



"ECHOES"

TO:

Those in the Service

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MY

VALENTINE

FROM:

The Staff

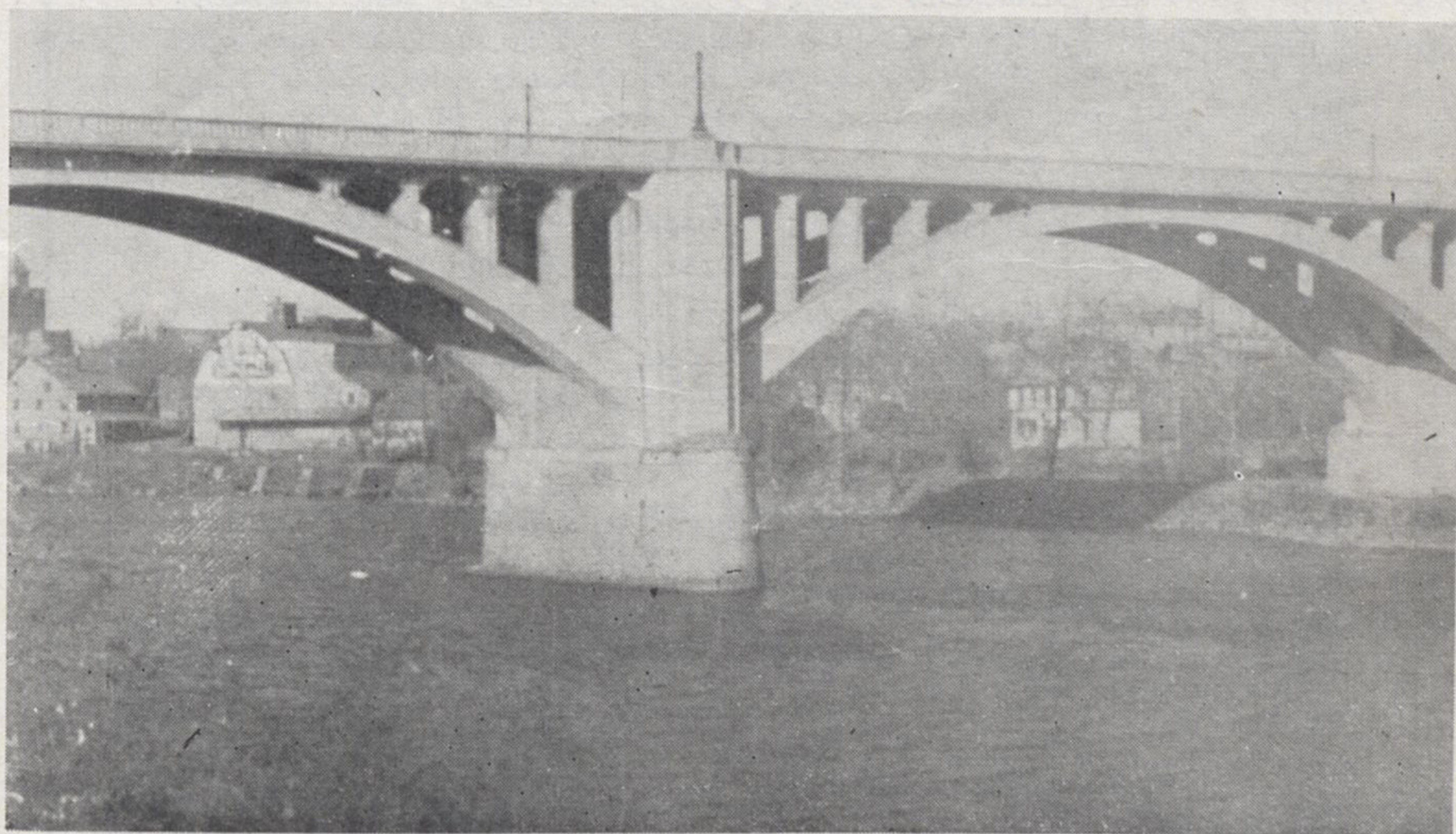
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The Community of Coplay

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Jan. 14, 1944

Dear Boys in the Service —

The privilege of writing to you, even the most formal ^{little} note through the medium of "Coplay Echoes", is indeed a greater pleasure than you think.

After so many years of pleasant contact with you, it really was no easy matter for me to sever connections with the "gangs" that held forth in Room 102 Washington Building.

But, while "contacts" were broken, I often think of the different ones that really enjoyed "school days".

And although you have had many and varied experiences since those days, I still like to think that you haven't changed much; that if I were to recall to your minds some of the choice bits of nonsense that cropped up now and then in English and in literature classes that you would enjoy them as much now as you did then.

My career as an adviser is probably at an end — but just one ^{more} piece — hold fast to your sense of humor. It will help tide you through many dark hours and relieve the monotony of many others; and what a fund of "remembrances" you can have with it.

Lastly, boys, lots of good luck and an early home-coming to all of you, from all of us.

Sincerely yours,
Annie C. Conaghan.



With the holidays over and done, the trees down and the balls and tinsel packed away Copley once more assumes "the even tenor of its way"—nothing new or startling, just plain old Copley waiting anxiously for your return—On the rounds today we meet *Erwin "Bushky" Laubach*, elected "squire" in November and now taking over the Chief of Police job also—remember some of our past chiefs:— "*Jim*" Balliet, *R. N. Betts*, "*Buck*" McCloskey, "*Bill*" Kreis, "*Skinny*" Anthony, "*Floyd*" Garrison, "*Charlie*" Kidling, "*Rass*" Kern, and "*Milt*" Silfies—and while on the subject how many know that "*Art*" LeVan was once Fire Chief of the Boro, appointed by *Harry Schaadt*—

then Burgess—Enough for that now as we move along and meet "*Mutt*" Kroboth, erstwhile beer-man, discharged from the army and now holding forth at Neuweiler's Brew-

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"MISS ANNIE"

When You and I Were Young Maggie

Each town or locality has its traditions and landmarks, things that are timeless and cherished because of close association with the life of the community. "Miss Annie" is without a doubt the one that heads Copley's list.

This great lady can look back on years of service in the teaching profession during which hundreds of boys and girls have gotten to know and love her. A whole host of boys and girls in the services (and many of their parents too) will always hold the few brief years they were under "Miss Annie's" wings among the brightest of their lives.

Possessed of a wit with a hair trigger, a master of repartee and a sense of humor that mellowed with the years, all must hail and salute Copley's number one school-ma'm — *Anna C. Conaghan*.

HOME SWEET HOME . . .

By Jack E. Gleason

Because many of our boys have told us that "Echoes" often falls into the hands of boys from other states and localities we submit herewith a brief historical sketch of the town.

Coplay, a borough about five miles north of Allentown, is situated on the Lehigh River. John Jacob Schreiber purchased an original tract of 400 acres of land from direct descendants of William Penn, in the year 1740. He founded his homestead along the Lehigh River. Owen Schreiber, in 1799, erected his homestead where now Coplay Cement Mill (No. B.) is located. The building had been used for various purposes. Edward Scheiber founded his homestead also along the Lehigh River, where the Thomas Iron Company had its cinder dump. This place was for a long time known as "Schreiber's." Schreiber's Ferry crossed the Lehigh River at this point.

Schreiber's distillery was located a short distance west of Coplay Station and was later re-made into a dwelling place. This vicinity was later known as Lehigh Valley. This name was derived from the Lehigh Valley Iron Company whose iron furnaces were located at this place. In 1854 the Thomas Iron Company was established at what is now Hoken-dauqua, this place was then known as Coplay. It was named after a creek which empties into the Lehigh a short distance to the South. Lehigh Valley was then changed to Coplay. Coplay being derived from "Kola-pechk," the name of the son of the Indian chief Pazanosa, who lived at the head of the creek named after him at Sand Spring Park near Schnecksville. Coplay was originally inhabited by two Indian tribes, the Lenaps and the Delawares.

In 1869 Coplay was formed out of part of Whitehall Township. Coplay villagers made a plea for a charter on February 10, 1869. Coplay received the Charter of incorporation approved by Charles Keck on
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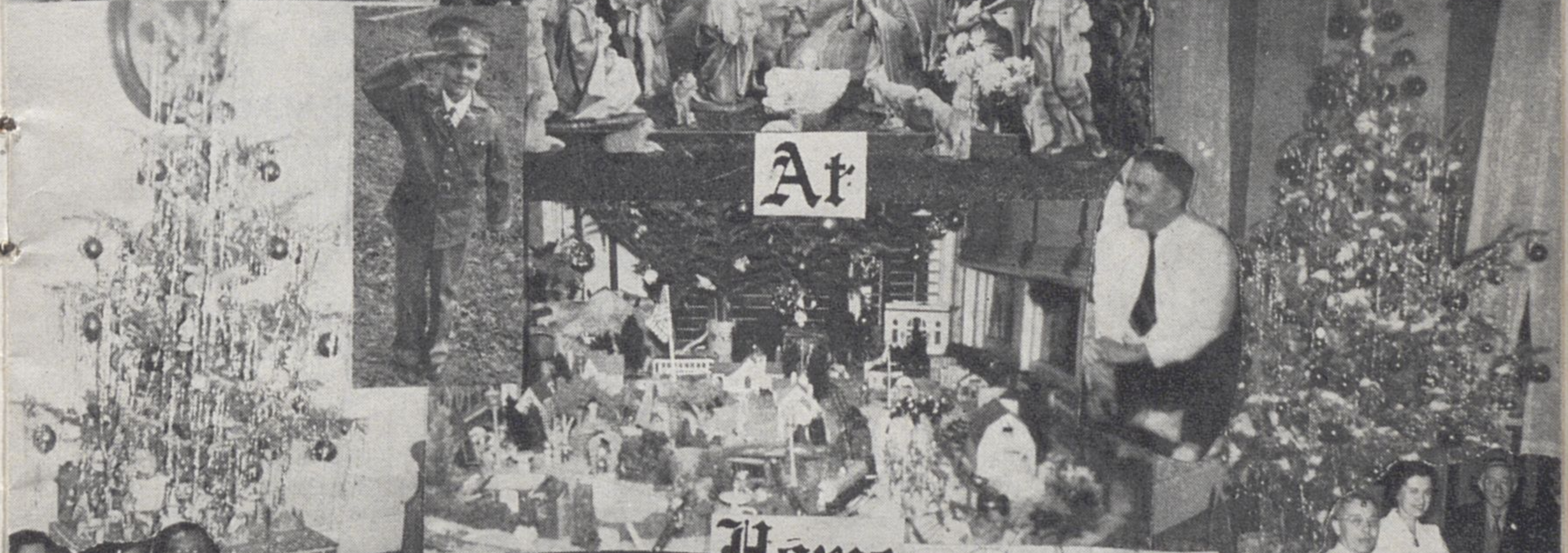
April 7, 1869. From then on Coplay was known as the "Borough of Coplay."

