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JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

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FOOTBALL AWARDS ANNOUNCED



Mr. Ham's debonair air can be explained by the fact that he is now the proud father of a son, Michael Jay, born November 19. The TOWER wishes to congratulate the proud and happy parents.

South Bend's loss; Indianapolis' gain—Mary Jo Browder, who has moved and is enrolled in Mr. Goldsberry's Alma Mater, Shortridge High School.

On Sunday, November 28, Lillian Bubich represented Adams in the American Legion's War Bond Queen Contest. She was one of the five members of the Queen's Court, and had over 17,000 votes to her credit.

John Adams wishes to welcome Georgann Foose, a new 11B who comes to us from Detroit. She is a twin, and her brother, the other half, is in the Navy.

Another newcomer to our student body is Janice McLean. Janice, who is the sister of Jim McLean, has just returned from California. Now, you'll find her in room 204.

After taking the V12, A12 tests, some of the John Adams fellows have already received word that they passed the mental examination and that they have been ordered to report for their physicals. Those accepted by the Navy were: Hugh McVicker, Don Hutmacher, Lawrence Riester, Jim Bell, and George Pfaff of the August graduating class.

As yet, none of the boys taking the Army test have received any notification, and all those trying for the Navy have not yet heard. All notices are to be sent by the twentieth of December.

Good luck, Adamites!

LOST

Gold cameo ring with onyx stone. Family heirloom
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Reward

GLORIA GUNDECK IN STATE D.A.R. CONTEST

The senior class voted for the good citizen of their class. Out of the top three selected, the faculty chose Gloria Gundek to represent Adams in the contest. Contestants were judged on the basis of Citizenship, Patriotism, Dependability, and Scholarship. Gloria will take a written examination which will be judged without her name attached.

The girl whose paper is judged the best in each state will receive a \$100 War Bond from the D. A. R.

GLEE CLUB REHEARSES ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

If you noticed the mad rush at 7:59 for the game two weeks ago, you know that it was the glee club coming from the first night rehearsal. These rehearsals will last until the Christmas program which will be held on Sunday, December 19, at 3:30. There are two problems confronting the glee club and they are: Which eighty of the ninety-nine will be chosen to sing and which songs will be picked for the program. There are so many nice ones that it will be difficult to decide. The most beautiful candlelight procession will be given and it will prove to be a surprise to most of you. There will be several instrumental numbers and solos which will be announced later. Mrs. McClure, Mr. Reber, and Mr. Reasor have helped greatly with the stage setting. No admission will be charged, so won't you come and bring your parents?

Forty members of the glee club will also broadcast from the Sunnyside Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 5. On December 9, twelve members will sing at this church.

"You all know that heat causes an object to expand and cold causes it to contract," explained the teacher. "Now I want someone to give me a good example."

"Well, teacher," answered Bobbie, hesitantly, "in the summer the day is long and in the winter it is short."

PLANS MADE FOR MAJOR JANUARY GRADUATION

All those graduating in January will be pleased to know that a major graduation ceremony is being planned among the four high schools in the city. To date, the plans have not been completed, but as soon as the arrangements are definite they will be announced.

Approximately 175 students will be graduated at that time. Students may choose to wait until the spring commencement if they so desire. If they choose to wait, they may remain in school without paying any tuition. However, if they receive their diploma in January, they may not return to school without paying tuition.

The plans are being made by a committee made up of representatives from all the high schools. This committee will make the necessary arrangements for caps, gowns, prom, announcements, and anything else pertaining to commencement.

In this way, all those who cannot wait until spring will still be able to have a real graduation. It will mean much to those fellows, because graduation is something we all look forward to from our first days in school. The school city is, indeed, to be complimented for its decision.

SENIOR ASSEMBLY DECEMBER 14

It has been customary to have a Pastor from a South Bend church regardless of denomination to speak to the senior class as a part of the guidance service to pupils. On Dec. 14 it will be our pleasure to have Reverend F. D. Davison, Pastor of the First Christian Church. Rev. Davison will speak on "Philosophy for Youth". This talk will be helpful by giving us ideas and suggestions that are needed and necessary for every individual in order to intelligently meet the problems that confront every one of us while our nation is at war.

Women are prepared to make many more sacrifices than men. They're willing to go without practically everything except admiration.

RAY COPS RECO AWARD; TENNIS SWEATERS TO MEYERS AND SANDOCK

After winding up the season with several well-earned victories, our football team took time out to get in a huddle and decide "Who's Who in Football" at John Adams.



