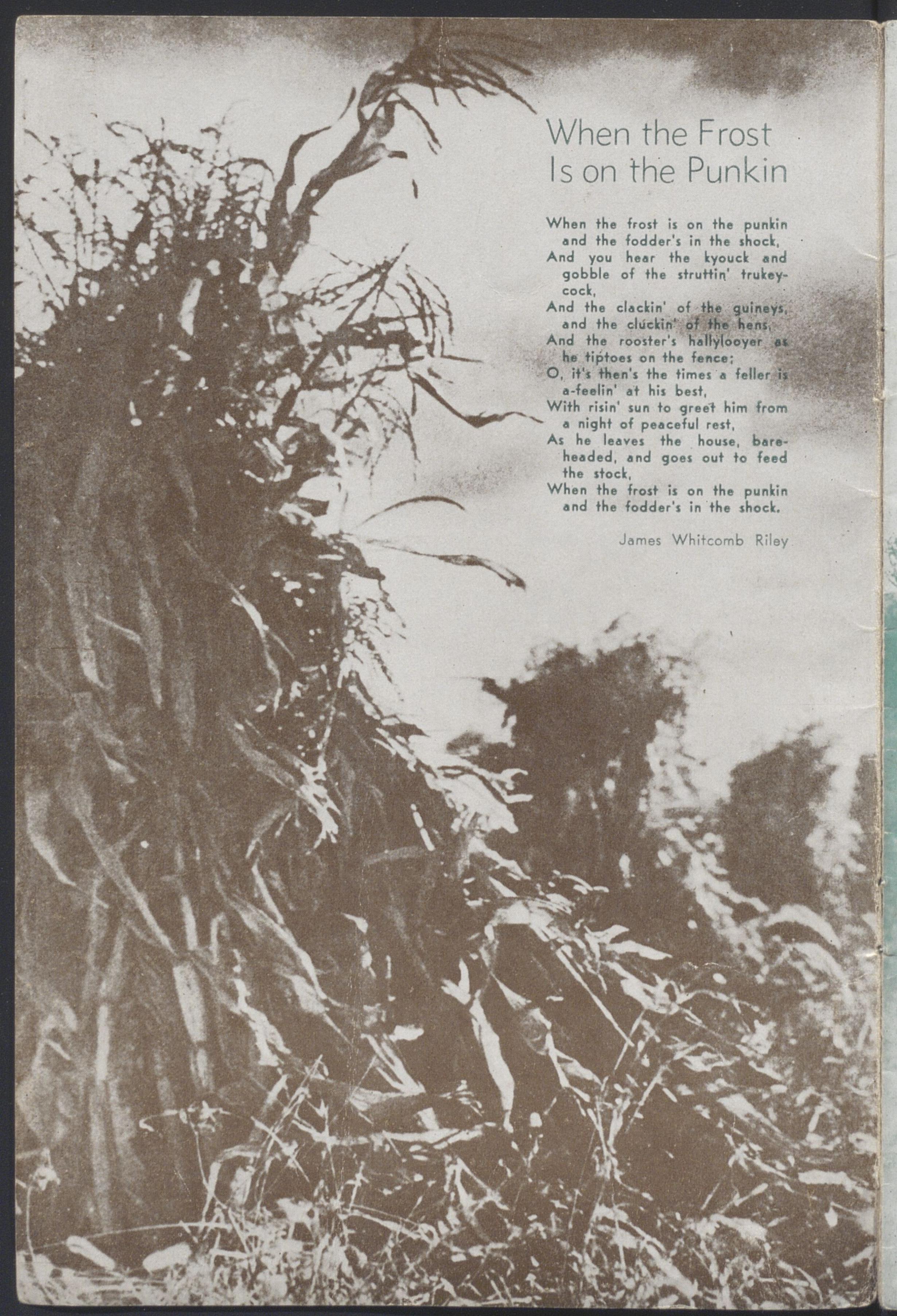
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TO: All Coplayites in Service

Greeting: -

It is a pleasure and an honor to be able to address you through the pages of "Coplay Echoes." The work of the faithful members of the staff is already bearing fruit---good fruit, for "Echoes" is a good tree and only a good tree bears good fruit. With a feeling of pride, I salute you wherever you may be. Yes, pride. We at home here are genuinely proud of you and your accomplishments.

The leaves are falling. The corn is yellow in the fields. The pumpkins are ripe. The turkeys are preening themselves, and Thanksgiving is peeping around the corner. On whatever distant shores this traditionally great day may find you, it is my sincere wish that you be fit as a fiddle and able to do justice to the fatted turkey.

It is hard sometime to believe, but our Heavenly Father, in His infinite goodness, always does things best and some day we will all be joined again.

Yours very sincerely,

BURGESS, BOROUGH OF COPLAY

What's Looking?

We strike into our first holiday month in cold damp weather, chilly mornings and evenings with rather warm interludes during mid-day. As we begin our rambles we bump into Harry Rinker loaded down with heavier burdens than usual because of in-

creased mail to our boys "out there" - "Cy" Walker and his cheerful assistant, "Shoey" Shoemaker taking the extra mail all in stride to-gether with their War Bond business -Irwin "Happy" Kern hoisting "Old Glory" at the P. O. S. of A. Hall — "Sam" Kramer home from his chores at Harrisburg — "Milt" Lilly going along at his usual fast gait -"Dave" Miller forsaking his usual place on the back porch-swing - remember when he used to be a "regular" at the "Rocks" - John Sodl looking over the place as he leaves on a shopping trip to store up his larder — "Bill" Meyle waiting for a bus to Allentown -- "Joe Hutter shining up the bar for another round tonight — "Frank" Deichmeister dwarfed by his son "Freddie" scoots over to the Coplay Bakery as we see "Bob" Trankley harvesting the fallen leaves in his yard — the "Ritz" is doing business at the same old stand with many of their regular customers now stars on a service flag in somebody's window — "Butch" Moyer and his brother Earl hanging a few good stories on customers in the Market - Joe Gaston and his brother George playing child's nurse as Julius Lowy lends advice from the door of his clothing store — "Louie" Lendl checking on the paint job of house - "Charlie" Reichl hoofs it up the street while his brother John Reichl lumbers slowly towards the

