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JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

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FIRST OPEN HOUSE TONIGHT



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3—

Open House—7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4—

T.B. Assembly—8:33.

End of First Period.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5—

Adams vs. Michigan City at M. C.

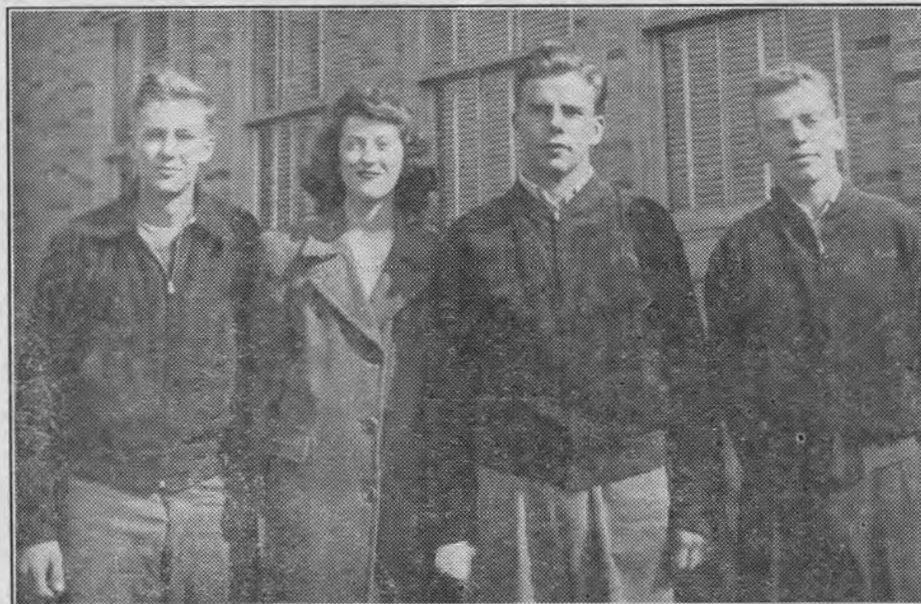
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9—

11B—Dr. Frith II—8:35.

FOOD ON THE HOME FRONT

Today the home plays a vital role in the war. It must present a strong front and help maintain high morale. It must see that work and production proceed without interruption. In 1918 we said, "Food will win the war." In 1943 we must add, "And help to write the peace." It will do that in two ways. In the supplies we ship abroad and in making a strong America by building strong Americans. To do this, menus must be planned to include foods needed for health, vigor and efficiency. This is everyone's problem. It must not be placed upon the shoulders of the American women. They are doing their share by household duties and volunteer work in their community. The watch word of American women must be thrift. She must conserve foods because of cost and limited supplies. She must spend her ration points wisely and economically. It is not easy for your mother to do these things. Market conditions are always changing. Things that we once considered necessary are no longer available. We must share and share alike and its for this reason we have rationing. Our foods will win the war, but only if they are conserved. Nothing must be wasted. No longer can we throw out more with a spoon than we can bring in on a shovel. Everything must be used and wherever possible diverted into war channels. Now, more than ever before, we must remember, "Waste not, Want not." Not only for the people of the United States, but for our allies and our fighting men.

—JEAN THORPE.



In the Senior Class election held a few weeks ago, this group was elected: President, Don Barnbrook; Secretary, Martha Nicholson; Vice-President, John Ray, and Treasurer, Jim Smith.

SENIORS PLAN ALL SCHOOL DANCE

From now on, until the eventful day, you'll all be hearing about this year's all school dance. It will be sponsored by the Seniors. Although plans are not completed we can tell you a little about the dance. The date was agreed upon as Saturday, November 20, and will be held at John Adams High School. It will be a sport dance and there will be an orchestra (unknown as yet). I think most of the Juniors and Seniors remember last year's dance. Out of 800 students about 350 attended the Tower Trot. Let's all turn out again for a real evening of fun.

