



ADAMS TAKES SECTIONAL TITLE

Senior Prom Plans Are Announced

At a recent meeting of the senior prom committee, it was decided that May 19, 1944 will be the night for our senior prom. It will be held at the Progress Club and Chuck Eaton and his Orchestra will play for the affair.

Watch the Tower for further information concerning the dance.

First Soph Conferences To Be Held This Week

Conferences will be held for the Sophomores during sponsor period on March third. Speaker for the boys is to be Mr. Lawrence Pate, Head Counselor of Riley High School. He will talk on the subject, "The Importance of Planning Your Education During War Time". This lecture is to be held in room 208.

The girls have a choice of the conference they prefer. Miss Deephouse, who is the Director of Home Economics for the schools of South Bend, will talk on "The Importance of Home Economics". She will give and discuss the different jobs that come out of this field. This conference is to be held in room 103.

The other speaker for the girls is Miss Cheek, a representative nurse of Epworth Hospital. Miss Cheek will discuss different phases of Nursing and the Nurses Air Corps. This talk will be held in room 210.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

Glee Club, 7:30 A. M.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

Glee Club, 7:30 A. M.

Sophomore Conference

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

Regional Basketball Tourney

MONDAY, MARCH 6

War Stamps

Bulletin

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

12B Career Conference III,

8:35 A. M.

SCHOLARS FOUND TO BE SLACKERS BY REPORTER

The number of poor work slips issued at John Adams last week is appalling. It is the same old story and you're sick of hearing about it. You're tired of being preached to about the high number of poor work slips, but are you doing anything about it? You are the one to suffer in the long run. It is a disgrace to the school and to you! Perhaps these figures will illustrate more clearly what I am trying to say;

The enrollment at Adams is:

Boys341
Girls390

Total731

The number of unsatisfactory work notices is:

Boys180
Girls133

Total313

In other words, 52.9% of the boys received poor work notices and 34.1% of the girls received them.

According to grade classifications we find this:

10B Boys 7
Girls 4

Total11

10A Boys33
Girls35

Total68

11B Boys30
Girls22

Total52

11A Boys63
Girls45

Total108

12B Boys20
Girls17

Total37

12A Boys27
Girls10

Total37

From this you can see that the 10B group has practically a clean slate.

Washington-Clay

4 p. m. Fri.

Adams

Woodrow Wilson

7:00 p. m. Thurs.

Adams

John Adams

North Liberty

8:00 p. m. Thurs.

N. Carlisle

New Carlisle

7 p. m. Fri.

Mishawaka

Mishawaka

9:00 p. m. Thurs.

Mishawaka

Washington

Lakeville

10:00 a. m. Friday

Central

Central

8 p. m. Fri.

Central

Walkerton

11:00 a. m. Friday

Madison

Madison

2:30 p. m.

Saturday

8:00 p. m.
Saturday

ADAMS
WINNER

Greene

2:00 p. m. Friday

S. B. Cath.

S. B. Catholic

9 p. m. Fri.

Riley

Central Catholic

3:00 p. m. Friday

Riley

And sophomore is supposed to mean foolish! Our weakest spot seems to be in the 11A group.

Several individuals received more than one poor work notice:

	Boys	Girls
10B	1	0
10A	7	7
11B	8	5
11A	18	12
12B	3	5
12A	5	0
Total	42	29 = 71

This last is inexcusable. Again, we find the 11A's are the weak spot.

Certainly this is not a true picture of the intelligence at Adams. Probably it is due to carelessness and indifference on our part. Let's try to cut the number of poor work slips right in half!

IF YOU CAN'T SHOULDER A GUN—
SHOULDER THE COST OF ONE—
BUY WAR BONDS!

