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# "PATIENCE" PRESENTED MARCH 20

# D. A. R. TO AWARD HISTORY MEDAL

Each Spring there is selected from the June graduating class one student who has been outstanding in American History. This individual receives the D. A. R. Award for Excellence in United States History.

Former graduates who have received this honor are Don Claeys, class of '42; Bob Parker, class of '43 and Nancy Anderson, class of '44. Don and Bob are now making American History. Don is with Navy and Bob is with the Army. Nancy has been a student at Indiana University this last year.

To be selected for the award the individual must be able to give evidence of an over all comprehension of the American Scene. The first elimination in selection of candidates for the award occurs when the records are scrutinized for achievement as shown by scholarship in U. S. History I and II . The students who have maintained a straight A record both semesters are then subjected to a written examination, and those who successfully pass this hurdle then meet with selected members of the faculty for an examination that somewhat resembles an oral comprehensive in college.

The recipient is then selected but the selection is not made public until Senior Assembly when a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution makes the presentation.

Students who qualify for the oral and written examination this spring are: Marguerite Connon, Dale Douglass, John Goldsberry, Patricia Kedzie, Dagny Lenon, Martha Schloerke, and Barbara Straw.

### "Patience" Is Coming! March 20

# CONCERT GIVEN BY CLINIC BAND

On March 7, the members of the All City Clinic Band gave their annual concert. This concert followed several weekly practices and an all day practice on the day of the concert. Mr. Nilo Hovey, a prominent musical personality and director of the Arthur Jordan Conservatory in Indianapolis' was guest conductor. Adams was well represented in the band and two of our students received first chair. They were Carolyn Deardorff, clarinet and Betty Murphy, coronet.

### LEAD CAST OF PATIENCE



Back row, left to right—Joyce Hoffman, Herschel Keefer, Lois Lenon, Dick Schall. Front row, left to right—Don Stevens, Theresa Lazarra, Pat Annis, Norma Zimmerman, Curtis Heckaman.



Once again theatrical minded students of our school are teaming together to present the annual musical, a traditional harbinger of spring here at Adams. Afternoons and evenings they are gathering together under the watchful leadership of Mr. Cassady, Mrs. Pate, and Mrs. McClure. And, if things continue to proceed successfully there should be a worthy production to witness on the night of Tuesday the twentieth. Both the leads and the supporting cast are progressing well, and are doing a fine job of molding together the thousand and one dramatic techniques necessary for a good produc-

As you know, this year's show is, Gilbert and Sullivan's "Patience" or "Bunthorne's Bride." This will be the first time Adams students have undertaken a genuine Gilbert and Sullivan operetta. It is very hard for us Americans to display the full extent of an English opera written for English audiences; therefore the production and success of "Patience" will indeed be a great credit to John Adams. It is a generally known fact that John Adams is the only school in South Bend able to put on such a production because we are the only school to possess such a fine and talented Glee Club.

Don't forget the date! Tuesday, March 20.

### WISE FORETHOUGHT

"Would you sooner lose your life or your money?"

."Why my life; I want my money for my old age."

# DEBATE TEAM MEET AT ASSEMBLY

Resolved: That the Legal Voting Age Should be Reduced to 18—this was the topic of discussion for the Adams Debate Club in the assembly given March 1.

The student body was presented with strong arguments pro and con. Although there was no rebuttal after the speeches, the negative was able to refute statements made by the affirmative as they were second and fourth speakers. In this way they were able to present strong arguments against certain statements made by the affirmative side. Among these they proved, by various psychological tests which have been made, that even the age 21 was too young for a person's immature mind to cope with present day political and social problems.

Both sides gave constructive arguments, the negative being ably handled by George Augsberger and Garret Flickenger and the affirmative being presented by Bill Means and Virginia Hyde. Jean Steinmetz was chairman of the debate. These speakers have not only gained valuable experiences in speaking before a group, but have acquainted the students with a better understanding of both sides of this current problem.

"You see," Jackie fibbed to his mother, "that 'E' on my report card stands for 'excellent' and 'D' is for 'dandy.'"

"But," said the mother, "that nice little girl next door almost always has 'A' on her report."

"Well," continued Jackie, "I don't like to give her away, but 'A' stands for 'awful.'"

