



LATEST WEASEL NEWS GIVEN

EDDIE CANTOR ESSAY CONTEST

High School Students all over the country are already responding to Eddie Cantor's announcement, on his Wednesday night "Eddie Cantor Show" over NBC, that he will award a total of \$2,250 in War Bonds—a first prize of \$1,000, a second prize of \$750, and a third prize of \$500—to high school students who submit to him the three best essays on the subject "Juvenile Delinquency, Its Cause and Solution."

A distinguished group of judges for the contest includes Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, Dr. Gordon Sproul, President of the University of California, and J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Bureau of Investigation.

The contest is open to all students of high school grade in public, private, and parochial schools anywhere in the United States. All entries must be mailed to Eddie Cantor, Beverly Hills, California, and postmarked no later than Midnight, April 27. Winners will be announced during the "Eddie Cantor Show" broadcast over NBC, Wednesday, May 2.

Typical of the enthusiastic response which has already come to Eddie Cantor from prominent officials is a telegram from F.B.I. Chief J. Edgar Hoover, which reads, "Will be delighted to participate as a judge in connection with your juvenile delinquency essay program, which I feel will serve a most worthwhile purpose in bringing this important subject to the attention of our citizens and youth."

The schools of all prize-winning students will be presented with appropriate trophies, honoring all students for their collective interest in overcoming juvenile delinquency.

ASSEMBLY MARKED PRESIDENT'S DEATH

Friday, April 13, marked an unforgettable experience in the lives of all John Adams school students. On that day the entire school mourned the death of their beloved president, Franklin D. Roosevelt. Mr. Roosevelt is the only president that John Adams as a school has known. We will miss him.

An assembly was called at 11:20. Zonia Null was the presiding chairman of the assembly. Zonia gave a talk recounting the feelings of the student body.

A solo, "Even Bravest Hearts May Swell," was sung by Herschel Keef-er. The Glee Club sang the "Lord's Prayer."

School was dismissed at 11:40.

TO OUR DEPARTED PRESIDENT

President Roosevelt has passed away. No one can express in writing the sorrow with which our hearts are filled. When we heard of the president's death, all the security that had been built up within us by his stalwart leadership crumbled into shambles. It left us stunned; the champion of the people was dead.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt first became president in 1932. He led our country through some of the most turbulent periods of our history, and as a result of this outstanding leadership became the first man to hold the supreme office of the United States for the four consecutive terms. What better proof is there of the love of a nation for this man than his successive re-election?

The loss of this great man has not only affected the United States, it has affected the whole war torn world. England, China, Russia, France, and all of the allied nations are expressing their sorrow and deep felt loss.

This man, Franklin D. Roosevelt, most certainly died for this country and no man who has ever died for his country was ever more deserving of meritorious reward. Yes, though it just doesn't seem possible, the people have lost their champion.

GLEE CLUB BUSY IN SPRING WORK

Gee, are we busy! Here we Glee Club students were anticipating two month's rest but it begins to look as if the tables have turned.

First of all, the Spring Concert will have thirteen Glee Club students participating in a medley of Stephen Fosters' songs. These students have been practicing with the band in their "spare" time.

Then too, Herschel Keef-er was asked to sing at the teachers' meeting on Friday, April 13 and he and his accompanist Pat Lidecker, practiced long and hard on two numbers, "Even Bravest Hearts" and "I Got Plenty of Nothin'." At the last moment, the latter selection had to be canceled because of the late President Roosevelt's death. And the surprise memorial service for the late President was prepared in a great hurry, however, the meaning and reverence of the occasion was felt.

Yes, we've been busy but to be quite frank—we like it!

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April 9, 1945

Dear Staff:

Just a few lines to let you know that I have been receiving the Tower, and have been enjoying it very much. It is still the "old paper," and it brings back a lot of swell memories. Even though I don't know most of the fellows and girls mentioned in it, I enjoy reading what is going on around school.

I got an issue of the "Tower" while we were still fighting on Iwa Jima, and I guess you know I read and re-read it every chance I got.

Keep up the swell work gang, and maybe I'll be seeing you someday.

Best of luck,

—Dick.

P.S. How about some letters (teachers, students,) I promise to answer all of them.

