Stewart, Howard Swing, Stiles Thomas, John Tucker, and Emory Turnure.

Cub Pack 59 held a kite derby in March 1953. The scouts participated in overnights and district rallies, and continued their scrap paper collections. Among those working with the Allendale Boy Scouts and



Members of the Allendale Hobby Club, in costume for one of their meetings in the 1950s. In front are Harriet Grosman and Ted Osborne. Center row: Mary Vanderbeek, Dot Wilson, Alice Wetterauw, and Anne Webb. In back row, Marian Lightweis, Jean Cullen, and Jen Stewart.

Cub Scouts during these years were Arthur Ahrens, Donald Anderson, Lee Backstetter, Robert Black, William Buhlman, David S. Cooper, John Curzon, Fred Degener, Edward DeJongh, Joseph Hampson, Norman Kershaw, John F. Kirby, George Liming, Leroy Moffit, Thomas Mowbray, Robert Murray, James Pardew, Stiles Thomas, and Joseph Waldorf.

Among projects and activities of the Allendale Girl Scouts and Brownies during this era were pet shows at Allendale's Recreation Park, pajama parties, astronomy classes, attendance at talks and lectures, nature walks, overnights (often at Crestwood Lake), and camping out. Among those active as leaders, assistant leaders, and as committee workers with the Allendale Girl Scouts and Brownie Scouts between 1946 and 1960 were Mrs. Albin Anderson, Mrs. Stuart Archibald, Mrs. Aarold G. Asp, Mrs. Charles R. Cavanagh, Jr., Mrs. John Cogan, Mrs. Robert Cross, Mrs. J. L. Crothers, Mrs. V. Detrano, Mrs. W. Joseph Dixon, Mrs. Herbert Douglas, Mrs. John Feher, Mrs. Henry Forshay, Mrs. J. Rhoads Foster (a girl scout district chairman in 1947 and 1948), Mrs. Harold Fox, Mrs. A. Vail Frost, Mrs. Sydney Geismar, Mrs. Wilbur Goetschius, Mrs. Ben Goodman, Mrs. William F. Gordon, Mrs. W. James Hall, Mrs. R. Higbie, Mrs. William S. Hughes, Mrs. Martin E. Husing, Mrs. George Lott, Mrs. L. E. Low, Mrs. Frank McCord, Mrs. J. B. Monaghan, Mrs. Arthur Mueller, Mrs. Ralph Norton, Mrs. Howard J. Owen, Mrs. Frank L. Panek, Mrs. A. Pearce, Mrs. George W. Prince, Mrs. Robert Rossner, Mrs. Warren Seitz, Mrs. Samuel Staines, Mrs. Stiles Thomas, Mrs. Lewis Thurston, Mrs. Richard Van Houten, Mrs. Henry VanderWerff, Mrs. Vincent Vesce, Mrs. Carl Waibel, Mrs. E. Walker, Mrs. Fred Walter, Mrs. Lemuel Webster, Mrs. Henry Werner, Mrs. J. Brunson Williams, and Mrs. George Wolfson.

In February or March 1955 a youth group was organized and a "teen canteen" for Allendale's young people was held on Friday nights in the American Legion's War Memorial Building. The American Legion Post provided the place, and the young people brought their own records and danced to them. Refreshments were provided by the young people. Evan Wetterauw was president, and Beverly Wilson was treasurer of the group.

In October 1958 a revitalized youth center was organized, again under the sponsorship of the American Legion Post,

and supervised by Kay Heddy (Mrs. Richard H. Heddy). This group, too, met in the War Memorial Building and held dances every Friday and Saturday night. The group also sponsored other activities, including hayrides and roller skating parties at the Paramus Roller Rink. A juke box and a soda machine had been installed in the War Memorial Building and the 15¢ charged for admission went to buy records and pay for snacks and refreshments.¹¹

Citizens for Allendale, Inc. was formed in August 1956, with Francis X. Scafuro as chairman, as a "non-profit organization to preserve the Berdan property on West Orchard Street for a civic center." The Berdan property was the former Garrison farm and homestead which stood on the site of today's A & P shopping center. Citizens for Allendale sought to acquire the five acres comprising the Berdan property "and hold it until the Borough decides to purchase it or decides against purchase in a period of six



The old Garrison farmhouse, later known as the Berdan house, and home to the Berdan and Hamilton families from the 1920s to the 1950s. Above, in 1925 before the grounds were developed and the gardens planted; below, about 1955. Part of the house and the Dutch barn on the property may have dated from the Revolutionary era.





The Allendale Swimming Pool at Recreation Park, about 1945. The sign says, "Swimming Permitted for Residents of Allendale Only by Order of Park Comm."

years." Shares of stock in the corporation were sold at \$100, paying 4% annually. The group issued the following statement in October 1956: "With its present firehouse and the Veteran's Memorial Building available for meetings, the Borough does not yet face the immediate need for any additional public buildings. Its firehouse, however is a wooden structure about 40 years old. Looking to the future the time will come when a municipal building, however modest, and a new firehouse, centrally located and easily accessible to both sides of town, will be needed . . ." Others involved in this organization included Stewart Archibald, Aarold Asp, Edward Bevilacqua, F. Archibald Farrell, Sydney J. Geismar, Sidney M. Hadel, Mr. and Mrs. J. James Hall, William Hanson, Lewis Kort, William Marples, Frank McCord, Leroy Moffitt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Pfister, Albert O. Scafuro, Joseph Schulz, Philip L. Shapiro, Stiles Thomas, John L. Tucker, Richard Van Houten, Fred Walters, and Thomas W. Zane. The borough did not acquire the property, and it was eventually sold and developed into the Allendale Shopping Center.

In March 1950, the Mayor and Council, needing more space, moved their meetings from the Fire House to the renovated War Memorial Building.

In 1960, the American Legion Post, faced with dwindling membership, deeded the building back to the Board of Education, which sold it to the Borough for \$1 and the assumption of about \$700 in outstanding maintenance debts. The Borough renovated the building and set up offices for the town clerk, the tax collector and the town inspector. In addition space

was provided for police headquarters and a large meeting room. The kitchen was outfitted by a gift from the Woman's Club of Allendale. Space was provided in the basement for Allendale's Civil Defense-Disaster Control equipment.¹²

In June 1961, with Representative William B. Widnall as one of the speakers at the ceremony, the newly renovated Allendale Municipal Building was dedicated.

