

# COPLAY ECHOES





**CONFIDENTIAL**  
**Headquarters 1st U. S. Infantry Division**  
**A. P. O. No. 1, U. S. Army**

26 November 1943

SUBJECT : Award of Silver Star.

THROUGH: Commanding Officer, — Infantry.

TO : Corporal Raymond E. Zerfass, Company H, — Infantry.

1. Under the provisions of AR 600—45, as amended, Corporal Raymond E. Zerfass, 13052949, Company H, 16th Infantry, is awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

2. The citation is as follows: For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Cerami, Sicily, 29 July 1943. When enemy machine gunners prevented his platoon from advancing to the support of an attacking company, Corporal Zerfass, ignoring heavy enemy fire, skillfully led his men into a position from which they compelled the enemy's withdrawal. His prompt and courageous action enabled his platoon to accomplish its mission and assured the success of the attacking company. Residence at enlistment: Coplay, Pa.

By command of Major General Huebner:

LEONIDAS GAVALAS  
Lt. Col., A. G. D.  
Adjutant General



*Corporal Zerfass was inducted January 29, 1942, and has seen a great deal of action overseas. No details are available on the Order of Purple Heart Award. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Zerfass, 55 North Second Street.*



# COPLAY ECHOES

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## V Echoes From The Front



Dear Friends,

I hope you haven't considered my delay in writing an indication that I have not been receiving or have not appreciated the issues of "Coplay Echoes." I have received all of them and do most certainly appreciate your sending them to me.

Until just recently I had been constantly moved around and was quite unsettled, having little chance to fulfill such obligations as expressing my gratitude for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Although actually not a native of Coplay, I cannot help but have a feeling of pride when reading an issue of "Coplay Echoes"—proud that I have lived among and was acquainted with those people whose untiring efforts make possible so fine a publication.

These are not just words assembled to read well in one of your issues. They are written with sincerity, for truly "Coplay Echoes" is great work, the equal of which I have yet to see in the Armed Forces.

I thank you for considering me one on the list of "Coplay's Finest," and again I thank you for "Coplay Echoes."

Sincerely,  
Andy Magazzu, Sp. (A) 2/c.

P.S. Oh yes! I want also to thank the Mother's Club for their Christmas Greeting.

Dear Friends:

I received three copies of your very welcome booklet of "Coplay Echoes." I am dropping you a few lines to let you know I've been moved from my last address. You will find my new one on this letter. So if you'll mail the next copy to this address it will reach me sooner and I'll be very glad and thankful to you all. I enjoy reading it very much because it brings back many memories, good and bad, which I'll never forget.

So keep up the good work it is well appreciated, I'm looking forward to the next issue with great eagerness.

Sincerely yours,  
A/S Anthony Decker.

Editor-in-Chief and Staff:

Although I am not one of the boys in service, I want to let you know that the "Coplay Echoes" has been keeping me in touch with the home town doings and I congratulate you all on your wonderful work.

Judging from the thrill I get when the postman delivers the magazine, the boys in service are spending happy hours as the result of your efforts.

Hoping you will keep up this splendid work and wishing you all the best of health and luck, I remain

Very sincerely,  
C. L. Klingler.

Coplay Echoes:

Received two of the issues of the Echoes. Next to the news that the war is ended; is the Echo. I've been away from the Old Home Town about 20 odd years, and so to be considered and remembered as a fellow townsman is a great and unusual honor.

My life has been full of unusual experiences. I served as you know in the First World War; on the largest ship in the world. And I crossed the Atlantic twenty round trips. This war it is my pleasure and honor to serve on the great and mighty battleship, Massachusetts. We were in battle on two oceans. I believe our ship's war record is outstanding.

During the period between these wars I had the privilege of saving 18 people from drowning. You may remember the time when I was about twelve, I saved Walter Fry near the old covered wooden bridge and in the next few years I saved four other boys in the Lehigh river. Twenty-three people rescued! And many times blasphemy was my reward. In most instances many people were spectators. Not one decoration for any rescue. So that leads me to believe that: Not what you do; but what the people say—is what counts.

And what you are trying to say to me through the Echoes is: Buddy! God bless you. And may I continue to receive the Echoes.

Thanks neighbors and friends,  
Bill Kern, W.T. 1/c.





As we assemble the material for this issue, we look out upon a 4-inch blanket of snow—and this coming on the first day of Spring—Fresh from congratulating “Eddie” Piervallo, staff photographer who throws out his chest announcing the arrival of a 10-lb. son—sorry no pictures yet — — and now to our notes—among the many fathers who are leaving with the next contingent of selectees are numbered such men as *Eddie Deichmeister*, and *Lou “Butch” Schaadt* and since we’re on the subject one of our operatives reports an incident which will put “Butch” into the cavalry for certain—it seems that on a Sunday morning he was putting “Doc” Steckel’s horse through his paces on Second Street when “Penny” got tired of his overweight jockey and they parted company—the horse hitting for home and “Butch” picking himself up and looking shyly about, for possible spectators.

Along one of our more familiar routes recently, we met a friend of ours who nominated as Coplay’s champion pavement sweepers, two of our town officials, School Director *R. H. Trankley* and Boro Treasurer *Wm. Keiser*—watch ’em folks, they do a good job even without a new broom—and we heard the woes of the business man from *Joe Steckel* who claims that if people could cut grass with sheep shears or tie their dog with calf chains, his would be a happy lot—“they’re makin’ what the people ain’t usin’,” says *Joe*—after taking off from there our gas(less) buggy takes us to the lower end of Second Street where “Gusty Hobel puts up a howl about the write-up he

got in last months “Echoes.” “Imagine me, the friend of the housewife—” complains the ice-man—and along comes *Johnny McGinley* who says he hopes he also rates some more free advertising in our magazines ’cause he’s taken over a line of rugs—here’s where we beat it and bump into “Jake” Bogary who’s rushing around on a business deal and then “Sticks” Marth the accordion king — without his buddy *George Toth*—and as we go by “Steve’s” Poolroom, we file a little note in a corner of our bean that we must take a picture of him soon too, ’cause “Steve’s” place has sheltered many a soldier, sailor, or marine—and *Joe Gaston* getting ready to take off for Mickley’s where he throws the “Zombies” together for brother *John*—then *Frank Tapler* and his missus all slicked up for church—*Frank Scheirer*, now a sector worker replacing *Pvt. Alvin “Jake” Rogers*, informs us that he is grandpa again—Feb. 4, *Richard Gail* was born to *Cpl. and Mrs. Kenneth Scheirer*, little “Dick” joins an older sister *Dixie Dale*, daddy is stationed at Camp Forrest, Tenn.—and we hear that

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# The Coplay We Love... EXPOSE'

The time has come when we must reveal the author of a piece appearing in the November issue of "Echoes" which made a big hit with the boys and girls in the service as well as those at home.

"Charlie" Gernerd was graduated from Coplay High School in 1926 and Muhlenberg College in 1931. At present he is a teacher at the Lehighton High School. His own letter as well as another article can carry on better from here.



Lehighton, Penna.

Dear George,

These reminiscences date back to the Twenties when you and I were dreaming dreams—when basketball was played on the second floor of the fire hall—when Dinty Moore's pool room was our home after four in the afternoon—when nobody but a shiek would be seen on the street with a girl—when you wore a brown sweater with a tan collar—when you played second base and I was the only left-handed third baseman in the history of baseball—when we were both just boys.

Always you were filled with ideas; and I have a hunch that this service book is one of those wild dreams that has come true.

Being a product of a compulsory education, I went through Coplay High on "a wing and a prayer." I can't remember any of my propositions or my ancient history, but I can recall little things like the clothes the fellows (and gals) wore. My memory never fails me there; that's why I like to reminisce. If just one scene which I can recall from the past can bring a scene of pleasure to one person, my task is not in vain.

The fellows are in all lands now. May these snatches from the past give them a ticket home, if only for a moment.

It was said of the Polish soldiers that always they carried a little bag of ground from their native land, so that no matter where they fell, there where they breathed their last, was a spot that would be forever

home. Our fellows can carry their Coplay Echoes with them. Who knows where one may show up some day.

Your kindness in publishing my initial attempt has prompted me to try again. Attached is the manuscript. As Miss Annie said when she read the first installment, "This is the work of one of the Gernerd twins." And so it is.

Your pal,

Charlie.

Did you ever pour water on soap suds? If you did, you noticed how the bubbles crowded each other in their mad dash to the surface. Well, that's how memories of Coplay are bursting on my consciousness. They explode with a "wopp," then disappear into the air. For the past twenty minutes I have been trying to group these memories into periods. But alas! They will adhere to no form; and they pay no attention to time order. So I'll write these snacks from the past as they come to the surface of my awareness. Here goes:

The Coplay boys were never noted for being musically inclined; but Dick Collins (I know the name is misspelled, but Dick goes down in my memory as "Collins") started something. He was presented with a ukulele. Soon others purchased ukes. Then a club was formed. All boys. We met at eachother's (I think it's two words) houses, practiced, shot the breeze, and ate. Among the members were such manly chaps as "Stunt" Anthony, the Gernerd twins, Clifford Peters, "Tippy" Newhard, and others whose names won't come to the surface of my remembrance. The club continued for a year, then broke up. But what a memory!

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**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
Coplay, Pennsylvania

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14 South Third Street  
COPLEY, PA.  
Phone Northampton 2478

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73 Second Street  
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Dear Friends:

To be able again to send greetings to you, through the means of this publication is indeed a pleasure.

It seems only a short time ago that we greeted you, and now Easter has come, with everything looking bright and fresh after a long winter. This happy celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord, gives us a new hope of Peace and Fellowship among all people. It is our earnest desire that you will have a most blessed Easter.

I realize that many of you will celebrate the Glorious Resurrection in strange lands and under peculiar circumstances. Yet I am sure that in your thoughts you will picture your home churches,--- the beautifully decorated altars, the traditional Easter music, and the great crowds of worshipers, ---with an inward desire to be there.