HAIL JOHN ADAMS

Loyal sons and daughters we
Lift our voices up to thee
Come on (boys-girls) and join our song

While we shout and sing

CHORUS

All hail John Adams high
Valiant and true
Proudly our colors fly
Scarlet and blue
Sing we thy royal name
Dear to us all

John Adams High School
We're proud of you.

Sis — boom, Adams, Adams

Sis — boom, Adams, Adams

Truth is stranger than fiction—
that is, to some folks.

OUR BEST WEEK'S TOTAL YET, ADAMS! \$1,244.40

Total to date in bonds and stamps\$7,649.75
High-point rooms:

	Total	Per Capita
12B's in 101	\$342.65	\$8.36
12A's in 103	191.40	6.17
And still such totals:		
11B's in 205	\$8.50	\$.20
10B's in 107	9.90	.23

THE BAR GRAPH STANDING

	Per capita total for 7 weeks
12A's in 103 still way in the lead!	\$32.42
Their nearest competitors:	
12B's in 101	\$22.16
11B's in Library	12.28
11B's in 203	12.24

Remember: This contest closes November 8th.

ALL FACULTY MEMBERS TO BE PRESENT

This evening John Adams will be opened for its first annual open house. All the faculty members will be present from seven to nine-thirty. Invitations have been issued to all the parents. Please check these invitations to see that your program teachers have been correctly marked.

Many of the parents have not yet had an opportunity to visit our grand school. Please encourage them to come and meet all your teachers personally.

ART CLASSES WORK FOR VICTORY

Do you know that the art classes in the Junior and Senior High Schools of South Bend are working in their own small way for victory? Since school began these interested students have been making small but cheerful objects for our soldiers at Christmas time. For the men of our armed forces stationed on battle-ships on the Atlantic Ocean they have made 1,000 Christmas menu cards, 250 ice cream sticks for navy bases such as Notre Dame and Great Lakes, and many stained glass window designs to cheer up lonely barracks during the holidays. The men on overseas duty will receive 500 Christmas Cards and several hundred table decorations with the compliments of the art students.

From October 18 to October 20 a display called "The Student Artist At Work" was shown in the window of the Ellsworth Dept. Store. All of the items mentioned above were displayed in the window. Just outside room 209 are the designs made at John Adams. Have you seen the present display?

It is better to suffer once than to be continually on one's guard.

SAVE NOVEMBER 13
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THE GRADUATE I MISS THE MOST

MARY ROBERTS —

John Reitz—no explanation needed.

JIM SMITH —

"Mouse" Muszer—I don't know why, I guess he just grows on you.

LOUIE McKINNEY —

George Otto Anthony Pfaff—strolling down the hall with that studious (?) gleam in his eye.

JANET BICKEL —

I happen to like red hair. That's one of the reasons I miss Fran Green. Fran was a swell person to have around school.

JIMMY McLEAN —

I don't know why, but I miss Eddie Mendler.

PAT MEGAN —

When it comes right down to it, I can't think of any particular person. I miss them all.

CARLOS CARONA —

Eddy Easley, a lot of us miss his wise cracking and horn blowing.

Ah-h-h!

He tilted

Her lonely head

Towards him

And bent over

Her tremulous

Expectant mouth.

He gazed

Intently at her

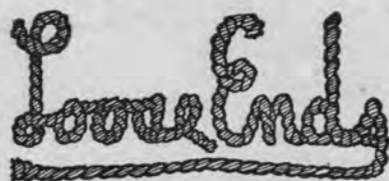
For a moment

Then said softly:

"I'm going to have to pull that tooth.—Hi-Times.

DON'T FORGET —

"LADY PRECIOUS
STREAM"



Do you realize how many people read our Tower? This year we have our largest amount of paid subscriptions. There are 435 right here at Adams receiving the Tower every week. There are ten of last year graduates, who are now at college, who are still interested enough in their dear old alma mater to subscribe. The Tower is also being sent to about 100 Adams boys now in the service.



BETTY WELBER:

Hi! I'm such a wonderful girl for cleaning this desk out, after this, Ned, will you please put your lipstick tissues in the wastebasket?

NED SCHWANTZ:

You're so sweet. Remind me to give you a nickel sometime, but don't spend it all in one place.



