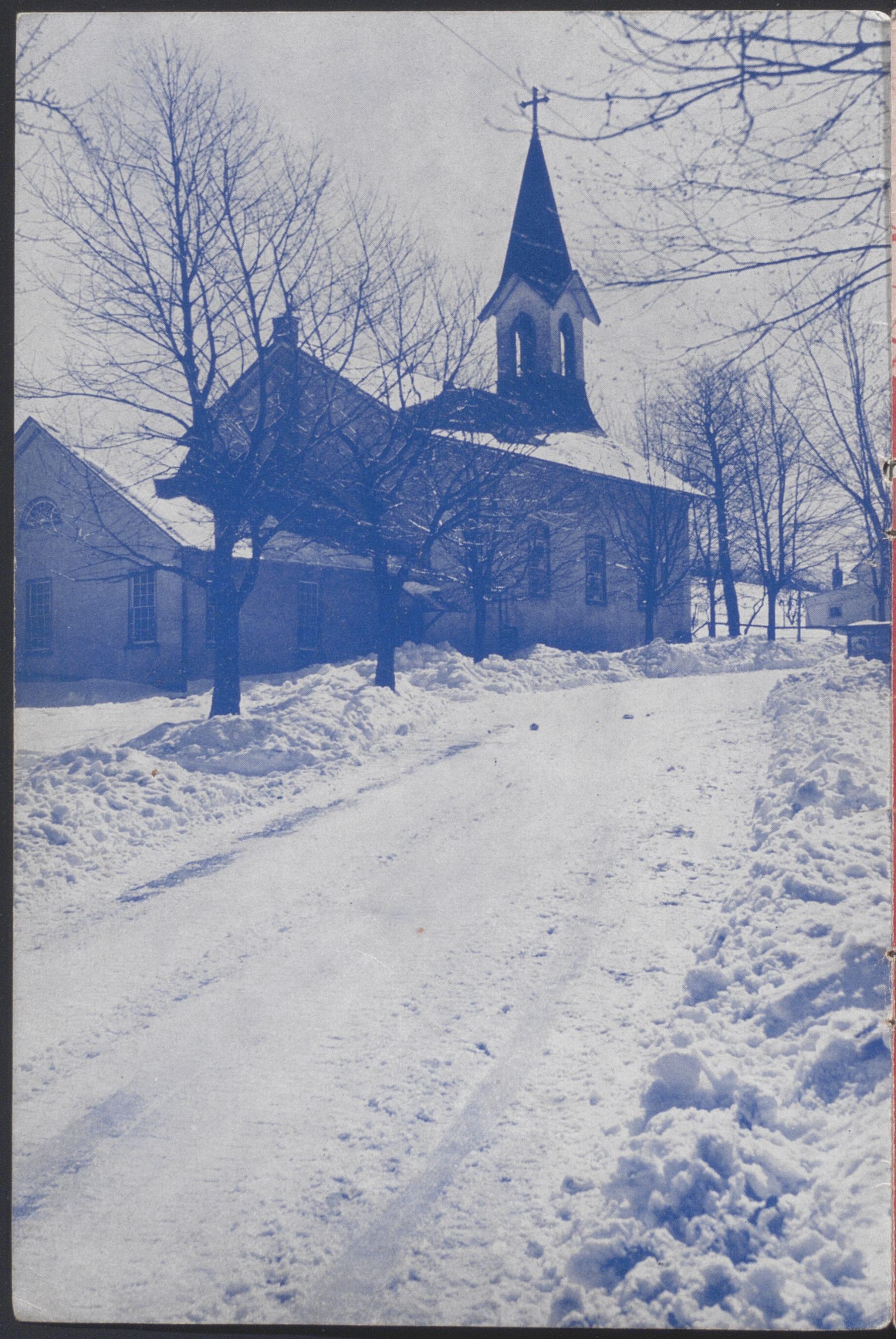
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Fellow townsmen in the service of our Country:

It is a genuine pleasure to greet you on our common ground of "Coplay Echoes." It is needless to say that all of us here at home are hoping and praying for your early safe return.

Your fathers and mothers, brothers, sisters and friends have all rallied back in the "old town" to do their part on the home front. Our Civilian Defense set-up need not bow to any town largely because of their faithfulness.

You boys are doing the BIG job however, and as we enter the New Year all of us must look forward to probably the most important year of our lives.

It is my sincerest hope that at this time next year you'll all be back in good old Coplay.

God Bless you all,

James R.V. Heller M.D.



The holiday spirit is permeating the atmosphere of Coplay as we hit the bright lights on a tour of the old home town's nite spote. Our first stop is the Saengerbund where Steve Klepeiss has a death grip on a bottle of Neuweiler's, while Karl Kroboth and his wife enjoy a refresher—Vincent Poandl, an old and faithful standby is here and Councilman John Wiessner is at the controls—

Leonard Miller and the Missus step in and then the Lohr boys to quench their thirst—Mrs. John Kleinhapfel holds forth in the kitchen while over in the bowling alleys, the early evening crowd includes Mike Matika, erstwhile catcher for the Legion Jrs., now home from the Navy-Joe Ebner and Louie Yandrisevits in a heated conversation — probably ironing out some details in the operations of the club—Hilda Tapler comes in with a gang of girls and the Seiler girls trot out a few juke box numbers with Emma Poandl — "Studie" Gollatz holds up his end of the bar and as we leave, we bump into Mickey Miller home on leave but we can't recognize his fair companion - Now down to Royal Miller's Coplay House where we dunk a crab pattie in some beer and meet Alvin Salter and his family including Mamie, his daughter Betty, and little Richard—as our talk turns to war and "Coplay Echoes," little Rich falls a sleep and we are informed that "Burt" has now landed somewhere in the Pacificout in the bar-room is "Ted" Salter, a veteran of the last war, whose citation for wounds in action and a Purple Heart Award were erroneously

missed in our listings in the October issue as was also that of Wilbur Brown who also won the Army Silver Star award, sorry boys—also at the bar is Julius Gollatz, the motor-cycle man, who ran up the hill for a bit of brew-now up to the American Club, which we get by remote control from our operative "Deanie" Anthony who tells us that George Trively and Harvey Reinhard, Ir. are serving them up tonight, Buck McCloskey, chatting with Officer Alex Korsak who steps in to get warm-Frank Klingler dropping in for a couple after a hard day in the shop—"Bally" Morgan home on his vacation, having a few-Edgar Raber's Orchestra arriving to sub for Joe Honsel who is organizing a new band and will furnish the regular Saturday evening entertainment — Billy Stibits, Coplay first baseman of twenty years ago still swinging and swaying - Wilmer "Dip" Kunkle home over Thanksgiving chatting with an old classmate, Clarence Christman—"Sepp" Steiner doing his short leave here—"Sonny" Miller with Sterling home on a weekend pass—Helen Taniser and Grace Sil-

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FROM FOXHOLES AND BARRACKS

PFC. Edward "Abie" Thierer is now confined to Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C., having suffered a severe laceration of the forearm. We hope he'll soon be up and about.

Cpl. Raymond Reppert was confined to a hospital during December.

Apololgies to PFC. "Sammy" Raber for reporting his engagement when a real scoop would have been to annonunce his marriage. Sorry Sam but our wishes for success and happiness could not be more sincere. The lucky girl is Kathryn E. Wright, a teacher in the Cementon schools.

David Geenhagen is home on a 30-day sick leave and doing well.

Lt. Allen Trankley, Pilot, U. S. Navy, was marrried Dec. 1, 1943 to Miss Betty Lane Pendleton, Altus, Oklahoma.

The new Mrs. Trankley was a student at the University of Oklahoma.

