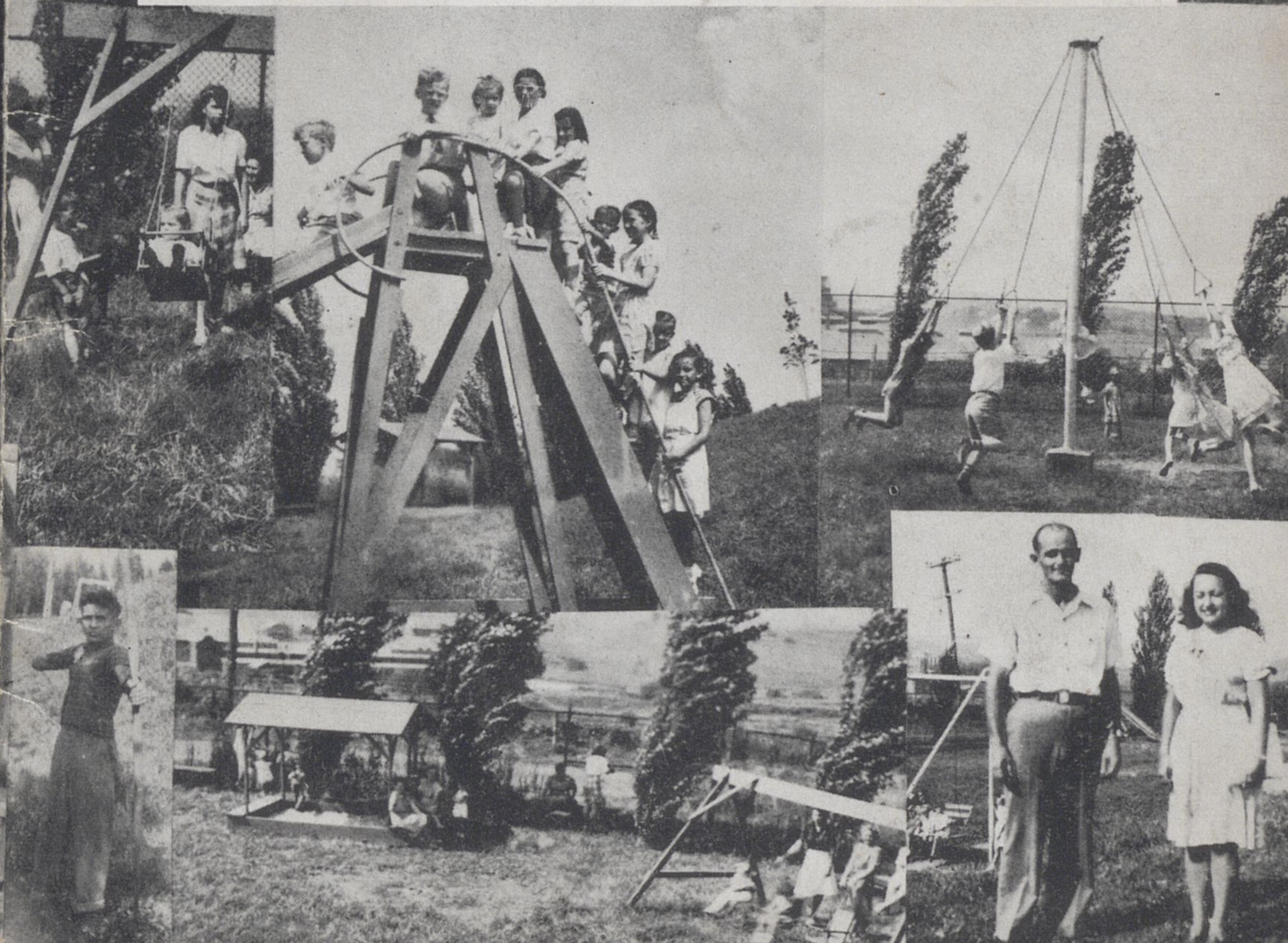
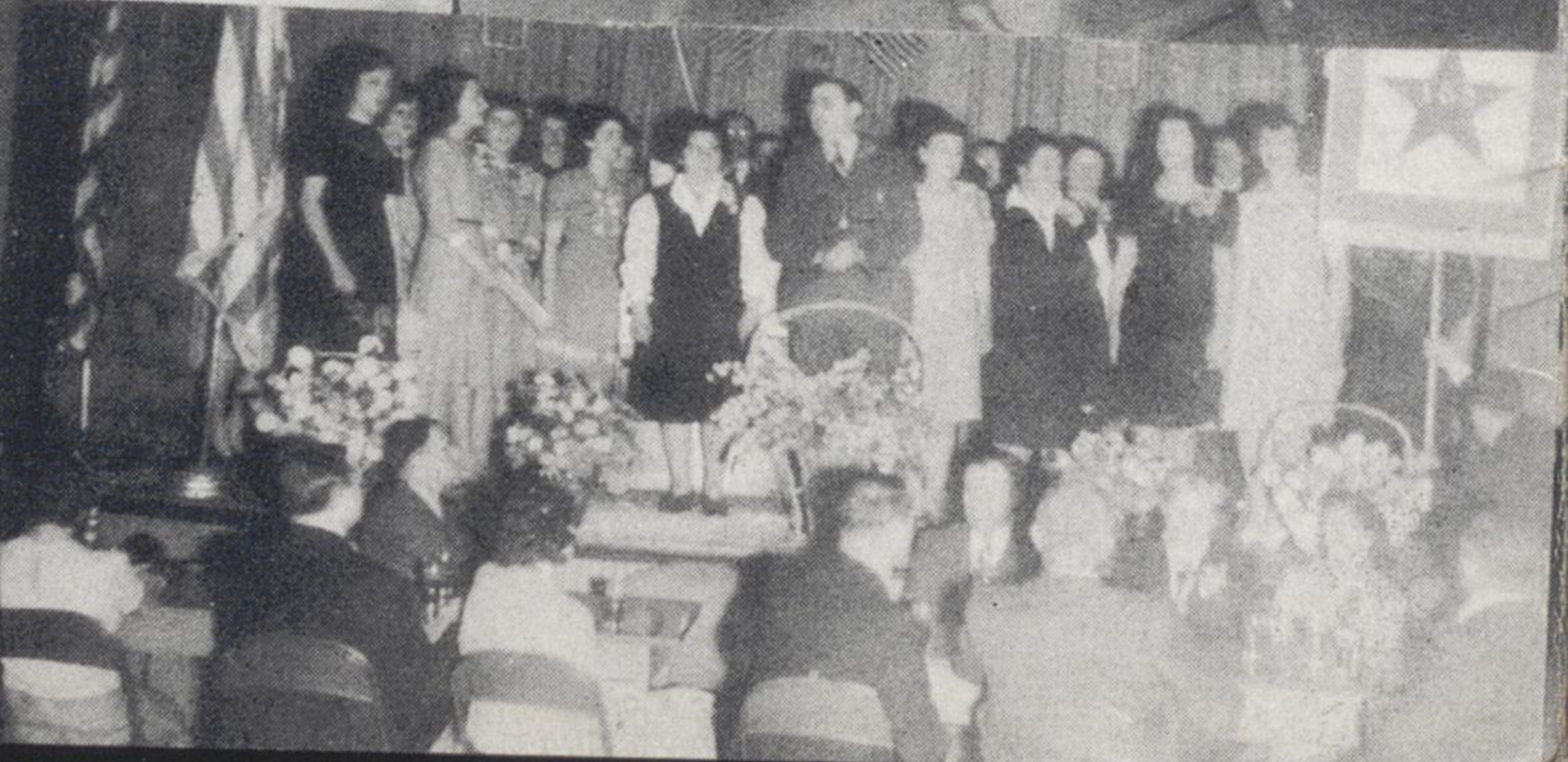




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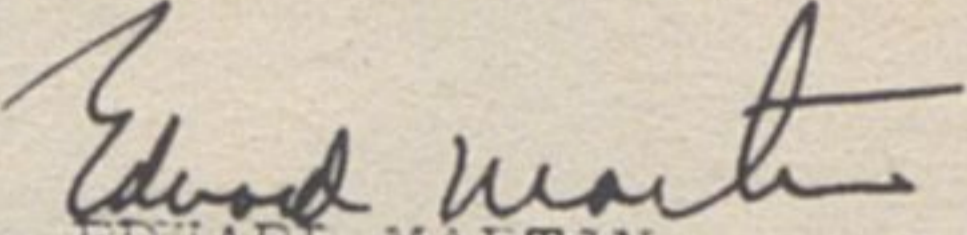
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Dear Mr. Miller:

I acknowledge
the copy of Coplay Echoes for May, 1945.
This is certainly a most interesting
publication, and you are to be congratulated
on what you are doing.

Very sincerely,


EDWARD MARTIN

Mr. George J. Miller
Editor-in-Chief
Coplay Echoes
Coplay, Pennsylvania.

JUDGES CHAMBERS
ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

JAMES F. HENNINGER
JUDGE

Coplay Echoes,
Coplay, Pa.

Gentlemen:-

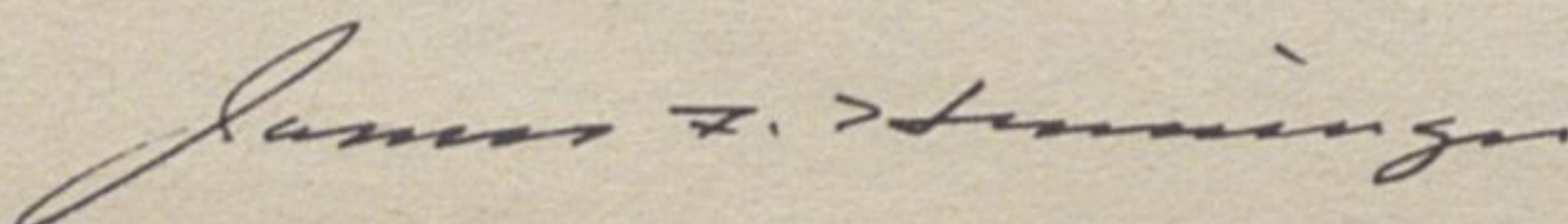
Your beautiful brochure "Lest We Forget"
included in the latest Coplay Echoes reminded me
that I am long overdue for a renewal of my con-
tribution to your publication.

