

# SCHOOL NEWS

## CHIT - CHATS

Don't look now, but spring is sticking her head around the corner. Yes, it's finally come. Most of the snow has departed for another year, or so the population of Scotch Plains hopes, and the grass is starting to turn that springy shade of green; you know, that muddy green. Everyone seems pleased about it but still old man weather may pull another fastone and make it snow like blazes. Well, that about does it from the weather angle, so here goes again.

Boot training certainly flies now adays. It seems only yesterday that Charlie Persson and Dick Abbate (both in their senior year) left for their training. Recently, Dick returned wearing the patch of the Seabees on his shoulder. Yeah, he volunteered to go to Hawaii to train but I wonder if it's for the sake of the Seabees or just that he wants to see those Hawaiian girls in the flesh. Anyway, here's wishing him luck in his new venture. Charlie took his boot at Memphis, Tenn., where he returned after his leave. So far he likes the Navy and plans to stick it out, although he sure would like to go to Hawaii I'm sure.

Bob Peters was given an honorable discharge recently due to injuries incurred while parachuting. Bob took his training at Fort Benning, Ga. He plans to enroll in some college in the near future to catch up on all that education he missed while in the Army.

I guess the world is really small after all. Seems as though every day we hear of very good friends or brothers meeting all over. Lt. Bill Lee and his brother Bob are both stationed in Italy and by this time, have probably met and had a swell gabfest. Ted Richter met his brother Ernest on one of the Hawaiian Islands recently. They've met several times and see each other quite often. Ernest attended SPHS quite a while back but still remembers it in its entirety. Bill Schlick met Don Cowell in a gym in Panama. Out of the clear sky they bumped into each other, neither one realizing the other was within a thousand miles. Archie Payne and Roger Schwoerer are both in Belgium so I guess we'll be hearing that they've met soon too.

Bob Liana was home a while back too. He came up from Livingston, La. and reported back to Fort Meade, Md. While home, he dropped into the USO in Plainfield only to be overwhelmed to find several girls from SP serving that night. With Irene Beraldi, Joyce Beattie, Gertrude Rochford and yours truly on hand, we made sure he spent a crazy, wacky evening.

Ann Powers, in the spotlight again, was home for a two weeks leave from Florida. She's specializing in aviation (I think to be an Aviation Machinist's Mate). Ann was quite ill before she left Hunter College and recuperated in Florida.

Her brother Sgt. Joseph has returned to his base at Hondo, Texas. Brother Cpl. Larry recently returned to the front lines after a brief but welcome visit at a rest camp.

Now to turn to the matrimonial-cornor. It seems as though the love bug has really been scouting around for the past month. We have four marriages to report on in this issue. Remember way back when I predicted a wedding for Alex Parasine and Midge

Beaman? Well, it came into being when they tied the knot in California in February. Yep, Midge went out to sunny California to be the bride of Sgt. Parasine. Congrats to both.

This may come as a surprise to you members of the class of '42. Remember that shy, petite girl known as Muriel Johnson? Well, she was married to Fred Moldenke of Massachusetts at a ceremony in the home of her parents on Westfield Road. Seems as though February is the month for marriages, maybe it's Valentine's Day. Just wait 'til June tho'.

Don't think that's all, cause here comes another one. Next on our list of weddings is none other than Helen Oichon. Helen was married in Miami, Florida (you guess what month) ?? to Cpl. William Burford. She's been working in the PX of an AirBase down there for quite a while now.

Last but not least is the marriage of Jacquelyn, '43, to Cpl. R.N. Britton. Jackie was married in a chapel at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and will stay with her husband 'til he is reassigned. I'd say that about does it for marriages this time. Now back to the routine again.

Ed Warszetsky, USAAF, was home from Keesler Field. He said he likes it a lot but Keesler was never and probably will never be like home.