Lt. Trankley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Trankley was graduated from Coplay High School and Moravian College. He enlisted immediately after graduation and received his wings and was commissioned in March 1942 at Jacksonville, Florida.

The happy couple left Norman, Oklahoma where "Buddy" was stationed for San Diego, California and a new assignment.

Staff Sgt. Julius Kail writes from somewhere in Italy that he's thrown away his shaving kit with a real close one available over there for a nickel Haircuts, he reports are rather expensive at a dime. Drycleaning, however is left for capitalists only—a full uniform clean and press job goes for fifteen cents

1st Sgt. Frank Geist, PFC. Louis Taniser,

and PFC. Raymond Trankley report meeting each other somewhere in Italy They don't mention the main topic of conversation but we'll bet our money on "home." It was one of the few times thus far reported that Coplay boys from different units met boys from the home town in a combat zone

Cpl. Kenneth Hoffman has been given an honorable discharge as has Pvt. Joseph Sidor. Both boys have returned to the homes of their parents and are employed in private industry.

Pvt. Charles Haller received an honororable discharge and is home doing fine.

Information from servicemen's families or the boys and girls themselves for this column will be appreciated. Call at our office any Monday, Wednesday or Friday.



The Staff
takes this opportunity
to thank those in the
service for their beautiful Christmas Cards.



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THE COPLAY FIRE CO.

Coplay Fire Company was organized in August 1899 and sanctioned by an ordnance of the Boro during that year.

During its entire existence it has had its quarters in the Town Hall on Sec-

ond Street, where the fire truck has also been stationed.

The Company has an active membership of over 200 men at present, many

of them now serving in the armed forces. In 1938 Boro Council purchased a Hahn truck and pumper, with sufficient capacity to rank Coplay's equipment ahead of most towns its size in fire protection.

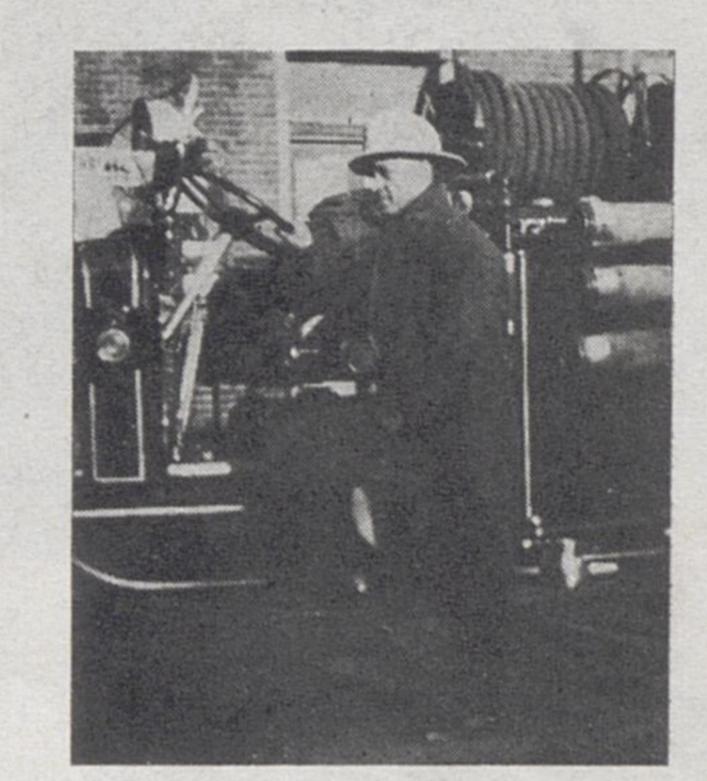
At present the fire chief is Kermit W. Kunkle and two of the immediate past chiefs of the department are now in the armed services, in the persons of Pfc. Arthur Haller, and Cpl. Stanley Peters.

Within the past few months the Boro acquired an auxiliary pumper from the U. S. Government which will serve as an adiunct to the regular equipment.

junct to the regular equipment. With this apparatus also came hose, raincoats and helmets.

In 1939, the company made an unsuccessful attempt to put through a municipal bond loan to cover the cost of a new Town Hall and Fire Company quarters.

The President of Co. No. 1 at present is Clifford Hannis. The organization maintains a comfortable balance in its regular treasury, as well as in the Firemen's Relief Association, of which Kermit Kunkle is the president.



ECHOES FROM THE FRONT...

Dear Coplayites:

I certainly appreciate the backing and the interest that the people of Coplay are showing the boys and girls in the service. Our morale is high when we know that you are all thinking of us and even thought some of us have yet to really start serving our country, we wait our chance to show-with action-just how much we think of our way of life and our towns like Coplay. I received both copies of "Echoes" and they are swell. The "Echoes" are the best incentive we could possibly receive to do our best for the people of the home town. I shall be looking forward to all future copies of the "Echoes" with great interest. Keep up the good work on the home front and we'll do our best on the service front. Thanks for everything.

A fellow Coplayite,
PFC. Joseph B. Reichl,

Fort Riley, Kansas.

Dear George:

I just received with much pleasure, the third edition of "Coplay Echoes." No one can say enough in praise of this really fine book. When I look through the pages I always imagine the great deal of enjoyment it affords the "boys," especially those in foreign lands, and those who may not have been fortunate enough to visit some since many moons.

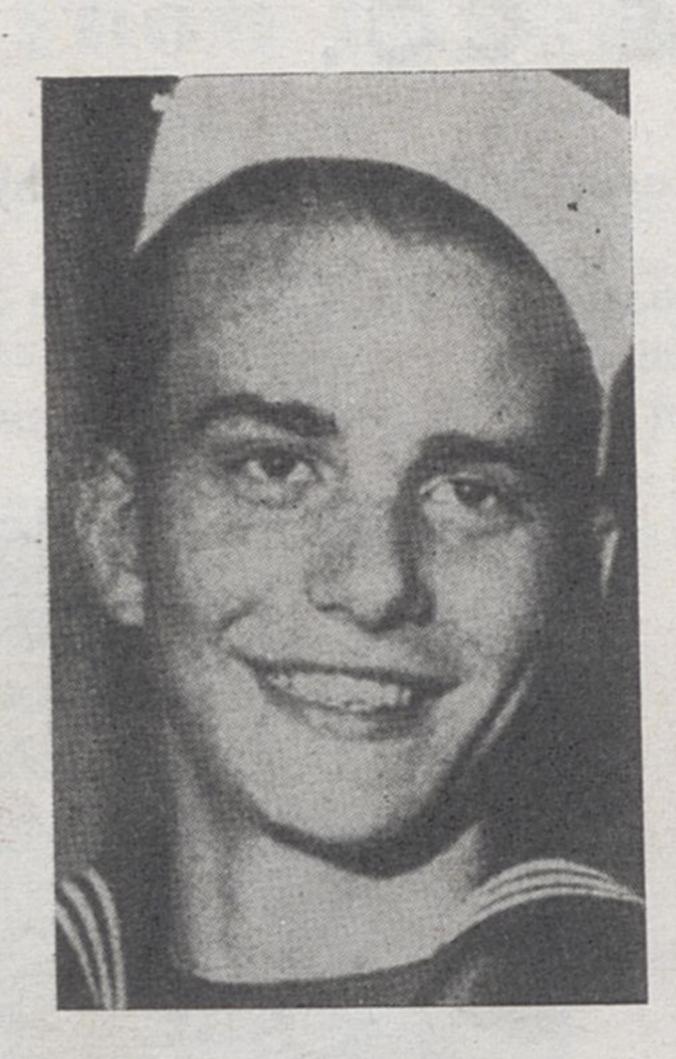
Containing a lot of news about our home town acquaintances, it brings home very close to everyone who reads it.

