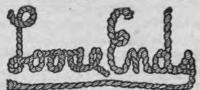


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HONOR STUDENTS ANNOUNCED



This issue of the Tower was given to every student in school. However, the next issue will be by subscription only. Get your money to your homeroom agent today. The rates will be as they have been in the past, sixty-

cents for the semester if paid in a lump sum, and 75 cents if paid in installments.

Last Friday, the Tower sponsored an assembly in room 106 for the new sophomores. Mr. Sargent, Mr. Rothermel, Miss Burns, and the rest of the faculty were introduced by Dagny Lennon. Dick Stevens presented the officers of the various clubs who gave short explanations about the purposes of the different service organizations. As a courtesy to the sophs, each was given a copy of the senior issue of the Tower.



THURSDAY, JANUARY 27 Assembly — 8:35 A. M. Faculty Meeting — 3:45 P. M. FRIDAY, JANUARY 28 Basketball Game -Adams vs. Plymouth - There SATURDAY, JANUARY 29 Basketball Game -Adams vs. Ft. Wayne N. Side -Here MONDAY, JANUARY 31 Defense Stamps Bulletin TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 11B California Personality Test

TONIGHT P. T. A. Sponsors FATHER'S NIGHT LITTLE THEATRE 7:30 p. m.

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SUB-DEB'S VIEWS ON BASKETBALL

I think basketball games are terribly interesting don't you?

At 6:00 o'clock I dash across Michigan street in an effort to catch the 6:00 o'clock bus. I arrive home at 6:30, spend till 7:00 eating then 5 minutes for my Latin, 5 for my Spanish, 5 for Chemistry and oh yes, 25 on my Refresher Math. At 25 minutes of 8:00 I run to the corner and meet my girl friends and at 8:00 o'clock I arrive breathless, at the John Adams Coliseum. I give my ticket to Mr. Reasor, proceed through a door, and I am awaited by a beaming friendly usher. I smile bewitchingly and he conducts me to a comfortable bleacher.

I notice that the score is 10 to 10 and the players are just wearing themselves out running up and down, and throwing the ball at the basket, so ?

I begin to give with the buzz. We're also watching the game when "L" remarks, "Hasn't McKinney the most wonderful physique?" and "M" says, "Yes, but hasn't Andy the prettiest curly hair?" "But interrupts "F", "Doesn't Betty's new sweater look nice?" and "J" wants to know why "Goldie" spends so much time on the floor and me, I want to know why "Lawitski" yells and waves his arms like that, does he expect to scare those poor boys on the other team to death?

Everybody is standing up, must be getting near the end of the game. Oh! those dear boys are still running up and down and the score is still tied. Doesn't this game ever progress?

Oh! Barney, made a basket, I guess that's what you call it and we won! Oh! Gee! Oh! Gosh! We won!! . . .

I really want to congratulate the players on their wonderful game of basketball, and I really do understand it too.

The team who can run up and down the floor the fastest and puts the ball in the basket the most times wins.

ORCHIDS TO ADAMITES

Following the Washington-Adams game a few weeks ago, compliments were heard flying through the halls of both schools. Do you know why?

When free-throws for both teams were being made, there was no booing or screaming. All the schools which have been using our gym have been careless about this matter. Thanks Adams and Washington

for setting such a good example.

ADAMS ALBUM GOES TO PRESS SOON

By this time the graduating Seniors will have placed their orders for the "44" Album with Mr. McNamara. This is being done now, for there will be no extras manufactured this year.

This year's Album will have a regular book type cover made of bright red leatherette with gold embossing. The fine cover accounts for the increase in price of the album to \$2.50, and the proposed shortage of extra copies.

"Without the fancy covers," says Mr. McNamara, "an extra hundred copies doesn't cost much, but this year we are practically wrapping the book in dollar bills."

Underclassmen's orders will be taken for the yearbook about March 1st. Remember! Get your order in as no extras will be made!

DEBATE SEASON OPENS

Adams will open their debating season when they meet with Central, Riley and Washington. It will be held on Tuesday, February 1, 2:30 at Central High School. The topic that will be discussed is Resolved: "That the United States should take an active part in the reconstituting the League of Nations."

