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 3rd Row - Mrs. M. Checchio, Mrs. A. Adamio, Mrs. N. Fantini, Mrs. T. Santo Salvo, Mrs. W. Debbie  
 2nd Row - Mrs. E. Sharkey, Mrs. M. Meyer, Mrs. A. Thorne, Mrs. A. Lee, Mrs. M. Sharkey, Mrs. B. Bardolf, Mrs. L. Caruso  
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**FOURTH OF JULY FIELD MEET  
 AND PARADE A GREAT SUCCESS.**

The old township of Scotch Plains may have had greater and more colorful Independence Day celebrations in the past but certainly none were more varied than the one staged this year in which the mothers of our fighting men and women took a prominent part and the kiddies topped off the day with a grand display of sporting events down at the Union County Park on Route 29. This, with the compact but enthusiastic parade of townspeople gave the folks at home a real 4th of July notwithstanding the absence of fireworks, the minute supply of gasoline and that empty feeling of loneliness for the peace-loving warrior away from home.

It was the first such affair sponsored by the Township Committee and while decision to hold it came late, the fellows in charge nudged the patriotic pulse of the Plains populace with the result - a grand success. Early afternoon saw Sergeant Jimmy Osnato astride his faithful steed, leading the parade down Park Avenue. Immediately behind were the auxiliary police and the guests of the day, - the mothers of service men and women. Following in order, were Township officials, OCD Nurses Corps, the Fire Department's apparatus, the Rescue Squad Drum and Bugle Corps led by two pretty, high-stepping little drum majorettes, boy and girl scouts and the local Brownie troops. While the line of march was not lengthy, it was colorful and Old Glory predominated the display.

Speeches at the park were short and to the point. W. Seward Lyon, the spark-plug of the local Fifth War Loan drive, briefly announced the town's quota had gone over the top by 180 per cent. after which Dick Gendall introduced Captain A. Bruce Conlin, Army Ordnance. Paying tribute to those who had made the supreme sacrifice, both locally and from the neighboring town of Fanwood and pointing out the real meaning of the Declaration of Independence, Captain

Conlin turned to a less serious mood by explaining that we should be joyful that it was a day of Independence and one to celebrate. His latter remark was a signal for inaugurating the field meet which had been planned by Elwood Van Allen.

Two trends of questionable thought struck the crowd at this point and Joe Albert, chairman of the day, received the brunt of the inquiries. From the youngsters, it was "where do I go for my race?" and from the mothers "where will the photograph be taken?"

The problem was solved when Peter B. Payne, who acted as master of ceremonies, announced over the mike the answer to the two prominent questions. The photo appears in this issue and the 15 odd events were staged in clock-like fashion with probably 150 participants.

Topping off an eventful day, Chief Harry Erholm's police, including the auxiliary, matched their softball prowess with Bill Smith's Air Raid Warden Team on the old diamond made famous by the Rainbows. The cops came out victors by a 7 to 3 score. It was a nip and tuck battle with most of the crowd sticking round for the laughs. A fitting climax to a day in which so many townspeople had lent a hand was the announcement that over \$800 in War Bonds had been sold from the booth which had been set up in the park.



**Dick Tracy**  
 By  
 Chester Conid

**SECOND INSTALLMENT OF THE  
 STORY OF THE SCOTCH PLAINSMAN**

It is recorded that a chain is as strong as its weakest link. That being so, each link in the chain of volunteer workers who have been forged together to form The Scotch Plainsman staff, are among the strong civic-minded folks in the community and the solid strength of the chain they form insures the continued success and improvement of the paper.

They represent a cross-section of the Township - housewives, businessmen and women, educators, executives, war-workers and retired folks, all working hard in their spare time to put out the best servicemen's paper they know how; and inspired solely by the desire to bring a little ray of sunshine to you who are so far from home but so close to the hearts of all of us.

Naturally, the proper functioning of a paper such as this requires a business organization, and in order to comply with legal requirements "The Servicemens Paper of Scotch Plains" was incorporated as a non-profit enterprise, to publish The Scotch Plainsman. Advice as to proper procedure and preparation and filing of the necessary papers, as well as the expense incidental thereto, were contributed without charge to the paper by Harry Bernstein, Township Attorney.

The administration and conduct of the Plainsman itself is vested in a Board of Editors residing in and representing each section of the Township. The Civilian Defense idea of seven zones was copied and associated editors located in each zone to provide full news coverage. This Board and the zones represented are: Raymond (Ray) Archbold in Zone 1; Richard (Dick) Gendall and Rev. E. E. Peterson in Zone 2; John Brynildsen, H. B. Brunner and Elwood Van Allen in Zone 3; Richard A. (Dick) Abbiate in Zone 4; Mrs. S. V. Read in Zone 5; W. M. (Bill) Garbe in Zone 6; and W. Seward Lyon in Zone 7. (More later)