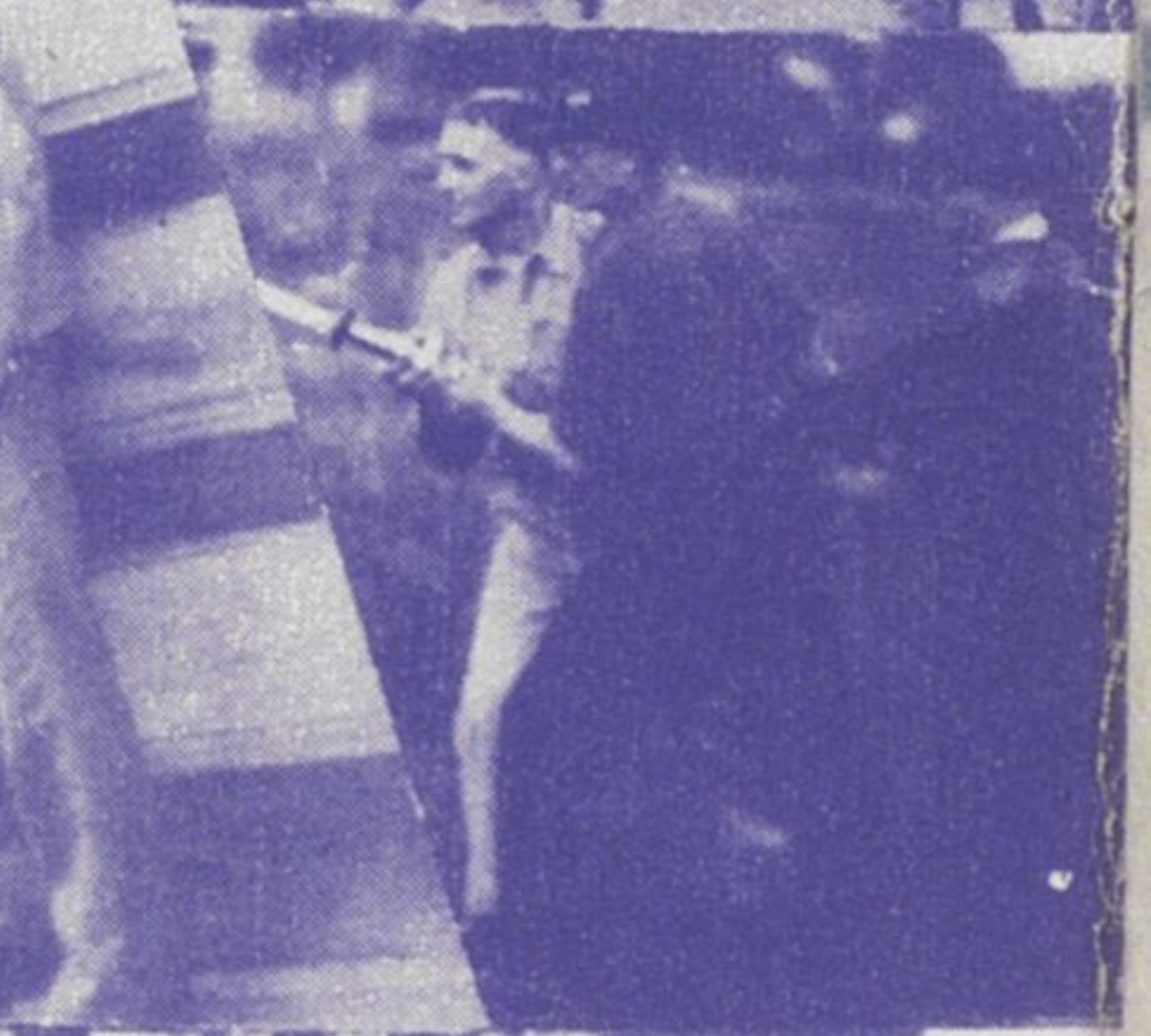




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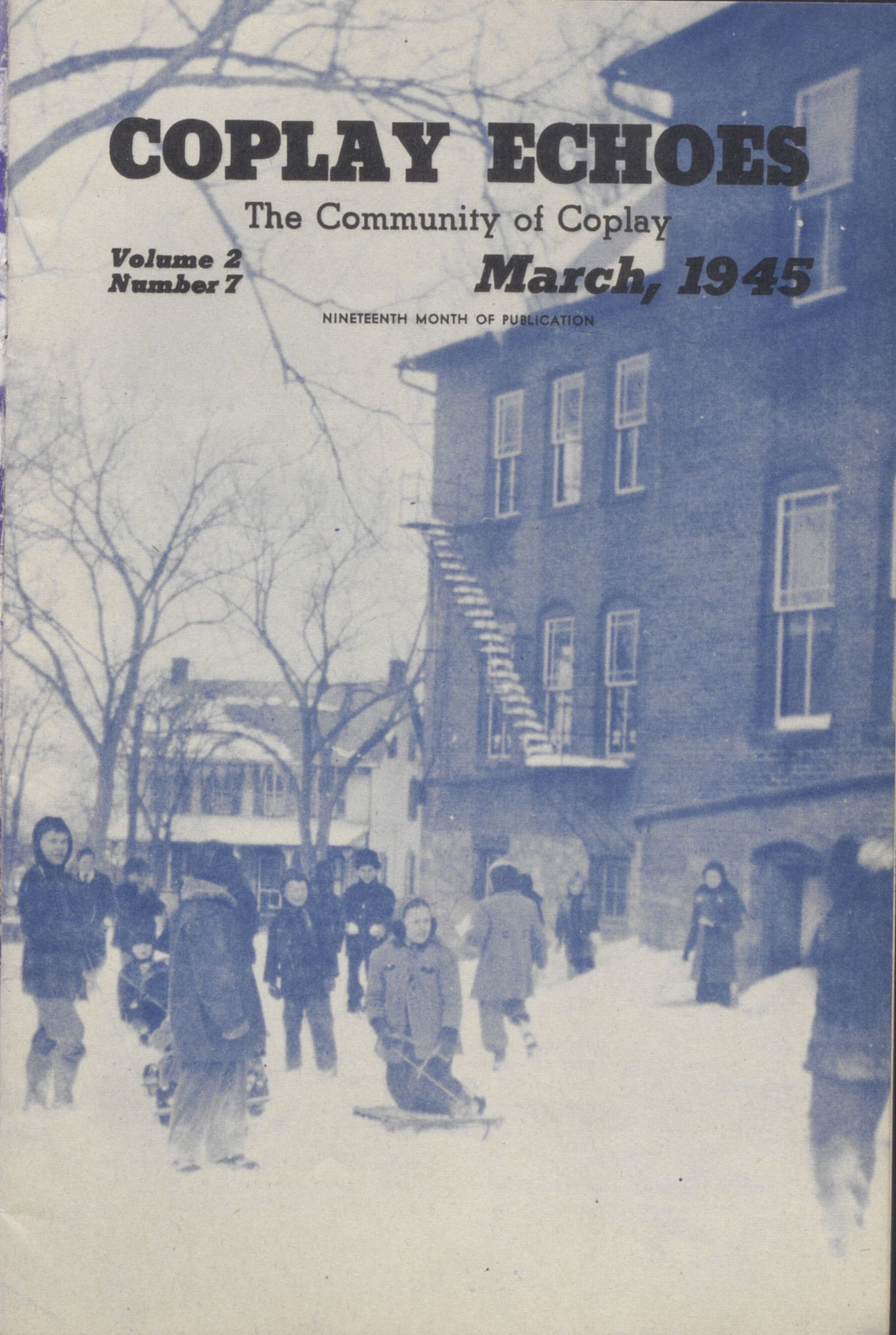
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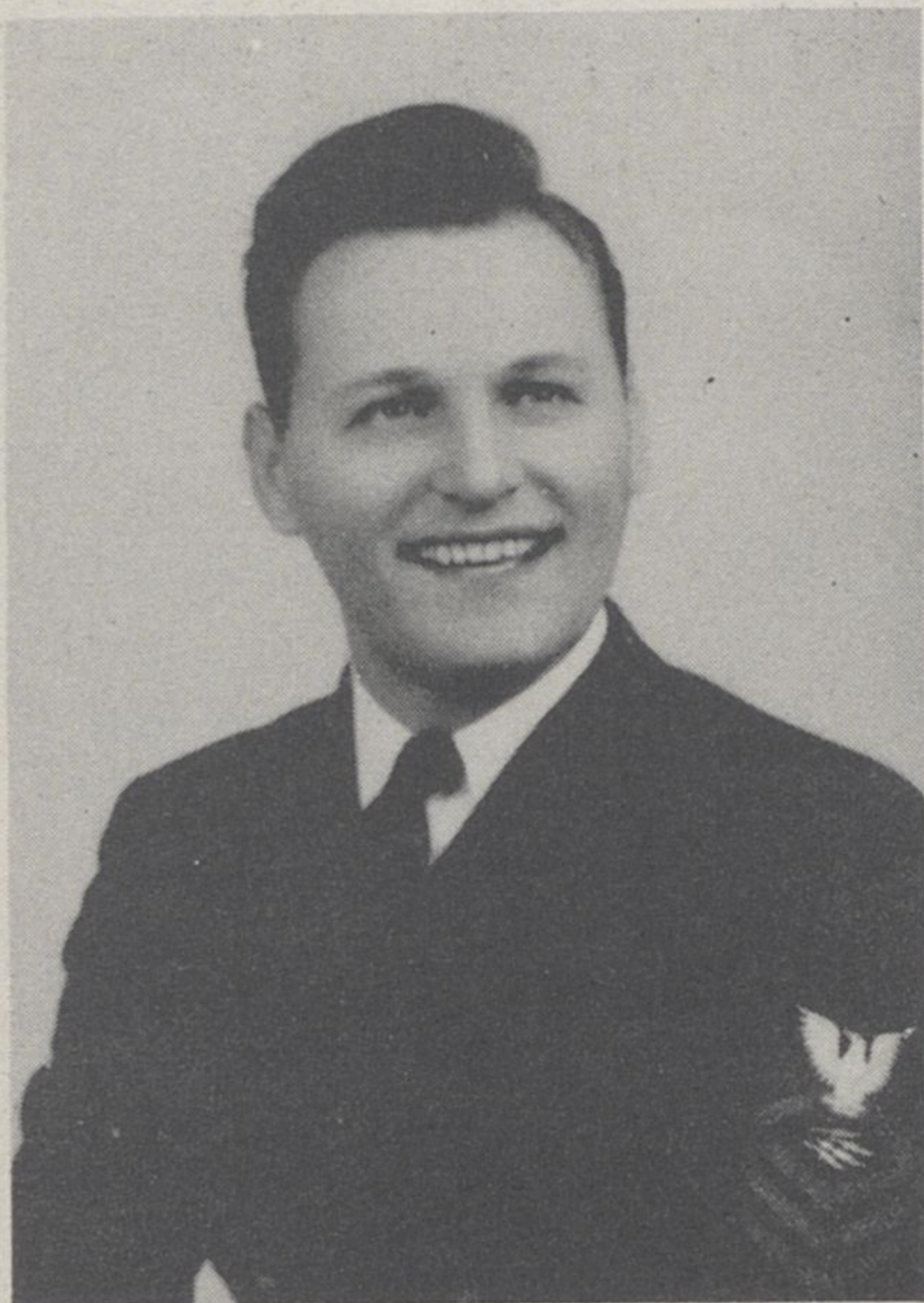
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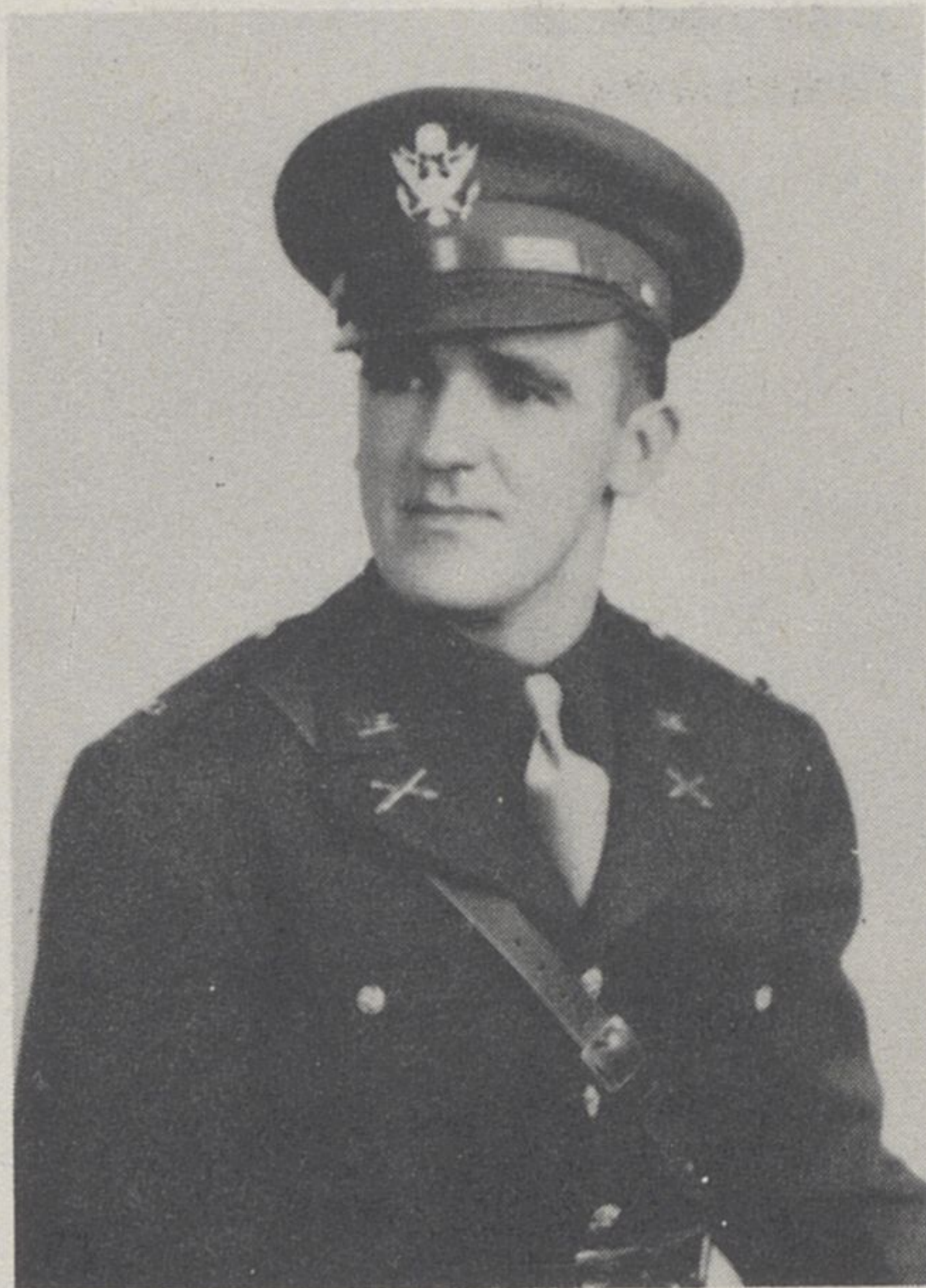
Promotions . . .



