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JOIN THE "MARCH OF COINS!"

TOWER STAFF CHANGED

Everyone has been speculating as to what the Tower was going to do since it lost two, not one, but two editors a week or two ago! Well, it was done the very day they left — the Tower acquired two new editors!

Monday morning, 8:30, everyone came to school carefree and happy. Monday morning, 8:35, the Tower was minus a sports editor — John Reitz had enrolled at Notre Dame University. Well, about 8:45 the Tower had a new sports editor — Stanley Feuer. You've all been reading his work on the sports page for quite a while now, and we're all positive that Stanley's going to do a swell job.

Five minutes had passed. Everyone had just recovered from this when Lee Wilson came bouncing in to calmly announce that he was going to leave Adams for Colorado University at Boulder, Colorado. Well, that called for some more quick action. Ten minutes later Joan Bruggema was filling the spot left vacant by Lee. Joan's been bringing in advertising ever since the Tower was born, so she knows the ins and outs of that part of your paper very well.

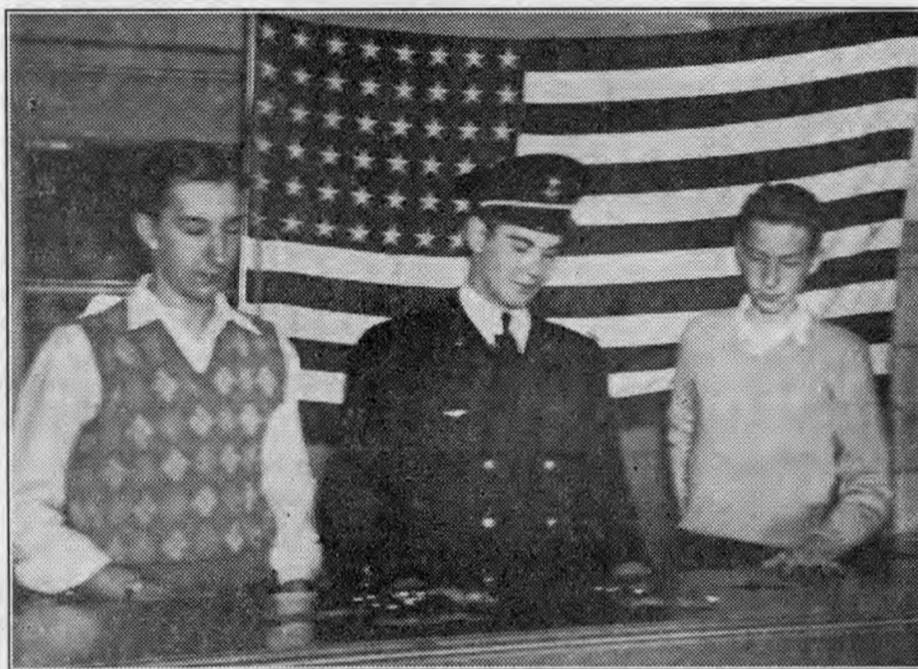
Thank heavens, no one else decide to leave that morning, although we are still holding our breath. We are, however, announcing today the addition of two new members to the staff — Pat Kasdorf is co-editing the features with Vicki Dix until Vicki leaves in March for Northwestern University, when Pat will take over alone. Barbara Munro is now sharing Circulation Managing honors with Jack Houston.

Lee and John did swell jobs on the Tower, and we hope they do as well in college as they did here at Adams. Everyone knows the new editors are going to do all they can to improve the Tower.

RAY BOWDEN IS ACTING-PRESIDENT

The Student Council has a new Acting-President — Ray Bowden. Ray is taking over in the vacancy created by John Reitz, who is now attending Notre Dame University. Ray should fill the office very capably as he has been working right along with John all year. We wish Ray the best of luck in his new job!

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Eddie Ensley, Naval Cadet Paul Bailey, Ed Mendler

GLEE CLUB PINS AWARDED

After five semesters of faithful attendance and hard work, twenty-four members of the Adams Glee Club received recognition of their record on February 5. At a short ceremony in the Little Theater during the regular rehearsal period, Mr. Sargent presented the coveted, gold, lyre-shaped pins which are being so proudly displayed. Those who received these gold pins are David Holmgren, Jeanne Vunderink, Helen Butler, Barbara Schubert, Louise Holmgren, Mary Parks, Bill Anderson, Dorothy Oliver, Virginia Trueax, Helen Peterson, Sylvia Lichatowich, Dorothy Gooley, Mary Walsh, Delorma Flowers, Mary Furnish, Charlotte Mack, Norma Jean Honer, Ruth Davis, Milton Johnson, Virginia Wilson, Neil Walter. Although they are not attending Adams this semester, Arlene Hover, Jack Boswell, and Bill Engle will also receive gold Glee Club pins.