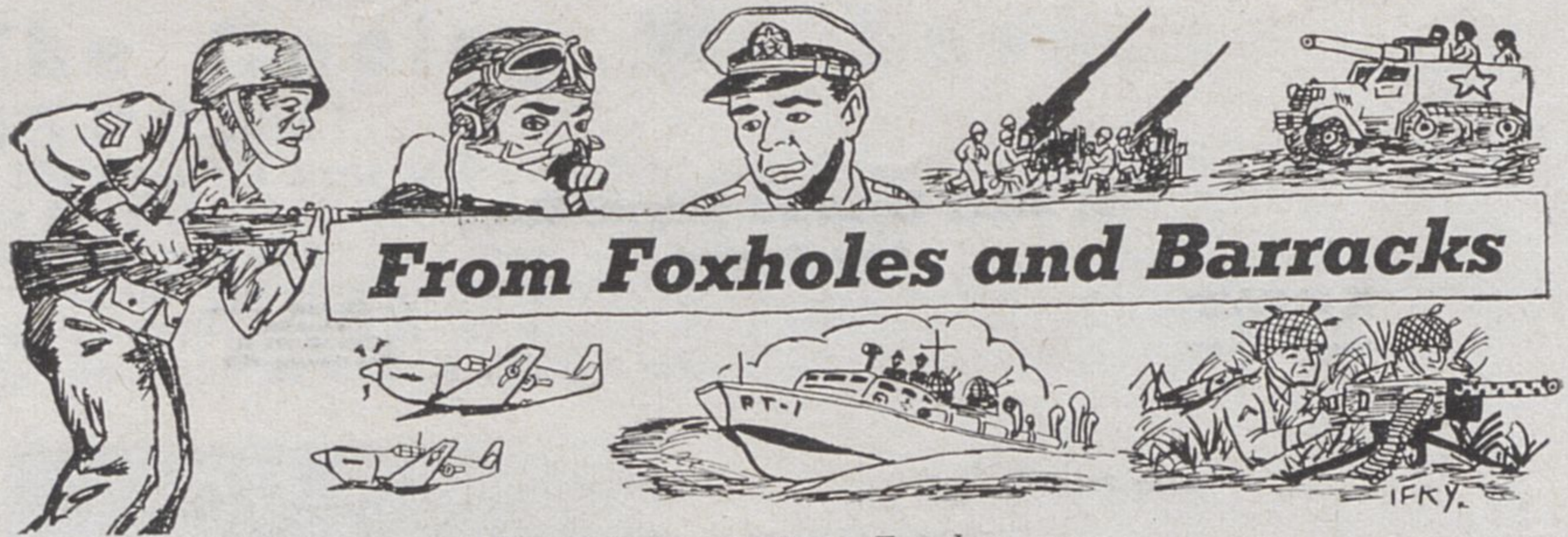
We must confess that we have a similar feeling. Let me assure you that we at home are close to you, in our thoughts and in our prayers, and we cherish the hope that we may personally greet you soon. Until then, may God richly bless you.

Sincerely yours,

*Alfred A. Koch*  
Alfred A. Koch, Pastor







by L. Kathryn Fogel

A message from JOE KLUCSARITZ says that although he has been away from Coplay twenty years, he still loves the old home town. He enjoyed reading about his friends and neighbors and he remembers a lot of them as little tikes. He thinks "Coplay Echoes" is, "a great morale builder, a swell magazine and that it's doing a bang-up job."

*Thank you Joe, we'll keep them rolling, and we'll correct your address.*

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From somewhere in England we received a letter informing us that Pfc. SAMUEL "REDS" LINDEMUTH reads his "Coplay Echoes" from "cover to cover." He found an address of one of his pals, which he expects to use and he would enjoy hearing from his friends. He hopes "Coplay Echoes" will continue to come his way.

*We'll do our best, "Reds," and the best of luck to you.*

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CADET EDDIE TRANKLEY writes to tell us that: "Coplay Echoes" is a great and fine magazine. When we fellows receive our copy it places us right back in our hometown, bringing back joyful memories and re-echoing the voices and laughter of our buddies." Eddie is at Virginia Military Institute and is continuing his studies in the Army Specialized Training Program.

*We'll take care of your change of address, Eddie, and hope by this time you received that missing issue. Lots of luck.*

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S/SGT. JULIUS KAIL calls our attention to a phrase of a previous letter published in the February issue. "This is exactly a picnic over here"—the little word "NOT" makes a big difference and we apologize for

omitting it—we know it's no picnic Julius and if "Echoes" brightens up some few days for you we're happy in spite of errors. You've not neglected us on letters "Kailie," now how about a picture from Italy?

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A message from FRANK J. BODISH informs us that he finished his work at the S. U. R. School with a mark of 95.

*Congratulations Frank, we all wish you luck.*

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A letter from SGT. ALBERT E. BIERMAN, somewhere in Iran, tells us how he and his buddies enjoyed "The Echoes." He says he is very proud to be a Coplayite. He feels that the people at home are behind all the boys, when they make it possible, to bring "The Echoes" to all the fellows in the Service.

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T/SGT. JOHNNIE KLUCSARITS is worried about missing out on the next issue of "The Echoes"; he has had had a change in address. He has received all the numbers so far and does not want to be disappointed now, as he says, its the best morale builder he has.

*We'll check up on that new address, Johnnie and we'll keep "The Echoes" coming your way.*

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FRANK J. PAMMER writes us about having seen many beautiful sights and doing a lot of traveling but Coplay is still his first choice, regardless. When he receives "The Echoes" he says it really makes him feel right at home.

*Thank you for you kind words, Frank, we'll do our best to bring you some news every month.*





## “ALL AMERICAN FAMILY”

ATTENTION COPLAYITES!!!

Hats Off in Salute to the "Six Star Family" of the Cement Borough.

Migrating from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1918, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lentz of 57 South Front Street, have been residents of Coplay for the past 26 years. They are the proud parents of six fine sons enlisted in the service of their country, and four daughters living in Coplay.

Scattered over all parts of the globe, in every branch of the Service of the United States, the boys are, namely:—

John (age 28), Sergeant in the U. S. Marine Corps, enlisted on August 26, 1940, located somewhere in the South Pacific Area.

Frank (age 25), Petty Officer First Class, U. S. Navy, enlisted on March 19, 1942, now in North Africa.

Joseph (age 24), Gunner's Mate Second Class, U. S. Navy, enlisted in June, 1943, in action somewhere in the Atlantic Waters. He is married and the father of two children.

Edward (age 23), Corporal, U. S. Army, stationed at a camp in Pennsylvania, inducted on January 24, 1943.

Anthony (age 21), Yeoman, U. S. Navy, enlisted in December, 1940, and now in Puerto Rico.

Raymond (age 17), Apprentice Seaman, U. S. Coast Guard, enlisted October 1, 1943, presently stationed in New York.

The four daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Lentz, all active on the home front are: Mrs. Frieda Csensits, Mrs. Cecilia Kraynek, Rose and Agnes. The Lentz's also have five grandchildren.

The staff of the "Coplay Echoes" joins hands with fellow townspeople in extending heartiest congratulations to the parents of this patriotic family who have six sons in the service of their country, and especially to the boys who are certainly doing their share in protecting our homes and loved ones. Each one of us may well take our hats off to this No. 1 American family.



## Sports Flashes . . .

**MUHLENBERG:** Coach Al "Doggie" Julian's Mules finished the season winning twenty and losing only four. This splendid record earned them an invitation to the National Invitation Tournament in Madison Square Garden. The Mules were eliminated in the first game by the highly rated DePaul team. Incidentally, the DePaul team was rated number one team of the country.

**EAST PENN LEAGUE:** Allentown and Hazleton finished tied for first place in both first and second halves. After the close of the season, Allentown beat the Mountaineers at Reading to be the first half champs. The Mountaineers came back to take the next game and the second half title necessitating another game to decide the League Champs. Again Hughie McGeehan's lads came through with a two point victory and the league title.

**LEHIGH VALLEY LEAGUE:** Catasauqua won the first half title and tied with Palmerton for second half honors. Palmerton beat Catasauqua to win the second half, then repeated to win the league title.

**LEHIGH NORTHAMPTON LEAGUE:** Wilson Boro as predicted earlier in the season took honors without suffering a loss in league competition.

**DISTRICT PLAY-OFFS:** In very close and thrilling games Palmerton eliminated Wilson Boro and Nesquehoning. Hazleton beat Frackville in another thriller before lacing Palmerton for the District II title.

**INTER-DISTRICT PLAY-OFFS:** Hazleton whipped Swoyersville, District 2 champs, to enter the Eastern Regional Finals with Lower Merion, District I champs, who eliminated Sayre, District 4 champs and coached by Bill Reese former Coplay Hi mentor. In the Western Section, Duquesne and Sharon survived the eliminations.

Hazleton went on to beat Lower Merion decisively and then lost the State championship game to Duquesne of Pittsburgh, 43-35. The championship game was played without the services of "Red" Meinhold, ace center who scored 25 points for the Mountaineers against Lower Merion.

## Echoes From The Front

To the Staff of Coplay Echoes:

Had been waiting a long time to see just what the "Coplay Echoes" was really like—having heard so much about it in letters from friends at home. What made me more anxious to get my first copy was the fact that I knew very little about any of the home-town boys since they've left for the service. Then just a couple days before Christmas they arrived—all three copies at one mail call. They turned out to be the Christmas "package" I enjoyed most of all. It wasn't exactly what I had expected—it was more than that. I give you—and the people of Coplay—credit for the pleasant surprise.

Haven't met anyone from Coplay over here though I've been looking for a familiar face for a long time. That's just another reason why the "Coplay Echoes" looked so good to me. All I can say is, "Thanks a million—and keep 'em coming."

Sincerely,

Louis Prisnock, Jr.

Dear Editor and Staff:

Just a few lines to let you know of my new location. I had a swell trip coming over here and enjoyed it very much. The country itself is beautiful, and I can readily say, the best kept I saw for a long time. In regards to the people, they're a very friendly lot, and show us all their respect and kindness.

Oh, yes, we have to change some of our ways to get along. For instance, like driving on the left side of the road. I tried it already and got along fine, but there still is that urge to keep right. In time I guess, it will be alright.

Also visited Belfast for a very short time and think it quite a large city. No doubt, we'll get passes later on, then we can really look it over. Hoping you all had a wonderful time over the holidays. I'm looking forward to receiving my issue of Coplay Echoes again. Until then, So Long.

Coplayite,

Rudy Golatz.

Dear Staff:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for a copy of your introductory issue of the "Coplay Echoes."