Let me say that I take great delight
in the beautiful and impressive work involved in
the make-up of your magazine and I recognize the
tremendous amount of effort that is being expend-
ed by Squire Miller and his associates in pro-
ducing this fine work. I venture to say that
there is no other community in the United States
that can produce anything comparable to it.

The supplement "Lest We Forget" showing
those of the finest young manhood of your borough
who have paid the supreme sacrifice, brings home to
all of us the price of victory and liberty. I
believe it is only fair, however, to the intrepid
courage of your Coplay boys to state that they have
not attempted to spare themselves and that, there-
fore, your percentage is higher than that of other
communities of equal size.

Much as I enjoy Coplay Echoes I trust
that its career will shortly be ended by the re-
turn of all of Coplay's heroic sons to their
home after having completed a job well done.

Very truly yours,



JFH:H



Editor's Note:

During the next few months no doubt there will be occasions when letters will be published which were written by boys who have arrived home during the interval between writing the letter and its finding its way into print. We trust matters of this kind will be overlooked by the folks at home. The letters will be just as avidly read by our boys and girls who are still out there.

Dear Editor, Staff and Coplayites:

I received another issue of the Echoes today and I was really happy to receive it. Nobody can get any work out of me when I'm reading it. It's really a swell booklet and I consider it an honor to be on your mailing list. I wish to thank all the people who make it possible for me to receive this swell booklet. I usually call it the "Builder Upper."

About a week or so ago I was a happy fellow when one of my old school chums came aboard for duty. I was in the chow line one day and who should come up to me and tap me on the shoulder but Philip "Gawk" Reinhard. It was really a surprise to see him. He is one of the fellows I bumped into from the old home town. It really makes a fellow feel good to have somebody from the old home town around you. After I get done reading the Echoes I'll pass it on to him because it may be some time 'til his issue catches up with him. He'll probably let you know of his change of address.

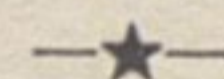
Here is something else you might be interested to know. On the fourth of February my wife and I became the proud parents of a five and half pound baby boy. Just recently I received a five day leave so I could go home to see him. And boy I really felt good to see him. He looks a little like me. Alright, no comments from the sidelines.

There isn't anything I can say about myself but that I'm enjoying good health. You probably wouldn't want to hear it anyway if I could tell you. Well I guess the time has come for me to close. So in closing I say again, I thank each and everyone of you from the bottom of my heart for making it possible for me to receive the "Echoes." Please keep them coming for I would feel lost without them. Until we meet

again be good and take care of yourselves. I still remain,

Just one of the boys,

Frank A. Miller, R.M.3/c.



Dear Staff:

I received my April issue of Coplay Echoes today and I think its about time I told you how much I appreciate receiving this wonderful little magazine every month. It brings news from the home town and from buddies on far flung battlefields. The pictures also bring back many gay memories that I shall never forget.

I have always enjoyed reading the Echoes no matter where I was, overseas or here in the States. This issue of the Echoes however has meant more to me telling about the work that my grandmother has done to help the Echoes. I really am very proud of her but I am also proud of Coplay. I am proud of all the people that are making it possible to receive this magazine each month. They are all doing their bit and with such spirit I am truly proud to be a native son of Coplay.

As many of the fellows say it is quite an experience to get out and see the world but it sure will be swell to get back to the people you know and all your old friends. But 'til that time comes the Echoes shall help to keep us supplied with what is going on.

You, the staff, and the people of Coplay are doing a swell job. Keep up the good work and I want to wish you all the luck in the world. It's time for me to be signing off now so until I receive my next issue of the Echoes I remain;

A Proud Coplayite,

"Mickey" Miller.

CADET NURSES



MARY FRUWIRTH

Enlisted September 1, 1943

At Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown, Pa.

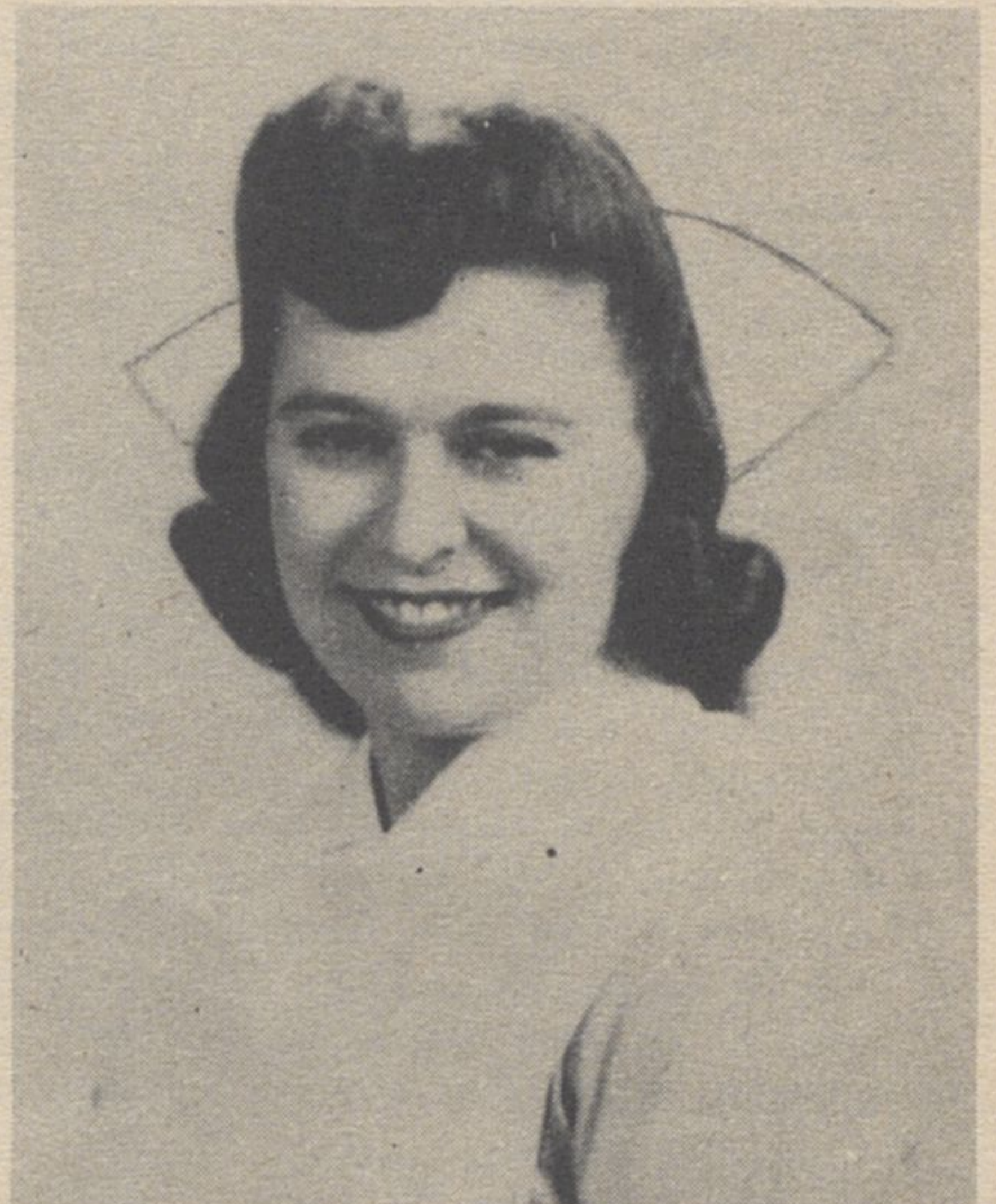
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fruwirth,
Third Street.

BETTY PRISNOCK

Enlisted September 24, 1944

At Jefferson Medical College of Nursing,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Prisnock,
Third Street.



MARY JUNE SCHOUP

Enlisted June 24, 1944

At Jefferson Medical College of Nursing,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Schoup,
Fullerton Avenue, W. Catasauqua.





July turns out to be Coplay's "rainy season" as we scout the town for news in boots and slickers — Among some of the things we hear and see are — — —

Whitey Greenhagen pedaling home on his bike. No gas coupons needed — *Uncle Wils Peters* hoping he'd win the "Memorial" pony — *Tod and Jennie Reinhard* chewing the fat with *Bella and Frank Koch* — *Poodle Kunkle* trying to steal forty winks on his store porch — *Orpha and Ronnie Rogers* shining up their domain in case "Jake" might have a furlough from France — *Dr. Jim Heller's* son singing "Don't Fence Me In" — *M. L. Gruver* still smoking that same cigar — *Jim Schaffer* carrying in ladders and saying good-night to his chickens — *Mrs. George Heffelfinger* on daily visit to *Pop and Mom Williams* — *Gracious Kramer* entertaining her nieces (*Alan's* daughters) and we mean entertaining — *Dr. Hohl* all out for archery. Lucky for playground youngsters — *Bill "Cy" Walker* returning from Allentown General Hospital after visiting with his mother who is rapidly improving from an appendectomy — *Evelyn Phifer* and *Mother Alvenia* doing the town — *Rose Walakovits* moving slowly homeward after a big "Hair" day at *Stella Stefanik Beauty Salon* — *Rev. Koch* building castles in the sand box for *Cynthia Ann* — *Herb Walbert* still doing his daily dozen at the cigar factory — *Minnie Hahn* and *Maggie Moyer* headed for *Ritz* movies

— *Andy Kmetz* washing his car on Second Street with *Frank Krupa* supervising the job — *Julius Lowey* fanning to keep cool — Among the high spots of the old time auction and country fair on July 4 were *Eddie Gorr's* outstanding job as auctioneer — the ladies, "played out" after a tough day — *Adolph Sommers* bids high on an 80 lb. live pig and then scoots it home over the grounds with *Kathryn Fogle* in hot pursuit trying to get a picture for "Echoes" — *Emory Reppert* checking up on *Prince* the pony — it was he who made a stall out of his garage and harbored the pony for better than a month before he was raffled off — *Ray Long* helping the ladies behind the stands — *Wilbur Brewer*, a visitor from Quebec, Canada putting in a full day with all of us perfect strangers — "*Jack*" *Gleason* after working from 6 a.m. to way past midnight, falling asleep in his truck — And around the town again — Among Coplay's gals who spent a week's vacation at Atlantic City were *Hilda Toth*, *Angela* and *Pauline Erking*, *Lillian Keiser*, *Eva Stivitz*, and *Mary Priscock*, while *Anna Heller* and *Teresa Karo* did Broadway in New York City — A week of rain and cold

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Dear Friends:

This is the first time I've written to the Echoes. I still can't figure out what took me so long to write. Although I receive your Echoes two months late, I still enjoy reading it and rereading it. I cannot express my appreciation enough as to what you people back home are doing for us service men of Coplay.