Many of the girls here in the barracks like to read it too.

The second edition will be treasured by me, because of the tribute it pays to brother Louis and proudly do I look at the words "Coplay Number One Mother."

Many sincere thanks,

Margaret Kovacs, Keesler Field, Miss.



Salute!

Proudly we honor Seaman Thomas Laubach, son of Raymond and the late Annie Laubach of Northampton, who gave his life in the service of his country and was buried at sea a few months ago.

"Tony," only 17 years of age spent the greater part of his life in Coplay and his family is well known here, having reared their entire family in the Boro. A kid who it seems only yesterday played back alley baseball and hiked with the Scouts has given the last full measure of devotion that this country and its wonderful privileges of freedom, equality, justice and humanity will survive. Our hats are off to "Tony" and all the brave boys who are sacrificing so much and who ask of us here at home so little.

Wrong Again

Sgt. Frank Steiner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Steiner, 1126 Chestnut Street, still goes by that name, and not that of Cpl. Frank Pammer. Frank is at Aberdeen, Md., and still doing well in spite of the mixup.

Pfc. Michael Radon is not discharged but very much in the Army Air Corps at Reno, Nevada. Stanley Radon's picture was published in a previous issue.

These serious mistakes are of course to be expected in an amateur publication and we hope the boys will bear with us until we have overcome our clumsiness. Beg pardon please.

Attention!

With such a large number of magazines being sent to all parts of the world, it is only natural that a small percentage are returned because we have not been able to keep pace with the ever-changing addresses of the boys. We have noticed that returned books are very often much the worse from travelling in mail-bags and are concerned about the condition in which they reach our boys and girls, We would appreciate you dropping us a line and telling exactly in what condition they reach you so that, if necessary, we can make the proper arrangements for a heavier envelope.

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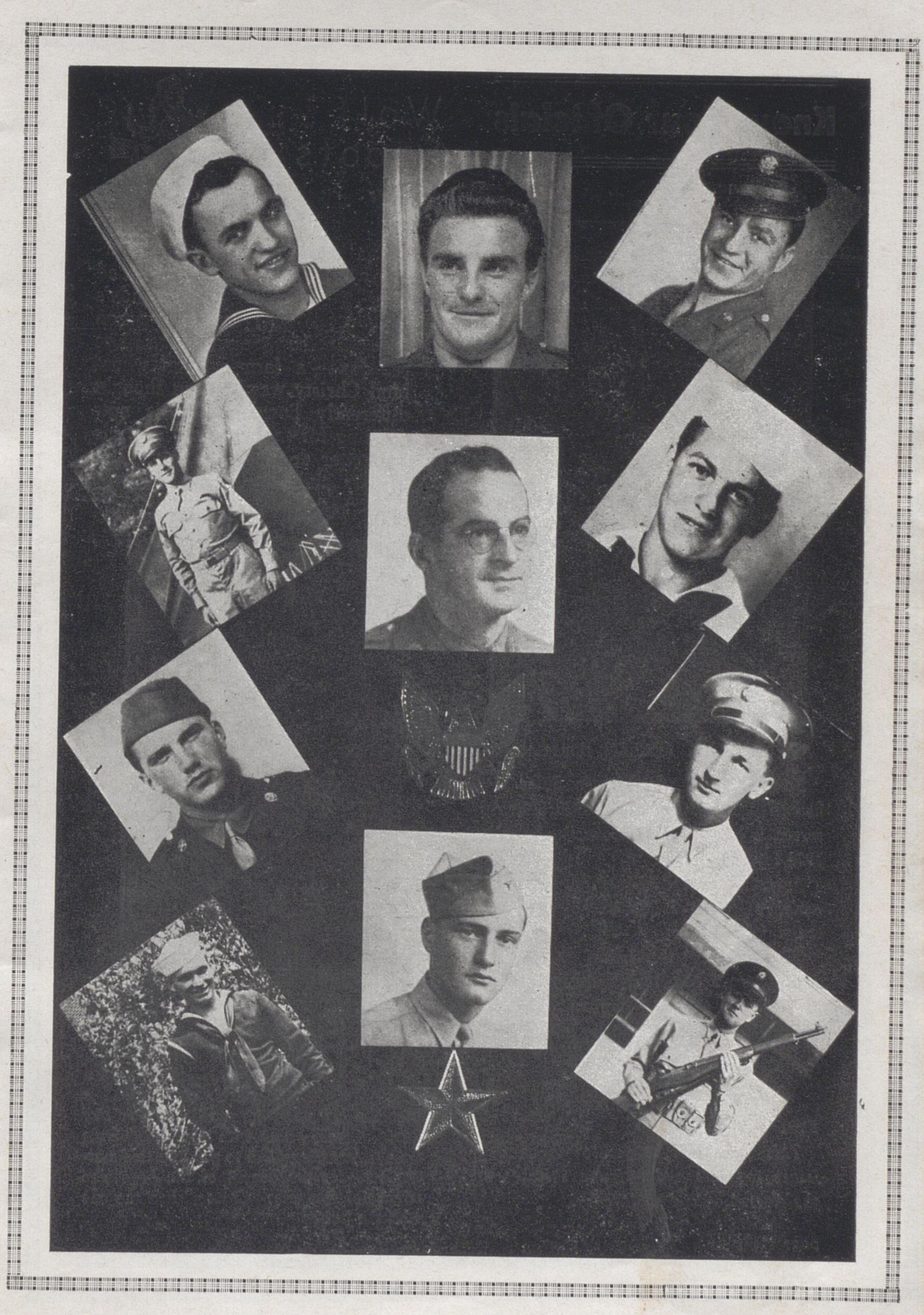
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Know Your Officials



DANIEL N. YELLEN, BURGESS

Burgess Yellen was born in Stiles but has lived in Coplay since 1918, having served in the office of Councilman from 1936 to 1940.

Appointed in April 1943, after the resignation of Frank P. Kukitz he will serve the unexpired term.

"Dan" has been active in Defense activities as an Air Raid Warden, member of the U. S. O. and Scrap committees as well as a reporter on "Coplay Echoes."

Editor's Note:

This space will be devoted in ensuing issues to short and intimate sketches of the elected officials of Coplay.

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Wolf Shoots Fox



Coplay's big game hunter, Clarence "Axle" Christman, returned from the outskirts of Scheidy's during the past hunting season with what he thought was a prize red fox — a farmer upon whose land Christy was hunting thought differently however and is now gunning for the man who shot his red setter dog. (We've forsaken Christy and are betting on the farmer.)



One for the Old-Timers

Frank "Crusoe" Kroboth astride a friend of his along the muddy flats of Dry Run. It took a hike with the "gang" from the old American Club to produce this masterpiece—for the benefit of the boys who might not recognize "Crusoe," he's the one with the hat on.