Saengerbund — "Joe" Steckel mumbles that there was a "guy from Coplay" who was awarded the army "Silver Star" medal in the last war for bravery under fire but it takes Frank "Paddy" Yoo to inform us that it was "Joe" himself who won it - "Bill" Johnston doing his usual good job of cleaning up his yard as we go down the alley we meet "Gusty" Hower trying to get that big car of his out of the garage with his wife Esther doing the coaching while mother Agnes Hower looking as chipper and young as a spring chicken greets us with a cheery hello as we meet George Kern ambling up the street after a day at Macks — Asher Laubach steps out for another musical job — "Charlie" Moritz telling us about his son 1st Lieut. "Doc" Moritz a Coplay boy (recently President of the Town Council in Northampton) now way down South in Georgia — P.F.C. "Al" Marks comes along and tells us there'll soon be a "Missus" the lucky gal's from New York — Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lentz proudly survey their five star service flag — Floyd Geist the busy tax collector tells us they're really rolling in and his wife Helen tells us about their two boys Frank and Leonard, the former in the Army, the latter in the Navy — Mr. and Mrs. Frank Klucharich beaming over the acquisition of a new lieutenant and a new (Continued on page 20)

Twenty-five Years After

As the world celebrates the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice ending World War I in the midst of an even bloodier conflict we take time to salute and honor "our boys" of a quarter century ago who left their homes to do a job—now represented by the American Legion Post No. 426. They called their first meeting to order on May 21st, 1935, when Frank Gwynn, commander of the 14th district, presided. At that time Frank Scheirer was elected as commander, Sam M. Kramer as adjutant, and Harry Loch as finance officer. The present officers are as follows:

Peter Montz	Commander
Augustus Hower, Sr. Vice	Commander
Frank Koch Jr. Vice	Commander
Josh Mortimer	Adjutant

William Arthur Finance Office	er
J. W. Schaeffer	in
Theodore Salters Sgtat-Arm	
William Prong Service Offic	er



In 1937 all World War Veterans' wives and daughters got together and formed an American Legion Auxiliary. At that time Bessie Mortimer was elected President, Jennie Loch as Vice-President, Minnie Krause as Secretary, Ida Steckel as Treasurer, and Mabel Hoffman as Chaplain. The present officers are as follows:

Bessie Mortimer	President
77	ice-President
Ellen Arthur	
Lillian Greenhagen	Treasurer
Mary Schaeffer	Chaplain
Elsie Christman	.Sgtat-Arms
Sara Montz	Historian

The American Legion, as well as the Auxiliary, are ready at all times to undertake services which will help the

people and preserve the freedom of democracy in the U.S.A.

The Coplay Post played a great part in baseball and in 1941 formed a junior baseball team. The first year they were the County Champs — in 1942 the State Champs, and in 1943 runner-ups for the State playoffs. Sam B. Balliet is their coach, with Josh Mortimer as the manager.

Coplay Post No. 426 will celebrate the burning of their mortgage on November 12th, 1943 and are ready for you boys to come and take over.

Grace Silfies



The Coplay We Love



Editor's Note: The following is a letter together with a contribution which we are publishing "as is."

Dear Fellows:

There are some things about Coplay that will remain forever dear to all people who call it "The Old Home Town." It is about these things that I wish to write—knowing from experience that when one has been away from Coplay for many years, new friends and surroundings do not dim the recollections of that little old town about which we used to say, "There's nothing here," and "If only I could get away from the place." About which we say now, "If only I could get back, if for just a day."

When I hear the word, "Coplay" I think of the little, insignificant things, all of which, when packed tightly together, mean "Home." Those little things—yet how large they loom now. There's

Miss Annie.

Remember when you "got Miss Annie in school?" Mother and Dad said, "Why, she was my teacher." And now you were going to her room. Remember how she could set you in your place by just a whip of that tongue of hers? Remember how you feared her. Then just like that the year

was gone. Then as you became older you realize Coplay wouldn't be Coplay without Miss Annie. Well, she's still around, and God grant that she remain long after you come back.

George,

Coplay" the other day, and have decided to drop you a line concerning my thoughts while reading it. It is positively grand; however, a feeling of nostalgia comes over all old-timers when they read it—especially if they are away from "the old home town." I hope this grand gesture of "making the boys 'Over There' feel at home" will not end with the initial issue—that it will continue for the duration.

of what I hope will become a permanent column in the "Echoes"—a column you may call "The Coplay We Love." Get some of the oldsters to give their remin-

iscences of Our Town.

Please do not try to learn from whom this has been sent. You may guess, but stop there. If you deem the copy fit for publication, the honor is mine; but if you think it terrible, chuck it in the basket and there shall be no hard feelings.

I have not corrected the copy. That is your job. Revise it to suit

your department.

Sincerely and with much friendliness,
One of the Boys.

What are some other things you think about when you hear the word "Coplay?" Sweeping the pavements every morning—taking the ashes out to the "dump" every Saturday—"Poodle" and his store—John Superka hitting the ball on the silk mill roof— "Over the shanty, John"—that's what your dads used to holler the "Brickey" and ice skating with those old clamp-on skates—the May-apple Woods-"Bert" Bigley letting the first ball pass him without offering to take a strike-"Mullie" Lane, "Bunny" Klingler, "Bill Shaffer—"Barry" and Eddie Newhard—all football players whom we idolized—Klingler's barber shop, and Sam Welsh's—The "Hokey" Bums and those fights down in the lane—The Coplay Tigers, their football games and those minstrels with Mickey Berdy, Lawrence Shoemaker, Eddie Gorr, Fritz Stefany, Ray Eberts and so many others—the oratorical contests in the churches—high school commencement in the movies-Bill Walker pushing that little "scooter" up the street, carrying away the films after the second show—"Doc" Horn and "Doc" Knerr, Sam Schaadt and that porkpie hat—"Rass" Kern, Charlie Meyle, "Allie" Steckle, "Roamie" Rogers and his bulk in the middle of the line for the Coplay Tigers; and his father who never missed a baseball game—Sam Welsh with that little folding chair that he always carried to the games-"Doc" Heller, and how he broke his leg at a football game—the back room where the fellows met in the store that was operated by so many—Stecker, Bert Bigley, Zellner, Reinhard, Bobby Trankley and is now the chief eating place for lovers of the "hot dog"—the the day they had that famous movie in town, "When Hellcat Went Dry"—the day Leo Costello died—the day they had an explosion

at Stecker's store—the day the war was over and how we paraded all day—the night the garage burned to the ground—the night Schaadt's barn burned—"Jakie" Moser's store down at the old bridge—the "aquedock" as we called it—the "rocks"—the iron bridge—Memorial Day at the Coplay Cemetery—that big car Bobby Deily had—the day "Gummie" Stivitz was killed—the night before the Fourth of July up at Bigley's store, how the rockets flew, aimed at the trousers of the boys—Mr. Shetlock and how he used to teach Literature, also how he would "Bawl us out" when we misbehaved—Rev. Miller and Rev. Krick, Rev. Shindel, and how the oldtimers said, "Young Jerry" when speaking of him—the square dances, roller skating on Maple street.