RECREATION AND PARKS

After the Allendale swimming pool at Recreation Park was damaged in the July 1945 flash flood, a Pool Committee was formed in January 1947 to investigate and promote the possibility of restoring the old Allendale Pool near the ballfield. The committee was made up of members who represented the various organizations in Allendale. Borough Engineer Florio Job went to Trenton in March to seek approval for the committee to

restore the borough-owned pool. At this time the state was working on a plan to eliminate flood conditions in Allendale and elsewhere.^{13, 14}

In November 1947 the question of whether to have the pool restored at a cost to the Borough of approximately \$8,000 was on the Allendale ballot.

The Pool Restoration Committee met in January 1949 and made plans toward a restoration that would allow the pool to open on July 1 and operate through Labor Day. Representatives of town groups who were on this committee included Mrs. James Secor and Jean P. Thurston (Women's Society of Christian Service, Archer Memorial Methodist Church), Leslie Johnson, Howard J. Elschner, and R. Jenkins (Holiday Observers), F. Archibald Farrell (Ambulance Corps), Margaret Haefner and Eunice Kershaw (Evening Dept. of the Woman's Club), Joseph Hampson and Norman K. Kershaw (Boy Scouts), Robert Cottrell, Alwyn Grossman, and Charles Bijou (American Legion), Mrs. Wilbur Vanderbeek (Guardian Angel Guild), Edwin Grosman (Fire Department), Mrs. Walter Rumsey, Marion C. Wehner, and Mrs. Doris Tatosian (Junior Woman's Club), Harry L. Bogardus (Allendale Athletic Association), Edgar F. Varick (Allendale P.T.A.), Marjorie Mowerson (Woman's Club), Harvey Beswick (engineering advisor to the committee), and John Doty (Garden Club). An Allendale Swimming Pool Association was formed and its officers included Howard J. Elschner, John W. Doty, Norman G. Critchley, and Doris E. Tatosian. Ed Grosman was chairman of the pool construction committee.^{15, 16}

Donations were received, both in money and services, and volunteers helped paid workmen in the restoration. Local businesses who lent construction equipment, operational equipment, and other materials, included S. T. Van Houten, president of Crestwood Lake (water to fill the pool during the drought of 1949), Sam Braen of Wyckoff (a gasoline pump); and William Lightweis, George Christopher and Thurston's Garage (the loan of construction equipment, including bulldozers and scoop shovels).

The restored Allendale Swimming Pool officially opened in June 1949. Featured were sandy beaches, diving boards, floats, and life guards. The fees for seasonal badges for Allendale residents were \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.¹⁶

In September 1953, as a precautionary measure, the pool was drained earlier in the season than usual because of the outbreak of seven cases of polio in Waldwick.¹⁷

On Memorial Day 1947 the plaque honoring Allendale's World War II heroes was installed on the monument at Memorial Park during services conducted by the American Legion Post 204.¹⁸

Beginning in 1949 horse shows were held at the Recreation Park in Allendale. They were sponsored by the Cerebral Palsy League and the proceeds were donated to the Bergen County Cerebral Palsy Center in Ridgewood. Among the riders who participated in some of these shows were Carol Thurston, Sue Archibald, Jimmy Wilson, and Marcia Critchley. According to *The Ramsey Journal* of October 13, 1955, despite heavy rains 4,500 people attended the 6th Annual Cerebral Palsy Horse Show in Allendale.

ALLENDALE PUBLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Members of the Allendale Board of Education between 1946 and 1960 included Mrs. Sydney J. Geismar, Mrs. Frederick Kanning, L. R. McPeck, James M. Standing, Jr., Clemens W. Strangfeld, John H. Witmer, and George Wolfson.

Among the teachers in the Allendale School between 1946 and 1960 were Otto Aeschbach, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Stella M. Almroth, Mrs. Florence Amos, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Marian D. Bastedo, Mrs. John Baxter, Mrs. Dorothy Berlin, Mrs. Biancardi, Mrs. Evangeline Craze, Mrs. Fallon, Miss Rosalie Garrabrant, Mrs. Sydney J. Geismar, Mrs. Mary Goetschius, H. Gray, Mrs. Jessie Johns, Mrs. Lorraine M. Knight, Mrs. Willetta R. LaRoe, Mrs. Mary



The Allendale Pool before the restoration. Spring 1949. Brookside School can be seen through the trees in the background.

McKechnie, Louis Murgia, Peter Odo, Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Mary Smithey, Mrs. Tomlinson, Mrs. William Twichell, Mrs. Waldorf, Mrs. George Wilson, and Miss Wright.

The PTA during these years raised funds for special equipment for the school, sponsored dancing classes (tap, ballet, and social dancing), and fostered a band parents group. Those active in the Parent Teachers Association between 1946 and 1960 included Philander Alward, Mrs. D. Anderson, Mrs. H. L. Bogart, Byron Collins, Mrs. Robert Cross, Robert M. Cunningham, Mrs. William J. Dixon, Mrs. C. W. Erikson, Mrs. Feher, Mrs. Henry Forshay, Mrs. John



Front page of The Argus, June 30, 1949 with an article on the reopening of the restored Allendale Pool.

Lothian, Mrs. J. Rhoads Foster, Mrs. Arthur B. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. A. Vail Frost, Mrs. George Horton, Mrs. L. Kort, Mrs. Walter Kunisch, Mrs. John Lothian, Mrs. J. B. Monaghan, Mark W. Olson, Mrs. Wilfred Paulsen, Mrs. J. J. Probst, R. L. Robbins, Mrs. G. W. Schwack, James Standring, Mrs. M. R. Terwillegger, Joseph Waldorf, Mrs. Fred Walter, and Mrs. J. W. Wattles.

Seventh grade students in January 1949 saw the inauguration of President Truman on television at the home of school principal Paul D. O'Connor.

In May 1950 Allendale voters approved a proposed \$213,000 addition to the the school. The addition, a north wing, would be one story, with six classrooms, a home economics room, a manual train-

ing room, and lavatories. Another addition to the school was built in 1956-57 adding rooms on the east and the west sides of the school.

In 1960 Paul D. O'Connor retired as principal, and Henry C. Seibel became acting principal. Seibel became superintendent in the Fall of 1960, and Joseph Dorer came to Allendale as supervisor of curriculum. There were 726 students enrolled in the Allendale Public School in 1960.

High school students from Allendale attended Ramsey High School until February 6, 1959 when Allendale freshmen, sophomores, and juniors began to attend the partially-finished new Mahwah Junior-Senior High School. Seniors from Allendale finished out their year at Ramsey High School.