MANY SURPRISED WITH ADAMS' VICTORY

Though in the present basketball season there have been many major upsets and unpredicted outcomes in contests, none was so unwanted by the Central students as the final victory of the past sectional tourney. Not only were the Central students surprised but also many were pessimistic crystal gazers. Those who maintained the thought that Adams was still learning how to play basketball in its fourth basketball season should forever in the future strike that idea from their minds, for if it is true they have learned well and far outclassed their tutors. Yes, we here at Adams feel that our faith has not been in vain and also that we have made ample penance for our sin of losing top conference honors to Elkhart.

And speaking about surprises, the conference was full of many minor ones. The New Carlisle, North Lib-
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PROBLEM CHILDREN

Come gather around and let's have a little chat. I'm not going to preach but face a problem, a problem I think we are all capable of facing. Yes, it's the problem of juvenile delinquency. Why do the youths of today get into trouble any more than the youths did three years ago, and don't you tell me the war and too much money is all the cause for the gambling, drunkenness, and vagrancy. In 1943 arrests of boys and girls 17 and under were 26.6 percent higher than in 1941.

When I first began to think about the subject, I thought the reason was because we didn't have enough entertainment or outside interests. But I started talking to my parents and teachers and discovered we have more opportunities today than the youth of a nation has had in years. I know your attitude, but the things we can do are so small I can't really see what they are doing to help win the war. Maybe our solution would be a military organization. I don't know, but let me explain to you why a little thing like studying is going to be a big factor in the future of America. We are the parents and citizens of the future and we must be a beacon and guiding light to the rest of the world. It's true you feel you are doing so little, when our boys your own age are fighting a deadly war with as treacherous and barbarous an enemy as the Japanese showed they were in the mistreatment of our soldiers on Bataan. What is it every single former Adams' students mentions when he writes a letter home. They always mention something like "say kids, how are we doing back home?"

I'm afraid to tell them the truth — are you? Do you suppose maybe the Germans and Japanese have the right idea. Hirohito and Hitler's children have specific duties to perform for the emperor and for the state. But how many of you would like to change places with them. It is up to us, the youth of America, to prove to the youth of our dear Axis that our ideas and government and way of life is better. J. Edgar Hoover says the situation is approaching a national scandal, and some experts even go so far as to believe that the future will have more bad citizens and parents than ever before in history. Is that what your brother and the boy who used to sit across from you in Study Hall are coming home to? If everyone works toward a certain goal there is always a perfect solution. We proved that here at Adams when after losing several football games, we got mad at ourselves, faced the problem, and began to win.

Our parents are failing to find a solution to our problem, and they have failed to find a solution to world peace. Will we, the parents of the future, fail our children?



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Song of the Week: "Pony, Boy, Pony, Boy, Won't You Be My Pony, Boy?" This is the chant our future Captains of the Clouds will intone as they guide their wheelchairs into the examination room tomorrow morning. This evening, most of the boys will be brushing up on their braille and instructing their seeing eye dogs to bite their fingers when in doubt about a numerical answer. This is better known as "boning up before exams." Also, several of the fellows call this "Bonay." And, as a last preparation for their physical, several of the mutes went through a vigorous toning up routine such as running around the ring in the bath tub, while others had one last splurge. Typical of this was Paul Johnson, (pardon us Paul, we forgot the "T"), who had a big time by taking his teeth out for dinner. After dinner, Paul went looking for a fourth for (a) bridge. As to what will happen tomorrow, we can only predict. The examining board, consisting of two knots and three cords, entered, took one look at the aspirants, and went right down town to cash in their war bonds. The gruesome gargoyles were then instructed not to remove their shoes while counting as it was considered cheating, and besides, the corns on their feet were more or less cribbing. Midst cries of, "Turn on the light, I cannot see my cuff," and, "Who is that goldbricker up there with the nugget on his shoulder?", two hours drooled by. That girl walking past the door didn't help it any, as a long, low whistle was given by those who could see and heard by those who could hear. At this point a student was declared ineligible because it was found that he could see, hear, speak, and walk all at one time. This boy had SUCH an advantage over the others. The time finally ran out (no one was able to catch it) and the grading began. Most of the fellows who were able to make a mark on the paper passed, although there was one lad who had five points taken off because he misspelled his name. The bell rung, the violence of which shook the nervous racks out of their seats, and after helping each other up, the motley assortment of foos found themselves all fozzled out. What a strenuous day!

