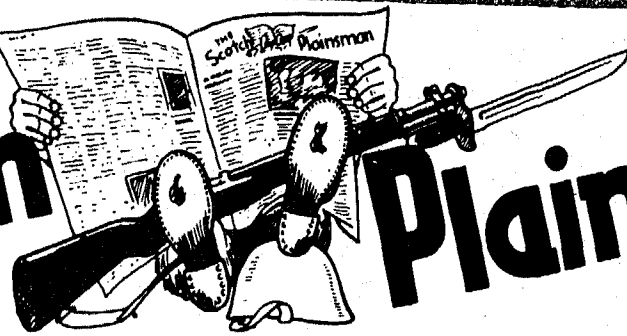


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Happy Birthday -

MAY 8TH - V E DAY - was indeed a happy day for us. It is a coincidence that the day which marked the end of hostilities in Europe also marks the birthday of President Truman and The Scotch Plainsman. It was on that day, just a year ago, that papers were signed by the Trustees, - H.B. Brunner, W. M. Garbe, W. Seward Lyon, E. E. Peterson and Elwood J. Van Allen, giving legal birth to The Scotch Plainsman.

Yes, indeed, it's a happy day for all of us who share the hope that victory in Europe will be followed by peace throughout the world long before another May 8 rolls around.

As in every community in America, there was rejoicing and thanksgiving in Scotch Plains for there never has been a victory that touched so many. It was a reverent rejoicing with well-attended thanksgiving services in the churches throughout the township.

Our tribute is to all - the dead and the living - who have won this victory. It is for us to maintain the victory in the years to come.

The SCOTCH PLAINSMAN is sent FREE as first class matter to every Scotch Plains service person whose name has been furnished to us. More than 700 copies, each one a 30-minute furlough from home, are now mailed monthly to Scotch Plains service people. The expense of doing this is met by subscriptions in excess of \$1 -and by the generous donations of the business people whose names are listed in the boxes at the foot of the columns in each issue.

NO SERVICEMAN IS PERMITTED TO PAY FOR HIS COPIES. That is the least we can do for those who are doing so much for us.

So send \$1, \$5, \$10, or any thing in between to keep The Scotch Plainsman rolling until the boys come home.

VETERANS' SERVICE CENTER BEGINS FUNCTIONING

In a previous issue of the Scotch Plainsman, we started to tell you about the Fanwood-ScotchPlainsVeterans Service Center which has been organized to assist the returning veteran in securing those rights and benefits to which he may be entitled. The organization job with this group is moving right along. Several specialized committees have been formed whose duty it is to find out all there is to know about the separate phases of the several Veterans' laws and to have these facts available in understandable terms for the veteran when he returns. We thought you might want to know something more about the functions of these committees, so here goes ---

For instance, maybe you are thinking of taking advantage of the education privileges under the G. I. Bill of Rights. If so, you will want to see the committee on education. The members of this group will check over your credentials, advise you on the necessary steps you must take to get enrolled in school again and generally save you much time for they will have at their elbow information on such matters as entrance requirements of the various schools, the types of courses the schools offer and the amount of time and money necessary to finish the course. And if you are not sure which school may be best for you, they will gladly help you make your choice.

There is another group which concerns itself with VeteransPriorities. It is the job of this group to take the returning veteran by the hand and lead him through the maze of red tape necessary to get the materials and equipment he may require to set up in business. And speaking of business, the veteran may want to know if he can qualify for one of the Government or State guaranteed loans. There is a special committee made up of business men and bankers living right here in the community which will help him on this matter. Incidentally, to qualify for a business loan a certain amount of training or business experience is required and the committee can advise on this point too. They will also tell him how to go about getting loans for the purchasing of homes.

Perhaps you are not thinking about going into business and you don't care about more schooling. Your only interest is in a job. Well, there is a group to help you on this point too. If you were employed before going into the service, it should be easy to get your old job back if you want it. But there are a lot of fellows who didn't have jobs before joining up and the committee on employment will be glad to help and advise all of you.

SCOTCH PLAINS WAR BOND QUOTA \$115,500.

The Seventh War Loan Drive will be one of the two War Loans for 1945. More money will have to be raised than ever before. Scotch Plains has been asked to raise \$115,500.

Though the guns in Europe are silenced, those in the Pacific pursue relentlessly a wily, treacherous, fanatical foe. Those of us who stay at home have an important job to do. Wars cost money and we must lend the money that goes to make up the cost of carrying on the conflict to a successful conclusion.

Planes, tanks, ships, ammunition and the important medical supplies are needed to smother a vicious Jap opponent and to ensure the early return of our service men and women.

The campaign in ScotchPlains will be headed by W. L. Sampson as chairman and Paul C. Smith as co-chairman.

Zone chairmen and co-chairmen are as follows: Zone 1, Mrs. Harry H. Stocker and Mrs. Robert Smith; Zone 2, Harry Bernstein and Harry L. Paff; Zone 3, Stafford H. Pratt and Philip G. Cobb; Zone 4, Arthur Nichols and W. H. Bacon; Zone 5, Frank J. Mason and D. V. Closterman; Zone 6, C. G. Wistar and Mrs. C. B. Coad; Zone 7, Corwin D. Scott and Gerald S. Furman.

The headquarters and special committee named includes W. Seward Lyon, J. Horace Hatfield, Theodore Swarer, F. J. Chemidlin, Henry Chemidlin and Hyman Warsetsky.

Bill Sampson reports that the reports of the first few days activities are encouraging and that he feels confident Scotch Plains will maintain its tradition of record breaking which dates back to World War I.

WE WANT PICTURES!!!

Westbrook Pegler's father, a newspaper photographer, once secured a picture of a Chicago debutante by the simple expedient of ringing the door bell and asking for it. This he did while the other photographers had failed after utilizing all the subterfuges known to the profession. We are resorting to the same forthright method in asking for your help.

The Scotch Plainsman wants to get a picture of every Scotch Plains man and woman in service. Lend us your studio picture or at least a good snapshot for a week or so while we make copies of it for printing in The Scotch Plainsman and for the Scotch Plains Picture Honor Roll.

Drop the picture off at the Police Headquarters or leave it at the office of Midlin Models, --- Park Ave. If this is not convenient, phone Westfield 2-4785 or Fanwood 2-8288, and either Bill Garbe or Elwood Van Allen will pick it up.