Brookside School Third Grade Class Picture, 1948. Front row, left to right: Donald Thurston, Dick Kanning, Kathleen Crothers. Second row from front: Frank Collyer?, Nadine Rumsey, Dennis Alward, Greg Price. Third row: Arlene Simon, Judy Anderson, Alice Foster, Emory Turnure. Fourth row: Patricia Webb, Beverly Anderson, and Sylvia Stetter. Fifth row: Bonnie Sue Christopher, Ellen Bernstorf, and Larry Langerlaan?. Sixth row: unidentified boy, Jimmy Wilson, and Marlene Lota. Back row, standing: Mrs. Mary Goetschius, teacher, Carlton Conklin, and George Kirschenbauer.



The Allendale School on Brookside Avenue, January 1948.

POST OFFICE

By 1953 the Allendale Post Office served a population of 2,579 and had 9 employees. Frank Archibald Farrell was postmaster.

On March 1, 1954 City Delivery Carrier Service was instituted in Allendale by the Post Office. Postmaster Frank A. Farrell announced that all residents would be required to erect mail receptacles or install mail slots for the receipt of mail. Two carriers on foot, and one carrier in a vehicle, covered the route. In July 1955 Allendale became a first class post office.^{20, 21}

In 1958 William F. Anderson was appointed acting postmaster at Allendale, succeeding Frank A. Farrell.²² In 1960 Charles Schubert was appointed postmaster.

ALLENDALE LIBRARY

Through the years many efforts had been made to municipalize the library, but it was not until November 4, 1952 that the residents of Allendale voted to have the borough government take over the library building and grounds and to operate the library as a free public library (dues had been charged up until this time).

In December of 1952 the library board voted unanimously to rename the library "The Lee Memorial Library" in memory of one of its greatest supporters, William C. Lee, whose death had occurred in July. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lee had been major benefactors of the library from its early days until their deaths, and in their wills they left funds in trust for the support of the library.

In February of 1953 Hilda Sprague (Mrs. Austin

Sprague) became Allendale's first full-time librarian. The library had previously been staffed by part-time volunteers. Mrs. Sprague had been an Allendale volunteer for at least seven years before her full-time appointment, and before that she had been a librarian in Livingston Manor, NY. She was to remain as Allendale's librarian until March 1967, when she and her husband moved to Bushkill, PA following Mr. Sprague's retirement. In March 1953 Schuyler C. Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Lee, unveiled

the bronze letters over the doorway spelling out "Lee Memorial Library."¹⁹

Those who served as officers and trustees of the library from 1946 through 1960 included: Frank Berdan, H. E. Sylvester Buechner, E. Kenneth Burger, F. J. Burnett, Mrs. David M. Colburn, Fred W. Condle, Norman Critchley, William G. Z. Critchley, Mrs. Dorothy DeBlock, Mrs. Fred Delaney, Mrs. D. W. Frazer, Mrs. Sydney Geismar, Martin E. Husing, Mrs. James W. Jackson, Ray V. Jones, Mrs. Mary K. Lee,



Allendale Library, corner of Allendale Avenue and Franklin Turnpike, interior, summer 1946. Mr. and Mrs. William C. Lee display the library sign first hung by the Village Improvement Association in 1901.

William C. Lee, Miss Ruth Morrison, Daniel Morse, Mrs. Daniel Morse, Frederick Savage, Mrs. Ethel M. Scott, Rev. E. A. Sievert, George H. Smith, Mrs. Hilda Sprague, S. E. Staines, J. Parnell Thomas, and Albert L. Zabriskie.

BUSINESSES AND THE BUSINESS SECTION

In 1946 Pasko C. Job and Ann Mary Job took over the Crescent Terrace Inn restaurant business at 168 West Crescent Avenue, and it became known as "Pat Job's Crescent Inn." The building was restored and rebuilt after a fire partially destroyed it in 1952. Pasko C. ("Pat") Job sold his business and liquor license in May 1959. Job's family had operated the restaurant for 27 years. For several years previous to the sale, there had been controversy over a borough variance permitting Job to have music and dancing on the second floor. Several of the surrounding residents brought suit, charging that the variance was illegal. In September 1956 a Superior Court judge ruled that meals could be served on both floors, but music and dancing could only take place on the first floor.^{23, 24}

In 1947 Chester Miskowski ("Chet") established his house painting and wallpapering business. By 1985, the business was run as C. Miskowski & Son, Inc., and later by Thomas Miskowski.

About 1947, after the death of Mrs. V. Braun, owner of the Allendale Hotel, Mrs. Maude Connelly ("Mom" Connelly), who had run the business since the mid-1930s, bought the Ackerman house on West Allendale Avenue. She moved her family to the house, and built an addition onto the front of the house for a cocktail bar and lounge. This was called the Allendale Bar & Grill (AB&G), which is still in operation today under the management of Mom Connelly's grandson, Michael Kunisch.²⁵

The Allendale Convalescent Home, at 668 West Crescent Avenue, was in operation by 1946 and by 1947 Elsie H.



Above, the Allendale Library, about 1955.

Below, the Allendale Library interior, summer 1946. The photograph shows the Mary K. Lee room, completed in 1941. Mrs. William C. Lee (Mary K. Lee), the librarian, is seated at the desk.



Scott was operating her Scott's Nursing Home at 703 Franklin Turnpike (the former Cockroft-Carver House). About 1953 Marvin Van Dyk (later with his brother William and father Barney) took over the 703 Franklin Turnpike business to establish his first Van Dyk Nursing Home. By 1957 he had opened Van Dyk Nursing Homes in Ridgewood and Towaco. By 1960 the 703 Franklin Turnpike building was being run as Pruiksmas's Nursing Home.²⁶

In January 1947, Thomas L. Murphy and his partner, R. W. Hamilton, were granted a zoning exception by the Allendale Board of Adjustment, to develop a horse stable on the 25-acre "Van Zant" property on Boroline Road. Murphy, a resident of the Fardale section of Mahwah, had been an all-star athlete, a former football coach at Ramsey High School, and had conducted a dance band before the war. His partner, R. W. Hamilton, of Saddle River, was a well-known sportsman and horse trainer. The enterprise would board, buy, and sell horses and teach advanced horsemanship. The business, the Allendale Riding Stables, was in operation by November 1947 and was being run by James Kennedy, who that month was attending the horse show at Madison Square Garden.²⁷

In 1948 Winter Brothers Store at 90 West Allendale Avenue, up until this time still a grocery and general store, discontinued their line of groceries and expanded their hardware line. From this time until the store closed, it became a hardware store (although, for a time, the store carried bread). The store kept its liquor license, however, and sold liquor, beer, and soft drinks.

In 1950 Stiles Thomas opened his insurance agency in Allendale. The Stiles Thomas Agency was at



Above and below, Allendale business section, May 1946, looking east along West Allendale Avenue.