The members of the squad voted their 1943 captain, John Ray, the award of Most Valuable Player on the team this year. John was also given the Reco Award for the Most Valuable Lineman. The team voted to award Fred Nordblad the honor of being Most Valuable Backfield Man.

Eleven men were each awarded a sweater, a certificate, and a chevron. They are: Dick Lawitske, Wayne Sarber, George Krovitch, Neil Walters, Fred Nordblad, John Balok, Bill Granning, Tom Delahanty, Curtis Heckaman, Marvin Seaman, and Bob Casey.

Eight others who had already been given sweaters and chevrons, were awarded certificates. They are: John Ray, Jules Biron, Joe Mester, Jim Ball, Harold McKinney, Vince Fragomeni, John Goldsberry, and Paul Keb.

The four Junior Managers elected Dale Douglass as next spring's Senior Manager. The other three, Don Rohrbough, Jack Jaqua, and Dick Green were awarded Manager's Minor Awards. The Sophomore Managers selected Russ Young and Pat Catanzarite as Junior Managers for next year.

Congratulations, fellas! You worked hard and fought hard to win these awards. We're all proud of you!

We are also very proud of the fine showing made by the tennis team. Two members of this team, Richard Meyers and Jules Sandock, received their sweaters, certificates, and chevrons.

When a man talks to a woman about himself, she's bored. When he talks about her, she can hardly restrain her enthusiasm.

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SO WHAT?

Somehow, Adams has attained the reputation of being a clean school. Our players play a clean game; they fight hard. We Adams students know that we come from the best school in South Bend. We like to think that we are above reproach. We may criticize others, but woe unto those who criticize us!

Occasionally a group of Adams students will do something which reflects upon the conduct of the entire student body. The incident at Michigan City was one of these times. I wasn't at the Michigan City game; all I know I have learned through unpleasant rumors. I am ashamed of my school. I am disappointed in the student body. We lost something at Michigan City.

We booed the officials during the Lew Wallace game. The sign in our gym, We won't boo, how 'bout you, was not intended for Adams students. We were supposed to know better. That sign was placed there for the benefit of other schools, to show these other schools how we here at Adams behave at our home games. But we booed the officials last Thursday. Is it because we can't take defeat?

We Adams students are a great deal like spoiled children. When we have done something to be ashamed of, we will not admit our mistake. We never take the blame; it is always the other fellow's fault; the officials were crooked. Adams doesn't know how to take the blame. Adams hides behind moral victories and other lame excuses. You are an Adams student. What are you going to do about it?

— Barbara Kreimer.



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The education that is real is the education that means our being of finer temper, more adaptable, more flexible. Let us assimilate knowledge until it becomes ourselves, showing itself in character, reliability, straightforwardness.—Ramsay MacDonald.

"THE ADAMS' APPLES"

BY
TWO FRESH MEN

Song of the Week: "Roell out the Barrel." This, along with that other popular ditty, "I love my wife, but oh you 'C' card," has been dedicated to those who have plenty of gasoline coupons. Biggest improvement of the week was made by W.S.B.T. when they took "On the Corn(er)" off the corner. It is rumored that Hogan refused to change his name to Epstein, therefore Max Adler suddenly decided to discontinue this low comedy. All that remains to go now is the Luncheon Club.

.... MESSQUIRE

Perhaps the Adams man could be called the "well dressed man" but unfortunately the Amalgamated Bums of America haven't a publication of their own. Unique is the word that describes the Adams fashions but there is a better word. The Adams idea of a zoot-suit is to wear a hat, coat, pants, and shoes all at the same time. A tie makes it "full dress." However, some hombres exhibit bad taste by attiring themselves in Spanish blue. Why must these "rah-rah" boys be different when red is the conventional color? The Adams student has probably the most varied wardrobe in the high school world today. Take the pants for instance. It's a happy song, the song of the corduroys. As the lads walk briskly to class these popular type trousers sing out with their merry little tune. "Zip, zip." Occasionally an old pair chimes in with a: "Zoop, zoop." In the case of A. T. Krider, it is the sounds of the tweeds. In the case of the Senors it is the song of the weeds. In the case of the Sul—whoops, not in this column. According to Gordon King, expert back-seat diplomat, one must treat his cords with genuine kindness. He says: "One cord in the pants is worth two in the roast beef." So take heed, men of Adams and Herbert LaRue, the next time you see those slacks go MARSHing by, don't breathe so hard or your breath may come in short pants.