I've been overseas with the Marines for two years now and still haven't met any of the guys from Coplay that are overseas in the Marine Corps.

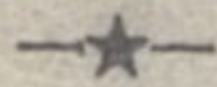
I would like to request a favor from the Echoes staff, to send me the address of Marines, from Coplay, overseas. There is nothing like meeting a guy from the old home town.

A few months back I ran into Louis Busits and he was looking great. It was swell talking about the old home town and about the people we knew.

Thanks again to all members of the Echoes staff and all who are partaking in giving us guys sweet news from home.

Sincerely,

Joseph B. Lendl.



Dear Staff:

I want to thank you again for that wonderful copy of the "Coplay Echoes." The edition I missed was that of February, but I was very glad to get it. I was sorry to read about the misfortune you had with the Reformed Church. I only hope they will be able to get material to rebuild, with the crisis going on.

I'm glad to hear that some of the fellows are fortunate to meet up with some female companionship. Although there are some like myself that are in places where there just aren't any women around. But I'm sure we will all make up for it when we get back home.

As for my whereabouts, I cannot give you my exact location, but I can say the island is beautiful. It is located somewhere north of the equator and west of the International Date Line. (Personally from the distance I am away from home, I must be pretty close to the Moon.)

I want to send my personal congratulations to Anna Anthony and also the rest of the staff for doing such a wonderful job in publishing the book. Others that have read the book, also think it's a swell book and wish that their home town would put out a book in that order.

I have experienced my first air-raid from a fox-hole, and actually seen a Jap plane shot down. It really is a thrill to go through it for the first time.

I have been trying hard to meet up with a Coplay fellow, but so far I have failed. The closest I got to our surrounding communities was a fellow from Easton, who I met while in the "Mariana Islands."

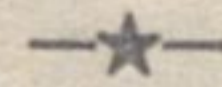
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short of words, so I'll draw to a close by wishing the best of luck to Coplayites, all over the world.

I'll be waiting for my next copy, and until then keep up the good work.

A Coplayite,

Pvt. Eddie Ernst.



Hello Staff:

Well at last I'm writing the overdue letter I promised to write. I should have written before but they keep me busy over here. I want to thank you for the copies of the Echoes I've been receiving. Some of them chased me all over the Pacific, but finally caught up with me. The last one I received was the granddaddy of them all. It took me almost an hour to look at all of the pictures. I'd better get back soon or I'll be a complete stranger to the people of Coplay. I had a hard time trying to identify some of them.

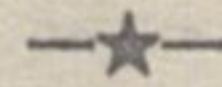
The weather over here is nice, but it's as hot as two Coplay summers put together. A perfect place for a Sunday school picnic because rain is rare. A little rain would help though, or a few tons of snow. That would really hit the spot.

If you by any chance have the addresses of anyone over here, I wish you would publish them. To date I haven't met anyone I know, although I imagine some of the guys are out here. I'd appreciate it very much if you'd publish their full address.

That's about all I have to write about now. Hope to receive a copy of the Echoes soon.

A Coplayite,

S/Sgt. Ed. T. Thierer.



Dear Staff:

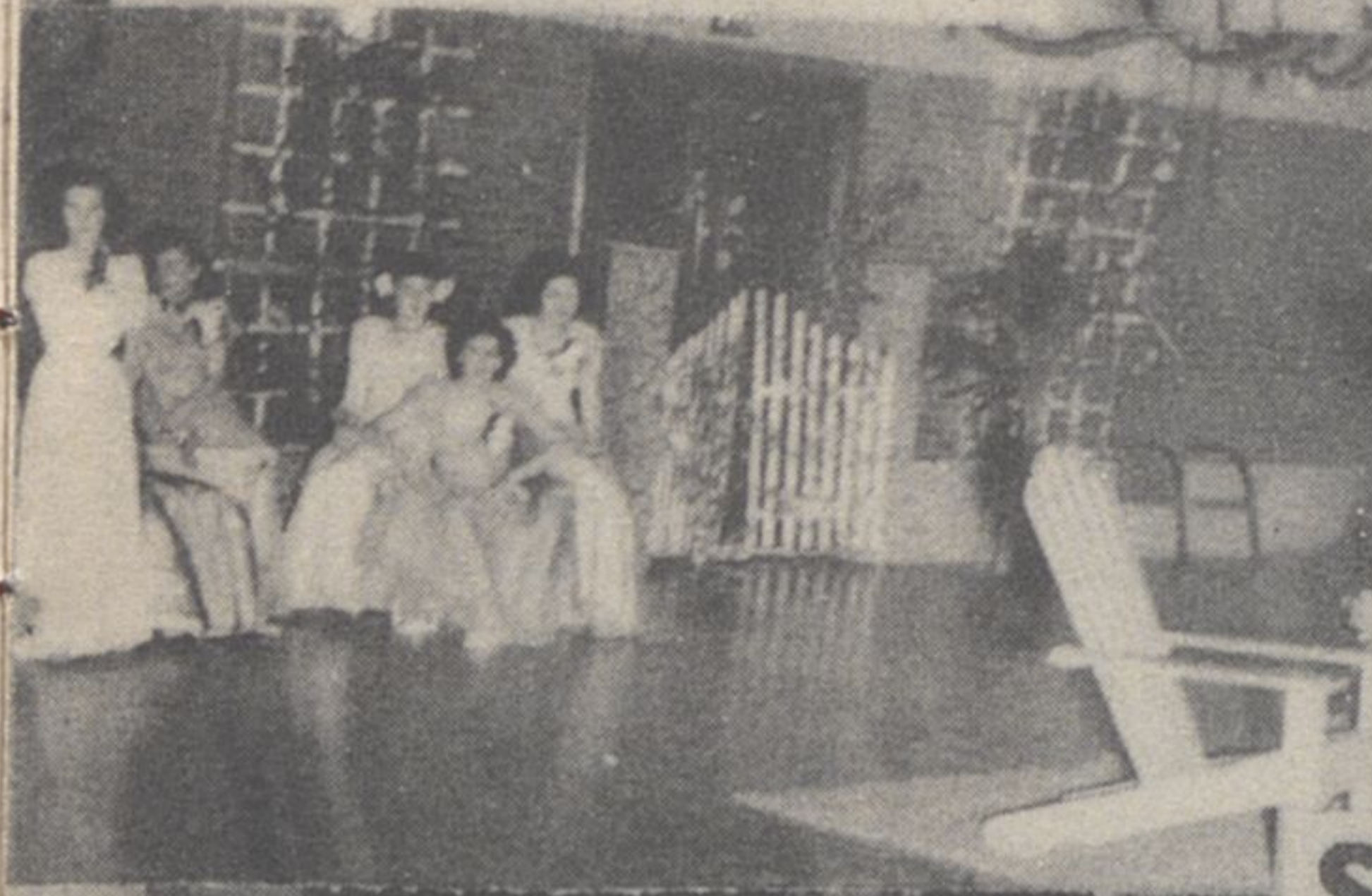
Through the generosity of my dear friends, the Selady family, I was able to secure a copy of your "Coplay Echoes." I want you to know that I enjoyed it thoroughly.

Even though I'm from your neighboring town, Northampton, I can't help but express my admiration for the heart-inspiring work you are doing to make the boys and girls in the service feel mentally at ease. Seeing their loved ones in the environment that they once knew so well must give them a tremendous lift. I know, for in my opinion, photos are the best means available in building morale—much needed morale. Your Xmas edition must have been a "Super" source for the men since it contained so many photos.