74 West Allendale Avenue in 1950, and later moved to the Braun building (dubbed, because of its triangular shape, the Flatiron Building). In the 1960s it became something of an Allendale event to await the appearance of the new "Here's Allendale" directory (published by the Church of the Epiphany) to look for Stiles's witty ad. In the 1963-64 edition he cautioned, "We do not give Plaid, Blue, or Green Stamps."²⁸

Sometime before 1950 the Ben Franklin 5 & 10 was in business on the south side of West Allendale Avenue.

The garage and service station at 11 West Allendale Avenue was built in 1949 by the Home Fuel Company of Ridgewood. It was being run as a Chevron station in 1963 by Harry and Dick Nicholas.



Allendale business section, about 1950, looking west along West Allendale Avenue. On the right are the new "Pittis block" stores.

By 1986 it was being run as a Sunoco Station.²⁹

About 1949 the "Pittis block" stores on the north side of West Allendale Avenue were built for Dr. Godfrey Pittis, who rented them out to merchants. This block of storefronts stood on the corner east of Maple Street, once occupied by the Van Blarcom House, which had earlier been moved to Elm Street. Among the first merchants to move their businesses into stores in this new block were Oakley's Gift Shop, Tony Spinella's Produce Market, and The Country Shop.

On April 3, 1950 Elting Oakley, a Hyde Park, NY native who had served in the Army during World War II and participated in the D-Day landing at Omaha Beach, opened a candy and gift shop at 84 West Allendale Avenue in one of the stores in the newly built Pittis block. He had bought out the gift shop business of Jean Cullen in March 1950. Oakley recalled, "Jean came with me for a few months, then her sister, Anne Webb, worked part time for me the entire 18 years I was in business." The shop carried Hallmark and Norcross greeting cards, lamps, jewelry, perfume (by Michel Pasquier, who lived in Allendale), glassware, Corningware and various other popular gift items. He also sold homemade chocolates and hard candy, but discontinued the chocolate in the summer months because it had no preservatives. Oakley was president of the Allendale Chamber of Commerce for seven years, and he and fellow member Eva Schmitt, owner of The Country Shop, were two Allendale merchants instrumental in planning the planting of flowering cherry trees on West Allendale Avenue in the 1950s and 1960s. Oakley's Candy and Gift Shop closed on September

30, 1968. Oakley retired and moved to his childhood home of Hyde Park, NY, where he is active as a community volunteer and was vice president in 1994 of the Hyde Park Historical Society.³⁰

In 1947 the Dexter sisters of Franklin Lakes opened The Country Shop, a women's apparel shop in a storefront on West Allendale Avenue next to what was then the Allendale Police Station, across from the Allendale Hotel. The store offered ladies' clothing and accessories, and alterations. In 1950, Mrs. Frances Dick of Millbrook Farms, Franklin Lakes, bought the store and she moved it to 76 West Allendale Avenue in a store-

front in the new Pittis block of stores.

Eva Schmitt bought the business from Mrs. Dick, and on June 20, 1953 she took over the store and continued to run it at 76 West Allendale Avenue until in 1971 she moved the shop to the corner store in the same block.³¹

By August 1950, a pony track and miniature railroad had been added at Crestwood Lake, but when neighboring resident Carlton Hutchinson complained to the Mayor and Council, it was discovered that no permits had been acquired for these and they were removed. The structure later known as "the red barn pavilion" was built at Crestwood about February 1950 between an existing barn and shed. A small building just south of the entrance road of the swim club was used as S. T. Van Houten and Sons Real Estate office in 1952. The aeration spray in the center of the lake was a landmark visible even from passing trains during this period.³²

Harvey Gawel and R. E. Gawel had opened their Better Signs Studios (and Reflective Emblem Co.) at 140 West Allendale Avenue in Allendale by 1951. The business specialized in signs, silk screening, and truck lettering. Alexander J. Ott was business manager for the company.³³

By 1950 Howard E. Vanderbeck, son of Edward S. Vanderbeck, was running the H. E. Vanderbeck Co., Inc., a fence company at 2 East Crescent Avenue.³⁴

The Allendale Press began publication about 1950 with James Edward Martin as its publisher. Its offices were at 124 West Allendale Avenue. Martin died at the age of 44 in October 1953 and by January 1954 the Allendale Press Printing Company was run as a four-



Entrance to Crestwood, 1940s.

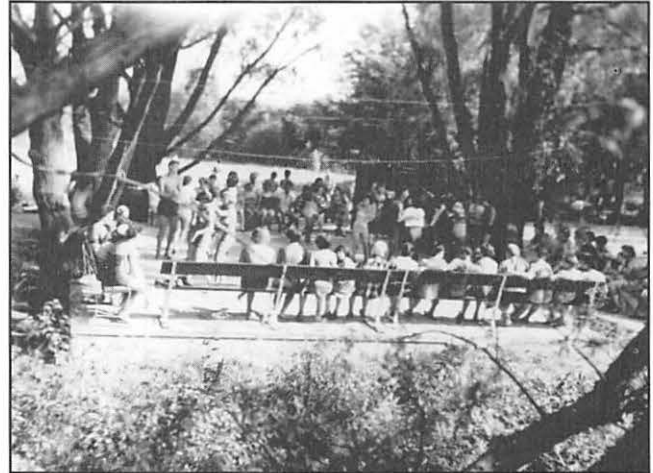


Crestwood Lake, July 1952.

VIEWS OF CRESTWOOD LAKE, ALLENDALE IN THE 1940S AND 1950S



Crestwood Lake, 1950s.



Dance Pavilion at Crestwood Lake, July 1952.



Refreshment stand at Crestwood Lake, about 1940s.



Van Houten's Real Estate office at Crestwood Lake, January 1952.