Those are the things a fellow thinks about when he hears Coplay mentioned. Those are the little things that are th foundation stones upon which the edifice of Coplay is built. Those things

never die. Coplay shall never die.

All Coplay awaits your return home. Your unselfishness in giving your all to your country shall not remain unsung. You are the Coplay of tomorrow—build the new Coplay but don't tear down the foundations of the old Coplay—they are strong, enduring, everlasting.

Respectfully and with much friendliness,

One of the Coplay Boys.



1918

Coplay honored her boys in the last war too—the monument on the Lincoln School Grounds still honors their sacrifices.

The bronze tablet reads as follows:



Honor Roll



Erected by the Coplay Big Brothers Association in honor of those who answered the call of our country to make the world safe for Democracy.

William H. Arthur Cilfton O. Arthur Robert D. Arner Harvey C. Bair Allen S. Bennet Wilbert R. Brown Roy W. Brown Lawrence Cannistrack Grover H. Confer Leo J. Costello Edwin N. Deily Charles M. Dugan Adolph Deickmeister August Flemish Josiah J. Fenstermacher Elmer Roy Frey Fred E. Geist Andrew M. Gossick Evan B. Geith Edward E. Heckman Samuel E. Heckman Matilda H. Horn (R.C.N.) Thomas J. Howell Augustus G. Hower John N. Jendricks Charles S. Johnston

Frank H. Johnston Edgar A. Kern William Mck. Kern James T. E. Kern William E. Keifer Floyd J. Klinger George Klinger Frank Koch Samuel M. Kramer Earl D. Kramer Elmer C. Krause Martin J. Krause Robert H. Heckman Leon F. Kuhns Jacob Lauser John Lauser William Lauser Adam J. Marks Uriah Marks Charles E. McGinley Franklin E. Miller Fred E. Miller *Harry D. Miller Josh. C. Mortimer Paul C. Newhart Stanley A. Peters William C. Rabenold

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^{*}Killed in action September 26, 1918 in the battle of the Argonne Forest, France.



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Coplay boys and girls have in the past few months entered the service so fast that our community service-flag is now out-dated.

The following are the statistics of Coplay's contribution to World War II:

Army	282	Army		Navy	
Navv	59	Pvts.	112	Seamen	30
Marine	8	P. F. C.	55	1/c Petty Officers	10
WACS		Cpls.	- 1	2/c Petty Officers	
Women Marine Corns	1	Tech. Cpls.	7	3/c Petty Officers	9
Marchant Marine	i	Sgts.	34	Warrant Officers	-1
II & Coast Guard	3	Staff Sats		Ensigns	
Army Air Corns	49	Tech. Sgts.	4	Chaplain	- 1
Army Air Corps	77	M/Sats	i	Lt. (j.g.)	1
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	337	Sec. Lts.			
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	8	1 413.		Sgts.	- 1
		Merchant Marine			
Coast Guard Seamen	3	Seaman	1		3
Codsi Cadia Codinoni					



Keep the mail coming boys. Let's hear more from you. What are you doing? Whose address do you want?

Address mail to: Coplay Echoes Coplay, Pa.



Boys and girls your letters are appreciated-write and tell us some of your experiences - if you're overseas send us pictures of yourself in some dirty uniforms for a change. We'll use 'em.



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United Appeal on the Job

Coplay's United Appeal Workers under the direction of Dr. Vincent P. Hohl, director, are doing their usual good job. Last year Coplay's quota was far exceeded and this year they are exhibiting no less enthusiasm. They deserve a big hand for a job well done for a worthwhile cause. Pictured are the workers at their Organization Meeting.

Yankee Doodle Dandies

Left to right (top to bottom): Joseph Zsigovits, Jr., Y3/c Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zsigovits, Sr. 125 South Front Street P.F.C. William Marek (Army) Medical Corps Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marek I North Front Street Pvt. John Domitrovits (Army) Field Artillery Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Domitrovits 152 Cherry Street Robert J. Newhard, A.M.M.3/c (Navy) Son of Mrs. Beatrice Newhard 58 South Third Street P.F.C. Edward J. Hessinger (Army) Field Artillery Son of Mrs. Theresa Hessinger 1124 Poplar Street Leonard E. Geist, R.M.3/c (Navy) Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Geist 2 North Front Street T/Sgt. James T. Toth (Army) Artillery Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Toth 51 South Third Street Pvt. Donald Lentz (Army) Infantry Son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lentz 234 South Second Street Sgt. John Lentz (Marine) Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lentz 57 South Front Street Cpl. Vernon Bortz (Army) Engineer Son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bortz 221 Front Street

Pvt. George Keller (Marine) Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Keller Front and Chestnut Streets Frank Paukovits, SI/c (Coast Guard)
Son of Mrs. Frank Paukovits 38 North Seventh Street Pvt. Rudolph Stumpf (Marine) Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stumpf 146 Cherry Street

Frank L. Szivos, SI/c Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Szivos (Navy) 46 North Front Street P.F.C. Francis Miklos (Army)

Armored Division Son of Mrs. Frank Miklos 7 South Front Street

Sgt. Raymond J. Gollatz (Army) Medical Corps Son of Mrs. Theresa Gollatz

(Navy)

114 South Front Street Frank Bodish, S.F.2/c Son of Mrs. Cecelia Bodish .48 South Front Street







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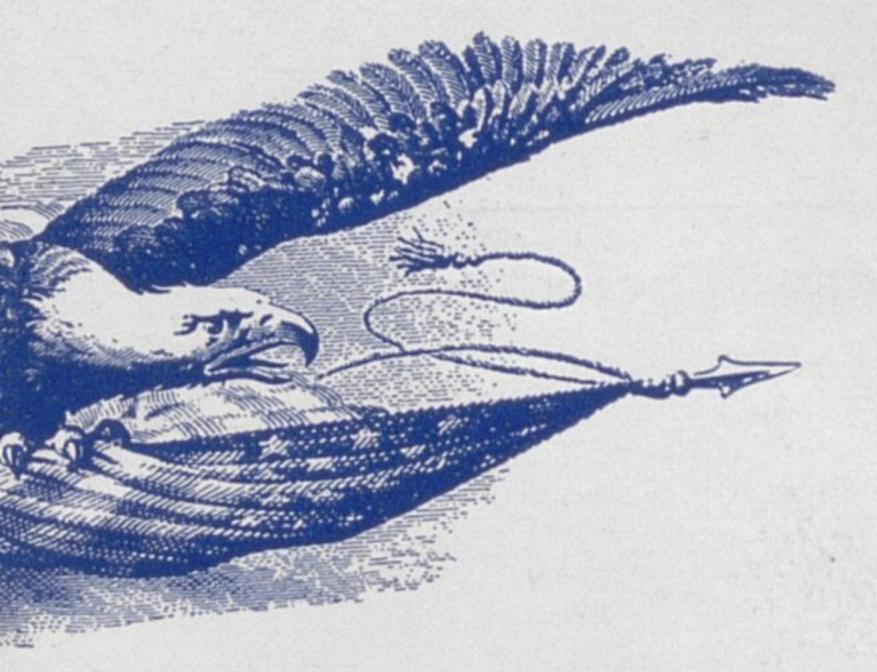
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Koplay Kommentator

Nothing startling in the way of news has developed since we visited you thru the pages of the October issue as Coplay keeps the "even tenor

of its way."