Letters received recently from former buddies brought with them the good news of recent promotions. Lieutenant Frank Toth Jr. and Chief R. M. John Honsel, former members of the North Ends and teammates on the team that won the Tri-County Baseball Championship in 1939, are now fighting a different battle for Uncle Sam.

Lieutenant Toth was inducted April 9, 1941 and received his basic training at Fort Bragg, N. C. and after training at several other camps was sent to Officers' Candidate School at Fort Sill, Okla. where he graduated in February, 1943.

Lieutenant Toth was sent to England in



September, 1943 and participated in the Invasion on D-Day and several other battles, among them the historical battle at Bastogne. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant last October.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Toth, 134 Cherry Street.

Chief Radio Man John Honsel was inducted October 14, 1944, received his basic training at Newport, R. I. and graduated from Radio School at Noroton, Conn. He was promoted to Chief last December.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Honsel Sr., Fifth Street.

The whole town congratulates them and wishes them success.



Blossoms are on the way in good old Coplay, the snow is gone and folks are getting their garden implements in readiness once more as we go out on a limb to see what we can see—*Jack Gleason* tells us his hobby is holding hands, but girls' of course. Helping to keep rolling on production are *Johanna Gessits*, *Irene Lebish*, and *Mary Sinkovits*, who are now employed at *Vultee's* on the assembly line—*Louis Billera* is enjoying his furlough both here and also in New York with his parents—they were former residents of Coplay—he has been in the South Pacific for over two years—his twin brother *Frank* is still “down under” having been stationed with *Louis*. — *Mrs. Alfred Tullock*, the former *Caroline Wunderler* of Oak Street is now a proud mamma of a son born recently. It couldn't be the cigarette shortage for *Elmer Krause* since we see him chewing on a “hunk” of chew tobacco. *Mike Matis* throwing another “line” to some girl. One day *Ray Long* went to put his car in the garage. He went to open the garage door and when he came back found to his amazement three dogs resting comfortably in his car. If he would have had a rifle on hand — Oh! doggies beware. *Hildegarde Hirschman* waiting for the bus, going down to Allentown where she attends night school at the Allentown Business College. *Bill Mondschein* and *Bill Betz* were given honorable discharges from the army — *Bill Betz* having seen quite a bit of action in the South Pacific. We're sure they'll do their part on the home front—*Catherine Breitfeller* and *Mary Prockl* doing a bit of jive at St. Joe's — *Mrs. Jean Ponchalek*, a former member of the Coplay High and Cedar Crest Col-

lege faculties is out for a walk with her son—*George Miller* piled up sky high filing income tax returns — *Shirley Pitts*, *Shirley Reinhard*, and *Helen Lohr* bring in a final report on the Coplay Echoes Dance. They were also members of the committee. *Edgar Raber* winds up a bit of music every Saturday night at the Log Cabin. *Jenny Rogers* taking her usual Sunday afternoon stroll — *Cliff Hannis* helping to organize a Ladies Fire Auxiliary — *Miss Annie* still quite active despite her age — Plans are now under way for the construction of a new Reformed Church. We hope all fellow citizens of Coplay give their whole-hearted support in contributions toward the building fund. *Hilda Solderitch* announces her engagement to some fellow from Nazareth. A fighting marine, home on furlough from the South Pacific is *George Golomb*—he changed quite a bit since we saw him last. *Miss Harriet Frick* and *Miss Grace Kramer* going to school in the old model T

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Dec. 23, 1944

Staff Members and Friends:

I received your "Coplay Echoes" yesterday. It was the November issue and my first one. It's "Great" — and this greatness in American character is the force that constantly draws us together. You'll celebrate Victory with a clear conscience. Because you're working hard toward it now. "Echoes" is the "booklet of the year." It will be talked about for a long time. Frankly speaking, I read it several times and those familiar pictures were priceless.

It startled me to know, that I'm still remembered — I'm genuinely grateful. I haven't forgotten what a swell town Coplay is. No one can take away those treasured memories of my boyhood days. Swimming in the Lehigh and ice-skating in the quarries. My family left Coplay in 1931 moving to the City of N. Y. It was there that I finished hi-school. Later, I travelled extensively in the South and Middle West (with short visits to the old home town). My parents now live in Allentown. I too have high hopes of returning to "God's Country" — Pennsylvania.

During the dark days of December, 1941, I voluntarily entered the Navy. Newport, R. I., has a pleasant surprise for me. It was there I met "Johnny" Honsel. We sure got a terrific howl from our 30 sec. hair-cuts. Since then it's been the Atlantic Coast and a squadron in Florida. Now I'm serving in the Pacific. Whenever, at Pearl Harbor I contacted "Johnny Hacker." He's doing fine and always has news. I left San Francisco, California in July. The duties here are strenuous — it is therefore, of essential importance that we can grab a few delightful hours reading about events at home. And it is with deep feeling that I express my gratitude for your unfailing courtesy. All of us out here salute "Echoes" and the grand people making it possible. Keep 'em coming as steady as we're nipping the nips.

It's two days before Xmas and this letter won't reach you in time. But, I will take this informal way to wish you happiness and continued success this coming New Year.

Yours,

Carl A. Steinhofer.

Somewhere in India

Dear Staff:

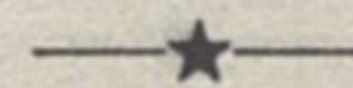
Upon my return my camp in the Himalaya Mts., I was sure glad to see a September issue of the Echoes, waiting for me. I wish to express my sincere thanks of appreciation for your fine first anniversary issues of the Echoes, and I read it thoroughly from cover to cover, several times.

A few days ago I took the opportunity of mailing you two local army periodicals, The Command Post and the C. B. I. Roundup, and as soon as I receive a copy of the Twentieth Bomber Command paper called SuperFort, I'll mail it to you, and I'm quite sure you all will be very much interested in reading and looking over the pictures of B-29 aircraft contained therein.

In closing I will again say thanks a million for the September copy of Echoes, and wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Respectfully,

Joseph P. Belick,



Dear Staff:

Just received that grand little book again and before I go any further I want to thank the staff and the people of Coplay for this wonderful Christmas gift. This edition is the best and seeing old familiar faces again make my Christmas complete.

Sorry I didn't write sooner but for the last four months I've been in almost every state west of the Mississippi and Mexico. Came back to headquarters from three weeks duty trip to Seattle, Washington and then went to the Mexican Border for two months. Coming back to Houston again found us with new men who are now being trained for the same job.

With the Christmas holidays just around the corner I want at this time to wish everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Keep the "Echoes" (our Morale Builder) coming and we'll do our best. Once again I want to thank all of you for this wonderful book "The Echoes."

Sincerely,

Johnnie Miklos.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH
5TH AND COPLAY STREETS
COPLAY, PA.

March 5, 1945

Dear Friends,

My Easter Greeting to you is that which our Risen Christ extended to His disciples on the first Easter: "Peace be to you".

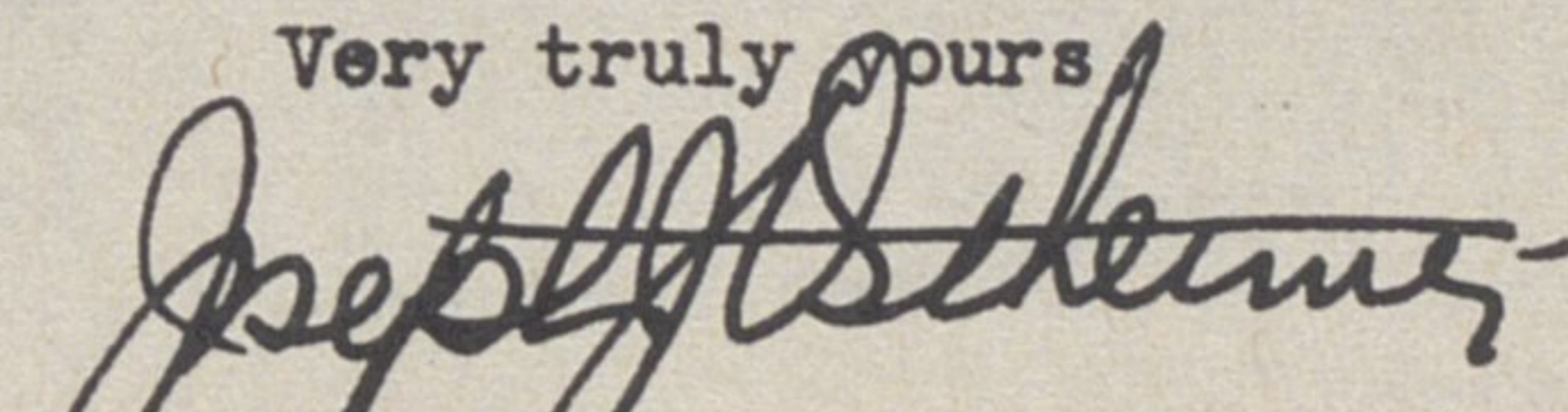
I feel that this greeting is very appropriate since its realization would bring to the world in general and each of you in particular untold joy and happiness, because the Peace of Christ means even more than the mere cessation of war. He Himself said: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled or afraid". (St. John 14,27)

Peace, then, is our prayer and wish for you. May the Prince of Peace watch over you, and protect you both physically and spiritually.