Dick Stevens, Mary Anderson, Beverly Gilman and Paul Johnston will represent Adams.

If you tell a boy there are 270,768,-934,341 stars in the universe, he will believe you; but if a sign says "Fresh Paint," the same boy has to make a personal investigation.

SANDOCK, CRAWLEY, AND FURNISH EARN GOLD COUNCIL AWARDS

January 26, 1944

In the January graduating class we lost many of our fine students. These boys and girls had always maintained unusually high averages. Those eligible for gold awards are: Jules Sandock, Katherine Crawley and Mary Furnish. Martha Nicholson is eligible for a student council silver award. Hugh McVicker, Leon Simon, Louise Halliburton and Glen Hulbert had averages of 90 or better.

Last August, Joan Gurian and John Schulte received the gold award for their scholastic standings. Silver awards were made to Ruth Ann Reed, Richard Phillips, and June Moore. Elizabeth Guilliom, William Anderson, Don Ford, Eddie Easley, George Pfaff, George Watt, Norma Lambert, Virginia Wiseman, Joyce Roberts, Pat Irwin and Bob Hart had superior scholastic ratings.

Physical Education Exemption Slips Due

All students who are to be excused from Physical Education this semester are requested to have their medical forms filled out as soon as possible. The doctors are busy we know, but, if you were judged physically unfit to take gym last semester, it is necessary, for your own protection, that you have another check-up now. Make your appointment today and get your school record complete.

FAVORITE SUBJECTS (Ha! Ha!)

- 1. SOOGIBY
- 2. NASSIPH
- 3. REMOGETY
- 4. CISYPSH
- 5. CVISCI
- 6. ITANL
- 7. RIHTYSECM
- 8. GYPNTI
- 9. LEHINGS
- 10. NAUSTOACEIR



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LETTER NUMBER III

Dear Bud:

Sorry I had to drop my pen in such a hurry last time I wrote, but I'll finish what I have to say about reception centers now.

After your tests you sign up for insurance. Sign up for the maximum of \$10,000—at your age it'll mean only about \$6.50 out of your pay each month. You can also sign up for deductions from your pay to buy War Bonds. That's a good way to save your money, so you'll have a nest egg if you want to go to college or get some other kind of training after the war is over.

Next thing you do at the reception center is get interviewed and classified. The interviewer is especially trained for his work, and he spends about 15 minutes with you, asking you questions about your schooling, any work you've done, your hobbies, the positions of leadership you've held, etc. That green card—the E. E. S.—will help you answer him right. The interview is strictly private. The interviewer studies the information you give him and then makes a record of it on a yellow card—this card is your Form 20, which follows you throughout your Army career and is important in determining to which Army job you will be assigned. Don't be nervous—just tell the interviewer all about your schooling and work experiences, show him your school record and letters, and tell him about your hobby of making electrical contraptions. Give him all the information about yourself that will help him decide what kind of Army work you are best fitted to do.

The interviewer will ask you which branch of the Army you want to go into. With your interest in electricity, I suppose you'll want to get into the Signal Corps or some other branch where you can do electrical work. If they need you for another type of work where the pinch is greater, don't let it get you down. After all, we're in the war to win it, not to do the things we like best. No matter where you do go, you'll get training that may help you hold down a good job after it's all over. Besides even if you don't get assigned to an electrical job at first, you might be reassigned to one later on.

The rest of the time at the reception center is spent in introducing you to the life of the soldier. They teach you a little about marching and drilling, tell you when to salute and how, and read the Articles of War to you. These Articles are the Army's police regulations.

You get the first of your "shots" against typhus, smallpox, and whathave-you at the reception center and a lot of sound advice on hygiene.

Most of all, you begin to get the "feel" of the Army these first few days —eating Army "chow", sleeping in an Army bunk, and learning Army lingo. You learn that there is no such thing as privacy for the Army private. Everything you do, you do right along with a whole bunch of other fellows—that includes eating, sleeping, dressing, taking a shower, etc. But you'll be thrown together with a lot of good eggs, same as you, and as soon as you get used to the idea of not having any privacy, you'll begin to enjoy your opportunity of making many friends among your buddies. These fellows come from all parts of the country—they'll want to know about your background and you'll want to know about theirs.