Among the most interesting items was the acquisition of an auxiliary water pump by the Coplay Defense Council. It is the property of the government but is under the supervision of the council. It is probably the first pump in any rural area in the country. You will hear more of it in the next issue. Two more Coplay boys came home with medical discharges in the past month -Joseph Miklos and Donald Lentz. The American Legion will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the signing of World War I Armistice at a banquet on November 12th in the Legion Home and the American Club will dedicate an illuminated plaque to its members in the service. One of the speakers will be Lt. Harold E. Rice of Emmaus just returned home for a short leave after 21 months of service in a submarine in the South Pacific, sometimes in sight of the Japanese Island. Woe be to the errant motorist since the Borough Council freshened up existing stopsigns and erected one new sign at the western approach to Second and Chestnut Streets. This column is tickled to report the birth of a daughter to Corporal and Mrs. Robert Dreisbach and a son to Pvt. and Mrs. John Churetta. The Coplay Mother's Club is a lusty young organization under the leadership of Mrs. Henry Frantz, a group worthy of our support without a doubt. St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church celebrated the 70th anniversary of its founding during October with a week of programs including sermons by

the Rev. J. J. Schindel, Philadelphia, former pastor and son of the founder and the Rev. Kenneth Fricket, Philadelphia, a son of the congregation. On Sunday, October 3rd, St. Peter's

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We're Your Uncle Sam

Left to right (top to bottom):

Paul J. Ringer, R.M.3/c

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ringer

16 South Fourth Street

(Navy)

P.F.C. Frederick T. Legarht
Son of Mr. Alois Legarht
128 North Front Street

(Air Corps)

Pvt. Louis Prisnock, Jr.

Coast Artillery

Son of Mr. Louis Prisnock, Sr.

138 Third Street

(Army)

Louis I. Stumpf, R.M.3/c

Son of Mrs. Theresa Stumpf
4 South Third Street

(Navy)

Pvt. Frank J. Deutsch

Discharged

Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Keller

Front and Chestnut Streets

Cpl. Raymond Wiessner
Armored Force Division
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wiessner
157 South Fifth Street

Pvt. Alvin Gaugler
Chemical Warfare
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gaugler
251 Second Street (rear)

Pvt. Stephen Stelzman

Military Police Platoon

Home Address:
438 North Street, Allentown, Pa.

P.F.C. Rudolph J. Gollatz

Medical Corps

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Gollatz

256 South Front Street

(Army)

Cpl. Charles J. Karoly
Son of Mrs. Elizabeth Karoly
175 South Front Street

(Army)

Pvt. Stephen Schwartz

Quarter Master Corps

Son of Mr. George Schwartz

207 South Second Street

(Army)

Pvt. Robert Buchman
Signal Corps
European Theater
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Willoughby Buchman
115 South Fourth Street

S/Sgt. Rudolph Marx
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marx
1121 Oak Street
(Air Corps)

Pvt. Forrest Laubach
Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Laubach
Ruch Street

(Air Corps)

Joseph Mondschein, Ph.M.2/c
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mondschein
127 South Fifth Street

Pvt. Malcolm D. Werley
Military Police Platoon
Son of Mrs. Florence Werley
212 South Front Street

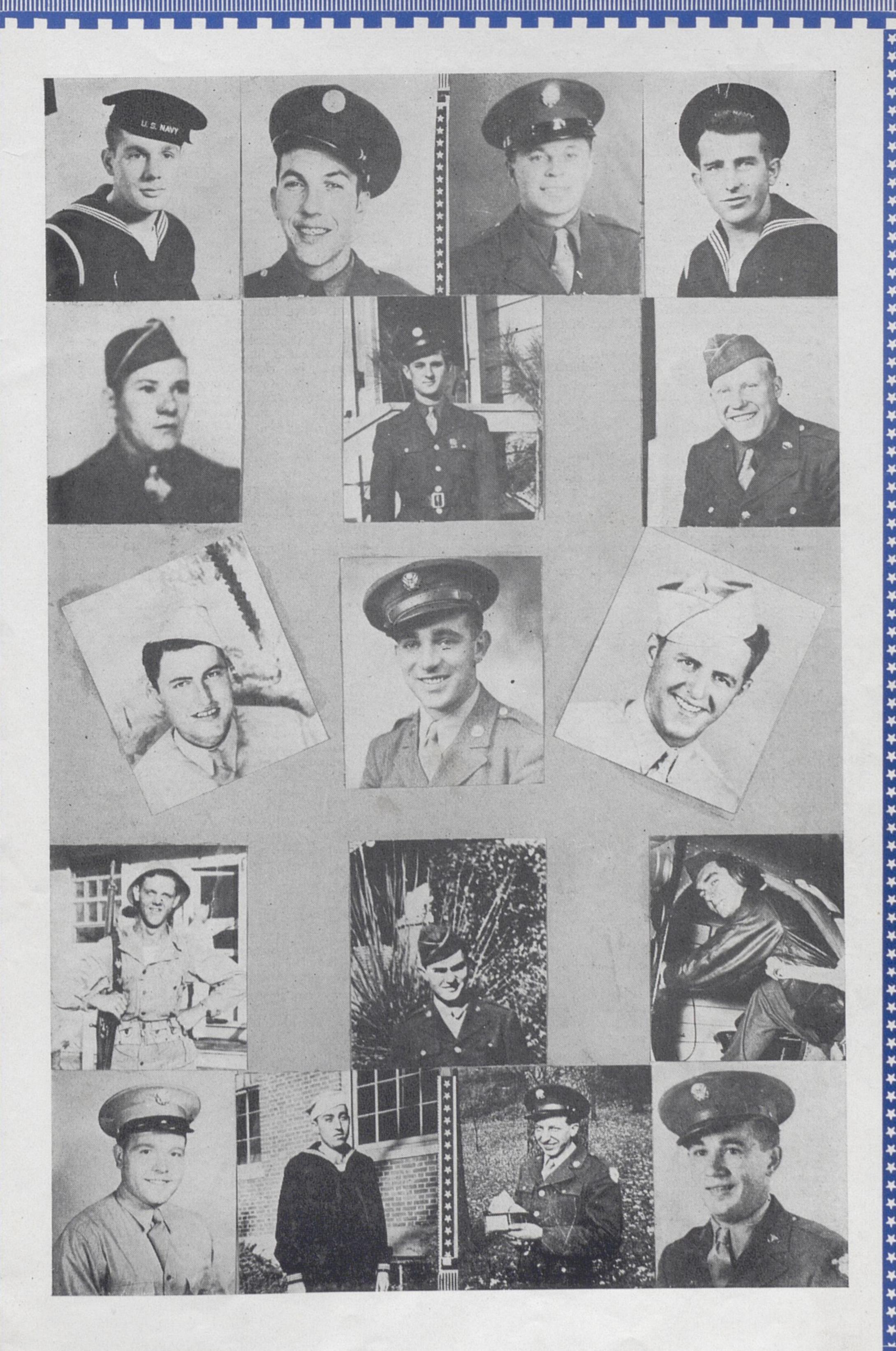
(Army)