From the very beginning the citizens of Coplay began looking out for the welfare of their children. They expressed the desire for a school-house. Prior to 1860 the nearest school was at West Coplay near the bridge crossing the Ironton Railroad. That was a public school for the near residents of Coplay, Hoken-dauqua and surrounding sections. This West Coplay school was abandoned in 1869 and was later used as a hospital for small-pox patients. This did not satisfy Coplayites, for a growing village such as ours was at that time, needed a more convenient school house which could also serve as a place to hold religious services. A one story brick school house was erected, in 1860, at the corner of Second Street and Keystone Alley. Upon the ruins of this first building Coplay, in 1870, erected a new four room school house. This is now known as the town hall and is used presently by the town council and the fire company. A third school building was erected in 1892 on Chestnut Street, containing ten rooms.

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Christmas



At



Home





They Serve . . .

Thomas B. Bennett, Circulation Manager at work at his desk in the "Echoes" office. Tom's job is to supervise the mailing of issues to soldiers, sailors, and marines all over the world as well as help in the local distribution of the booklet. Its a tough job with ever-changing addresses but its being well done by one, who is capable and very much interested in the welfare of the boys.



Acknowledgments

Ladies Bible Class—	
St. John's Luth. Church	\$10.00
Coplay Council of Republican Women	5.00
American Club	25.00
Hon. James F. Henninger	5.00
David J. Uhle (monthly)	5.00
Charles Van Dev Weghe	7.50
Mrs. Minnie Wieder	5.00

A number of our people in the borough have been paying \$1.00 for each issue. A record of this is kept in the "Coplay Echoes" Office.

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LUCKY BOYS . . .

The following have been in town in the past few weeks on furloughs and leaves.

2nd Lt. Frank Klucsarits
 2nd Lt. John M. Marth
 Sgt. Frank Marth
 Tech. Cpl. Aloys E. Sommers
 Louis Stumpf R. M. 3/c
 Frank Paukovits S 1/c
 Pfc. Herman A. Lakovits
 Sgt. Frank Csensits
 Julius Dragovits A/S
 Raymond Lentz A/s
 Frank Sinkovits S 2/c
 Edward Wiessner A/S
 Pvt. Paul Krug
 Richard D. Abernathy, M.O.M.M. 2/c
 Pfc. William Mondschein
 Pvt. Harry S. Hallman
 Pfc. David Greenhagen
 Cpl. Edward Lentz
 Joe Steiner S 2/c
 Michael Golomb U. S. C. G.
 Pfc. Stephen Stelzman
 Cpl. Frank Schumi

A book has been placed in the office of "Coplay Echoes" for boys and girls in the services to register when they are home on leave. How about calling on us—you're always welcome.

Reverie . . .

I wonder as I watch the moon bump
 noses with the stars
 Are you watching too, or is it dark
 and rainy where you are?
 And when you twirl your radio dial
 and hear some song that's new
 Do you wonder if by chance that, I
 may be listening too?
 Do you day dream as I do and miss
 me too, my dear?
 And when I am wishing I were there,
 do you wish you were here?
 Your letters help a little bit
 Each page is full of charms
 But, Darling, they aren't quite enough
 For letters don't have arms.

Author Unknown.



V Echoes From The Front ...-



December 1, 1943.

Hello Editor and Members of the Coplay Echoes:

I received your first issue of the Coplay Echoes about two months ago. I want to write them and express my appreciation for the book, but time never has permitted me to do so. However today, I received a letter from home telling me about the December issue and the letter with a close friend of mine—Stephen Klucharich better known as "Bip," has written to you. I want to thank you and "Bip" for telling my other buddies to write to me. I'd gladly write to anybody who's in service but I don't know any of their addresses. I also want to thank all the people who helped on the publication of the book. I've been overseas for a period of six months and I received many a letter from home and friends of mine—but all of those letters couldn't tell me all the news as the first issue did. The book itself is a great idea but I'd like to ask you a favor for one of the next issues of the book and that is: Would you please write the name and the outfit of the boys from our home town who are serving here in the South Pacific or who are getting mail through the Fleet Post Office of San Francisco. It would be much easier for me and other boys to find home town buddies here. Here's just an example of what I mean. The other day I accidentally bumped into two of my home town buddies. I was very happy to see them and they were happy to see me. I met George Keller and Rudy Stumpf. They both are in the 12th Marines. I knew the 12th Marines were here but I didn't know that there were home town boys in the outfit. I guess you know how happy we were to meet each other. I guess this world isn't too big after all. The three of us are together every chance we get. We talk over old times and different trouble we boys were in, and here we are—serving for our country and trying to help this war come to an end. George and Rudy both are playing a big part in this war. It seems to me that there is a Coplay boy in every part of this world trying his best to do what he can. I'm in a Seabee outfit. So far we haven't had to fight but our outfit is right up in there pitching. We're a working unit, so far we've been in two combat places and believe me—I saw all I wanted of this war. The news

I'd like to write and tell you is not permissible.

As far as our meals go—we're getting pretty good food lately. Our President kept his promise for Thanksgiving and gave turkey to boys overseas. The turkey itself was delicious but it didn't seem like the Thanksgiving I used to have. I've been on quite a few islands but none can compare close to Coplay or near to any part in the U. S. The last place I was at was Villa La Villa. I sort of got to like that place. So we moved again to our present island X.

That's all I have to write and I'm hoping that I receive the October and November issue soon. May God bless all of you and I hope this war comes to an end soon.

So long — — —.

Sincerely,

John K. Lorenz.

Dear Echoes Workers:

Christmas has been such a busy season that I haven't yet had an opportunity to thank you and old Coplay for "Coplay Echoes."

I certainly was very pleased and impressed. It's really a very beautiful publication and I am very grateful for receiving it.

I can well imagine how the boys in our camps and overseas must enjoy it.

I've been away from home a number of years, but believe me I know what it is to hear from home and about home. It's the best morale builder of all. I know, I see the boys when they're sick and their defenses are down. They tell me all about their folks from home. If I wanted to, I could tell you all the gossip from Maine to California.

I brought Coplay Echoes to the hospital and everyone of the boys said they wished all the towns and cities were as thoughtful. I felt very proud about it too.

The Army nurses here thought it was wonderful that a small town could do such a big thing.

I just want to say thanks and as an after thought George—they're making a soldier out of me too. You should see me do a fairly slick—"about-face."

Haven't seen any of the boys from Coplay, guess they're too healthy.

Kindest wishes,

Lt. Emma C. Mills, ANC.

SPORTS FLASHES

MARTIN "DEANE" ANTHONY

MUHLENBERG: The Muhlenberg team this season is something. The finest college basketball team ever seen in this part of the state, it'll be a long time before another like it will be seen around here. Composed of Marines and Navy trainees, Doggie Julian's Mules have earned national recognition. To date, they have won ten of eleven games, among the victims were prior undefeated City College of N. Y., Villanova, and Bucknell, coached by Woody Ludwig, former Northampton High Coach.

CENTRAL CATHOLIC: Leo Crowe's Vikings are unbeaten in nine games, among their victims were Hazleton and Bethlehem.

ALLENTOWN: Birnie Crum has developed another fine aggregation. After winning nine straight, they invaded Hazleton and an inspired Hazleton team stopped their streak abruptly.

BETHLEHEM: After a slow start, Joe Pretz's boys are the coming team of the East Penn League, undefeated in league competition to share honors with Hazleton.

CATASAUQUA: Undefeated to date, Coach Stackhouse's Iron Boro' boys are making a serious bid for the Lehigh Valley Title. Among their victims was Palmerton, picked to take the title. Catasauqua and Emmaus are tied for the league lead with three victories each.

NORTHAMPTON: The Konkrete Kids beaten in four league games are slated to make trouble for the leaders.

WHITEHALL: The Zephros got off to a good start taking their first two games before losing to Catasauqua and Emmaus in close games.

COPLAY: Coach Nonnemacker's local boys are not faring well in Lehigh-Northampton League winning but one of five games. Wilson Boro, with practically its entire team back from last season, leads the league with five straight wins.



Stop Press Flash!

As we go to press Easton upset Hazleton as Allentown beat Pottsville throwing the league into a tie and necessitating a playoff between the Mountaineers and Birnie Crum's boys.

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Dividend Again . . .