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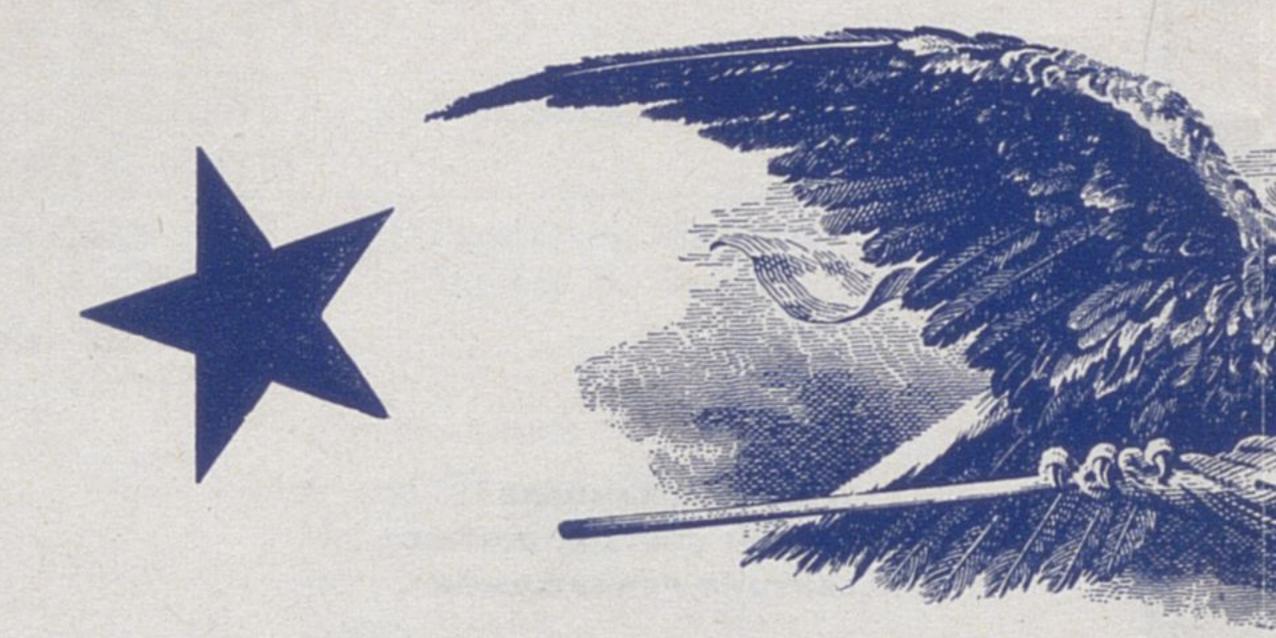
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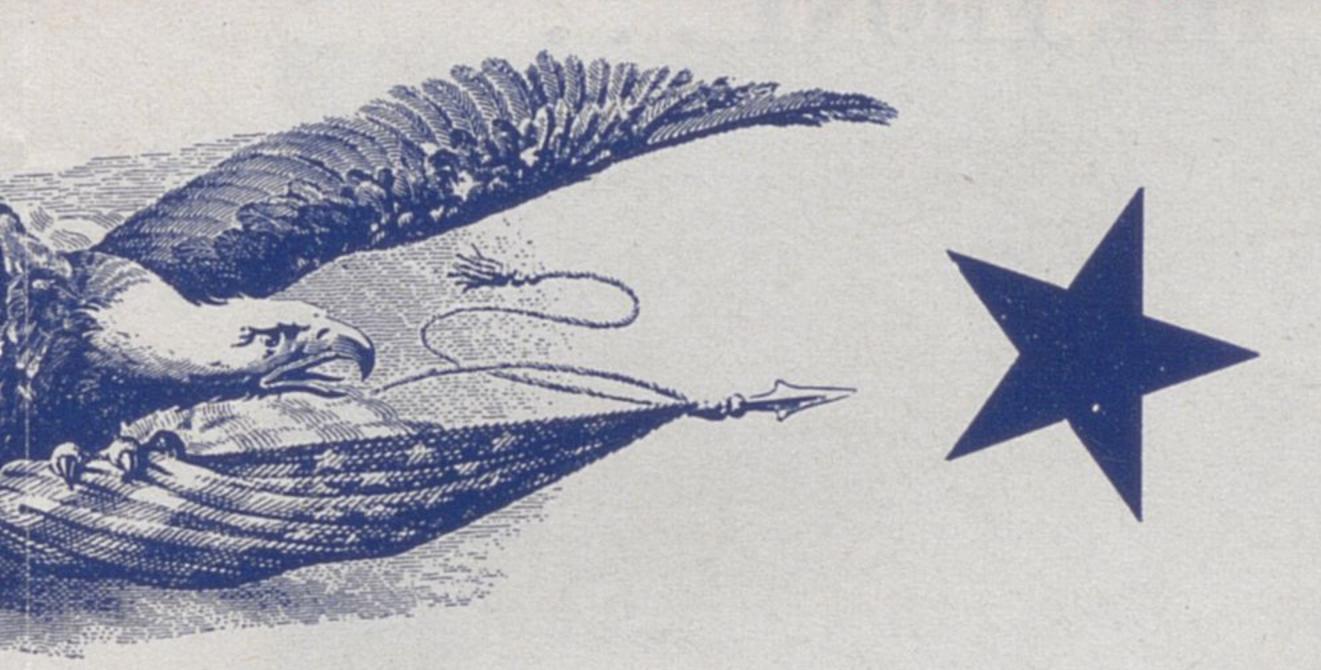
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ECHOES FROM THE FRONT...

Dear "Echoes" Workers:

I have just received my October issue of the "Echoes." I believe it to be one of the most interesting magazines any of us could receive. My issue came to me while I was in sick bay, it sure made me feel swell to read what was going on at home. Almost time for Taps so in closing I extend my gratitude to the people of Coplay for making this magazine possible.

Respectfully yours,

Ednamay Mashburn, Arlington, Virginia.

To the Staff:

It was indeed a pleasure to receive these two copies of the "Coplay Echoes." It makes me feel proud and happy to see and know what the folks in our home town are doing for us fellows here in the Service. It brings back memories and lets us know what our buddies are doing. My thanks and appreciation to all who helped to make it a success. I'll be waiting anxiously for the next issue of the "Coplay Echoes."

Sincerely,

Cpl. Raymond Wiessner, 473rd Truck Regt. Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear George:

As I write this on the eve of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the signing of the Armistice I can recall the same day four years ago when everyone was observing the twenty-first anniversary with a quiet slogan, "Peace becomes of age." Poland had tottered and fallen only a few weeks before but everyone was still fairly certain that, "we won't be dragged into it this time." And that crowd of kids; their sophomore year at Coplay High just behind them, would get together to discuss such momentous questions as, "When are we going to have that Hallowe'en party?" or will "Catty beat Northampton?" Let's see, there were Walt Hessinger, Joe Steiner, Gaby Kovacs, "Abie" Theirer, Johnny Lorenz and the "unholy three." Burt Salters, "Punk" Newhard, and myself. There were many others, but that was four years ago. Since then a lot has happened and they've happened fast. That's why on my last G. I. visit to good old Coplay "Punk" was swabbing a deck in Florida. Burt was a "gravel agitator" in the middle-west, and Johnny Lorenz was "giving it to them" on a ship somewhere in the South Pacific. Perhaps thousands of miles separate some of us but thanks to your co-operation and thinking of the townspeople till we all get together again. We think of them all when we read "Coplay Echoes." It's exactly what we needed and I'm sure that I speak for all the Coplayites in the service when I say, "We're very grateful." Seeing new pictures of my friends every month and discovering where they are provides me with great pleasure while articles like the anonymous letters in the November issue sure is good reading. Surely, "Echoes Staff," a job such as this deserves every bit of credit thatit receives. May you all experience continued success in your fine work.

Sincerly yours,

Wallace C. Stefany, Ohio State University, Columbia, Ohio.

Friends and Workers of "Coplay Echoes": I just got done reading the second issue of "Coplay Echoes," and in my estimation I think it is swell. I want to thank all fellow workers, for I know it takes a tremendous amount of time and effort to put out such a wonderful book and I congratulate you all. I have passed the book

around to numerous curious fellows and members of my outfit and they too think a great deal of t; even though it does not concern them in the least. Again I say thanks, and by all means continue to send the "Coplay Echoes" to me.

