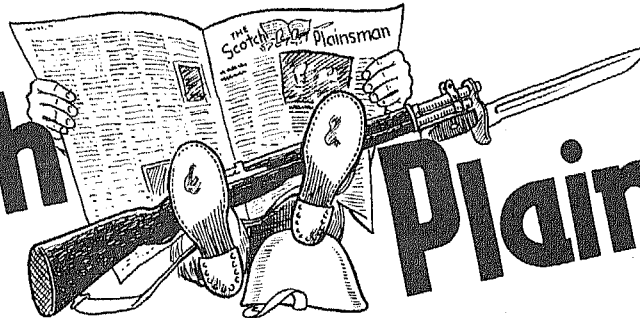


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THE SCOTCH PLAINSMAN.

With the advent of the first issue of "The Scotch Plainsman", dreams of several months standing come true. The idea was conceived by one of the townspeople, who, after discussing it with a number of others, decided to do something about it. A group of ten editors-to-be assembled and formed an organization to promote the idea and to formulate a policy to serve as a guide in assembling and disseminating the news.

Primarily this paper is for the service men and women from Scotch Plains. We want them to consider it their paper. With that thought in mind, we have tried to make it as attractive as possible so they will get real enjoyment in reading it.

Sitting here at home, we have only a limited perspective as what sort of news "Our Boys and Girls" would like to read about. Knowing this, we ask for your ideas as to what you would like to read about in YOUR paper.

Our mailing list was secured from the best available sources. We know it is not complete. The Honor Roll on page two was compiled from our mailing list. If you know of anyone who is not listed, please drop us a line with the name and complete home and service address.

And please send us your comments.

WAR WIDOWS.

As an example of ladies doing a constructive home-front job, we cite the War Widows, a Scotch Plains organization engaged in a unique program of letter-writing to service relatives and friends. The home of Mrs. Paul Novak (mother of Lieut. Ed., Cherry Point, N.C., and Sergeant Paul, So. Pac. theatre of operations, both U.S. Marines) on Old Raritan Road, is the meeting place.

The soft-spoken, attractive brunette who acted as spokesman, told us that anywhere from six to ten ladies meet each week to read mail received and to write round-robin letters to those they know in service. As many letters are written as there are members present and each member, in turn adds her news to the letters started by the others. Each letter is different and contains items of particular interest to the recipient. There is never a scarcity of news for the attractive brunette assured us the members have developed an uncanny ability to dig up and dish out more dirt than they can write in one evening.

The fame of the War Widows has spread to the corners of the globe; they have received requests from many lonesome G I's, even censors, asking for letters. The group will gladly explain their program to others interested in forming a similar group.

SALVAGE DRIVE.

Nearly ten tons of paper and over one and a half tons of tin cans were collected last month. This is a considerable increase over previous collections.

Allen Mannon, Chairman of the Salvage Committee, requests scrap paper and magazines be tied in separate bundles and placed at the curb so as to facilitate collections.

Discarded paper bags, old newspapers, magazines - even crumpled paper napkins - helps the Army Q. M. Corps to get paper for wrapping and packaging the millions of tons of shipping which must reach the battle fronts.

The last Saturday of each month has been designated as pick-up day.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Harry Paff, Chairman of the Memorial Day Exercises, announces that a parade will be held on Sunday, May 28th instead of Tuesday, May 30th.

The reason for the change is that many war workers will be unable to attend if the celebration is held on a week day.

The High School Band and the Fife and Bugle Corps will furnish the music. It is expected that a large number of people will participate.

The line of march will be from Park Avenue to the Baptist Cemetery; down Mountain Avenue and back over Park Avenue to the Monument. G.A.R. and American Legion services will be conducted at the cemetery.

At the Monument, a wreath will be placed and a guest speaker will address those assembled. Soldiers and sailors of both World Wars will take part.

MASTHEAD CONTEST.

The masthead which is used on this issue of "The Scotch Plainsman" was designed by a student in the High School whose name will be made known in our issue next month. All High School students were eligible to compete for a price of \$10.00 in War Stamps.

Many clever and ingenious ideas were developed and the execution of the drawings showed real thought and creative ability. Our school system deserves a round of applause for making the task of deciding a difficult one for the judges.

Completed drawings were submitted to the High School office where they were assigned a number. The contestants' names did not appear on the drawings - the assigned numbers were the only mark of identification.

The prize will be awarded shortly.

CAMP NAMED IN HONOR OF SCOTCH PLAINS BOY.

The following letter was addressed to Mrs. Helen Bormann, Myrtle Avenue, Scotch Plains, mother of Alfred Bormann, by the Adjutant General of the War Department.

"The War Department takes this opportunity to inform you that United States Army Camp located in New Caledonia, South Pacific Area, has been named "CAMP BORMANN" in honor of your son, the late Master Sergeant Alfred A. Bormann, who died as the result of an accident 27 October, 1943.

This is but a small indication of the boundless admiration and love which Master Sergeant Bormann's fellow soldiers hold for his memory, but it will live as a symbol of his unselfishness and devotion in his services to our country."

Sergeant Bormann was killed in an electrical accident while working long hours overtime on the installation of a new radio circuit. All of his officers speak very highly of the work of this fine boy. His Commanding Officer reports that "He was an outstanding example of fine American manhood and reflected the highest ideals of the American soldier at all times. His devotion to duty won the admiration of all his fellowmen and officers."

RED CROSS DRIVE.

One hundred and forty eight volunteers successfully concluded their drive with a grand total of \$6092.47. A quota of \$3500.00 was assigned the Township by the Plainfield Chapter, of which our chapter is a branch.

Chairmen of the seven zones were as follows in the order mentioned -- Harry Erholm, Mrs. Edward Hatfield, Edwin Braun, A.M. Horning, Mrs. R.E. Baker, William Sampson and Mrs. Karl Lindner. William M. Garbe had charge of special contributions. The Executive Committee included, in addition, E.E. Peterson, H. B. Brunner, Alex. Campbell, Henry Chemidlin, Fred Chemidlin, Theodore Swarer and Elwood Van Allen.

A summary by zones follows:

Zone	Quota	Goal	Collected
1	\$ 250.	\$ 500.	\$ 597.25
2	700.	1000.	1150.50
3	700.	1000.	1049.65
4	350.	550.	583.51
5	350.	400.	476.50
6	500.	700.	881.85
7	650.	900.	938.32
Spec. Con. **	**	**	414.89
Total	\$3500.	\$5050.	\$6092.47
