



FATHER OF THE MONTH

Dear Boys:-

I have been asked to be the Father of the Month, and am glad to have this opportunity of telling the boys from our town the news I have been able to gather.

We are all working hard these days, trying to help in every way to do our part in winning this war, and to show the boys (our boys) that we are right behind them all the time.

Suppose you boys are doing like Charlie, and sending your

Mother a War Bond, as the boys in the service seem to be as anxious not only to fight but to help pay for the war by buying bonds out of their pay each month, and sending them home to the folks for safe-keeping.

We think of all of you all the time, and miss you very, very much. It is always a delight to all of us to hear from you, and we always tell each other what we have heard from our boy or boys, so that we know how all of you are doing, and our prayers go out to you daily.

Victory gardens are the thing here these days, and they are beginning to show up now that we are having some warm weather, so you see every one is trying to do their part in the war, even though some can do very little, and you boys will have to do most of it. We older men would love to be able to be with you to help you, but this war is one for young men, so you will have to do the fighting.

I was mighty glad to get a letter from Thurman Laughlin from North Africa, and he was well and happy. Our boys really did a good job in North Africa, and we are all very proud of them, but we knew they would give a good account of themselves, as they have always been able to do that when called on by their town, state or country.

You boys have one thing about which you do not have to worry and about which we are having a hard time, and that is the point system. It would take a lawyer to figure it out, and there are none in the store, but we do the best we can; however, it takes lots of explaining at times, and some people never do understand the thing, but we try to be patient with them, and get by in fairly good shape. Meat is scarce and Morris Bowman has less hair on his head than he did when you left trying to scratch up enough for every one. We get steak about once a week, but can find chickens and fish, so we do not go hungry, but you never hear any one come in and call for five pounds of steak or three pounds of sausage. They have found out they can do on one pound.

We are getting better acquainted with each other these days as we do not get any gas, so have to stay at home and talk to our neighbors, and we find we like it. It certainly makes people live different lives from what they did before the war, but all are cheerful about it, as all of us wish to do everything in our power to get you boys back home just as soon as possible, and, if it takes gasoline to do it, then you can have ours.

Take care of yourselves. We are thinking of you and praying for you.

Charlie Wease.