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GRADUATION PLANS FORMULATED

MR. HAM TO LEAVE JOHN ADAMS AT SEMESTER'S END

Mr. Ham, chief of O. P. A. (Office of Physical Adjustments) and supreme ruler of 106, is leaving John Adams at the end of the present semester. Mr. Ham is going to Niles, Michigan, where he will be head coach of football, basketball and twiddlede-oops at Niles High School, his Alma Mater.

Immediately upon word of his anticipated departure, he was asked for an interview. When asked to give with a little info on his life, Mr. Ham informed this reporter that he hadn't lived it. So that shut her up. She did find out that he was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania. According to all found records he next appeared in Riley High, South Bend. From there he moved to Niles, from there to Olivet, Michigan, and from there to—but this could go on forever.

The point is that he finally came to Adams. The disappointing catch is that he is leaving. Mr. Ham said that he enjoyed being at Adams, and he wants to remind all his friends to speak to him when he comes back. We hope that he does come back often.

Mr. Ham, Adams wishes you success in your new assignment.

ADAMS DEBATERS

Yesterday afternoon Dick Stevens and Nancy Anderson represented John Adams in the Round Table Discussion of this year's debate subject, Reconstitution of League of Nations.

The representatives from each of the other local high schools competed with our gladiators in a 50 minute free-for-all and then enjoyed refreshments served by the Riley students.

Riley and Central have regular debate classes, Adams debaters meet at noon or after school. Mr. Krider will welcome any students who can meet at these times and who have an interest in matching wits and words.

Down to Earth Again!

Once again everything at Adams is in full swing. The faculty is fully recuperated and ready to start concentrating on exams. Most of them left town, probably to thoroughly enjoy the vacation period.

Mr. Ham spent the time at his home in Niles. He says that he is now an experienced maid and authority on child care.

The flu bug even preyed on some of our faculty members. Miss Kaczmarek spent the time fighting the germ and then recovering.

The easy-going gentleman sitting by the fire place was Mr. Reber. If you ask him, he will remorsefully show you his empty pockets which are the results of his physical exertion.

Miss West spent her vacation, working for the good of the cause, at John Adams.

Miss Page went to Indianapolis, and Miss Bennett went to her home in Wisconsin. While in Madison, she saw Don Brown. Don, she says, is enjoying the advantages of the University of Wisconsin where the students participate in ice boating, skiing, and skating.

Mr. Neff, who lives in Middlebury, Indiana, (not in Vermont, as I was informed!) passed away the time at basketball games and just "loafing".

MINUTE MEN INCREASED

The Minutemen have been very busy working with concessions at all basketball games played in our gym. They also supervise the parking of bicycles in the rear of the school. Many of the club members are writing letters to former Minutemen now in the armed forces.

New members were recently taken into the club. They are: George Krovitch, Dick Melahn, Herb LaRue, Nelson Schafer, John Amberg, Bob Swilly, Jim Trump, Gene Treadway, and Paul Green. Any other boys wishing to join the club should see Mr. Dickey, the sponsor.

A woman is always interested in "the latest wrinkle" — just so long as it isn't in her neck.



The Squander Bug thinks it's just dandy
When you spend all your money on candy.
He shouts in high glee,
"How jolly for me,
Uncle Sam would have found that money handy."

THE SQUANDER BUG

Meet the squander bug.

This is the Treasury's version of that invisible bug that gets into your pocket and devours all your money that should be going into war bonds and stamps. The Treasury Department is starting a campaign to wipe out this pest because he can not live on bonds and stamps, and they would like to see him starved.

Credit for the invention of the squander bug really goes to the British for the idea was theirs originally.

Adams Bond Quota Doubled

Our country is calling upon us once again to subscribe to another great War Loan. The Fourth War Loan Drive begins Friday, January fourteenth. During the drive, we at Adams are doubling our weekly quota. Our weekly minimum will be \$2,000. With a little effort we can put Adams over the top. Remember the Fourth War Loan Drive next Monday and give freely.

Policeman: "As soon as I saw you come around the bend I said to myself, 'Forty-five at least.'"

Lady Driver: "How dare you? It's this hat that makes me look so old."

