

# SCHOOL NEWS

## CHIT - CHATS

With holiday festivities over for another year, leave us get down to work again. Needless to say, we, and I presume you too, had a swell Christmas and a sober New Year. (ahead!) Several of the boys were fortunate enough to get a furlough or leave for the holidays, so here goes with the news.

Thomas Ferrucci, USAAF, ambled in to see us before school closed for the Xmas vacation. Yours truly had a chance for a long talk with Tommy and found out that he's a crew chief on a B-17, and that he's expecting a pair of Sgt. stripes when he returns to camp. Tommy has been stationed in Mississippi and when asked about the girls down there, he said, "Just give me a good old Jersey gal any time." Just goes to show you that not all the SP guys fall for that you-all stuff.

Georgie Albert was issued a medical discharge recently, much to his displeasure. When he reported it to his draft board (#4 in Westfield, or had you forgotten it boys?) the girl at the desk told him he looked O. K. so he'll probably be in I-A again soon. No rest for the wicked, I guess.

John "Buster" Carrona was commissioned in Texas, December 23. He was grounded quite a while because of an ear infection so his day for commission had to be forwarded quite a bit. Anyway, everything's hunkey-dory now with his getting wings, commission and a leave all in time for Xmas.

Talk about coincidence; it seems that Andy Loeffler, stationed in Paris, was greeted by someone whom he never in a thousand years expected to see. After returning from a hard day's work (?) Andy was overjoyed to see a very familiar person - his own dad in fact. By the way, Andy is in the Army and his dad went over to France on some business. I'll give you a more thorough report next time or after I see Mr. Loeffler. From reports I've already heard, Andy likes France (or at least the gals.) No doubt when he finally wanders back to SP, he'll speak French fluently.



Ann Powers, previously reported as joining the WAVES, has come into the spotlight again. This time she's done an even greater thing; that is if it can be considered greater. She was engaged to a fellow from Westfield, Friday, December 15th. Seems as though Ann is just full of surprises. She left for training in the WAVES December 29th.

In reference to the rumor about Bill Lee, pardon me please, 1st. Lt. Bill Lee (I just can't get used to that title since I knew him when --)

and Joyce Beattie, it really happened. She's now sporting a lovely ring third finger left hand, a Christmas present. (We sure beat Walter Winchell to that one.)

More matrimony. Frank Bardolf, S/Sgt. in the USAAF, was home for Christmas too. Frank has been in Italy for several months having completed 50 missions on a B-17. After this much-deserved furlough, Frank slipped away to Louisville, Ky., where he took unto himself a bride. His brother Danny, home from Sedalia Mo., was best man.

Cpl. Bob Peters was also home on a 21-day furlough from Lorsten General Hospital in Atlanta, Ga. Bobby has been in the hospital for quite a while and when finally released it seems he got into sort of a quarrel shall we say. As a result, he was konked on the bean and sent back to



the hospital again. After his leave he reported back to Atlanta.

The BigBoss-man received a letter from one of you fellows commending this column. I'm very pleased to know you are enjoying it. After all, that is my main purpose and I'll still welcome any suggestions as to what you'd like to hear about. Thank again George.

Speaking of George Vernon it seems that he and Larry Powers are sort of wing partners. They had their picture took and George's mother loaned us her print so we could reproduce it here.



Well, another day, another job, so I guess that's about all for now. As for me, there's not much news. I just work, work, work (?). Well, I make believe I work anyway. Seems as though Friday never comes but Sunday comes too fast to suit me.

All I can say now is: Quote "So long until next time, with oceans of love" unquote. If that sounds familiar, Walter Winchell stole it from me. I remain, your Chit-Chat Editor.

Prospects for a successful basketball season are unusually bright with the BLUE RAIDERS taking five of the six games played so far. The opener with Jamesburg, a newcomer to our schedule, set the pace with a Blue Raider victory to the tune of 44 to 20. Sylvester and Todd were high scorers in this game with 11 and 8 points respectively.

Harrison was next to feel the Raider's sting when they came up on the short end of a 63 to 29 score. Maggs went on a scoring spree with 25 points in this game with Shreve following him with 15.

Scotch Plains topped North Arlington in a hotly contested 48 to 36 game. Shreve and Todd chalked up scoring honors in this game with 14 and 12 points.

The Alumni game was a honey with both sides playing a tight defense. The Blue Raiders topped this one, 29 to 23. Georgie Albert, recently discharged from the Army, was Alumni high scorer with 8 points while Bud-die Bauman, Walt Short and Tony Chuffo tallied 3 apiece.

Whether from over-confidence or fright, the Raiders fell before the Highland Park team when the locals were badly outclassed 48 to 13. The boys really were off form in this one.

In the next game, Maggs with 21 and Andrews with 13, alone tied the Metuchen total of 34 points. The other boys added 17 points to give Scotch Plains a final total of 51.

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The War Bond Drive in the schools paralleled the success of the Town drive with total sales of \$8167.30, divided among the schools as follows: School No. 1 - \$2942; School No. 3 \$70.80; School No. 4 - \$1854.50; and the High School - \$3300. The High School students exceeded their goal of \$3000 by ten per cent and a Flying Jeep will commemorate their performance.

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The schools are actively participating in the scrap paper drive and todate have collected 37,925 pounds.

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The Senior Class has elected to present THE CHARM SCHOOL as its play, with which the Class of 1940, with Nancy Davis and George Bardolf starring, did a great piece of work. Miss Higgins is working hard with the new cast and hopes an equally fine presentation will be made.

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There have been some faculty changes with Mrs. Virginia Bull Moose resigning as of January 31st to take up religious work and Mrs. Bianca Dell'Isola (the former Miss Federico) resigning to keep house in Dayton, O. where her husband is stationed with the Army.

Miss Jennie Pengelski, a recent graduate of the high school and of Trenton State Teachers College has been elected to replace Mrs. Moose while Mrs. Helen Gutknecht will return to teaching duties. Many will remember her as Typing teacher a few years back.

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