Cpl. Julius A. Gollatz, Jr. (Army)

Medical Corps

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Gollatz, Sr.

256 South Front Street





"Echoes From the Front"



Naval Air Technical Trg. Camp Ward Island, Corpus Christi, Texas

Mr. George J. Miller Editor-"Coplay Echoes" Coplay, Pa.

Dear Mr. Miller:

I received the first copy of "Coplay Echoes."

It was very welcome.

This little reminder of home is a certain sign that you and your helpers have spent many hours in producing it. I feel sure that all you are doing will help us who are receiving the splendid results of your effort.

May God bless you with continued success in

your endeavor,

Sincerely yours, Francis P. Adams Lt. (j.g.) ChCV(S) USNR

Naval Construction Battalion Camp Parks, California

Dear George:

I have received my copy of "Coplay Echoes" and was mighty glad to see it. When you are away from home for some time you wonder about the folks.

Receiving an issue such as "Coplay Echoes" really takes you back to many familiar spots and faces. Each turn of the page reveals some-

thing close to us.

Many of us have traveled hundreds of miles across our country. We have seen fishing towns of the New England states; corn and wheat of the middle west; sage brush, prairie dogs and mountains of the west. No matter where you stop, people seem eager to see you. Perhaps some face at a train window reminds these people of a son or someone close to them away from home.

It is this attitude of all the home towns as Coplay that makes a fellow know what he is

fighting for.

When at home some of our interests were the radio and newspaper. Now we don't seem to care. Each day finds a new experience for us and something to remember. When the taps sound and the lights go out you hear a fellow from Boston, a drawl from Texas and that kid from Jersey. We "hit the sack" contented because we know the folks at home are sincere.

To you George and all the swell people you represent, we say thanks a lot and good luck.

know the echoes of the future will always say "I'm proud to be . . . A Coplayite

Allen Lilly.

Santa Ana, California

Dear George: Received my copy of the Coplay Echoes and want you, your staff and everyone else connected with it to know that it sure went over big with me. Boy you people are sure on the ball. Mother wrote to me and said that a copy had been mailed to me. When it came I read it through about five times from cover to cover and still refer to it quite often. Your picture of the boys in the service are tops and "What's Cooking" well, you can put more of that in each future publication.

Here is a suggestion which I am sure would please the boys very much and that is to pick a beautiful girl each month from our town and put her in as a pin up girl. Outside of that I can't think of anything else that the booklet does not contain.

Well, George, thanking you very much for the

first two copies and already anxiously waiting for the third, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Carl Balliet.

Desert Training Center California

To all concerned:

It gave me great pleasure and enjoyment to get a copy of "Coplay Echoes." Never before has it occurred to me that the people from Coplay are doing their utmost to make our life in the Army a pleasant one.

This "Coplay Echoes" is a book above books because it is the place we lived in and hope to come back to some day. Looking at and reading the book took me right to the front step of my home and could almost sit on its step.

I've showed my buddies this book and they sure envy me, because the places they come from never did a thing like it. I wish to thank everyone who helped to bring this about and hope all the rest of our boys feel the same way about it.

Give me "Coplay Echoes" and you can have

my meals, "that is the spice of life."

Sincerely yours, Pfc. Rudolph J. Gollotz.

Dear Mr. Miller:

I received the first edition of Coplay Echoes a few days ago, and I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for the copy.

When I first heard the news that an effort was being made to send some sort of a circular to all the boys from home in the service, Inever dreamed that it would be such a splendid publication. I certainly enjoyed reading the first issue and am looking forward to the day when the next copy reaches me. It was very interesting and I'm quite sure that all the boys from home who received their copy feel the same way as I do about it. I only hope that it will not be too long between copies.

would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the people from the good 'old home town" for all the time and effort that was put forth to bring about this splendid publication. I'm quite sure that all the boys in service from town feel the same as I do and after this whole mess is over, will thank all of you per-

sonally.

With best wishes for continued cooperation and success, I remain

Just a Coplayite at heart, Joseph Mondschein.

Dear Editor:

In all due appreciation I wish to thank you for the copy of the "Coplay Echoes." Believe me when I tell you that there is nothing a soldier appreciates more than news from home. It's also comforting to feel that your friends did not entirely forget you. I am not a Coplay raised boy but it made me feel good to think maybe I did belong.

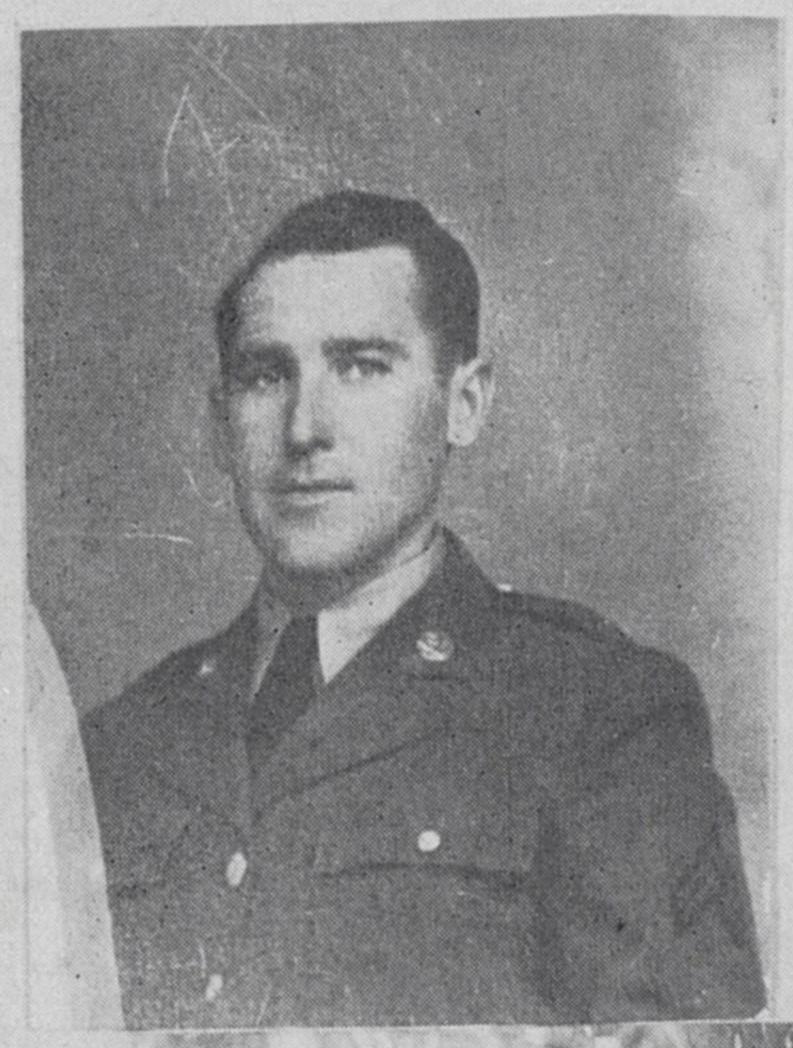
During these periods of training I would appreciate any further news from the "Coplay Echoes" and wish to thank you again.