It might be difficult for you who are engaged in the grim business of war to find comfort and strength out there on the far-flung battle lines. However, do not forget that the darkness and suffering of Good Friday came before the glory and triumph of Easter Sunday. So too, we pray, that the sufferings and death of our brave boys and girls are the prelude to a glorious resurrection of the world to a just and lasting peace in Christ. Your sacrifices will, then, have helped to bring about this much desired triumph. May God grant it soon.

Here at home the celebration of Easter will have a void, insofar as so many of you will be missing from the family fireside. However, we know that you will be here in desire and spirit, and our prayer is that by next Easter all of us will be united in our homes to extend to one another Christ's own Easter Greeting: "Peace be to you".

Very truly yours


Rev. Joseph J. Ostheimer
Pastor

Die Fegel Hen 'm Bill Gapifa . . .

Editor's Note:

Nestled in the heart of the Lehigh Valley's Pennsylvania German section, Coplay is richly steeped in the lore of this quaint dialect. Many friends of our boys in service no doubt are curious about the lingo that many of the boys from Coplay can handle.

We have been fortunate in securing William Troxell, the "Pumpernickel Bill" of the Allentown Morning Call to give us a "sample" of our dialect—so here it is—try it on your superior officers and Heaven help you if he comes from the Lehigh Valley.

Yar bei golly won die Fegel net 'm Pumpernickle gapifa hen fon da ar-rickshda socha os yusht tzu denka hin. Socha os g'shaina sin in da gorssa shtadt Coplay, un wohr mir fertzaila wolla tzu ol da maid un boova os die "Coplay Echoes" griega. M'r missa sawga, as es uns ershtound but tzu sehna wos fer 'n wunnerborer shainer glainer magazine os alla mohnet ous Coplay nous gait tzu da maid un boova fert im griek. Ow'r sel is ganunk fon sella socha, now fer hinnich die barichda un g'shpichta os die Fegelcher uns fertzailt hen fer eich fert in griek fertzaila.

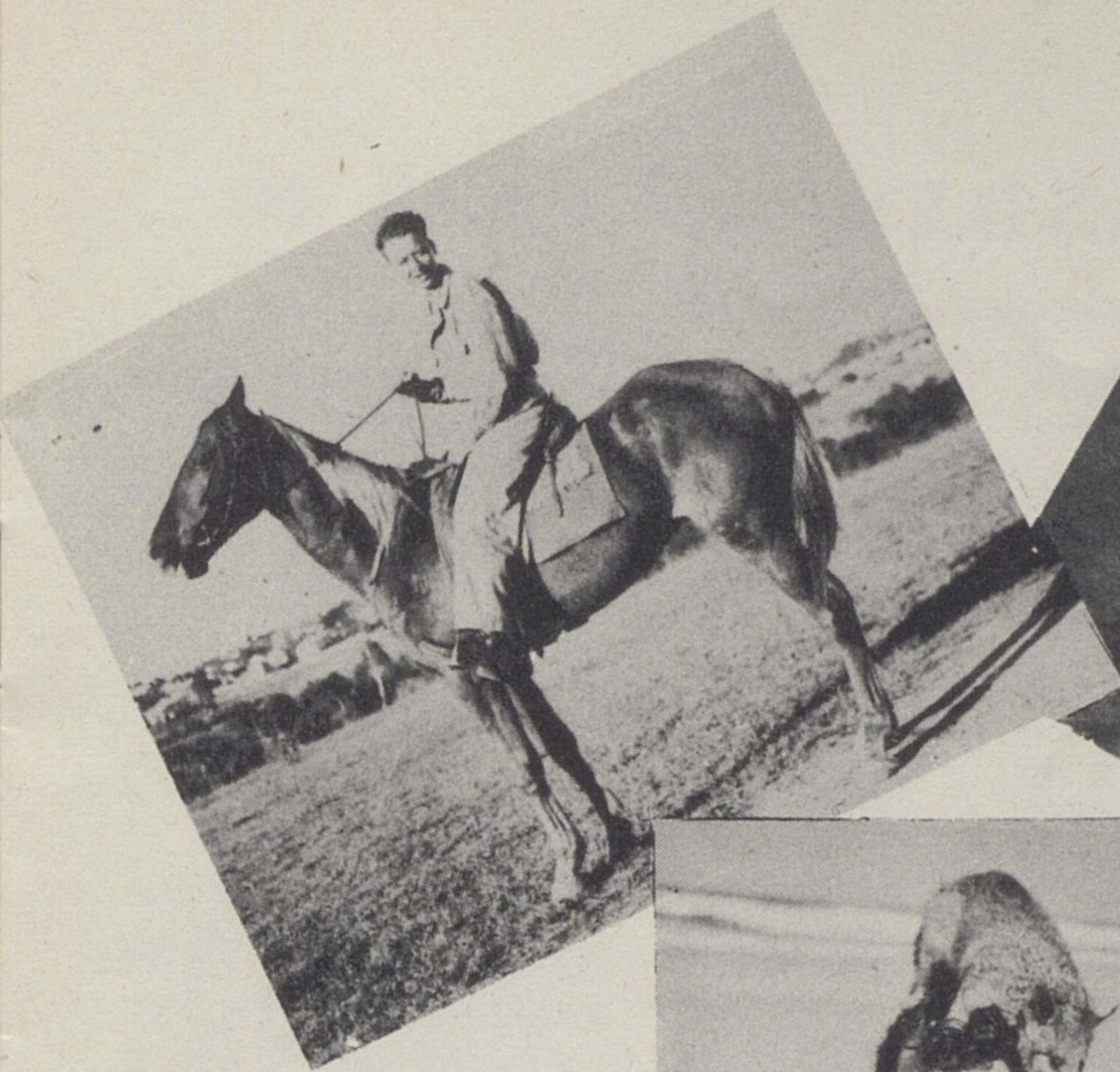
Mohl fers aller airsht, der Elmer Krause hut noch grawd so'n grosser chawduwock im moul os wie sei lava, wie as er essa kon unna der chaw ous 'm moul nemma kon niemand fershtae. Un grawd so kon aw niemand fershtae wie die Lovedee Henry fon do Front shtross doh mohl ae gonsie nocht g'shlofa hut mit 'm hute uf 'm kup. Sis die Lovedee woh so arrick gute "bowla" kon, un is mohl ae owet hame kumma noch ma harda, shweara game. Sellie grossa hiltzna balla der si droke nunner rolla is ken g'shpass,—aenicha waig, die Lovdee wor so tzimlich nagshd ous g'shpielt bis sie hame kumma is. Wie sie ins bed is, hut hie 'n lot socha mit die shtake nuf ganumma, un ihra hute uf der kup k'hank'd so os sie 'n net ferdricka dade. Drowwa hut sie ol

ihra onner socha weck galaid'd, un da nagshda morya wie sie wocker were is, ferhoftich sei won sie ihra hute net ols noch uf 'm kup kot hut.

Der winder is bol feriwwer in Coplay, un der shnae is so tzu sawga weck. Un so weit os sel aw gait, sin m'r aw shure os der Ray Long woh helft red Echo rous griega, ken drei cent drum gebt won die hummla brumma, un die bloe fegel peifa. Der Ray hut da winder darrich sare fiel druvel kotta mit sein garage dierra. Der grund wor in die hae g'frohra, un bis der Ray olds die dierra uf gatzwang'd hut kot fer nei mit da mashine, hut die mashine fol hund k'huck'd. Yar bei jupperty, won net mohl ae dawg 3 fremma hund uf seinra machine k'huck'd hen bis er tzurick kumma is, un hut 'n wesh shteiber hola missa fer die hund fon da mashine yawgo so os er die mashine weck duh hut kenna.

Noh hut der shquire George Miller aw shun so'n aryer druvel kotta mit da safe os er in seinra offis hut. Sis 'n gutie safe, un is aw blenty blotz drin, un hut 'n iwwer rous gute schluss. Sis so'm kombination schluss,—odder ewwa so'n schluss woh m'r ken shlissel brouch fer uf shlessa, brouch nix duh wie 'n gnub im gringle rum shpranga fon ainra nummer tzu da onnerra, noh widder hinner-schick, paar mohl farshich, un won m'r alla mohl die rechda nummera dreft, gait schluss uf. Der Frank Molesky, der teller in da bank woh 'm George die safe ferkauft hut, hut g'sawt, aenich kind kent larna fer die safe uf shleesa. Wel, der George is all'm noh ken kind may, er kon anyhow yusht net larna die safe uf shleesa mit sel'm kombination schluss, un mus alla mohl os er ebbes ous da safe howwa wil, der Ray Long hola fer sie uf mocha. Der George shtaid

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After graduating from Penn State College with a Master's degree and serving as an assistant instructor at that institution for 6 months, W/O Karl Reinhard enlisted in the U. S. Army Jan. 22, 1941.

After a year of training he sailed for the South Pacific on March 3, 1942 and was stationed at Australia for a year before moving on to New Guinea. W/O Reinhard has been engaged in sanitation work in various laboratories in this island. For a

time at the Australian- New Guinea administrative unit he assisted in a Parasite and dysentery-bacterial survey among the natives.

From letters he writes it must have been extremely interesting. His very enlightening letters home tell of the climate and quaint customs and dress of the natives.

It's been three years now since Karl left the "States" — We hope it'll be much less than that until he comes home.

SPORTS FLASHES . . .

The basketball season is rapidly drawing to close and play-offs already are in progress. Muhlenberg enjoyed another successful season winning 23 of 26 games and have been invited to the National Invitation Tournament at Madison Square Garden.

Allentown High is again representing the East Penn League in the play-offs. After beating Pottsville who tied them in the first half, Coach Birnie Crum's Canaries went on to win the second half and the championship.

Central Catholic's Vikings finished the season with 18 wins and 4 losses and will compete for the State Catholic championship.

The Lehigh Valley League finished one of its hottest seasons in years. Palmerton after winning the first half, finished in a tie with Catasauqua and Emmaus in the second half. Catasauqua beat Palmerton and Emmaus in the play-off for second half honors and then bowed to Palmerton for the league championship.

South Whitehall finished the Lehigh-Northampton League undefeated and was selected to represent that league in the play-offs.

PLAY-OFFS . . .

Allentown eliminated Mahanoy Township in the first round game played at Rockne Hall by a 42-23 score.

Palmerton earned a place in the second round by beating South Whitehall 51-35.

Allentown	48,	Easton	36
Pottsville	45,	Bethlehem	32
Hazleton	45,	Central Cath.	28
Palmerton	51,	Catasauqua	35
Northampton	28,	Slatington	23
Whitehall	28,	Emmaus	21
Wilson Boro	25,	Hellertown	16
Coplay	38,	Coopersburg	32

January 13th

Muhlenberg	62,	F. and M.	33
Rutgers	52,	Lehigh	49
St. Johns	43,	Temple	41
Penn	63,	St. Joseph's	46
Lafayette	47,	Stevens Inst.	40

January 14th

Central Cath.	38,	Cardinal Hayes	37
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January 16th

Allentown	47,	Hazleton	44
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January 17th

Muhlenberg	46,	Swarthmore	33
Lafayette	48,	Lehigh	28
Temple	41,	Valley Forge	37
Penn	59,	Princeton	41
Catasauqua	37,	Stroudsburg	31
Palmerton	38,	Northampton	22

January 20th

Bethlehem	33,	Allentown	30
Pottsville	28,	Hazleton	27
Central Cath.	44,	LaSalle	43
Northampton	36,	Catasauqua	20
Whitehall	27,	Stroudsburg	10
Palmerton	40,	Emmaus	27
S. Whitehall	49,	Wilson Boro	20
Fountain Hill	35,	Nazareth	31
Hellertown	30,	Coplay	26

Hellertown

	G.	F.	P.
Heffner, f.	2	0	4
Hudock, f.	1	0	2
Moram, c.	7	1	15
Wesoloski, g.	0	1	1
Becker, g.	2	1	5
McElance, g.	0	1	1
Diehl, g.	0	0	0
Barker, g.	1	0	2

Coplay

	G.	F.	P.
Kratzer, f.	1	0	2
Erkinger, f.	3	0	6
Deichster, c.	0	0	0
McCloskey, g.	4	4	12
Gartner, g.	0	1	1
Schleder, g.	2	1	5

Totals	13	4	30
Referee—Renshaw.			Umpire—Shovelin.

