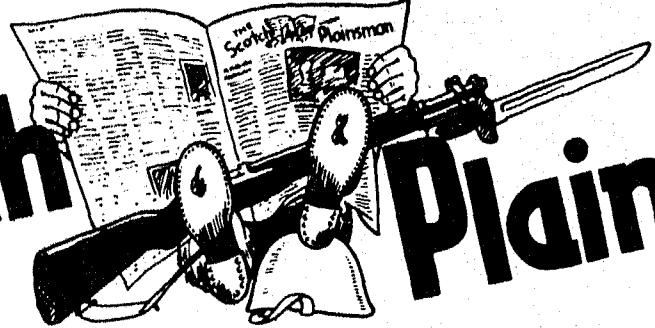


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SCOTCH PLAINSMAN AD BRINGS RESULTS!!

Remember way back in our October issue, we showed a drawing of a bomb leaving a plane and wrote: "As the Pacific campaign comes closer and closer to Tokyo, we'd like to suggest that some SP member of a bomber crew might drop a few big ones on the land of the Rising Sun with the "COMPLIMENTS OF THE SCOTCH PLAINSMAN" inscribed on them. Remember???

Well, IT'S HAPPENED!! Read Dick Gere's and Mauro Donatelli's joint letter for the details. Here it is:

CAPSULE FIRM DENIED ZONING EXEMPTION

A determined citizenry, one of the largest crowds ever to attend a municipal meeting, packed the Council Chambers to overflowing when the Board of Adjustment met Feb. 23rd to consider a request by the National Capsule Company for an exception to the existing township ordinance to permit the use of The Fireplace on Jerusalem Road for manufacturing purposes.

The formal application of the Capsule Company was submitted by its attorney and was elaborated upon orally by its president, Dr. C. J. Stragrill, the sole speaker favoring affirmative action on the application. Spearheading the opposition, William J. Patten submitted a petition signed by 154 residents signifying their opposition to the granting of an exception.

Testimony brought out at the hearing indicated that the company had moved equipment into the building and had already begun operations without obtaining the necessary permission to operate.

Dr. Stragrill indicated that the work to date had been confined to research and development on a machine, costing \$75,000 so far, for the manufacture of capsules to contain penicillin for the armed forces and later for public consumption. He stated further that operation would not be noisy or objectionable since the only materials used would be gelatin, water, peanut or some other vegetable oil and penicillin.

Mr. Patten indicated there was no question of the worthiness of the enterprise or of the benefits to humanity of penicillin but that the fundamental question was the establishment in a restricted residential area of a manufacturing plant.

Edward B. McCaffery, of Lake View Terrace, charged Township Committee members with knowledge of the character of the enterprise and with making representations of its nature differing from statements made by the applicant formally.

Sebastian Musumeci, of Victor St. was prime mover in the development of a citizens' committee to arouse public interest and enlist support of the Civic and Crestwood groups.

Objection was voiced by George M. Haskew, supt. of the Plainfield-Union Water Co. and written objection was received from the estate of J. Ackerman Coles.

The Board of Adjustment, Harry L. Paff, chairman, presiding, Alex. C. Campbell, Roger Crilly and Floyd Werts denied request for an exception.

1945 War Fund
RED CROSS
Give NOW - Give MORE

IS IT NECESSARY for nearly 200 volunteer workers to "sell" the RED CROSS to the residents of Scotch Plains? We think not.

We feel that most people are only waiting to be asked to give - to give more than they ever have before. Yet there may be a few not fully aware of the great work the Red Cross is doing and for them we quote a portion of a recent newspaper editorial.

"The Red Cross is at the front keeping alive the atmosphere of home for those men who are fighting; the Red Cross is in the hospitals cheering the wounded and sending messages home to anxious and fearful relatives; the Red Cross is sending blood plasma and surgical dressings to save the lives of American youth; the Red Cross is here at home to aid and assist families in distress.

This is Your Red Cross and through it you can do your share in human kindness and blunt somewhat the horror that is war ---

SO GIVE TO THE RED CROSS.

"I have been receiving your excellent paper for sometime now and I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for it. It has been getting through even more regularly than other mail.

Mauro Donatelli and I are together now, serving aboard the "Hornet" and consequently my address has changed, as noted on the envelope.

Don and I noted in a previous issue that you wanted "Compliments of The Scotch Plainsman" inscribed on a bomb. Although we may not have been the first to do this, we feel that you would like to know that a two-thousand pounder has been dropped on Jap territory with the above inscription. We can't say where it hit or how great the damage was, but if it lived up to past Scotch Plains' standards, it was a good job.

We feel that that was only a small fraction of the payment we owe you for getting the paper out so regularly. Lots of luck to the sheet.

Dick Gere and Mauro Donatelli."

(Thanks lots, Dick and Mauro, for responding to our call - and remember we have an insatiable appetite.

Here's what one Prisoner of War thinks of the Red Cross. He's Col. Charles W. Stark, Senior Allied Officer at the Dulag-Luft internment-camp in Germany. The message was addressed to 11-year old Willie Stuart of Westfield.

"Dear Bill: I trust that this little note will find all the family in fine fat shape - be sure and give my love to your Grandmother & Granddad and too, to your folks. I am doing very well under the circumstances - I am Senior Allied Officer in this camp and have charge of all the Red Cross food and clothing etc. - keeps me plenty busy. Be sure and tell all your friends all I say - the Red Cross is doing WONDERFUL WORK - IT IS WELL PLANNED AND EFFICIENT! - And we all join in THANKS!"

CITATION GIVEN BOMBER GROUP

T/Sgt. Louis E. Nika (170 Harding Road), a radio operator and gunner, is a member of the 392d Bombardment Group of a B-24 Liberator unit that was recently cited for "distinguished and exceptionally outstanding performance of duty" on 200 missions.

The citation reads: "During this period of 200 missions, the 392d attacked 120 targets in Germany and 80 targets in enemy-occupied territory despite adverse conditions and inclement weather at times, overcoming fierce enemy fighter opposition on many occasions in order to reach assigned objectives."

Targets attacked include Berlin, Gotha, Politz, Bremen, Hamburg and other objectives in Germany, France, Norway, Holland, Belgium and Poland.

Sgt. Nika was awarded the Air Medal in October, 1944.