Pat Job's Crescent Terrace Inn at 168 West Crescent Avenue, about mid-1950s. Job sold the restaurant in 1959. In 1965 Harry Wells, a local builder, with help from Chris Stegemann, renovated the entire building and it was reopened as The Carriage House. In the mid-1970s The Carriage House restaurant closed. It was reopened in 1978 as The Ramapo Gate Inn. In 1984, the restaurant was reopened by new owners, Larry and Cindy Parachini, as LC's Woodhouse. In May 1994 the business, having changed hands once again, reopened as The Spanish Tavern.

man partnership, with a printing business which published the weekly tabloid *Allendale Press*. Calling itself "an independent family newspaper," it was edited by George DeYoung and James Tirone. In June 1955 the name was changed to *The Allendale Picture Press*, and on its board of directors were James Tirone, George De Young, Leonard DeYoung, and John Sanko. It covered local news in Allendale, Ramsey, Saddle River, and Upper Saddle River, and by September 1955, the offices were at 93 West Allendale Avenue, behind Kaplan's Cleaners.³⁵

William Bispham opened up his Allied Crafts Co., in the old Winter building next to the Post Office about 1950. He offered custom woodworking, kitchen cabinets, and furniture.³⁶

The Allendale Fabric Store was located at 83 West Allendale Avenue by 1954. There was also a branch store in Waldwick.³⁷

By 1951 the insurance agency started by Joseph W. Griffiths and later run by his son, Burtis W. Griffiths, was being run by Ralph N. Grossman and his wife, Evelyn J. (Koster) Grossman. In 1955 the business was absorbed by the Allendale Real Estate and Insurance Agency at 31 West Allendale Avenue, run by Norman G. Critchley, Howard J. Elschner, and Hadley C. Ford. This agency had been established in 1936.³⁸

On November 5, 1954 Stephen T. Van Houten,

Richard Van Houten, and Stephen T. Van Houten III, partners trading as S. T. Van Houten & Sons, purchased the property at the northwest corner of Franklin Turnpike and Allendale Avenue from the California Oil Company. The oil company had acquired the former Joseph Henry Mallinson house about the time of the death of Mae Mallinson in April 1953. The Van Houtens renovated and remodeled the dwelling house into offices and moved their real estate business to the ground floor. The upper floor offices were rented as professional offices, and included the dental offices of Dr. Donald M. Sencer.

Fred W. Pfister, who had 19 years experience with Reynolds Metals Company, formed his own businesses, Pfister Aluminum Corporation and Western Home Products, Inc. In 1955 the

two companies employed about 90 people. In 1958 Pfister Aluminum Corporation moved their offices into the former Allendale Telephone building at 54 West Allendale Avenue.³⁹

The Allendale Sweet Shop on West Allendale Avenue at the east end of the business section was run in the mid-1940's by Mr. and Mrs. Felix, who succeeded Mrs. Van Sickle. The business was run by 1955 by Herman and Rose Gordon, who bought the property and building in 1964. There had been a confectionery store in this building since the early 1930s, when the store was erected. The Gordons continued to sell candy, stationery products, cigars and cigarettes, newspapers, and magazines as well as serving lunch and offering a soda fountain with counter service.⁴⁰

On January 1, 1959 the Allendale Savings & Loan merged with the Waldwick Savings & Loan and became the Allendale-Waldwick Savings and Loan Association, with their office at 33 West Allendale Avenue, and a branch office on Prospect Street in Waldwick. The association had been formed 70 years earlier, in 1889, as the Orvil Co-operative Building and Loan Association.⁴¹

Arthur Payne ran an interior decoration store in Allendale by 1946. Arthur J. and Adelaide C. Lutton ran Art's Shop, an interior decorating store at 93 West Allendale Avenue by 1950. They specialized in

slip covers, draperies, upholstering, wallpapers, and carpeting.⁴²

The Lightweis & Foreit Construction Company, run by William Lightweis and William Foreit, was advertised in a January 1951 booklet published by the Allendale Press for the Allendale Police Department. The company's offices were at 35 Oak Street, Allendale.

The Foreit Construction Company, Ltd., run by William Foreit, was in business by 1954, and by 1963 it was being run in offices at 303 West Crescent Avenue. The company specialized in excavating and paving contracting, putting in water main and sewer pipe, driveways and roads. In 1959 one of their contracts was with Bier-Higgins working on the San Jacinto Country Club Estates. By 1985 the business was run by Eugene H. Foreit and Patrick M. Foreit, William Foreit's sons.

George Horton opened his "George's Radio and Television Service" about June 1954 at 85 West Allendale Avenue.

By 1954 Ely Leff and Beckie Leff were running the Allendale Spa on West Allendale Avenue.

In May 1955, Brookside Park Swim Club opened, with access from Brookside Avenue in Allendale. The swimming and recreation area was operated by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reyner, on the site of a former turkey farm. The 17 acres of land was mostly actually in Mahwah, including the 3 or 4-acre lake, which was spring fed. The lake had a sand bottom and was purified by chlorination. The club offered picnic benches, lockers, showers, and lavatories. There was a diving board and various types of childrens' play equipment. When the facility opened, there was a small island in the center of the lake, with a weeping willow growing on it. In 1966, after the death of Arthur Reyner, his widow sold the Brookside Park facility to J. Lloyd Lister.⁴³

By November 1958 Russell W. Gieseler of Ridgewood had rented the storefront at 93 West Allendale Avenue (formerly housing the Allendale Youth Center). Gieseler had invented a new card game, which he named Caramba, and he hired local workers to work in the storefront, assembling the card decks (which also included a spinner wheel to add to the element of chance in the game).

In March 1959 a fire broke out at the Allendale Hotel on West Allendale Avenue, caused by a defective chimney flue. The 17-room residential hotel was then owned by John Corallo, and the fire was discovered and reported at 9:30 p.m. by Mrs. Bernice Valkenburg, of 142 West Allendale Avenue, the owner's daughter. Residents of the hotel, including 87-year-old semi-invalid Fred Theusen, were evacuated from the smoke-filled building.

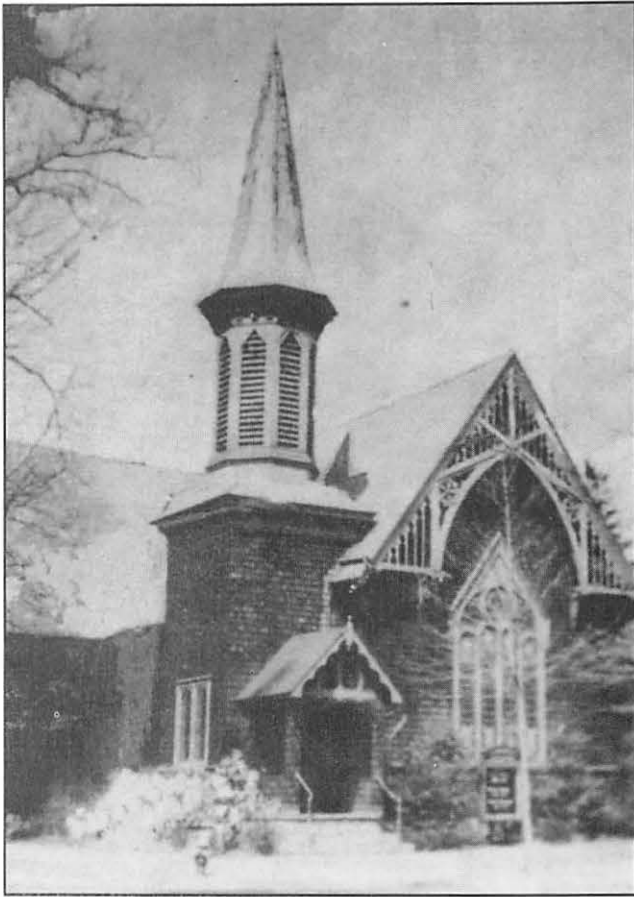
Other Allendale businesses in this era included Joe's Barbershop (1946, in the Braun flatiron building; later Bob's Barbershop, run by Bob Alberta), Lehman's Bakery (before 1950), Anderson's Meat Market (by 1950), Arnold's Bergen Picture & Framing Co. (by 1950), Marie en Rose Beauty Salon (at 80 West Allendale Avenue by August 1954), Kraft's Bakery (Herman Kraft, by 1955), The Allendale Pharmacy, Wilson's Taxi Service (operated in 1951 at 118 West Allendale Avenue by John K. Wilson and his son, Richard Wilson), the Allendale Fabric Center (run in 1956 by Mrs. George Higbie and her sister, Mrs. Adrienne Heller of Wayne), and Harold Christopher's Crescent Avenue Garage on West Crescent Avenue near the railroad underpass (by about 1950).^{44, 45, 46}