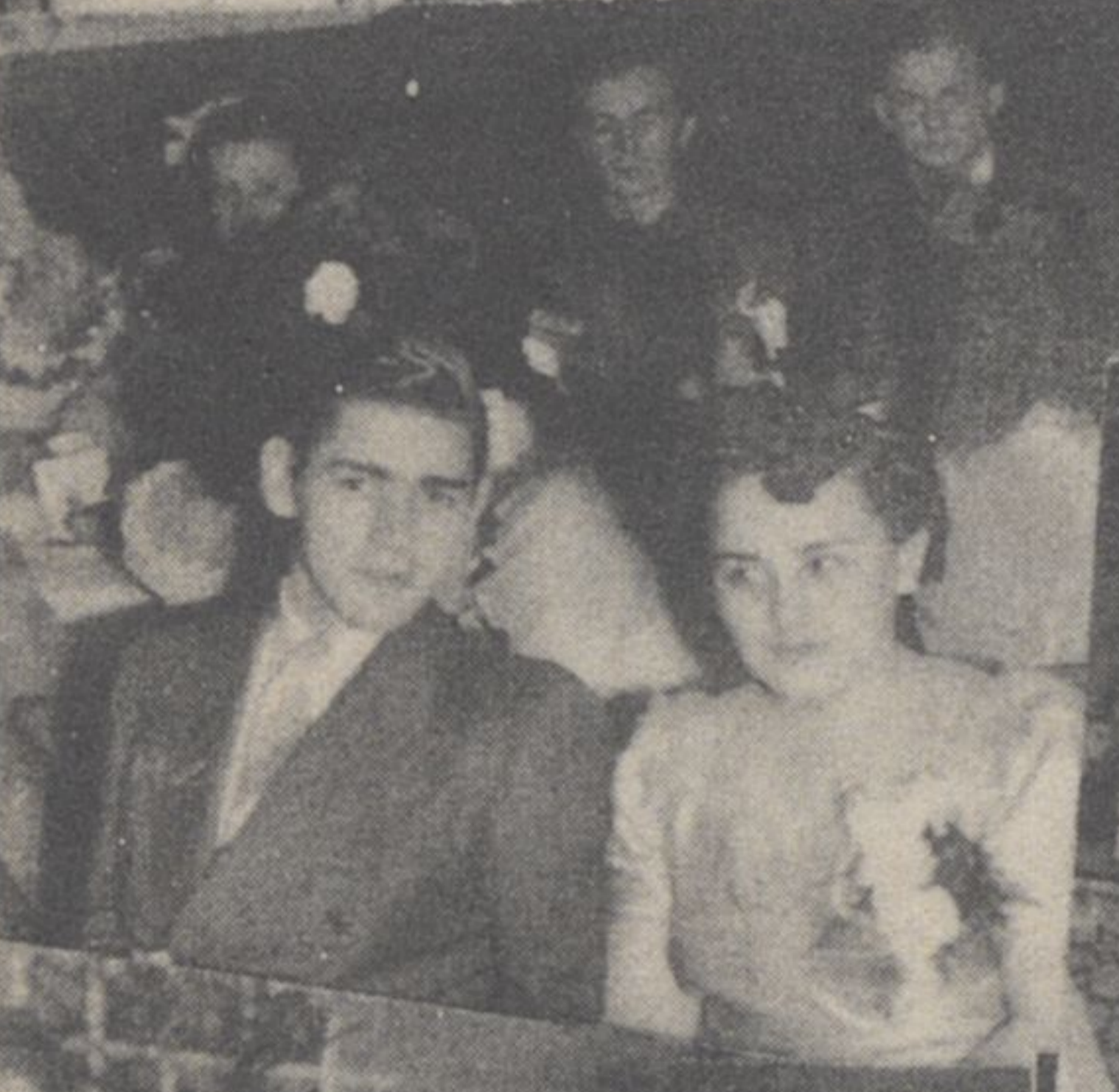
Having very little else to offer in the way of comment, I'll conclude this letter hoping that nearby town follow suit and bring forth a magazine such as yours. I'm certain that it would give the boys and the girls in the service a feeling that the "Community Fathers" are taking care of their own.

Sincerely,

Sgt. Julius Farkas.



SCHOOL



DAYS



Hello Everybody:

Well I think it is about time I drop you a few lines again. The last letter I wrote was when I was in Texas, well I'm now in India. I came here on the 27th of March. I left in February and landed at this camp in April. So you see I had a long way to go before I came here. I had a nice time on sea. Did a little boxing again on ship. They had shows for us and all the books that we like to read. So all in all the trip was not too bad. We had a fast ship and came all the way by ourselves. I would like to tell you some more things, but you know how it is with the Army.

As for myself I am driving trucks for a field hospital, here in India. I like the job very much. Boy I don't know how anyone can drive all day long without killing an Indian or two. They are all over the road and won't get off for you. Anyone who can drive here, can drive any place back home. We have a good set-up here at the hospital. So you see it is not too bad. I received February Echoes and I'm still looking for March and April. I miss that book very much. So I hope I get them soon. Well good luck to all.

Your friend,
Joe Sommers.



Middle East

Dear Staff:

May I take this opportunity to thank each and every one for the wonderful work you are doing. It's hard to put into words how much I really appreciate the "Coplay Echoes."

I received the "Echoes" a bit late. Better late than never due to the fact that the Navy keeps me on the move always. I have been to ten different countries and traveled about 75,000 miles in eighteen months of sea duty. I have met a few of the Coplay boys overseas. It was swell to have met them and to talk about the home town, which we all hope will be the same again, very soon.

Before closing I want to thank you again for the wonderful books I have received.

Sincerely,
Joseph F. Lentz.

P.S. A big "HELLO" to all in the Service.



Dear Staff:

It certainly has been a long time since I wrote to you. Due to the fact that we left the Hawaiian Island quite some time ago and landed in the Philippine Islands, and right now we are pretty busy building our camp since they just have that many days to build it. So that's the reason for not writing sooner.

The place around here is terrible right now but in the future I think it will be one of the best parts in the Philippines. The weather surely is bad and the sweat just rolls off. The bathing

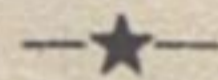
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round here is in the ocean and it really is tough when the tide is out. So you see it isn't like play.

Well how's good old Coplay getting along? I haven't received the Echoes for three months and believe me, I'm looking forward to receiving them. The mail sure is slow getting here. And especially to stay in camp with no place to go. Well that's the way it goes around here.

Well, I'll have to be closing for now. Best of luck to all and keep up the good work. Also best regards and wishes from Steve Kerbacher.

A Coplay Kid,
Joe Kroboth.



To the Staff and Members:

Well I got out of Maryland and now in Miami, Florida. It's a nice place and its the first time I've ever got a sun tan in April especially the beginning of the month. I was here only a week and I had a sunburn and couldn't sleep for a couple of nights but now it's okay. It feels good to sit under a shady palm tree in order to get out of the hot sun and cool off a little. I've eaten a lot of coconuts since I've been here. We go out in the park every morning to take physical training then the rest of the day we go to school and we learn what we are to do aboard ship. After this week I'll be assigned to a unit then we know where we'll get our ship. Well its only five minutes before lights go out. By the way we sleep in hotel rooms here and that's what makes the fellows here happy but there's no place better than Coplay and there's one book which I and more fellows think is the best and that's "Coplay Echoes."

Solong,
Ludwig Schlager.



Dear Staff:

I just finished reading your latest issue of Coplay Echoes and thought it would be nice to drop the staff a few lines, but I really should have written a few months ago.

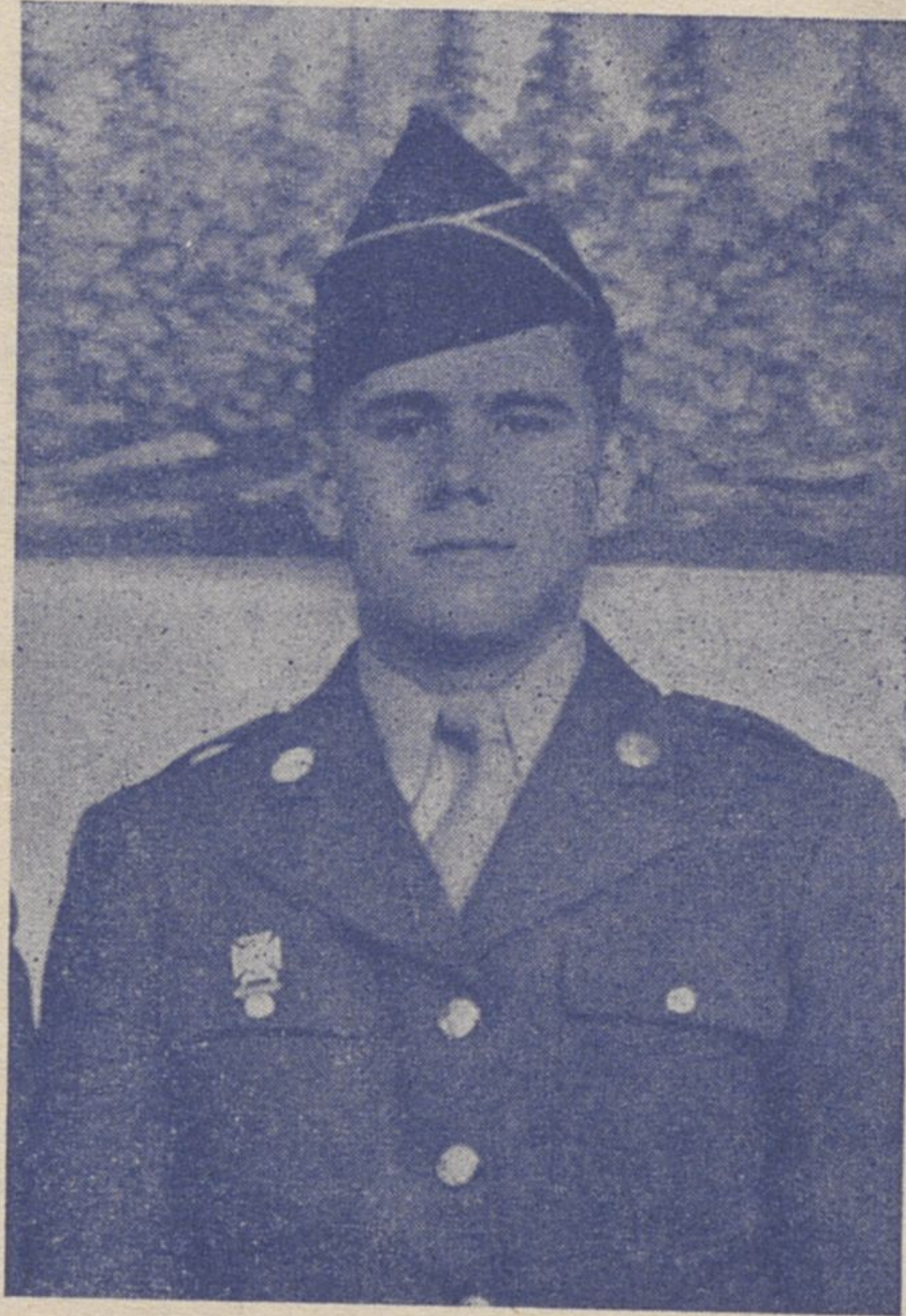
I want to thank you all for sending me the Coplay Echoes each month. This little book sure keeps my morale up for Coplay.