WAR STAMP SALES

Week's total	\$ 4,924.25
Total to date	44,766.20
CLASS STANDINGS:	
10B - 10A	\$10,351.90
12B - 12A	5,029.85
11B - 11A	1,866.75
ADAMS, keep up this good work during the SEVENTH WAR LOAN DRIVE	
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N. SHAFER OF 205 TAKES EARLY LEAD

The first statistics on the results of the Weasel contest after one week have just come in—Flash! Nelson Shafer is up in the lead with 301,650 and Jerry Gibson is running second with 159,405 votes. The others are as follows:

103 Robert Annis	10,365
105 June Ann Carothers	5,585
204 Richard Guin	2,140
101 Jean Brantly	1,770
109 Erwin Karlin	1,730
Dr. Dare Nestlerode	1,500
201 Edward White	1,360
203 Anthony Sergio	1,330
Lib. Keith Smith	1,160
207 Betty Jo Douglas	1,065
210 Jay Osborn	995
206 Earl Woodworth	615
209 Thomas McMurray	520
107 Richard Beaty	410
108 Richard Jenson	345
106 Russell Young	170
208 Gene Yundt	120

Come on kids, let's make our man win!!!



Wednesday, April 25

Glee Club 7:45 A.M.

Thursday, April 26

Glee Club 7:45 A.M.

Friday, April 27

Baseball-Laporte—At Adams.

Monday, April 30

Defense Stamps in Home Room.
Bulletin.

Baseball-Central—At School Field.

Tuesday, May 1

12A's—A representative of the United States Employment Agency at 8:35 in the Little Theater.

Track Conference Trials—Mishawaka.

Baseball — Michigan City — At Michigan City.

Wednesday, May 2

Glee Club 7:45 A.M.

Baseball Games

Friday April 27th: Laporte. Conference game played here.

Monday, April 30th: Central. Played at School Field.

Tuesday, May 1st: Michigan City. Conference game played there.

Track Meets

Saturday April 28th: City Track Meet at School Field. Adams, Central, Riley, Mishawaka.

Tuesday, May 1st: Conference trials at Mishawaka. These trials start in the afternoon and continue in the evening after supper.

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OUR NEIGHBORS

We of the United States know what we are fighting for. We are fighting for peace—not a temporary one as after the last war, but a real, lasting one. To have this peace we must remain on good terms with the countries near us. The leaders of the nations in power are taking care of the present aggressors, but what about the future? Can we wage another war, send our boys out to fight in a few years? We can hope for a real peace only if we are friendly with our surrounding countries, for those are the ones easiest to be angry with. In the case of neighboring countries, rivers, railroads, and boundaries enter into the picture. What about Canada? What about Mexico, Brazil, and Chili? It is to their and our advantage to remain, as we always have, on the friendliest of terms.

Each year in peace time, thousands of people, craving the deep cool woods of the North, travel to Canada. Just across the border line to the north lies a world of new adventure and intrigues. Many people, craving the pleasure of hunting, fishing, and tramping across a new and different atmosphere vacation in Canada each summer.

As many or perhaps more individuals enjoy the beauty and splendor of old Mexico or even farther south. The tantalizing music played by Mexican bands is well loved and has been adopted by Americans.

Besides being a favorite vacation place, the countries south of us supply us with coffee, rubber, zinc, and many other products we couldn't do without and cannot grow in our country.

The advantages of a friendly attitude and a friendly relationship with our near neighboring countries are many—so many, there is no question about our future friendship with our neighbors.

—Marilyn Kuhn.

ARE YOU A GOOD CITIZEN?

Even though we are still in high school, now is the time to start being a good citizen. It will only be a few years until we will be called upon to run the government of our city. Maybe you had never thought that the habits you are forming now would have anything to do with what kind of a citizen you turn out to be, but they definitely do. We must lay the ground work now.

If you line up to the following ten points you can't help but be a credit to any community.

1. Respect the rights of others.
2. Faithfully carry out the accepted laws.
3. Do what you can to better your community.
4. Enter whole heartedly into community affairs.
5. Respect your neighbors' property.
6. Regardless of race or creed treat your fellow citizens equally.
7. Adhere to all ration laws.
8. Don't criticize the administration if it isn't of the same party as you.
9. Always play fair in politics.
10. Remember that "you" are America.

IN MEMORIAM

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MISSING IN ACTION

WALTER SIMCOX '43 JOHN JAFFEE '42

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Here's a little ditty that caught my eye the other day. It tells how Princess Boo Sally solved the meat shortage. She is writing this letter to her brother, Gumbo Goo, a sophomore at John Adams.

"It is spring, my dear Gumb Goo
On the isle of Umbobo,
And your father, King Karabo
And your mother long for you.

"We had missionaries Monday,
Much the finest of the year—
Our old cook came back last Sunday,
And the stews she makes are dear.