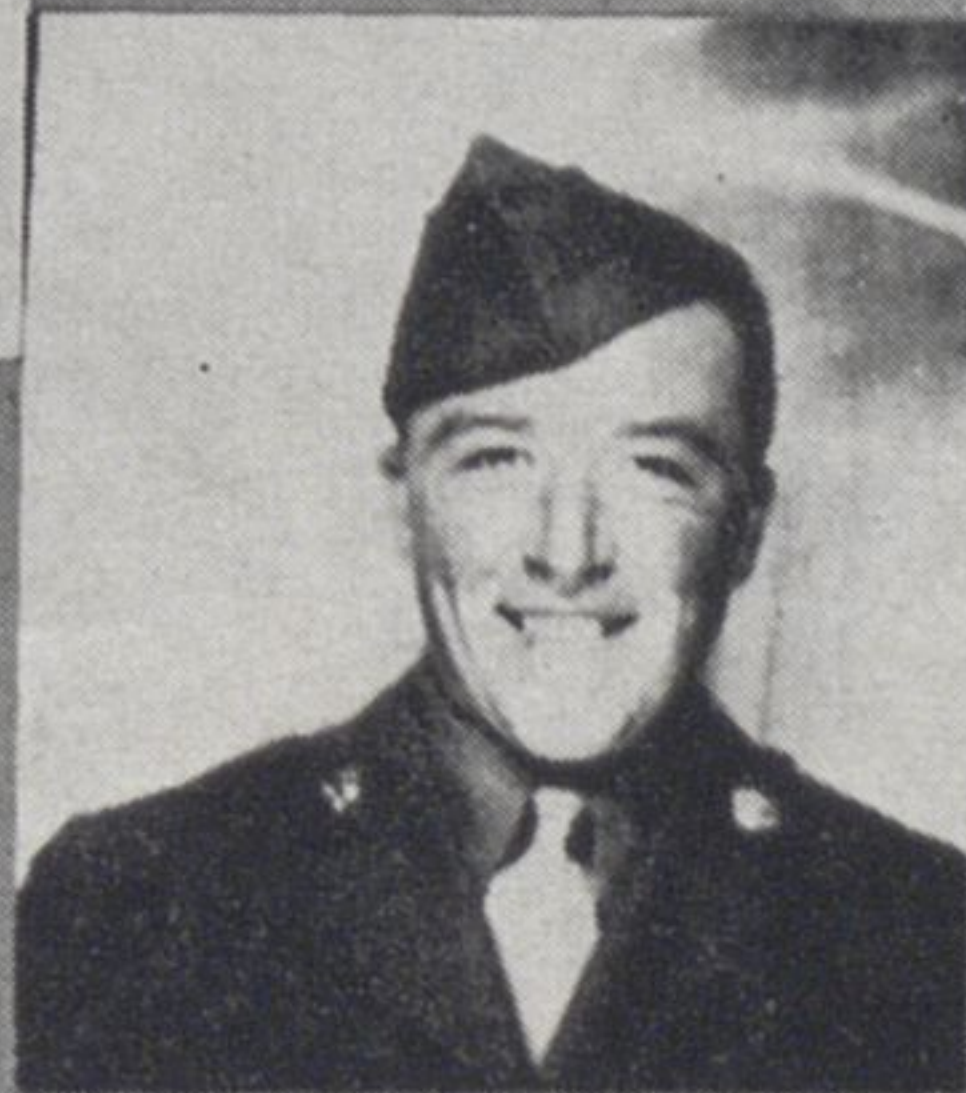
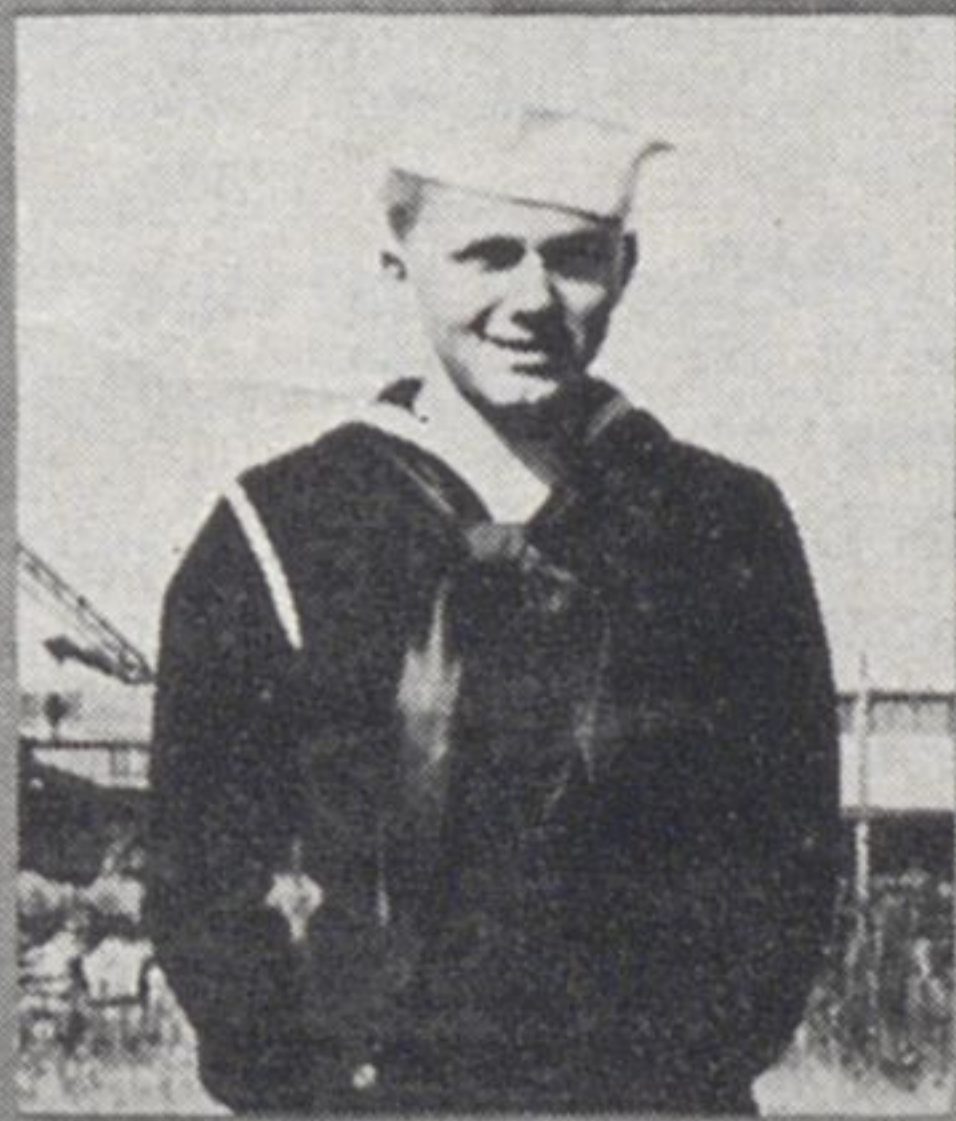
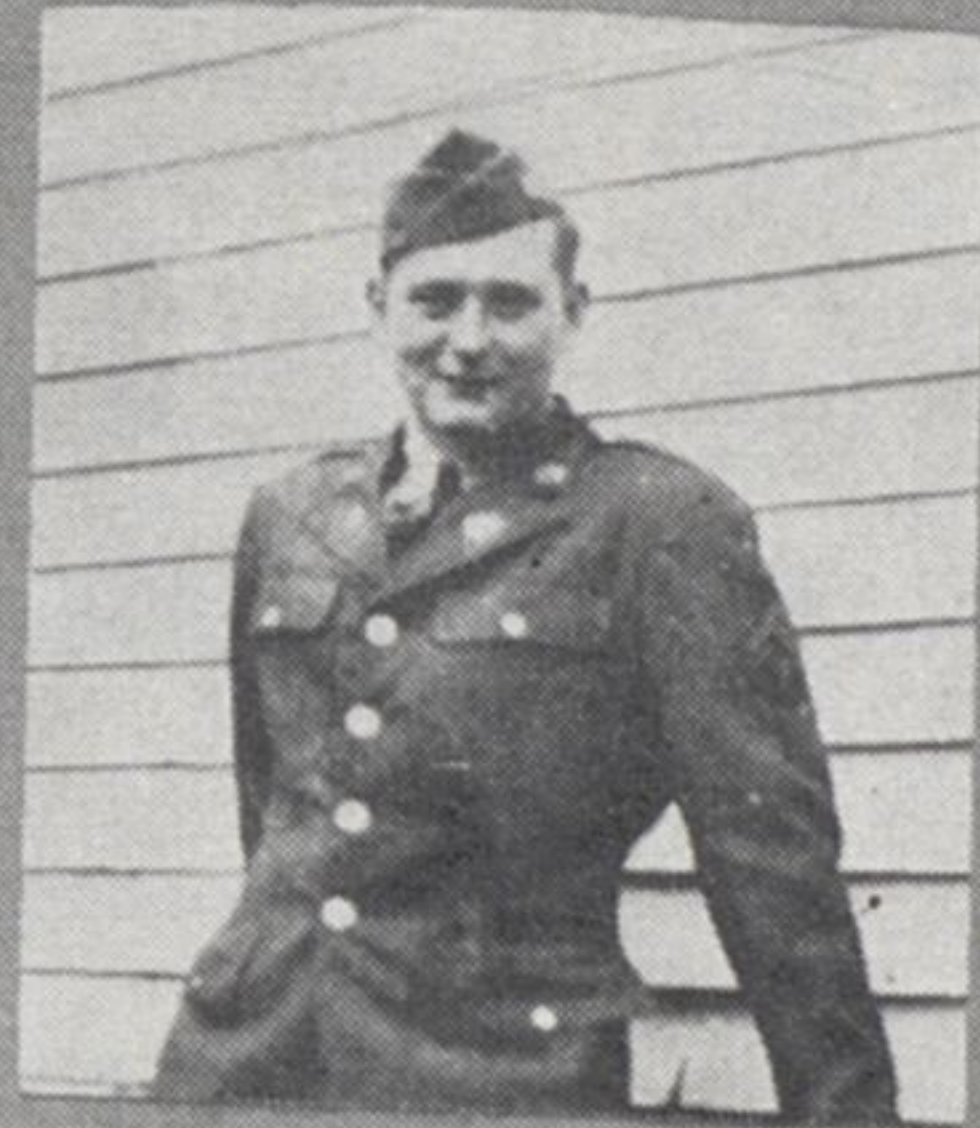
Have you noticed the extra bulk again in this issue? An additional four pages have again been acquired largely because of the splendid cooperation of the folks at home. Although an addition of four pages means a considerable outlay of cash, it shall remain the policy of "Coplay Echoes" to give the boys and girls the support of the home folks.

DO YOU SUPPORT ECHOES?

They're Digging In . . .

(Left to right) top to bottom:

- Private Rudolph Ernest (Army)
Infantry
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Ernst
105 North Seventh Street
- Corporal Robert H. Dreisbach (Army)
Infantry
Husband of former Alverna Kern
Ash Street
- C. H. Woodward H. A. 2/c (Navy)
Resided at Columbia Hotel
Second Street
- Corporal Raymond Kratzer (Army)
Medical Corps
Son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Kratzer
3 South Coplay Street
- A. J. Michler CS.K. (Navy)
South Pacific Theater
Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mickler
219 South Front Street
- Corporal Ernest B. Kleckner (Army)
Air Corps
Resided with Mr. and Mrs. D. Grace
Second Street
- Leonard P. Newhard
U. S. Maritime Service
Son of Mrs. Beatrice Newhard
58 South Third Street
- A/S Anthony Decker (Army)
Air Corps
Son of Mrs. T. Decker
229 South Front Street



Ransacking The Mail Bag

After a lapse of several months, we must again open this column because of the ever-increasing volume of mail coming to our office. Keep 'em coming boys—tell us odds and ends of your experiences away from home and don't forget pictures.

ALFRED ERKINGER writes that he never missed an issue at home, but now that he's in the service he waits even more anxiously for each edition.

CPL. JOSEPH A. WALCZUK from somewhere in North Africa writes: "I enjoy keeping up with everything happening at home, so I won't feel too much of a stranger when I do come home.

PFC. LEWIS C. MILLER, on maneuvers, writes: "Boy, living out here in the field is plenty rugged, we're starting on our regular maneuvers tonight. If there's anything I can do to help Coplay Echoes, let me know.

Just enjoy it LEWIS, that's all we ask of you.

CPL. EDWARD KOLLAR says, "—received my first edition late in Sicily—there was other business to attend to first. It is one of the best things that comes through the mails to me.

And a fine job you're doing on that "other business," EDDIE.

S/SGT. ALFRED J. GILLY — "Echoes sure helps pass the time away. It is good to hear the news and the things that are going on lately. I hope we can meet after the war."

PFC. JOHN SCHWARTZ from North Africa complains "would have written sooner but didn't have the ambition. The climate over here makes one lazy. I have been hoping that some kind of a magazine would come out telling us what is happening in Coplay."

JULIUS GOLLATZ from Merrie Olde England pens these lines: "I am still back in dear old Coplay every day, even if I am far away from the good old home state."

Hope you'll soon be here where we can see you JULIUS, and talk to you too.

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ELWOOD DOTTER, M.M. 2/c drops us a line to remind us, "Looking forward to many more. Guess you know I could never forget Coplay."

S/SGT. JULIUS KAIL with the 5th army in Italy—"It is exactly a picnic over here, and there's nothing like the dope from home to pep a guy up. I met one of the Coplay boys, a former neighbor, JOHNNY SCHERR, just the other day. It felt swell to see one of the local kids. I received a Christmas card from the Mothers Club. Who am I to thank.

*Address any notes to
Mothers Club
Coplay, Pa.*

Mrs. Maggie Frantz, Pres.

T/SGT. JOHN KLUCSARITS — "Just reminding you that I moved to another part of England. I want to make sure that good old "Echoes" is in the Mail Call."