A Coplayite, Timothy J. Lansky, Camp Polk, Louisiana.

Dear George:

Just a few lines to let you know that I recevied my first copy of "Coplay Echoes" and I want you to know how much I enjoyed it. I would like you to express my thanks and appreciation to all who had worked to make such a great thing for us. To be frank with you, after reading through the magazine the first time, I became closer to being home-sick than ever in my six years of naval service. I hope that the work will be continued and I know that all the boys overseas will feel the same way as I do about it. It certainly was a swell feeling to see all the pictures of the boys. Some are former classmates of mine, while others I don't even know. Then there are others that were small boys when I first enlisted in 1935. So you can imagine the surprises that are in store for me. As a matter of suggestion, and I'm positive I wouldn't be alone there why not devote one page of the booklet to exhibiting a "Beauty Parade" consisting of local young ladies from the home town. You know that would be a real treat to us, outside the continental limits of the United States. It's just an idea-

Received a pleasant surprise a couple of months ago when Adam Kohler, aboard this ship for transportation, recognized me. We certainly had a swell long chat. Thus far, he has been the only one I have ran across. I've been out this way for the past seventeen months. Which prompts me to tell you that I'm the proud father of identical twin girls, 17 months old, that I haven't seen except for snap-shots. I also have a little boy three and one-half years old. I'd like to add that I've been advanced from Storekeeper 1st class to the rating of Chief Storekeeper. Will sign off now for this time and many thanks for the swell magazine. Best wishes and regards to all.

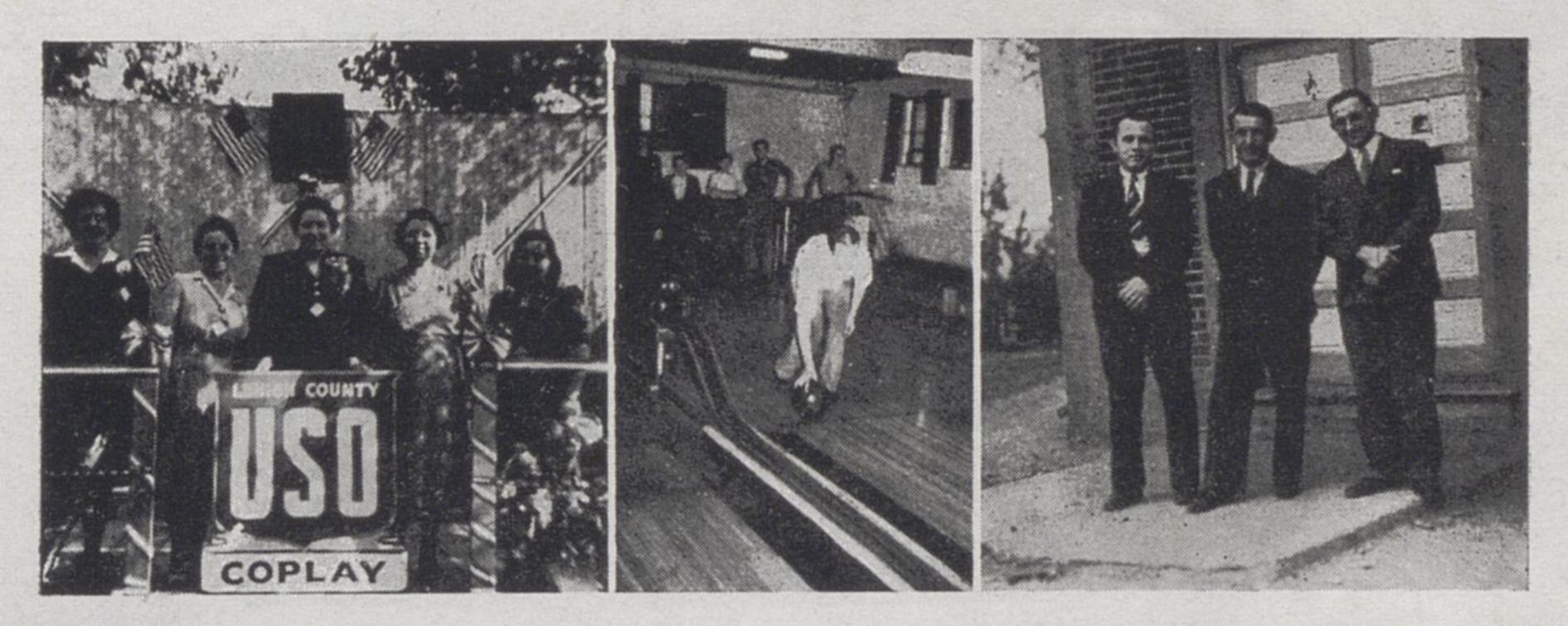
One of the boys, Alexander J. Michler, Somewhere in the Pacific.

Hello:

Received the second edition of "Coplay Echoes." I could hardly wait for it. To think of the home town folks and what they are doing for us. I am sure all the boys appreciate it. I do hope this fine work will continue. Well George, after a hard days work you come in from field problems, you can't help yourself to appreciate "Coplay Echoes." I'd say it puts new life in a fellow. I'll say again thanks a lot. I'm writing this during dinner so my time is running short. So I'll say so-long.

Regards to all and good wishes. Gratefully

PFC. Francis Miklos, Camp Beale, California.



COPLAY SAENGERBUND

By Daniel Yellen

Facts furnished by John Kleinhappel:

The Coplay Saengerbund was organized in 1917 by a group of people of German-Austrian descent for the purpose of keeping the traditional Folksong alive and to promote social activities among its members.

This group of men held their first meeting on Dec. 1, 1917 and the name adopted was Coplay Saengerbund. Charles Reiter was elected ast Presiden

and Joseph Marek Secretary.

The Society continued to hold its meetings and singing rehearsals at various places in Coplay until in the winter of 1919. On Dec. 26, 1919, the Hall was completed and on that day the Opening was held. So the Coplay Saengerbund went along during these 25 years of existence and through the dark days of depression it was kept intact. From 1934 on, times were better and the membership started to increase.

Because of the growth of membership, the Coplay Saengerbund decided to build an addition to its present building for the purpose of housing four new Bowling Alleys at the cost of \$14,600, and the opening was held on Feb. 14,

1942.

The organization has been keenly interested in all of Coplay's civic projects and on Sunday, Aug. 22, 1943 dedicated a USO recreation center and lounge. Judge James F. Henninger was the speaker. Post-war plans for servicemen are also nicely taken care of with a handsome monthly contribution to the local USO.

At present the Coplay Saengerbund has a membership of 662 men and its

Ladies Auxiliary, 177 ladies.

95 of its members are in the armed service of U.S.