Chuck Eaton To Play For Prom

The whole school is buzzing with news and comments about the Senior Prom, Commencement, and Baccalaureate. Miss Law, chairman of the committee here at Adams, has asked us to set some of you straight on the information.

The Senior Prom, which is first of the three big events, will be held on January 15 at the Indiana Club. Chuck Eaton's orchestra will play. It will be a joint affair of all High Schools, Adams, Central, Riley, and Washington. Tickets are \$1.35 per couple. Only Senior A's, Senior B's, and Alumni are allowed to come from each school, and all Adams Alumni should see Miss Law personally about tickets.

Baccalaureate will be held January 16 and Rev. Rys Price Jones will be the speaker. All the plans of this ceremony have not been completed. There will be further details next week.

Commencement will be held at Central High School Auditorium and the main speaker will be Roland Obenchain, prominent South Bend lawyer. The ceremony will take place on Saturday, January 22.

The committee that has worked to keep things going smoothly is headed by Miss Law and consists of Leon Simon, Morris Hoban, and Ed Charities.

Senior A's will sing at baccalaureate

This semester commencement and baccalaureate will be held in January for the graduates of all the high schools. Both services will be held at Central High School on January 22nd and 16th respectively. Twenty members of our Glee Club including the senior A's will sing in a combined chorus for baccalaureate. The present members of the Glee Club who will graduate are: Mary Furnish, Betty Stegman, Norma Schafer, Ruth Davis, Warren Gregory, and Raymond Shilt. The Glee Club is certainly going to miss them.

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PLEASE WRITE

A letter from home is the most highly prized possessions of a boy in the service. Yes, a letter, a little piece of paper with words written on it, is the best morale builder there is. Just a few words to you, but to that boy it may mean a difference between life or death. Why? Well I'll tell you why.

There are two boys in the same encampment, both from the same town. One receives lots and lots of letters from relatives, friends, sweethearts and other acquaintances. This boy is very happy. He isn't lonesome and he has something to want to fight for. He's anxious to get back home to those loved ones. He'll fight and he'll win.

But now what about the other boy? He never receives any letters, never hears from his friends. As far as he is concerned he may as well be dead! He simply sits and stares off into space, no use to fight, no one cares for me, they'll never miss me.

So is the story of the boy who receives letters and the boy who doesn't. Now are you letting your friends down? Stop and think. Stop and write. Share with those boys your joys, your sorrows, all the little things that happen to you. As Dominic Simeri said, "Don't wait until a house burns down to write, but write as often as you can, about anything."

Come on now, are we going to let Dominic and those other boys down? Remember, if you don't write, you're wrong!



Sale of stamps and bonds, January 3rd	\$ 1,015.35	
Total to date	23,363.80	
High-point rooms:	Total	Per capita
11B's in 109	\$164.30	\$4.32
10B's in 107	139.05	3.31
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11A's in 106	\$7.05	.23
11B's in Library	8.85	.25
BAR GRAPH Stymied on second floor!	Total per capita for seven weeks	
11B's in 203	\$102.08	
12B's in 201	96.73	
11B's in 205	49.61	

ADAMS ARMED ALUMNI



Dear Staff:

Well here I am in North Africa. What did I expect to see? I expected a warm and dense jungle, but what did I find? I found a country that was wet and cold. The nights here are cold and the days are crazy. It rains for awhile then the sun shines. This goes on all day. The natives are, in general, dirty, and I don't see how they can stand it. One thing that did surprise me was to see and hear the little native children singing songs like "Deep in the Heart of Texas" and "Oh Johnny How You Can Love." I must admit that they are good too. Here one must be able to speak at least ten languages in order to get along. For here you find all races. German, French, etc. People here go crazy for soap, candy, gum, etc., but most of all American cigarettes. I've seen them sold for as high as 250 francs a carton which is \$5.00 in American money. One has to be careful when on pass and even more so at night, for you never know when a native might jump you and club you, then steal your clothes. Yes it's a strange and interesting country, but for me I'll take the United States of America any day. Well I guess that's enough for now. But the next time I'll tell you about the native funeral I saw the other day; until then don't forget that the boys here need guns, etc. So don't forget to buy your share of War Stamps NOW.