January 20th

Muhlenberg	46,	Phila. Marines	40
Lehigh	44,	Gettysburg	38
Penn	59,	Columbia	43
Bucknell	53,	F. and M.	45

January 23rd

Central Cath.	35,	Bethlehem	31
Allentown	44,	Phillipsburg	25
Easton	35,	Reading Cen.	30
Pottsville	65,	Tamaqua	25
Palmertohn	34,	Whitehall	30
Emmaus	27,	Catasauqua	25
Slatington	55,	Stroudsburg	16
S. Whitehall	44,	Nazareth	29
E. Stroudsburg	32,	Wilson	27
Coplay	45,	Fountain Hill	23

Coplay

	G.	F.	P.
McCloskey, f.	10	0	20
Schleder, f.	0	2	2
Deichme'r, c.	4	1	9
Erkinger, g.	1	2	4
Gartner, g.	3	0	6
Selady, g.	1	0	2
Pitts, c.	0	0	0
Kratzer, g.	1	0	2
Kutzler, g.	0	0	0
Casper, g.	0	0	0

Fountain Hill

	G.	F.	P.
McGarr, f.	0	1	1
Seidenbe'r, f.	1	0	2
Welch, c.	3	0	6
Ortwein, g.	0	0	0
Gemilo, g.	0	0	0
DeAngelis, f.	1	0	2
Perrett, f.	2	1	5
Lehr, c.	0	0	0
Sperk, g.	0	1	1
Miller, g.	3	0	6

Totals	20	5	45
Referee—Bowlman.			

January 24th

Muhlenberg	46,	Villanova	22
Easton	41,	Bethlehem	40

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Coplay, Pennsylvania

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Phone Northampton 2475

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73 Second Street
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Dear Friends,

The joy of Easter is at hand! In a year of bombings and bloodshed, with so many crosses against the skyline, Easter ought to be more welcome than ever before, with its proclamation that Jesus arose from the dead and is alive forevermore.

Our Lord's victory over the cross has set the world singing with a new hope. Heavy darkness hangs over us but it cannot rob us of the joy of our Easter faith. That faith is the victory which overcometh the world and all its sorrows and brings that peace which the world cannot give.

May you be granted courage to face the separation and hardship inevitable to war, patience to see you thru the long pull to victory, and strength to do a good job at your appointed task.

It is my hope and prayer that you may know the power of the Risen Christ. May God's richest blessings be yours this Eastertide.

Sincerely yours,

Alfred A. Koch
Alfred A. Koch, Pastor.



Ransacking the Mail Bag



L. KATHRYN FOGLE

JOHN R. DEUTSCH is anxiously looking forward to his next "Echoes," he enjoys them more each time. John has seen quite some action in Luxemburg and Belgium but because of restrictions is unable to tell us more than his location.

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CPL. FRANK FAILER just got back from a trip to Paris. He had a grand time and wishes that everyone could visit Paris at the expense of Uncle Sam.

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JULIUS P. KRUG wrote to tell us that he spent a lot of time going over the pictures in the December issue and they brought back many pleasant memories. He thanks the staff for their work.

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WILLIAM J. PARVEL passes his "Echoes" on to his shipmates and they all read it. The Christmas Issue revived memories of other Christmas Holidays he had spent in Coplay.

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PAUL STOCK and SCRAP ROGERS sent "Echoes" the following letter: "Sorry we cannot write more often due to the fact we are kept quite busy. But instead we have enclosed a money order, with which we wish to show our appreciation. "Echoes" does one excellent job of linking the home front to the battle front. It certainly has been swell and we are looking forward to the next issue."

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EDDIE "BUTCH" SLANOVITS is not so keen about the Florida weather. He says he'd trade it any day for the cold weather of Pennsylvania. Eddie thinks "Echoes" is a morale builder and he is always anxious to receive it.

WAVE HELEN SELADY is now in Arlington, Va. and is visiting many of the historical spots. She has met two friends she knew before she entered service. Helen thought "Echoes" would be late in reaching her because of her change in address but was agreeably surprised when it arrived promptly.

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JOSEPH J. KLEPEISS S 2/c informs us that he and his shipmates enjoy "Echoes" very much. He is expecting he'll get to see some Coplay fellows in his travels. Joe hopes Coplay is in shipshape condition and is looking forward to his next issue of "Echoes."

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J. KLUCSARITZ reports that he is still on the up and up, he is missing an issue of "Echoes" but hopes it will catch up with him soon. He continues: "I want to thank the Mothers of World War 2 Unit 2 of Coplay for the nice Christmas package. It was in good shape. Thanks a million."

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"IFKY" IFKOVITS sent the staff a few lines as follows: "Just want to let you know I'm shipping from Kessler Field but SACKSIE is staying. Best regards to all."

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JOHN PARVEL has received every issue of "Echoes" so far. He thanks the staff for their work. John passes the book along and his friends enjoy it and wish they'd get one like it from their home towns. Part of John's letter follows: "I had the luck of being home over the Christmas holidays. It certainly felt good to spend the holidays in the little town of Coplay."

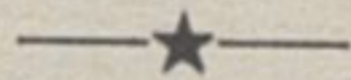
Dear Staff:

Many times I have been thinking of writing you and thanking every one who is part of this great book, the Coplay Echoes—especially the boys and girls that help on their time off to make the Coplay boys happy all over the world and to bring our great little town so close to us. When I read my copy its as if I myself were walking through Coplay and meeting all the people in person and there aren't many people in our great town that I don't know. When I get through with my book, I let my buddies read it and they enjoy it is much as I do. A few days ago I received the Christmas issue of Coplay Echoes and I was happy to show my buddies the pictures of the families that make up our town. Of all the traveling I have done from different camps, first at Camp Beale, California one year, and now a year at Camp Bowie, Texas — of all the beautiful places I've been and nice things I have seen, I still wouldn't trade for my home town. One really doesn't know how much his home means to him, until he spends some time away. I had my last furlough on October 12th of this year and I am very sorry that I did not get the chance to stop in the office and thank every one for the great work, so in closing I want to thank every one again for the great work.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Leitgeb.

P.S.... Good luck to everyone and may God bless you all for the good work in the coming year — 1945. As we say in Texas, "Adios."



Coplay Soldier Prisoner of War In Germany

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Yagerhofer of 120 S. Front St., Coplay, have reason to believe that their Son Staff Sergeant F. Yagerhofer, is a prisoner of war somewhere in Germany.

The 22-year-old infantryman was missing in action on the western front in France on Jan. 11, 1945, according to a telegram received by his parents. On Jan. 27 they were again notified by the War Department that their son's name, serial number, date of birth and his status as a prisoner of war were mentioned on an enemy propaganda broadcast in Europe.

This report, however, was unconfirmed. Mr. and Mrs. Yagerhofer received post cards from three friends in New York who also listened to a shortwave broadcast and heard exactly the same news as that issued by the War Department.

WAC Among Those Rescued by the U. S. Coast Guard

Among the many exciting adventures to be related by servicemen and women when they again return home will be the thrilling experience of Rose M. Yoo, who was recently rescued by the U. S. Coast Guard from dangerous surf a mile off a South Pacific naval base.

Private First Class Yoo, together with her companion, Private First Class Marie Vigil of Toas, N. M., and two Navy enlisted men had gone for a swim in what appeared to be safe water. A short distance from shore a strong current swept them swiftly out.

Their rescue came about when a group of Coast Guard officers in a small boat were headed for a sandy beach some distance from the ship's mooring for a recreational period. Suddenly two black objects resembling seals were spotted a hundred yards off the port bow. The black objects turned out to be the bobbing heads of three Navy enlisted men clinging to a partly submerged log.

The exhausted men were hauled aboard and explained that they had sighted a party including two girls in distress off the shore. They had attempted to swim to their rescue but the current proved too strong and they had to give up to save themselves.

A search of the area for the first party was begun, but before sighting them two more would-be rescuers who were clinging to floating debris were picked up. Finally in a patch of flotsam and waste oil the two WACs and their companions were spotted. They had been clinging to a tiny air-inflated raft for more than an hour. Covered with oil and grease from head to foot, they were almost unrecognizable as human beings. The floating oil had covered their tiny raft and they had slipped from it repeatedly. When able to talk the girls

Private First Class Yoo and her parents reside at 207 S. Front Street. Private Yoo was graduated from Coplay High School and before entering the WAC in February 1944, was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Co.

Abbott, William
 †Abernethy, Richard
 Adams, Francis P.
 Arthur, Helen
 Bair, Wilfred
 Balliet, Carl
 Bartlett, George
 Bartlett, Jerome Q.
 Battenfield, Louis
 Belick, Joseph
 Beltz, Raymond
 Bennett, Norbert E.
 Beslanovits, Adolph J.
 Beslanovits, John
 Beslanovits, Joseph
 Betts, Roland
 Betz, Edward
 †Betz, William
 Blerman, Albert
 Billera, Frank
 †Billera, Joseph
 Billera, Louis
 †Blöse, William
 Blozinsky, William
 Bodisch, Julius
 Bodisch, Richard
 Bodish, Lou
 Bogary, Fred
 Bogosian, Margaret
 Bortz, Vernon
 Brandt, Robert
 Brem, Rudolph
 Buchman, Robert
 †Burnatowski, Bernard
 Burnatowski, John
 Burnatowski, Stanley
 Busits, John
 Busits, Louis

 Celip, John
 Churetta, John Jr.
 Csensits, Frank
 Cullin, David
 Damweber, Francis
 Damweber, Julius
 Decker, Anthony
 Deichmeister, Frank
 Derkits, John L.
 †Deutsch, Adolph
 Deutsch, Charles J.
 Deutsch, Daniel
 Deutsch, Frank
 †Deutsch, Frank J.
 Deutsch, Godfried
 Deutsch, John
 Deutsch, John
 Deutsch, Joseph
 Deutsch, Louis J.
 Deutsch, Russell
 Deutsch, Stephen
 Domitrovits, John
 Domitrovits, Joseph
 Dragovits, Julius
 Dreisbach, Robert
 Duld, John Jr.
 Duld, Joseph
 Dute, James
 †Eby, Charles
 Eby, Frank
 Eby, Louis C.
 Eisenhauer, Henry
 Erkinger, Alfred
 Erkinger, Charles
 Ernst, Edwin
 Ernst, Rudolph J.

 Faller, Frank P.
 Falk, Howard G.
 Farino, Anthony
 Fidler, Julius
 Fiedler, Frank

Killed in Action

Gladish, Michael
 Haines, William
 Groller, John J.
 Kovacs, Louis
 Schwartz, Stephen
 Scheirer, Kenneth
 Tapler, Joseph
 Deutsch, Robert
 Nemeth, Frank
 Schwartz, John

Died at Sea

Bodish, Edward

Follweiler, Edward
 Frantz, Forrest H.
 Frantz, Sylvester B.
 Frisch, Herman W.
 †Frisch, Joseph
 Fruwirth, Edward

Galgon, George
 Garger, John F.
 Garger, Joseph
 Garrison, Herbert
 Gartner, Alfred
 Gaston, George
 Gaugler, Alvin
 Gaugler, Robert
 Geist, Frank
 Geist, Leonard
 Geosits, John
 Gerner Ross
 Gilly, Alfred J.
 Gilly Charles
 Gilly, Clarence
 Gollatz, Edward
 Gollatz, Julius
 Gollatz, Raymond
 Gollatz, Rudolph J.
 Goller, Alfred
 Goller, Margaret
 Golomb, George
 Golomb, Michael
 Graf, Adolph
 Graf, Frank
 Graf, Herman
 Greenhagen, David L.
 Groller, Joseph
 Groller, Joseph J.
 Gutleber, Anthony

Hacker, Frank
 Haines, Henry
 †Haller, Charles
 Hallman, Harry S.
 Hantz, Richard
 Hanzl, Herman J.
 Hanzl, Rudolph J.
 Heller, James D.
 Heller, William
 Hessinger, Edward
 Hessinger, Raymond
 Hessinger, Walter
 Hobel, Joseph
 Hoffman, Herman
 †Hoffman, Kenneth
 Holetz, Charles

†Honorably Discharged



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Honsel, John
 Horn, John L.
 Horvath, Edward E.
 Horvath, Gabriel
 Horvath, John
 Hower, Richard
 Huetter, Carl
 †Hunara, George
 Hunara, Steve

Ifkovits, John
 Ifkovits, Martin C.
 Ivankovits, August
 Ivankovits, Charles

Jandrasits, John
 Johnston, Russel B.

