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ADAMS TOPS WAR STAMP SALES

HI, STRANGER!

Most of you have been wondering where all the new faces have come from, for besides all the Sophomores we have acquired, we also have many new Seniors and Juniors with us from out of town.

Starting with the Seniors (they're always first) we have Helen Morgison from Hoopston, Illinois, Pauline Kelly and Richard Melakn from North Liberty and Marjorie Ann Kirkendorfor from Gary. Way off from Crosby, Minnesota and from Sulpher, Louisiana, we have Phyllis Whittier and Dean Williams.

But as usual the Juniors have the greatest number of new enrollments. From Indiana we have Bill (Bud) Hanna and Richard Morrison from Delphi and Marilouise Scott from Richmond. Mary Ellen Shank comes from New Carlisle and Phyllis Schott from Washington-Clay. From Illinois we have Nancy June Constantine, from Oak Park and William Davis from Paris. Stanford, Kentucky has given us Allene Reed and last but not least Doris Everette hails from Piqua, Ohio.

To all of these new students and all new Sophs, we say "hello" and hope you enjoy your stay at Adams as much as we are enjoying ours.

MATH TESTS SCHEDULED

The Stanford Arithmetic test will be given to all 11B students on September 28. This test will determine whether a student will have to take the Emergency Math course next year. In order to be exempt from the course, the student must make a score of at least seventy-eight.

IN MEMORIAM

Doris Marie Getzinger had only begun her school days at John Adams. It was something she had long anticipated. The short time she was here was one of the happiest periods of her life. Already she had gained a host of friends among the student body and faculty.

To the family of Doris Marie Getzinger the students and faculty extend their most heartfelt sympathy.



NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

Left to Right: Mr. Neff, Miss Rohrer, Miss Beldon, Miss Paige, and Mr. Powell. Mr. Deardorff was unable to be present when the picture was taken.

DRAMA NOTES

The Drama Club is now completely organized and in full swing toward its most successful year. They have already had two meetings and they produced last Thursday's assembly. Now they are busy on this fall's dramatic contribution. The play has not yet been selected, but Mrs. McClure, the club's sponsor, is very encouraged by the fine crop of new talent who will replace last year's graduates. The club membership has greatly increased and is now close to sixty-five. All those still interested in joining should come to tonight's meeting in the Little Theater.

ADAMS STUDENTS GAIN Honors in Art contest

Last spring the four city high schools of South Bend were asked to submit posters dealing with safety on the street, playground, at home, in defense centers, etc., by the United Commercial Traveler's Association, a National corporation. John Adams High School sent three posters to this contest. Pat Alexander, Mary Rita Bott, and Rachel Jennings were the artists. The judges selected Mary Rita's for first prize, Rachel's for second prize, and Pat's for third. These posters were then sent to Indianapolis for the state contest where Mary Rita won first prize. Later in the summer they were sent to Columbus, Ohio, for the regional contest, and Rachel Jennings won an honorable mention.

FIRST WEEK DRIVE NETS OVER \$1000

That's right! That's just what we did! Our first Monday sale of war stamps and bonds netted \$1,001.70. Adams can be justly proud of such a beginning.

All students who wish to buy bonds should bring their money to the office between eight and nine o'clock on Monday mornings. Students who wish to exchange stamps for a bond may do so on Monday mornings.

The student council plans to appoint a committee to help promote sales of stamps and bonds. The members of this committee will sponsor a contest among home rooms to see which room will buy the most stamps and bonds per person within a period of nine weeks. Let's do it again, Adams! Let's make 1,000 our minimum weekly quota all through the school year.

AND NOW IT'S THE GABS WHO NAME A NAVY PLANE

A group of Massillon, Ohio, high school girls did a lot of talking last fall, \$105,208 worth. Picked because their brothers, sisters, or fathers were in the United States forces, they called themselves the Girls' Auxiliary Bond Salesmen (GABS) and set out to earn the right for their school to name a pursuit plane. They did it and the plane, the Spirit of Ohio's Massillon High School, is in service in the Navy.