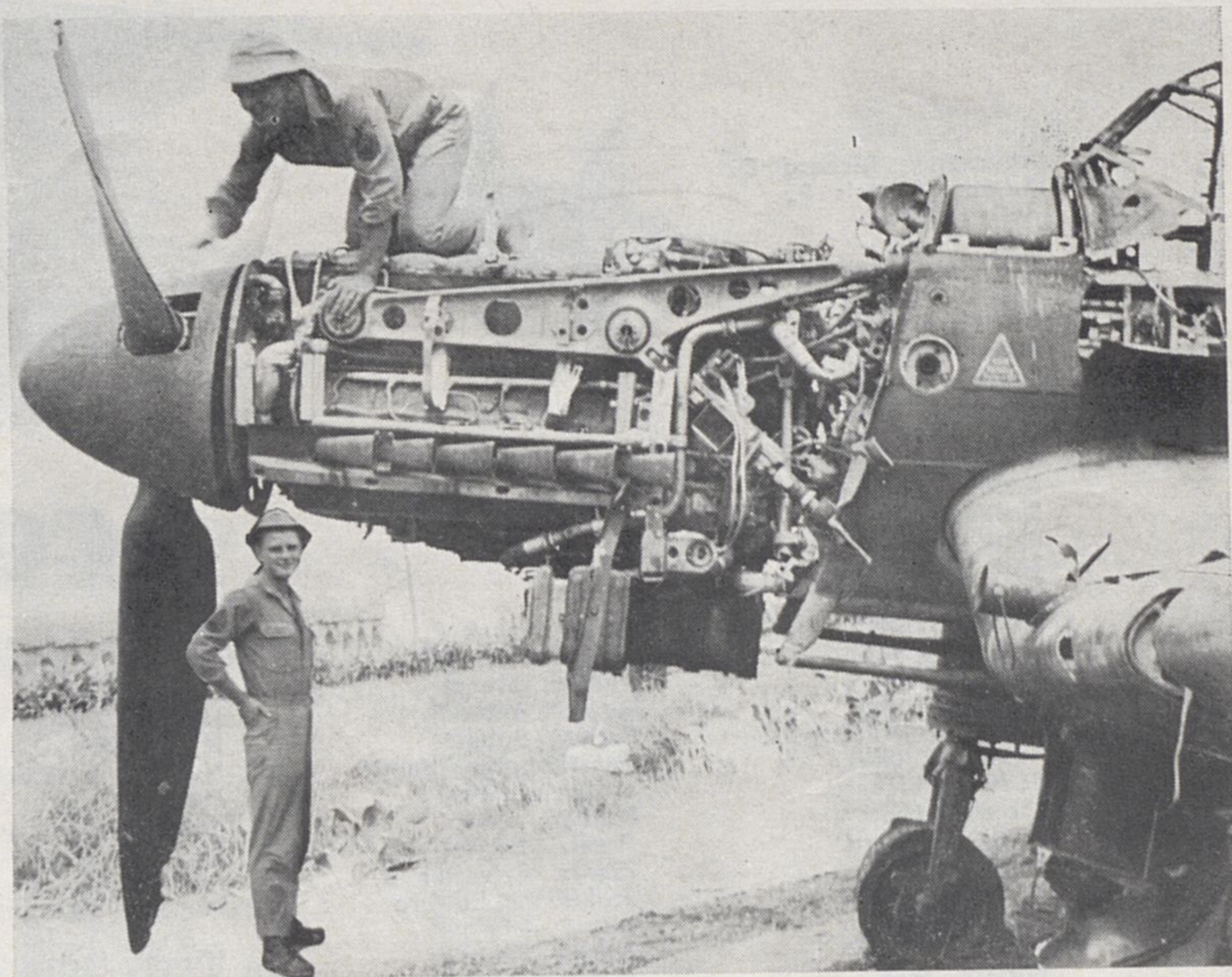
CPL. RAYMOND WIESSNER writes: "I forgot to inform you of my change of address and skipped an issue of "Echoes." I'll be on the ball hereafter.

Boosters Go To Church

On Sunday, Jan. 23rd the Booster Club attended Trinity Reformed Church in a body. Led by the president, Roy C. Long, Sr., a large crowd of members, together with their families, attended the service. Rev. Richard Keen, a member of the club preached the sermon. His text was "Come Singing Unto Zion."

In the near future the club, sponsors of this periodical will participate in services at St. John's Lutheran Church, where Rev. A. A. Koch, also a Booster Club member, is the pastor.

Knocking 'em for a Loop . . .



Two Coplay boys separated by thousands of miles will no doubt have many interesting tales to tell when they return home.

Sgt. Julius Mayer is shown above with a Stuka Dive Bomber shot down by his outfit in Italy several months ago. From the looks of the motor in it, we doubt if it could go very far on an "A" gas book.

The "slightly bearded" gent with the headphones and transmitter is Cpl. Carson Long. The pictures show him in his "home" at Attu in the Aleutian group. Pvt. Long participated in the Attu and Kiska landings and is now stationed somewhere in the South Pacific.

Soldiers, sailors and marines are urged to send more pictures of this type. We'll try to publish all we can.



Abernathy, Richard D.
Adams, Francis P.
Arthur, Helen

Bair, Wilfred
Balliet, Carl
Bartlett, Jerome Q.
Battenfield, Louis
Belick, Joseph
Beltz, Raymond
Bennett, Norbert E.
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Decker, Anthony
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Duldt, John Jr.
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Dutte, James Jr.

*Eby, Charles
Eby, Frank
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Erkinger, Charles
Ernst, Rudolph J.



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Falk, Howard G.
Farney, Lionel
Farino, Anthony
Farney, Robert
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Fiedler, Frank
Frantz, Forrest H.
Frantz, Sylvester B.
Fruhworth, Edward

Galgon, George
Garger, John F.
Garger, Joseph
Gartner, Alfred
Garrison, Herbert
*Gaston, Louis
Gaugler, Alvin
Geiger, George
Geist, Frank
Geist, Leonard
George, Myron
George, Willard H.
Geosits, John
Gilly, Alfred J.
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Hoffman, Herman
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Horn, John L.
Horvath, Gabriel
Horvath, John
Horvath, Edward E.
Huetter, Karl
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Hunara, Steve

Ifkovits, Martin C.
Ivankovits, Charles

Jandrasits, John
Johnston, Charles
Johnston, Russel B.

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Kainz, Steve
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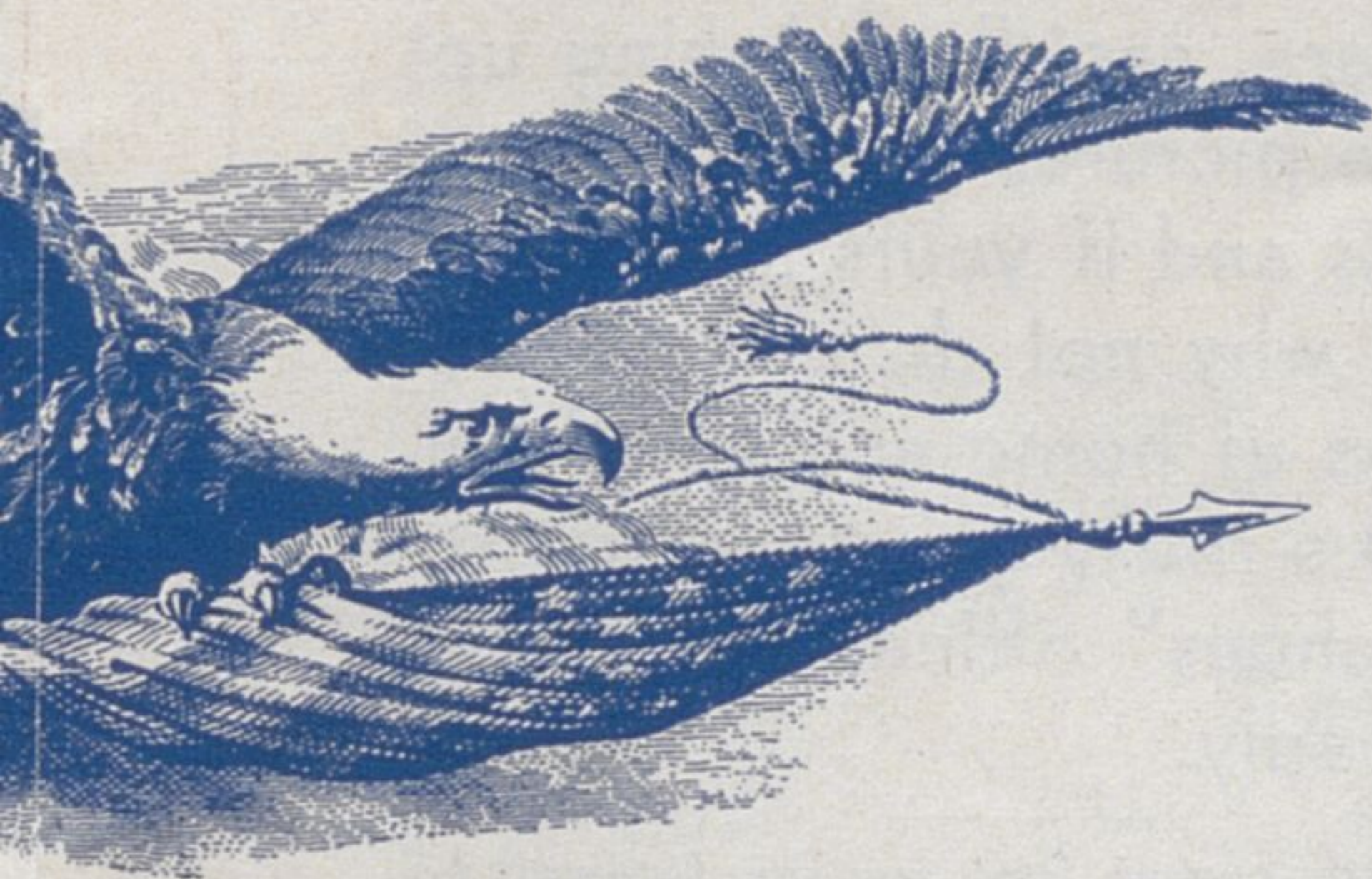
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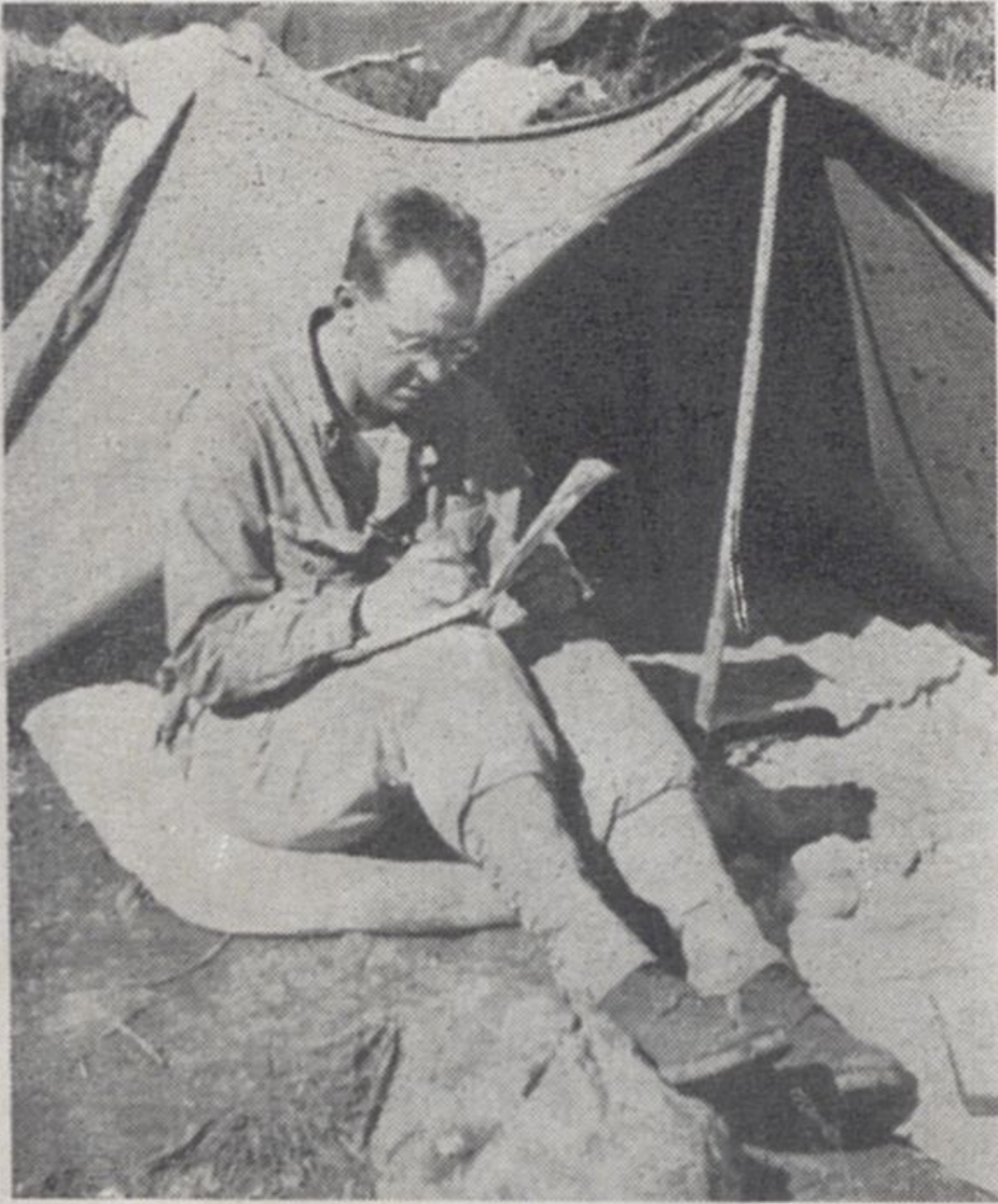
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FIRST ONE HOME . . .

