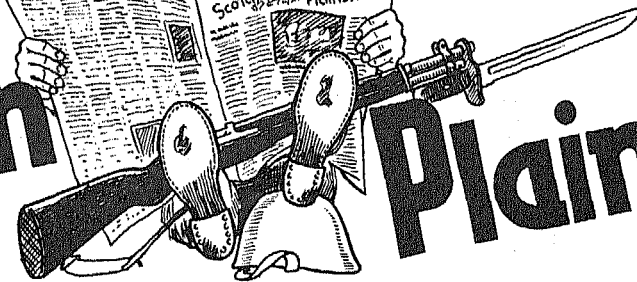


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THE STORY OF THE SCOTCH PLAINSMAN IS TOLD.

In the code of editorial policy prepared by the trustees of 'The Scotch Plainsman', appears the following clause:

"The general purpose of the periodical shall be the assembling and disseminating, by a volunteer staff, of local news, for the sole purpose of keeping local men and women in service informed of the news in their home community. Following accepted newspaper practise, the staff is to remain anonymous.

"The paper shall not be a vehicle for the promotion of any selfish individual or group interest."

Observing the injunction of anonymity, no names of staff members appeared in the first issue. The very first letter received from a service man asked "Who is responsible for this idea?". That question was repeated in other letters and was asked by people around town. Responsive to the insistent demand, the trustees have instructed that the story be told and the names of the staff be published.

The idea of a servicemen's paper in Scotch Plains is not new or novel. During the last few years, many have mentioned the idea. But nothing was done about it.

It remained for Elwood E. Van Allen, of Parkview Drive, to translate words into action.

During March, 'Van' talked with a number of people about the 'paper'. All were interested in it and agreed to help. A meeting was held, committees appointed, and the paper was born.

All over town men and women were asked to work as reporters and subscription solicitors so that the news might be assembled and distributed free to Scotch Plainsmen in service.

In later issues, we'll tell you about the other people who work to make the paper possible; how the news is gathered and by whom; how the paper is prepared and mailed.

First honors though must go to 'Van' - the man of action.

OCD COMMENDED FOR SOLDIER VOTE CANVASS.

Governor Walter E. Edge, in a letter to all local Defense Council chairmen congratulated the entire Civilian Defense organization on the "very fine way" in which they conducted the house - to - house canvass in connection with the soldier vote program.

Since New Jersey adopted the plan of having Civilian Defense volunteers conduct the canvass, several other states, notably Pennsylvania, have adopted similar plans.

FIFTH WAR LOAN DRIVE TO START JUNE 12th.

Speaking at a war bond rally in School One, Township Committee Chairman, Edward R. Hatfield urged that everyone participate in making the Scotch Plains Fifth War Loan Drive a success. He expressed confidence that the quota of \$100,000 would be attained.

W. Seward Lyon, Drive Chairman, has appointed the following local zone chairmen: Zone 1, Harry Erholm, Zone 2, Harry L. Paff; Zone 3, Arthur Taber; Zone 4, Elvin D. Groom; Zone 5, Frank J. Mason; Zone 6, Raymond A. Carter; Zone 7, Gerald L. Furman.

Fred J. Chemidlin and John Morel will head up the commercial committee. Ralph Kehs and E. J. Van Allen will assist at headquarters which will be located in the offices of Midlin Models on Park Avenue.

At the pre-War-Bond-Drive-Rally Mr. Lyon said: "I am confident that we will meet our quota and very hopeful that it will be exceeded. It is one of the tangible ways by which we can show our support to the men and women in service and more than ever do they need our support at this time. I know this drive will have the backing of everyone in the Township."

The drive will start June 12th and will be concluded July 8th. All houses in the Township will be visited.

LIGHTNING STRIKES TWICE IN SCOTCH PLAINS.

During recent thunder storms lightning struck twice in S.P., but not much damage was done.

Peter Trivigno's chimney (Valley Ave.) was knocked down. No fire resulted and no one was hurt.

A chicken coop on the property of John Hillebrand on Haritan Road was hit, and burned to the ground in spite of a heavy rain and the prompt arrival of the fire department.

CAMPBELL AND HATFIELD WIN IN LIGHT PRIMARY VOTE.

Only 25 per cent. of the registered voters went to the polls in the recent primaries. Of Scotch Plains more than 3200 registered voters, 731 Republicans and 42 Democrats turned out.

Undersheriff Alex. Campbell, - unopposed for the Republican nomination for Sheriff of Union County drew a complimentary vote of 590 in his home town. His Democratic opponent in the fall election, polled 33 votes here.

Edward R. Hatfield, Township Committee Chairman, seeking the Republican nomination for reelection to the Committee in the Fall polled 599 votes

D-DAY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING OPENED WITH PRAYER.

While our boys stormed against the bulwarks of the Nazi-held French Coast on D-Day, a group of citizens at the Township meeting bowed their heads in silent prayer.

Following this, Rev. E. E. Peterson spoke fervently of the sombre, gigantic and yet glorious task that is ahead, and offered this prayer:

"Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Thy judgments. The day for which we have tried to steel our hearts has come and we tremble with awe. The day to avenge the wrong and set the captives free is here and we bow as suppliants before Thee. Our hearts are as the waters, -- calm and confident, but quickly change to turbulence and fear. The issues are so great and our loved ones are so dear. O Thou, who dost neither slumber nor sleep, let Thine pitying eye behold us and Thy Compassionate care support us.

"May Thy presence hover over our fellow citizens in the armed forces. We think especially of those from our town and family circles, grant them power to endure and courage to press on; in weakness be Thou their strength and in fear their refuge; in loneliness their friend and in pain their comforter. O Thou Guardian ever near preserve their going out and their coming in, preserve their souls from all evil. In this momentous hour give to the leaders of our forces wisdom to plan and power to attain their goals. With quiet confidence in Thee may they lead unabated and unafraid, speeding the day of triumph, bringing to Thy weary world righteousness and peace.

"Hear our prayer O Thou Great Jehovah. Amen."

CHESTNUT FARMS BOY WINS THE SCOTCH PLAINSMAN CONTEST.

Charles Bruemmer of 2370 Channing Ave. is ten dollars richer today because his mascot design, depicting a G. I. Joe partly hidden behind an open copy of The Scotch Plainsman, with one foot resting on a German helmet, was selected as best symbolizing the purpose of the paper. Runner-up prizes of \$2.50 each were awarded to Joan Kaufman, Natalie Jones and Jack Cowan.

The War Stamp awards were made at a regular high-school assembly by William Spooner, Industrial Consultant of New York City, Chairman of the Award Committee, who said the job of selecting the winner was made difficult by the high quality of the entries.