Kail, Jultus
 Karo, Gisella Ann
 Karoly, Charles
 Keglovits, Frank P.
 Keller, Anthony
 Keller, George
 Keller, John
 Keller, Joseph
 Keppel, Frank
 Keppel, Peter
 Kerbacher, Daniel S.
 Kerbacher, Stephen D.
 Kidling, Gerald
 Kidling, Lawson
 Kleckner, Ernest
 Klepeiss, Frank
 Klepeiss, Joseph J.
 Klingler, Frances
 Klingler, Leonard
 Klucharich, Steve
 Klucharich, William
 Klucsarits, Frank
 Klucsarits, John
 Klucsarits, Joseph
 Klucsarits, Stephen
 Kohler, Adam Jr.
 Kollar, Edward
 †Kopfer, Frank
 Korsak, Karl
 Kovacs, Gabriel
 Kovacs, Rudolph
 Kovacs, Zoltan
 †Kratzer, Edwin
 Kratzer, Elmer
 Kratzer, Raymond
 Kratzer, Stephen
 Kratzer, William
 Krause, Franklin
 Kroboth, Joseph L.
 Kropf, Anthony

Kropf, J.
 Krug, J.
 Kunkle,
 Kunkle,

Lakovits,
 Lansky,
 Laubach
 Lederer,
 Legarth,
 Leitgeb,

Lendl, J.
 Lentz, A.
 †Lentz, D.
 Lentz, E.
 Lentz, F.
 Lentz, J.
 Lentz, J.
 Lewis, G.
 Lewis, R.
 Liebezeit

Lilly, Al
 Lindenm
 Long, C.
 Lorenz,
 Lorenz,
 Luizer, J.
 Luizer, J.
 †Lutes, G.

Magazzu
 Marakov
 Marek,
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 Marinko
 Marks, A.
 Marth,
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 Martince

Marx, R.
 Mateick
 Matis,
 Matis, J.
 Mayer,
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 Meckes,
 Meixner,
 Meixner,

†Melton,
 Mertz, E.
 Meyers,
 Michael,
 Miklos,
 Miklos,
 †Miklos,
 Miller, F.
 Miller,

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THE AMERICAN LEGION DIGEST



WHERE DOES THE LEGION GET ITS MONEY; HOW IS IT SPENT?

The assets of the National organization of The American Legion are in excess of ten million dollars.

The operating budget of the National organization of the Legion for the year 1945 is \$2,700,000.

The National organization possesses an endowment fund of five million dollars, and another trust fund of \$220,000.

Those are big items in anyone's financial picture.

The gross income of the department (state) organization for the year 1945 will be in excess of two million dollars from membership dues alone. In addition, the more than 12,000 local posts of The American Legion have their own individual incomes, which in their gross total will run into the millions of dollars for the year.

The over-all net worth of The American Legion is estimated at 70 million dollars.

Where does all this money come from, and what is it used for?

That is a fair question for any eligible prospective member to ask, and he is entitled to have an answer. We hope to give the answers in this article.

The National Picture

The income of the National organization from dues is 25 cents per member for the administrative expenses of the Legion and 75 cents per member which is his subscription to the monthly national publications, *The American Legion Magazine* and *The National Legionnaire*.

The American Legion Magazine, which is in the top brackets among recognized periodicals as to quality of content and workmanship, not only produces a fine publication for the membership, but earns considerable sums in advertising revenue, which accrues to the Legion. *The National Legionnaire*, however, does not carry paid advertising.

There is also the earned income from the five million dollar endowment fund, which was raised soon after the foundation of the Legion—but the expenditure of this income is limited to the fields of rehabilitation and child welfare.

There is an Overseas Graves Decoration Trust fund—(that is the \$220,000 referred to above)—and expenditures from this fund are restricted to the expenses of decorating the graves of members of the American armed forces who lost their lives in service overseas, and whose graves are in overseas cemeteries, among them being the six World War I American cemeteries located in western Europe and in Great Britain.

There is a fund for the support of

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Where Does the Legion Get Its Money; How Is It Spent?

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Pershing Hall in Paris, France, which has just been reopened as an enlisted men's club and service center. Plans are being completed by the National organization for a service center in London, England, and there may be one in Honolulu in the Hawaiian Islands.

Among the activities which are financed and maintained by the National organization are the rehabilitation, employment and veterans' preference programs of the Legion, whose personnel possesses the technical training necessary to assist American veterans in preparing and pressing for settlement of their legitimate claims for hospitalization, compensation, pension and other rights to which they or their dependents are rightfully entitled under the law.

The Legion also maintains a field service, with authorization for 27 trained men assigned to stipulated territories or areas. These field secretaries assist department and post service officers, check on government veterans' facilities, and lend aid in solving knotty problems that arise in the field.

Department Revenues

The income of the various department (state) organizations varies according to the difference in number of members and the amount of dues received from the local posts. Department dues range from 50 cents to \$2 per member, the average being in the neighborhood of \$1.25 per member. In individual instances, some of the departments also receive funds voted by state legislatures, these funds being restricted to expenditure for service or child welfare work.

The amount of a member's dues which accrues to the department is determined by action of the department convention in which are seated delegates representing the posts of the department.

Post Funds

Post funds are obtained primarily from membership dues, the amount of these dues being decided by vote of the post membership. The average is in the neighborhood of \$4.00 per member per year though many posts charge more—some considerably more—and some charge somewhat less. From the members' dues paid into the post is deducted the department and national dues—(and sometimes dues to district organizations)—the balance being left to help finance the activities of the local post—(which it seldom does).

Posts add to their funds by promoting many local money-raising activities. These include dances, boxing tournaments, card parties, suppers, club house features, shows, fireworks displays, and other entertainments. Some posts stage annual fairs, take over concessions at public gatherings, run steamship excursions, sponsor football games, races, shows or lecture courses.

Some posts add to their welfare funds by participating with their Auxiliary unit in the revenues from the annual poppy sale.

How the Money Is Spent

The spending activities of the posts are as varied as their ways of making money. A large percentage of the posts own and operate their own Legion homes or club houses. Many have funds put away in War Bonds. There are always expenditures for welfare needs, contributions to hospitals, to War Funds, Community Chests, the Red Cross and other charitable and civic enterprises.

Since World War II started, many posts operate canteens or weekly parties for the armed forces, or maintain local service centers. Some have club house services available to service personnel, including bathing, sleeping and feeding accommodations. Hundreds of posts purchased large quantities of cigarettes to send to the armed forces overseas. Records and record players, both for outfits overseas and for service hospitals in the United States, have been financed.



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Entertainments are staged in Veterans' Facilities and service hospitals. Recreation centers and public parks have been established and equipped. Community honor rolls have been erected. Many thousands of dollars in money and hours of time have been expended in disaster relief when fire, flood or tornado has devastated an area.

Citizenship classes have been organized and carried on. Young men's expenses to Boys' States have been met; junior baseball teams and junior musical organizations have been supported; books have been donated to public libraries; flags to schools and churches; equipment to Boy Scout troops.

Convalescent camps for veterans have been created and maintained in the mountains, on the seashore or at inland lakesides. Scholarships are given to talented and deserving students; school award medals to high school and elementary school students; trophies and cash or scholarship awards to winners of essay and oratorical contests; awards to outstanding public servants such as policemen and firemen.

Motion picture projection machines have been bought for deserving institutions; day rooms have been equipped at camps; athletic and musical equipment has been provided for military and naval outfits.

We could go on—and on—but this should give you an idea.

An organization such as The American Legion, with a program so comprehensive as is that of the Legion, in order to maintain its worth while activities at all levels—post, county, department and national—needs a lot of money and raises it. But the money goes for such purposes as have been outlined—for the welfare and benefit of its members, of veteran and service non-members, for the children and dependents of veterans and service persons, and through its aid given to worthy institutions and organizations, it follows that it is also for the benefit and welfare of community, state and nation.

Wounded in Hospitals Get Christmas Gifts

Every wounded or ill hospitalized serviceman or woman in the United States was remembered at Christmas as the result of the "Give a Gift to a Yank Who Gave" campaign staged by The American Legion with the radio broadcast aid of Eddie Cantor, the radio comedian who boosted it on every one of his radio shows for many weeks during the pre-Christmas season. The Legion collected, routed and arranged for the distribution of the gifts.

The best after-Christmas estimate indicates that 1,179,350 gift packages were donated, with an average of seven gift items per package. Some states had an over-supply after their own service hospital needs were taken care of, and these extra gifts were collected and shipped by The American Legion to hospitals in states where there was an under-supply. Distribution was made to 1,314 service installations in all categories.

No WMC Job Control For War II Veterans

WASHINGTON, D. C.—All controls of veterans of World War II who seek employment upon discharge, have been lifted entirely by the War Manpower Commission. Under former regulations, a veteran was free for 60 days only, and then had to submit to government regulations the same as other civilians. Under his freedom-from-control status, the discharged serviceman will no longer have to secure statements of availability in order to change his job. He may also be employed regardless of employment ceilings. He is entitled to a referral by the United States Employment Service, regardless of the essentiality or priority status of the job. He can be hired by anyone without reference by the USES or any other authorized agency. In other words, he is a free agent.

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IT NEVER FAILS



"O. K., Men, Let's police up the area."

THE G. I. BILL OF RIGHTS WAS WRITTEN, NAMED AND SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN LEGION, WHICH ALSO HAD IT INTRODUCED AND PASSED BY CONGRESS.



On The Run

John
 Julius
 Ernest
 Harry
 Herman
 Timothy
 Forrest
 Alfred F.
 Frederick
 Frank
 John
 Joseph
 Anthony
 Donald
 Edward
 Frank
 John
 Joseph
 Gerald
 Roland
 Rupert
 Len L.
 Ruth, Samuel
 Carson
 Frank
 John
 John
 Joseph
 Glen
 Andrew
 Charles
 Vincent
 William
 Edward
 Alfred
 Frank
 John
 Stephen
 Rudolph J.
 Emil
 John
 Joseph
 Edward
 Julius
 John
 Robert
 Alfred
 Carl
 Edma May
 Edwin Jr.
 Frank
 Harry
 Francis
 John
 Joseph
 Frank
 Joseph

Miller, Lewis
 †Miller, Percy
 Miller, Sterling
 Miller, Sterling N.
 Miller, Warren
 Mills, Emma
 Mills, Frank
 Miskowsky, George
 Mohr, Harold
 Mohr, Martin T.
 Mohr, Ralph
 Mondschein, George
 Mondschein, Joseph
 Mondschein, Raymond
 Mondschein, Rose M.
 †Mondschein, William
 Morgan, Russel
 Mortimer, Thomas G.
 Mullner, Frank
 Mullner, Joseph
 Nemeth, Carl
 Nemeth, William
 Newhard, Joe
 Newhard, Leonard
 Newhard, Robert
 †Newhard, William
 Nickisher, Joseph
 Nicholas, Joseph
 Novak, Edward
 Novak, Walter
 Pammer, Frank
 Parvel, John
 Parvel, William
 †Parvel, Joseph
 Patrick, William
 Paukovits, Frank
 Paul, John
 Peters, Stanley
 Piescienski, Frank
 Piescienski, John
 Piha, Charles
 Piha, Frank
 Piha, John
 Piscitelli, Andrew
 Poandl, Frank
 Poandl, Helen
 Podorski, Joseph
 Podorski, Eva
 Pohranechne, Alex
 Prisnock, Louis
 Prockl, William
 Raber, Samuel
 Radon, Edward
 Radon, John

Camp Casualties

Hirschman, Anton
 Wonderly, Louis

Missing in Action

Miller, Paul
 Wiessner, William

Radon, Michael
 †Radon, Stanley
 Reichl, Franklin
 Reichl, John
 Reichl, Joseph
 Reinhard, Karl
 Reinhard, Lee
 Reinhard, Philip
 Reppert, Allen
 Reppert, Luther
 Reppert, Raymond
 Resh, Thomas
 Rieker, Joseph
 Ringer, Paul
 Rivetti, Pat
 Rogers, Alvin J.
 Rogers, Charles
 Rogers, Raymond
 Rogers, Richard
 Rogers, Sterling
 Rose, Karl
 †Rothdeutsch, Frank
 Rubasky, John
 Sacks, William
 Sakaschitz, Alex
 Salter, Alton
 Salter, Burt
 Santee, George
 Schaffer, Randolph
 †Scheirer, Frank
 Scherr, Charles
 Scherr, John
 Scherr, Joseph
 Schlager, Ludwig
 Schleder, Otto
 Schleder, Stephen J.
 Schneckner, Joseph
 Schrampf, John
 Schreiber, Daniel
 Schreiber, Elda
 Seier, Leo
 Selady, Helen
 †Semler, John
 Semler, Joseph
 Shoemaker, Brooke
 Sickar, Edward
 Sidor, Frank
 †Sidor, Joseph
 Silfies, Clifford
 Silfies, Edgar
 Silfies, Frederick
 Sinkovits, Frank
 Slanovits, Edward
 Slanovits, Joseph
 Slanovits, Louis
 Snyder, Clarence
 Sodl, Anthony
 Sodl, Herman S.