PFC. CHARLES W. HALLER, discharged December 16, 1943, because of illness contracted in Africa and a recurrent knee injury was inducted September 23, 1941, and received his basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas.

He embarked for Europe in April 1942, and spent 7 months in Ireland although some time was served in both England and Scotland.

PFC. HALLER participated in the invasion of Africa, landing at Oran, Algeria. He saw action in the Tunisian campaign in the battles of Fondouque, Pichon, and Kasserine Pass. He was removed to an evacuation hospital right off the front lines in Tunisia and later flown by plane for 2 1/2 hours to the station hospital near Constantine, Algeria, and then to the General hospital in Oran. From there he was evacuated home via hospital ship and landed in New York City, April 30, 1943, and was a patient at the Valley Forge Hospital. After a 14 day sick leave at home CHARLIE reported to New Cumberland replacement center and later was transferred to Fort Bragg and Camp Campbell, where he was found unfit for further active duty and discharged.

"CHARLIE" is the first local soldier to return home after seeing active duty on one of the far-flung fronts. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Haller, 430 Chestnut Street, Coplay.

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WANTED!!!

We are rapidly catching up with the pictures of you fellows and gals and if yours hasn't appeared why not drop a line to the folks at home and ask them to send a really good picture to the "Echoes" office. We need them badly.

It is with regret that we say farewell to two of our faithful workers on "Coplay Echoes."

Anna Stefany has left us to take up the study of nursing in Philadelphia and Alvin "Jake" Rogers is now in the Army with his four other brothers. That should make it a 5-star final for the Axis.

Miffed One Again

In our last issue we got Joe Beschlanovits mixed up with Adolph in our pictures. We hope nobody's too mad about it and if they're not, maybe some day we'll square everything up.

That's a Pal . . .

Opposite is a letter from a pal of Paul Ringer's, showing how Coplay boys are making friends from all over the country. Included with the letter was a beautiful brochure on the U. S. S. Santa Fe given as a Christmas Greeting to every man aboard by the Commanding Officer, R. S. Berkey, Captain, U. S. N.

As this issue goes to press Paul pops in with a leave after an exciting trip across the equator. He's getting his Xmas card second hand from Mom and Pop.

To the Staff:

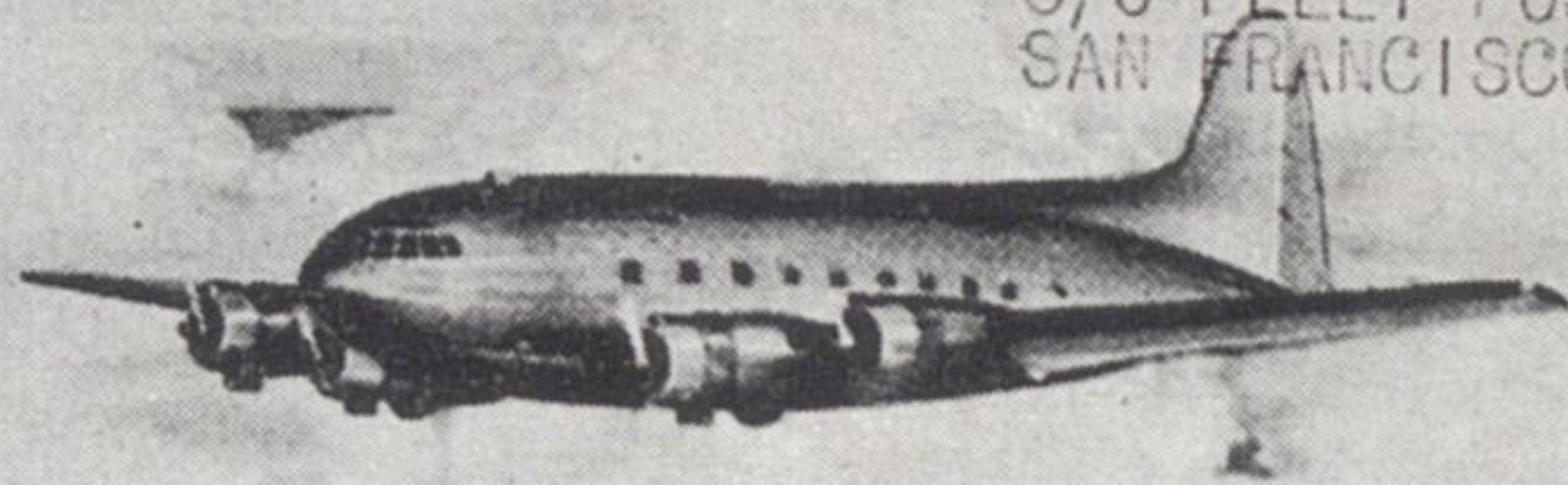
Your last two copies finally caught up with me, since I'm doing duty now in N. Africa aboard another Sub. chaser and send you my many thanks for remembering me, as well as the fine writeup and pictures of my brothers, as well as all the others, in service.

I'm looking forward to your next issue and send my best wishes for 1944 to all.

As ever,

"Bogy" Lentz.

JOHNNY WHITMORE RM 3/C
U.S.S. SANTA FE -C-DIV.
C/O FLEET POST OFFICE,
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.



MR AND MRS RINGER---

BEING THAT PAUL WAS TRANSFERRED BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS WERE GIVEN OUT ON THE OLD SANTA FE I THOUGHT PERHAPS HE'D LIKE TO HAVE SOMETHING TO REMEMBER THE MANY DAYS HE SPENT WITH US. BEFORE I GO ANY FURTHER I GUESS I HAD BETTER EXPLAIN JUST WHO I AM AND WHY I'M SENDING THIS.

YOU SEE, PAUL WAS ONE OF MY BEST FRIENDS SO I'M SENDING YOU WHAT HE WOULD HAVE SENT YOU IF HE WERE HERE, I SENT ONE TO VI, HIS GIRL FRIEND IN MADISON.

WELL FOLKS, I CAN'T VERY WELL WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS CAUSE THIS IS CHRISTMAS AFT. NOON BUT I DO HOPE IT WAS A MERRY ONE AND BEHALF OF THE "RADIO GANG" AND MYSELF, WE WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

PAULS PAL

JOHNNY WHITMORE

"Echoes From The Front"

Tennessee.

Greetings "Echo Workers":

Just received the "Echoes" again and was very glad to get it. Reading the "Echoes" is almost like having a furlough. Very thrilling, but it ends too soon. Hey, how do I know that? I haven't even had a furlough yet, but I expect it, by the end of January.

Please note my change of address. I am finished with Camp McCain, Miss. and am now participating on maneuvers in Tenn. It started for us on Dec. 1 and we expect it to end around the 17th of Jan. Maneuvers is plenty of hard work especially in the cold weather we are having down here in this "Sunny South."

That sports column was plenty good. Keep that up. I was very anxious to know how all those games turned out. I'm still kicking and I hope you all can still sing the same tune.

Now I would like to take this opportunity to wish all you "Echoe" workers, boys and girls in the service and Coplay residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you soon.

A Coplayite,
Freddie Sommers.

—————
Somewhere in Iran.

Friends of Coplay:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the paper "Coplay Echoes." It is really swell. I enjoyed every bit of it.

The name "Coplay Echoes," truly fits this paper, because it tells of Coplay people the boys know, and friends we like to hear about.

I am writing this letter from somewhere in Iran. I will be looking for the next "Coplay Echoes."

I am not the only one that enjoys this paper but my buddies do too. Boys from all over the states. They said I should tell the Editor to put pictures of the beauties of Coplay in it, and pictures of some of the hot spots of Coplay too.

Thanks for the Coplay Echoes.

Still and always a Coplay boy,
Sgt. Albert E. Bierman.

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Dear Staff:

I can't begin to thank you for remembering and sending me the "Coplay Echoes." It is a wonderful and heart warming feeling to know the people back home are thinking of us even though we are far from our beloved Coplay and its ever cherished memories.

The Echoes bring back to me some of those memories and it really is a comfort to reminisce.

Johnnie Beslanovits.

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Sedalia Field.

Dear Staff:

The least we can do now I guess is to at least drop you a few lines, and give comments on your book and the like, and I do mean it's a good book.

First, I surely hope everyone will have a swell time over the holidays, and maybe a white Xmas. We have had snow here, for the past day and the ground is covered with it. We are going to have a Xmas dinner in our mess hall, as we had for Thanksgiving, and it was really swell. The local rumor is that we are going to have beer instead of wine as previous, either way it will be swell, and I am in hopes, that all the other camps with our friends will have the same. For the Thanksgiving dinner the fellows, whose wives were in town, were invited to our mess hall, after which they looked the place over, the barracks, flying field and the like. I really wished I could have had my mother and sister here, because they surely would have enjoyed it.