Well, I'll try to write again before you go to the reception center. If I don't I'll wait until you get to the replacement training center for you stay at the reception center such a short time that you'd probably be moved out before a letter could reach you.

MEMORIES

PIANO PICTURES

The picture in the middle? Oh! Thats my mother And the one to the right of her? That's my little brother.

The one to the left of mother We call the masterpiece. She's the sweetest little girl, And my mother's only niece.

There are grandmothers and grandfathers

And pictures by the score. Some are still at home with us, And some are out at war.

One of them is father, He's in the fighting too, And wherever you go, father, I'll be mighty proud of you. —Dick Hammond.

Alone on the corner, nothing to do. Thinking of girls and good times we knew

LAST OF THE GANG

The nights all too long, the days all too gray.

The place so forsaken — the gang all away.

The last of the gang just waiting to leave,

Waiting each day for those wings on my sleeve.

Writing a line to a guy now and then,

Praying each night they'll come back again,

Can't help remembr'ing each favorite place.

Each wise cracks jokes, each funny young face.

And the ball teams we had and the parties we'd throw

And the old Ford jallopy and what make it go

And the card games and dice by the railroad track

And the street corner songs, will they every come back?

I light up a smoke with a trace of regret,

Cause they stick in my mind too much to forget.

My brain keeps repeating its single headline —

It's great first page story—that Old Gang of Mine.

- GEORGE HYLAND.

"RIP" ROHRER'S 201

That private kingdom ruled over by none other than our pal, "Rip Rohrer," is home room 201, commonly called "The Goon Gallery."

This inconspicuous little cubicle is found in the extreme upper southwest corner of school, and in the extreme upper south-west corner of room 201 is found Mort Ziker. Mort is very busy scratching his head trying to think up new reasons for getting out of home room to promenade in the halls with P. K. (Notice to editor — no fair censoring this.)

As we continue to roam around the room, we spot an empty seat belonging to songhird Joan Smith, who shows up on Mondays only, to buy was stamps. (Plug!)

While "Rohrer" is amusing herself trying to explain to June Watkins and Shirley Wagner the desirability of individual studying, Jim Smith and Jules (our passion) Biron are busy telling each other how funny they are. At the same time, Van-Houten, Slutsky, and Kirkendorfer are sleeping in ten-minute shifts so that there is always someone awake to remind the other two not to snore so loud.

There are two alumni from room 201 — John Schulte and Virginia Speth. We observe a ten-second silence period every semester to pay honor to the only two inmates who ever escaped from our crazy home room.

•••SMILES•••

Sweet Young Thing: "How did you happen to lose your forefinger?" Tourist Guide: "Well, you see I have been a guide for so long that I just naturally wore that finger off pointing out places of interest."

First Boy: "It's too bad you have to go to school on your birthday." Second Boy: "Yes, some guys have all the luck. Washington and Lincoln were born on holidays."

Druggist: "Yes, miss; you will find that most ladies like this lipstick."

Young Lady: "You couldn't—er tell me the kind men like, could you?"

"My husband says I look ten years younger in this hat!"

"How old are you?"

"Thirty."

"I mean without the hat."

Tourist: "How's business hereabout?"

Native: "It's so quiet you can hear the notes at the bank a block away drawing interest."

Too many square meals make many people round.

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Well, some of the seniors have left us and we cannot bum cigarettes like we used to. Most of them bade farewell to their old Chemistry prof, Reber, famous exponent of the theory K₉P, using such exclamations as: "So long you old stinker." and "Please think of me as the kid who joed around in Chemistry." Most of the boys have accepted positions in prominent law firms. Among these lucky fellows is Jules Sandock, who is now prosecuting the trial between the U.S. armed forces and Block Brothers Diamond Co. It is better known as the Army-Navy Jewel Case. This is not the first time he has been at the bar, however. Anyway, our boy Jules considers this a "snap case."