Football games gave the GABS a ready-made audience for their salesmanship but during November the week between games yielded as much as the games did. In addition to their regular sales efforts, the girls would appear with the band at the half-time break then circulate among the spectators. The pilot of the namesake plane attended the last football game of the season.

First game total was \$1,508 and the last \$16,356. Gabbing, but with results.

To dig is easily learned; but to learn how, where, and when to dig is the achievement of a lifetime. —Horace Greeley.

All education must concern itself with the why as well as the how.

WAR STAMP SALE SUMMARY-SEPT. 13

HIGH-POINT ROOMS:

Total	Per Capit
Miss Law's 12B's in room 101\$216.2	5 \$5.41
Miss Bennett's 11A's in room 210	3.18
Miss Puterbaugh's 10B's in room 204\$127.0	0 \$3.18
WHAT'S THE TROUBLE HERE?	
12B's in room 208\$ 6.0	0 \$0.19
10A's in room 207	0 0.23
10B's in room 107 9.80	0 0.23

TOWER . THE STAFF TOWER

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YOU NEED A PRIORITY FOR ONE NOW

As one of our outstanding speakers said in last Friday's assembly, "We must be more careful where we do our parking."

But to come to the more serious part of the article, we must be more concerned as to where we park our bicycles. Not only for the prevention of hazardous conjestions, but for your safety and that of others.

For your information, newcomers to John Adams High School, all bicycles must be parked on the gravel, away from the driveway. Not only the teachers and the student body use this drive, but supply trucks such as coal and mail. This driveway must not be cluttered with our bikes.

No only must our school laws or rules be abided by, but also our state laws, which are many. Mr. Sargent says that two hundred bicycle racks have been on order since May. Due to present conditions, they have not arrived as yet. Until their arrival please cooperate by using the space provided.

We hope that you will remember that the community of South Bend judges John Adams High School by your behavior both in and out of school.

BACKBITERS

Along with all the fun of publishing the Tower we have to bear with a lot of headaches. The particular brand of headache we are griping about this time is backbiters. These backbiters have the unpleasant (to us) habit of aimlessly firing criticisms at the Tower whenever we aren't looking. Now we're happy to receive any politely worded criticisms of the Tower or suggestions for its improvement, but we can't do anything about your troubles if you only air them behind our backs. After all, the Tower is your paper and if it isn't what you want it to be it has missed its purpose. To help you express yourself we have the TOWER BOX conveniently located above the card files in the library, making it very easy for any Adams student to give us a piece of his mind. So if you know any intriguing gossip, short of slander, that we don't know, or if you have a complaint to get off, don't bore your friends with it but bring it to the TOWER BOX.

We know it's only human nature to complain, and if you'll only do it in the right places, we'll know where we stand.

ATTENTION!

Have you students been on your toes these past few weeks? Have your assignments been carelessly prepared and test grades low? The day of reckoning is not far in the future. Better start mending your ways now. Poor Work Slips will soon be on their way to you again, via the mails. They are scheduled to come around September 30. Remember, a poor work slip does not necessarily mean failure in a subject. It does mean, however, that at present your work is not satisfactory. Let's all work toward a new all-time low in poor work slips!

SENORS AID EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT

The Senors are right in there with their good helping hands. They have asked if they might assist the Tower staff with the mailing of the Tower to Adams Service Men. The group wishes to defray all postage expenses to mail copies of the paper to our boys in Service.

This is a very fine gesture on the part of the Senors, and the Tower Staff is very grateful for this assistance.

HAVE YOU BEEN MISSING THIS?

How many times have you entered and left this school building by the Tower Door? Let's hope it has been enough times for you to have noticed the display case. You're missing something if you haven't. Here is an interesting display of textiles.