When I heard that Lt. Frank Klucharits was on this field, I made an attempt to locate him, but when I did, I found out he was shipped to some other field. It would have been swell to see someone around from the town, but those are the breaks.

My sister wrote me from Miss. and she says that my brother was down there in his B-25, that would be one of the swellest things that could happen to me for Xmas or earlier, that is seeing Zoltan again. I really miss the old boy, just as I do every one else, but after not seeing him for over a year, makes a person like in the family, miss him, so I am sweating it out, that maybe he hits up this way.

Also I want to thank everyone for the Xmas greetings and again hope, that they have a happy and merry holiday, and joyous New Year.

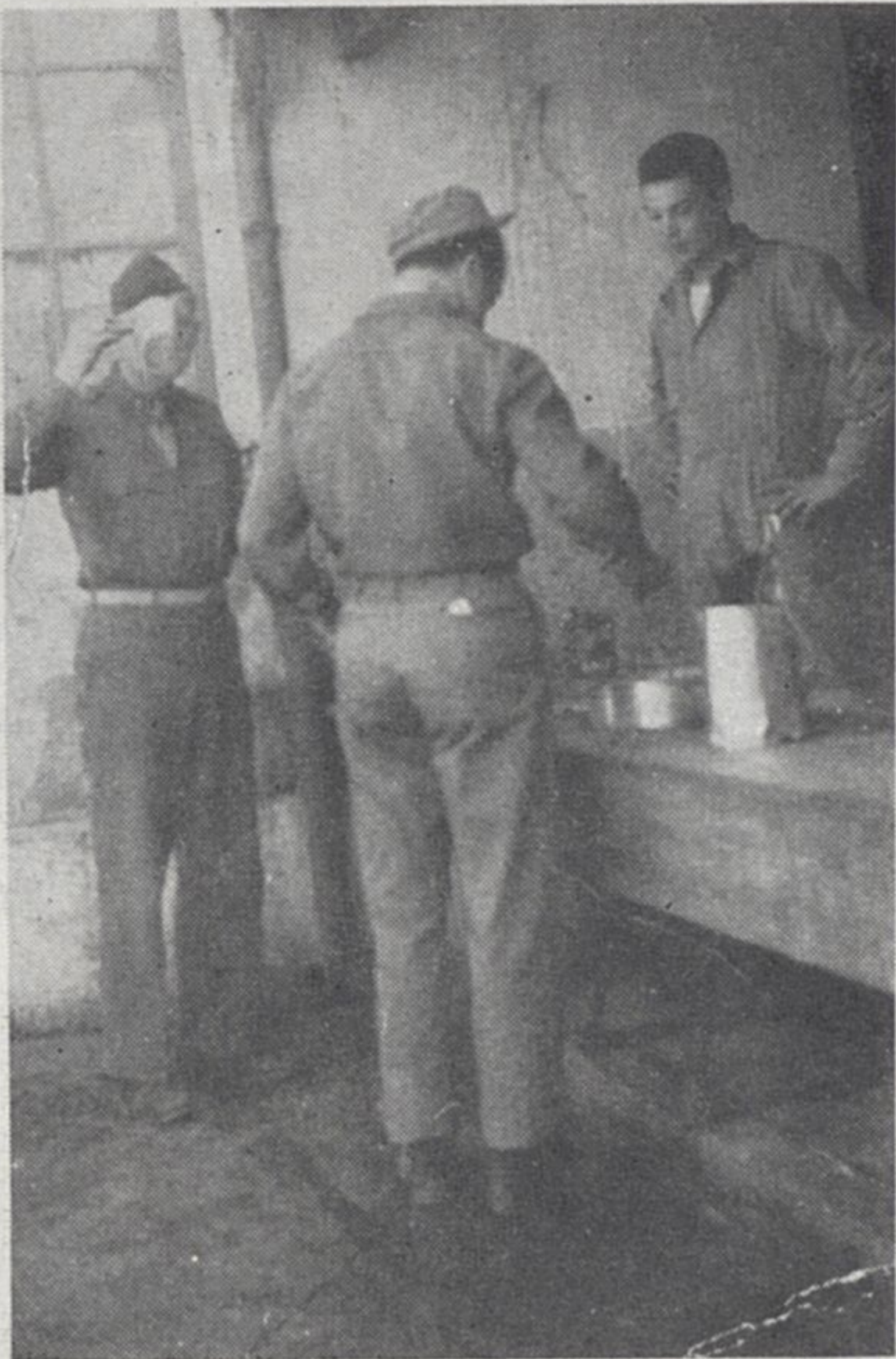
So I guess that is about that. Thank you again and I will be looking for the next issue, while practically memorizing the previous ones.

Gratefully,
Sgt. Gabriel Kovacs.

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Dear Friends:

Although time is precious in school, I want to take time out, to tell you how much I enjoy and appreciate "Coplay Echoes." It sure is an indication of the kindness and good will our friends back home have for the servicemen of Coplay. All my roommates think it's a swell book, and wish their town had one like it.

Gratefully yours,
Edward J. Mayer S2/c.



Dishing It Out in Africa

Pfc. John W. Reichl (right) dealing out the beans and coffee somewhere in North Africa. This joint looks as good as some of the one-arm joints we patronize back here.



Coplay Cropping Out

Although William McKinley "Bill" Kern has been away from Coplay since shortly after the last war we're proud to number him among our own.

After an exciting career as a sailor in the last war "Bill" settled down to a humdrum existence near Albany, New York but when the Japs bombed Pearl Harbor it didn't take him long to convince his son that they "oughta join up."

Below they are seen at the recruiting station at Albany, New York, in a picture which appeared in one of the New York capital's leading newspapers.

"Bill" is at present stationed on the U. S. S. Massachusetts, one of America's greatest battleships, and has already seen much action on the Atlantic.



Echoes From The Front

December 9, 1943.

Dear Folks:

Thanks to you for another most welcome issue of "Coplay Echoes."

I can fully appreciate the feelings of Sgt. Wiessner and Sgt. Miller becoming fathers after they headed for foreign shores. I suffered the same ordeal over twenty-one months ago and as yet haven't had the pleasure of seeing my youngest. I know they won't feel too sorry for themselves as long as God protects their loved ones, while they finish this miserable job. From what I have seen the word miserable is putting it mildly.

Incidentally, the town of Coplay may not be known throughout the world but our great product, PORTLAND CEMENT, is popular in the far-corners of the world. I can personally vouch for that after seeing it used in Panama, Ireland and Africa. The next time I see it being used I hope it's in Berlin with someone slapping a tomb together for Shiklegruber.

If it isn't too much trouble could you please forward the address of the following men:

Charles Erkinger
Allen Thankley
Vernon Bortz

My sincerest hopes in your continued success in putting out a magazine that is tops.

A Coplay Booster,
1st Sgt. Wm. F. Keglovits.

Dear Coplay Echoes:

I'm receiving your most wonderful book. I sure liked to see our boys from Coplay in it. Please see that my picture is put in it also. You'll find my home address on the back of this letter. Man alive I bet the boys overseas like this book plenty. Especially with the Coplay Cigar and Fur Factory in it. That's some snow on the street. I will see it when I come home on my furlough. I will also do lots of visiting. If you are interested I am an aircraft painter in the air corps. I never was a painter before but I caught on to the job mighty quick. My other helper comes from New York. The other day he refused a furlough. He said it cost him too much. Try and tell me something like that. I'd never say no. Today it's two days before Christmas. I got off and got a four day pass. This is the time to catch up on my sleep. First I'll attend mass. Then I do the left over. The weather today is not so good. I just was outside and I almost froze. The other day it was like spring. From here on I'm running out of lines so I must leave you. Merry Christmas to all.

From a Coplay Fellowman soldier,
Julius P. Krug.