Have you noticed a renewed interest among certain boys in Adams? It is the Minute Men. They have been planning and doing things this year. The new officers of the club are: Richard Gartner, President; Tom Clarkson, Vice President; and Sherman Wenrick, Secretary.

New jackets have been ordered and may be seen in the halls when this issue is published.
Service is our motto!

"THE ADAMS' APPLE"

By

Two Fresh Men

The Riley girls were laughing at "Fester" Foster last Sunday evening. Being Halloween the girls were engaged in their annual sport at You-scareheem, I Scareheem, otherwise known as Take it Off. It seems the girls were regaling each other by not wearing masks to their Halloween party this year. This merry little free-for-all was held in the basement of the Strand(ed) Theater, as has been the custom ever since the Castle was put out of business by the same Riley girl-las. Special bowling alleys were constructed in the boiler room to make the girls feel at home. Midst cries of: "Set 'em up," (we mean pins), the balls went rolling along. (At this point Rev. Krider would probably say: "Let's get on the ball." For shame, A. T.!) The highlight of the evening was the shoe dance, better known as "These are the times that try men's soles." The most novel part was the shoes. (For the sake of imagination, half of the "girls" were dressed up as bous, as the real bous were attending the tea dance over at St. Casimir's.) Each of the girls placed a shoe in the center of the floor. Notice we say placed, not dropped. If they had dropped those boats, they'd go clear through to Harry Nicodemus's office. Then the girls retired to one end of the room. At a given signal such as "Aw reet, find the feet! If the shoe fits, etc.," the boys dashed for the pile of shoes. At this point your reporters were forced to leave the scent as Bingo was going on up stairs and our number was up.

.... FOUR YEAR FIXTURE

Now that Senior elections are over, the spotlight turns to national elections. With all the talk of Roosevelt, Dewey, Wilkie, Bricker, etc., we wish to place a new name before the people. Without a fanfare, we refer to John (Shorty) for short) MacNeimera, the poor man's Colonel McCormick. With such cries as "Abernacker for President" rendering the air, we wish to add our timid voices to the throng. Our cry is "Make Mac keeper of the White House grounds, and be assured of a green house." If elected, Mac promises to secure for the N. I. T. a bar in every bus.

?? QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK ??

Have you seen Mr. Ham's horse bite? If not, ask him to show it to you. How long will it take Laffy to "get his?" And lastly, in answer to that ever-popular question of "What has Frank Sinatra got that I haven't got?", we venture to say: "The same thing anybody would have if he did not eat for three weeks."

Teacher: Name a collective noun.
Pupil: A vacuum cleaner.

HOME (?) ROOM

In sponsor room 106, there is seldom a dull moment, well when I tell you Mr. Ham is the boss in there you'll understand what I mean.

It's Monday morning and war stamps are on sale. Mary J. Wishman is in charge and sits with pencil in her hand waiting to take orders. In comes the big boss. He sees no one is buying. So he gets a nice mean look and out pours a speech on telling us kiddies to save our pennies and to go without lunch at noon (to be patriotic). "Curly" Martz is told to spend a night sitting in Rosie's parlor instead of taking her to the corner drug store and feeding her cokes. I can give teacher credit for that speech because he must have made an impression for the kids all turned patriotic and bought. (Well almost everyone).

Everyone settles down to work and Alice Lord quietly goes to Betty Zimmer's table to chat and talk over troubles. Mary Ann Turpin looks up and spies them and over she goes to get a little gossiping under way. Twenty minutes pass and then Mr. Ham awakens to the fact and shouts "who gave you permission to leave your seat?" and demands they get in their own places. When Alice arrives at her place she finds a new student in her class (Johnny Ray just blew in from the library to tell and discuss how cute that new soph is to Louie McKinney). By this time Ham's face has turned from a pale yellow to a bright red. "Come to the desk Mr. Roy" he demands. Up he goes and there they sit, talking earnestly about football. Then John leaves and Mr. Ham is once again in the groove (back to normal) with that big smile of his until — he hears Lois Patrick and Lois McNabb talking at the top of their voices, which disturbs him most deeply. He then sits with his head buried in his hands when Leah Sheid comes to the desk to tell him he has neglected taking care of the attendance report again. There they sit talking and the outcome is that she has the job from now on. There sat Allan Waid wishing for one of those sticks of gum piled on Mr. Ham's desk. You see for every pupil he catches chewing gum he receives one stick so that they may keep theirs. If you ever see Mr. Ham with a stick in his mouth you take it for granted he didn't buy it.

