

# TOWNSHIP TOPICS

LIEUT. JOSEPH BLOTNER  
REPORTED HELD BY GERMANS

Lieut. Joseph L. Blotner, AAF Bombardier, who had been reported "missing in action" over Germany on October 15th, is now a prisoner of war of Germany, according to information received from the International Red Cross by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Blotner Sr., of 410 Union Avenue.

A War Department telegram listing the bombardier missing in action was received by his parents on October 30th. A month later Mr. and Mrs. Blotner received a letter from their son's pal, Lieut. Paul Becker, which shed some light on their son's disappearance.

Lieut. Becker wrote that they both were on the same mission in separate ships when Blotner's plane left the formation because of engine trouble. It was evident that the pilot was going to attempt a landing and the ship was under perfect control when it left the formation. Lieut. Becker expressed confidence that the local lad was either a prisoner of war or had landed safely in Germany.

A graduate of S.P.H.S., Class of 1941, where he served as editor-in-chief of the Fanscotian, Lieut. Blotner was in his second year at Drew Univ. Madison, Wis., when he joined the Enlisted Reserves.

He received his wings and commission at Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, N. M. last July. He was stationed at Hunter Field, Savannah, Ga., before going overseas September 15th.

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A good deal of the material appearing with the pictures in SERVICE BRIEFS was gathered by the Girl Scouts in Mrs. Robert W. Finter's Troop 65 and Mrs. Philip Mauer's Troop 24. This assistance enables us to issue the December Scotch Plainsman on an early schedule in time, we hope, to reach most of you before Christmas.

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Save Waste Fats



the girls delivered pamphlets urging participation in the 6th War Loan Drive.

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Many of the ladies around town are busy filling Christmas boxes for boys at Camp Kilmer who are expected to be alerted over the holidays and for boys in the hospital at Lyons. These projects are sponsored by the Red Cross. Mrs. Duane S. Freeman is chairman of such a group in Maple Hills Farms.

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Miss E. L. Sibley of Elizabeth Avenue filled a tremendous basket of goodies for the boys at Camp Kilmer for Thanksgiving and will refill it for Christmas. This too is done in cooperation with the Red Cross.

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Initiating the dedication of Route 29 as the BLUE STAR DRIVE—a tribute to New Jersey's men and women in the armed services, Gov. Walter E. Edge early in November planted a tree in the name of the state at the Mountain side circle.

The transformation of Route 29 with a bordering of flowering dogwood trees is being sponsored by the Garden Club of New Jersey with the co-operation of the State Highway Department.

Ultimately it is the plan to have the dogwood planted on the five miles of Route 29, between North Plainfield and Mountainside.

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An Honor Roll bearing the names of 19 men and women now in the armed services from the Crestwood area, was dedicated November 26th. The plaque has been erected at the community flag-pole at Seneca and Crestwood.

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Richard B. Gendall has received word from the New Jersey State Library and Public Record Office at Trenton that the War Records Commission has confirmed his appointment as Local Historian for Scotch Plains.

The War Records Commission is preparing a history of the New Jersey civilian effort in World War 2, the purpose of which is to preserve the story of Civilian Defense both at the state level, by documents showing its inception, growth and maturity and also at the municipal level, by reports of the local historians.

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The Board of Adjustments denied an exception to the zoning ordinance requested by Walter Dinizio, 24 Hawthorne Street, for permission to convert his one-family house into two-family dwelling. The property in question is situated in a one-family restricted residential zone.

A petition signed by approximately 50 property owners in the Reservatic area, opposing the change, was presented to the Board and a large delegation was present in person to express their opposition to the application at the hearing.

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