Just a Pal from Coplay, Pfc. Harry W. Michael.

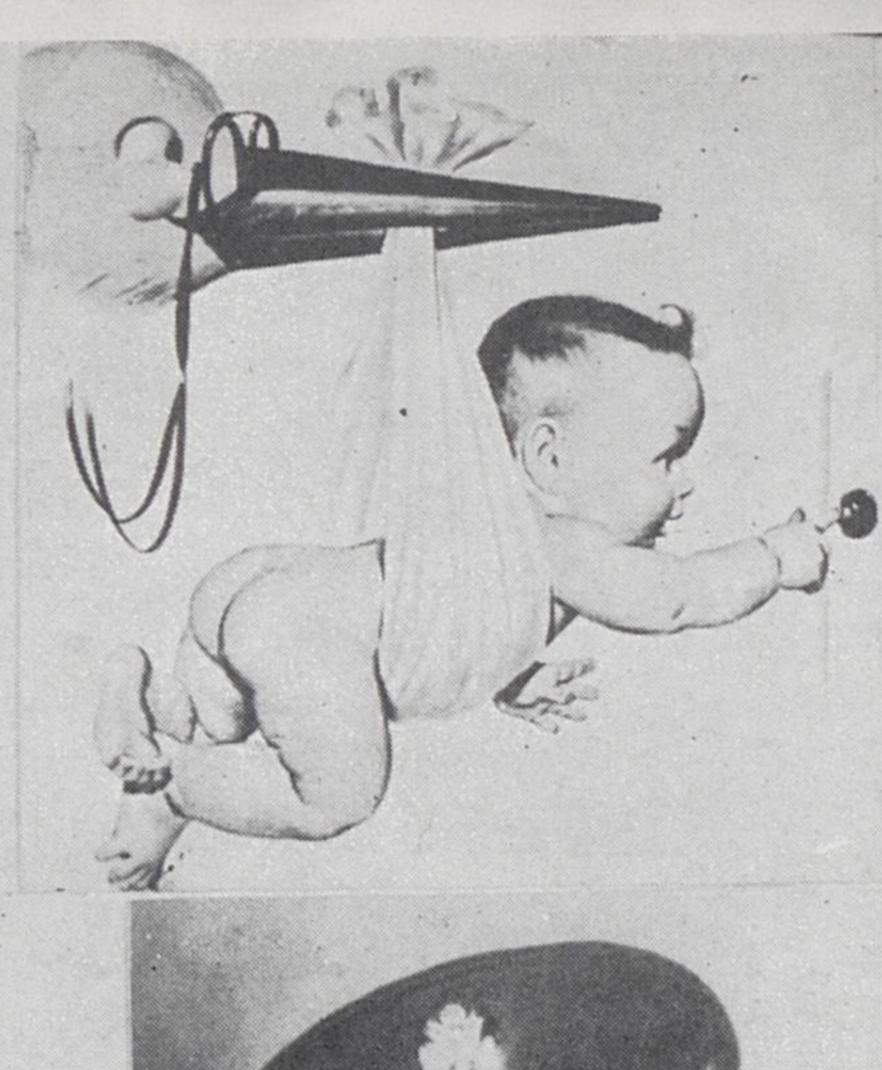
Hello Workers of "Coplay Echoes" Today I received your first issue of the "Coplay Echoes." It was swell and I hope the next one I will receive sooner. It feels good to receive (Continued on page 20)

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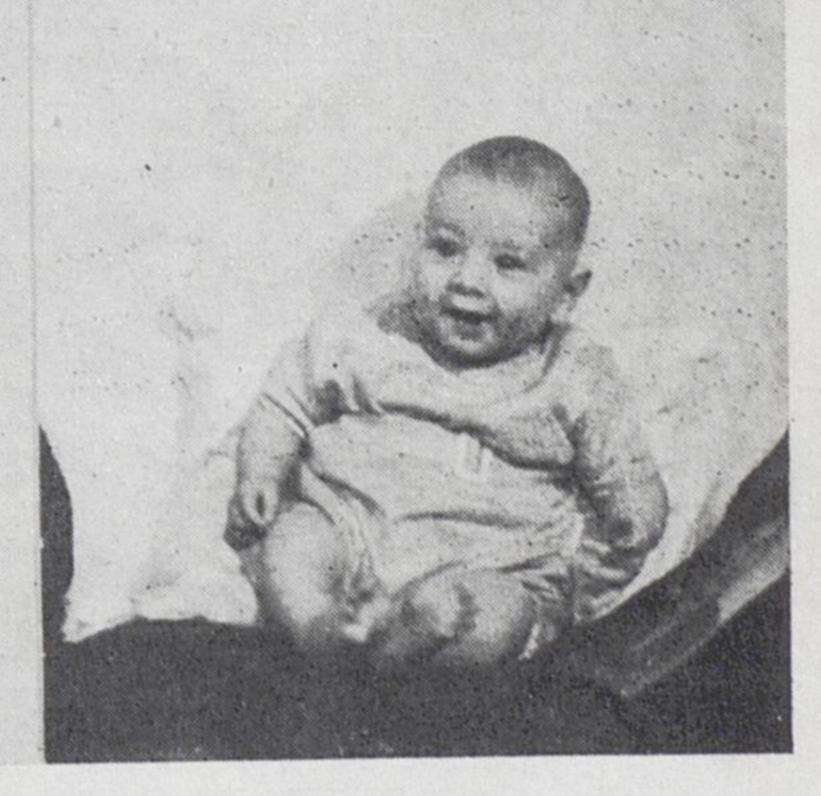
That's many











Daddy Wasn't Home...