The pictures and stories contained in the pamphlet are an inspiration to every American to do his utmost toward winning the war, the permanent peace, and reflect creditably upon the Nation the important part Coplay is playing toward the goal.

I sure appreciated you sending me copies of your pamphlet as you are able to distribute.

With very good wishes, God Bless you.

Sincerely,

Charles G. Holetz.



## Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church

THIRD AND COPLAY STS.  
COPLAY, PENNSYLVANIA

THE REV. R. J. KEEN, PASTOR  
PARSONAGE: 2 SOUTH 4TH STREET  
TELEPHONE 2222

Dear Friends,

We greet you again at a special season of the Church year. Easter has been celebrated in many ways and fashions by those outside of the Church as well as those within. It lends itself to the mood of men and women, young people and children in the awakening period of nature's cycle of seasons. It fulfills the tokens of spring when new shoots and buds foreshadow the resplendent glory of summer foliage and fall's abundant fruitage and harvest. The Christian significance and heart of Easter is the glorious knowledge of the possibility and promise of new life for men, humanity and the world.

It is this joyous faith and hope that I would bring to you who are taking the brunt of the devilish forces and changing conditions of today. To you whose normal relationships have been broken, your life-work interrupted, with tough assignments, battles and death facing you--to you who see lives destroyed, forests and fertile fields devastated, to you whose souls are seared by all of this--I bring the Easter Hope in Christ. This hope is that **OUT OF DEATH THERE CAN COME LIFE**. The message of the Gospels, the conviction of the disciples and the faith of the Christian Church is that Jesus conquered death and rose to life eternal. And all those who have a faith like His and a faith in Him will find new life springing out of broken plans, a better world rising out of a dying age.

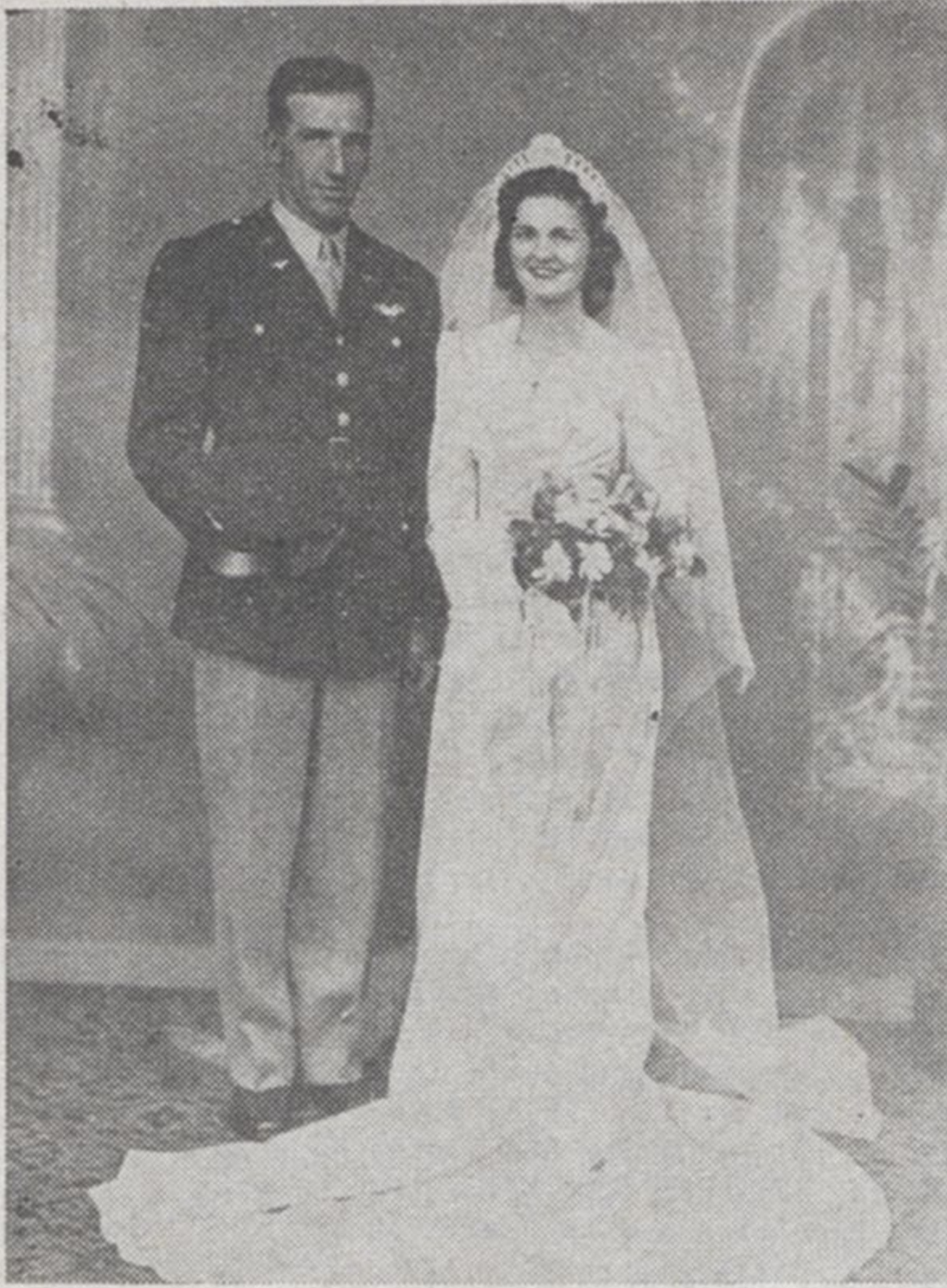
All this is a possibility not necessarily a reality. It isn't so just because the Gospel or the Church says it's so. New Hope, revitalized energies, a New Life, comes to you when that Joyous Faith is made your own. When you are convinced and believe with all your being against the weighty opposition and contradiction of the world and your present experiences then, by the grace of God, you will begin to receive the new life.

May God Bless You with the Joyous  
Easter Faith,

*Richard J. Keen*







## Wedding Belles . . .

Lt. Frank J. Klucsarits  
(left)  
to: Mary Liebl, Allentown  
on: October 6, 1943  
at: Sacred Heart Church,  
Allentown, Pa.

Lt. Klucsarits is the son  
of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph  
Klucsarits, 10 N. Front St.  
and is stationed at Al-  
liance, Neb.

Sgt. Alfred Gartner  
to: Anna Ludwig, daugh-  
ter of Mr. and Mrs.  
Lloyd Ludwig  
on: September 4, 1943  
at: St. John's Lutheran  
Church, Coplay

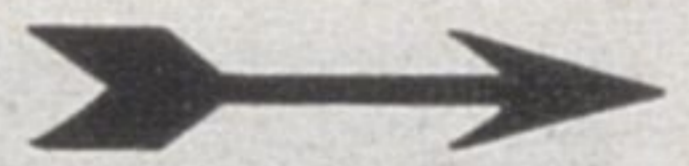
Sgt. Gartner is the son  
of Mrs. Catharine Gart-  
ner, 21 S. Front St. and is  
stationed at Fort Eustis,  
Va.

**WRITE HOME  
TODAY**

## A New Feature

"Echoes" offers a new feature to  
the people of Coplay in the form of  
an exhibit of its work.

At meetings or affairs held by or-  
ganizations in the Boro, we will be  
glad to display pictures that have  
appeared at various times in the  
magazine, including all those of sol-  
diers.



(Left to Right) top to bottom:

**Joseph Steiner** SI/c (Navy)  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Steiner  
1127 Poplar Street

**John Burnatowski** A.M.M. 3/c (Navy)  
Son of Mrs. Eva Burnatowski  
116 Coplay Street

**Cpl. Raymond Trankley** (Medical Corps) (Army)  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Trankley  
33 South Second Street

**Pfc. Sylvester B. Frantz** (Service Battery) (Army)  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Frantz  
30 North Fourth Street