Other Allendale tradespeople in this era included Harry J. Pinckney (general contractor, by 1950), Charles W. Scott (lawn maintenance, by about 1950), Pat Job (excavating contractor in 1954), and Leonard Baum, plumbing and heating contractor.

By December 1953, the north side of West Allendale Avenue, from the Franklin Turnpike intersection west to the brook, had been widened and was being graded. New sidewalks and curbs had been



Ballfields, grandstand and bleachers at Recreation Park, about 1950.



Archer Memorial Methodist Church, 1946.

installed along the length of the widened street.

After World War II, limited parking facilities in downtown community business sections, coupled with increased numbers of cars, created a demand for a revolutionary new way to shop in Bergen County — at multi-store shopping centers (later known as shopping malls). These centers were surrounded by acres of land devoted to convenient paved parking lots. As early as 1949 plans were proposed for such shopping areas in Paramus, although it would be nearly a decade before those centers would be open for business. The Garden State Plaza, at the intersection of Routes 4 and 17 in Paramus opened in the spring of 1957 and six months later the Bergen Mall, on Route 4 in Paramus opened, in November 1957.

Professional people who lived or had offices in Allendale between 1946 and 1960 included Herman George Honig and Ruth Epstein Honig (attorneys with offices in Waldwick and a home on Powell Road) and Albert O. Scafuro (attorney).

Physicians practicing in Allendale between 1946 and 1960 included Dr. F. W. Kanning (a general practitioner and family doctor, who lived on West Orchard Street and maintained an office on West

Allendale Avenue) and Dr. Leo P. Schultz, whose home and office were on Franklin Turnpike.

Dentists with offices in Allendale between 1946 and 1960 include Dr. Harry M. Lampa, whose office was in his home at 54 Homewood Avenue (beginning about 1928), Dr. Donald M. Sencer (whose office was upstairs in the Van Houten Real Estate building), and Dr. Bernard N. Zeilengold, who had opened an office at 81 West Allendale Avenue in November 1938.

CHURCHES

Archer Memorial Methodist Church

During the month of October 1946 the church celebrated its 70th anniversary. An Honor Roll recognizing Archer Church members who had served in World War II was installed in the Church and dedicated on November 10, 1946. In April 1947 the Rev. Harry Goodrich was assigned to Archer Memorial Methodist Church, succeeding Rev. Herbert Sawyer.

On June 10, 1951, the church celebrated its 75th anniversary, with a special service and the publication of an anniversary booklet, prepared and printed by Mr. and Mrs. George Higbie. Throughout June, other events commemorating the anniversary were held. Photographs, old newspapers and newspaper clippings, and other memorabilia were displayed at an exhibit arranged by Katherine Paulsen and Abbe R. Cox Craven.

Mrs. Craven, an artist who worked under the name of Abbe Rose Cox, conceived the idea for a life-sized creche which she designed, and which was dedicated on December 23, 1951. The creche was displayed at Christmas time for years and became a well-known seasonal landmark.

Beginning in 1951, and continuing into 1952, an addition was built and Archer Hall was renovated and enlarged.

During the years 1955-57, the parsonage was renovated and modernized. About this same time, a picnic area north of Archer Hall was leveled and a parking area was created in its place.

In 1959, Mrs. Gilbert Nichols (Hazel), the church organist since 1917, retired.

In May 1959, when the Archer Memorial Methodist Church building was being renovated and the understructure of the oldest part of the church was being rebuilt, it was necessary to remove the cornerstone. In it were found old documents that had been placed there in 1876 when the church was built. In the metal capsule enclosed in the cornerstone were 24 items, including letters from various persons who had been present at the cornerstone-laying ceremonies, and a document listing the Sunday School roll in 1876. The old metal capsule had become rusted over the years, so Fred Herndon donated a stain-

less steel receptacle and the items were redeposited in the replaced cornerstone on May 17, 1959.^{47, 48}

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany

In 1944 the Rev. Edwin S. Carson became the pastor at the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany. The Rev. Bayard Hancock came to the Allendale church in July 1, 1952 and that same year the rectory was built. By the mid-1950s there were plans to fix up the basement, take out the bowling alley, put in new flooring and ceiling, and rebuild the organ. But the congregation was outgrowing the church and the congregation began to investigate the possibility of buying more land.⁴⁹

The Rev. Johann Schenk came to the church in 1956 and the Church of the Epiphany became a full-fledged parish in 1958. The congregation of the church voted in May 1959 to buy, for future expansion, a ten-acre tract of land bordering West Crescent Avenue, Brookside Avenue, Wehner Place, and George Street. The congregation had outgrown its building on the northeast corner of Franklin Turnpike and East Orchard Street. The current building seated only 110 persons, and there were 210 parishioners in 1959. In addition, the only parking available near the current building was on-street parking, and a long search for property adjoining the building had been unsuccessful.⁵⁰

Guardian Angel Roman Catholic Church

In 1952 the 68-acre "Twin Gates" estate was sold. Part of the estate (14 acres, along with its houses and other buildings) owned by Vincent C. Vesce and