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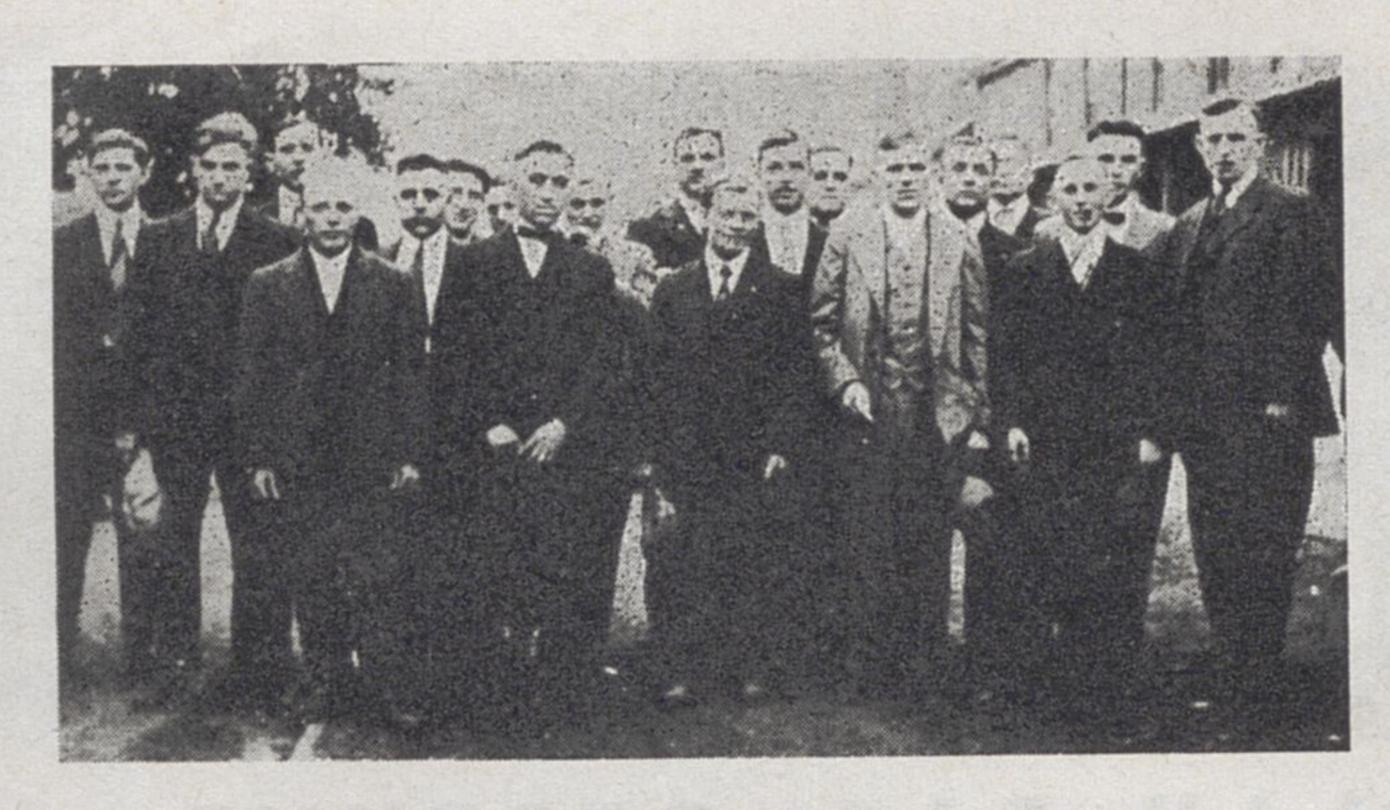
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Another for the Old-Timers

Coplay's first gang of draftees for World War I pictured at Second and Coplay Streets. Many of this gang will be recognized by the boys and girls in the service but some will hardly be known even to themselves.

By the expressions it would seem that half of the gang is getting ready to make a dash for "Poodles" and the other half to Scott's hotel. They're on the sidelines for this big racket, but these boys are behind you 100%.

New Self-Service



Johnnie McGinley has now opened a new sidewalk department in his self-service store and is doing a land-office business taking care of the pre-Xmas rush for neckties. It is expected that he will open several branch stores in the smaller towns in the vicinity as soon as his supply in Coplay catches up with the demand. There are a large number of second-hand models now being sacrificed at reduced rates. (Adv.)

COVER ..

The outside cover we hope will be a welcome change, following however the same general idea. Haphazard as it may seem it is the result of many hours of painstaking work on the part of the staff.

The inside covers are being used with the kind permission of "Sparks," the servicemen's paper published by the Works Accounting Department of the Bethlehem Steel Co.

The sailor cartoon as well as the small cartoons used throughout the book are loaned with the kind permission of Lawrence "Larry" Ruhf, Art Editor (and Colleague of the Editor of this paper) of "Sparks."

We'll Bring Home the Bacon...

(Left to right) top to bottom: (Marine) Pvt. Joseph Beslanovits Marine Engineer Son of Adolph and Theresa Beslanovits 2nd Lt. Joseph Ponchalek (Army) Husband of the former Jean Correll Fourth Street Tech. Cpl. Aloys. E. Sommers (Army) Son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Sommers 133 Cherry Street (Army) Pvt. Carson Long (Signal Co.) Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Long, Sr. 109 North Seventh Street (Army) S/Sgt. Raymond J. Gollatz Son of Mrs. Theresa Gollatz 114 South Front Street (Army) Sgt. Paul Stock Son of Mr. Frank Stock 20 North Second Street (Army) PFC. Edward T. Thierer Son of Mrs. Raymond Kline 1027 N. Second Street, N. Catasauqua, Pa. Pvt. David L. Stumpp (Army) Son of Mr. William F. Stumpp 14 North Second Street (Navy) John K. Lorenz SI/c Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lorenz 44 North Front Street (Army) Sgt. David Williams Son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Williams 18 North Third Street (Army) Sgt. John Rubasky Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rubasky 213 Second Street



DOINGS IN DEFENSE

When Civilian Councils of Defense were first organized fire was recognized as one of the most serious threats in the event of an air attack. Coplay accordingly in one of its first organization steps formed an auxiliary firemen's unit with Kermit Kunkle regular Fire Chief as its head.

Men selected for work in this unit were required to complete the following courses:

First Aid—10 hours
Fire Defense—10 hours
Gas Defense—2 hours
General—5 hours

An extensive program of drills has been carried out under the supervision of the chief using both the regular Boro equipment as well as the auxiliary equipment secured through the local Defense Council. This gives every man an opportunity to learn how to handle and operate our fire fighting equipment.

The following are the personnel of the unit:

John Rubusky Claude Rodgers Roland Lewis Clarence Christman Ernest Kunkle — now in Army Allen Shoemaker John Sidor John Kosits Chester Hoffman James McGinley Jerry Newman Joe Martinjack Samuel Balliet Edward Schaffer Thomas Resh Warren Deibert John Dugan

ECHOES FROM THE FRONT...

Dear Editor:

Today I received a copy of the October "Coplay Echoes" and after reading its many highlights I was sorry that I was not fortunate enough to receive a September issue. It sure is a sincere pleasure to receive this book way out here in the middle of nowhere. I wish to congratulate the staff on editing so marvelous a book. The pictures of my buddies sure bring back fond memories. It is my good fortune to now wear the "African Campaign" ribbon. In closing may I say that your efforts are greatly appreciated; please be sure to keep me on your mailing list.

Respectfully yours,
Sgt. Mathias Stumpf,
c/o Postmaster, Miami, Fla.

Dear Editor and Staff:

Today I received my second copy of the "Coplay Echoes" and I extend many thanks and congratulations to the folks who are making it possible for this home town magazine to be obtained by the service men. In my opinion "Coplay Echoes" is tops as every item in it comes right from the home town and about the folks most of us know. All in all this magazine covers everything that we service men are anxiously waiting to read about, so keep up the good work and all the more power to you.

An "Echoes" fan,
David Williams,
Camp Forrest, Texas.

Dear Members of the Staff:

Thanks a million for your publication that you people strive so hard to provide for us. In spite of your excuses for belated material, it still is an outstanding achievement on your part and the hearty cooperation of the people at home make it the best that I've read. There should be no excuses made on your part at all for not having all the material ready for our publication, after all, there are more to come.

All I ask is that you continue doing such a fine job of putting it over and no one will ever put a rejection slip on it. In comparison with other publications received by my comrades I can certainly say it makes them look sick. I especially like to see my friends pictures and also various items of information that have accumulated since my departure from civilian life. Again I commend you on your excellent effort and work and am just waiting to receive your next issue.