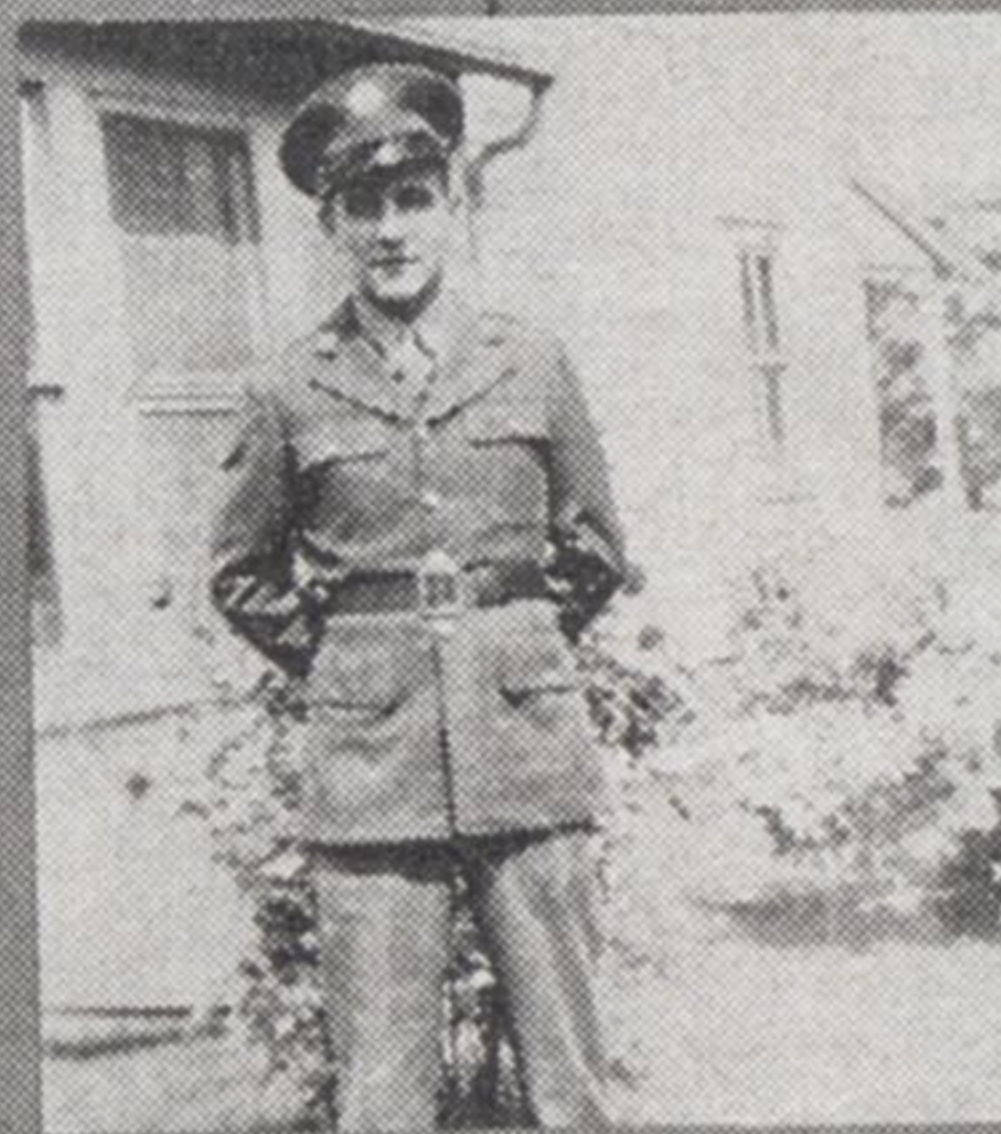
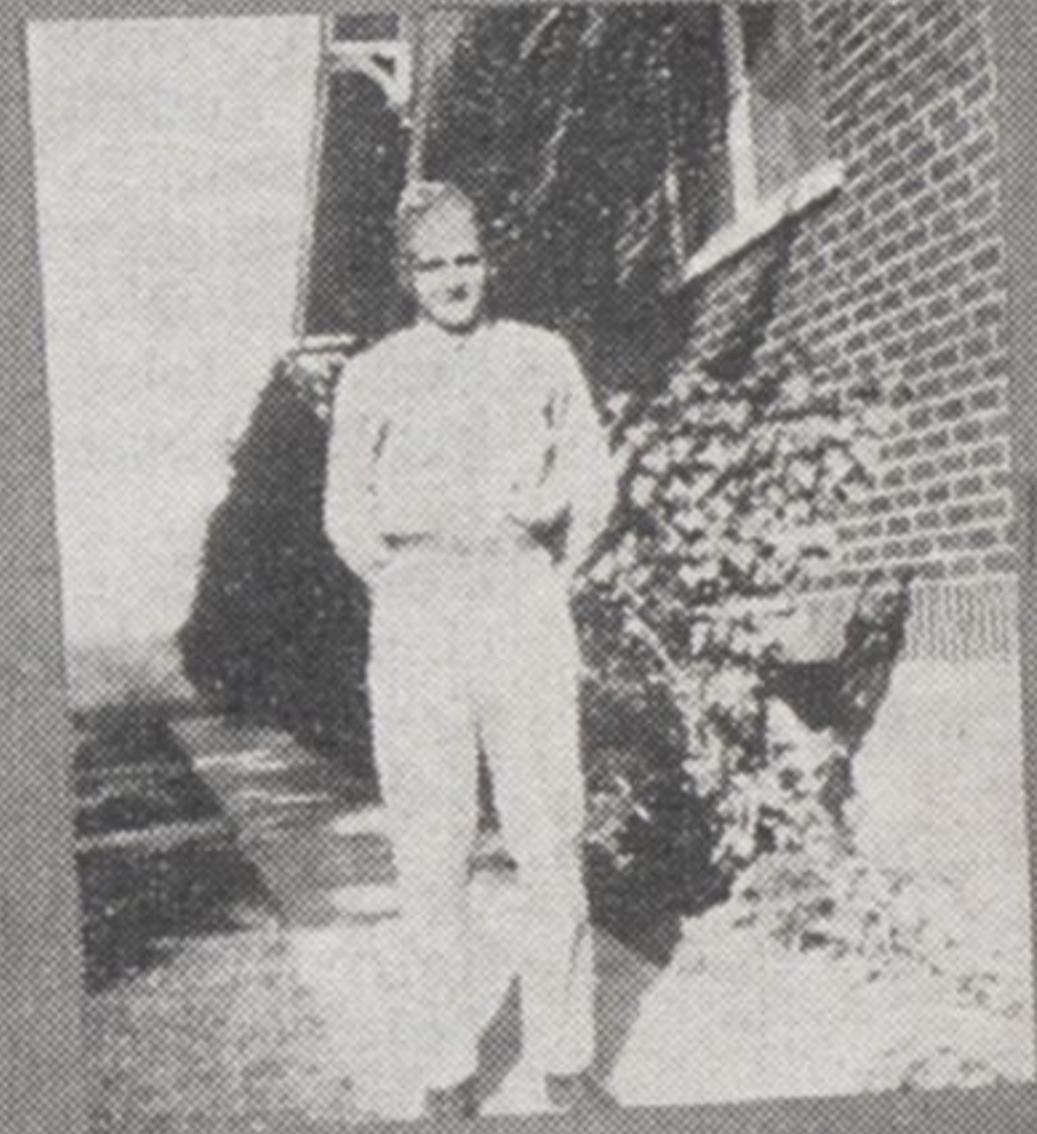
**Cpl. Wallace C. Stefany** (Army)  
Brother of Henry C. Stefany  
Hokendauqua, Pa.

**Pfc. Gerald Lewis** (Army)  
Son of Mrs. Sofia Lewis  
142 South Third Street

**Pvt. Frank Walakovits** (Army)  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walakovits  
8 South Third Street

**Sgt. Sterling Miller, Supply Co.** (Army)  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller  
211 South Second Street







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Garrison, Herbert  
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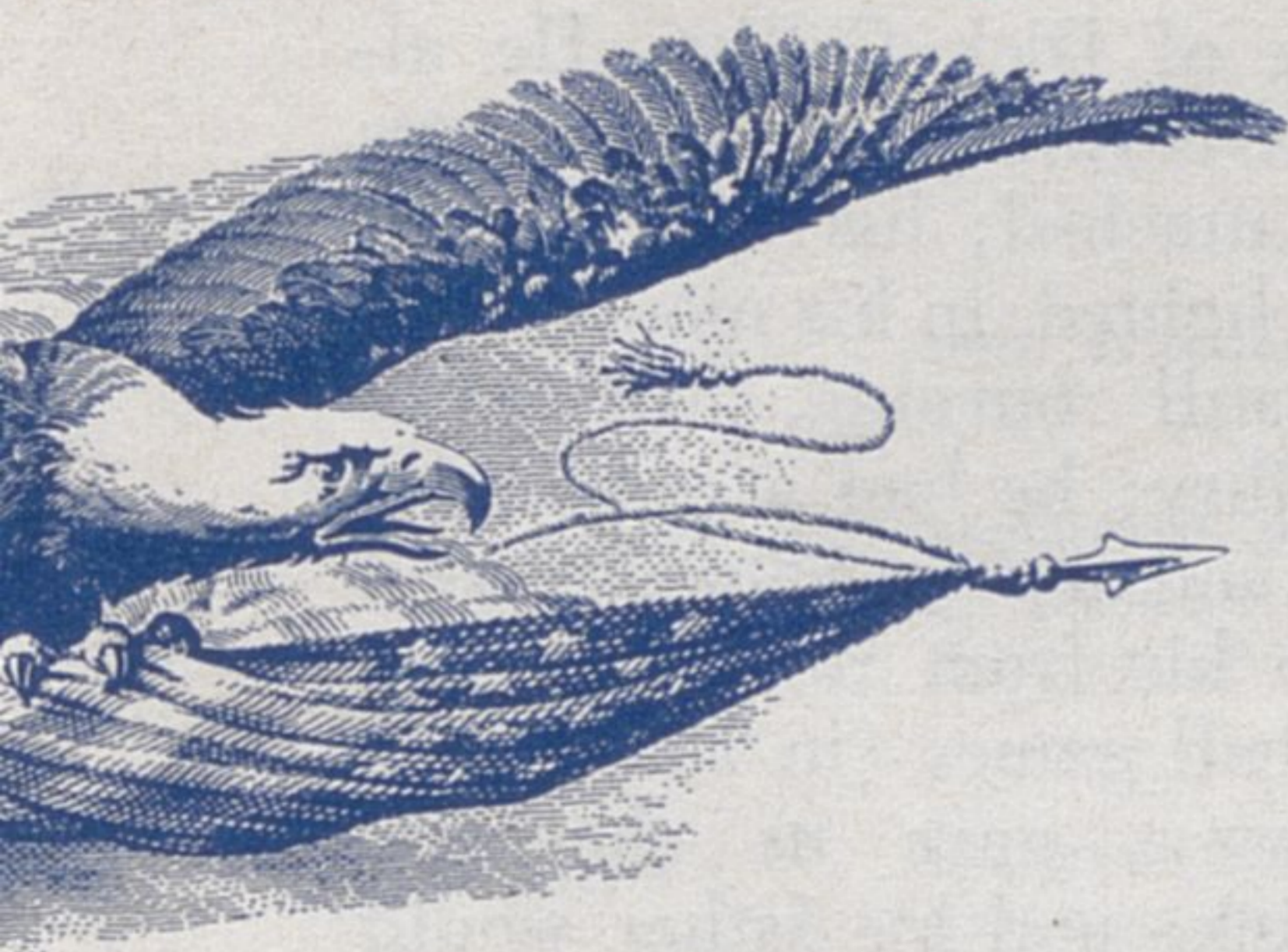


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Jack E. Gleason, reporter, utility man and minister without portfolio has been with "Echoes" since the October issue. Possessed of literary ability, an industrious nature and a ready wit, Jack has been a great help in producing our community magazine.

A junior at Coplay High School "Jack," in spite of the activities of school finds time to spend many hours at the office of "Echoes." He is representing Coplay High in the county Oratorical Contest and we're all rooting for him to bring "home the bacon."

### **Neighbor . . .**

Dear Staff:

I have just recently received an issue of "Coplay Echoes" through my Uncle and former employer at Moyer's Market.

Although not a "Coplayite" being employed in your town I have made many friends and came in contact with a lot of your townspeople.

Through "Coplay Echoes" I can see just what my friends are doing at the moment. I must say the people of Coplay are doing more than their share on the homefront and I know the boys in the service, are happy to know their townspeople are backing them up one hundred per cent during these stressing times.

Next month I celebrate the second anniversary of my service overseas. In all that time I haven't felt as close to home as I have after reading "Coplay Echoes."

