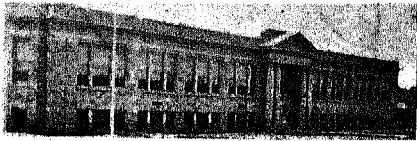


SHOOTING THE BREEZE



School No. 3

School #3 was first considered in 1912 when the minutes contain this reference: "The discussion included the question of accomodating the children in the neighborhood of the golf grounds and big woods...the consensus of opinion being that a new school built in that location would relieve School #1 to the extent of 35 or 40 pupils and also enable us to accomodate as many more children from Westfield."

Study of this question developed during the year and involved several meetings with the Westfield Board of Education. Plans for the new school were submitted in July, 1914, by architect George Palcois. Finally, on September 23, 1914, the citizens approved the erection of School #3 for a total cost of \$16,500. This school served the community until 1929 when the present modern addition was built.

Early in 1921 it became evident that School #1 was rapidly becoming overcrowded. Some grades were on part-time and the class size was large. Immediate steps were taken to study the problem which resulted in the building of School #4. This was authorized January 17, 1922, and was completed the following year at a cost of \$104,000. This building was extended in 1930 by means of a four-room and auditorium addition.

The present high school building was completed and ready for occupancy in September 1926. The building that year housed grades 7, 8 and 9. Each year thereafter one grade was added until 1930 when the school was completed with a 12th grade and a full four-year high school. This building too was soon overcrowded and many of you will well remember



School No. 4 (Fanwood)

the part time sessions when grades 9 to 12 reported from 8:00 A. M. to 12:30 P.M. and grades 7 and 8 reported from 12:30 to 5:00 P. M. Finally in 1939 the present building was completed by a \$200,000 addition giving the boys and girls of Scotch Plains and Fanwood a fine school plant.

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PURE RACE MEETS MIXED-BLOOD BOYS

The "pure race" is everything, with blood streams all as one; "To be a superdooper you must racial mixtures shun"; This was the Nazi foremost creed as they went forth to kill, And it was working very well for superkrauts until They met those U S fighting men named Smith and Croag and Brown And Delaney and Checcio, DelNegro and McGlown, Addamio and Anderson and Dean and Doyle and Flynn, Spinelli, Toole and Applegate and Rosenbaum and Finn.

"The wars go to a master race most careful of its blood; Without a most exclusive stream a nation's name is mud" - The Germans had it all doped out as they put on the blitz, But what a big surprise there was awaiting Pure Fritz! The scrappers with the kayo punch, the footwork and the speed Were Lambertson and Kirchofer, Serati, Kitz and Meade, Holowka, Coudray, Donahue, Foxx, Dennehey and Poole, VanHoesen, Bardolf, Cohen, Schmalz, Baril and Finn McCool.

When Fritz (his pedigree so straight) went forth to spread his wrath He was amazed to find a super-sluggier in his path: This son of Olga Yacowicz and Jacob Peter Lutz, (Whose grandma was a Sullivan, whose uncle was a Glutz), Could take it like a Finnerty and give it like a Grant, And do it for a pin-up girl named Mercedes Levant; Before such bloodstreams Fritzie quickly took it on the lam - Oh, dynamite runs freely in the veins of Uncle Sam!

Joe had a sergeant named Kossuth, a captain named Pat Bree, A corporal named Kopperman, another named Sam Lee; He had a chin like Washington and eyes like Nathan Hale, A nose like Honus Wagner and a temper like McPhail; He had the speed of Pawnee Bill: the strength of Daniel Boone, The courage of Abe Lincoln and the shoulders of Muldoon; He wrote home letters to an aunt (a Mrs. Moses Stein), And to a certain little gal named Margaret O'Brien.

Yes, Fritz he ran across a guy whose blood lines were a mess - A fellow who could view the fact and feel no great distress; A touch of Trumbull in his blood; a dash of Brian Brou, A little of Columbus and of Hendrik Hudson too; A flavor of Pete Stuyvesant and "Injun Joe" McFee, And Garibaldi, Gansevoort, Revere and Mike McGee; This scrapper's worthy ancestors, who had the "do-or-die", If asked for their initials, would have simply said, "G.I."

-- with apologies to H.I. Phillips.



Mrs. Mary Armstrong, home demonstration agent of the Union County Extension Service, traced the expansion of extension work in Union County since its inception in 1929. She pointed out that 80,000 homes come under the jurisdiction of the service at a meeting of the Crestwood Garden Club in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson on Seneca Road. The members agreed to participate in the Rte. Blue Star beautification program by purchasing dogwood trees for each of the 19 Crestwood folks in service.

LES THOMPSON ADDS TWO OAK LEAF CLUSTERS TO AIR MEDAL

In mid-November we received a release from an Eighth Air Force Bomber Station in England, that 2nd Lieut. Les Thompson had been awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal for "courage, coolness and skill" while participating in bombing attacks of war plants in Germany and on Nazi military defense points and communication lines.

Dec. 4th, we have another communication from the Eighth Air Force Bomber Station telling us that Les has been awarded a second Oak Leaf Cluster, this time for "meritorious achievement" in bombing attacks upon Nazi targets.

Les makes no reference to these honors in a letter which he wrote on November 24th in England, and which goes,

"Last month's Plainsman was swell. Our paper improves with each new issue. I'm looking forward to this month's copy. The other day I had a letter from Lieut. Betty White, U.S. Army Nurse. Betty and I graduated from SPHS together in 1939. Roger Shesaw my APO in a copy of our paper. She's stationed at a General Hospital here in England. We have arranged a reunion in London and will get together for an old-fashioned Scotch Plains bull-session over here. Thanks very much for making this reunion of old buddies and classmates possible.

I have kept in touch with our Scotch Plains football coach in '36 and '37, - Ed Schauble. He's Ensign Schauble, stationed at Iowa Pre-flight School, keeping potential naval cadets physically fit. Up there his only source of Scotch Plains news came from a cadet and former high school student of his at SPHS, - Elmer Fette. Ensign Schauble intends to stop in Scotch Plains on his first leave. I have given him addresses of many boys I coached such as Nick DiQuolla, Short et al., and in his last letter he said he would like a copy or my copy forwarded to him. I would like to pay for our former coach's subscription. His address is Ensign H. C. Schauble, USNR, Box 608, USN PFS, Iowa City, Iowa. Thanks again and regards, Les

(ED. NOTE. A subscription has been entered for Coach Schauble, Les. It's on the house).

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