

# SCHOOL NEWS

## CHIT - CHATS

Uh, uh, uh, don't touch that dial! This is your CHIT-Chat Editor coming to you from SPHS hoping to bring you the daily gossip. Not much news from the home front this time (that is, from my column, you understand). Must be slipping, huh? Here goes with what there is anyway.

Many of you will remember that peppy cheer-leader of a few years back - Betty White. She'll always be remembered for the spirit and enthusiasm with which she put over many cheers. Betty is still on the cheering end, even to a greater and bigger audience. Having graduated from a nursing school in Newark last spring, she is now an Army Nurse serving in France. It didn't take her long, did it? Knowing Betty tho I can see why.

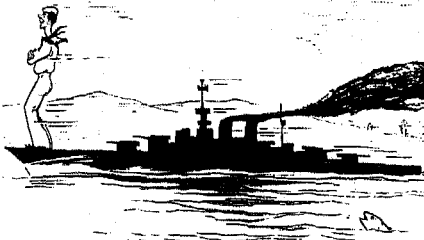
Another item of interest is that the three Debbie brothers held a reunion with the return of Master Sgt. Harold, home after serving 30 months overseas. Coxswain James ("Do I" was his nickname), and his wife, the Adele Roedar, came up from New Orleans to be in on the big time. The third brother, Harvey, was granted a brief furlough from West Point, N.Y. where he is assigned to a Coast Artillery Division.

Speaking of distinguished visitors, we were honored by the presence of S/Sgt. Sheldon Coudray recently. "Shel" has completed 63 missions in the South Pacific. If you remember, I previously reported him as having over 100 missions. (My error, sorry). He is the proud holder of the DFC, Air Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters, and holds a Presidential citation awarded his group. He has been in the Marshall Islands, Carolinas and Mariana Islands, New Guinea and Guam. For all he's been through, he's the same whacky "Shel". He has reported to the AAF Redistribution Station at Atlantic City for a rest period and further assignment.



I received a letter from a former student recently in which he explained two naval terms to me. Much to his surprise I answered telling him a few I already knew and he didn't. I bet Dick Abbiate's face turned a brilliant red when he received that letter. Dick left for training only a week before and hadn't a chance to pick up all the Navy lingo. Not that I didn't appreciate his interest in explaining them to me though because it's rare to hear Navy men, as well as Army men, talk. All I hear is, "That's raunchy", or "Stow it", or "Roger", or "Snafu", or "I had to swab the deck". Boy, if I weren't so smart, (ahem) I wouldn't know what they were

talking about. As it is, quite a few expressions go over my head but usually I find out what they mean in



due time.

Now to turn to the matrimonial corner, as a sort of change. To you members of the class of '42 this may come as a sort of a shock. That shy, charming young lady, A. Roberta Carpenter by name, was married recently to a fellow in the USN. Yep, it sure was a surprise to the home front since we haven't heard from her since she went to college.

More hearts and cupids. Ellen Archbold, '41, was married to USCG Harry Pfeuger of Plainfield, by the Rev. Peterson on Feb. 4th. They spent their honeymoon between New York and Pennsylvania, after which Ellen will be the little shadow following Harry wherever he goes. Harry has served 20 months in the South Pacific.

Open letter to Richard "Flabby" Carter. Dear "Flab": Your request has just been handed me regarding the Moonglowers. Let me latch on to the information for you. Yes, we still have the band but times have certainly changed since you were beating it out on the Bass. Three girls have been added to the band and believe it or not, they can really play. Of course, it'll never be like it was when you, MacGillis, Bob Chambers and the rest were there. I'll never forget those Jam Sessions and gab-fests we had regarding the big name-bands. Speaking of big bands your boy, the Count, is coming to the Adams next week. Maybe you can get a furlough and see him. (Oh yeah, I can just see that). Also, I've heard that you've taken a bride unto your self. Congrats Dick, and best of luck. The Moonglowers extend their best wishes to you, and also Joe Checchio, who is the leader now.

Several senior boys left school recently to do their part in winning the war. Those who proudly wear the blue of the Navy are: Ray Clark, Al Jost, Bob Loeffler, Richard Abbiate, Jack Dineen and Charlie Persson. Underclassmen who also left are Bill Bogen and Stuart MacGormick in the Merchant Marine, and Bob Bittle in the US Navy. Best luck fellows and here's hoping you'll all be home for good soon.

That riot on wheels known as Bill Seal, still a PRIVATE you know, dropped in on us. What a surprise, very pleasant though. You know Bill is an MP now and is stationed at Ft. Niagara. Get him to tell you some of those thrilling adventures he has.

More Navy Blue was sported by Ray Mack who dropped in to see me. (Well, not just to see me, but I can dream, can't I?). Ray has been on duty in

the Caribbean area and has a 25 day leave to recuperate in.

Another former member of SPHS returned to his Alma Mater for a short visit. He certainly is a big boy now, tipping the scales at 219 and 6' 2" tall. He's Ed Adams, referred to as "Horsey" Adams. He's stationed in Texas now and that Texas air seems to agree with him wouldn't you say?

Well, it's all over now but the screaming, so I'll leave. So sorry I didn't have more news but I'll try to do better next time. This is your CHIT-Chat Editor signing off.

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Scotch Plains is represented on the court by one of the best teams it has had in years. They have lost to only two teams - Highland Park and Dunellen - out of sixteen starts and they have taken over both of these teams in return games.

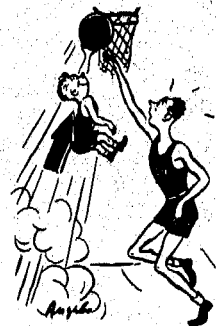
The Highland Park game was a hot one in spite of the fact that there was no heat in the gym due to the coal shortage. The players generated enough heat to keep everyone steamed up - so much so, that with only eight seconds to play, Highland Park left the floor - things had gotten TOO hot. By that time the Raiders were eleven points to the good so the game was credited to Scotch Plains on a 33 to 22 score.

Since then Oratory of Summit, Metuchen and Jamesburg have fallen before the Raiders, all three in a single week, by scores of 47 to 27, 63 to 33 and 43 to 21.

Following this eventful week, the basketballers traveled to Harrison where they eked out a 41 to 38 win. In a whirlwind finish the Raiders, with six minutes to play and 13 points behind, put on full steam and came out on top.

With only four more games (and we have our fingers crossed as we write this), it looks like the Blue Raiders are heading for a bid to participate in the State tournament this year.

The Raider Jayvees are establishing a name for themselves too with 11 wins in 13 starts compared with Varsity's 14 triumphs in 16 starts.



The Raiders have fully capitalized the height of their tall center --- Ray Maggs - and it is a pretty sight to watch them work the ball up the floor to be fed to Ray under the net. Our artist suggests that Raider opponents might make use of the rocket principle to overcome this advantage, and his sketch shows, in theory at least, what might happen.

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