Do fishes grow fast, Jimmie?
Some of them do. My father caught one last year that grows an inch every time he tells about it.

ADAMS ARMED ALUMNI



After finishing his training at Great Lakes, Jack Beverstein has been recommended to Annapolis for further training. Good luck to you, Jack!

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Jack McGirr is being transferred from Notre Dame to Hutchinson, Kansas for Navy flight training.

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Also visiting at home during his leave is Marvin Seaman. Great Lakes is O. K. says Marvin but South Bend sure looks swell!

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Dan Mussell is also home from Middleberry, Virginia.

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Dear Friends:

It's been great receiving the Tower. You've all been swell. I can't find the right words to express my appreciation but I'm sure you'll understand when I just say "Thanks a lot!" You can't understand how it cheers us fellows up to be remembered when so far from home.

The new base is a nice place and I like it very much.

You fellows expecting to be "in" better work hard in gym class. It might make things easier later on.

My new address is:

Corp. James R. Wendt
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Sec-11 Ward Island
Corpus Christi, Texas

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Hello Everyone:

Thought I'd write and tell you my new address. It isn't a definite address as we don't spend more than two days in one place. We're on our final phase of training — the Tennessee maneuvers. Everything here is supposed to be as close to actual combat as is feasibly possible.

We live more or less comfortably in our pup tents (when they aren't lost) and eat our food in the dark (when we can find the kitchen). We've been to town once in four weeks but you get use to the rural life.

Right now we are bivouaced a few miles from Carthage—the birthplace and home of Cordell Hull. I can easily see why he went to Washington.

I hope some of you will find time to write. A letter is really welcomed down in these hills.

Private Fred Nash 35556679
Co. H 328th Inf. A.P.O. No. 26
c/o Postmaster
Nashville, Tenn.

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erty; South Bend Catholic, Greene Township; and the Mishawaka, Washington games were all climaxed by surprising last minute endings with the respective scores differing no more than one or two points. Riley, with the absence of their regular, Husvar, were skinned by Central in the semi-finals. The final surprise of the tournament was sustained by Coach Powell whom on the sounding of the final gun, was whisked in fine style upon the shoulders of his understudies and tossed into the shower. Immediately succeeding this pleasant ducking, "Coach" took off his "eighteen stamp" and traditional green shirt and relaxed right in the "drink" with the squad.

Though the tournament is now over and the final scores have been recorded in the South Bend annals of basketball, we feel that all of you probably know certain details about the outcome, but still there is one fact that we would like to warn all Adams' students against and impress them with the infamy of . . . this detested fact is the portrayal of poor sportsmanship by the oldest school in this town, Central. To begin with the only reason for any extra-curricular athletic activity, including basketball, is to educate young men with a better competitive spirit. When in the course of nearly a half century a school gradually gets worse in its spirit and that degrading extends not only to the students but also some of the athletes it is logical that the primary purpose is being utterly defeated. The disgusting expressions of profanity and displays of ungentlemanly conduct following the referees' decisions by our opposing team were certainly not conducive to better American citizenship and the offenders should be thus notified and if necessary coerced to better manners.

Fellow Adamites we can assuredly split the buttons off of our coats in pride for the fine exhibition of basketball shown by our team and the commendable hospitality shown to our athletic guests over the past week-end.

TOWER TALK

Way out east in Adams country we're rough and tough and hard to bluff and dog-goned hard to handle.

The Adams girls whip out their lassoes quite regularly and do their best to ring a man. For instance . . . Charmaine Fishburn and unattached Charles Decker.

Did 'ja hear about Cal Joris going steady?? It's still a rumor, but where there's smoke there's bound to be grass fire!!!

Wanderin' way out in the cactus is Leah Scheid all alone. Some lucky guy will soon take her out of circulation.