As a reward for four semesters membership in Glee Club, Joan Smith, Mary Roberts, Elsie Gyorkos, Mary Colella, Rosemary Erler, Jean Humrichouser, Phyllis Rearick, Joyce Coon, Madelyn Schrader, Doris Li-

DRAMA NOTES

It's probably no news to the Dramatic students at Adams that we have several new books of plays in the library.

I'd like to suggest that some of you leisure readers, who are now carrying five solids, give one of these books in particular the once over. This book is "The Sixteen Best English Plays." To begin with why not try "The Barretts of Wimpole Street." This play is guaranteed to fascinate you for at least one hour.

It's the gripping story of a crippled girl who must battle not only against death but against the tyrannical attitude of her father. Her father's love for her has gone to such an extreme that he dominates her every move even going so far as to prevent her from ever recovering.

Once you become engrossed in this conflict of emotions you will not put it down until your curiosity has been satisfied.

decker, Dale Tower, Pat Megan, Dick Schumann, Betty Stegman, received silver pins. At the end of their fifth semester these people will receive gold pins.

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Empty your pockets and purses! Turn out the 'piggie banks'! Join the "March of Coins"!!

Letter after letter to Mr. Krider from the boys from Adams who are now in the Service told the same story: "Nothing to read up here!" "I can't even buy a Reader's Digest!" "Wish we had some books or magazines!"

Something had to be done for these fellows who are doing such a wonderful job for us, and who haven't enough reading material. Mr. Krider and his Seniors promptly went into a huddle and came out with the "March of Coins."

Every day next week during sponsor period, a Senior will come around to your home room and collect your contributions. Before school and between classes additional coins (paper money will not be refused!) will be collected at the flag draped booth in the middle of the main, downstairs hall.

A few less 'cokes' won't mean much to you, and they will mean hours of enjoyment to the fellows. After all, they're doing a pretty big job for us and the least we can do is to back them up. If it's books and magazines they want — books and magazines they'll have!

"JOIN THE MARCH OF COINS!"

V-5 COURSE OFFERED TO BOYS

Say, how many of you boys have heard the news concerning the new V-5 course? This course makes it very easy to become an air cadet. This course is open to all High School seniors at least 17 years old. The applicant must be in the upper half of his class. He must have 20-20 vision, and he must be not less than 5'2" tall, or more than 6'4" tall. His weight must be in proportion to his height. He absolutely must finish High School, or he will be transferred back to a civilian, and be subject to call from his draft board. When the student is 18, he must wait until he finishes High School before he joins, and if he finishes before 18, he must wait until he is 18. After the applicant passes his mental and physical test, he goes into training for 14 months, at one of several colleges. Some of them are: Iowa Preflight, Glenview Chicago; and Pensacola Training Camp. After these 14 months of hard training, which, incidentally, is put out by the Naval Aviation Cadet Flying School, the student emerges a new man, we hope, and is an Ensign in the Navy.

TOWER THE STAFF TOWER

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HOW ABOUT IT?

Attention Students! Do you know that we have one of the finest basketball teams in the city? You do? Then let's have some cooperation at our games. Have you ever stopped to listen to the yelling and screaming in the halls? If so, you would think John Adams would have one of the best cheering sections in the city. But do we? Definitely not! If you are one of those people that complain continually about the fouls and free throws being missed you would realize the reason for this. We expect our team to get out there and really put all their heart into the game and win for us. In return we should support them by yelling and letting them know we're behind them. Yell your hearts out, kids, for dear old John Adams High!

WHITTLING JOE

Here's a fellow you'd like to know, A citizen named Whittling Joe. Joe is whittling in a plant, Whittling things the Axis can't, Whittling with his sharp machines Cargo ships and submarines, Whittling bombers, whittling tanks, Whittling shells in shiny ranks — Shave a sliver off Benito, Slice a slab off Hirohito, And Joseph really whets his whittler Whistling as he whittles Hitler. That's a job that Joe enjoys Whittling down the Axis boys. Whitt'ing Joe is never through; He likes to whittle with dollars, too, So every payday Joe is fond Of whittling Hitler with a Bond. Multiplied by fifty million, Whittling Joe is some civilian.

—Ogden Nash

IF I HAD A HUNDRED DOLLARS

Rachel Jennings

If I had a hundred dollars to spend Or maybe a little more — I'd hurry as fast as my legs would Go, straight to my home-room door.

I wouldn't stop to talk or gab, Or whistle at a blond. Do you know where I'm going? Of course — to buy a Bond.