It was Timothy's first day at school. He walked up to the teacher's desk and announced, "I ain't got no pencil."

Shocked at his expression, the teacher exclaimed, "Oh, Timothy, I have no pencil."

A sympathetic look crossed the small boy's face, and he replied: "You ain't either? Well, we're both in the same fix."

ADAMS ARMED ALUMNI



Pvt. Vasil Evanoff, Jr.
Co. D, 3225-A.S.T.U.-S.C.S.U.
1560 Amsterdam Ave.,
New York City

Wrote to thank the staff for sending him the Tower, and he remarked that he was interested in the article a few weeks ago about the Army Specialized Training Program. He is enrolled under this plan, and finds it very worth while.

Jim Wendt encouraged all the boys to take Science and Math in high school. He is sorry he didn't take Physics while at Adams, but he has to rely on what he learned in Physical Science, and he says "It's a darned good thing I had Physical Science. Jim's address is:
Pvt. James R. Wendt
Mar. Tr. Det. Co. 50
U.S.N.T.S.—Wright College
3400 North Austin Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois.

Don Ford is one of our '43 grads who receives the Tower. He would enjoy a few letters too.
Donald C. Ford 15349798
Co. E. 1548th Service Unit
Room 422, Boyd Hall, P. O. Box 2827
University of Kentucky
Lexington, 29, Kentucky.

Dominic Simeri writes that the Tower and letters from people at home are two things money can't buy. How about some letters to Dom?
Dominic Simeri
Box 2607
Washington, 13, D. C.

Cpl. Paul Meyers was seen around the halls while on a seven day leave from:
372 Sqd. T.S.S.
Boco Raton Field
Florida.

Dan Muessel, also home on leave from Vermont says "It's God's country up here".

2nd Seaman Dick O'Connor is home on leave from Great Lakes Training Center. Dick was a member of Mr. Weir's home room group last year.

Private Fred Nash has been transferred to the University of Connecticut, Storrs, for engineering training in the army specialized training program. Fred is one of our last years graduates.

Private John M. Yunker has reported to Colorado State University, Fort Collins, for study in the army specialized training program in engineering. I'm sure John would like to receive letters from his friends.

Jim Wendt was transferred from the Marine Corp Base at San Diego to Radair School at Chicago, Ill.

Paul Meyers, who recently graduated from Radio School at Sioux Fall, South Dakota, has been transferred to Florida.

In a letter received from Pvt. Don Zimmerman he says that the best part of the army is eating and mail call; so why keep Don waiting, here is his address, now the letter—
Pvt. Donald Zimmerman
35553002
Hq. Btry. 400 A.F.A. Br.
Fort Knox, Ky.
U. S. Army.

330th Fighter Squadron
U. S. Naval Air Station
San Diego, California
1 October 1943

Dear Miss Roell,

I had been meaning for some time to write you a letter of thanks for sending me the issues of The Tower and The Adams Album of last years school season. What brought it to my mind was the recent issue of The Tower, which I just received only yesterday. It is really very thoughtful of you and the school to remember me, The Warriors of Adams, by sending us the school paper and year book. I wish to thank you and the school very much for sending me the papers and year book, for I do appreciate it very much. It is good to hear from one's Alma Mater, especially being so far from home. Sorta gives a fellow something to think about other than work and war.

I am stationed here in San Diego with a P-38 Fighter Squadron. The Best Squadron on the West Coast, we are known as. My duties in the Squadron are in the S-2 Department, which is Military Intelligence. I like the work very much for it is very interesting and I do have an opportunity to know just what is going on. My duties vary by the day, as one day I will spend at the typewriter, others I pass at the drawing board. I am the official artist of the squadron.

