

SCHOOL NEWS

CHIT - CHATS

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE

In a previous article I mentioned the love-light in the eyes of our pal and colleague Alex Parasine; her name being Midge. I was pleasantly surprised recently by both Midge and Alex who barged in accompanied by none other than Jesse Jackson. Jesse has been overseas for more than 25 months and rumors have it that he was in the Mediterranean theatre. You may be interested in another rumor, it being that Jesse is planning to place a diamond on the finger of none other than Dot Boege. All you guys and gals will remember her as star reporter on our own Fanscotian. Who could miss that gold paper star she used to have pinned on her.

This is not a rumor though. It's that Lt. William Winship, '42, was awarded the Air Medal. He's a Navigator on a B-17 Flying Fortress. For the benefit of those who might not know it, he's married now to the former Miss Gloria Langford of Zolfo Springs, Florida. This may be a little late, but congratulations Bill and Gloria.

To you members of recent years at SPHS who may remember Peter Emory, English refugee who came to our school: he graduated with the class of '43 and has since returned to his homeland, England, and is training with the RAF.

I was very pleasantly surprised to see another friend of ours in the person of Harry Christopher. Now I wouldn't want to seem presumptuous, but I could say that his wife, the former Shirley Morgan, was very pleased to see him too. That couldn't have been a love light burning in her eye could it?

These SP boys and girls are really making names for themselves. I just heard that John Jensen, OH, excuse me! it's Ensign John Jensen now, was recently commissioned. He's a member of the Merchant Marine.

To those who remember when "THE MOONGLOWERS" (the school band) started you'll never forget that ace-trumpeter Johnny Peterson. John is now a Flight Sergeant with the AAF and was recently in a plane crash in Florida. He received injuries in the shape of a broken arm, three broken fingers, three cracked ribs and chest injuries which may hamper his high altitude flying. It looked as tho' Johnny almost met head trumpeter Gabriel, doesn't it?

Another fellow who'll never be forgotten for his basketball playing was home. Lt. Charles "Chuck" Palmer breezed in and took us all by storm. "Chuck" was among the first to leave for the service around here. Also, he'll be seeing less of that monthly check for quite a while since he has to pay back \$100. each month. Just ask him why, he MAY tell you.

At the Turkey Day Game I saw Lt. Jack Hunter. You know that Jack is in the Paratroops and had quite a few gals looking at him. Couldn't have been the uniform could it? No, on second thought, I think it must have been the filling of that uniform.



"Bring him back safe, sound — and single!"

Servicemen galore are around the school these days. Most of them are home for the Thanksgiving holidays too. Another one home was Roger Coudray. If you happen to notice Elaine Kline (remember her from the last issue?) you'll see a pair of cadet wings pinned to her sweaters. Now Elaine, or should I say Roger, could it be your wings? Huh?

Your snooty editor spotted another aviator, Lieutenant too, recently around the halls of his old Alma Mater. As she stuck her head out of the door, she just got a glimpse of a lock of red hair projecting from under his hat. Upon a little closer observation, now mind you, not being nosey, I found the wearer of those wings, red hair and cap to be Lt. Bill Archbold. He was G.A. President class of '39. I didn't get a chance to chat with him, but he certainly looked happy about the whole thing. (NO, I DON'T mean his not speaking to me, I mean the AAF).

From a matrimonial angle we see that Virginia Stephens is engaged too. Seems that all the gals are doing it now, not that I blame them though. Her fiance has been overseas for two years and methinks he's a member of the USN. (If I'm wrong I can take it since I have a broad set of shoulders, without shoulder pads too.)

Another rumor, seems as though I'm just crawling with them this issue, doesn't it, is that Lt. Bill Lee and Joyce Beattie plan to take the big plunge soon too. I hear it's going to be a Christmas present from Bill to Joyce. Naturally it wouldn't be vice versa.

Shel Coudray, out of the country two years, is expecting to return to the States around February or March. One never knows though just what the Army will do with you, so that's just a guess on his part. Here's wishing him a speedy return.

FLASH!! FLASH!! FLASH!! A report just came to me, in person in fact, that Jesse and Dot were married Thanksgiving Day. Gee, it didn't take him long to get both rings on her finger did it. She's a very nice choice though Jesse, and I think she's pretty lucky too.

Well, Gobs, WAVES, WACS, Soldiers, Marines (both kinds), SPARS, Merchant Marines, etc., here's wishing you all a Merry Christmas. Not that I'm partial (or am I?) but Gobs came to my mind first. I wish you could all be here to enjoy this Christmas with the folks at home, but maybe you'll be better off after all, you know turkeys are scarce around these parts. All foolin' aside though, - HAVE A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, HAPPY NEW YEAR. (Not TOO happy though, if you do, have one on me).

Your CHIT-CHAT Editor.

FOOTBALL

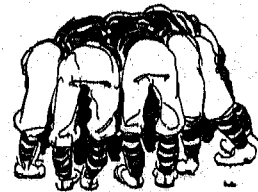


SAYREVILLE, on the low end of a 27-0 score, had a good team and a fine record but our boys were clicking and bested them easily. Shreve started by receiving a punt and heaving a 45-yard pass to Todd, good for a touchdown. That ended the scoring in the opening half but the boys really went to town in the second half. Shreve went over for two touchdowns in rapid succession and then Paul Sanguilliana intercepted a pass on the 25 and ran for a touchdown with good blocking. Shreve followed suit with an interception on the 30 and he too raced for a touchdown. Sylvester scored three points on conversions.

On Thanksgiving Day the boys, many of them playing their last game for SPHS, were primed for Harrison as well as for turkey. Shreve chalked up three touchdowns, one a 42-yard run through the entire Harrison team. Graves, second-string back, scored two, one from the 3 and the other from the 12-yard line. Tittanegro converted for one extra point carrying the ball while Harry Thomas made the other conversion. Bob Long, who played a fine heads-up game, crashed through the Harrison line to block a punt and score a safety.

The Score? - 46 to 0 in our favor -- a nice way to end the season.

Are you statistically inclined? Scotch Plains scored 185 points to opponent's 49, averaging 23.1 points per game to opponents 6.1. These points were scored on 23 touchdowns, one safety and 15 points after touchdowns. We lost to No. Plainfield, Bernardsville and Highland Park by scores of 12-0, 13-12 and 9-6 while taking Metuchen, Rutgers Prep, No. Arlington, Sayreville and Harrison into camp by scores of 20-2, 60-0, 14-13, 27-0 and 46-0.



For the first time in history, SP produced the top scorer in this area which includes Westfield, Plainfield, North Plainfield, Boundbrook,

Somerville, Bernardsville, Metuchen and Regional. Jim Shreve with 79 points scored on 13 touchdowns and 1 extra point gained that honor. Jim was selected by all newspapers as a Back on the ALL-STATE Group One first team. He tossed 71 passes completing 45.

Jack Todd was named on the ALL-STATE second team. He caught 25 passes for a total gain of 559 yards. Bob Long was given honorable mention for the ALL-STATE Group One team. Winston caught 12 passes for a total of 124 yards and was second high scorer with 4 touchdowns for 24 points. Simon scored 3 touchdowns and 2 extra points for a total of 20; Graves 2 TD and 2 extras for 14; Todd 2 TD for 12; Long 8 and Sylvester 7 extra points; McGowan, Sanguilliana and DeNitzio one touchdown each while Thomas had 2 and Tittanegro 1 extra point.

Basketball coming up!!