I hope it will continue to be a successful "big-little" magazine, as it has been in the past.

Walter Moyer.

## **The Coplay We Love**

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Speaking of Dick Collins. He always had everything. His ice skates had shoes attached; his father could put cotton, lighted, in his mouth, then extract it still burning, without a trace of injury; he had a radio with earphones, and many a Saturday we'd sit there in his front room listening to the football games (in 1924). His mother always gave us chocolate milk to drink; and his father would let us aim the many guns in his collection. Dick never changed. He was slow moving, easy going, devilish. His almost white hair and reddish complexion are engraved in my heart as the Tom Sawyer of Coplay, mixed with some good old Huckleberry Finn. Wherever you are, Dick, when you read this you'll know the author.

Then there was Elwood Dotter. He and his brother, Harold, came to Coplay in the early twenties from up around Kresgeville, or Delps. I think "Teddy" Rogers knew the Dotter boys before they moved here. Well, Elwood Dotter goes down in my memory for something he may not remember. He was the first boy at Coplay High that wore wide cuffs. I can still see him walking over the fields from fifth street toward the back of the high school. He wore bluish colored pants, and his wide bottoms flopped from side to side. Elwood played baseball and football at school. Once in a game with Northampton, he collected three hits. He bunted the ball fair on his three trips to the plate, and his speed gave him three hits. He was a hero that day. Those were the days when Jake Ringer transported the players to the games, and gave prizes of a dollar for the first hit of the game and the first run scored. Once I collected the dollar when, standing on second, "Dizzy" Wehr hit one on top of the Wolfe building

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ST. PETER'S CHURCH  
8TH AND COPLAY STREETS  
COPLAY, PA.

March 15, 1944

Dear Friends,

Through the medium of the "Coplay Echoes" I am privileged and delighted to be able to extend EASTER GREETINGS to you, my Townsmen, who are scattered to all parts of the world in the service of Uncle Sam.

I hope that you will realize that I am writing for all your neighbors and friends here in Coplay, and my Easter greeting for you is multiplied many hundreds of times since it does not come from me alone, but rises from the hearts of all in our little "big" town.

Perhaps at no time in our lives has the significance of the Easter Feast and the commemoration of Christ's Resurrection been so full of meaning for all of us. The whole world desires that peace with which the Prince of Peace enriched His Apostles when he said: "My Peace I leave with you; My Peace I give unto you".

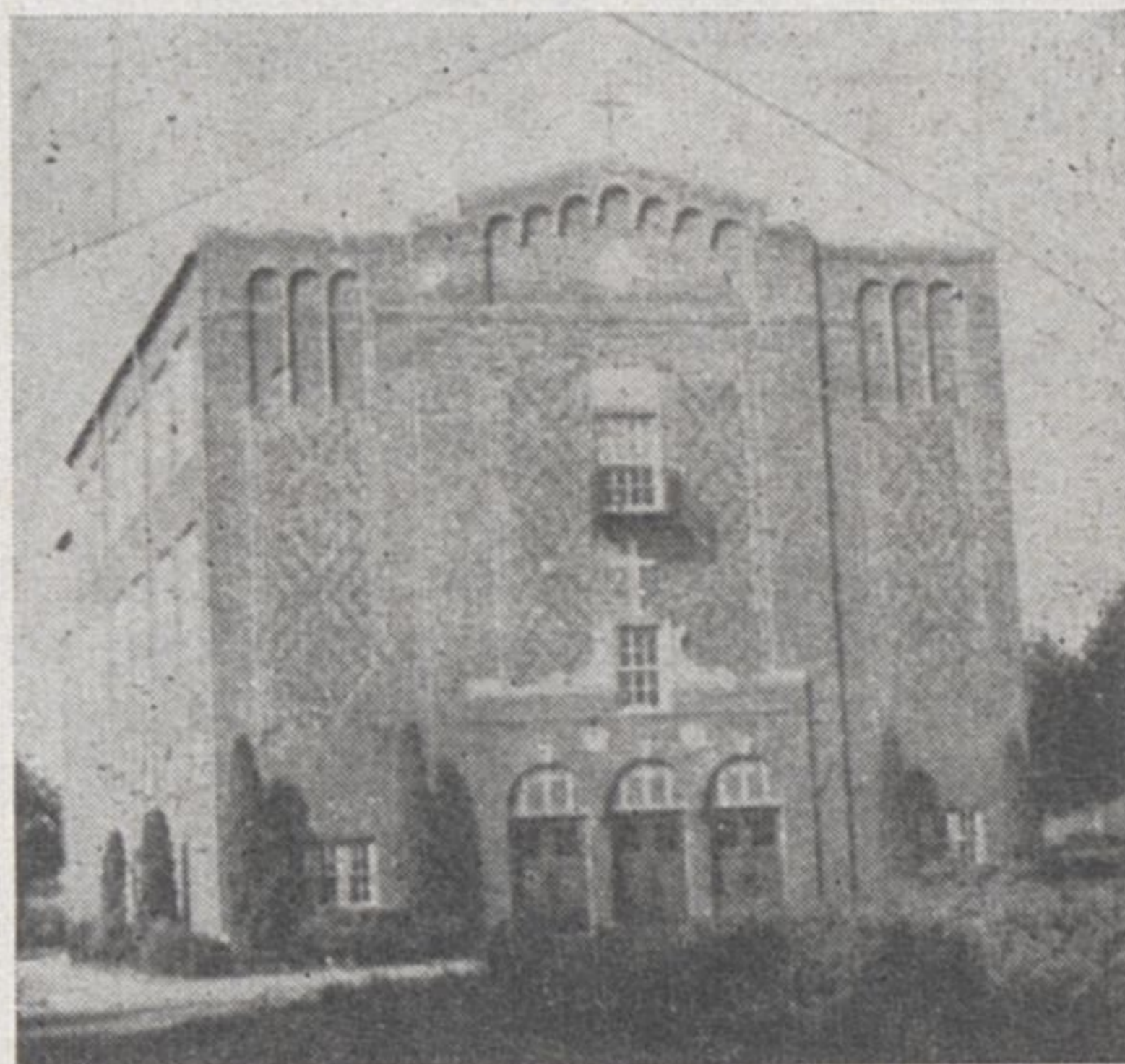
I am sure that our prayers at home are augmented by your prayers throughout the world that the spirit of our Risen Saviour will permeate the hearts and minds of all men and all nations, so that we may soon enjoy a just and lasting peace founded upon the brotherhood of men under the Fatherhood of God.

It was only after Christ trod the sorrowful way of the Cross that He rose gloriously from the grave on Easter morning. With this thought in mind we pray that the world, which is now treading the sorrowful way of war, will soon rise above those hates and horrors engendered by war, and enjoy the fruits of Christ's Resurrection.

May the blessings of this Easter Feast be yours in abundance. May you be strengthened and cheered by the thought that not only on Easter Day but on every day your friends here at home are praying Christ to bless you with the joys of His Resurrection, and to guard you from all harm of body and soul. These are the fond Easter wishes and prayer of

Yours in Christ,

*Joseph J. Ostheimer*  
Rev. Joseph J. Ostheimer





## Words of Encouragement . . .

Dear George:

Thanks a million for your "Coplay Echoes." Have been receiving it regularly since I have spoke to you back in December.

Just to show you what your publication means to the men in the service I am forwarding the sentiments of a man who is really more qualified to speak than most of us. A man who has worked with the boys for the past three years, solved their problems, and cheered them up when their spirits were low. I am referring to a dear friend, Father Francis O. Fitzpatrick.

Should you find time, don't forget to drop me a line.

Regards to you, your wife, and your little lady.

Your Pal,  
"Charlie" Moritz.

P.S. Probably it would be a good idea to publish Chaplain Fitzpatrick's letter in your "Echoes," as an added inducement for your staff and the people of Coplay to continue the splendid work.

George J. Miller,  
Editor-in-Chief,  
"Coplay Echoes,"

Dear Mr. Miller:

Permit me to offer a word of congratulations to you and your staff on your publication "Coplay Echoes." I became acquainted with it through Lt. Charles F. Moritz, D. C., the Group dental officer. Passing him one day, I casually inquired about the magazine he was reading. He generously offered it to me, with some pride, for perusal. Later in returning the copy, I told him that more of this type of reading is needed by the men in the service for it brought a true and vivacious breath from home.

Having lived with soldiers during the past few years and knowing their hopes, wishes, and desires, I can say they all revolve about home and those who make up that home. The people, the scenes and all the places that to them spells home is constantly in their minds. A soldier's burden of readjustment from civilian to army life would be greatly aided were he able to have frequent recourse to magazines like "Coplay Echoes." Nostalgia would be mitigated for he would have before him a lively and attractive account of home in a manner he honors and loves.

May your success grow in strength, that your publication will bring to those away from home its people and places in picture and story, so that they feel very close to home at all times.

Sincerely,  
Francis Fitzpatrick,  
Captain-chaplain 1150th Eng. Com. Gp.

Had "Charlie" written your letter, I would have thought he did it out of a sense of duty, but coming from one who is a stranger to our town encourages us much. We've arranged that from now on you won't have to borrow Lt. Moritz's copy—you're on the mailing list. Thank you.

THE EDITOR.



## ECHOES FROM THE FRONT...

Hello Friends:

Yes it's I. You probably thought that I'd forgotten about you but really I haven't. In fact, I've started a letter a few times but somehow or other just couldn't finish it. I received the booklet yesterday and truthfully speaking, I've never enjoyed reading it as much as I have this issue. I never realized how happy a person can feel after receiving mail from home especially a splendid booklet as that. Also, I would like to thank you for the wonderful write-up.

Well, a little bit something about the Navy. It isn't so bad as I expected it to be. Perhaps, it was because I was prepared somewhat for it. However, they do believe in keeping you busy. We got our shots the other day and that wasn't any fun. My arms are still stiff. We'll be receiving about seven more. As for the food—I can't complain at all because we've had very delicious dinners. In fact, we had steak this evening. Butter, as much as you want—the same goes for candy and ice cream.

This is a most beautiful college and practically every state in the nation is represented. A large number of girls are from the south. My roommates are all from Pennsylvania. In fact, one girl is from Allentown, consequently, I feel very much at home. Everyone is very nice and sociable.