Sodl, Joseph
 Solderitch, John
 Sommers, Alfred
 Sommers, Alois
 Sommers, Joseph F.
 Sommers, William
 Spangler, Kenneth
 Spanits, Frank
 Stasko, Michael
 Steckel, Preston C.
 Stefany, Wallace C.
 Steiner, Frank
 Steiner, Gustav
 Steiner, Joseph
 Stelzman, Frank M.
 Stelzman, Steve
 Stetch, Michael
 †Stewart, Roy
 Stock, Paul
 Stranzl, Louis
 Stranzel, Louis
 Strauch, Frank Jr.
 Stumpf, Alfred
 Stumpf, Frank
 Stumpf, John
 Stumpf, Louis
 Stumpf, Mathias
 Stumpf, Rudolph
 Stumpf, William F.
 Stumpp, David
 Szivos, Frank
 Tabernigg, Arnold
 Tabernigg, Edgar
 Taniser, Adolph A.
 Taniser, Charles J.
 Taniser, Louis
 Tapler, Aloysius
 Tapler, John
 Thomas, John J.
 Thompson, Rose
 Toth, Frank Jr.
 Toth, George
 Toth James
 Trankley, Allan
 Trankley, Raymond
 Triveley, George
 Walakavits, Frank
 Walakovits, John
 Walakovits, John Jr.
 Walakovits, Joseph
 Walczuk, Joseph
 Walczuk, Stephen
 Walczuk, Zavier
 Wehr, Robert
 Weres, James
 Werley, Malcolm
 Wiessner, Alfred
 Wiessner, Edward
 Wiessner, Raymond
 Williams, David
 †Windish, John
 Wonderly, Michael
 Wunderly, Frank
 Wunderly, Rudolph
 Woodward, Charles
 Yandersits, Joseph
 Yandersits, William
 Yandrisevits, Louis
 Yoo, Helen Patricia
 Yoo, John
 †Yoo, Joseph
 Yoo, Rose
 Zeiner, Milton
 Zerfass, Raymond
 Zsigovits, Joseph
 Zsigovits, Theresa
 Zwickle, Edward

Die Fegel Hen 'm Bill Gapifa

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druf, der Ray het ebbes gons arbadiches in da finger os er net het, un woh feruhrsocha dade os der Ray ken druvell het fer die safe uf shleesa.

Grundniss sin alla weil drump in Coplay so weit os da yunga weibsleit ihra Beavel Klass aw gait on da Refamierta kerrich. Sie kaufa roea grundniss bei da truck loada, shawla sie ous, budderra un solsa sie, pocka sie uf in dutta, un ferkaufa sie beim pock, beck odder bushel wie sie ebber howwa wil. Dadarrich tzaila sie fer 'n wunnerborie lot gelt uf tzu mocha fer ihra kerrich, un hen noch 'n lot g'shpass dabei. In da grundniss gang sin so wie die Millie Buchman, die Florence Laubach, die Mamie Salters woh bei recht die grundniss solsa sot fer shure mocha os sie recht g'solsa werra, die Mabel Schlicher un ihra dochter Harriet, die Anna Amberle, die Erma Yerrick, die Jennie Kidling, die Sarah Johnson, die Mary Williams, die Mary Steckle, un so gore 'm Harold Peters sei fraw die Verna. Der Porra Richard Keen un sei fraw un der glae Richard, kumma aw ols bei fer helfa, ow'r wortu ols bis die arwet g'shoft is, un is nix may tzu duh wie die grundniss fersucha. Da onner dawg hens Porras ow'r awenich tzu lung gawort fer kumma, un alla ae grundniss war gapock'd, un hen kenna grick'd. Der Bill Johnson sin die barichda, wear om kunderra fer die grundniss shawla tzu yuse mocha, ow'r is noch net gons shure ebs cement gebt, odder male fer grundniss shawla brode bocka.

Ded Coplay gelthaver Bill Keiser hut now aw der telefone im hous, un wase os es net ol g'shpass is fer noch da halb nocht uf garufa werra wie er shun paar mohl werra is. Etliche yohr tzurick hut er mohl der "Govener moryets om halver drei garufa, ow'r wil now nix may wissa fon sel

tzeit telefona, un ruft ol sei freind uf bei dawg helling.

Un die Maggie Frantz un ihra Hennie woh uf die riggle-weg shofft sin noch grawd so fleisich on da awert os wie sei lava. Moryets pinklick om halver ochta kumma sie bei g'shossa wie 'n wedder laich, zu der post-offiis runna, die Maggie fleig'd tzu da dier nei, un ihra Hennie kumt glei hinna noh mit ma bind'l Morning Calls unnich yader'm ohr'm, un allas os fail'd is der hund om band'l. Der Hennie nembt der hund ols so g'shwisha drin nous fer 'n walk, uns hais'd, der hund dade so gore der Call laisa, die weil os er uf drei bae on da bame un wosser plugs shtae dade.

Der Dick Shoemaker is noch grawd so dief im loch os wie sei lava, ow'r er mocht aw sei lava mit lecher grawwa, odder ewwa sink lecher. Da winder darrich hut der Dick ow'r blenty druvell kot fer wisso wos die leit tzu charga fer lecher grawwa. Der shnae wor so dief, un is alla weil noch net gons shure eb er charga het solla fer der shnae odder net.

Die cigaretts sin grawd so rohr in Coplay os wie aw on onnerra bletz. 'S sol uns wunnerra eb net 'n lot fon da weibsleit iwwer dem shtarta die peifa shmoka. Un sel gamohnt uns on der Willoughby Buchman woh da onner dawg in aim hoar drunn in Allentown in druvell kumma wear darrich die cigarett bisnis. 'S wor 'n longie line outside ma shtore uf 'm payment, fer nei gae cigarets kaufa. Der Willoughby is aw in line, un hut gons dicht 'n halb shtun ganumma fer sich nei in der shtore shoffa. Noh wie er drin wor un het cigarets griega kenna hut er sei bocka buch net finna kenna, uns gons cigaret parade fer 15 minuta uf k'halta ebs 'm bei g'falla is os er yoh seinra Millie 's bocka buch gewwa het for gae "shoppa." Der shtore manager het in aim hoar die police

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Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to bring to you the greeting of Trinity Congregation and the prayer that God's blessing may rest upon each one of you. For your appointed tasks and duties we wish for you sufficient fortitude, courage and vision.

It is this last (vision) for which the Church speaks. (Truly, from vision may come, also, the other two.) The Christian message of Easter brings to us all the vision that out of such sacrifice and suffering, as you and the world in general is experiencing, new and greater life can be born. The sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary does not end with the simple release, in death, of His awful and innocent suffering and sorrow. His sacrifice and suffering end with the vision of Easter Morn, in new and finer life and activity for God in behalf of mankind.

This magnificent faith is the possession which we cherish and wish for you--that God continues to work and can bring out of, yes, by means of sacrifice and suffering, a more blessed future.

God grant us peace and your speedy return to your loved ones. God grant us all the faith to appropriate the noble life He has in store for His faithful people.

Hopefully and Faithfully yours,

Richard J. Keen

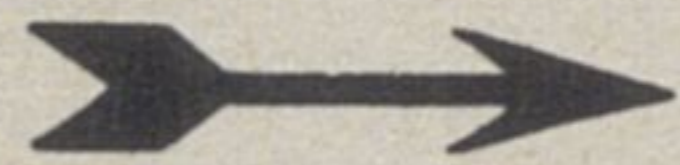
What's Cooking . . .

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Ford—but believe us it still goes — (when she has gas). Flight Nurse *Lt. Emma Mills* recently spent a furlough with her mother and sisters—she sure looks snappy in her Army Nurses' uniform — The *Ivankovits family* now occupy a home on Fifth Street — *Margaret Meyer* is now employed at Ann's Beauty Shoppe, after successfully passing her State Board Exam. — *Theresa Schneck* tells us she's going to buy a pre-war bicycle — we wonder why. New arrivals were welcomed by *Pvt. and Mrs. Michael Radon*, *Mr. and Mrs. Frank Paukovits*, and *Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Procanyn*. *William Kunkle* exchanging a bit of news with some of his friends — *Frank Scheirer*, local plumber is kept quite busy — *Wanda Abbott* returned home from Chicago after a short visit to see her sailor husband — *Gene Keiser* getting along on crutches — *Helen Morgan* going to the club at *Eve Schaad's* with her bag of garbage instead of lunch — *Mary Steckel* busy nursing her brother "Sam" who is sick in bed. We see *Mrs. Anna Proctor* and *Mrs. Rose Lentz* trudging up the alley to the Ritz Theatre — *Mrs. Ann Ambeable* on her way to the baby clinic on a Tuesday afternoon — On our way to work we see *Ruth Trankley* falling on the ice while "Lefty" *Hahn* is right there to give her a hand — *Mrs. George Proctor* settled in her new living quarters at 4½ S. Second Street — *Charles Lauser* going to the town hall at 3 a. m. Sunday morning in pajamas Feb. 11th to report disrupted electric service caused by falling ice from *Charlie McGinley's* roof causing the wires to burn and blow out a large transformer on a pole on Second Street. Heads popped out from all upstairs windows to see the display of fireworks and hear what *Charlie* had to say about it. Thanks