Sincerly yours,
Raymond J. Gollatz, s/Sgt.,
Rhoads General Hospital,
Utica, (5) New York.

ECHOES FROM THE FRONT...

Dear George:

A million pardons for not writing sooner, but I guess you are a man of understanding and will accept. What thousand compliments you have gotten for your work on the Coplay Echoes, I guess is but an under estimated guess, from the sounds of the letters, you publish in the Echoes from the fellows, and from the sound of them I guess you and your faithful workers, will indeed be friend of all of the boys now thousands of miles from home, especially that letter written by the unknown person of what we think of when we think of Coplay, he really hit the nail on the head. Because when we correspond with one another in far off places, a few lines may be devoted to what we are doing, but the rest of the letter usually is all about Coplay, anyway, when Punk Newhard and I write each other, Punk is continuously mentioning those things and they are something to think about.

That write-up you gave my mom, George, can never be expressed in words, just how really swell it was of your all, thank you again. I know Mom appreciates it greatly, so Yolanda writes. I guess from one letter to the next, this is some Army routine, as all I can say is, my work is Parachute rigging, all types of chutes, safety chutes, aerial delivery and cargo chutes, but so you can get a better understanding of this place, I will send you our Base newspaper, and also the 441st Gp. 'Barracks Bag,' paper, hope you will like them.

Well George I guess that is about all for now, as you must be a busy person and have a lot more mail to read, so thanks a million again.

Gratefully,

Gaby Kovacs, Sedalia Field, Mo.

Dear George:

Just received the first issue of "Coplay Echoes" the other day and what a book. Just like dear old Coplay its a darn good book and makes me wish I were back in Coplay more and more. Boy I never realized there were so many fellows and girls in the Service from our town. Dick and I write to each other once in a while but haven't heard from him for a long time, maybe he is too busy.

I read this book over and over and find all the articles swell but I think the most interesting is "What's Cooking," by Jake Rogers.

Why not have more of it. What's wrong withthe Coplay football team? Don't they have it any more? Wish I were still going to school.

If you can send me Allen Lilly's address I'll appreciate it a lot. With my next letter I'll send you a picture of myself with some of the natives here. If you care you can put it in 'Coplay Echoes.' This place isn't so bad. If you see my mother she can tell you exactly where I am. I can't mention it anymore.

The weather is always damp and hot. Just now it rains mostly every night and gets hot as anything during the day. Soon I hope to get a rest leave and get to some city in Australia. Nothing whatsoever up here except shows every other night.

Well so long for now till I hear from you soon.

F. E. Laubach, Somewhere in the S. W. Pacific. Dear ''Echoes'':

First copy reached me today—somewhere in the Southwest Pacific Area. I thoroughly enjoyed getting the book and reading it. It is very well done and I'm sure all the lads (and lassies) in the service will appreciate the news and the thoughts that you folks at home are sending us. It's good to see the old home town starting to express itself in a co-operative way.

Have not met anyone over here, so far, from Coplay, but there have been a number of contacts with fellows from Lehigh County. The nearest strike was a fellow from Northampton. But, one can never tell—a Coplayite may turn up any day.

Again—thanks for the "Echoes." I'm looking forward to the next one. With wishes for success.

Yours,

K. R. Reinhard.

Coplay Echoes:

Just received your first issue of "Coplay Echoes" and thought it the best publication for refreshing the memories of our home. It is far better than any other publications or letters that I received. It was swell to see all those pictures of the fellows from home and to read about the goings on back in Coplay. I want to thank all the people who took part in bringing to the service men this wonderful book of memories. Keep up the good work. I'll be waiting for the next issue.

Thanks again,
PFC. John Reichl,
Somewhere in England.



"More SCHLITZ-Not More Ships."



With Coplay boys in every clime, one hardly knows what sort of souvenirs they might bring home.

EASY BOYS ...



Pictured above, Cpl. Stanley "Dunner" Peters demonstrates what a Saturday night holds in store for the boys in Panama. Personally, we like the one in the middle best but if he chooses to bring any along for a mascot it'll probably be safer to bring the guy in the white coat in the background. Here's hoping some more of the boys will send pictures like this. Of course, they'll be censored.

To the left we see Sgt. Albert Bierman (arrow) with a group of his pals in far off Iran—the small dark and handsome fellow probably has a grandfather who wove that Persian rug you could never afford. Sgt. Bierman half way 'round the world from home says "Echoes" is corny, just like Coplay but he likes it just the same.



LIKE FATHER ...

On Sept. 8, 1917 the lure of the sea overtook Franklin E. Miller when he enlisted in the U. S. Navy, then at war with the Central Powers. After receiving training in the 4th Regiment, 2nd Co., Newport, R. I., he served on the Receiving Ship, Boston, Mass., and finally was assigned as a member of a gun crew on the U. S. S. Newport News.

Mr. Miller made one return trip on her and then on a subsequent voyage transferred to the destroyer Allen at Queenstown, Ireland. He served on this ship until February 1919 when he sailed for home and mustering out.

After returning to peacetime pursuits he continued living in Coplay for many years, marrying the former Ruth Schaffer. An avowal that some day he would return to the sea he loved came prematurely with the present conflict. Often having talked of one day making his abode at Stone Harbor, N. J., where the family had a summer home, he moved there a short time ago. When the present emergency arose he volunteered in th U. S. Coast Guard Reserve. He stands two watches of six hours each week and attends classes one night per week.

On July 1, 1943, when Franklin E. Miller, Jr. answered the call to colors it was only natural that he too chose the Navy. At present A/S Miller is in the V-12 program at Drew University, Madison, N. J., following closely in the footsteps of his father.

Franklin Sr. was the son of the late Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Miller and his family was well known in Coplay and vicinity.

It's teams like this that will soon make a big V for the United Nations.

Help! HElp! HELP!



There is a serious shortage of manpower in the "Coplay Echoes" organization and an appeal is made by the editor for reserves to take over this stronghold of the ladies. If there is no relief soon he will have to wear a gas mask to ward off the multitude of scents of perfume and powder as he grinds out material for the magazine.

The business staff will have to be fitted with roller skates if all the work planned for them is to be accomplished. A few hours of time sacrificed to make this booklet a success will never be regretted.



Engagement Announced

The engagement of Corporal Raymond Trankley and Elaine Mayle was recently announced. Corporal Trankley is now in the European Theatre. Miss Mayle, a day supervisor of Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia, is the daughter of School Director and Mrs. Roland Mayle.

"Echoes From the Front"

California

Dear George:

Received your copy of Coplay Echoes and sure was glad to hear that the people back home in Coplay still think of me. I don't know really how to say it, George, but any way, thank you and all the rest of the people in Coplay for doing what they are for the boys here and overseas. I'm sure they appreciate getting the news from back in good old Coplay, yes, many a time I sit down and think about a thousand different things that went on in Cop Lick Li.

Every time I get a Coplay Echoes volume, I seem to have all the fellows that work here in the garage with me wanting to read it also so you see George they do think it is a fine idea of the people back home to cheer the boys and keep them in touch with the happenings of the good old home town. I told them all that I'm proud to live in the town that had the first Cement Mill in the states.

I've been here in Frisco exactly one year and all the while its been swell out here. But regardless how nice or how good it is I still think of Coplay. The old saying, "They always come back for more" is correct.

Well, George, I haven't very much to say but telling you and the rest to keep up the good work because we all appreciate it and thanking everyone that is helping to keep this good work going. So until a later date I'll say "So long" and thanking you all again. Give my regards to all.

I remain your old friend,

Steve Karoly.