I saw Don Shreve around too. He was stationed at Camp Kilmer for a short time and was able to get home for a few quick visits before leaving the States. While there, he met and even shook hands with the comedian Red Skelton. It is rumored that Don is now some place in England.

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Homer Stoker, U S Army, was home for a 30 day furlough after serving 6 months in the Aleutians. We also observed that in his steady company is a charming little Red-head. Could be you know!

Got a letter from one of my favorite pals commending our paper, all of it, not just my column. Harry Christie says that he gets quite a kick out of it (not literally but figuratively speaking. Harry has been in the Philippines for most of January and is now on active duty in the Caribbean but expects to be transferred back to the Pacific.

Les Thompson, who is the proud holder of the DFC with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, is expected home soon. His wife and parents hope he beats the stork in so he can be on hand when the happy day arrives. Can't you just picture Les as a proud poppa?

Ho, hum, well, spring fever has gotten me too. Maybe a little sulphur and molasses will do the trick, but methinks not. I'd be perfectly content just to crawl into some corner and sleep, and sleep, and sleep. Of course you realize that I'm not the only one who was affected by spring; everyone mopes around and yawns. My brain (?) just won't work any more. Guess I'll sign off now and try to get a little pep. If any one knows a good solution, ---please address all replies to the high school office. Thanks a lot gang. Ho, hum, sprig is cub. (Gold you know). Your Chit-Chat Editor.

## BASEBALL PRACTISE STARTS

Candidates for the 1945 baseball team are fighting hard to establish a beachhead on the varsity squad. As yet, only preliminary practise sessions have been held.

Returning veterans from last years squad include Ray Angle, Jack Todd, Jim Shreve, Pete McDede, Tony Tittanegro, Larry Zampella, Ray D'Amato, Preston Ehman and Bob Purvis. Capt. Charley Persson is wearing a new uniform this year - the blue of the U S Navy. Uncle Sam's gain is our loss.

From the junior varsity squad some boys have come up who look as though they are going to give the veterans a tussle for their old jobs. Included in this group are Don Finter, Jim Stoneshill, Harry Thomas, Don Timpert and Bob Ehman.

The schedule provides home games on April 17, 24 and 27th with Sayreville, Rahway and Cranford and a game away from home on April 20 at North Plainfield; May home games on May 1, 4th and 9th at St. Mary's (Eliz), Dunellen and North Plainfield, and games away from home on May 7th, 11th, 18th and 22nd with Westfield, Sayreville, St. Mary's (Eliz) and Dunellen with May 15th still an open date.

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Warm, spring-like weather has called out a number of boys for the track team.

Mike Sylvester and Jack Todd, both of whom took state honors last year in the shot-put and javelin, are out at work with prospects of even better performance this year. Dave Winston, our dash-man who also placed in the state meet, is again working on the sprints. The distance events will be covered by Pete Lamscha in the mile and Tommy Williams in the 880. Tommy placed second in the state meet last year. The high jump will be covered by Steele Andrews, Jack Todd and Wayne Turner.

The first event will be the Penn Relays and the quarter-milers in the persons of Turner, Wilson, Williams and Ken Howell.

Many newcomers are trying their legs for the first time this year and with these additions, prospects look bright.

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The best basketball season in years closed with a 38-27 win over Sayreville on our home court. The boys took a total of 15 games as opposed to 3 defeats - one each to Nighland Park, Dunellen and North Plainfield.

This fine record brought an invitation to participate in the State Tournament and the draw stacked us against an inspired Dunellen team on the large Armory floor in Elizabeth. and the Blue Raiders passed out of the tournament picture that night.

Maggs, Shreve, Sylvester, Andrews, Angle and Sanguilliano high-spotted the season's play.

The mythical junior crown of the Little Five Basketball Conference was won by the Scotch Plains High JV team with a record of seven victories against one defeat. Only Dunellen was able to produce a combine that thwarted the JV's ambition for an undefeated conference season. In all, the juniors won 14 out of 16 starts. Prospects look good for next season.

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