# ANNIS AND KEEFER CARRY LEADS

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Students of John Adams! The big event is coming! What event? "Patience," of course! This opera is one of Gilbert and Sullivans' most popular and most renowned! It will be presented in the auditorium at 8:00 p. m. on March 20 with an excellent cast of seventy-five Glee Club members You'll hear ballads of sadness and ballads of gladness! You'll see Herschel Keefer making aesthetic love to Norma Zimmerman. You'll see Pat Annis' affections won over by Dick Schall as only he can win' them. You'll see Curt Heckaman, Don Stephens, and Bob Nielson "let their hair down completely" and go cavorting three strange contortions, as only they can. You'll see twenty love sick maidens desert Herschel Keefer and Dick Schall for the dashing, dauntless, Dragoons! You'll forget your woes and fence yourself in a land of enchantment where ridiculous situations occur hourly.

Come one, come all! Get your ticket now! They're going fast! Don't forget the date and time. March 20, 8:00 p. m. See you there!



Wednesday: March 14
Glee Club 7:30 A. M.

Thursday: March 15
Glee Club-night rehearsal.

Friday: March 16
Glee Club-night rehearsal.

Monday: March 19
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Tuesday: March 20

12A Boys—Preinduction Guidance. Mr. Fisher—"Human Relationship.

Opera—8:00 p. m. Auditorium.

Wednesday: March 21 Glee Club—7:30 A. M.

Thursday: March 22

Dr. Firth—11B boys and girls— "Mental Hygiene."

Friday: March 23

Glee Club-7:30 A. M.

Spring vacation begins at 3:00 P.
M.

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### FOR SOPHS AND JUNIORS

Do you know what you are going to do when you graduate from high school? If you don't, it's about time you began thinking seriously about your future life. Some of you will go directly to work. Are the subjects you are now taking the best with which to equip yourself for the job ahead of you? When an employer questions you, he will surely inquire about your education. A man who wants a stenographer will surely want a girl who can type and spell.

Many of you are planning to attend college the fall after your graduation. But do you know which one? Every college has a different set of entrance requirements, and some require an entrance examination which calls for a general knowledge. In our library is a book called "American Colleges and Universities." Do you know that some colleges require five years of foreign language? Some others require three years of laboratory science. When college time rolls around you don't want to be dissatisfied and disappointed because you didn't take the right subject. Maybe you'd better look over that four year plan again.

Then again many of you will be joining the armed forces. Stop to think, the Army can find plenty of men to carry a gun and the Navy can find plenty of gobs to swab a deck. It is a well-educated man who will get ahead in the Armed Forces.

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Let's talk shop. Almost every one at some time or other has been in our shop, so you can imagine you are with me on this tour through our shop. Our industrial arts classes consist of four divisions. We have woodwork, arts and crafts, planning room. (Planning room is a subject that gives no credit, but that is where all the boys spend their time when Mr. Dickey isn't looking and a place to catch up with all the latest jokes.) and last, but not least, we have machine shop.

The group I am going to pick on this time is the fifth hour gang. First we see our beautiful Owen Booth slowly strolling back to his cage (the crib.) It is said that this class wouldn't be if it wasn't for Owen. All the kids depend on him greatly. They walk up to the crib and say "Hey! Give me that thing there." He knows exactly what they want so he just keeps on sleeping.

Then as we stroll from the crib, we come to the electric bench (cousin to the electric chair.) The inventor, Herman Kruggel, is the only student that is taking an electrical course.

He has tried many experiments. His most successful experiment was the one where he made Bradley's ears turn green and his nose light up red. The only way the girls in the shop know when it is safe, is when his nose is red. They really have to look out when his ears turn green. If he ever turns green all over, they had better start worrying.

Then we stroll past the planning room. There with their feet propped up on the table is Jim Bowlin, Jack Jaqua, and Pat Catanzarite talking about old times. Then Jim, of curiosity, asks Jack a question, "Jack, is five minus the square root of two of the equation X square minus ten X plus eight equal 0?" After a little thinking, Jack answers, "No!"

Then we have our woodworking department. The boys in this division say, "In woodwork, we (would work) if we had wood to work with. So we leave the wood workers.

We now hear the mighty voice of Bob Blackford, the foreman of the machine shop. His word is law and they that disobey it, disobey it. Richard Beaty was just ready to start his lathe when Frank Wolf gave a cry for help. He was in great agony, he had a hang nail. Then the buzzer blew and that meant clean up. All the students dashed eagerly to their clean up jobs. You could hear the foreman telling the boys to pull their belts up, (the lathe belts). Then you heard a merry splashing in the sink in the back of the shop. The sink is Christine Webb's clean up job, but she has more fun splashing in the water.

-McAlic.

# TOWER

Say what goes on Clippy? Is it Dixie (Central) or Nancy?

Champion letter writer—Ruthie Misinski! Bill must be QUITE a guy.