Two Coplay boys have not seen their children born after their Daddies left for foreign shores . . .



Sgt. William J. Wiessner
Somewhere in Iceland
Inducted June 7, 1941.
Married to the former
Theresa Tameler.
Son of Mr. and Mrs.
Frank Wiessner.
Daughter—Teresa Ann Wiessner
Born Sept. 22, 1943.

Sgt. Sterling N. Miller
Somewhere in England.
Inducted Oct. 26, 1942.
Married to the former
Louise Piper.
Son of Mr. and Mrs.
John Miller.
Son—Ronald Sterling Miller
Born June 30, 1943.

DOINGS IN DEFENSE

(Chief Rescue Squad)

Many of the boys and girls now serving our country are not aware of the various units that have been established by the Coplay Defense Council. Among these units is the Chief Rescue Squad who report at all blackouts and prepare victims for the Frst Aid Stations. many times working in complete darkness. They also help to rescue persons trapped in debris and render emergency First Aid.

The Defense Council selected Frank "Paddy" Yoo as Chief of the Rescue Squad with William Altemose as his assistant. The other members of the Rescue Squad are as follows:

Myrtle Laubach Catherine Frickert Rose Yoo Rose Lansenderfer Shirley Geist Theresa Wiessner Jean Sommers Sadie Schaeffer Anna Klucharich Bessie Mortimer Verna Peters Anna Heckman Stella Miksits Louella Gleason Stella Miklos Charles Reichl Stella Toth Donald Gruver

To become a Rescue Squad Worker you must have the following requirements:

20 hrs. Standard First Aid Course

10 hrs. Fire Defense

5 hrs. Gas Defense

5 hrs. General Course

All members have completed the above training courses and First Aid was given under the supervision of Francis Roth.

The Rescue Squad has been one of the most active in the entire Defense setup and during a recent blackout test, the County Defense Council on an inspection tour, rated Coplay's Rescue Squad as one of the best in Lehigh County. Grace Silfies

Doing Our Share Left to right (top to bottom): Cpl. Kenneth H. Hoffman (Army) Son of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin H. Hoffman 128 South Fourth Street Pvt. Joseph B. Reichl (Army) Field Artillery Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Reichl 113 South Second Street P.F.C. Frank G. Kopfer (Army) Medical Corps Son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Mittl 17 North Fifth Street Pvt. Alex Pohranechne (Army) Infantry Home Address: 183 Stone Alley Pvt. Adam Kohler, Jr. (Army) Infantry Son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kohler 131 North Second Street Pvt. Milton Zeiner (Army) Infantry Son of Mrs. Helen Zeiner 50 North Second Street P.F.C. Frank J. Klepeiss (Army) Quartermaster Corps Son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Klepeiss 157 South Fourth Street Cpl. Raymond Reppert (Army) Engineers Son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Reppert 151 Maple Street Forrest H. Frantz (Navy) (Naval Reserve Student) Son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Frantz 26 North Fourth Street Edward Wiessner, A. S. (Navy) Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wiessner 157 South Fifth Street Pvt. Charles J. Erkinger (Army) Ordnance Son of Mrs. Katherine Erkinger 150 South Front Street Sgt. Albert Bierman (Army) Medical Unit Son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bierman 323 Schreiber Avenue Cpl. Franklin Reichl (Army) Tank Battalion Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Reichl 113 South Second Street P.F.C. Adolph Graf (Marine) Son of Mr. Matthias Graf 129 North Second Street Sgt. Louis Busits (Army) Anti-Aircraft Artillery Son of Mrs. Agnes Busuits 36 South Front Street Pvt. Fran Billera (Air Corps) Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Billera Einth Street Cpl. Joseph F. Keller (Army) Field Artillery Battalion Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Keller

Front and Chestnut Streets



Ransacking The Mail Bag

Still they come, and nothing more welcome. Keep it up boys we all like to hear from you. Make a flying trip home often fellows and gals via your trusty "FREE" privilege. Now, here goes:

From "PUNK" NEWHARD, MELBOURNE, FLORIDA: "'Coplay Echoes' sure proves our home interest is still backing up the boys Over There. It's really a smart idea. A great success." We hope we're doing all you say we are "Punk." Keep pitchin'.

CPL. KENNETH HOFFMAN, CAMP DA-VIS, N. C.: "I never thought a book so interesting could be put out by the townspeople of Coplay. As an interesting book I find time to read it every once in a while." Every effort will be made to keep it intersting "Kenny."

LT. F. J. KLUCSARITS, BROOKS FIELD, TEXAS: "Believe me, there's nothing 'small town' about your booklet; I say it is definitely 'big time.' I hope you have continued success and already I'm looking forward to the next issue. Now a Texan, but always a 'Coplayite'." You boys are doing the real job Lieutenant; our part is to give a little lift now and then.

JOE ZSIGOVITS, JR., Y.2/c, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA: "I feel sure that at one time or another during the day all of us find time enough to set aside a few moments for you people at home — — Coplay must take great pride in her servicemen to remember them with such a fine magazine." Thanks Joe, we're proud of you and hope we can make you proud of us.

PVT. JOSEPH BRESLANOVITS, CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA: "I really liked the picture of "Putzer" Lentz and "Yano" Piha, boy they sure look like two tough guys. The rest of the book was also tops. I showed it to all my pals, most of them never having heard of Coplay, but if the booklet keeps coming in they'll hear plenty about it." Coplay's being heard of in all corners of the Globe Joe. Keep up the good work of "building up" the Old Home Town.

PVT. DONALD LENTZ, FORT GEORGE MEADE, MD.: "I was glad to get 'Coplay Echoes,' it's very nice to have and I'm sure the boys of the old home town will be proud of it." Nice going "Donnie," we certainly are glad to hear that you liked "Coplay Echoes."

PVT. STEVE STELZMAN, c/o P. M., SHREVEPORT, LA.: "How about the address of Charles Ivankovits, I'd like to write to him — — I'm sure glad everybody in town is pitching in on this great cause. Can't wait until I get the next issue." You no doubt have received Charlies' address by now. Glad to have been of some service. Be seein' you.

CPL. CARL MEIXNER, CAMP McCAIN, MISS.: "'Coplay Echoes' sort of makes us Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines feel proud that our friends and neighbors are pulling with us to reach our objective." We hope you'll enjoy every issue Carl like you say you enjoyed the first two.