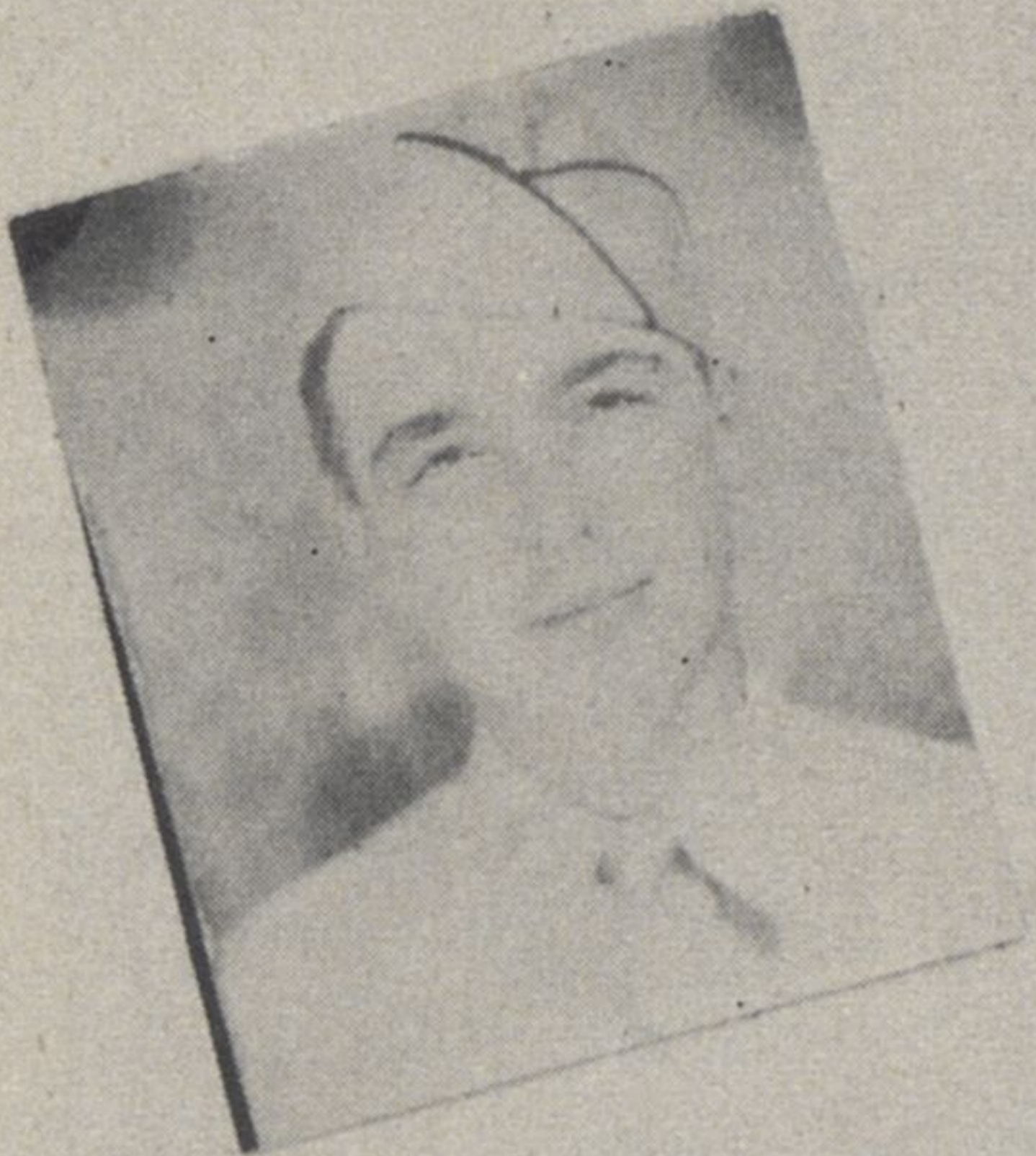
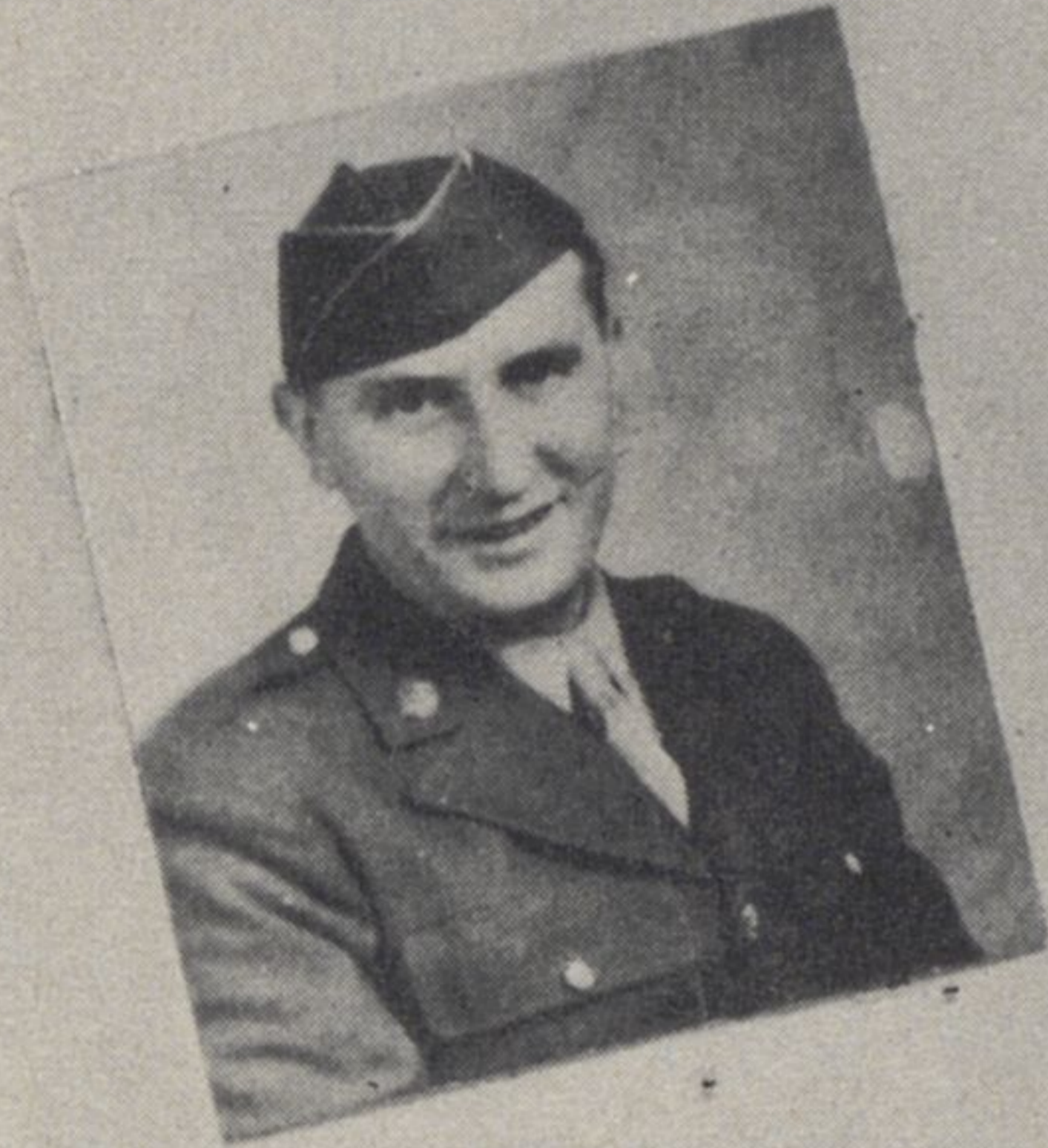
to good luck the new ladies auxiliary of the Fire Co. did not have to go into action yet — *Barbara, Judy* and *Patsy Taniser* singing "Happy Birthday" to their mother, *Mrs. Adolph Taniser* on Valentine Day — *Helen Sinko* (happy bride) smilingly helping *Edward Wolfel*, her husband, to move his personal belongings to her home before he returns to duty in the Navy. Congratulations are extended to *Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nicholas* who celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary on February 28. He is now serving in the U. S. Navy as a *Mo. M. M. 2/c*. *Bobby Kelly* and *Dale Reinhard* are working on a new weapon — Seven A. M. every morning *Muriel Reinhard* is making the fifty-yard dash for a forgotten item for *Harvey's* lunch. (*Raber's store*) — *Ann Reinhard* going to the same place in *Pappy Reinhard's* galoshes — *Louisa Raber* greeting them with her smile that is never missing — *Allie Schaffer* serenading *Sarah* with *Grandson John Allen's* song flute — *John Pammer* listening to his "Polkas" — *David Schaffer, Bobbie Peters, Carl Ringer* working like real boy scouts collecting paper to make their goal of 1000 lbs. each. Anxious for camp — that's all — *Joe* and *Ida Steckel* off to a busy day — *Joe* at the garage and *Ida* taking care of

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(Top to bottom, left to right)

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Son of Mrs. Anna Gaston	
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To: Helen Naomi Williams

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 Milander, John
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 Moore, Raymond
 Moser, Albert G.
 Moser, Edwin P.
 Moser, Oliver
 Moser, Robert S.
 Moritz, Charles F.

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 Proctor, George
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 Snyder, Stewart
 Sofka, Charles
 Sofka, John
 Spaits, George
 Steinhöfer, Carl
 Stranzl, Steve

Theirer, Edward
 Thomas, Frank
 Trankley, Edwin
 Tshudy, Nathan H.

Updegrove, Robert

Van Derweghe, Aurele
 Yagerhofer, John
 Yandersits, Edward
 Yandrasits, Joseph
 Yandersits, Peter

Killed in Action
 Rinker, Harry Jr.

Die Fegel Hen 'm Bill Gapifa

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parufa fer der Willoughby reshda fer traffick uf häva.

So wie die barichda rei kumma sin darrich Fegelcher, gebts iwwer dem 'n neier hoarschnidder un frizzle shop ins Columbia wertshous. Der wert "Mut" Kroboth maint 's gang'd tzu fiel wertfollie tzeit ferlora darrich 'n nocht, die weil os ken wertshous uf sei darf noch da halb nocht. Sei fraw die Helen wor ols in da beauty parlor bisnis eb sie der "Mut" ganumma hut fer mawg kumma wos wil. Now os die Kerfew don kumma is, maina sie, fer 'n hoarschnidder un frizzle shop uf shtarta, un shoffa fon halb nocht bis fier uhr moryets.

'M wert Frank Kuklitz sei grosser

moose os er da gonsa winder fer'm wertshous hanka hut kot, hut ken fliegel greick'd wie fiel maina os er het. Fiel maina der moose wear fert g'floga, un onnerra hen gamaint er wear fert gagrodd'ld. Wos g'shaina is, der Frank hut der moose doh weil tzurick wie fol licht wor, fom golya ganumma, 'm 'n bind'l alfalfa hoy fon seinra Northampton kounty bau-errei, una bushel Lechaw kounty howwer uf der buckle gabunna, un 'n tzurick nuf noch Konadaw g'shick'd. 'S nagshd shpote yore tzailt der Frank fer der same moose wid-der tzu sheesa, un 'n da nagshda win-der widder uf hanka farna on seim wertshous fer awenich Konadaw scenery noch Coplay bringa.

Pumpernickle Bill.

Brothers Wounded

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Nemeth, 106 8th Street, have recently been informed by the War Department that their two sons, William and Frank have been slightly wounded.

William was slightly wounded on January 14th in Belgium and is recuperating in a hospital somewhere in England.

Frank was slightly wounded on February 5th on Luzon. He has been in the service for three years. He trained at Camp Wheeler and saw duty in Hawaii, Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines before being wounded.

Both rank as Pfc. and we all wish them a speedy recovery.

John Joseph Groller, Gunner's Mate Third Class, U. S. Naval Reserve, who had been reported missing, following action, is now reported dead. He was serving on board the U. S. S. Samuel B. Roberts, when that vessel was lost in the Second Battle of the Philippines on October 25, 1944. He is survived by his wife Helen Mae Groller, two children, John Jr. and Delores, whom he has never seen.

Cpl. Robert J. Deutsch, reported missing in action on December 17, 1944, has been reported killed. He served on the German Front and is survived by his wife, Dorothy Deutsch, the former Dorothy Bousson of Memphis, Tenn, also his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deutsch, 37 N. Front Street.

The oldest and youngest of Jacob Rogers sons met in England, quite by accident, New Year's Eve, the brothers, Staff Sgt. Richard Rogers and 1st Sgt. Raymond Rogers hadn't seen each other for nearly four years.

Richard is in the S. I. A. M. Co. and Raymond is in the Engineers. The five sons of Mr. Rogers are overseas—Pvt. Sterling Rogers in Germany, 1st Sgt. Raymond Rogers in Belgium, Cpl. Alvin and Staff Sgt. Richard in England, and Captain Charles Rogers in the South Pacific.



Lucky Meeting . . .

Dear Editor, Staff and Coplayites,

Received your Xmas Issue of the Echoes and it sure made two Coplayites feel much closer to home. This being our first Xmas overseas it made us both very happy to learn of some of the happenings back home.

We are both in good health and hope you all are the same.

I guess you're wondering why there is so much said about "we." Well George Santee and Randy Schaffer are still bunkmates. We took basic training together and now are together overseas in the same outfit. That makes us luckier than most of the fellows.

We learned that Alfred Goller is stationed not far from here but as yet we haven't met.

We will have to close now saying thanks for everything and keep up the splendid work.

Always Coplayites,

Randy Schaffer
George Santee

—★—
BOOST ECHOES

What's Cooking . . .

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the "moola" at Coplay National — *Rev. Richard Keen* out for his daily walk with son "*Dickin*."