Pvt. Dominic Simeri
(Adams "44")



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Clarence Laughman was home for a few days from Scotland. He has also been in Sicily, England, Ireland, and Oran. His brother, George, also an ex-Adamite is in the Panama Canal Zone and has been there about 6 months.

Ronald H. Winebrenner has been in the hospital in Ft. Benning, Georgia suffering from pneumonia. He is recovering satisfactorily now.

TOWER TALK

BEWARE OF THE WOLVES! The special specie to which we refer is the "are-you-comin'-to-the-game — I'll-walk-you-home" type of wolf like Glenn Hulbert, lately seen walking home with Lois Callsen; Alice Lord claims that the "I'll-walk-you-home-from-school" type like Floyd Fishburn is just as Dangerous.

CUTEST COUPLE OF THE WEEK! Jerry Bessler and Frank Wult, with Cecil Smith and Margie Kirkendorfer running a close second.

SURPRISE OF THE WEEK! Bob McIntyre actually reported goin' steady with Toquallie Martindale! P.S. (so are Carl Martz and Rosie Smith).

BEWARE OF CRADLE-ROBBERS! Wanted back at Adams: Jack Weintraub and Stan Huffman. Last seen robbing Nuner school. The lucky little babies (oh! baby!) . . . Janet Graf and Babrara Sheehe . . . Oh, while we think of it, Barb's brother, Brian is goin' steady with Phyllis Bedell.

TRIANGLE OF THE WEEK! Al Brunt, Edith Weber, Wade Risner.

BREAK UP OF THE WEEK! Jeanne Ann Finneran vs. Kenney Metcalf!

DISAPPOINTMENT OF THE WEEK — Are these genuine 14-carrat gold Christmas presents turning green???

THEME SONG OF THE WEEK! "I'm Just Wild About Larry" (Gates) . . . as sung by Betty Jo Parfitt!

LEROY COLLINS! Edith Curtis has been giving you her best smile in A. T.'s English class, and we think it is about time you sat up and took notice!

TEARS INTO OUR PILLOW! John (mah ahdeel) Balok is keepin' steady company with Harriet Haverstock!! Ritto, John Eiler and Phyllis Culp!!

MYSTERY MEN! Someone named "Blackie" private property of Jo Getzsinger, and someone dubbed "Dudley" who belongs to Katherine Crowley!!



Wednesday, January 12
Drama Club—3:45 P. M.
Friday, January 14
Glee Club—Stage—7:30 A. M.
Basketball game—Y. M. C. A.
Adams vs. Washington
Monday, January 17
Glee Club—Stage—7:30 A. M.
Exams. 2, 4, and 6 hours
Tuesday, January 18
Exams. 1, 3, and 5 hours

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Two Fresh Men

Now that Santa Claus has migrated back to the war plant and Herb (Who is Harry Sanders?) LaRue, is stocked up on Burma Shave and Mail Pouch, we've hopped back into the saddle again. Some of the boys are still hopping . . . from the effects of too much sleep of course. The new year was launched with a slogan coined by Winsore Tweetbottom, a new Senor: "Forty-three, whee whee whee, what's in store for forty-four?" Incidentally, Winsore comes to us from Riley. Self-explanatory.

. . . Yule Drool . . .

Little did we know what vacation had in store for us. The first thing which comes to our minds is the Prog . . . Santa Claus and his five reindeers furnished the music(?) for this frolic. We really have to hand it to the girls of the Prog Club though . . . they tried to get Guy Lombardo for the affair and at the last minute Guy phoned in (naturally he reversed the charges) and said he would be unable to appear because, due to the illness of his brother Carman, he was without a vocalist. We could have told him that a long time ago. The Rainbow Girls celebrated Christmas with a dignified wrestling match. The floor resembled Coney Island on a hot day. For this reason, no one noticed Andy Andrews who, because it was his birthday, came in his new birthday suit. The huge crowd proved embarrassing to some, however. After the crowd had thinned out, Russ (Just call him "Paper") Mills found that he had been dancing with a pillar. Somebody should tell Emily Post about this. Then it could go from pillar to Post. During the intermission some "comedian" entertained us over the mike. He had them laying in the aisles, a few Senors were, too. We really didn't think it necessary for them to have their emblem monogrammed on their tuxedos though.