Oh! how I hate to get up in the morning! Reveille is at 5:30 and every time that cow bell rings, I just think it isn't possible. However, one good thing about the Navy is that you get eight hours of sleep which I haven't had for months, especially the two weeks before I left, particularly the night before I left.

The bell will be ringing for taps in a few minutes, therefore, I'll have to say adieu. I just love to hear that bell ring. Keep up the good work, friends.

Best of luck.

Just a Seaman,

Rose Mondschein.

P.S. When I get home, don't be surprised at the words I may use. You know, the Navy has a lingo of its own.

Dear Staff:

Just a few lines to let you know I finally received my issue of "Coplay Echoes." All I can say is, what a book! It took longer than usual to get here, because of the bad weather we were having, but, better late than never. You ask for suggestions for bettering the book. For my part there aren't any. The book is perfect as it is. I guess most of the fellows besides myself are hoping to keep the "Echoes" of "dear old Coplay" and it certainly will be interesting to our future generation to look back, through "The Echoes" and learn something of the town we love.

Always a Friend,

Cpl. Red Laubach.

To the Staff:

First of all I want to thank you people back there for the wonderful accomplishment you made by printing the booklet called the "Echoes." I want to express my sincere thanks to all who helped make it what it is. I passed the book around and the fellows are already asking me when I'll get the next issue. It sure brings back memories of what we did. Nothing has pleased me better since I spent the last sixteen months overseas. It sure makes me happy to see people like that stick together.

I think I could keep on writing telling you how much I really appreciate your copies but I have many things to do. Again with deep gratitude and appreciation I'll be looking for your next copy. Thanks a million to the staff and the co-workers.

Sincerely,

S/Sgt. Julius Mayer, Jr.

To Whom it may concern,

I say "To Whom it may concern," for if I were to include in my salutation, all those, directly and indirectly, concerned in making possible a great work, "The Coplay Echo," it would become rather long, don't you think so?

I've received all the issues of the "Echo," and can truly say it's something anyone would enjoy reading. I share my issues with fellows from all over the states and they anticipate my receiving the next issue, so they can read it. For an example, last night I became acquainted with a fellow from Bethlehem and as we were talking he said he was wondering how Beth. High was making out. I said, "Perhaps I can help you out" and reached in my locker, pulled out the last issue of the Echo and gave it to him. He looked through it, found the sport section and said, "Thanks a lot, that's a swell book, wish I was getting it."

There isn't very much I can say as to my whereabouts or doings but I might say I'm very busy and the work is exciting. Sorry I can't supply you with the pictures you asked for, as, there are no cameras, furthermore, land makes nice pictures as well as people but sky and water don't, do they?

Entertainment is little and far between, the main reason being, not having enough time. However this noon I heard a recorded "Hit Parade" program over the radio, I don't know how recent it was but "My Heart Tells Me" was first so you at home can judge.

Duty has called once more so I must close, keep up the wonderful work everybody. The "Echo" is something every person in the service from Coplay and all those at home who are so gallantly striving to make it what it is, can be very, very proud of.

A Proud Reader in the Navy,

Franklin S. Krause.





A clever V-Mail Easter Greeting from Lou J. Milisits, a Northampton boy interested in "Coplay Echoes," and it is rumored, one of Coplay's girls.

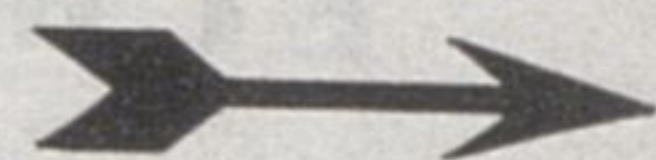
### All American

A St. Patrick's greeting from a boy of Austrian descent to a fellow who's half Dutch and half Welsh—mailed from Italy—what a combination.

As we go to press, the first word we hear from "Yano" Piha comes in the form of a V-Mail Easter Greeting—too late to publish but we sure appreciate it — How about some more Yano?

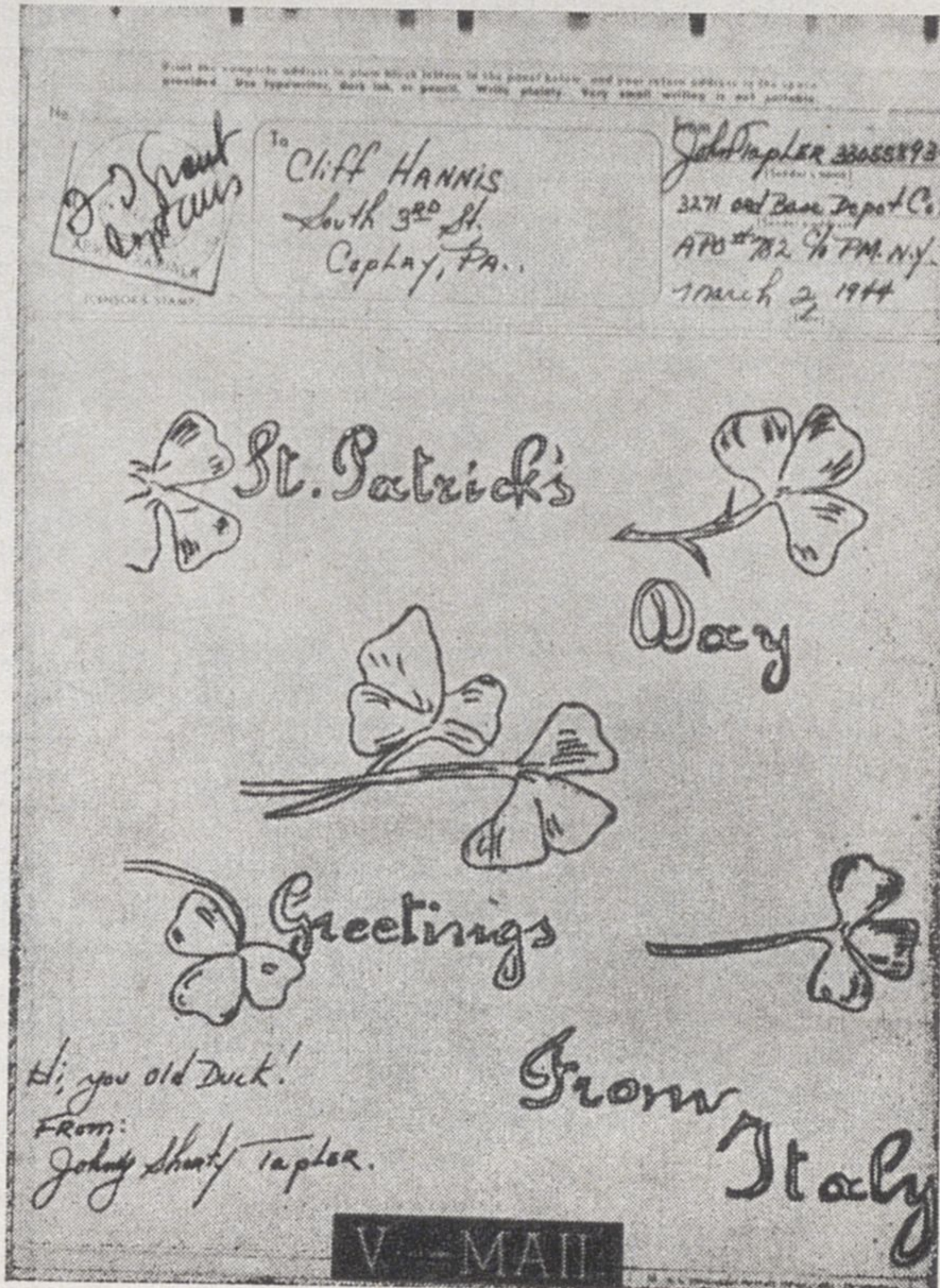
**WRITE HOME TODAY**  
**SEND A PICTURE**

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(Left to right) top to bottom:

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Son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kratzer, Sr.  
3 South Coplay Street
- Pvt. Alfred J. Marcks (Army)  
Son of Mrs. Bertha Marcks  
47 South Front Street
- Roland N. Betts (Shore Patrol) (Navy)  
Husband of Louise Gruver Betts  
South Third Street
- Charles J. Deutch S 2/c (Blimp Squadron) (Navy)  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deutch  
37 North Front Street
- Sgt. Frank Fiedler, Pacific Theater (Army)  
Son of Joseph Huetter  
Columbia Hotel
- Gerald S. Kindling, S. C. 3/3 (Navy)  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kidling  
146 Maple Street
- S 2/c Edward J. Mayer (Coast Guard)  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Mayer  
127 South Fourth Street
- Howard G. Falk, A.M.M. 3/c (Navy)  
Son of Mrs. Amelia Gilbert  
26 North Third Street









## THE COPLAY WE LOVE

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at Northampton, I ambled home with a dollar that "Dizzy" earned for me. Elwood was on that famous football team in 1924. He was our quarterback, and was noted for his sneaks through the line.

Do you want to hear about that team of 1924? Well, to begin with, Georgie Miller was our manager. (He had been injured a year before and was not permitted to play.) George Nicholas was the coach. At center was George Gerner. Guards were those two hunks of muscle, Clifford Peters and Bobby Clader. Raymie Rogers and "Charlie" Gerner were the tackles, flanked by "Stunt" Anthony and "Reds" Lilly at the wings. The "pony" backs were Elwood Dotter, "Dipper" Kunkle, "Tippy" Newhard, "Charlie" Moritz and "Johnnie" Horn. Frankie Groller was student manager. We played about five games, won one. Here are some reminiscences of those games:

The day down at Phillipsburg, N. J., when we played the Parochial school and Ramie Rogers called time out because he said that he had "ruptured" his finger; "Dip" Kunkle getting a big writeup in the Easton paper because he played without stockings. The paper called him "Stockingless" Kunkle; "Charlie" Moritz's knee cap jumping around in the Nazareth Military Academy game, and "Charlie" all excited about it; "Butch" Schaadt coming to practice every night, but not being allowed to play—later he made a name for himself as a crushing fullback at Northampton High; Georgie Gerner scoring a touchdown from center in the Catty game when Elwood Dotter didn't take the ball on a set-up sneak play and Georgie, not knowing what to do when he had held the ball out for Elwood, did the only thing pos-

sible, tucked it in his arms and scooted for a score. Eddie Gorr was the umpire and allowed the play; Harold Dotter being chased away from practice because he was too small to play—then later going to Northampton High and becoming regular center.