"I've the loveliest string of knuckles
Which father gave to me,
And a pair of shin-bone buckles
Which I so wish that you could see.

"You remember Mr. McMurray
He is coming over soon
He really needn't hurry
We all hope he comes at noon.

Mr. McMurray's rather slender,
But we'll fix him up with sage,
And I think he'll be quite tender
For he's at that tender age.

But those meals at the Eagles Nest
Are not what you're accustomed
to
So come home where the foods the
best
See you soon.
Your sister, Boo.

This tender poem has a beautiful thought behind it, Food. Did you ever ask yourself why you have to eat? Some people eat to live, but I live to eat.

P.S.—Gentle Mother worries night
and day,
And often weeps and cries
The letters we have been getting say,
You are becoming civilized.

Instead of eating missionaries
You eat contented pigs
Then you eat huckleberries
And great big juicy figs.

If it's not too great a bother,
(I say this with sobs)
Would you send your poor old father
er
A couple of roasted squabs.

Written with the help of Wallace Irwin.

—McAlic.



Spring, Spring—ah, beautiful Spring, when a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of track practice. There are (thank heavens) a few exceptions to the above statement. Archie Los is one! He and Dorothy Bella seem to have both been bitten by that—you know what! Even our little (am I kiddin') Sophs have noticed that Spring fever change in the school. A few of the gruesome twosomes are Johnnie Weissert, escorted to "Smilers" by Joanne Butler, "Zebe" Ziker and Nancy Flickenger, Tom Lane and Paula Tanner. Who said those Soph B's. didn't get around?! But of course they don't have rheumatism and creaking joints brought on by gym like the Seniors.

Here are a few notes I picked up from the "Tower Box" so I'm taking no blame for them:

It seems though Zonia Null has been simply???? over a certain Hank Hankins lately — could the "Debs" party a few weeks ago have anything to do with this?

Betty Randt seems to be coming along pretty good with her steady, Johnny White from C. C. What happened to "T.G." Betty?

Jimmie McNeil has been breaking his heart over Betty Jo Parfitt, but she in turn has been breaking her heart over a Mishawaka man.

Joan Sheperd has two new followers—Don Doetch and Joe Powers.

Ila Myers will be awful lonesome when her man leaves.

There were quite a few remarks made in the Tower Box about J. Weintraub, J. McBride, Garritt Flickinger and Martha Warrick. I would like to interview the anonymous writer to the latter mentioned, a certain Mr. Rigor Mortis—he has definite journalistic capabilities.

—Millie.—

UNCLASSIFIED

Wanted—Black Scottie dog, by woman weighing about ten pounds. At the age of seven, my father and mother bought a ranch.

We saw the old haunted house, running down the street.

Betty saw a mouse rummaging in the ice-box.

Johnny was kept awake by mosquitos sleeping out of doors.

I found a gorgeous gown shopping in London.

The crowd saw the house coming down the street.

Willy found his lost package inquiring at Lost & Found.

We noticed the garden of roses turning the corner.

Wanted—furnished room by man 8x15.

Billy found a snail tripping along the beach.

Newly plowed and harrowed we saw the fields of the happy farmer.

We found many beautiful and fascinating books prowling through the library.

Mary saw the dog unpacking her trunk.

Something Old:

Reber's Jokes.
Hersh Keefer's Rattletrap.
Krider's Shirts.

Something New:

Sue Davis.
President Truman.
"Henry Wadsworth" Hamblen's
Poems.

Something Borrowed:

Money: Don't we all?
Jo Steinmetz's Ring By J. J.

Something Blue:

Band Uniforms.
Jean Steinmetz's eyes.
"Superman" Cohen's sweater.

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SENIOR CALENDAR

APRIL 26—

Measuring for caps and gowns.

MAY 18—

Final Exams.

Senior assembly—1:30.

Senior Prom—9:00 P. M.

MAY 20—

Baccalaureate—4:00 P. M.

MAY 29—

Rehearsal for Commencement—

9:30 A. M.

Graduation Exercise—8:00 P.M.

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ADAMS THINLIES SCORE 61 POINTS

Thursday, April 12, at School Field, there were many happy Adams fans who saw their track men place first in nine out of thirteen events to easily win a four way meet in which Michigan City, Washington Clay, Niles, and our Eagles participated.

"Lanky" John Shafer assured us of an early lead when he won the high hurdles event in 17.8 seconds. Rigby of Adams placed second as in the previous meet.

Louie McKinney, the only double winner in the meet showed excellent form in winning both the 100 and 220 yard dashes. Rigby placed fourth in the 220.