Seen recently together — Jack Chappell and Dee Dant, also Bob Casey and Jeanne Grant. (I thought he was engaged!!)

I wonder what was in those precious letters Romanita got from Bob?

—She seemed pretty worried when she lost them!

Poor Betty Lolmaugh and Mary Spaulding will be lost after Thursday when their Middies leave—what then?

Who has Pat Annis got on the string now,—could it be Jerry Gibson? Those play practices sure come in handy, eh Pat?

Congratulations Neva Grenet! (In case you readers don't know it, she has an engagement ring from Allen Elliott!)

I wouldn't advise any fellow that wants to live long to go out with Ruthie M.—it seems she's taken QUITE a liking to boxing!

Comes tournament time at Adams and one goes not only to watch the games but to watch the people. Seen together were, Dave Giordano and Kathryn McVicker, Fred Wegner and Nancy Bartol, and the old flames Curt Heckamen and Bev Watson.

Every time the Central team came out on the floor, Jo Bishop, Kath Keller, and Janice Van Houten were seen straining their eyes looking, and losing their voices shouting!

Pat Center sprained her hand clapping for Glenn Personette when the good old Eagles came out on the

Too bad a certain Riley player couldn't play, eh, Joanie Butler!

Yes, new romances flame and old ones die comes tournament time and spring at Adams!

#### ARE YOU?

YOU'RE A BRAIN . . . IF YOU ARE ABLE TO GET AWAY WITH

- Chewing gum in Miss Bennett's classes.
- Not being in your seat when the bell rings.
- Talking Mr. Rothermel out of making you make up time.
- 4. An A in Mr. Krider's English course.
- Borrowing continually pencils, papers, assignments, etc.
- 6. Hitch-hiking to school without getting picked up . . . by the police
- 7. Erasing in typing class.
- 8. Cleaning your saddle shoes.
- Flirting with Jerry Marical (Central) the way Kathie Keller did (Sectional).
- Catching the first bus down town and getting there in one piece.
   (It has been done they tell me).

## COBWEB COLUMN

Here it is, March 14, 1945 and just think how time flies! Have you ever remembered back and thought—"It seems just yesterday that"—or "Do you remember when—?" Anyway it's fun reminiscing and here are a few facts to help you recall other ones.

#### 4 YEARS AGO

Nine glee club girls were chosen for the girls' ensemble. It turned out beautifully, too.

Allen Jones, the movie star sang a concert in our auditorium and was seen by a lucky group of kids after school.

The romance of the week—Bill Sayers-Mari-Cathrine Barr.

Mr. Reasor's 9A English class had read "Ivanhoe" and made a display of dolls dressed as the characters in the book.

#### 3 YEARS AGO

"Quality Street," the spring play, was under rehearsal and was to be given March 20.

Adams won second place in debate; Central winning first place.

The steadies of the week:—
Delorma Flowers—Bob Whitmer.

Jean Lytle—Edwin Keb.
Betty Lou Murray—Chuck Glee-

The office practice class was new to everyone and everyone envied the ones who got out early.

#### 2 YEARS AGO

The "Tower Trot" was given with Ted Galligan's band playing for the affair.

Adams netted \$40 in the "March of Coins."

Adams beat Walkerton 50-28 but in our next game Washington Clay beat us 43-42.

John Taylor won Mr. Reber's annual sectional contest—Ray Bowden was selected Rotary representative.

"Wanted—a Widow" the spring play was in production.

#### 1 YEAR AGO

The pre-college assembly was held and Mr. Damon from Purdue talked to the students who were considering college.

"Connecticut Yankee" was under way and promised to be the best ever given at Adams.

Jack Jaqua won Mr. Reber's sectional contest by guessing a score of Adams over Central 36-32. Louie McKinney won second place by guessing 33-30.

Culver took the Regional title.
Romance of the week:—Regina
Freels - Jack Jaqua.

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It seems the Irish people had a plague of snakes and they had to have someone to rid their country of them. Saint Patrick went to work and every snake was killed. Now mind you, I don't say this story is true but, 'tis said that the Irish were so happy that they declared this day a holiday. It is traditional to wear green so let's see what we can do about it? I'll wear green, won't you?

