

SCHOOL NEWS

SENIOR YEAR BOOK

This year the Class of 1944 followed the lead of the Class of 1942 and published the year book "The Culmen". The book was produced in a beautiful white cover with the seal of the school embossed upon it.

Laura Di Francesco was editor of the year book and did a very commendable job. Copies were presented near the close of school and from then on students could be seen wandering about the halls with their year books and pens, getting signatures of their classmates and teachers.

ATHLETIC FIELD

The new high school athletic field is about complete and a fine crop of grass is now growing. It is hoped that the home football games will be played on it this year. You fellows who played on the old field, which in cold weather offered a concrete surface, will appreciate the advantage that the boys of 1944 will have.

FIFTH WAR LOAN DRIVE

The schools of the district participated in the 5th War Loan Drive with the following results:

School #1	- 54 bonds	- \$1012.50
#3	- 3 bonds	- 56.25
#4	- 83 bonds	- 1556.25
Hi-school	- 70 bonds	- 1893.75

The values shown are the cash purchase price and the total for all the schools was \$4818.75. Total maturity value is \$6025.00.

COMMENCEMENT

A colorful commencement program opened with the new traditional "Pomp and Chivalry" played by the high school orchestra. Jeanne Marie Lemal delivered the salutatory address and Lucille Webster the valedictory address. Stanley Fishman gave the honor address of the evening. The balance of the program was made up of musical numbers with a piano solo by Grace Hull, cornet solo by Pauline St. George, Vocal solo by Frances Russo, clarinet solo by Patricia Jordan, piano solo by Katherine Keyes, baritone solo by Suzanne Jones. The class contained many members with real musical ability and the program made full use of their talent.

Patsy Jean Falkenheim, who won the American Legion Oratorical Contest earlier this year, gave a reading by Carl Sandburg.

Mr. Adams presented the awards to

the following winners of the major prizes:

P.T.A. Citizenship Cup
Jeanne Marie Lemal.

Exempt Firemen's Citizenship Award
Stanley Fishman.

Rotary Award for Endeavor
Richard Meyer.

Booster Award for Best Athlete
Hugh Fitch.

Diplomas were presented to 57 members of the class by President of the Board of Education, Dayne Kelly. Diplomas were issued for the following boys in the service who had done sufficient work to complete their high school graduation: Harry L. Christie, and Robert Charles Meyer of the Class of 1942, and Thompson Joseph Ardos, Hugh Edwin Fitch, Walter David Ford, Robert Lincoln Franklin, Vernon Webster McNeil, Harry Paul Munkel, Edwin T. Skorge and Gaston Edward Tripett.

At the Junior High School Commencement, the American Legion Award was presented to Jack Cowan, while the American Legion Auxiliary Award was presented to Severena Fitch. Both of these students were members of the eighth grade this year.

SERVICE BRIEFS



G. Olive Munkel has been assigned to duty in Washington following her graduation from the Naval Training School at Cedar Falls Iowa. Olive continues the family naval tradition established by her brothers, John, in the Navy, and Harry P., in the U.S. Maritime Service. The Munkel home is on Coles Ave.

2nd Lt. Wm. Archbold was graduated from Napier Field Advance Single Engine School on June 27th at which time he received his bar. He is home on furlough for 12 days before reporting to Central Instructors School at Randolph Field, Texas.

Lt. Lester Thompson is presently stationed at Pompano, Florida, for advanced training. His wife, a school teacher of Kansas, has joined him there.

Zoronna H. Bernardo, class of '40, entered basic training in the Womens Army Corps at Des Moines, Iowa, on June 22nd.

Vernon McNeil, S 2/C, was fortunate in arriving home on furlough in time to receive his diploma in person and to be together with the class of '44. He considered it the highlight of his furlough.

A/S Richard C. Young, Co. 511, NTC, - Sampson, N. Y., left for service at that point on May 14th. He is the son of Dorothea R. Young, of Seneca Road.

Another son A/C Robert A. Young, (32769550) Sq. 9, Bk. C, AAB, Santa Ana, Calif., has been chosen to be come a navigator and will soon leave to go to navigation school.

T/Sgt. O. C. Jenkins, (32452621), 837 Sqdn., APO 559, c/o Postmaster, New York, is a maintenance man on bomb sights in the Air Corps and is stationed in England. He designed a panel for testing purposes which has been accepted by the Army.

Under the caption "THE MARINES HAVE LANDED", our reporter informs us that Sgt. Paul Novak Jr., fresh from the South Pacific, and feeling fine after 22 months active duty with the Marine Corps, will leave shortly for El Centro, Calif., where he will be assigned to an aviation ordnance group. His wife, the former Betty Lee of South Plainfield, one of the organizers and active sponsors of the War Widows Club, will go with him.

Paul is convinced that Scotch Plains is a great place to come home to and worth the effort of keeping it just the way it is.

Eddie Novak, his brother, a lieutenant in the Marine Air Corps, was home on leave from Cherry Point, N.C. for a grand reunion, the first time both Marines have been together in three years.

Coast Guardsman Albert Hopfel is spending a ten-day furlough with his parents on Everetts Avenue. He is expecting advanced training in a New York State training school at the end of his furlough. He has just completed a training course in Maryland.

M/Sgt. Thomas G. Thompson recently entered officers' training school at Aberdeen, Md., after spending a furlough with his wife and parents on John Street.

S/Sgt. Glen J. Kingsley, Jr., fiancee of Miss Carol McManus, of Front Street, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with his crew members for shooting down several enemy fighters over Germany. He also received the Purple Heart for wounds inflicted while on a raid over Regensburg, Germany, on February 25th.



Capt. Albert D. Hollingsworth Jr. is property and supply officer in the Ordnance unit at Camp Mackall, N. C. He entered the Army in March 1942 and served as an ordnance officer at Ft. Benning, Ga. and at Camp Tyson, Tenn. His home is at 2027 Westfield Ave

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