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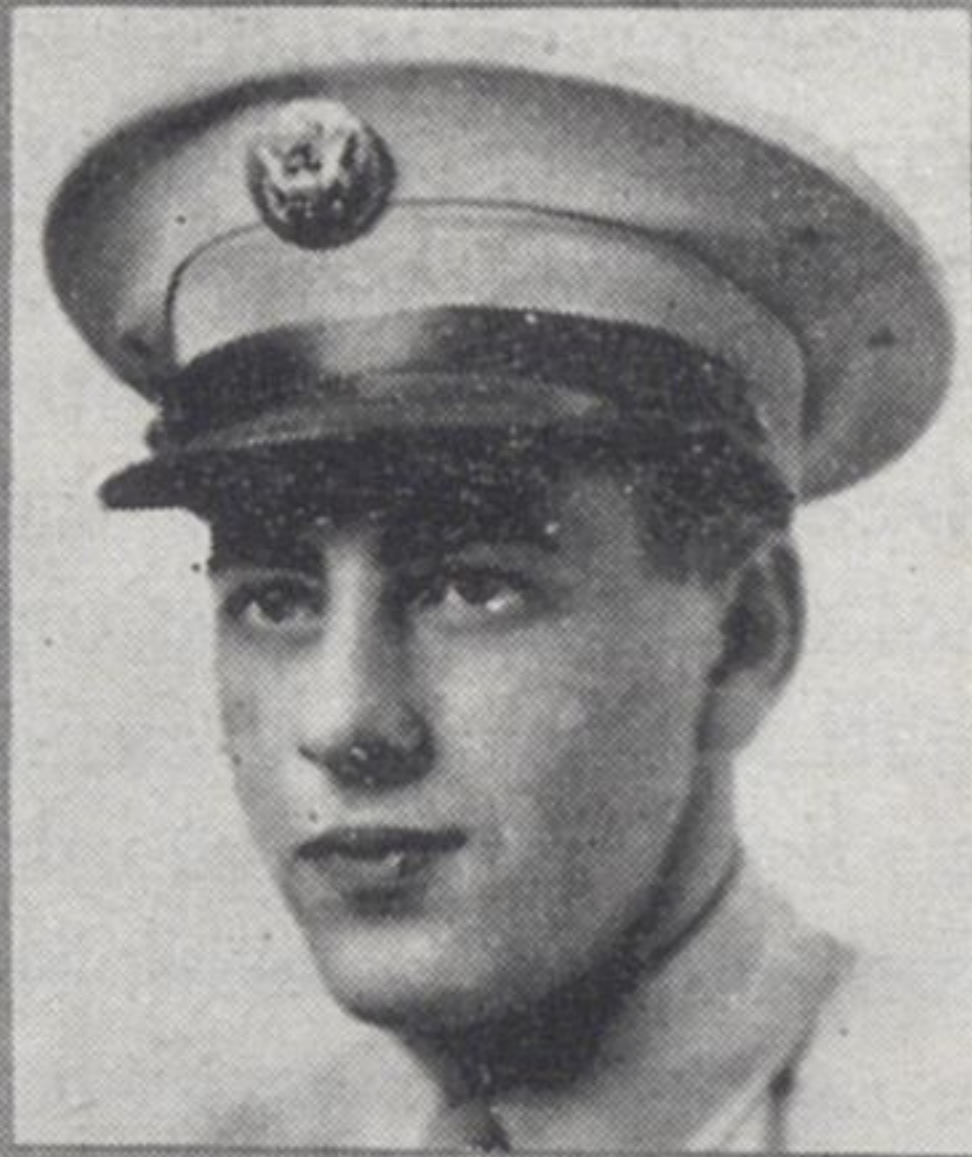
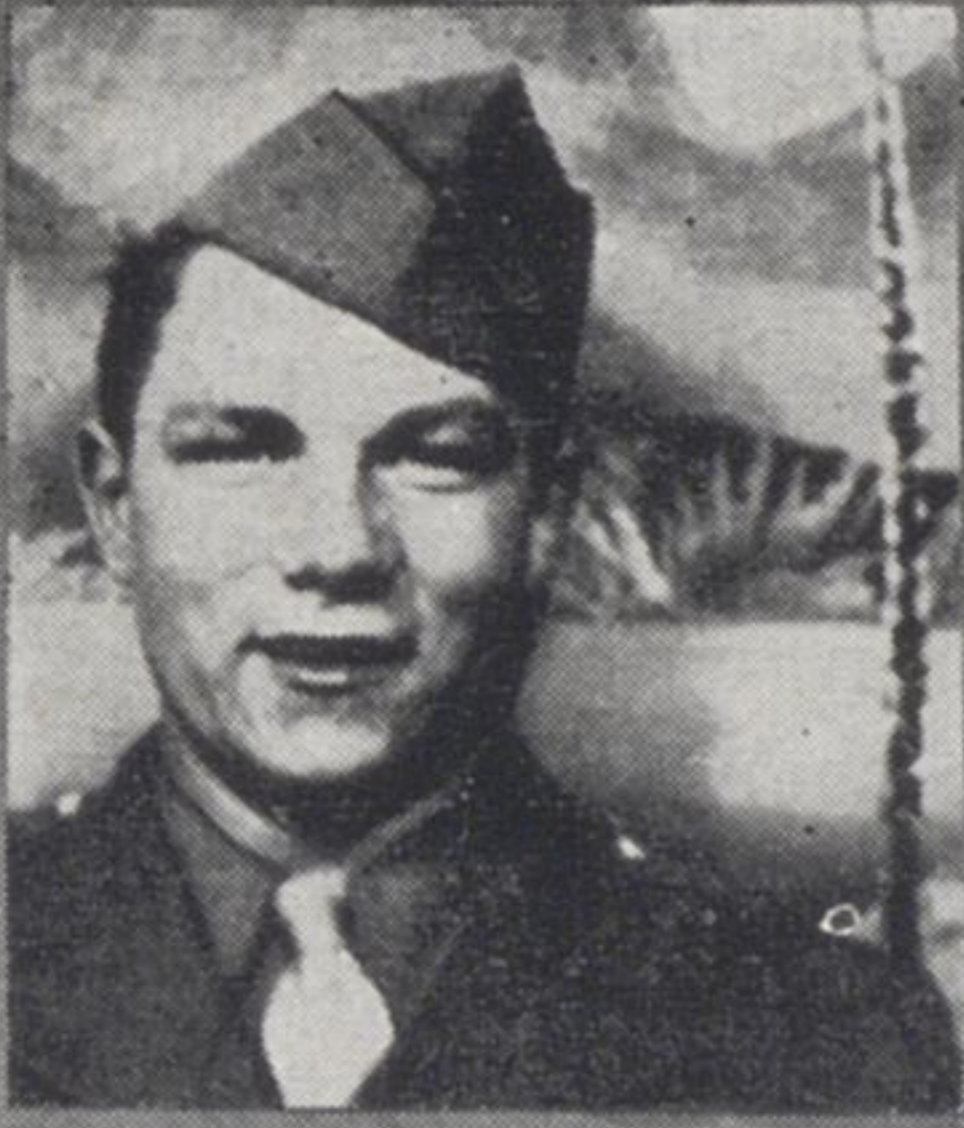
Old Timers Know . . .

This old American Club gang once flourished next door to the old Post Office on Coplay Street where the Coplay Maroons also held sway. The building now accommodates the office of Justice of the Peace George J. Miller.

ON GUARD . . .

(Left to right) top to bottom:

- Pvt. John Schrampf** (Army)
Anti-Aircraft Artillery
Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schrampf
Chestnut Street
- Pvt. Stephen Walczuk** (Army)
Ordnance Maintenance
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Walczuk
41 Bridge Street
- Richard Abernathy M.O.M.M. 2/c** (Navy)
Son of Mrs. Alberta Abernathy
25 N. Fifth Street
- Cpl. Edgar Silfies** (Army)
Infantry
Son of Mrs. Edgar Silfies
212 S. Front Street
- Joseph M. Luizer S 2/c** (Navy)
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Luizer
48 South Front Street
- Pvt. Frank Meyers** (Army)
Ordnance Maintenance
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Meyers
318 Schreiber Ave.
- Cpl. Frank Pammer** (Army)
Military Police
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pammer
1206 Poplar and Ruch Street
- Cpl. Karl Rose** (Army)
Anti-Aircraft Artillery
Husband of Mrs. L. Rose
244 South Front Street



Home Sweet Home . . .

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The year 1909 saw Coplay citizens erect the new four room Washington building. Many of us fondly remember this as our "Alma Mater." Modern additions were added to this High School and today it stands on the corner of Fourth and Center Streets as a symbol of our progress.

William C. Rothrock, a licentiate of the Reformed Church, held religious services as early as 1859. At that time he was teaching at Siegfried's. The Coplay Lumber Yard, owned by David and Aaron Schreiber, furnished the necessary lumber for the construction of the temporary seats. Services were so well attended, that on many occasions the people had to stand throughout the entire services. After 1860 services were held in the school house. Somewhere around 1867 Rev. W. R. Hofford, a Reformed Church minister, began to preach to an unorganized but eager congregation in the school house. Rev. S. S. Leinbach, former pastor to Egypt, conducted the services in the absence of Reverend Hofford. April 16, 1871, Coplay seen its first communion services, held in the school. The Trinity Reformed congregation was fortunate enough to be able to erect a House of Worship. At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lehigh Valley Iron Company, held March 22, 1872, it was resolved that the Lehigh Valley Iron Company would give a suitable lot of ground for the erection of a Reformed Church in Coplay and that they would pay two thousand dollars in cash for the erection of that church. The cornerstone was laid July 28, 1872 and the church was dedicated on June 14 and 15, 1873. Originally the church had a high steeple which was blown off during a severe wind storm in 1882. A new

tower was erected in the same year. In 1891 a brick addition was built for religious purposes. In May 26, 1871 the Sunday School was organized and the Coplay Cemetery was dedicated October 18, 1874.

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran congregation of Coplay was organized on Ascension Day, March 22, 1873, through the untiring efforts of Rev. J. D. Schindel, D. D., who became the first pastor. Prior to 1882 the congregation worshipped in the same building with the Trinity Reformed congregation. However, early in 1882, the pastor with much effort and supported by a willing congregation began to solicit subscriptions. Within ten months there stood on Third Street, between Center and Coplay Streets, a Church building for the Lutheran congregations, and free from all debt. Dedication services were held on November 12, 1882. The year 1900 seen building operations again undertaken; this time a new church building was dedicated on September 7, 1902. Ever since 1883 there has been a flourishing Sunday School in connection with the congregation. In 1886 an Evangelical Church was erected at the corner of Second and Hall Streets. Sadly enough this congregation was abandoned in 1906.

Prior to 1927 the Catholics of Coplay worshipped in surrounding Catholic churches. Children attended parochial schools in Northampton, Catasauqua and West Coplay. On June 16, 1927, the Feast of Corpus Christi, Cardinal Dougherty appointed Rev. J. J. Ostheimer pastor of the parish of St. Peter's. Before his appointment, Rev. Ostheimer was assistant rector of Our Lady of Hungary Church at Northampton. \$5,100 were pledged to the new church, on the rainy afternoon of June 19, 1927

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at a meeting in the Saengerbund Hall. The Fourth of July, 1927, saw the purchase of the grounds for the parish buildings. The cornerstone for the combination church and school building was laid on October 30, 1927. The Catholic cemetery was bought on March 19, 1928 from W. H. Schneller of Catsauqua. Two bells, costing \$900.00, were purchased and dedicated on August 19, 1928. The Parochial school was opened on September 4, 1928. Additional plots of ground were secured on July 18, 1929, March 11, 1930 and April, 1936. Plum Alley, a section of the borough roads, was vacated on February 9, 1931. This gave the Catholic congregation an entire plot of ground between Fifth and Sixth Streets.

Coplay was at one time quite a booming town. Many places existed that today we know very little about. The boys now in the Service might remember their parents talking about the more familiar places of their town. Perhaps even some of you boys can fondly remember John Scott who was the owner of the Columbia Hotel now owned by Joseph Hutter. John Scott also owned the livery stable across the street from his hotel. John Scott also had a white horse, whose name was "General Grant." He was the most prominent resident of Scott's livery stable. "General Grant" had the habit of refusing to go after he'd taken you several miles out into the country.

The town had at one time, two movie houses. The one was across the street from the Fire Hall, the other whose name was the "Pastime," was located where now the Kruper Brothers have their shop. Laky's store was originally a bottling works where beer was bottled by the car loads. I wonder how many can recall the department store that Cop-

Echoes From The Front

Dear Staff:

I have been receiving my copy of the Coplay Echoes regularly and sure appreciate your efforts to make those of us in the service feel at home. This may be a lot of nothing to some one not familiar with Coplay and its people—but to those of us, who have lived and rubbed shoulders with Coplayites, it's a real treat.

In your November issue I particularly enjoyed reading "The Coplay We Love." How well I, as well as many others of my pals, remember those places and incidents—let's have some more.

Congratulations to all concerned, for the effort and time spent to accomplish such a splendid publication. I'm sure all the boys in the service accept this little big-time booklet wholeheartedly.

Again let me express my appreciation and here is wishing you continued success.

Just one of the boys,

S/Sgt. Frank J. Marth.

Coplay Echoes and Townspeople:

I am a little late in thanking you for sending me my copies of Coplay Echoes and am waiting for the next issue which I hope will come soon. It is a very interesting little booklet and all the boys read it although they don't know a soul at home in Coplay, but claim it is the best little booklet they had seen from any town because they know at least the folks at home still remember the boys and girls of the good little town of Coplay.

I don't know how long I'll be here but sure hope the "Coplay Echoes" find their way to me—wherever I go.

I met "Hitler" Lentz here, but I'm a little too far away from him to see him often.

Well, folks, let's keep the Coplay Echoes sailing through the mail like the boys are keeping the Red, White, and Blue flying and make the boys happy, so they can help make the whole world happy.

The best of luck to you all.

Forever,

Steve Walczuk.

lay once had? It was a good one at that. It originally occupied the present Cigar Factory building.

The Lehigh River was a favorite spot for Dad to court Mother and it was not an unusual sight to see many row boats and canoes out in full array, on those warm Spring and Summer days. A lot of fellows derived endless pleasure, during the Winter months, skating on the old brickyard.

"Echoes From the Front"

"Somewhere NORTH"

Dear Staff:

I received my edition of the "Coplay Echoes" and believe me, I was very happy to get it. I consider myself fortunate, for, my home is not located in Coplay. Oh yes! I was born in that wonderful little town, I attended the Coplay schools, played football and basketball on Coplay High's team. It was at the "Rocks" that I swam my first stroke and probably every one of my "First" can be accounted for in Coplay. I have been more at "Home" in the little Town than I was ever at my present address. Those who know me can verify my statement.