The outstanding textile there is a genuine sarong from Java. It is handmade and the process is so interesting we believed it was worthy of outlining. The material is cotton made in the Batik manner. Colors were made from pressing juices of fruits and vegetables for the dye. The design filler was made of beeswax. This was melted and applied onto the cotton material by using a Tjanting. A Tjanting is a copper cup with a spout. A native puts the wax in a melting cup. When the wax is melted, he dips the Tjanting into it, places his finger over the spout and moves over to the cloth, then he removes his finger to allow the wax to flow onto the cloth in a pattern which he makes as he moves the instrument about. He uses it somewhat like we use a pencil. The cloth is dipped into a dye with the beeswax on it. The process is repeated for color. Each color, as it is dipped is covered with beeswax. This process is to prevent the colors from running. The cloth is then placed between layers of paper. A hot iron is applied to the top paper. This melts the beeswax which the paper absorbs. Fresh papers are used until all the beeswax is removed from the cloth by melting and absorption into the paper. The cloth is now soft and flexible, ready to wear. Each Javenese family prides itself on its own creative designs and spend many hours developing and designing its wearing apparel.

A textile of interest is the one of Guatemalen tufting. This way of weaving was developed by the native Indians. Linoleum blocks provide an all-over design for printing on cotton material which can be used for draperies.

On the sidewall is a sample of American Pattern of weaving called Goose-Eye.

The rust and green material on the bottom shelf to the left is the only original native American weaving pattern developed by us, It's called Summer and Winter.

The tan hemstitched patterns are examples of plain patterned high grade linen.

The design in purple and white is an American copy of an European original. It is called Cat Tracks.

On the right of the bottom shelf are examples of weaving, using different lace patterns, two of which are called Leno and Torascan. These last two have shots of gold and silver thread running through to vary the pattern.

TOWER TALK

To the new sophomores who are viewing for the first time the cruel cold world, we will try to present a clear picture of John Adams—

Regardless of wars—high waters or windstorms you will always find Carl Johnson, Donn Ransburger, and Frank Darnell just outside the hangout, canes poised, ready to snatch a date coming down Michigan street.

Regardless of man power shortage and rumors of food shortage you will always find *Florine Lyle* (now claiming a darling marine), *Joan Kindig* and *Betty Zimmer* coming out of Ye Huddle.

• NOTICE: Beware of the rush hour at the Oriole (12:00 noon).

Disregard any sad faces or puddles of tears in the halls for Jean Humrichouser, Lila Slutsky and Shirley Wagner have lost their men to Purdue.

Bow low to Ned Wedlake, Jim Smith, Joan Ray and Louie McKinney—they will love you for it!

Any five-pound boxes of candy will be appreciated by the teachers.

And to all of you little speed demons—don't forget to notice that sign above the Principal's office that says 25 miles an hour!!!!

With this bit of friendly advice I remain your friendly reporter—until we meet!!!

PETE.

FACULTY FACTS

This year at Adams we have seen many new faces, not only students, but teachers too. One of our new teachers is Mr. Neff. Mr. Neff, whose home town is New Paris, Indiana, formerly taught at Syracuse, Indiana, for 6 years and at Middlebury, Indiana, for one year.

Here at John Adams Mr. Neff is teaching U. S. History and will assist with basketball. He is also qualified to teach Social Studies and Physical Education. He attended Manchester College and then took post-graduate work at Indiana University. He has an A. B. degree.

He is a lover of the wide open spaces, as he likes to fish and hunt. His favorite sports are football, baseball and basketball. He said his favorite food was pineapple pie. He also added, "I guess because it's so hard to get." If any of you ambitious students want to get a better grade in history, try and find this rare delicacy.

Mr. Neff is the proud father of an 8 months old boy and has a daughter 7 years old.

When asked, "What is your pet peeve?" he said he couldn't think of any particular thing that really bothered him. Let's try and keep him that way!!