- Piffle - Pfaffle -

Not many of us realize that we have in our midst, movie land's find of 1944. Chosen to double for either Bela Lugosi or Bugs Bunny, our own Jack Pfaff will undoubtedly be next year's academy award winner. We predict it will come to the point where people will be mentioning the names of Errol Flynn and Jack Pfaff in one breath. He was discovered by that prominent agent, Cecil B. DeNeff, half-breed cousin of the Middlebury Neffs, while looking at some of the other animals in Pottawatomie Park one night. He immediately seized our intellectual, and presented him with a lower rod ticket on the Cattle Car Freight Line. For days, after reaching the coast, he was continually mobbed by Bugs Bunny fans who were misled by his enormous ears and large tail. He soon obtained a job in Chinatown, however, as chief weather man. Known as Ah Choo, he gave out such reports as: "Fair and coolie." It seems Jocko was not Adams' sole representative in Chinatown, though, as Dick ("Give me a break") Morrison was running a local laundry. His famous byword, "No Tokie, no shirtie," catapulted him into immediate stardom with M.G.M. (Meinstein, Gotcherbeerstein, and Mairphy.) And he immediately chose Pfaff as his make-up man. Until Jack appeared Hollywood thought Boris Karloff and Bela Lugosi were Kings of the Horror Men, but Pfaff soon disproved this theory. Jackie. Morrison's contract was immediately torn up and Pfaff was signed. He is now currently featured in the yet to be released picture, "Parasite's Paradise," or, "Undies in the Andees." With this production under his belt, he rushed back to Adams, changing trains at Brownie's Beanery, Michigan City. He did not stop at Brownie's for the beans, however. Weee know,



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What is the first thing you notice about a person and example of that quality?

LOIS PATRICK — Dimples are outstanding to me when they are like Harold Patty's.

LOIS McNABB — I always notice one's sense of humor such as Dick Schall's.

LEAH SCHIED — The first thing I notice about a girl is her hair and if it is as well done as Lois McNabb. In a boy his hair, if it is cut.

CARL MARTZ — I like to see bright clothing which catches one's eye right away such as, Rosie caught mine.

MARY ANN TURPIN — In a boy I expect first of all neatness, and then comes clothes and the eyes such as Gene Turner possesses.

JOAN SMITH — The first thing I notice about a girl is whether she wears pan-cake make-up and whether it's neat such as Martha Nicholson's. I always notice whether a boy has shaved recently, as Ned Schwanz.

BILL SNOKE — The first thing I notice in a girl is her personality, her clothes and then—like Emma Lou Wood (Riley).

BOB CASEY — The things I notice always about any person is her clothes, teeth, and personality. Shirley Kline is equal to all.

BOB BAYMAN — The first thing I notice about a person is her teeth. From looking at them I can tell her personality. A very good example of pretty white teeth belongs to Lois Patrick.

MARY LOU LaFORTUNE — The first thing I notice in a person is his eyes. Some very unusual and talkative eyes were those of William Jay Granning.

JIM McLEAN — Teeth as white and pretty as Carmen Sigerfoos's. PAT KINDIG — Jim Ball and his personality.

FLORINE LYLE — The first thing I look for is a personality and physique equal to — Gene Geleide's.



?? Questions of the Week ??

Where were all the Senors last Saturday night? We thought Mike George was solid. Don't you notice a strange resemblance between Mr. Rothermell and "No Face"? And, lastly, why was Frank Wolf at the Michigan City-Central game last week? We didn't know he followed Central so closely.



Besides the duties of head manager of the basketball team, Jack Miles has recently been appointed the chief inspector of the dating bureau. Whenever the basketball team makes a trip, we usually find Jack (I use perpetual motion) Miles finding little bundles of joy, and we don't mean their laundry, for his regular customers — Lawitski, McIntyre, and (I haven't shaved for a week) Goldsberry. Jack does not seem to have trouble finding dates for his customers because of his tall, dark, and drooling technique.

For our only complaint of the week we find that as far as Jim McLean, better known as "I want a piece of fudge cake," is concerned, Jack is a flop. Because as soon as Jim was getting better acquainted with his J. P. U., (a Jack pick-up) he found himself at the point of a gun being forced to leave the dusty city.

The most difficult part of Jack's duty is to find a date for Bob Lucas. Bob refuses to take a date unless she has ample supply of pep, but Jack has solved his problem by following the Senors.