At my new base I have met several schoolmates from Coplay like Bill Berg, Russell Deutsch Tony Kroph, we all have a lot of fun when we go on liberty.

At Norfolk I'll be stationed for three months with a mess hall gang and they have me acting as "Master of Arus" with a couple of other fellows. After my three months are up at Norfolk, I get a seven day leave to come home. I sure am looking forward to it. Please take note to the change of address and I'll always receive the Coplay Echoes.

I'll be closing now, and I hope you all keep up your good work.

Emil J. Mateicka, S 2/c.



Thomas Mortimer

Infantry

Inducted October 3, 1944

Killed in Action, May 2, 1945

Philippine Islands

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Mortimer

Eighth and Hall Streets



Strictly G.I.

Some of the boys home on furlough, HARRY HALLMAN, BILL WIESSNER, EDDIE TRANKLEY, ALTON SALTER, BUDDY BIERMAN, GEORGE KELLER, HERMAN HANSL, HENRY HAINES, JOHNNY SCHRAMPF, CHARLES KAROLY, NORBERT BENNETT, CARL KROBOTH, JOHNNY LORENZ, CHARLIE DEUTSCH, HARRY MICHAEL, JEROME BARTLETT, LEONARD NEWHARD, WILLIAM McKINLEY KERN, FRANK TOTH, LEONARD KLINGLER, WALTER BODISH, JOHNNY DERKITS, ELDA and DANIEL SCHREIBER, LOUIE EBY, ARNOLD TABERNIGG, KARL REINHARD.

* * *

There was a happy reunion in the BESLANOVITS home when their three sons came home on furlough. JOHN SM2/c back after two years in the Pacific, FRED home after completing his boot training, and SGT. ADOLPH home on a 15 day furlough.

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Recent servicemen weddings were CHARLES KAROLY who took ERNA SUPPAN of Catasauqua as his happy bride, and KARL REINHARD who took JANET CORRELL of S. Fourth Street.

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According to a release from the War Department Public Relations Section, to Coplay Echoes, P.F.C. FRANK LEITGEB of 1118 Poplar Street, Coplay, Pa., is now being processed at Camp Atlanta in northeastern France, as a member of the first ETO armored division to be ordered to the Pacific.

Frank is a member of the 124th Armd. Engr. Bn., and served with the 13th Armored Division in the Battle of the Ruhr Pocket and in the drive through Bavaria into Austria. He wears the ETO Ribbon with one Battle Star, The Good Conduct Ribbon and Unit Citation.

The 13th, popularly known as the Black Cat Division, captured more than 20,000 German prisoners in the fighting in the Ruhr Pocket and took an additional 19,000

HEADQUARTERS
71st Medical Battalion
APO 235

11 June 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO: Pfc. Edwin G. Ernst, 556th Med. Amb. Co., Mtr., 71st Med. Bn.

1. It is a great privilege and pleasure to announce to you that we, the 71st Medical Battalion, have been awarded the MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE by the Commanding General XXIV Corps. This plaque was awarded in recognition of the outstanding service rendered by the members of this Battalion from 3 April 1945 to 2 June 1945 in the Okinawa Campaign.

2. The work done by you in caring for the sick and wounded, both hospital care and evacuation by ship and air, has been very favorably received and commented upon by Higher Headquarters.

3. The honor of receiving this plaque was made possible only by the untiring and unselfish efforts of each member of this Battalion.

4. Our Battalion has taken its rightful place in the XXIV Corps and also in the Tenth Army. They know WE are here. Let's keep the 71st at the top.

5. It is possible to get a star to go with this plaque. Shall we try for it? It is up to each one of US. That star will look good — What do you say?

6. I am very proud of you and I sincerely appreciate your cooperation.

7. The attached is for your information.

8. I salute you.

EDGAR A. FARRELL,
Lt. Col., M. C.,
Commanding.

in Bavaria. In the closing days of the war in Europe, it captured Hitler's birthplace city of Braunau, Austria, and liberated 14,000 Allied prisoners of war.

P.F.C. Leitgeb is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Leitgeb of 1118 Poplar Street, Coplay, Pa. He will be given a furlough before the division begins its training for action in the Pacific.



Off to a Good Start...

Coplay's Memorial Committee's first affair to raise funds for a community memorial for this war was a rousing success. An old fashioned auction and country fair coupled with the "chancing off" of a pony on July 4 afternoon and evening brought in \$900 to the treasury.

The general committee was composed of Mrs. Ruth Herbster, William Schaffer and George Miller. Among those who assisted to make it a success were:

Ida Schaffer
 Mary Steckel
 Stella Reichl
 Margaret Gilly
 Maggie Frantz
 Sallie Meckes
 Mabel Long
 Esther Peters
 Verna Peters
 Hilda Reichl
 Stanley Peters
 Joe Ebner
 Raymond Long
 Elmer Meckes

Emory Reppert
 Jack Gleason
 Dick Brader
 Stanley Peters
 Amos Peters
 Wilbur Brewer
 Carl Ringer
 David Schaffer
 Stanley Reinhard, Jr.
 Jesse Herbster
 Ed Kunkle
 Tom Bennett
 Roy Eberts
 Larry Horn

The auctioneers were Ed Garr, E. F. Zellner, and Ray Eberts.

The pony was won by Mrs. Olive Gröller, 20 N. Second Street.

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

Celip, John
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, Godfried
 ‡Deutsch, John
Deutsch, John
Deutsch, Joseph
Deutsch, Louis J.
Deutsch, Russell
Deutsch, Stephen
Domitrovits, John
Domitrovits, Joseph
Dragovits, Julius
Dreisbach, Robert
Duldt, John Jr.
Duldt, Joseph
Dute, James
 ‡Eby, Charles
Eby, Frank
Eby, Louis C.
Eisenhauer, Henry
Erkinger, Alfred
Erkinger, Charles
Ernst, Edwin
Ernst, Rudolph J.
Fahringer, Ernest
Faller, Frank P.
Falk, Howard G.

Killed in Action

Gladish, Michael
Haines, William
Groller, John J.
Kovacs, Louis
Schwartz, Stephen
Scheirer, Kenneth
Tapler, Joseph
Deutsch, Robert
Nemeth, Frank
Schwartz, John
Keller, John
Stumpf, William
Churetta, John Jr.
Mortimer, Thomas G.

Died at Sea

Bodish, Edward



Gala Fireworks--Tokyo To

‡Farino, Anthony
Fidler, Julius
Fiedler, Frank
Follweiler, Edward
Frantz, Forrest H.
Frantz, Sylvester B.
Frisch, Herman W.
 ‡Frisch, Joseph
Fruwirth, Edward
Galler, Alfred
Galgon, George
Garger, John F.
Garger, Joseph
Garrison, Herbert
Gartner, Alfred
Gartner, Jacob
Gaston, George
Gaugler, Alvin
Gaugler, Robert
Geist, Frank
Geist, Leonard
Geosits, John
Gernerd Ross
Gessitz, George
Gilly, Alfred J.
Gilly, Charles
Gilly, Clarence
Gleason, Jack E.
Gollatz, Edward
Gollatz, Julius
Gollatz, Raymond
Gollatz, Rudolph J.
Goller, Margaret
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Golomb, Michael
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Hower, Richard
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Ifkovits, Martin C.
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Patrick, William
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Paul, John
Paul, Joseph J.
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Schmidt, Frank
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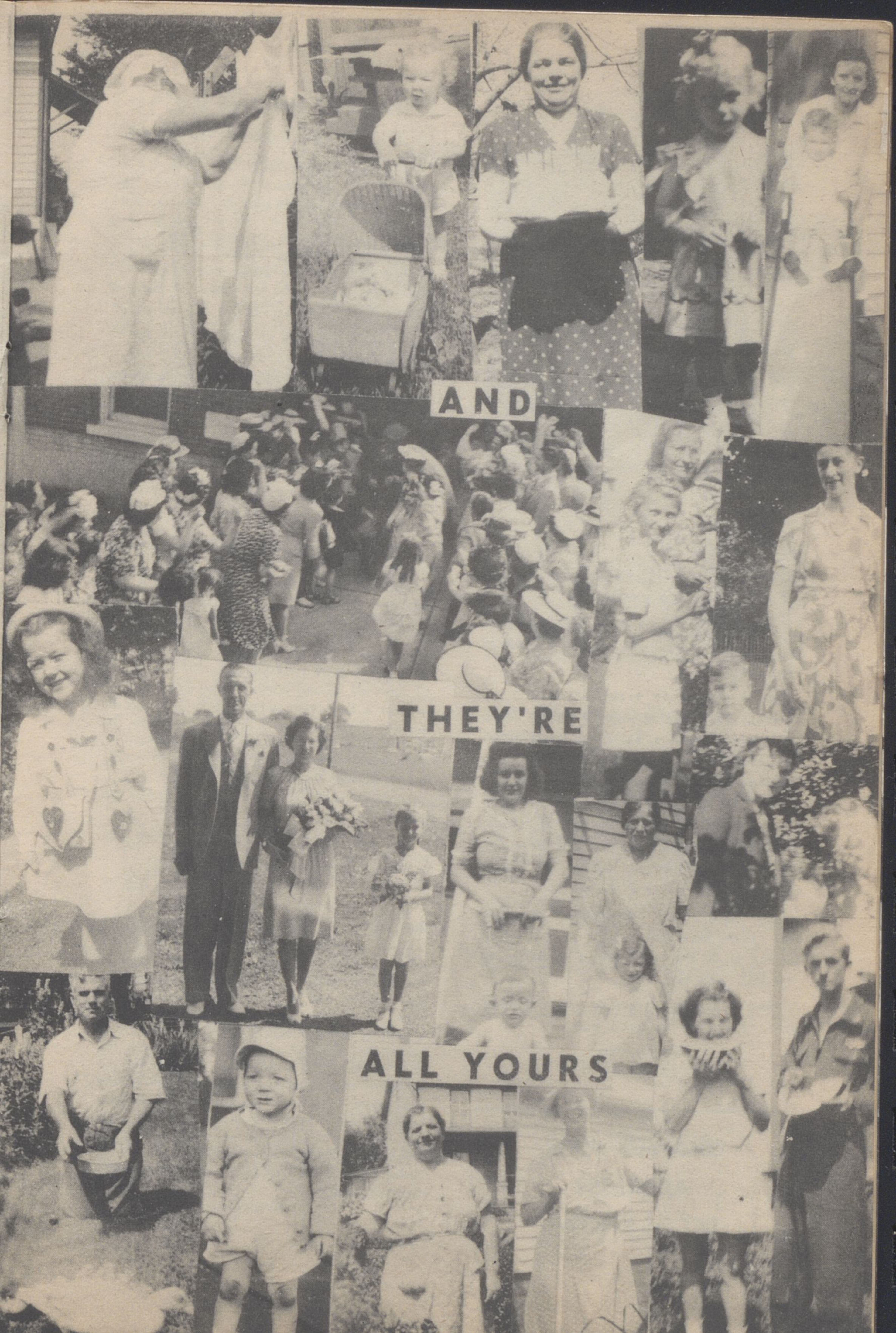
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L. KATHRYN FOGLE