THE TOWER

ADAMS' APPLES

By Two Fresh Men

Well the furlough is over and we're back to hit the books again! —so get out your brass knuckles. We never would have known it though, if it hadn't been for the fact that the truant officer, brushing up, came down to the hang-out and said, "Quit the pool, come back to school." Immediately everybody dusted the chalk from his clothing and went home and got dry cleaned. Dry cleaning means powder over the dirt.

Many strange sights greeted the new Freshmen and many strange Freshmen greeted the sights. It took quite a while to convince some of them that the 8:20 stag line was not a line in which the needy of the school gathered to beg their breakfasts. One of the many complications which greeted the new-comers was the question of text books. For the benefit of the bewildered ones, we will print a list of the ceiling (i.e. book store) prices: Fiorello's Still Fighting Fires, an autobiography, \$5.40; How to Read the Funnies, \$2.50; the Adams' Anteaters, \$4.00; A Eulogy on Snow White and Her Seven Dwarfs, or Madame Bluebeard, \$4.50. This last is a sweeping expose of River Park by two gentlemen who should know, Muszer & Mills. Last but not least we are using Mr. Frank Ham's book, The Football, or What a Noble Contribution Makes the Lowly Pig.

Stickee Candybah, local commuter from River Park, feels he knows his way around Adams pretty well. We don't mean he feels his way around River Park. By this we mean he knows his way to the drinking fountain and to Mr. (just call him Handy) Rothermel's office. He is also up on the latest rumors: (1) We're going to have a swimming pool by the end of November, and, it has been said, that they will test PT boats and WAVES in it until the end of the war. (2) Mr. Krider plans to have a fish fry every Friday to enable his students to sample his culinary art and also to taste the subjects of his famous fish stories. ?? Questions of the Week ??

When do we get our vacation? Have you a "B" average? Is there a pep assembly this week? Will Miss West cross us up someday by turning the school clock ahead? What would happen if the P. A. pepperuppers failed to get our attention.

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Sophs' Impressions of Adams

JEAN STEINMETZ

The teachers, the students and everything about Adams is positively perfect excepting the lockers which at times are rather exasperating.

T. McMURRAY

John Adams is all that I expected it to be. It is really a wonderful school. The only trouble that I have had is in getting the Music, Physical Education, and Study Halls arranged.

PETER MCNAMEE

Ever since they started to build John Adams High School I have been able to practically watch it grow from my own front door step, and I feel most fortunate to be able to attend such a fine looking and highly rated school. The personnel of this school has been picked and is the envy of other schools in this community. The equipment is both decorative and most complete, and the student body itself is most cooperative. I am sure I will enjoy every day of my schooling here as my brother did before me.

MARGARET ANN JAHNKE

I find John Adams a wonderful school in all respects. Everyone is friendly and willing to help us somewhat confused sophomores locate our right classrooms. The students and the teachers all display a very fine school spirit and seem enthusiastic about all school activities.

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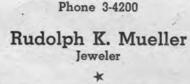
A PLUG

- R Rough, tough, full of bluff Joe Mester and Dale Douglass
- E Energetic, kind, a really keen mind — Reva Resnick
- A Able, no fable, features like
- D Dark, tall, with plenty on that
- ball—John Goldsberry and Tom Delahanty

THE

True blue, part of you
John Adams High School
Oddly quiet, halts all riot

- Mr. Ham of 106
- Witty and skinny, this isn't McKinney
- E Emergency math is our way to do our part every day We Who can't add
- R Red hair, skin fair, don't stare Marianna Merkle



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CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 22 — Glee Club, 7:30 A. M. Band, 7:30 A. M. Drama Club, 3:45 P. M. Thursday, September 23 —

- Orchestra, 7:30 A. M.
- Friday, September 24 Band, 7:30 A. M.

Football—Adams vs. Goshen (T) Monday, September 27 —

Glee Club, 7:30 A. M. Defense Stamp Bulletin Band, 7:30 A. M.

