

TOWNSHIP TOPICS

The first meeting of the newly organized Forum of Fanwood and Scotch Plains, featuring a debate between Norman Thomas, chairman of the Post War Council, and Col. Arnold Whitridge on the subject of Compulsory Military Training, filled the High School auditorium to capacity. Inspired no doubt in part by Mr. Thomas' forceful and effective presentation of the negative side, residents voted almost two to one against universal military training.



Miss Virginia Lou Borman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Borman, of Raritan Road, has recently won a scholarship and has left for Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tenn., where she will further her education in nursing. A graduate of SPSHS in 1940, she will graduate in June from the Somerset Hospital School of Nursing where she has been a student for the past three years. She is a member of the Cadet Nurse Corps.

Her brother, the late Lieut. Al. F. Von Block, was killed in action on July 17, 1944, somewhere in Italy.

Sgt. Paul Ferrara, AAF radio operator and gunner on a B-17, received his baptism in aerial warfare by participating in a recent attack on German railroad yards in the Ruhr valley.

Chief Harry Erholm and his co-workers are doing a bang-up job collecting old clothes for the United National Clothing Collection. Hank Mann and his station wagon, and Allan Mannon and Eddie Mc Clymont in the town trucks, were to be seen rushing helter-skelter all over the Township gathering the clothes which had been deposited at strategically placed depots. The clothes were sorted, packed and tied by handworking groups of volunteers and while the full quota was not achieved (and we haven't heard of a community which did reach its quota), a good volume, probably exceeding eight tons will be shipped.

Mrs. James G. Kinsman, formerly Mae Hutchinson of Mountain Avenue, has just received word from the War Department, Casualty Division, that her husband, Lt. James G. Kinsman of the 78th Infantry Div., has been wounded for the second time. He returned to duty on February 21 and on March 19th was severely wounded by shrapnel in the foot and neck. He was evacuated by air to England where he is making normal progress. Lt. Kinsman reports that he is receiving excellent care from the Medical Department and that the Red Cross is certainly helping to ease his discomfort. Mrs. Kinsman is completing her senior year at the Univ. of Maryland where Lt. Kinsman will be on the teaching staff after the war. Mrs. Kinsman was formerly playground director at Echo Lake and more recently Asst. Director at the Scotch Plains playground.

BOOSTERS CLUB HONORS SPSHS ATHLETES

Seventy SPSHS athletes were honored in the school gym on the night of April 13 at an all-sports dinner sponsored by the Blue Raiders Boosters Club. The death of President Roosevelt, made known to the world just a few hours before the dinner, had a sobering effect when several minutes of silence were observed in

tribute to his memory. Fully 200 persons attended and were rewarded with a delicious turkey dinner with all the fixings after which they were treated to an address by George Little, director of athletics at Rutgers. The stay-out-lates remained until after midnight to view sports movies and some SPSHS football sequences of the past season.

We have had so much news to bring you in this and in the previous issue that we just have not had space enough in which to acknowledge individually the many letters we've received. Next month we hope to be able to resume our practice of listing the names and service addresses of those from whom we have received letters. Meanwhile we want to thank you all for your very encouraging messages.

And at the same time we want to express our appreciation for your generous response to our appeal for copies of YANK and STARS AND STRIPES. We've got quite a library now and thanks to a lot of you guys.

Pfc. Walter H. VanHoesen Jr., of Fanwood, who was wounded in action at Aachen on Nov. 1, 1944, has been transferred from the Stark General Hospital at Charleston, S. C., to the U. S. Army General Hospital at Camp Edwards, Mass., for treatment.

Walter was hit by shrapnel which caused a compound fracture and other wounds in the legs. He has been awarded the Purple Heart Medal and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. His brother, Stephen, is aboard a destroyer in the Pacific.

1st. Lieut. William T. Winship, a B-17 Flying Fortress navigator, holder of the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf clusters, is home on leave. He plotted his crew's course over 25000 miles during more than 30 Eighth Air Force bombing attacks along the Western front and into Germany.

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