From the Riviera, SGT. DAVID WILLIAMS sends greetings to everybody. He had a seven-day furlough there and enjoyed it immensely . . . HELEN SELADY gives us some news from Arlington as follows: "Our station has been commissioned. We were proud that day. For the first time the American flag flew over Wave Qrts. K. There was a Mass Review of the Waves here; who stood colors. A community sing, movie, "Here Comes the Waves"; and taps closed the day's program. Everything is now in full swing . . . FRANK LEITGEB informs us that he always looks forward to receiving his "Echoes" and his buddies enjoy it almost as much as he does. Frank wrote while in France and said the French people were very kind to them . . . LOUIS J. BILLERA came back from overseas in January and is now stationed in this country. He thanks "The Staff" for "Coplay Echoes" . . . MICHAEL RADON is stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska. He has received his Echoes regularly and finds much enjoyment and pastime in reading them over and over again . . . JACK KLUCSARITS says: "I received another issue of "Echoes" today. Believe me, it can't be beat. It takes me back home to pleasant memories of, "The garden spot of America, Coplay." Thanks for "Echoes"; keep up your splendid work, you're doing a magnificent job.

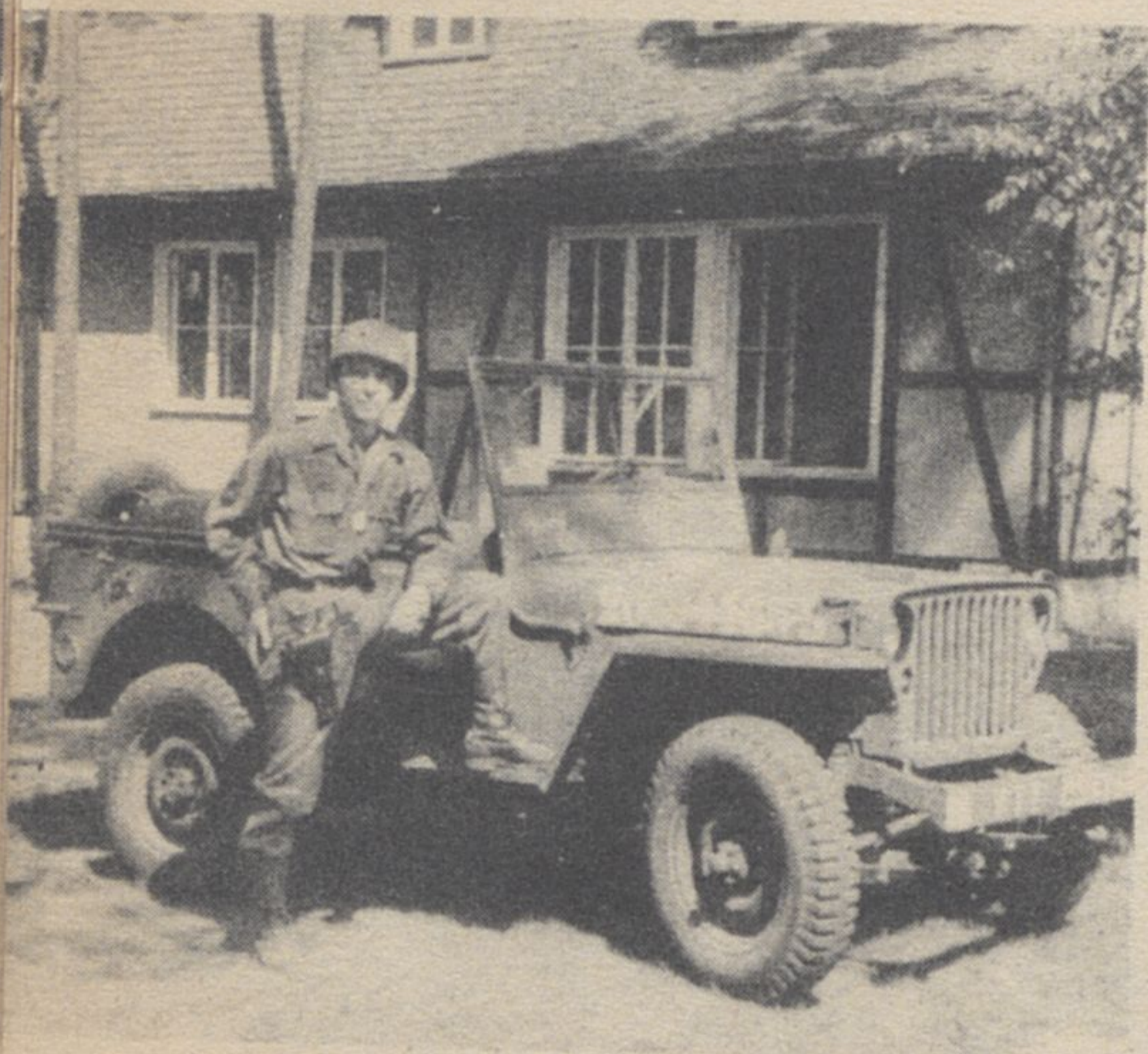
All the best, to all you nice people and may God bless you all" . . . ANTHONY SCHMALL thanks the staff for the swell job they are doing. He especially enjoys the pictures and hopes he'll be able to see some of the familiar places in Coplay, in person, soon . . . BOBBY BRANDT enjoys reading "Echoes from the Front." He finds out how his friends are doing and where they are located. While in Italy he has visited Rome, Vatican City and many other interesting places . . . "SEPPY" SEMLER has been transferred to a camp in Alabama. He had been in Florida. He is always eager to receive "Echoes" because it gives him lots of news from home . . . CPL. HENRY "HANK" EISENHOWER is somewhere in the Philippines. He enjoys "Echoes" very much and his tent mates share his enthusiasm. "Hank" hopes he'll get back to Coplay soon as possible. He likes our climate better than any he has found in his travels . . . LOU MILISITS has been receiving "Echoes" from a friend and thinks they are very interesting. He knows many service men from Coplay and enjoys reading about them. He sends his best wishes and hopes "The Staff" will keep up the good work . . . STEPHEN WALCZUK informs us that his "Echoes" are late again. He hopes to receive them soon. He sends his regards to all his friends who work for "Echoes."



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ALL YOURS



Dear Friends:

Am trying to "catch up" with correspondence between my trips.

Enclosed is a snap of myself taken in Berchtesgaden, "Shickelgruber's" former headquarters.

Am at present on a very interesting assignment. Am serving as an amateur "Sherlock Holmes" and a Technical Interrogator. Am constantly on the road. To date I have hit underground plants, airfields, atrocity camps, P. W. camps and concentration camps. Have visited the capitals of France, Belgium, Netherlands, Austria and Germany. Am at present working out of our headquarters at Nurbberg, Germany.

One thing I can honestly and sincerely say: "Thank God for America." If it wasn't for the U. S. the entire world would go to "Hades," and fast.

Here's hoping I receive an "Echoes" soon. Keep up the good work.

Respectfully,

Keg's.

**CHANGE YOUR
ADDRESS?
LET US KNOW!**

Somewhere in Germany.

Coplay Echoes:

It's been a long time since I wrote to the "Echoes" but that doesn't mean I've forgotten Coplay, or the "Echoes" by any stretch of the imagination. Rather the familiar scenes and faces of my hometown, are more firmly etched in my memory than ever before.

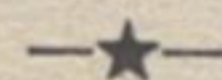
I have been in many places since I left (Second Heaven) U. S. — to name a few — England, France, Holland and Belgium. You see we've been pretty busy over here. Now we're in Germany well on the road to Berlin — and then, I hope, home.

Those copies of the "Echoes" are a link that have made me realize over and over again that the thoughts and prayers of the folks back home are always with us.

Thanks "Echoes" and Coplay for all you've done. I'll send you a card from Berlin and I'll see you all soon.

Sincerely,

Steve Stanzle.



Dear Staff:

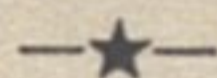
Received another issue of the Echoes a few days ago. I read with interest the article about Lou Bodish. There was enough information in it, that all I had to do was put two and two together and I had his location. I met him the other day and we certainly had quite a talk. It all centered around Coplay. He is in training now for a bout with some Belgium champ. As far as I could see, he is in good condition. So here's hoping that I can get to see the bout.

The weather here at the present is very warm, and it reminds me of spring back home.

I enjoyed the December issue of the Echoes the most, because of all the pictures in it.

That's about all for this month, wishing you all good luck.

Johnny Deutsch.



Dear Staff:

A few words to inform you that I have arrived safely in Porto Rico, after sailing the waters of the Gulf of Mexico. The initial day was sickening, but the rest of the trip was as smooth as glass. Just a few days ago I was assigned as a cook to a mess hall. The crew of K. P.'s in our kitchen are civilians, boys ranging from the ages of 18 to 25. It has been difficult for me to make them understand English, but in the near future I shall try to pick up that Spanish accent, which I hope will decrease my troubles. As of today I have not as yet received another issue of the "Echoes," but I hope my informing you of the change of address will hasten the next issue.

