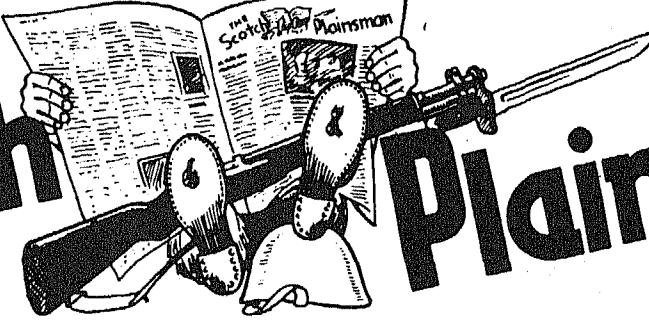


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HERE IS LOVELY MARGARET LITTLE - of Scotch Plains - who was crowned Queen of the New Jersey State Fair which opened in Flemington on September 10th. Chosen from more than 100 Jersey girls, the tall blonde model toured New Jersey, New York City and Philadelphia as the Fair's official representative.

G I's will be interested particularly in the novel, hand-painted blouse design by Jean Kenley, displaying some of the flowers that were shown at the Fair.

## THIRD INSTALLMENT OF THE STORY OF 'THE SCOTCH PLAINSMAN'.

### The Man Behind the News.

In previous issues, we have told you something about the editorial staff of The Scotch Plainsman. We have told you of the editor-in-chief Elwood VanAllen and of the associate editors and zone reporters. One name however, has been conspicuously absent, and this omission has been due entirely to his own inherent modesty. He is the Managing Editor, the man who actually puts the paper together and in this capacity he has managed to keep his name out of print. We refer, of course, to W. M. (Bill) Garbe, whose name is finally revealed as the result of a firm directive from the entire staff who assigned a Trustee the job of writing this column and seeing that it got into print.

Elwood Van Allen and Bill Garbe are the men who really make this paper what it is - for better or for worse. After the news has been collected and channeled through VanAllen goes to work in earnest. He plans the general make-up of the paper, decides what is and what is not to be used, types and prepares all of the material, re-writes some of it, and prepares the final dummy which is then processed by photo-offset to achieve the finished job which you receive. He 'blackjacks' friends for the drawings free, of course) - which have enlivened recent issues and constantly seeks new ideas to produce an interesting paper for you.

Bill literally works the whole night through, not once, but many nights in a row, and over week-ends too, before the paper is finally 'put to bed'.

His wife, Myrle, does the service addressing and keeps the service mailing list up-to-date.

Bill's reward? -the letters which you send us and the knowledge that he is with you in spirit if not in action.

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### THE PAYNES HAVE GONE

The Peter B. Paynes have sold their home on Hill Road, Crestwood, and have moved temporarily to New York. Pete's work will keep him hopping all over the United States and Canada.

Pete and Helen have left their indelible impression on Scotch Plains having given generously of their time and substance to civic projects. Pete always will be remembered for his big part in the successful staging of the historic pageant on July 4th a year ago. And The Scotch Plainsman will miss Helen's friendly assistance. We hope they really meant it when they said "We will come back".

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## UNITED COMMUNITY AND NATIONAL WAR FUND DRIVE BEING ORGANIZED

"Again this year Scotch Plains is to have the opportunity to make its contribution to nineteen war service agencies as well as to three local agencies in a single campaign", W.M. Garbe, Fund Chairman has announced. "Between October 9 and 21," he continued, "the Scotch Plains Fund will seek \$7,000 to be distributed among organizations which not only are serving our men overseas, lightening the burdens of those in prison camps, providing entertainment and recreation for those stationed in this country but are also maintaining vital home front services.

"To some it may appear that with the end of hostilities in Europe approaching the need may be less. This is far from true. After the shooting stops there will be a long period of occupation, of repatriation and of demobilization during which such bodies as the U.S.O., the United Seamen's Service and the War Prisoners Aid will have much to do and when the need for entertainment, lodging, childcare and counsel on rehabilitation will be even more urgent.

The local agencies for which provision is to be made need no introduction to local residents - the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts and the Rescue Squad have been supported gen-

erously in their individual drives in past years and residents will welcome the opportunity to make a single contribution covering all.

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### G. I. CHRISTMAS, AT HOME AND ABROAD

The first date for mailing Christmas packages to go abroad is September 15th; the last is October 15th (not far off, eh?). The Post Office won't accept packages at 1 A. M. on the sixteenth even for the Marines. For packages going to camps in this country, you have up to a fortnight or so before the great day, but - don't wait that long! The overseas Christmas package should be about the size of a shoe box and it must not weigh more than five pounds. Fifteen inches in length, thirty six inches in girth are the maximum dimensions. Don't use a shoe box, though, because it won't be nearly sturdy enough. The five-and-dimes have all the essentials for fool proof wrapping.

Put your name and address and your warrior's twice on the package and on a slip inside as well. And mark it "CHRISTMAS PACKAGE", so that it will get there in time.

Remember the dead-line for overseas ---- OCTOBER 15th.

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