.... HEAT SUITE

This week our hats are off to our engineer, Cliff Douglass the genial German. Under his nom de plume, Herr Otto Daschunt, he is the local fuehrer of the Arbiter Veristitzen Verein. Lately Herr Brush, as he is often called by his associates, has been holding his meetings in the garage of the N. I. T. According to Cliff, N. I. T. really stands for "Niemann Immatrefulieran Tatigkeit." Translated, this means, "I'm sorry Bud, but this is a skip-stop." At present, "Gestapo Gus" is searching for a cure of amnesia. It seems he cannot sweep. Rock pile forms on the left.

??QUESTION OF THE WEEK??

Did John Goldsberry fall on Pappy



WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS??

Norma Zimmerman: A nice juicy steak, all done up in celophane, with just gobs of french fries.

Lois McNabb: A man, with a "C" card.

Bill Snoke: A little gal that lives at 906 East Ewing St.

Phyllis Beverstien: A certain fliers wings!

Charles Carpenter: A beautiful girl all wrapped in pink celophane.

Polly Constant: I want the Army!

Donna Lipsky: An "A" in Short-hand.

John Ray: A woman I can trust!!!

Pat Hansen: More meat coupons.

Mary Siney: A boy from Central!

Neil Walters: A job! Just any job!

Mary Louise Scott: I want my brother who is in the South Pacific to come home!

Shirley Wagner: I want Milt to come home for the Rainbow Christmas formal!

FASHION FADS

The fashion parade is led by the fellows this year. The latest, perhaps, is the derby hat, such as the one seen crowning the head of Gordon King and Don Stevens. Yellow cords, as worn by Bob Casey, and tapered cuffs, adorning the ankles of "Ziegfeld" Ward Groves and Gene Geleide come next in line. Ankle-length key chains are finally vanishing, but taking their place in the line of jewelry are identification bracelets. Another popular jewelry is the ring displaying some evil-looking image.

The majority of girls again chose Indian bracelets and rings as their favorite jewelry. Some girls go so far as to have a collection run up their arm to their elbow. Jean Douglas, Alice Lord, Marilyn Sunderlin, and Florine Lyle rank high in their collections. Petrified wood is also being used as a decoration.

The loafer seems to be the All-American shoe, and the Sloppy Joe sweater still dresses the little miss up cute.

The general remark among girls is, "The longer the better, the more the merrier."

Few women are ever haunted by their past. Usually it hasn't the ghost of a chance.

A woman is usually willing to face anything — provided she looks attractive at the moment.

Yokum? Will Ransberger find his way back from Michigan next Sunday? And lastly, when will the girls stop rushing Maynard Cohan?

History of The Tower

The first edition of the Tower was published on January 21, 1941. It was edited under the fine supervision of Justin Schubert. For the first semester the Tower managed to have the grand total of 300 subscribers.

At the beginning of the next year, which was also the next semester, a new editor was elected. This time Lillian Toth was chosen. This semester the total circulation equalled 350 subscriptions.

At the beginning of the next year, which was John Adams third year in session, Carol Kline was chosen by the students to carry on the job as editor of the year. Again there was an increase of 50 subscriptions which brought the total subscriptions of that year to 400.

The Tower this year has as editor, Pat Kasdorf. We all agree that she has done some very nice work. During these past 3½ years Miss Roell has been the sponsor. She says she enjoys the work and the contacts with the students.

During the first year and a half the pictures were taken by Mr. McNamara and Mr. Reber. The last few years students have volunteered to be photographers. In order to become a photographer they must have some knowledge along this line and supply their own camera and equipment.

A contest was held to determine a name for the John Adams paper. Mr. Willard Harris of the Maintenance Staff suggested the name and his reason for calling it the "Tower" was because the entrance most used at Adams is the Tower.

The Rupel Typesetting Service has always done the linotype work and the printing has always been done by the Secrist Printing Company.

The outstanding edition of the Tower each year is the Senior issue which is completely edited and written by and about the Seniors.

TATTLE TALES ON THE STAFF

Pat Kasdorf — Drama Club, hair quiet.
Dagney Lenon — swell, smile, good nature.
John Houston — basketball, butch.
Marilyn Sunderlin — smile, hard worker.
Dick Stevens — Armistice Day speech, Mata, mischief.
Jean Humrichouser — "Hum," Glee Club, fun.
Phyllis Van Houten — Andy, good nature.
Janet Bickel — blush, cute, Junior Red Cross.
Jean Steinmetz — "Lady Precious Stream," feet.
Ann Miller — hair, Indian bracelets, Spanish.
Linda Myers — Letters, hay rides, exchange copies.

TOWER TALK

The Old Turkey is just a memory and we've settled down to peanut butter sandwiches, milk and the inevitable Luncheon Club.