A Coplayite,

Cha. J. Marakovits.

Coplay Hit by Storm

Coplay and vicinity was hit by the worst summer storm in years, July 9. The entire area stretching from Leighton to Phillipsburg suffered damages estimated at close to a million.

The severe electrical storm caused a fire at the National Slag Company, located on the old "Cinder Tip" which resulted in the death of the night watchman, John Harbowy, who resided in Egypt.

The old concrete bridge crossing the creek at the aqueduct near the Mauser Mill Company was washed away leaving only the arches. Also scores of trees were blown down by the violent blasts of wind. Other damage to Coplay was confined to minor wind damage.

List of Contributions Ending July 17, 1945

50 cents or less . . .

Charles Buchman
Mrs. Harold Peters
Mrs. Ida Steckle
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A Friend
Mary Steckle
Anna Miller
Dorothy Alexander
Mrs. Louis Yandrisovits
Mrs. Alfred Wiessner
John Ifkovits
Mrs. Julius Gollatz

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S I/c Helen Selady

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Mrs. Theodore Wallhofer

\$5.00 . . .

Mr. D. J. Uhle
Sgt. Ray Zerfass, Jr.

Pause for Correction

In reporting Sgt. Yagerhofer as one of the first prisoners of war to return home, we incorrectly ranked him as a private in our June issue.

We trust that we will be pardoned for this error and promise to rank him correctly hereafter.



An Old Bed Buddy . . .

Three guesses as to what the Klucharich brothers, Sgts. Steve and Bill were talking about when this picture was snapped. Ingolstadt, Bavaria, Germany was the place, exactly 2½ years after they had seen each other, and boy how good it felt when brother met brother. S/Sgt. Steve Klucharich has been overseas for 33 months while Sgt. Bill has been "over the pond" since last November. Both are sons of Ferdinand Klucharich, Chestnut Street.

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Wounded . . .

Pvt. John Domitrovits, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Domitrovits, 152 Cherry Street after fighting through the battle of Italy and most of the battle of France fell seriously wounded on March 15 in the latter country. As a result of his wounds he has lost his right foot and since May 20 has been at the General Hospital in Richmond, Va., where he is recovering nicely. John has been in the army since September 1942 and received his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Georgia and further training at Camp Gordon, Georgia.

Dear Friends:

Another issue of "Echoes" received, fully digested and reluctantly put aside. Again please accept my heartiest "Merci." It really was a "bang up" job.

Have finally left that aircraft carrier of an Island, England, and for the past couple of months have been pitching my tent in France and thereabouts.

Could write a great deal about this country and others I've been to but I believe the briefest and most "to the point" statement I can make is: If all these countries with all their wealth, all their traditions, their age, their glory and their history were put together and compared to the U. S., I for one would still have to smile. Believe me, when I say there is only one God blessed country, I mean OUR country. I don't mean this as a patriotic war-time spiel; it comes from deep down. I for one can truthfully say that I have learned to really appreciate the U. S. From Copley to New York City. Yes it is "God's

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Country" beyond all doubts. (Am fully taking into consideration that these countries have been shelled, bombed and over-run.)

My hopes are high (not just a dream) that I shall sometime this summer, again get to see the "Lil-ole-hometown." Have been beating around this side of the Atlantic for 35 months now and I'm really looking forward to sleeping in my own bed again. Sheets, pillows, clean blankets; no it can't be true; it must be a dream!! A sundae, real beer, fresh fruit, dinner not burnt? I've got to see it to believe it. I'm "drooling" right now, so I'd better say "Finis" and get some "C rations in my beat-up greasy old mess-kit.

Thanks again for everything and good luck to one and all.

"Au Revoir,"

"Keg's" Keglovits.



Dear Staff:

I received another issue of the Echoes and could not wait to receive it. I am in good health, and hope that your the same. Navy personnel allows us to give this information away — I have crossed the equator somewhere (censored) and have been initiated into the mysteries of the deep in keeping with the traditions of my realm, and I have been acclmaided a true and loyal son of Neptune.

I will give you some idea of my experience of the initiation. There is a certain clique of people aboard our ship called "shellbacks." These "shellbacks" are very peaceful people except when they breathe a certain amount of Equatorial air. This type of air has an unusual effect on shellbacks. They become sadists of the worst type, blood thirsty maniacs and extremely murderous. Their favorite victims happen to be "pollywags." I was a pollywag. We had 75 shellbacks and 100 pollywags. Usually a shellback don't go as far as actually murder a pollywag, but the sight of bruised and mutilated bodies acts as a stimulant to their already murderous minds, and then it's hard to imagine what sort of terrible tortures they will inflict upon their luckless victims. I went through this initiation and was brought before the Neptunes Court and was found guilty. So I had to pay the consequences. They cut my hair off, they painted me up, they saved all the cabbage up, put it in a canvass and made us swim in it. So, now I am a loyal shellbacks of the Neptune Court, and received a big certificate of membership of the Domain of Neptunus Rex to a good sailor of the Seven Seas. I will get all the pictures that were taken during the initiation and will send you one.

So Long and Good Luck.

Your friend,

William J. Parvel, S 2/c.

Dear Staff:

No doubt you people have been wondering why I haven't written for some time now. From Hawaii to the Marianas to the Philippines and finally to the Ryukyus Gach I must admit I have traveled a bit but the traveling I want to do hasn't come up yet, yes bask to Coplay. Let's hope that soon we all will be back taking on where we left off. I have finally made contact with a Coplay Marine but as yet haven't seen him in person, due to his being in the front.

Mail here has been fair, but I look for mostly the "Echoes." I haven't received any of the latest editions, it must be due to my constant moving and getting a new APO every time it occurs. I'm hoping that sooner or later the "Echoes" will arrive. I miss it very much.

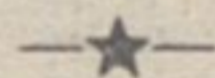
Here on Okinawa the fighting is still going on, according to the radio the island should be secured in a few days. The weather has been rather nice for the last few days, but last week a person needed a row boat to get to the chow line from his fox hole.

This is about all for now. Until then so-long and God bless you all.

I remain,

Francis Miklos.

The air raid alarm just sounded.



Dear Staff:

I received the latest copy of the Coplay Echoes and I really enjoyed it and so did some of the fellows that have read it.

Well I have been stationed in Chicago for three months in the winter time and it sure was cold on Lake Michigan. Chicago was sure a good liberty town. I have left Chicago about two and a half months ago and now I'm here in Indiana once again.

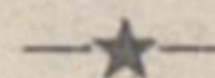
The kind of work we do here isn't very easy. We load all kinds of ammunition and it sure plays a fellow out when you work about eight hours on 2,000 lbs. and so on.

We have nine men in our crew and we do the work of two crews when we have to meet a quota because other crews have about twelve to fifteen men.

The weather here isn't so hot. It rains pretty larn often and one gets tired of it, but, I hope to be home in the near future. I'll close now. So-longfi for now.

As ever,

Pat Rivetti, S 2/c.



Dear Staff:

Once again it's my pleasure to take time out from my way down in Brazil to tell you all that I again received that dream book called the "Coplay Echoes." I sure want to thank everyone who has something to do with the making of the book and I do hope you continue your fine work. That book is what you would call a morale builder. With the book and letters from home it is



Mo. M 2/c Joseph Nicholas, son of Mrs. Johanna Nicholas, N. Second Street, will find it pretty droll waiting for trout season to open after bagging this size. The shot above was taken somewhere in the South Pacific where Joe has spent 14 of the 19 months he has been in the service. We are waiting every day now for word from Joe that down where he fishes they throw back anything under six feet. The "one that got away" no doubt would rival a Jap Cruiser in size (or maybe it was one).

really what a fellow needs to keep up his morale.

Well things are starting to roll down here, and by that I mean, now that Germany gave up lots of the casualties are coming home by plane and most of them are coming through this way, which means lots of work for us and the hospital. Even though we are not in a battle zone we still have to work pretty hard down here because now that the fellows are coming through, we have a 24 hour shift going and coming.

Well now that I have done my duty again, I'm looking forward to your next issue of the dream book called the "Coplay Echoes."

Once again I want to thank the whole staff for their wonderful work so we'll keep them rolling and you keep them coming.

A Coplay boy,

Eddie Lentz.

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"COPLAY'S TOO"

Bodisch, Alfred
 Bodish, Frank
 Bodish, John
 Bogush, Walter J.
 Brown, Donald
 Dotter, Elwood
 Elsele, Ralph A.
 Farney, Florence
 Farney, Lionel
 Farney, Robert
 Fenstermacher, James

‡Gaston, Louis
 Geiger, George
 George, Myron
 George, Willard H.
 Gollatz, Rudolph
 Hess, Robert
 Hessinger, Richard C.
 Johnston, Charles
 Karoly, Stephen
 ‡Keglovits, William
 Keiser, Ruth
 Kern, William H.
 ‡Knerr, Walter
 Krupa, Stephen
 Kukitz, John

‡Lauser, William
 Meixner, Leopold
 Marx, John
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 Michler, Alex
 Milander, John
 Miller, Henry
 Miller, Franklin E. Jr.
 Moore, Raymond
 Moser, Albert G.
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 Moritz, Charles F.
 Nemeth, Charles
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 Oakley, Alan C.
 Pellegrino, Fred
 Piscitelli, Tony
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 Proctor, George
 Rieck, Blaine G.
 Rinker, Donald N.
 Schmall, Anthony
 Schmidt, James
 Seier, John

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Shiffer, Harold
 Silfies, Charles
 Snyder, Robert
 Snyder, Stewart
 Sofka, Charles
 Sofka, John
 Spalts, George
 Steinhofner, Carl
 Stranzl, Steve
 Superka, Paul H.
 Theirer, Edward
 Thomas, Frank
 Trankley, Edwin
 Tshudy, Nathan H.
 Updegrove, Robert
 Van Derweghe, Aurele
 Wallhofer, Theodore
 Wolfel, Edward
 Yagerhofer, John
 Yandersits, Edward
 Yandrasits, Joseph
 Yandersits, Peter

Killed in Action
 Moser, Edwin P.
 Killed in Plane Crash
 Rinker, Harry Jr.