We think that Jack has done such a fine job that we are conferring on him the degree of A. S. S. (an Adams Solid Sender).

Since the senior prom was last week, we picked out the couple that got along the best at the prom. None other than Bill Snoke and Joan Breskin.

Although the long distance telephone lines are crowded these days, Dan managed to make a ten-minute call from Philadelphia, Pa. to Pat Kasdorf.

Rumor of the Week:

That John Ray makes all of his money by gambling with women. Double or nothing??? ADAMS ARMED ALUMNI

Dominic Simeri has written two letters relating his experiences in North Africa. These were both published in the Tower, as you know. Here is a third letter:

January 5. 1944 Happy New Year to all at John Adams!

Well, now it can be told. The city that I wrote my first two letter about was Casablanca. I regret to say that Mr. Bogart wasn't in town at the time.

I saw the hotel in which President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchhill had their meeting.

You heard me tell about the Medina. Well, it's "off limits" for American soldiers because of the dangers within. One night I broke through the M. P.'s and went in. To tell the truth, I'll never do it again. The streets were about five feet wide. The smell was awful. It was plenty dark and the people scared the daylights out of me. They hung around on the corners. All in all, it gives one the creeps. After an hour of walking around, I got out. I didn't go in anywhere because I was too scared. And that's no lie. Only Arabs live in the Medina, and you can't trust them. The only people there were the hunted killers, and crooks galore. It's a haven for them, for no one can find them in that hole.

Well, I'll close now, for I have to chop some wood for the fire. Be good, and don't kick about having to go to school. You don't know how lucky you are.

So long, Dominic.

Pvt. Ray D. Emrick No. 35552985 Co. C. 526th A. I. Bn. A. P. O. 182-B c/o Postmaster Los Angeles, California

ON THE TREATMENT OF GUESTS

When a guest comes into a person's home, he expects some consideration. His host would not dream of hitting him in the mouth with a bottle, or backing him into a corner and forcing him to admit who is toughest.

At an athletic contest, however, the atmosphere is entirely different. The visiting fan is treated as if he were a combination of a leper, an exconvict, and an O. P. A. official. Many individuals among the home group feel called upon to hiss and boo and challenge to a fight if necessary the out-of-towner. If the home team wins, the roughnecks will want to rub it in. If the home team loses, they feel called upon to avenge themselves by committing mayhem on the opposing team and their supporters.

We would have an ideal situation if we were to treat our visiting fans in the same manner that the team and backers are treated at the large colleges. There the visitors are treated as honored guests, and new found friends, and all animosity is left behind on the gridiron. In the future, here at Adams it might not be a bad idea to at least remember that the students of other schools eat three meals a day, and possess a heart and soul just like the rest of us.

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EAGLES TAKE PANTHERS, 41-36

ADAMS KEEPS SECOND PLACE IN CONFERENCE

The Eagles, of whom every loyal Adams student should be proud, can chalk up another conference tally, their latest victims being the Washington Panthers. McIntyre, Houston, and Goldsberry led the Adams five to their easy victory. Although the Eagles led the scoring all through the game, the Panthers were able to whittle the Adams advantage to five points. At the half the Eagles led the Panthers 22-11, while at the third the score was 33-24, the Eagles favor. However, during the fourth quarter the Washington five put on a desperate drive and were able to dwindle the Eagles advantage to five points. During the last five minutes of this drive the crowds were tense with excitement. Adams began to freeze the ball. Then the gun went off, ending the game, the tension broke and the happy, breathless, and proud scholars of John Adams High School strolled out of the gym. The game ended 41-36. "Jocko" Housten led the Eagles scoring with 4 field goals, and 4 foul goals, a total of 12 points. Dimich, the Panther center led their scoring with 3 field and 3 foul goals, a total of 9 points.

This tally was Adams' third conference victory over local teams. The Eagles are now firmly entrenched in second place in the Eastern Division of the N. I. H. S. C. Elkhart leads this division in the conference.

The Adams "B" team also gave the Panther "B" team a trimming. Eagles — 22; Panthers — 17.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLE

1. BIOLOGY 2. SPANISH

3. GEOMETRY

4. PHYSICS