Mary Ann Calvin really has a system! She leaves one date in the kitchen (with the turkey) and a second one in the living room. Darn near wears the rug out running back and forth, we're told.

Jeanne McBride's name is being linked with both Larry Reister and Eugene Blieler (Riley).

Please take notice of all these girls with more than one date. Is it the "Lure of Cleo"???? Or just plain "Yankee Clover"???

Question of the week: Have you answered that soldier or sailor's letter????

Cal (Heart-breaker) Joris is a lucky guy. He manages to keep all of his flames happy—only a few fights, too!!!

Has Arthur Sellenburg lost his heart to Harriet Whitaker??

Two Chucks—one from Central and one from Hobart, Indiana, claim the heart of Barbara Rummel. Doesn't Adams have any Chucks, Barbara??

Shirley Goddard has an escort every evening, but try as we may, we can't find out who he is!! Maybe she is guarding him!! Wise girl.

That Old Black Magic seems to have gotten a firm grip on Elmer (Frosty) Winters. The girl is Donna Weber.

Color of the week: Cinnamon.

To Certain Junior Girls:

The Tower Box has received some complaints. Notes tell us you're not being true to the boys at Adams. Can this be????

Joe Mester is back in the gossip again. . . . Some unidentified girl in one of his classes. Can anyone help us out????

Phyllis Whitehead's heart seems to wander Riley-wards.

Inseparable::: Phyllis Beverstein and Mari-Cathryn Fabian.

Saying of the week: Have you heard from Purdue this week??

Joe Casasanta has excellent taste in redheads—Her name is Nancy Anderson.

Look-alikes — Joyce Witwer and Joan Spry.

Writing letters to "Helen" is one of Don Ransberger's study hall time-passers. He absolutely refuses to tell us Helen who or where.

'Looking forward to the Christmas turkey we cluck, cluck along.

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ADAMS ARMED ALUMNI



P.F.C. Samuel J. Pressler of the United States Marine Corp, better known to his school chums as "Bud," has been transferred from Forth Worth, Texas to San Diego, California. His address is:

P.F.C. Samuel J. Pressler
Co. A. Inf. Bn. T. C.
Camp Elliott
San Diego 44, California
. . . V —

Pvt. James Wendt, also in the Marine Corps, writes that he has moved from Chicago to Pennsylvania. His new address is:

Pvt. James R. Wendt
Co. B, N.T.D., N.T.S.
Grove City College
Grove City, Pennsylvania
. . . V —

We have some news from our past faculty which will interest the seniors especially.

Mr. Duke, who is stationed at an air base in the South Pacific, was promoted to the rank of Captain on October 12.

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Mr. Sheridan, now Captain Sheridan, has been transferred from Ft. Riley, Kansas to Tunis, Arizona.

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San Diego, 41, California

Dear Pat:

I received a copy of the school paper and enjoyed every word of it. Also the word reached me that Adams beat LaPorte. I know why the boys came through. Many of us have carried the fighting spirit of Adams into the service.

My leave starts soon, and I hope to be home within the week of the fifteenth. My main object is to walk down the halls of Adams, and feel that I am, as I was, a student of the finest school in the world.

Tell anyone who wants to join the Marines that it is swell, but tough.

Sincerely,
Don Allen

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Thursday, December 9
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Friday, December 10
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Basketball game—Adams vs. LaPorte—There.

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Pete Mount, Lebanon Center, Sets Scoring Record In Adams Gym

Peter Mount plays center on the Lebanon basketball team. He has played that position for three years and is now in his fourth year for that team.

Last year Pete played in the All-State conference at Indianapolis. Last Friday he scored 9 field goals and 13 out of 14 free throws; a total of 31 points. He holds the individual scoring record for the Adams basketball floor. Although Pete doesn't attend Adams High School we believe in giving credit where credit is due and he surely deserves credit for Lebanon's victory over Central by a score of 53-41.

Intramural Basketball Season Opens

Well it's finally happened! The sport that most basketball amateurs enjoy has started. Mr. Ham (who is quite a star himself) has opened up the way for the boys who want to play basketball but are not quite up to par for the varsity.

Last week it was announced in the bulletin that whatever boys wanted to participate should meet together in the cafeteria in order to get organized. Approximately 60 boys showed up which is a good indication of the sporting spirit of John Adams. These have been ranked into 8 teams with seven men per team. The teams will have names and captains as the season progresses. The teams will clash for championship on the nights the varsity has games as the gym will be free on those nights.

This project will be carried into softball when the spring rolls around.

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