I'd be helping our home-room quota, Also our nation at war, If I had a hundred dollars to spend, Or maybe a little more.



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TOWER TALK

The dance after the Riley game was a howling success!! Although a floor show wasn't officially planned, Lou Jordan and Don Allen did a pretty good job of putting one on. Don Martin and Nancy Crothers followed up with a good second. Jim Paradis and Marilyn Hubbard (Riley), Fran Bickel and Ed Chartier, Carl Kyser and Jeannette Keller were "cutting rugs." Jim McLean was seen chasing Norma Zimmerman around the dance floor. Paul Bailey was dancing with Joan Bruggema and girls, Paul sure looks neat in his "Navy Blues." And speaking of Navy Blues, Carol Wilcox has one and he just graduated from N. D. and is now a full-fledged Ensign.

Bill Steinmetz has finally broken down and this time it is to the tune of Jean Bratcher. Ditto, Jack Rice who was seen with "Beanny" Roberts.

The Charity Ball claimed a few of Adams' privileged. For instance, Fran Green and Ray Bowden . . . Pat Lane and Barbara Munro . . . Fran Kieren and Bud Wagner . . . Jane Tilley and "Mike" (Central) Pat Crowe and George Pfaff . . . all were doing their stuff for a good cause . . .

Riley has done something to Adams in more ways than one. Bill DuMont has got Ginny Buck "hog-tied." We wonder if Ginny will give all that jewelry to the scrap drive.

Girls, it seems profitable to take up nursing, if you don't believe me ask Ruth Knapp who has been going with Jim Ball.

What's this we hear about Pete Radican and Ruth LaCava??

Harold Slutsky carries a "forever" burning torch for Ann Dunnahoo. "Beanny" Roberts is still waiting for any pearls that might drop from the lips of John Reitz but it looks bad for her with him at N. D.

Dan Dickens is giving Jane Cook the run-around.

Seen in the balcony seats at the dear old Adams game . . . Vince Fragomeni and Pat Hansen . . . Lois Jessup and Bill Weaver . . . Lois Feldman and Ed Heitger . . . Jack Smith and Irene Zellmer . . . Milt Johnson and Shirley Wagner . . . Tom Tanner and Elaine Graff . . . Mary Summy and Fred Nash . . .



CORRIDOR COMMENT

CAN YOU THINK OF ANY IMPROVEMENTS THAT COULD BE MADE AROUND ADAMS?
 RILEY BREHMER: The lunch hour would be swell if I could get back to school after lunch without the fear of those dreaded little blue slips needed to get into class after 12:50.

WAYNE ALDERFER: A dance after every basketball game and music or entertainment in the little theater during lunch hours.

HELEN BUTLER: A swimming pool here at John Adams would suit me fine.

DICK GREEN: I'd like to have solid session every day and have my afternoon free.

JOHN RAY: Students should be more friendly, just because a fellow speaks to a girl is no sign he is a wolf. This wolf idea should be changed. And by the way, there are too many women around here "married." (that is, going steady, or wearing some boy's ring.)

FLORENE LYLE: Yes we could have more freedom, less work, and more play.

FRAN KIERYN: The Tower should have a variety of students write some of the articles with the same staff retained. Then maybe the Tower "knockers" might be satisfied.

BILL SNOKE: If girls would quit wearing pig-tails if would look more like a high school than a nursery school.

DICK WHARTON: The Tower could be improved a lot. It should include more articles of student interest.



WELL, WELL, WELL!

- Women's Home CompanionELEANOR DENT, PAUL SMITH
- American BoyJOHNNY RAY
- Harpers BazaarJEAN MALCOMSON
- EsquireHARRY SANDERS
- LifeFRAN KIERYN
- The Saturday Evening Post(STADIUM RECREATION CENTER) NED SCHWANZ
- MademoiselleJOAN BRUGGEMA
- Popular MechanicsRUTH ANN MISINSKI
- LookJOAN SMITH
- Readers DigestJOHN SHULTE
- VogueJANE TILLEY
- American GirlJEAN INGLEFIELD
- True ConfessionBARBARA MC, NED W., JACK MC GIRR, DIXIE LOU B. (BREAKING A DISPLAY CASE)
- Theatre ArtsMRS. MC CLURE
- True RomancesBETTY STEGMAN, DICK ALABAUGH

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TOWER MINOR STAFF TOWER

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THE LOST SHEEP

The prisoner looked first at the clock on the wall and then his eyes seemed to bore a hole into the closed door of the jury room. He pulled a handkerchief from his pocket and nervously wiped his brow.

