



## SCOTCH PLAINSMAN APPEAL PAYS BIG DIVIDENDS

From his base in the Marianas, under date of April 9th, Lt. Bill Cottrell, 28th Bomb Squadron, 19th Bomb Group, (APO 246, Unit 2; c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif), sends a message of good tidings in response to our appeal of some months ago.

"Hi Editor -

"I have been receiving the paper quite regularly since the middle of last year and have promised a letter in thanks so many times. Well we have bounced around the country so much and finally over here that now that I am settled for a time, here goes.

First, in reply to The Scotch Plainsman ad for a few presents to Tojo, let me say that that little item is being taken care of on every raid we make. I am a Navigator with a B-29 outfit over here and we have plenty of room to carry out such requests. To date we have 7 missions to our credit with #8 coming up any day now and I have made it a point to put at least 4-500 lb. bombs into each target. To name some of the targets on which The Scotch Plainsman has been represented - Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya on the incendiary list and Omura, Kobe, Shizuoka and Tokyo on the demolition list. Good results have been observed as you probably read in the papers.



Today I haven't met or heard of anyone from ye Township in this vicinity so if perchance someone reads this note, drop me a line. I promise an immediate answer.

Well that is all I can say at present except to express my thanks to you folks for doing such a swell job in keeping all us boys well informed on the happenings around the home front. Keep up the good work and lots of luck for the future. Yours, Lt. Bill Cottrell."

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Thank YOU, Bill.

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Pfc. Arthur E. Lawrence, a member of the 202 Army Engineers, was wounded in action recently in Germany suffering wounds in the right arm. He will be moved to a hospital in England. Arthur was among the group of engineers who built the longest treadway pontoon bridge in the world crossing the Rhine, south of Wesel.

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## Republicans Face Contest

A contest for Republican county committeeman in the Third District was indicated in the filing of petitions by Elwood J. Van Allen and Sebastian Musumeci for the same post. Mrs. Edna Sandford, Republican county committeewoman in that district, is unopposed. There are no contests in the other districts.

Elwood J. Van Allen, better known as "van", needs no introduction to his neighbors in the Third District nor to his fellow townsmen. He has played a prominent part in all war related activities in the Township and his contributions to the success of the Red Cross, National War Fund and Community Chest and War Bond drives, as well as to The Scotch Plainsman, are well known.

Mr. Sebastian Musumeci, who is opposing Van's candidacy, has long been a resident of the Third district. He resides on Victor Street with his wife and daughter Rose, who recently won first place in the annual Oratory Contest among SPHS students. Sebastian has been active in the Salvage Drives and was largely responsible for organizing the public protest recently against the application for an exception to the zoning ordinance to permit light manufacturing at the Fireplace on Jerusalem Road.

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Strange as it may seem, the new 5-man board will not be the first in the Township's history. Back in 1878 the first Township Committee consisted of five men, four of them Democrats, (Lavi Darby, Chairman, Jacob D. French, Jas. A. Patterson, and Isaac Lambert), and one Republican (Stibes Parse). Their organization meeting was held in Brittain's Hotel. We are indebted to historian Dick Gendall for this information.

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CUPID either has his months mixed up or else is taking a practise wind up for June, for we have a flock of weddings to report.

Miss Elaine Ruth Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Forrest Roberts, of Santa Ana, Calif., and Corp. Geo. C. Timman, of 2070 Westfield Avenue, survivor of the sinking of aircraft carrier Wasp, were married February 6th at Santa Ana.

The following month, Miss Pauline Hart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hart, of Toronto, Ont., Canada, and Pfc. Erwin H. Ross, of 1801 E. Front Street, were married in the Park St. Chapel, Roselle.

Coming into April, we find Miss Marie Iosso, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Iosso, of Dover, N. J., and Sgt. Maj. Thomas Denitzio, U. S. Marine Corps, being married on April 1st in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church at Dover;

Marjorie Christina Pountney, S L/C WAVE, daughter of Mrs. I. Pountney, of Detroit, Mich., and Elmer Ulrich, aviation metalsmith, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fette, of 314 Pearl Street, were married in the Scotch Plains Baptist Church by the Rev. E. E. Peterson;

And Lieut. Germaine Groletto, U. S. Army Nurses Corps, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent J. Groletto, of 1951 Bartle Avenue, and John A. Grasso,

of New Brunswick, were married in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Stony Hill by the Rev. Father Madura;

Miss Evelyn Simmons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Simmons, of York, Pa., and Pfc. John Addamo, of 17 Ridgeview Ave., were married April 17th in All Saints' Episcopal Church by Rev. William F. Bassill.

As we type this, a little bird -- a messenger of Cupid -- flew in with word that Harold C. Higginbotham, RM 2/C, came home after 28th months service in the Asiatic-Pacific area, to take unto himself a bride.

Yes, Cupid has been busy, and busier days are in prospect for in addition to engagements already announced we learn of that of Odella Dilbeck, Hollywood film actress to Corp. Anthony Del Nero, of 421 Ridgeview Ave. Miss Dilbeck is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crawford of Santa Monica, California.

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T/Sgt. Wayne C. Sockwell, is stationed in the Pacific theatre with the 544 Sign. Base Depot Co., APO 95B, P.M., San Fran. He hails from the ranch country - deep in the heart of Texas - and rates as Scotch Plainsman through his marriage to the former Miss

Priscilla Mooney, '41. They plan to make their home here in the post-war days. The Sarge wishes other towns would take up the Scotch Plainsman idea.

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Our pal Charlie Poole is just full of surprises too. We nosed around and found out that he was promoted and is now 1st Lt. Charles Poole. Through no fault of his own, we found out. Charlie always was a closed mouth guy. (Can't keep any secrets like that though).

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Pvt. William A. Clark, - Co. F, 40 Eng. C. Regt APO 75B, c/o PM New York, entered the Army on January 3, 1944. He received infantry training at Camp Blanding, Fla., and was sent overseas in July, 1944, going to Italy first and later to southern France where he was assigned

to the famous "Fighting 40th" Engineers of the 7th Army. Bill is attached to Headquarters serving in the Command Post and as Information and Education Officer's assistant. His wife, Mrs. W. A. Clark, is now living at 532 Lenox Avenue, Westfield.

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