You might be anxious to know how the boys dressed in the twenties. The typical athlete wore gray corduroys, a maroon sweater with gray C, no hat. Johnnie Horn usually wore a blue sweater with a big yellow collar. Am I right, Johnnie? We weren't sheiks.

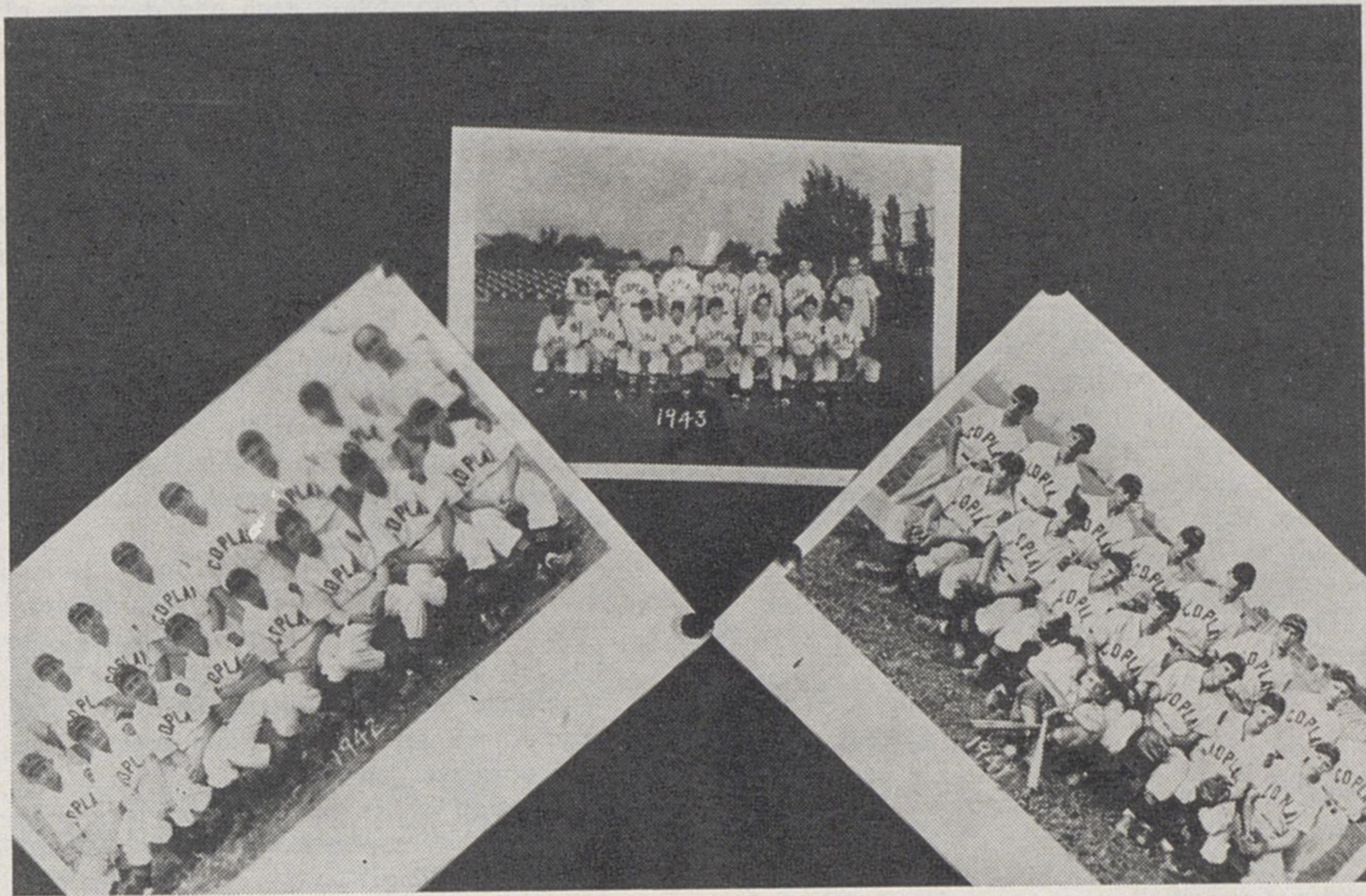
Coplay boys were usually nicknamed. During my residence there which began on July 4th, 1910 and ended in May, 1928, I have in my memory those colorful names that distinguished the Coplay boys from the boys of other towns. I'll close with some of the names that come to my mind. Here they are: Burlap Balliet, Honey Miller, Cook and Tot Reinhard, Spunt Reppert, Gip Proctor, Sailor Knerr, Bunny Klingler, Babes Klingler, Pegeon Doc Steckel, Nutty Rhoades, Fat Dotter, Stunt Anthony, Tippy Tisher Newhard, Dipper Kunkle, Bushky and Schlawby Laubach, Yunch Knerr, Sticks Marth, Sticks Morgan, Teddy Rogers, Peg Rogers, Skinny Anthony, Buck McClennahan, Carusoe Kroboth, Piffy Laubach, Butch Schaadt, Dizzy Wehr, Tinny Kunkle, Dunner Peters, Bupper Peters, Lollie Shoemaker, Chuppy Shoemaker, Honey Eisele, Gummie Stivitz, Bobby Trankley, Barry Newhard, Reds Lilly, Mullie Lane, Mullie Hallman, Fritz and Henny Stefany, Josh Morthimer, Bruder Moose ———, Babes Reinhard, Fat Rogers, Narrow Zellner, Willie Stivitz, Tailor Kovacs, Tommy Bennett, Duke Burke, Bull Newhard, Slippery Elm (Lloyd) Anthony, Shorty Johnson, Rass Kern, Rooster Klingler, Eddie Newhard, Buck McClosky,

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# American Legion Junior Baseball . . .

by Martin "Deanie" Anthony



Coplay Post 426 first ventured into Junior Baseball in 1941 and appointed Sammy Balliet as its manager. The season in the Lehigh County League proved very successful, winning 10 of 12 league games and also the County Championship. In the eliminations for state champion, Coplay lost to Bethlehem in a three-game series.

## 1942

When no other Post in the County decided to sponsor a team Coplay was declared the County Champs and to represent that district to decide the state champs. In the inter-district games Lancaster defeated Philadelphia 8-7 in the deciding game of a three series. After eliminating Philadelphia, Lancaster opposed Coplay who drew a bye in the first round. Coplay won the opening game of this series 17-2 at Coplay, lost 6-5 at Lancaster in 11 innings and in the third and deciding game, under the lights of Fairview field in Allentown with Johnny Tomasic in superb form, fanning 13 batters, Coplay won the Southeastern District Title winning 8-0. Coplay then invaded Lewiston for the Eastern title losing the opening game 9-5 on a Friday afternoon, but came

back Saturday to win a double header on the fine pitching of Johnny Tomasic and Whitey Hlushak, 10-8, 5-0. Tarentum, who won the Western Title then invaded Coplay and won the first of a three-game series 13-6. Again the local lads came back to win a Labor Day double-header 5-2, 8-4 and with it the State Title.

## 1943

Coplay was entered in the Eastern Pennsylvania League with Reading and two Philadelphia Posts being represented. Coplay finished second. In the play-off for the District Title with Reading who finished first in the Eastern Pennsylvania League, Coplay was eliminated in a three-game series.

## 1944

Coplay Post's Athletic Director Josh Mortimer stated that the local Post again will sponsor a team the coming season. Sammy Balliet who again will lead the local, is looking ahead to another successful season. He will have seven boys back from last year's team all of who are anxious to make this year's trip to Pittsburgh, where the State finals will be held on Labor Day.



# "Echoes From the Front"

England

Friends and Workers of Coplay Echoes:

It has been a pleasure and an honor to receive Coplay Echoes since its first issue. I really believe it is a grand idea and I'm always looking forward to the latest issue because of the refreshing home news. I've wanted to write to you many times to express my appreciation, and even though I'm late I know you'll understand.

All those snapshots give me a feeling of nostalgia and "What's Cookin'" is really interesting. I'm very proud and happy to see and know, through the Echoes, just what a great job you are all doing on the home front.

I am looking forward to the day when I can return to Coplay and renew old acquaintances. That will be a grand day!

Until then I wish you all the success you so richly deserve.

Sincerely and gratefully,

Cpl. Joseph Duldt.

Dear Editor:

I received your third copy of "Coplay Echoes" and was very truly glad to receive it. I look forward to receiving each issue. It is really a swell book.

I imagine you have read all about the Marines landing in Bougainville. Well George Keller and I were one of them. And it was a tough fight and the Marine Artillery outfit that I am in, did a bang up job. The only good Japs I saw on Bougainville were dead ones, and there were quite a number of them and at present I am making a necklace of Jap teeth, but no gold ones. I guess the Japs take them out before they go in combat.

Here's news, I met Johnny Lorenz on Bougainville, and what a surprise meeting. He is the first home town fellow I met out here in the South Pacific. He is in the C. B. and his outfit did a wonderful job at Bougainville. Tell his parents he is fine and getting fat. While I was in Bougainville I saw Johnny Lorenz quite often and always spoke of the good old home town and what we intend to do when we get back. Oh yes, tell Frank Kukitz to have a lot of beer on hand when we get back.

I would like to have the address of Putzer Lentz and do hope you will be able to obtain it for me. Until I hear from you again I'll say good luck and keep up the good work.

A Marine Pvt.,

Rudolph F. Stumpf.

Dear Friends and Members of "Coplay Echoes":

It gives me great pleasure and honor to be

able to congratulate each and everyone of you, who made possible the publication of "Coplay Echoes."

From my friends, neighbors, parents and nearby towns came word to me about this booklet. But it wasn't until today, that I have been able to receive this wonderful gift. I know that I can honestly say that the spirit of the people in Coplay, is very high, for we are not forgotten in the least. It is almost impossible for me to tell you all in writing what an inspiration and close relation this booklet has brought to us. This is more than I could possibly ask for. Seeing the big smiles and fine spirit of my pals and friends and knowing of their whereabouts made me feel like being at home.

I am looking forward with open heart to receive my next edition of "Coplay Echoes."