P.S. I happened to recognize Josh Mortimer on a picture, still the same Josh, give my regards to him.

Hello George:

Received a copy of "Coplay Echoes" a little later than usual due to change of address. Would appreciate it very much if you would send my copy to:

PFC. Frank Mullner
Marine Det. U. S. S. Biloci
c/o Fleet Post Office
New York, N. Y.

The only way you can express my feeling for "Coplay Echoes" is by putting everything good all the other fellows say about the magazine and then you have my feelings for it.

If anybody says anything about the Magazine, tell them to "Tell it to the Marines," and I hope I'm one of the Marines he tells it to.

Keep up the good work.

Always a Coplayite at heart.

Frank Mullner.

Coplay, Penna.

I want to thank every one concerned in making it possible for me to receive the "Coplay Echoes."

In reality it is a wonderful book as all the fellows seem to agree.

Some of my ship-mates who have read the book are looking forward to the next edition. Even though it only concerns the town of Coplay they are willing to wait and see what the home town fellows think of their home.

There isn't more to add so I too, will be looking forward to the new edition.

Gratefully yours,

Edward Marinkovits.

U. S. S. Hamul.

Dear Friends:

Just a few short lines to let you know that I received two copies of the "Coplay Echoes" and was very glad to receive them. It's a wonderful book and I am proud to be one of the boys to receive a book like the "Coplay Echoes." It brings back many memories of the good times I used to have. My shipmates and myself want to thank you very much, I can't tell you where I am but I am in the best of health, and I want to thank you once more for the booklet called the "Coplay Echoes." I do hope you keep me on the mailing list. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Dick Marek.

Dear George:

This is to express my thanks and appreciation to you and the "Echoes" staff for the time and effort expended to make possible the publication of the fine magazine I and many other servicemen receive.

While in Utah I received both the October and November copies. As I expect to be here for two months, please note change of address and forward the next issue to Minn.

Warmest regards from about the coldest spot this side of the North Pole.

Sincerely,

H. J. W. Rinker, Jr.

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"Echoes From The Front"

Somewhere in Italy with the 5th Army.

November 15, 1943.

To the People of Coplay:

This letter is dedicated to those people in Coplay who are doing so much toward helping to end this great war. To those who have already given their all—a Son—for this cause. To those who still have a son ready to give his all. To those who are sacrificing their own needs so that the servicemen will receive the best.

There can be no let down until the enemies of the United States and their Allies have surrendered unconditionally. When this is accomplished, then we know we have done our best and won.

The "Coplay Echoes" shows to the men in the service just what type people he has to back him up. He will never net you down with that kind of backing. It will take time, but this time will be cut to a minimum with this fine cooperation.

The thought of freedom, plus a high morale, is going to bring victory to the United Nations. Once again you will have your loved ones near you. While they are thousands of miles away is the time to boast their morale as high as possible. Write to him. Letters do as much for raising a serviceman's morale as anything else you can do for him.

For my part, I enjoyed the "Coplay Echoes" immensely and hope the town back you up 100 percent in this worthwhile project. There is nothing better for a man, when he knows the people in his own home town are thinking of him and doing their best to bring him back in the least possible time.

Keep up the fine work—we will do our best.

Respectfully yours,

Frank R. Geist, 33020129.

730th Ordnance Co. L. M. A. P. O. No. 30 Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

Mr. George J. Miller, Editor "Coplay Echoes" Coplay, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Miller:

I have been meaning to write to you for sometime, to tell you how much I thoroughly enjoyed and appreciate my monthly copy of "Coplay Echoes."

Since I have been away from home for some time, even before I went in service, I had lost a great many contacts with the boys I used to know.

"Coplay Echoes," in my opinion, is noteworthy for several reasons, not only does it have the personal touch which shows us that you are sincerely thinking of us, but also provides interesting and desired information about the home town folks, who are so important to us.

So let me add my congratulations on your fine periodical and hope you will keep my copy coming.

Sincerely,

Pvt. Stephen Stranzle.

Dear George:

Just received my third issue of the most welcomed magazine at C Btry 405th A. F. A. Everybody at my battery waits for it. It passes from hand to hand and I laugh when they all get angry that have to wait in line to see it.

Receiving this Magazine is like receiving a pass to town, because then you relax and let your mind wander and dream off Front, Second and-so-forth, street scenery and so many familiar faces going about their jobs.

I really am in Coplay every day, because I named by M-7 Mortar Carriage "Coplay" and I am proud of it and hope some day to make the name "Coplay" be proud of me.

Thanks for the Magazine again and am waiting hard for the next one.

Gratefully yours,

Cpl. Frank S. Lorenz, North Camp Polk, La.

"Coplay Echoes" Coplay, Pa.

To the Staff:

I have gratefully received the third edition of the "Coplay Echoes" and it impressed me to learn that I am still remembered by the people of Coplay.

I have spent a year in the service of my country. During this time I have been stationed in California. Although almost 3800 miles away from our town, I still hold it dear to me. When I received this edition, and started to read it, those miles didn't seem to separate us anymore.

I know that the rest of the fellows and girls in the service, will feel the same when they receive it.

I wish to thank you again for this rmembrance and hope that I can join you soon in Coplay.

Yours truly,

Francis Miklos.

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WHAT'S COOKING?

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fies taking advantage of a night off to trip the light fantastic — Roy Stewart and Deanie Anthony waiting for Sam Balliet and some new sports slants and when Burlap does blow in he goes wild over Muhlenberg's basketball team which he says is really something to see - and now down to "Gus" Hower's where Burgess Daniel Yellen, reporter, takes over as he treats his wife Lena to a snack of seafood-he reports that Anna Klucharich, waitress, is there wearing her best smile with her spic and span uniform and "Bip" Miller "long and lean" digging into his usual double order of crab patties-Theresa Klucharich and the Walakovits sisters munching away on hamburgers—John Wechsler and Ed Schaffer keeping "Brudder Moose" Holetz busy and Harry Parker and his wife stopping in for a few moments—Lillian Hower comes bustling in with some new USO ideas-Bill Keiser and his girl friend Marcella, reminisce about the good times when they'd join up with "Dunner" Peters and the gang for a good time-Harry "Pony Express" Rinker does a Frank Sinatra and "Doc" and Mary Steckel occupy their regular table—"Ed" Newhard and George Kern work on the pin-ball machine—and John Lauser makes his "home-made" beansthe only one missing is Leo Rieker

now steward at St. Joe's-of course "Gus" and Esther are right on the job-now up to the Log Cabin where "Uncle" Art Levan, Charlie Pitts and Frank Eisele are in a huddle with "Moose" Kukitz behind the bar-"Doc" Moyer drawing as he did many years ago at Charlie Albert's-Frank and Katie Spaits join us in a little to drink and dunk—Bill Jones stops in for a minute as does "Squire" Erwin Laubach—Frank and Theresa Deichmeister take the Victory Polka on all cylinders and Jake and Rose Lansenderfer twirl one or two-"Bill" Parvel is at number two keg with his assistant Steve Kainz—Charlie Walakovits drops over to say hello as Irene Hepner serves up another round over in the bowling alleys Frank's cute daughters, Elsie, Margaret and Mitzi under the supervision of Rose do a land office business on cokes as some of the younger generation go in for strikes and spares—Betty and Mary Prisnock together with "Dook" Miller do all right on the alleysnow out to the bar again where we see John Schramp and his family and Adolph Preslanovits, and then George Hirschman freshens up after playing a few numbers in the band—as we wearily wind up a round at the nite spots we peek into Sodl's and see the boys and girls jitterbugging away and so to bed with a most hearty wish from all for a happy and victorious New Year.