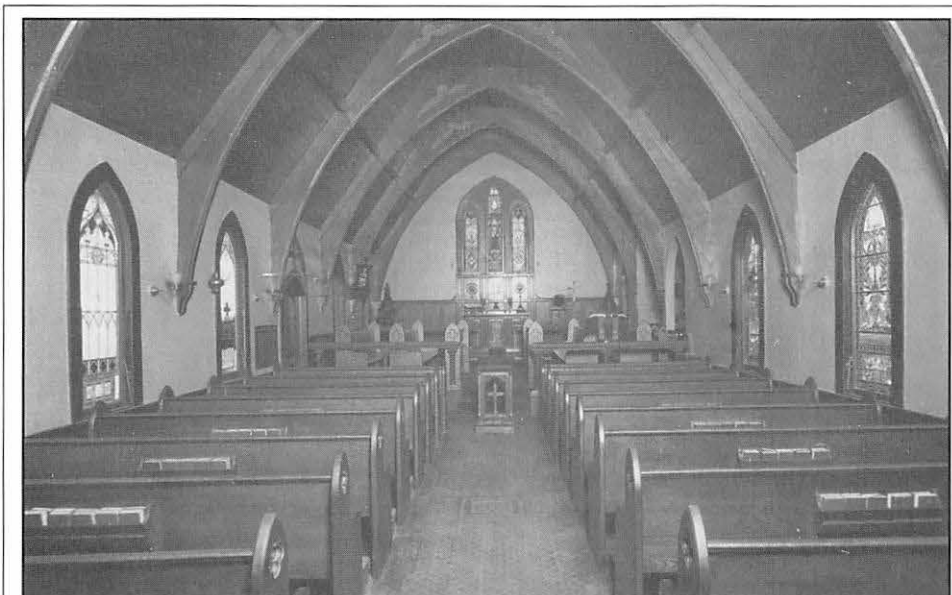
The Thimble Club of the Archer Memorial Methodist Church, about 1950s, meeting at the home of Mrs. James E. Webb. Left to right: Ida May Webb, Florence Sneden, Hetty Hoerschgen, Bessie Nimmo, two unidentified women, Edna Winter, Ada Christopher, Myra Mallinson?, Carolyn Storms, and Emma Mowerson Condle.

Elizabeth T. Vesce (formerly the Archer family home) was sold to the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark.⁵¹

The main house on the estate was transformed into a combination church and rectory. The old carriage shop barn on the property was converted into a Parish Hall. The Guardian Angel's former chapel on the corner of Maple and Elm Streets was sold and converted back to its original use as a private dwelling.

On June 25, 1954 the Church of the Guardian Angel became a full-fledged parish.

Pastors at the church between 1946 and 1960 included the Rev. Joseph E. Price, Father Maurice Leo McManus (appointed resident pastor in July 1954), Rev. John A. Farrell (who arrived in the summer of 1955), and Father Joseph Stockhammer (who came to Guardian Angel in 1957).⁵²



Interior of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, about 1940s.



On March 18, 1948, Rep. J. Parnell Thomas was visited at his home in Allendale and posed with, left to right, Rep. Richard B. Vail of Illinois, Rep. Thomas, Rep. John McDowell of Pennsylvania, Robert Stripling, and Rep. Richard M. Nixon of California.

Calvary Lutheran Church

The Calvary Lutheran Church was founded December 5, 1954, and held its first service in the Allendale Fire House. Its charter membership consisted of 40 families. On January 2, 1955 the Sunday School was started (with nineteen teachers volunteering and nine students enrolled). On January 11 the ladies' Guild of the church was organized.

The congregation was served by visiting pastors for a year and a half. The Rev. Luther B. Keay took on the leadership of the congregation on August 1, 1956.

Sunday services continued to be held at the Fire House until May 26, 1957. On that date the congregation moved into its new building at 165 West Crescent Avenue, on the corner of West Crescent Avenue and Ivers Road. The new building was formally dedicated on June 16, 1957.⁵³

By 1959 the church needed more space and construction of a new Sunday School building and a separate parsonage (at 70 Ivers Road) was begun. Ground was broken November 9, 1959 for a 5-classroom Sunday School addition to the Church.

Until this time the congregation's parsonage had been located at 60 Cottage Place. In April 1960 the Rev. Keay and his family moved into the new parsonage. In May 1960 the new Sunday School, begun in November 1959, was dedicated.^{54, 55}

Jehovah's Witnesses

A Jehovah's Witnesses congregation began meeting in Allendale during the 1950s (active by July 1954), in a storefront building leased from Dr. Godfrey Pittis at 78 West Allendale Avenue across from the Allendale Hotel.

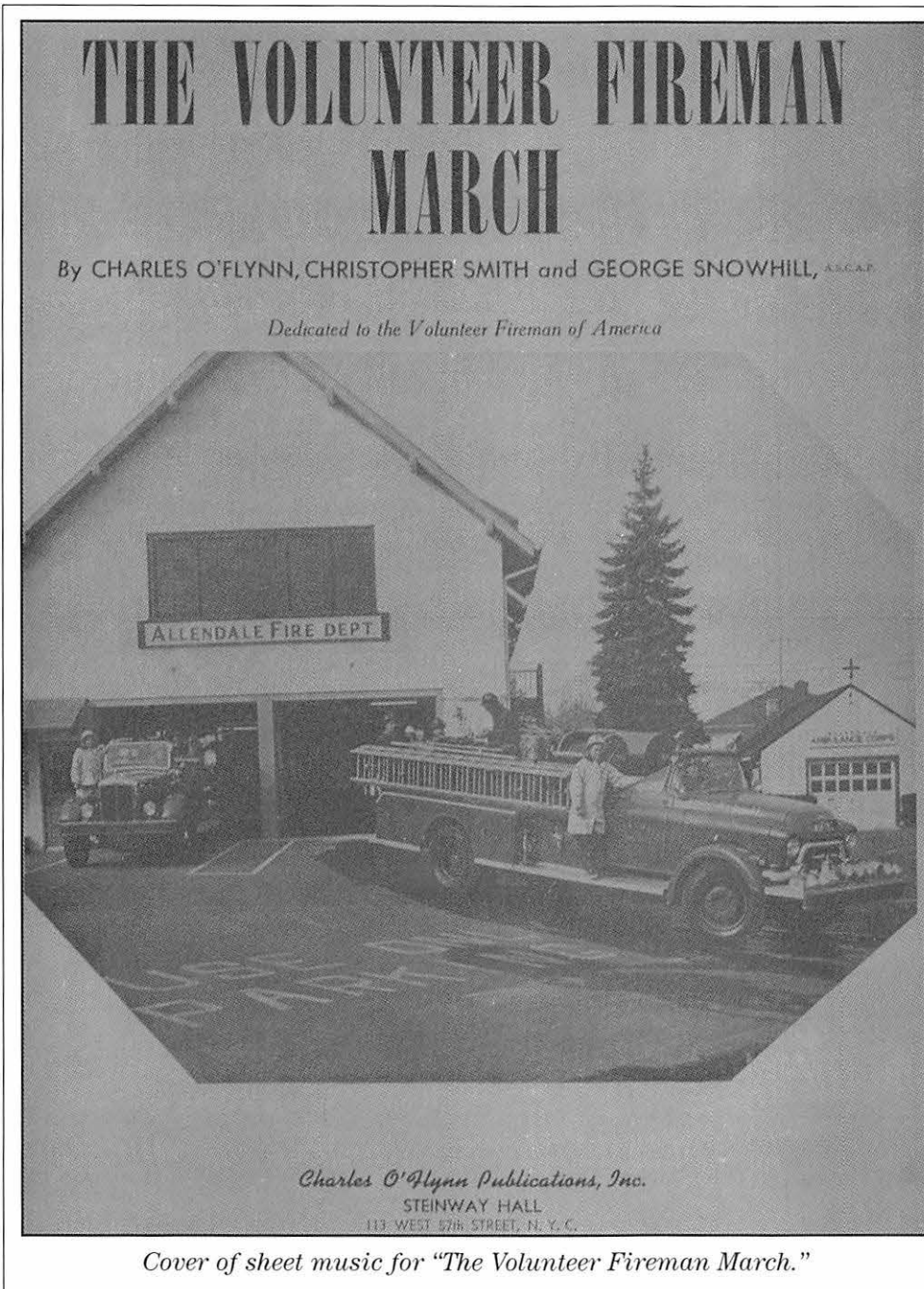
In July of 1957 the Jehovah's Witnesses congregation applied for a building permit to erect a contemporary Kingdom Hall, designed by architect Eleanore Pettersen of Saddle River, on a lot on Hillside Avenue. The permit was denied due to inadequate space in the rear yard, as required by zoning regulations. There were also concerns voiced over possible traffic hazards in a residential neighborhood. After a number of hearings before the Board of Adjustment, the congregation withdrew the application. The congregation later appealed the denial, but finally moved their meeting place to Franklin Lakes in October 1958.

BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT

Another building boom took place in Allendale in the post-World War II period. Several developments were promoted, including Briar Hill Custom Estates on Arcadia Road, built by Bier Higgins (Charles Bier and Richard Higgins); Rolling Ridge in Ramsey and Allendale (Hillside Avenue area) built by Bier Higgins; Colburn & DiPippo's development on Allen Street; the Coral Homes Development on Pittis and Grey Avenues; and San Jacinto Country Club Estates (Bier Higgins).⁵⁶

In September 1956 a new model home on Allen Street, built by Colburn & DiPippo was opened for inspection. In this development, split level ranch homes with three bedrooms and two ceramic tiled baths were advertised for sale starting at \$23,900. Among the first families to move into these houses were Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Pirie of Natick, MA; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Allen of Oakland; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cullen of Allendale; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Bryan of Rutherford.

In June 1958 "The Williamsburg" model home at Bier-Higgins' Briar Hill on Arcadia Road was advertised at \$33,000. This model was an award-winning design, and was shown in *McCall's* magazine in March 1959.



FIRES AND THE ALLENDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

In October 1959 a fire broke out in an abandoned house on the former celery farm property north of Cottage Place. Thirty-five Allendale firemen fought the blaze, which could be seen from every part of the borough. The structure was gutted by the fire, and when the fire was extinguished, only two walls of the building remained.⁵⁷

About 1957 Charles O'Flynn and his wife and daughter moved into the former Gousset house at 200 Hillside Avenue. O'Flynn, a member of ASCAP,

had written and published more than 50 popular songs, including "Smile Darn Ya, Smile," "Anniversary Song," "The Farmer Took Another Load Away," and "Gone, Gone, Gone." Efficient action by the Allendale Volunteer Fire Department in controlling a fire in his Allendale home prompted him, in 1959, to write and publish "The Volunteer Fireman March." He dedicated the song to the Volunteer Firemen of America. "The Volunteer Fireman March" was written by Charles J. O'Flynn, Christopher Smith, and George Snowhill, and the sheet music for the march featured, on its cover, a photograph of the Allendale Fire House, its fire trucks, and several firemen.

On May 14, 1960 the Allendale Fire Department celebrated its 50th anniversary. Members of the department grew beards and handlebar moustaches for the occasion, and dressed in replicas of the white uniforms and black accessories of the original "silk stocking boys." They recreated the 1910 look by pulling the old hose cart in their celebration parade through town.

Allendale Fire Chiefs between 1946 and 1960 included Edwin Grosman, Robert Wilson, Martin Wetterauw, Walter Rumsey, Clarence J. Ritter (Charles), Harold Osborne, and Robert Osborne, Sr.



Above, the Allendale firemen posing in front of their new truck, May 1957. Front row, kneeling: second lt. Emory Turnure, first lt. George W. Prince, assistant chief Robert Osborne, chief Harold Osborne, first capt. Everett Straut, and second capt. William Foreit. Second row, kneeling, left to right: Robert J. Tier, Howard Uhlinger, Frank Parenti, Jr., David Colburn, former chief Martin Wetterauw, Lawrence Kroll, Richard Van Houten, Harold Brown, Sr., John A. Fyffe, Wilbur Vanderbeek, John Webb, Perry P. Conklin, Russell K. Stewart, and David Garrabrant. Rear row, standing: E. L. Kintner, Elwood Critchley, Henry Cobb, Donald Grosman, William Indoe, former chief Edwin W. Grosman, Sr., John Turnure, William MacDonald, former chief Walter Rumsey, Andrew Kubish, B. A. Eckardt, George Wehner, and former chiefs Robert D. Wilson and Charles Ritter.

Below, the 1946 Allendale American Legion Post 204 second baseball team (won 8, lost 4, tied 1). The players are, bottom row, left to right: Ralph Scafuro, Norman Critchley (also the team's manager), Bill Hill, Magro, Benny Job. Top row, left to right: Gene Caputi, Gil Morgan, Wehner, Louis Caputi, Al Scafuro.





Aerial view of Allendale, about 1950s, showing Lake San Jacinto on right (the parking lot for the lake is at the bottom right), Brookside School in the upper left edge of the picture, and across West Crescent Avenue from the school grounds, land has been cleared for the building of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany (now Allendale Municipal Building and Library complex).



Aerial view of the "Celery Farm" taken March 2, 1955.



*Two views of
West Allendale
Avenue and
the Allendale
business section
in 1953*

*Left, looking
west.*



*Right, looking
east.*