"Chuck" Murphy had little trouble in the 440 when he finished first with the excellent time of 54 seconds. Frank Wulf finished not far behind for a second in this event.

In the 880 our half miler, Jack Jaqua, finished first making the distance in two minutes and twelve seconds. Bill Baker put on an excellent sprint at the last turn to place second on this event.

Dan Walters was leading in the low hurdle race by ten yards until he had bad luck and tripped on a hurdle. Dan did a swell job though when he jumped up and still finished fourth.

The biggest improvement since the last meet was the relay teams. We captured both the 880 and mile relay events. In the 880 relay Gibson started the first lap and led by a large margin which was increased by Beal, Andrews, and finished in good form by McKinney. The mile team started with Chuck Murphy who of course built up a large lead followed by Beal. Third man was Jacqua and the anchor position was held by Frank Wulf who completed the event in the time of 3:45.

Adams failed to place in the mile run although Sergio tried very hard and finished very close to the winners.

In the field events John Goldsberry won the shot put by tossing the 12-pound ball 50'6½".

John Shafer didn't have to work very hard to clear the high jump pole at 5'5" and easily won the event at that height.

The broad jump was won by Fox of Michigan City, an excellent jumper who made 20'11¼". Walters, patched up after his hurdle accident placed second in this event for Adams.

TOWER SPORTS COLUMN

There are so many sports events going on at once during the spring that it is really difficult to keep up with them. Those schedules that were issued will be useful and I hope that many of you will be able to attend these events.

The two very able sport writers, Keith Hall and Doug Downey are willing to do their part in reporting the events to you and I know they will do a swell job.

Big John Goldsberry really received publicity this last week from the Tribune. His picture occupied a spot on the sport page with a swell write up telling of his 53'4" throw of the shot put. The title of the article was "Sixth Best" referring to the five better throws of the shot in Indiana track history. I know John rates first with all the fans here at Adams.

I hear Mr. Powell is proposing something new in his gym classes. The idea is to have each student bring a broom handle for a gun and have the boys charge up and down the field falling flat to the ground at intervals of several yards. What a life!!!

Speaking of gym classes, reminds me of the P. T. training at Lockburne Army Air Field where I visited recently. Those classes aren't half as hard as our gym periods—so I think I'll head for the army.

Whoever wins the ride in the "Weasel" is very lucky but I hope they don't fall in that cold river like I did. It seems I started to take an excursion in the river paddling a Kayak. My good friend (?) Dave Giordano and John Leonhard proceeded to swamp my little boat with rocks and I tipped over. The water was very cold and it was just a little early to go swimming so I have a cold now—thanks to my pals.

Dave Cox, the "B Team" basketball star and member of our baseball team, supplied the information regarding the Adams-Washington encounter since no sports writer was available to cover the game—Thanks Dave.

Sportingly yours,

—Jim.

The Adams pole-vaulters failed to place in this event although they worked hard.

SMITH LEADS ADAMS GOLFERS

Coach Thompson has our Adams Golf Team started. Adams had a match with Riley already but lost 7½ to 4½.

Mr. Thompson has six young pros started out now and they are Al Smith, LeRoy Brown, Jim Sennett, Bob Stafford, John Wiessert and Carl Johnson.

Our first match with Riley was at Erskine golf course. Adams four and one-half points were made in this order, Al Smith—1, LeRoy Brown—2½, Jim Sennett—½ and Bob Stafford—½.

The next match was Tuesday, April 17 in which we encountered the Central boys, but lost 14½ to 3½. This match was also held at Erskine Golf course on a cold and windy day. Adams 3½ were by Al Smith who made 3 points and Johnny Wiessert who made ½. Al Smith made his first nine holes in 42 strokes and ended up with 87 to top all of the Adams golfers.

PANTHERS DEFEATED IN OPENER

Monday, April 17, the Adams Eagles defeated Washington's Panthers in a non-conference tilt at Harrison Field.

Due to the death of our president, the first scheduled game with Riley was not played, consequently, this Washington tilt was the first contest of the season.

Glenn Hankins started the pitching for Adams with Landing doing the catching. "Lefty" Hankins pitched three innings allowing one hit. Al Brunt, our other pitcher, then took over the mound and struck out most of the Washington players and allowed two hits.

Adams collected six hits while Washington got three. Louie McKinney "banged out" the first hit. Landing and Heckaman scored two runs apiece to account for Adams four runs.

This was just a practice game but it showed excellent possibilities for our Adams baseball team.

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