JOE KELLER, SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH WEST PACIFIC: "I want to thank all the people who helped make 'Coplay Echoes' possible. I don't know of anything that would please us more." We're all rooting for you too Joe, keep up the good work and write and tell us all about yourself sometime.

SGT. WILLIAM KEGLOVITS, SOME-WHERE "OVER THERE": "The first sixteen years of my life I lived in the great Boro of Coplay, and now that I've been 'over here' for 2 years I'd like to hear about my old pals. If it wouldn't be too much trouble could you please add my name to your mailing list. I'll gladly help defray expenses incurred thereby." "Bill," you're on the list. Send us the names of your old buddies and we'll mail you their addresses too.

Finished again, but just as we wind up this column, some new letters came in to remind us that the boys really appreciate "Echoes." Are YOU doing your part?

Reporting For A Pal

Dear Yalanda;

In answer to your letter of Sept. 7 I will try to give you as many of the facts, as possible, about the death of Louis. Yes, Louis was killed, but to many of us who were close to him, he is still with us. It was through his efforts as a motor mechanic, in keeping the trucks moving, that we were so successful in that struggle. As the sun rose that morning we found Louis. It must have been sudden. There were no marks of pain on his face. He was buried that same morning. As many men, of that Company, that could leave their posts gathered for the ceremony. His grave is on top of a grassy knoll, looking over the palm trees on the beach and out to sea. Where and how he was killed cannot be told until after the war is over. Louis and I used to go on pass together and take some nice pictures about the different places we were. I'll try and find out if he has any personal belongings that I might send to you. I hope this letter reaches you safely.

I remain sincerely,

Cpl. John Keller.

Echoes From The Front

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news from home, and you think of the old times, and have to laugh at the dumb things we did.

I reckon the people of Coplay, used to know

I reckon the people of Coplay, used to know us as kids who made all the noise and mischief at nite. But now we are serving our country.

When you get around to our pictures, I wish you would put all the young fellas together. All the guys that played sports with me in school, and hung around at Sodl's. I think that would make us feel better. Don't you?

I'd like a favor of you. Tell Charlie Deutsch, J. Steiner and all the guys that know F. Lorenz, to write to him. He asked me to tell them and I think this is the best way to tell them. He is in the South Pacific, and I don't think he has it easy. What you say fellows.

I reckon that is all for now. Keep up the good work, and I'll be looking for the booklet next month.

So-long and Keep Punchin', Steve J. Klucharich, S2/c.

> Sat. Nite And No Beer Camp Gordon Johnston

Dear George,
Received the "Coplay Echoes" and am sure
glad to hear about the news back home and it
also is a pleasure of hearing from the other
fellows or pals from all parts of this world.
Lots of good-luck and keep that "Coplay
Echoes" going and keep up the spirit.

P.F.C. S. A. Lindenmuth. Hendricks' Field

Coplay Echoes Coplay, Pa. To the Staff:

I want to congratulate everyone for sending me the first and second issue of the "Coplay

Echoes." I think it is a wonderful idea and I believe all the boys from Coplay will think the same as I, that it really is a great idea. I give my credit to all the home town people who help cooperate with the staff on the "Coplay Echoes." I was really surprised to receive it. I have been away from Coplay over eight years now, in fact, that's how long I have been in the army and the only news I got was from my parents. I want to thank the whole staff of the "Coplay Echoes" for sending me their book which I enjoy very much.

Thanks again for a swell book.

One of the boys,

T/Sgt. John A. Stumpf.

Camp Joseph T. Robinson 19 October, 1943

Staff of "Coplay Echoes":
In receiving my second copy of the "Coplay Echoes" it marked the second time of a very enjoyable evening spent in camp, reading it

over and over again.

I believe that the publishing and distribution of the "Coplay Echoes" is one of the finest deeds that the town of Coplay has done for its men in the Service. I'm sure the effort made by all the workers on the "Coplay Echoes," is thoroughly appreciated by all who read the magazine.

It brings back pleasant memories of friends we all know, no matter how many miles separate us now, and I'm sure the "Echoes" will continue to bring hours of enjoyable reading to all our men in the Service.

Gratefully yours: Sgt. Frank L. Deichmeister.

Dear Friends,
This is the second issue of "Coplay Echoes" I have received from you. The boys and I appreciate it very much. The book that you folks send every month is very interesting. To tell you the truth, it makes us boys feel just like home. Thanks a million.

Respectfully yours, P.F.C. Wm. Marek.

What's Cooking?

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daughter-in-law all in the space of a few days — Harry Schlicher comes along now, Coplay's newest Special Policeman, get your man Harry — and as we slowly up Hall Street we meet "Steve" Kainz after a days work in Frank Kukitz's potato fields — and Alfred Beltz a smiling fixture behind the cage at the Coplay Bank — Hohum I guess we can call it quits for now and another month, so until Christmas — time we hope you'll get your fill of turkey — so-long.

Koplay Komment

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Roman Catholic Church dedicated a service flag in honor of its 158 boys in the service of the country. Msgr. Leo Fink was the speaker for the occasion. Certificates were presented to the families of each of the boys. The flag flies from the flag pole in the church grounds.

That's all for now.



Somewhere in the Pacific

Somewhere in the South Pacific where the sun is like a curse,

And each long day is followed by another slightly worse,

Where the coral dust blows thicker than the shifting desert sands,

And a soldier dreams and wishes for the greener fairer lands.

Somewhere in the South Pacific where a girl is never seen,

Where the sky is never cloudy and the grass is always green,

Where the nightly howl of tropic bats robs one of blessed sleep,

Where there isn't any whiskey and the beer is never cheap.

Somewhere in the Pacific, where the nights were made for love,

Where the moon is like a searchlight and the Southern Cross above,

Sparkles like a diamond in a balmy tropic night, It's a shameless waste of beauty when there's not a girl in sight.

Somewhere in the Pacific where the mail is always late.

And a Christmas card in April is considered up to date,

Where we never have a payday and we never get a cent,

But we never miss the money, for we'd never get it spent.

Somewhere in the Pacific where the ants and lizards play,

And a hundred mosquitoes take the place of each you slay,

So take me back to Coplay, let me hear the mission bells

For this God forsaken outpost is a substitute for Hell.

by: S/Sgt. Clifford Williams Chief Outpost Gunner Guadalcanal 1943.

Submitted by: Lt. Charles H. Rogers (Somewhere in the Pacific)



Echoes From The Front

Army Air Base

Hi George,

I received both copies of the "Echoes" and it sure is something to rave about. A number of my buddies have made the statement that they wish that their home-town would publish something like it.

I think that the most interesting article in the book is "What's Cookin'." Orchids to Helen

for writing that column.

Best of Luck in the Future, Sgt. John Rubasky.

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