Valentine's day was observed here, too. We didn't all send cards but 'cause there's so much hay in the prairie right east of our school, we had a hay ride. This particular one was surprisin' too. Ask Phyll Whittier, Al Morgan, Jane Cook, Dan Dickens, or Neil (Gimme another piece of that Angel Food) Walters!!

Why doesn't Jim Landings react to some of those heart looks he receives before and after first hour?? We'd like to see him toting a woman.

Phyll Harter is Adams' ardent equestrienne!!!

If you're lookin' for some fun, dash up to Dan Walters and yell "Happy Birthday" . . . then run for your life.

Well, Pardner, 'till I hear for shure if Darwin and Pat have permanently broken up, I'll spur my little broncho and gallop off into the wilds.

Adios!!!

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Goodness me, how do they open their conversations?

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Adams' total during Fourth War Loan Drive\$15,095.60
Year's total to date\$37,444.05
Week's total\$4,545.90
High-point rooms in week's sale:

	Total	Per capita
10A's in 107	\$1,545.70	\$37.70
12A's in 102	1,045.20	25.49

Bar-graph standing:

	Total per capita for 5 weeks
12A's in 102	\$47.25
10A's in 107	41.14
11A's in 203	22.87
12B's in 210	22.41

MOVIE MATCHES

Dorothy Lamour=Marge Kirkendorf-er.

Red Skelton=Jim Hamblen.

Jimmy Durante=Owen Booth.

"Thousands Cheer"—After the Adams-Riley basketball game.

Gloria Jean=Jean Steinmetz.

Deanne Durbin=Joan Smith.

Judy Canova=Joan Ericksen.

Betty Grable=Juanita Marsh.

"Old Acquaintance"—Mary Anderson and Janie Van Antwerp.

Donald "Mr. Big" O'Connor=John Ray.

Ronald Reagan=Bob Duncan.

QUITE A FAMILY WE HAVE HERE, ISN'T IT???

Phyll and Janice Van Houten
Mary Ann and Bebe Turpin
Joan and Tom Getzinger
Tom and Don Egendoerfer
Neil and Dan Walters
Mary Jane and Wava Wishman
Jean and Joan Douglas
Mona and Margery Kirkendoefer
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CHEERLEADERS EXPRESS "THANKS"

We, the cheerleaders and students of John Adams, wish to express our appreciation and thanks for the fine co-operation we have received from Mr. Dickey and his helper, Neva Grenert, for their fine work in fixing our frames for the Central and Elkhart games.

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ADAMS PLAYS THRILLING GAME

EAGLES - WILSON

In the opening game the Eagles had little trouble in trouncing the Wilson five. At the end of the first quarter Adams led 15-6. From there on Adams had no trouble outscoring Wilson. Barnbrook led the scoring with 23 points, 10 field goals and three foul goals. Andrews "Iron arm" scored 12 points.

At the half Adams led the scoring 28-15 while at the third quarter they had raised their lead 7 points, 39-17. The final score was 55-33.

EAGLES - COLONIALS

The Eagles breezed through their opponents, the Washington-Clay "Colonials", in their second match in the sectional. Don Barnbrook and Ray Andrews led the scoring, each picking up 11 points. Although the "Colonials" did not come near taking the lead at any time, you must give them credit for holding us down as compared with their previous 71-25 defeat from the Eagles.

ADAMS CHASES BEARS

In a most thrilling and exciting game, the Adams Eagles snatched the title from under the Central Bears, 36-30. The Eagles' attack was spearheaded by Jack Houston who made 14 points.

The game played Saturday evening at John Adams was attended by some 4,000 spectators. The Bears leads were few and far between and although the Bears exerted unending pressure, the Eagles still were intact and finally the Bears fizzled out. The Eagles played superbly and drove home at 36-30, the rout of the Central Bears.



"There is no place like home," says Mr. Primmer. Every time he has a leave from Chapel Hill, he heads for South Bend and John Adams is on the list of places to stop. This snapshot was taken during his recent visit.

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