But I am off the beam, so maybe I'd best get back on. The edition is truly wonderful and I take this opportunity to congratulate you and all the members of the staff on your splendid work. It is a grand feeling to read about all the occurrences and the why's and where's of my Buddies and it shall always be, for the "Coplay Echoes" is to me, the link connecting this "Outpost" with home. The cover of this month's edition is very interesting, for I myself happened to take four of the pictures printed on it. How they ever got into the "Echoes" is beyond me, but I guess Dad can answer that one. Anyway, it makes me feel as though I contributed something, if only my pictures.

The shortage of time unables me to "talk" further, but I shall be with you once again next month. So till then, goodluck to "Coplay Echoes" and the people who make it possible for such as I to receive this splenaid paper.

A Coplay "Kid,"

Johnny Bodish.

Dear Coplayites:

May I again express a "thank you" to all affiliated with your really great magazine, "Coplay Echoes."

Received the November issue last evening and as usual forgot about the war and found myself back in that "Little Big Town" again. Another Xmas season here in England is made a bit more like "Christmas" with the aid of your "piece of home."

Sincerely hope your swell magazine is also in the Army for the duration and six-months.

A very merry Christmas to one and all of the staff of "Coplay Echoes" and a fruitful New Year.

An adopted London Yank, but a Coplayite at heart.

M/Sgt. F. P. Keglovits.

Dear Friends:

My deepest thanks for your wonderful publication, "The Echoes." I have some very happy moments reading my edition of the Echoes. I have at this time received my third issue and it seems to be getting better all the time.

Censorship forbids me to give you my present whereabouts, but I can tell you that I took part in the initial invasion of Sicily.

Once more many thanks to all the staffs and contributors or whoever made the Echoes possible. You keep them coming, we'll keep them firing.

Sincerely,

John Frank Steier.

P.S. Let's pray for no more Gold Star Mothers.

IT'S A SMALL WORLD!

A recap of the mailing list of "Coplay Echoes" shows that issues are now being mailed to Penna., New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, Texas, Tennessee, Arkansas, Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Idaho, Colorado, Oregon, Washington, Utah, California, and the District of Columbia—35 states for the January issue although it has found its way into every state since the September issue. Across the sea "Echoes" goes to England, North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Iran, India, Australia, New Guinea, The Solomons, Guadalcanal, Hawaii, Alaska, Iceland and Panama. We get a great kick out of receiving letters and will appreciate as much "dope" about your locale as censorship will allow. Keep 'em coming boys and girls.



Boy Meets Girl . . .

Anybody likes to meet his buddies, or anyone from Copley but when you bump into cousin and it's something in a WAC uniform that cuts as trim a figure as Sgt. Helen Arthur, then it's *news*.

Sgt. Harry Kunkle met Cousin Helen in the sunny climes of Florida and they report quite a reunion. Almost next door neighbors at home nobody knows where they might next meet each other.

Sgt. Arthur was Copley's first WAC having enlisted Dec. 12, 1942 while Sgt. Kunkle enlisted Oct. 29, 1940 in the Regular Army.

Somewhere in Italy.

Copley Echoes,
To the Staff:

I want to congratulate every one for sending me the "Copley Echoes." I really think its a wonderful idea and I'm sure the rest of the boys from good old Copley feel the same way about it.

I was really surprised upon receiving it and it certainly brought back many a memory.

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So keep up the good work "Friends" and maybe some day and I hope it's soon, we will meet again.

Thanks a million.

T/Sgt. John Celip.

We Know Karl . . .

C. W. O. Karl Reinhard spent Xmas of 1942 with the Reye family somewhere in Australia. This past Xmas he couldn't be with them but he did receive some beautiful gifts from them. This is just another example of how Copley boys are making lasting contacts all over the world. The Reyes, although they live "down under" many miles from us could easily pass as a typical American family. In fact we'll go so far to say that they're welcome to Copley and be a neighbor of Karl's, (and ours).



What's Cookin' . . .

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ery—along comes *Sadie Schaffer* who did a swell job of track work in chasing *Frank Scheirer* during a session of “spin the bottle” at the Legion New Year’s Eve Party—the *Mills sisters* sauntering home from the movies—*Mrs. Golomb* waiting anxiously for word from *Michael* now in Officers’ Training School—“*Bill*” *Cullin* cleaning up the yard a bit, incidentally have you ever seen “*Bill’s*” collection of guns—now *Ethel Grace* comes tearing over to *Gruver’s* for a last minute order and announces that “*Dan*” is once more in shipshape after a siege of several months—*Ed Shoup* off for a stroll up the street—*Bill Arthur* comes along and he tells us of his work at the Bethlehem Steel, and his plans for his tomato ranch this spring—now we run into *Billy Gilly* and *Frankie Yandersits*, two Coplay High students putting in odd hours at the Coplay Bakery—and as we stroll further up the street there’s *Nutzi Gross* and *Fred Stumpf*, two more High School Seniors talking it over—*Anna Stumpf* and *Rose Mondschein* on the way to visit a mysterious “cousin” in Bethlehem—now by the old Sechler corner—more quiet than it has been for many years, what with most of the gang now in the armed services—In *Nicholas’s Market* is *Rosie Legath*, stumped by her ration books and *Felix Kotrosits* drops in for a portion of Salami which he for many years has helped to make—now down to Front Street where we meet *Paul Krug* home for the weekend and his “pop” *Ed*, who still turns out a superb accordion now and then—*Bill Schaffer* comes chugging up the hill with a full load for somebody’s

bin—*Frank Stanko* burning rubbish in his back yard—contractor “*Joe*” *Marks* piloting his Chevvy truck up the street—and “*Stevie*” *Lorenz* a “regular” at the American Club who we haven’t seen for a while—*Frank Miklos* with his erect stride on the way to Church—“*Smider*” *Stewart* chasing down to *Laky’s* store on an errand for *Mary*—and *Johnny Thomas* settling his affairs before leaving for the service—*Frank Wechsler* minding his two cute daughters and *Jimmy Bair* going down to see his old friend “*Gusty*”—*Joe Zsigovits* shining up his car and the *Erkinger* sisters off for a trip to the movies—along comes “*Kenny*” *Hoffman*, discharged, the new truck driver for the Coplay Bakery—and up on Fourth Street *Mike Matis* who furnishes the entertainment on the 5 o’clock bus—the *Macner girls* on their way to Church—a bunch of High School students filing into the building for a basketball game—we see light in *Prof. W. T. Shetlock’s* office—putting in a little overtime no doubt—and then “*Cliff*” *Peters* and “*Shpundy*” *Reppert*, a comedy busy—only a few short weeks before he leaves to help Uncle Sam together with “*Joe*” *Rieker*, “*Jake*” *Rogers*, and “*Marty*” *Mohr*—Ho hum it’s time to wind up after an evening’s assignment and so to the “Echoes” office where *Grace*, “*Miss*” *Kramer* is helping along nicely in the Business Department and *Jack Gleason*, *Rose Mondschein*, *Anna Musser*, and *Mary Anthony* are plugging faithfully along—“*Ray*” *Long* shows us some really good snaps of Carson now in the South Pacific and then we think suddenly of our Income Tax and this is where we came in — — — .

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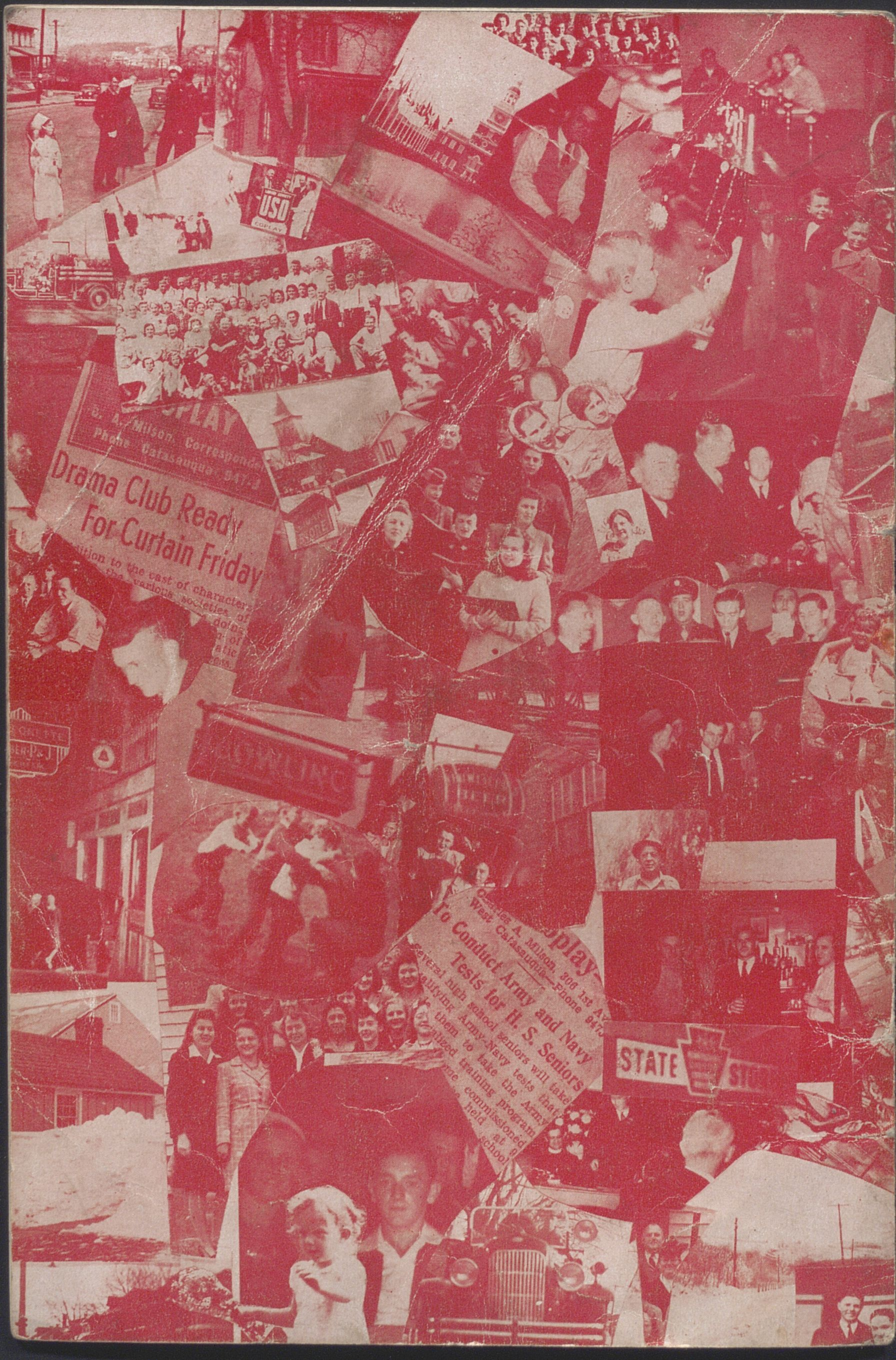
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