

FANWOOD FUMES

It all started innocently enough when in acknowledging Monroe Harris' praises of The Scotch Plainsman last month (You remember, he wrote, "This is one time Fanwood must TIP ITS HAT to Scotch Plains"), we wise-cracked that Fanwood should tip its hat to Scotch Plains ALL the time.

Well, someone in Fanwood fairly sizzled over that for in a supplement which they enclose in the 250 copies of The Scotch Plainsman mailed to Fanwood personnel by their Defense Council, this paragraph appears:

"You will note that comment about tipping hats, in the middle of page 2. Well, we have decided to ignore it. We would not wish to embarrass the Editor by calling any attention to the difference in the Honor Rolls of the two towns, so, as we said, we will ignore the comment."

That's right - let's ignore it. Comparisons are always odious. The Fanwood Honor Roll is a honey - we said that last year when we devoted two pages of our September issue to a picture of it and the story of its dedication. And we say it again to day --- we think Fanwood has a swell Honor Roll. Beside it the Scotch Plains Honor Roll looks like a poor relation but there's a reason for it. The folks in Scotch Plains are saving their nickels and dimes to provide the funds for a Community Center so that, long after the war is over, the Scotch Plains lads will be benefitting from a permanent memorial.

Don't cry fellows - here's why. This is as good a time as any to tell you about The Scotch Plainsman Roll of Honor to which we have referred frequently during the past year. We think the idea is unique and have not heard of its having been done on a town-wide scale before. Our Honor Roll will comprise the pictures of as many of the Scotch Plains GIs as we are able to obtain. Already, we have more than 300 and they are coming in steadily. The plans have been drawn and we are now trying to iron out a few wrinkles and we hope to be ready for the unveiling by the end of the summer. This will be a labor of love, conceived, executed and financed by private citizens of the town and I think we'll be as proud of it as Fanwood is of theirs.

We got off the beam when we expanded on that subject and we'll have to pick up that thread we dropped. Let's see, we said comparisons are odious. It would be just as pointless for us, for instance, to point to the difference between the Municipal Buildings of the two communities; and to the comparative bond sales and the sums raised in the War Fund and Red Cross drives, to say nothing (if we may add a pat for ourselves) of The Scotch Plainsman itself. Yes, comparisons are odious and in this case marks of provincialism. So-o-o like Fanwood, we've decided to ignore the whole thing.

P.S. The Scotch Plains Cops soft-balled the Fanwood Cops to death yesterday (July 1st) -

Scotch Plains Cops - 14
Fanwood Cops - 3

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But let's ignore it - huh?

The Editor embarrassed???

H--l NO - he's splittin' his sides laffin'.

HARRY DANIELS FIRST DISCHARGE UNDER POINT SYSTEM.

Believed to be the first Scotch Plains serviceman to be honorably discharged under the point system, Sgt. Harry A. Daniels, of the Army Air Force, was mustered out of service at Fort Dix on June 6th. He is now at the home of his parents at 1968 Westfield Avenue. Harry served 31 months overseas as an armorer in the Army Air Force ground crew.

Five battle stars evidence participation in the invasion of French Morocco, the Tunisian campaign, the Naples-Foggia area battle, the Anzio Beachhead battle and the battle of China. He served with the 12th Army Air Force in Italy, the 10th Army Air Force in India and the 14th Air Force in China having been stationed with the last named group for the past year.

LAST KNOWN PRISONER RETURNS TO SCOTCH PLAINS

T/Sgt. Donald Van Deusen of Maple Hill Farms, last known Scotch Plains prisoner in a German prison camp, has returned to the United States and is visiting his parents.

For extraordinary achievement and heroism while participating in aerial flight over enemy territory, Don was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. In addition he was awarded the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters.

Missing in action following a raid over Italy on April 25, 1944, he was reported a prisoner of the Jerries and was interned in Stalag-Luft 3.

Great joy reigned in Maple Hill Farms when Don came home on leave.

SGT. JOE PUCHEL RECOVERING FROM BATTLE WOUNDS

Sgt. Joe Puchel, Army Infantryman, who was seriously wounded in action April 26 on Okinawa, is now confined to a hospital in the Hawaiian Islands recuperating from his wounds which included injuries on the right cheek and shoulder.

Holder of the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in action June 6, 1944, on Saipan, Joe recovered from a leg injury received at that time; was returned to his outfit and later detailed to the Marianas before taking part in the Okinawa campaign. He also saw action on Makin Island.

PAUL FERRARA RECEIVES AIR MEDAL

Sgt. Paul F. Ferrara, radio operator and gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress, has been awarded the Air Medal for participation in aerial assaults on Germany prior to V-E Day. He is a member of the 34th Bomber Group, a unit of the Third Air Division.

JUNE SERVICE WEDDINGS KEEP CUPID BUSY

Miss Karin B. Rosengren, daughter of Mrs. Signe Rosengren and the late William Rosengren, of Plainfield, became the bride of Cpl. Pat A. Frusco of Hunter Avenue, in the main chapel at Camp Lejeune, N. C., on June 9th.

Miss Vera A. Clark, our own Miss Chit-Chats, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius J. Clark, 192 Watchung Terr., and James E. Herrick, boat-swain mate, second class, of Mountain-side, were married June 16th in St. Mary's Church at Stony Hill.

Way down South, in the Post Chapel at Finney General Hospital in Thomasville, Ga., on June 4, Miss Lucille Talmadge Gaines, daughter of Lieut. Col. Thomas R. Gaines and Mrs. Gaines of Anderson, S. C., and Lieut. Murdock M. MacLennan, of Fanwood, were married.

In the chapel of the Naval Training Station, Treasure Island, Calif., Miss Patricia Voorhis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold O. Voorhis, of "Witch Hollow", Rahway Road, and Lt. Carroll Calkins Grinnel, of Selkirk, N. Y. were married on June 9th. The bride is a petty officer of the WAVES.

A wedding we missed in May was that of Miss Elaine Manset, daughter of Mrs. J.E. Merriman, and Lt. (j.g.) Guy R. Hopper, USNR, of Martine Ave. They were married on May 15 in All Saints Episcopal Church, Oxnard, Cal. We wish a long, happy married life to all of them.

We pulled a "boner" last month in mixing up the pictures of Bernard F. Murphy and Richard C. Preussner. Here they are properly identified.



Bernard F. Murphy Richard C. Preussner

Miss Leonora Rossi, of Westfield Road, was one of a group of 99 candidates upon whom diplomas were conferred at the spring Commencement Exercises of Montclair State Teachers College on May 24th.

Wounded by fragments of an exploding grenade on the Rhine in Germany, Corp. Theodore Baranoski, of 524 Willow Avenue, recently arrived home on a 30-day convalescent furlough from Deshon General Hospital, Butler, Pa. He trained as an anti-aircraftman in California and went overseas in October, 1944.

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