If I may make a suggestion Miss Roell, I would for one appreciate it if you continued to place the addresses of Adams Boys who are in the service in the school paper as you did last year. I think it would be a good way for us boys to keep in touch with our former classmates.

Again I wish to thank you for the paper and the year book.

A Former Student,
ANTHONY J. PANZICA.

TOWER TALK

Dear Honey & Sonny:

I wonder if you could answer our problem of Joe Casasanta? He has a girl's ring on his key chain. Is it possible that it belongs to one of those females from St. Joseph's Academy?

We can plainly see the romances of these Adams folks. Like Gus Guisinger and Danny Hobbs, Harriet Haverstock and George Loushbaugh (Riley).

Could it be possible that Vince Fragomini is giving Dolores Hicks a thought???

Dear Honey & Sonny:

Would you tell me if Edith Weber really cares for me?

Answer:

Yes, Wade Risner, I think she really does have a deep care just for you.

Dear Honey & Sonny:

Why would Bev. Sellers turn down the Navy for some handsome soldier like Bob Kinney from Chicago?
Troubled.

Answer:

I think she must be tired of George and thought it wouldn't be fair not to give the Army a try.

We wish you would forecast whether Mildred or Shirley will be the choice of George Turner.

Worried.

Answer:

Let time and fate decide.

We wonder if Betty Witter's car is taking the eyes of Louis Rosner or could it be Betty?

Concerned.

Answer:

Let's say it is Betty not the car.

(HERE & THERE)

Joan Zent and Dick Myers seem to be going steady. Good luck, Dick.

We hear Miss Beldon joined the waves when on an outing with the G. A. A. girls a few weeks ago. (We mean waves and not W.A.V.E.S.)

There seems to be a few girls who think New Orleans (Roy Vannett) has the cutest dimples and red hair.
Look out, Roy.

Unswerving loyalty covers a multitude of sins.

After the Game

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RAY AND HECKAMAN STAR IN VICTORY

The Adams football jinx which has held the Eagles down for six successive games has finally been broken with the Eagles victory owes the Hobart Brickies, three-way winners of the Lake County Conference.

The Eagles lost no time in getting started. They put on a sustained drive of 30 yards with Curtis Heckaman, second string halfback, subbing for Neil Walters who was declared ineligible, going over for the touchdown. Heckaman led the scoring with two touchdowns. The extra point was good when Norblad plunged for the extra point. Adams then lost a fumble on the Hobart 41 yard line. With Jordan, Moll, and Choate leading the way, the Brickies went to the Eagles' 13 yard line, but were held by Adams.

During the second quarter, a flat zone pass from Heckaman to McKinney, covering 63 yards led to a touchdown marked by superb down field blocking. Norblad drove thru center for the extra point. Later, Moll's punt traveled only nine yards and the Eagles took over on the Hobart 16 yard line. Heckaman, on the first play, cut through right tackle to score another touchdown for Adams. The Eagles were unable to score the extra point. During the third period, one of Ray's colorful kicks went out of bounds on the Hobart seven yard line. Hobart's return kick reached the "Brickies" 33 yard line. Vince Fragomeni, on the first play, ran the 33 yards for a touchdown. Coach Goldsberry then sent in a new team.

In the final period, Hobart went 80 yards for its long touchdown. Fasel went over for the touchdown, making the score 26-6. Adams, however, came back to cover 85 yards for its final touchdown, with Norblad scoring from the two.

JUST A SUB

After each game we all should say
A cheer for those who did not play
For those who practiced hard and fast

For those who are honored least and last

For those who watch their teammates fight

For those who hope with all their might

To get in the fight; to get in the fray
To strive to even and save the day
Or score that goal; or make that run
But things like that just aren't being done

You hope to get in but know you won't

For coaches can't use sports that don't

Play the game down to perfection
No matter how strong is their affection

In short a sub's a player; you see
Who hasn't got the ability.

—DICK STEVENS.

Customer: To what do you owe your extraordinary success as a house-to-house salesman?

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