Now some more quick squints here and there around the town — *Bill Stumpf* lumbering up to Bingo — "*Sonny*" *Miller* trying a new trick on the boys — "*Beatie*" *Newhard* out selling her usual record number of Echoes — *Walter Morgan* bucking wind and snow with pipe in mouth — *Charlie Reichl* off to union meeting — "*Butch*" *Schaadt* and daughter *Marilyn* off for a ride on a couple of horses — "*Nick*" *Parvel* wheeling a bale of straw up Chestnut Street — *Sally Meckes* sweeping the walks — *Frank Kratzer* arguing with his neighbor "*Chief*" *Laubach* — *Bill Meyle* grabbing a bus for Allentown — "*Joe*" *Gaston* off for the tavern — *Louie Prisnock* tidying up his new home — *Louie Legath* with his man-

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Coplay Boy in Unit Which Receives Plaque

Sergeant Raymond E. Reppert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Reppert, 151 Maple Street is a member of an Engineer Aviation battalion in the European Theater of War which recently was awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque according to an announcement from Army Air Force Headquarters.

Sgt. Reppert has been in the Azores for the past fourteen months and his battalion received this award for its superior construction work under exceptionally difficult conditions and for maintenance of a superior standard of discipline.

Others from this area in the battalion are Sgt. Alois A. Rutz, Allentown, Pfc. Robert I. Reppert, Catasauqua and Cpl. Ira O. Bertsch, Coplay R.F.D. No. 10.

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Sports Flashes . . .

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January 26th

Muhlenberg	53,	Lehigh	26
Allentown	46,	Lebanon	33
Central Cath.	67,	Brown Prep	25
Hazleton	41,	Bethlehem	26
Pottsville	30,	Easton	29
Palmerton	53,	Slatington	39
Whitehall	32,	Catasauqua	25

East Stroudsburg			Coplay				
G.	F.	P.	G.	F.	P.		
Staples, f.	5	4	14	Kratzer, f.	0	0	0
Quinlan, f.	4	4	12	Schleder, f.	3	1	7
Talmadge, c.	5	1	11	Deichm'er, c.	1	0	2
Henning, g.	1	0	2	Erkinger, g.	5	2	12
Transue, g.	5	1	11	McCloskey, g.	6	5	17
Harmon, f.	0	0	0	Gartner, g.	2	3	7
Budicker, g.	0	0	0				
Totals	20	10	50	Totals	17	11	45
Referee—Billman.				Umpire—Gross.			

Eastern Pennsylvania League

Final First Half

	W.	L.	Pct.
Allentown	3	1	.750
Pottsville	3	1	.750
Hazleton	2	2	.500
Bethlehem	1	3	.250
Easton	1	3	.250

Lehigh Valley League

First Half Final

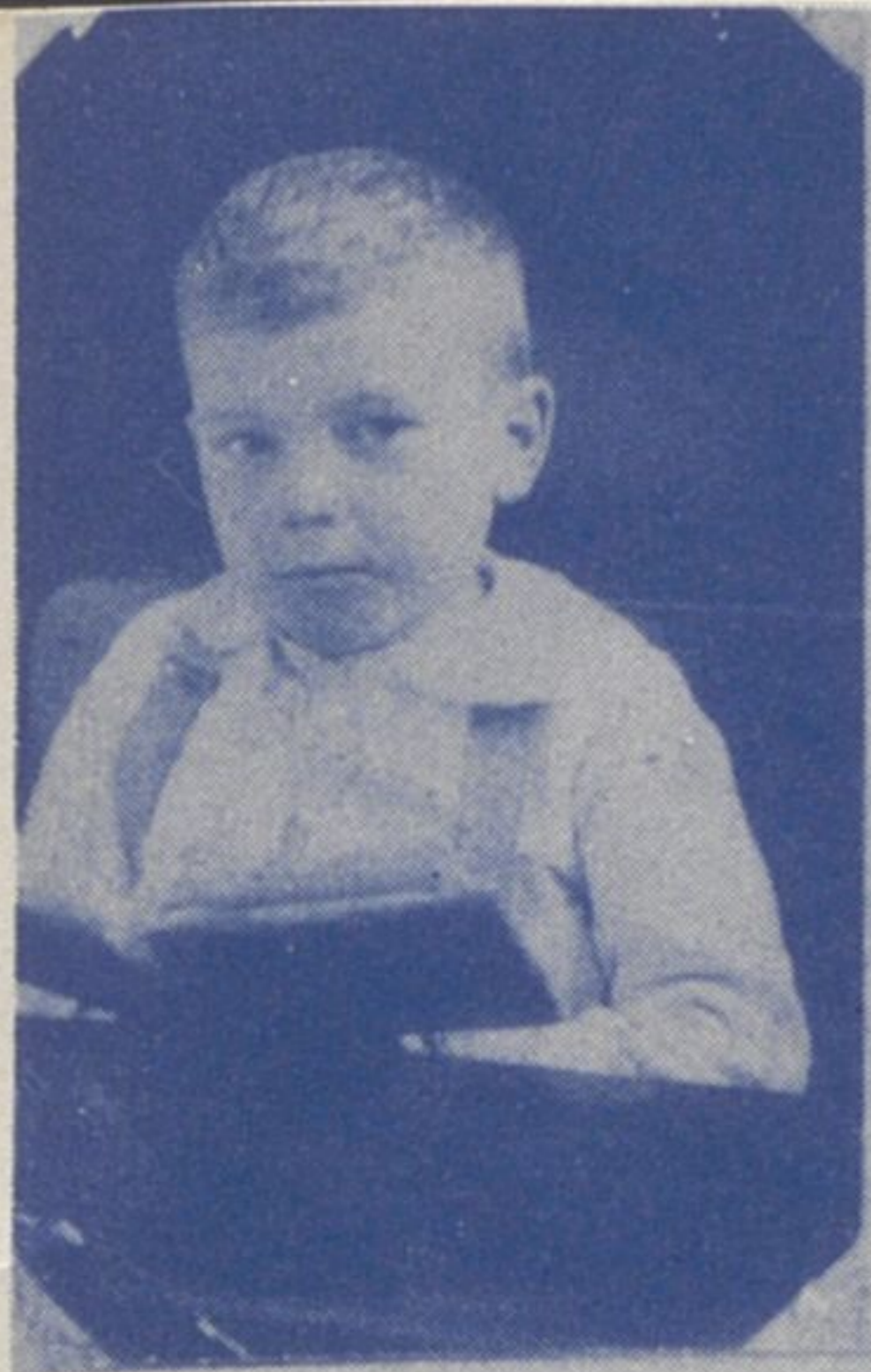
	W.	L.	Pct.
Palmerton	6	0	1.000
Emmaus	4	2	.667
Whitehall	4	2	.667
Northampton	3	3	.500
Slatington	3	3	.500
Catasauqua	1	5	.167
Stroudsburg	0	6	.000

Lehigh-Northampton League

	W.	L.	Pct.
S Whitehall	6	0	1.000
E. Stroudsburg	4	1	.800
Wilson Boro	3	3	.500
Hellertown	2	3	.400

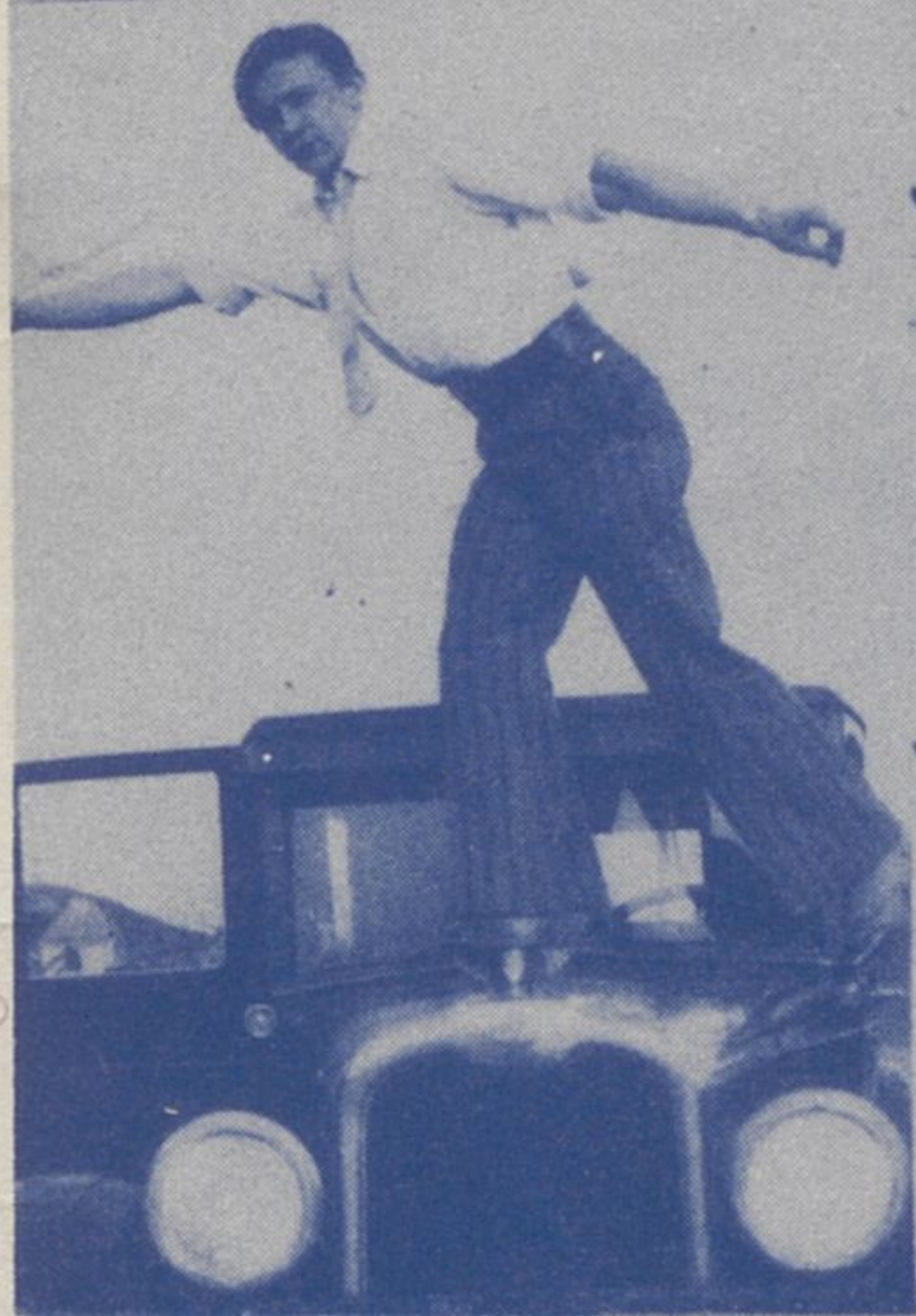
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1. Frank Lentz
2. Frank Mullner
3. Stephen Stelzman
4. Joseph Keller
5. Frank Steiner
6. Joseph Nicholas
7. Andrew Piscitelli
8. William and Frank Nemeth
9. Edward Yandrasits
10. Charles Karoly
11. Steve Karoly
12. Frank Toth
13. Ralph Mohr
14. Joseph Klepiss
15. Sterling H. Miller



What's my friend

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what's my friend

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Sarah Lee

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Tom

me & m

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sized chew — “Gusty” Rothdeutsch off for home — “Steve” Kratzer getting ready to say goodbye to his 6th son to leave for the service — four are still in and one, Eddie, has been discharged — “Jimmy” McGinley heads for his new job at Vultee — Frank Reinhard planning his garden at his new residence on Second Street — Adam Huntzinger more spry than ever. — “Jimmy” Balliet filling his Ford coupe to capacity with just Jimmy — brother “Burlap” carrying a big patch on his right eye — no,

not a shanty — Charlie Kidling with a firm grip on his trusty pipe — “Tufor” Dugan still janitoring at High School — Charlie Walsh holding up his end of the bar and the conversation at the American club — Carl Proctor taking the Fire Company meeting — Ed Mertz doing the town taking in some infrequent sunshine— We’ll start looking for the Easter Bunny from here on in and until we greet you next month — keep the mud off of your shoes.

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