As much as I would like to contribute to this booklet, just letting you know how life is aboard is beyond my jurisdiction. The only and last word I can say is that I am feeling fine and hoping to see you all soon.

With best wishes from the boys of \_\_\_\_\_ and myself we say so long, till we meet again — Keep 'em rolling.

Sincerely,

Frank Louis Szivos, S.C. I/c.

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Somewhere in N. Africa.

Dear Editor,

I hope this letter finds you all in the best of New Year spirit. I just received your December issue of Coplay Echoes. It really came in the nick of time right on Xmas day. I must say it was really a swell Xmas present to me. I was lying in bed when Mail Call came and guess what I found.

I found at my bedside one box from home and about 50 Xmas cards and letters and the Coplay Echoes on the top. Boy that was a swell Xmas present for me.

And I must say the book is getting better every month. I do hope it is better in the year of 1944. So let's make this year the best of all, a Victorious New Year for all of us. Give it your best.

I take notice that some of my friends are over here, somewhere in Africa. I met quite a few of the boys, but none from Coplay. Allentown has the leading roll over here. So lots of love and good cheer to you all.

I remain,

Mal. Werley,  
N. Africa

P.S. The M. P. is no fun. I might take traffic duty over in Coplay when the war is over. And how! I'll stick to truck driving.



## Coplay Boosters Plan Memorial Building

At a dinner meeting held March 16 at the Coplay House, Royal Miller, Prop., the Coplay Booster Club decided to plan for a Community Building which will serve as a memorial to the residents of the borough who are now serving in the armed forces of the country.

To secure funds for the building, all of the service and community groups which have solicited funds for service flags, plaques, for the various scrap drives and have balances left will be asked to donate the unused fund for the building.

While the program is still in its early stages, it is planned by the sponsors to erect a structure which will have recreational facilities and otherwise be a center for borough activities.

The borough committee in charge consists of M. L. Gruver, J. S. S. Ringer, William G. Walker, Alfred A. Beltz and Burgess Daniel N. Yellen.

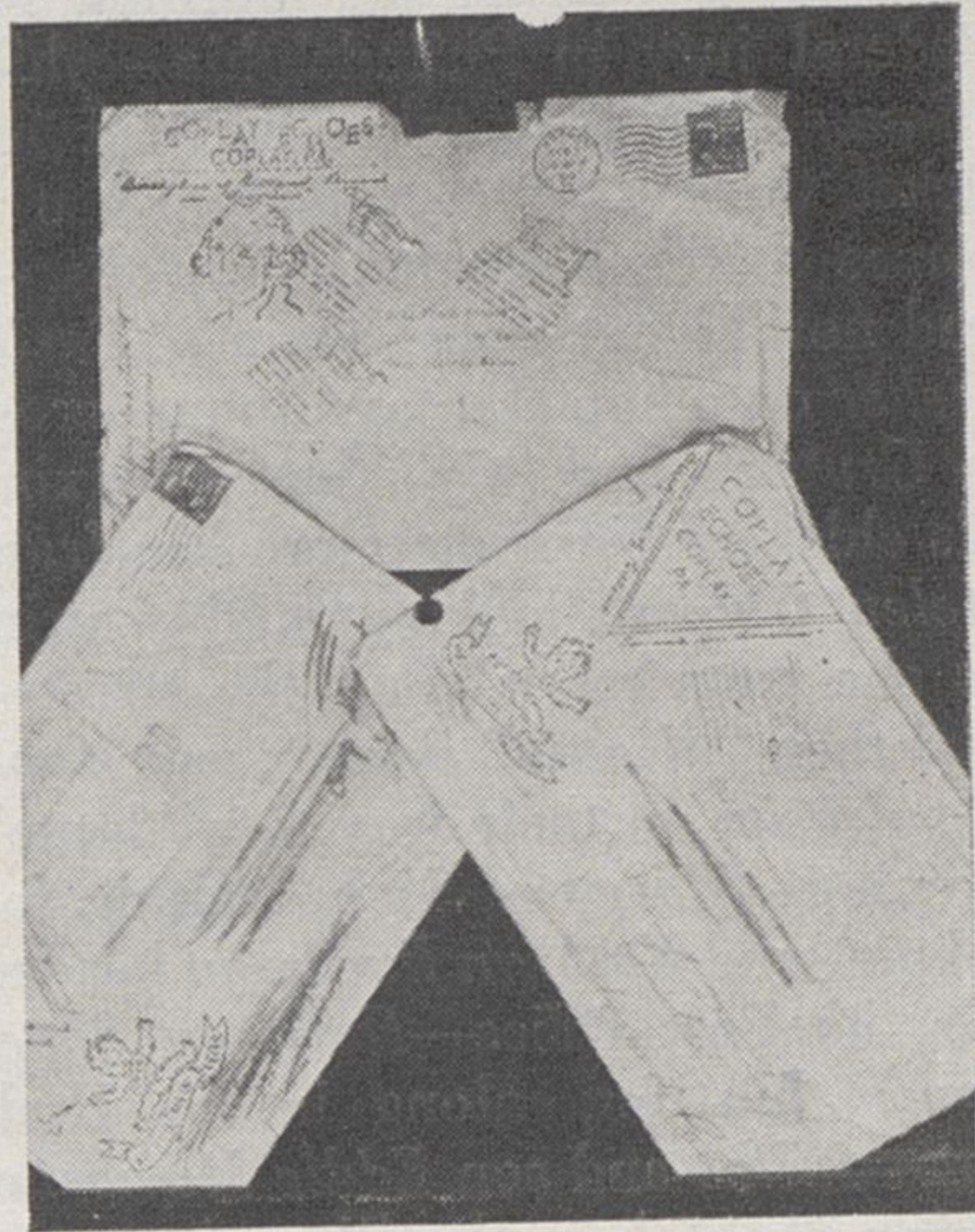
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Squire Seiger, Buck Seiger, Alfie Beltz, Schmutz Reppert, Percy Steckel, Mike Miller, French Farney, Hooligan Reinert, Eddie "Cease" Gorr, Ray Ebberts, Poodles Kunkle, Nim Lane, Buckus and Roamie Rogers, Ribs Ribocosky, Smokey Garger, Bill Reinhard, Grishty Christman, Teddy Salters, Toddy Rinker, "Annie" Proctor — and so many who didn't have nicknames.

My memories of the Coplay I love are many. If you want more in the future, say the word. Until then, So long, and God bless you all.



### Round Trip -- Almost To You and Back!

This is how your "Echoes" are returned to us if we do not receive your changes of address. Please notify us promptly, when you move—we'll do our best to get them to you in good shape.

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### What's Cooking?

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"Marty" Mohr and "Joe" Rieker are home on leave but our efforts to find them are of no avail—now as we write "Mickey" Miller, SM 3/c, and Pfc. Louis Miller, home on furlough drop into the office to say hello—and then "Deanie" Anthony one of our faithful reporters brings us some dope about "Lectie" Moyer oiling up his fishing tackle—Coplay's surest sign of Spring—and reports of a recent visitor to the old home town in the person of "Buck" Moser—and now for a little walk to quaff a beer with "Charlie" Pitts; also up for "refreshers" are "Schlauby" Laubach, Chester Hoffman, "Milt" George, "Art" Rhoades and Burgess "Dan" Yellen and Harold "Bupper" Peters

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tells us he's off in the morning for Federal jury in Philadelphia—while "Sammy" Balliet takes care of the ticket worries of everybody when it comes to the basketball play-offs — and now to our notes again—"Barb" Fisher on a hop skip and jump across to Gruver's and "Cy" Salter coaxing his chickens for some more hen fruit. Helen Golomb looking mighty prim as she trots merrily up the street—and then "Minnie" Bogary and Anna Yandrasits on their way to a "large" evening—Margaret Sacks waiting for a bus—and Kathryn Buchman headed for the Post Office—Harrison Shoemaker hustling along in his Hudson—Julius and son Eddie Mayer arguing about how they'll arrange the garden this spring — now into the office comes "Bill" Shafer bringing Ida's returns and collects some pictures to be returned and "Dook" Miller together with her sister-in-law Louise, wife of Sgt. Sterling Miller, somewhere in England—and Jennie Reinhard also wades through the snow to make her return—our notes make mention of "Doc" Heller still very much a busy man in fair weather or foul—and the coming wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, the 31st . . . Congratulations!—we'll take some pictures there and maybe get some refreshments—who said there's no graft in "Coplay Echoes"—Emma and Pauline Walakovits hit the Post Office quite often these days as does Teresa Unger—we wonder what's up—now we're brought back to the "Echoes" office again by the clatter of typewriters—even the snow which has now reached major proportions does not keep them away—working typewriters at full speed are Mary and Anna Anthony while Evelyn Davies and Shirley Geist shape up the all important address file and Anna Yandrasits applies herself industriously to writing for this issue and "Ifky" goes

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about the job of preparing pictures for the Easter issue—also in the office doing a chore for the Mother's Club is Maggie Frantz—with material put aside for a few days as we work up other features of the paper we attend the Eastern semi-final play-off game at Allentown—Lower Merion High School vs. Sayre High School—at the game we glimpse "Bill" Reese, formerly Coplay High coach, now mentor of the Sayre team—Coplay is well represented and filing out with the crowd we renew acquaintances with "Clif" Arthur, now of Hazleton, and make for the Owls Home where the reception of Mr. and Mrs. John Sodl is in full swing—the gorgeously gowned bride is the former Lonetta Kinney of Allentown and the Coplay people joining in the feast and solicitations are "Sam" Santee, usher, in his bib and tucker (we'll bet he'd be more comfortable in his coveralls)—"Fritz" Dean and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Reinhard hold forth near the well laden lunch table—then we coax Frank and Bella Koch to dance but our efforts together with those of Tod and Jennie Reinhard are of no avail—Alice Koch and the former Wanda Korsak reel off a few dances and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reichl join us in some lunch and refreshments—Best wishes and lots of luck and happiness to the pair—on our way home we stop at Coplay Saengerbund and meet "Tommy" Stewart and the missus and barging in a little later comes "Is everybody happy?" Hannis and Bessie—Agnes Kosits and Anna Walakovits are "manning" the kitchen and Johnnie Bauer joins a group of friends at the bar—Now as we reluctantly wind up this month's work of "Echoes" we send our greetings too for Easter and hope you'll be in Coplay's Easter Parade next year—"be seein' you."



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