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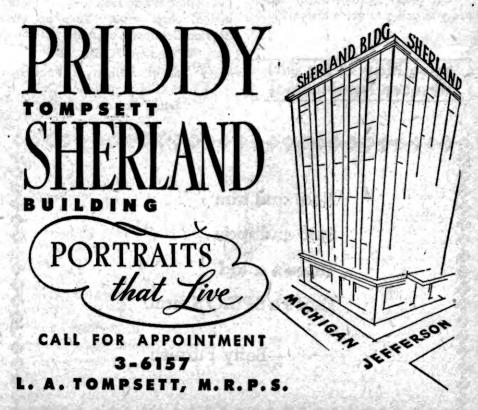
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# RILEY GAINS REGIONAL CROWN

# JIMTOWN DEFEATED IN FINALS 50-25

Those title bound "Wildcats" breezed through the Regional Tournament here at Adams with little effort.

Saturday afternoon, March 3, Rochester's Zebras opened the tourney facing the highly favored Riley team. Frank Kudlaty poured in ten points to set the pace for Riley who won 38-23.

The final afternoon game crushed any championship hopes for Culver's Indians. Culver was the defending champions but they lost against the sensational Jimtown team 40-34.

At 8:00 P. M. Saturday night Riley took matters in their own hands and didn't have any trouble in defeating the "Jimmys" 50-25. Kudlaty again starred with fourteen points while big Bob Whitmer tallied twelve.

Riley now moves to the semi-finals at Lafayette where they will meet Hammond in the first game.

# THE FAMOUS LAST SAYING OF:

Doug Robertson-You ol' sone! Betty Cole—But baby. Fred Wegner—You Crow. Dick Schall—Where's Harry? Jim Hamblen-Oh, that Foreign Le-

Mr. McNamara-Now kiddies. Dick Guin—Hey beaver. Larry Turner-But Mr. Reber, you don't understand.

Bob Lucus-Lubbers loves me! Row Andrews-I can't give you anything but love.

Al Smith-You don't know. Skinny Farabaugh-Mitner.

## HE HAD 'E MALL

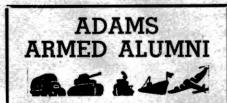
It seems the gate broke down between heaven and hell. St. Peter appeared at the broken part and called out to the devil, "Hi, Satan, it's your turn to fix it this time."

"Sorry," replied the boss of the land beyond the Styx, "my men are too busy to go about fixing a mere gate."

"Well, then," grumbled St. Peter, "I'll have to sue you for breaking our agreement."

"Oh, yeah," said the devil, "where are you going to get a lawyer?"

Save May 12 for Girl Reserve Semi-formal



The commissioning of Adams grads and ex-students is always good news and interesting news to their many friends. Recently at the Commissioning activities at Notre Dame, Don Claeys, '42 and Henry Hoover, a Central graduate in 1942 but a student at Adams prior to transferring to Central, received the rank of Ensign. Both boys were well known at Adams and we are proud to add them to the list of "Adams Officers." Just by mere coincidence, both boys received the same assignment. They were due in San Francisco March 1.

> 26 February, 1945. Santa Rosa, California

Dear TOWER Staff & Miss Roell:

The year 1942 seems such a long time ago and some times I have to think twice when I hear a name or see a face that I used to know back in school at John Adams.

But with the help of the TOWER and especially the Service Column I have been able to keep track of some of my school mates who are now in the Service. It's a great newspaper and John Adams too is great as it now has its place among the fine schools of the country. Each student should be proud to be a part of such a wonderful school, and I know that they must be. They'll appreciate their school more when graduation day arrives as is usually the case I suppose. A good high school education means a lot.

Thanks for sending the TOWER, I'm getting it and look forward to its arrival each week. Keep up the Service Column, it's great.

A student, "Class '42", Sergt. Anthony J. Panzica, AAFld, Squadron "A" Santa Rosa, California.

Neat and trim Spic and span There's a lad That's a SPIRO'S man.

-Betty Furnish.

# TOWER SPORTS COLUMN

This is one of those lean weeks for Adams sports news although spring football is in full swing. Track and baseball start this week but there is not too much to say on these

Our South Bend team, the "Riley Wildcats" will surely give a good showing in the semi-finals that we "South Benders" can be proud of and I wish them lots of luck from myself and the student body.

Throughout the year I have been making a grave error by spelling our one and only Erwin Karlin's name with an I. Please accept my apologies, "Erv," and say maybe you could set me up for a soda now that there are no more training rules!

Already the pitchers have been working out inside the gym and this should be another good year for Adams in baseball. You know that last year we won the conference play, the trophy is displayed in the show case. More about baseball next week.

I just finished seeing Notre Dame smash all previous records in scoring. Since we have extra space this week I might say a little about it: Vince Boryola the freshman center broke the all game record by 28 points and he also made the highest individual score per game by making 31 points against Detroit. All the team was pulling for him and he really deserves this honor.

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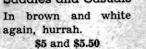


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