The other big event of vacation was the Michigan City game. Michigan City—home of Brownie's Beanery, some of John Ray's girl friends, and Bob MacIntyre. Clarence (Oh I come up here often) King felt right at home with his City kitty, although we still don't see why she took off her shoes and tapped out the school song with her toenails. School spirit, no doubt. After the game the team settled down to unfinished business, however Frank Wolf was a little disappointed when his 11 year old pick-up had to go home at the 10 o'clock curfew. Midst cries of: "Pardon me honey, I didn't get that last name", the pencils flew fast and furious. Finally the train came and the team had one heck of a time trying to separate Mr. Neff from one Minnie

DAY DREAMS

John Adams would not be our school if we could dream of:

Finishing all our studies in Study Hall.

Phyl without Andy or vice versa.

Clearing the building of O. P. students at two-forty.

Cliff Douglass in a tuxedo.

A big roomy bus at three-thirty.

Jack Wiel with grey hair . . . or

Miss Puterbaugh with red hair!!!

John Adams empty on Friday nite.

Miss Beldon without her "Kleenexes".

McGoober. The trip home was uneventful as everyone slept like sheep in wolf's clothing.

? ? Questions of the Week ? ?

Will Gil'mann ever get his FIFTY (50c) cents back from those Michigan City robbers? What was Andy Andrews doing with his arm around that girl in the station? And lastly, where did that Powell kid learn how to wolf? The old man wasn't doing so bad himself!

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MRS. PATE

Mrs. Lawrence T. Pate is a charter member at Adams because she has taught here since Adams was first started. She organized the vocal department here.

Mrs. Pate was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota and she received her education at St. Cloud State Teachers College, University of Wisconsin, University of Illinois, and Christenson Summer School. Besides music, Mrs. Pate enjoys collecting antique china and glass. Cranberry glass is her favorite. Fish (it has to be strictly from Minnesota) is her favorite food. Her pet peeve is gum chewing in the glee club, and as any chorus or glee club members can tell you, the highest compliment Mrs. Pate can pay to us "South Benders" is to say, "This is almost like Minnesota."

Many a woman's life begins when she's being cut in on at parties — and ends when she's been cut out by some other woman.

Underclassmen Exams

January 17 and 18

You underclassmen needn't worry about your exams . . . yet. They will be given Monday, January 17 and Tuesday 18. The exact schedule will be announced later. But just for the fun of it you'd better begin studying now. Huh!

New Library Books

Senior library club members are going to home rooms for the next few weeks to tell about new library books. The following new books may be reserved:

1. Smith — A Tree Grows in Brooklyn.
2. Holt — Geo. Washington Carver.
3. Shiber — Paris Underground.
4. Douglas — The Robe.
5. Nordhoff — The Hurricane.
6. Collins — Test Pilot.
7. Tregaskis — Guadalcanal Diary.

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ADAMS TRIUMPHS OVER MICHIGAN CITY, 35-31

The Michigan City "Red Devils" were forced to bow to the Eagles 35-31. This was the fourth conference victory for the Eagles. At the half Michigan City lead 15-14. Strelinski lead the "Red Devils" scoring with two field goals and two foul goals. Although the Eagles kept driving on, at the third period Michigan City still lead us 26-21. The last four minutes of the game were packed with suspense and thrills. As the game ended, Adams lead 35-31. Houston lead the scoring with five field goals and one foul goal.

Central Bows to Adams, 40-36

The Eagles slashed out again and took the Central Bears, 40-36. The game was played at Adams, December 17. At the end of the first half, Central lead the scoring 17-15. During the second half, the Eagles slashed out savagely and clawed the "Bears" in 40-36 defeat. Andrews lead the Eagles scoring with three field goals, while Bond, the Bear's center lead Central's scoring with three field goals, and two foul goals. Central's defeat gave Adams three conference victories and one defeat.

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