The jury, consisting of twelve citizens of the small town of Meadow Creek, had been behind the closed doors for nearly an hour and a half to decide the fate of John Renwick, in a crime that had rocked the little country town in which he lived. The many curious newspaper men and people from surrounding towns were impatiently waiting for the verdict of guilty of murder.

There was a scraping of feet and mumbling of voices, blended with the nervous cough of the prisoner. The townspeople that had only yesterday been John's friends and neighbors, like a lot of blood-thirsty wolves before the kill, were anxiously waiting for the door to open and the jury to come forth and give the verdict.

Tick, Tick, Tick! Only three minutes had passed since the prisoner had looked at the clock, although it had seemed an eternity.

The door slowly opened and the twelve jurymen mutely filed out to take their places in the jury box. Not a thing could be read on the faces of these men. The head jurymen remained standing and in a deep, trembling voice said, "Your Honor, we, the jury, have come to a decision pertaining to the case of John Renwick.

Everyone in the courtroom sat forward as with one accord and tensely waited. "You may proceed," stated the judge. "Your honor, we the jury, find John Renwick, accused of murder, not guilty."

A look of amazed wonder, and then incredible joy swept over the blank, white face of the prisoner. With tears in his grateful eyes he raised his head toward heaven and thanked God for watching over another lost sheep.

— Mary Siney.



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RILEY COLLARS EAGLES 29 TO 27

John Adams staged a hair-raising rally in the closing minutes to come within an eyelash of upsetting the Wildcats applecart last Friday evening in the John Adams gym.

Riley was coasting on what appeared to be a comfortable 26 to 15 lead as the final stanza began. The margin disappeared quickly, however, as Muszer hit for a field goal and a free throw, and Wamsley connected on a set shot. The score at this juncture was 25 to 22, but the Wildcats collected their wits long enough to spread their lead again to 7 points on beautiful buckets by Voynovich and Dumont.

As there was but a minute and a half left, Bob McIntyre's slick set shot appeared harmless, however, Muszer added a free throw and, with thirty seconds left, batted in a follow-up shot to bring the score to its final hazardous proportions.

It was anybody's game at the end of the first quarter at which time Riley led, 11 to 7. The Wildcats, however, cut loose with their Sunday assortment of shots in the second period to lead at the half time 20 to 11. The third stanza was played on even terms, and thus set the stage for the Eagles thrilling finish.

In the "B" game Riley took a 30 to 29 overtime joust to make it a grand slam for the evening.

EAGLE-EYE SAYS:

It's been a long time since I've said anything about the boys from Adams that have upheld the glory of Adams in the field of boxing. In the recent meet held here several of the boys took part, and I'm proud to report to the student body that each and every one of them came through in true Adams style.

This thing, school spirit, is something that will make boys give all they have for their school. I was sitting at the ringside at the meet one night and one of the boys from Adams was in the ring battling a fellow from Mishawaka. This boy from Mishawaka was one of the toughest boys in the whole meet. After two rounds of terrific punching, the Adam's fellow came back to his corner all in. His foe was tired, too. His coach couldn't tell him anymore to do. The boy was doing everything right. The answer was that his opponent was just plain tough! Courage would win that fight. I heard his coach say to him, "Come on kid, you're from Adams, let's have some of that Adams spirit. There's the 10-second whistle. Don't forget to give him some of that Adams fighting heart." That boy went out there and fought his heart out and won, too. He was so tired that he had to be helped out of the ring. He did that for Adams.

That's just one story to be told. There's more but no time for them now. I believe it is only proper that we here at Adams say "Thanks! We're proud of you!" to these fighting sons of Adams: Jim Paradis, Pat Bailey, Wayne Skyhawk, Maurice Hoban, Chuck Piper, Don Stephens, and a future Adams student, James Monore.

AS WE ARE

Reverting back to that long line of two and three point setbacks and wondering why Adams can't claim a few of them for themselves. Is it because the boys aren't getting the support they should? This is highly probable. Yeh! there was a goodly sized crowd that got into the place, but their patriotism stopped when they presented their ducat at the door, and they weren't going to strain their vocal chords for "nothin."

Well, this may be part of the story, but you can't blame it all on the students. Certain factions of the team should begin to realize that they represent the whole of John Adams High School and not "Mud Creek High," and that they can't play basketball and keep up their social life, to boot.

As for the Riley game "Mouse" Muzer deserves an awful lot of praise for the superb job of ball swiping and bold drive-ins he attempted. As for Les Metsger, every good ball player has his off night, and "Les" ran into his last Friday night. Nevertheless, the "B" team stole the show as far as the "thrill-a-minute" is concerned in their nip and tuck affair with the Riley Kittens which resulted in an overtime victory for the Kittens. Just as a matter of record, the Bee's are also in the same "rut" as the varsity, as far as losing their games by a hair is concerned.