Tuesday, September 28 — Orchestra, 7:30 A. M. 11B Stanford Arithmetic Test



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TEAM SHOWS PROMISE IN OPENER

The football Eagles coached for the first time by Alonzo Goldsberry showed up remarkably well in their initial appearance last week at School Field. Mishawaka's 8-0 score tells a story in itself.

The team pitted against the Mishawaka Cavemen and regarded by many as the underdog, displayed a powerful offensive which included accurate passing, crisp tackling, hard blocking and fast-deceptive runs.

Mishawaka's dominating tactics were exceptionally good blocking and running with their aerial attack not being too valuable.

Highlights of the game . . . Umbaugh's trek for touchdown, Norblad's long run after receiving Walter's pass and our line forming an impenetrable wall on our own 2yard line and rebuffing Mishawaka four times, thus keeping them from getting another touchdown.

Distinguished Service Department, John Ray and Kenny Umbaugh for playing the game with never-saydie spirit, ever-lasting alertness and good hard football.

Honorable mention: McKinney, Ball, Goldsberry, Biron and Norblad for playing darn good football.

Toughluck: to Meister and Fragomeni who sustained injuries, we hope to see you in against Central.

Cheers to Walters, Sarber, Kruyer, Granning and Delahanty who are sure to enter the limelight before the year's up.

Remarkable Debut: Guards Wiel and Nestlerode and Tackle Lawitzki who showed promising football in their first appearance with the team.

And while we're going around shaking hands let's not forget to give Coaches Goldsberry, Ham and Powell a good pat on the back for their marvelous job of coaching.

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CLOTHING

"ON THE CORNER" ... Michigan at Washington

GIRLS' SPORTS TAKE THE GYM SPOTLIGHT

Here we are again beginning another new year of school at dear old Adams High School. There's loads of familiar faces, but also many new ones of incoming 10B's. Since no sports have really been organized as yet, I though it might be nice to make the first article of the year a preview of what's in store. Miss Beldon, the new girls' gym

teacher, has brought with her to Adams, many new ideas. One is the "Modified Program" which consists of sitting games for those who are physically unfit to participate in the strenuous athletic program. Among the games are Bingo, Lotto, Chess, Checkers, Chinese Checkers, Cards, Jig Saw Puzzles, Bunco and any others that would be accepted. These games cannot be furnished by the school; so if you have any games at home, on the order of those named above and aren't in much use at present, Miss Beldon would appreciate it tremendously if you could donate them to the school. Take them to Miss Beldon's office.

A riding club, swimming club, and bowling club are now in the making, and they will be open to all girls. Watch for announcements for further details.

Miss Beldon hopes to start ballroom dancing, basketball, and pingpong during noon hour, but nothing is definite as yet.

In the line of regular athletics comes volley-ball, softball, speedball, basketball, badminton, pingpong, tennis, and also folk dancing. In tennis it is hoped to have mixed doubles in the spring.

That gives a rough sketch of the calendar for this year, and as you can see, we'll all be kept pretty busy trying to keep up with it.

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WILLIAM J. GRANNING JR. (Bill)

On a cold bleak 1926 February morning, the 21st to be exact, there came into this world a chubby little fellow named Bill. He is the second son of the Granning family. The first being Dick who took special delight in "clubbing" his little brother around.

Little Bill finally grew up and started playing football. He got his start on the freshman team at Nuner Junior High School and came to Adams with a season of experience. He had a tough time the first season because all the fellows thought he was trying to get by on his brother's reputation.

He played first string on the Adams "B" team in his sophomore and junior years. He broke into Varsity football just this fall and has made quite a name for himself among the Mishawaka fellows. He is the understudy of Neil Walters but he has been giving Neil plenty of competition for the first string berth.

By the time this goes to press "little Willie" will have seen action in the Central-Adams game, and will have given the Central team plenty of headaches.



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POME:

The sophomore girls walk down the hall

To me they don't look bad at all.

THE WASTEBASKET DEPENDS

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