"Echoes" to Honor Discharged Veterans

At a time and place to be made public in the near future, Echoes will conduct the first of a series of formal welcoming to the boys who have been discharged. The first program will honor all men who have been discharged honorably for any reason from the beginning of the war up to the present time. Thereafter the programs will be held at irregular intervals at such times as a group large enough has arrived home.

"Echoes" feels that regardless of the tide of affairs as far as the war is concerned it will be some time before all of our boys have returned to resume their places among us, so that by the time that great day does arrive, some of the boys recently discharged may have settled elsewhere or have become so assimilated that they will actually feel themselves civilians instead of the returning heroes they are.

In this program Coplay is once more the pioneer, since to our knowledge no other community has announced plans for such welcome home affairs. Those who come home now have served their country no less than others who come home later and should be treated accordingly. When the whole gang comes home for keeps, well that's another story.

A Few More Items That Are Strictly G. I.

RALPH MOHR has left for the West Coast and points beyond. . . . It has been reported that MARTIN MOHR, JOSEPH RIEKER and HERMAN SODL are on their way home . . . NATHAN TSHUDY, husband of the former Marie Zerfass is home on a thirty day leave . . . ALBERT BIERMAN is still on leave from Iran — he gets his ECHOES right here at home . . . FRANK MEYER is home on leave . . . he was married July 18 to Mary Marth, Northampton . . . more of this later . . . FLIGHT OFFICER KLINGLER is home on leave . . . no word yet from JACK E. GLEASON, former member of the staff who is stationed at Keesler Field . . . JACK PITTS manages a run home every once in a while to see pop, mom and ?????? — he's at Indiantown Gap.



Dear Staff:

Your extra booklet which came along with Coplay Echoes sure was splendid. All members of the staff are doing a grand job and I hope it keeps coming to me wherever I go. I know every book is put among my prize possessions.

The other day I received a letter from Tessie Zsigovits. She is coming home on a leave soon. Only wish I can get to see her; chances are slim. When my sister Margie and brother Jules got married I sure would have liked to be home; but I guess our work here was more important.

On Memorial Day my friend and I went over to Arlington Cemetery. They had memorial services at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. I never saw such a mass of wreaths at one grave as I did then. My eyes were fixed upon one which bore the initials American Legion Veterans, Pennsylvania. That happened to be the first one I've seen among all the others. In the afternoon I finally decided to see the Washington Monument. I've been here in D. C. so long and just never planned to go there. Being it was a clear day and you can see miles around we thought it would be our best chance. The elevator took us up 554 ft. in 70 seconds. I never saw a prettier sight before. The view was nice. Yes, Washington really is a wonderful place.

Recently I've been on a 64 hr. liberty and decided to go visit Bradley Field, Connecticut. My girl friend lives there and her dad was a grand "skate." He took us through the Machine Shop where all parts of planes are made. We had been shown the inside of a B-24 and B-17.

Bradley Field is a large Army Air Base and it sure was interesting. Squadrons of planes flew in that day. As air-minded as I am, I enjoyed every moment of it. To top it all, we flew in a C-47 from Washington's National Airport to La Guardia Field, N. Y. Yes, that was the greatest thrill of my life.

Guess I better close now. Keep Echoes coming and the Best of Luck to all.

Helen Selady,
A Coplayite.



Dear Staff:

The pleasure I derive from reading the "Coplay Echoes" is hard to explain in mere words.

It's not just a book full of words and pictures, but a true key to the difficult problem as to knowing the welfare and whereabouts of many a fine hometown buddy.

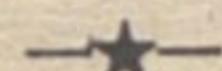
Yes, for twenty long months Coplay has been very near to me through your fine publication.

Many times I have wanted to write expressing my thanks for your thoughtfulness in mailing a copy to me each and every month. Therefore today I sat down and did just that.

I know I speak not for myself, but for every Coplay man and woman in the service of his country.

In closing I want to wish you all the luck in the world for the fine job you people are doing on the home front.

Sincerely,
S/Sgt. Leo A. Seier.



Dear Staff:

My last letter to you came from England but since then I've traveled a long ways and am now with the First Army. I've received all the issues of the Coplay Echoes since then and am thankful for every one. At present I'm sitting in an easy chair of a German home taking things easy. A cute little girl four years of age is keeping me company every now and then asking me a question or telling me something. You see my Penna. Dutch comes in handy. We have the A. F. X. broadcast on (we took this town so fast the electricity is still in-tact) and the music from the states sounds swell. I heard "Rum and Coca-Cola" for the first time and expect to hear more of the new songs tonight. We crossed the Rhine with the initial drive—about twelve hours after its capture—and it was really a hot spot. We were the only artillery besides a cannon company across for three days and we were sweating it out. It wasn't long after I was lucky and got a three-day pass to Paris. I had a grand time there and think it's the prettiest city I've yet seen. I spent a day trying to look up Tabby (was in Continental Headquarters but I didn't get to see him). Must say so-long for now. Best wishes to all!

Sincerely,
Eddie Trankley.



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What's Cooking . . .

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weather didn't stop *Frankie Yandrasits*, "*Fuddles*" *Yandrisovits*, *Bill Ifkovits*, "*Prunes*" *Beslanovits*, "*Cannonball*" *Csencits*, *Johnny Hafner*, and *Eddie Kopfer* from camping — *Mrs. Yandrasits* supplies them with "poppy-seed struddle" — *Bessie Hannis* scrambling "*Peanuts*" *Hannis*, their dog from front steps of *Beauty Shoppe* — *Hilda Pammer* showing *Dan* the highlights of the town — *Dad* and *Anna Reinhard* back to normal after strenuous pre-wedding affairs for son *Karl* and new daughter *Janet* — *Butch Moyer* taking time out to read some mail — Mail Call every morning this is it — *Maryanne Trively*, *Emma Taniser*, *Mrs. Joey Riecker*, *Ernest Haller* for *Coplay Cement*, *Anne Knerr* for *Van Dye Way* — *Joe Paulkowits* for *Consolidated Cigar*, *Jean Sommers*, *Eva Mohr*, *Mary Jane Michael*, *Ruth Balliet*, *Esther Peters*, *Anna Gartner*, *Anna Taniser*, *Helen Brandt*, *Malba Oakley*, *Tess Wiessner*, *Ella Korsak*, *Arlene Snyder*, *Marian Reinhard*, *Irene Farino*, *Gertrude Klingler*, *Mrs. Ruth Lilly*, *Mrs. Asher Laubach*, *Mrs. Silfies*, *Mrs. Battenfield*, *Mrs. John Frickert*, *Mrs. Amos Peters*, *Sally Meckes*, *Ellen Ribacosky*, *Doris Fox*, *Alfred Beltz* — *Coplay National*, *Bill Schaeffer*, *Butch Moyer*.

As we wind up *Echoes* for this month and tuck it into the printer's lap we take one wild dash around the town and see *Rudy Stumpf* and *Joe Schneck* both home from foreign service, getting ready for a little patrol work on the home front — we catch a flash of a familiar face and a cheery hello and find out that "*Buddy*" *Krause* has arrived after a long stretch in the Pacific — he's got the family out for a ride and has relegated *Elmer* and sister *Elva* to the back seat and then a quick hello to "*Christy*," *Johnny McGinley*, "*Bushky*" *Laubach* and *Audra*, *Ducky Lauser*, *Happy Kern*, *Addy Hunsinger*, and oh oh before we forget that well heeled citizen of

3 May 1945

Dear Staff:

Enclosed find a two dollar donation for that excellent little magazine which never fails to reach me the first of every month.

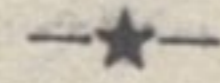
I don't know of any pamphlet or booklet which gives me as much pleasure as the "*Coplay Echoes*." To me it is a masterpiece and I have retained every copy . . . it is a part of *Coplay* I can always have and cherish. Having spent nine years in the Navy, I seldom have an opportunity to visit *Coplay* and chat with my many friends back home; the "*Echoes*" help fill a certain gap and I can turn its pages and re-live the many happy years spent with you folks.

I fully appreciate the amount of work and effort it takes to publish the "*Echoes*" monthly, and, as many others have said, you are all doing a grand morale boosting job, something you can always talk about with a feeling of pride.

I want to thank each and everyone of you for the joy you have given me through your monthly magazine.

With best wishes,

Don Rinker.



Dear Staff:

This letter I'm writing you is in regard of the many wonderful copies of the *Coplay Echoes* you folks have sent me. I really enjoy every book I get. I want to express my heartiest thanks to those responsible for preparing and sending it. Sometimes due to mail disorders I fail to get some copies. Even so, still the copies I do get bring me near to home, to my many friends. I certainly enjoy the home town pictures and hope to be back with the same crowd some day. Well how's the old gang? Boy I really do miss the guys; but some day we will get together again, I hope. I haven't met anyone yet that I know; but I hope I meet my brother. I sure didn't like New Guinea, but here in the Philippines it is more like civilization; although there isn't much left of the places I have seen. But the people seem to be very friendly. I got quite a few Jap souvenirs but am getting tired of the scrap. I still get letters from *Shorty* and the gang; but lately it seems the mail can't catch up fast enough. The place here reminds me of the Kentucky hills but it's not the worst place in the world. Well I guess I better close as you know without light you can't write much. My best regards to you Staff, and the gang. I am also thanking you all for the splendid book. Good luck.

Sincerely yours,

Slim Erkinger.

our town who I catch taking thirteen (count 'em) pairs of shoes to *Sommers* the shoemaker — *Gusty Hobel* — Well that's that for now and until the August issue — keep your shirt on and make *Hirohito* eat his

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