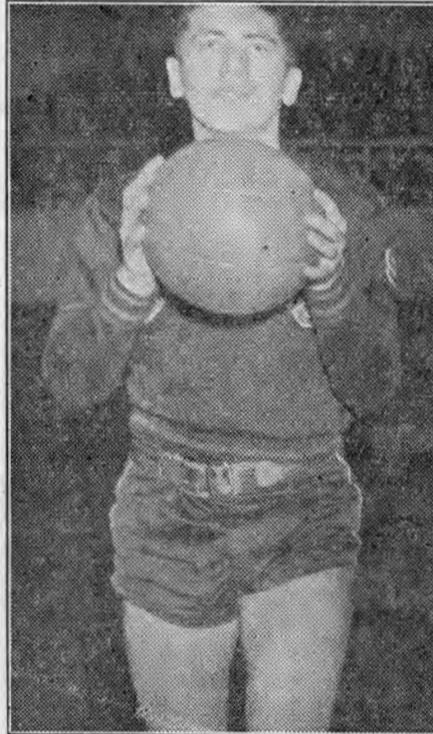
Tonight we play Nappanee — our last chance to show improvement on our home floor. We know you've got the ability, so let's apply it.

G. A. A.

G. A. A. welcomes all new sophomores and new girls interested in G. A. A. Mrs. Hodges is the new assistant to Miss Smith in G. A. A. and some of the girls gym classes.

G. A. A. activities for this semester are in keeping with the physical fitness program. Calisthenics, tumbling, and obstacle courses are a few of the new activities.

The varsity volley ball team beat Riley High School, 44-23. There will be a return engagement. Washington will be our competitors, here, in about two weeks.



John "Mouse" Muszer, our other co-captain, and one of the best forwards Adams has ever produced.

"Mouse" was born April 8, 1925 in South Bend, and has grown into a fine young man of 168 lbs., and 5'9".

"Mouse" in his younger years, was educated at Jefferson, where he played basketball from the 6th grade through the ninth.

During the first half of his first year at Adams, "Mouse" played "B" team, and then graduated to the "A" team. "Mouse" has retained this position ever since. Another honorable position John holds is being a member of the fearless four, a secret organization of the basketball shower room.

"Mouse" says that the only fear he has ever had, is the undefinable wrath of Mr. Ham in first hour Mechanical Drawing, after having his 7:30 gym class.

FIRESIDE CHAT

Brother Rosie, quite distraut,
Fell into the fire grate;
Who would have thought that
Brother Rosie
Could make the room so nice and
cozy.

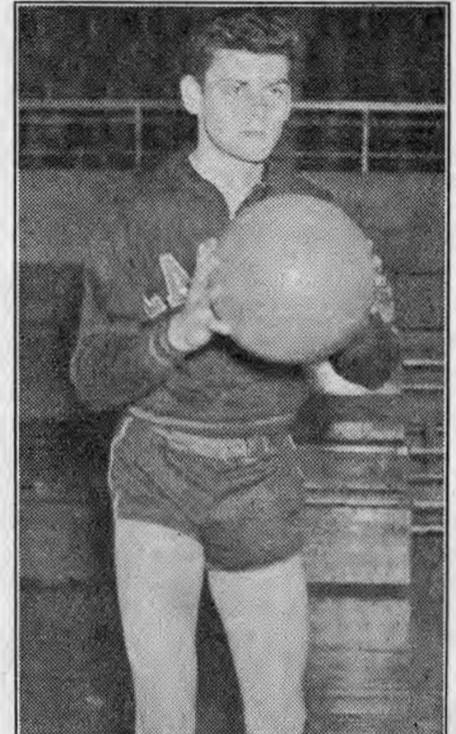
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Herschel Wamsley, 5'7" star guard and co-captain of our basketball team.

Hersch was born in South Bend, March 31, 1925, and has lived here ever since. Hersch went to Lincoln Junior High and in the eighth grade took part in all the athletics, starring on the track team. In the ninth grade he repeated this performance.

Coming to Adams as a sophomore Hersch played first string on the first varsity we ever produced. Hersch also played on our first baseball team at second base.

Hersch as a junior again played first string in both basketball and baseball. This year, even though one of the smallest players in the conference, he has starred again, thus he and Mouse are the first three-year men in basketball at Adams.

Red is Hersch's favorite color and fishing and basketball are two things he couldn't get along without. Somebody else he couldn't get along without is — well you know.

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