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ALL - SCHOOL TOWER DANCE FRIDAY NIGHT

It's finally here! After much arranging and rearranging, The Tower all-school dance will be held this Friday, the 22nd, after the Mishawaka-Adams basketball game. It is the only school sponsored dance this year. The Adams Swing Band under the direction of Cecil R. Deardorff promises to give a fine first performance. Admittance to the little theatre can be obtained for fifty cents from any home room Tower representative, staff member, or at the door. One member of the couple, however, must be a student or alumnus of Adams.

General chairman and editor-in-chief of The Tower, Jimmie McNeile, has chosen the following committees:

Tickets—Joyce Schlieger, chairman; Sally Aller, and Don Lambert.

Invitations—Pat Hardy, chairman; Pam Hudson, and Katy McVicker.

Publicity—Joyce Liebig, chairman; Helen Getzinger, and Fred Wegner.

All teachers and parents are invited to attend.

Help celebrate an Eagle victory—get your date now for the all-school Tower dance Friday!

JIVE ARTISTS READY WITH HOT LICKS FOR DANCE



Not all these erstwhile musicians will clutter up the stage of the little theatre come Friday night when the Adams' swing band will really swing it out for the all-school Tower dance. This is the group who practices three times a week with the jive artists though, and a good portion of them will bring the tops in entertainment for this once-a-semester affair that follows the Adams-Mishawaka basketball game. Every loyal red and blue follower should attend the dance, not only to see the swing band in action but to celebrate a victory and help his Tower along at the same time. Tickets are 50c a couple.

NOON HOUR, BUS PROBLEM PROBED BY COUNCIL

During the Student Council meeting November 7, Phyllis Nelson brought up the bus problem. David Gibson suggested movies during the noon hour for those who carry their lunches and Dick Trim asked for record dances during that time.

Mr. Davis, who is in charge of the lunch room, will also be in charge of the dancing. It was also suggested by the secretary to have the council prepare skits for pep sessions thus saving the cheer leaders extra work.

Also at the meeting, John Bennett proposed that two students be nominated for a position on the faculty assembly planning committee. The students chosen were Bob Smith and Don Lambert.

Delores Brunt is to inform the bus company when school is dismissed at 3:00. Phyllis Nelson and another student were to discuss with the bus company the question of special buses at noon.

NEW FEATURES IMPROVE TOWER CONTENT

Well, well, well, something has been changed in The Tower. What is it? Why the Tower staff box of course!

The reason for this change is that the English VII classes are writing editorials for the editorial column, with the idea of improving the content.

STUDENTS PROFIT BY JOINING JUNIOR RED CROSS

Every year about this time the American Junior Red Cross enrollment drive takes place. It is very important for every student to do his part in this program. This may mean sacrificing a few things which everyone is in the habit of having, but the money goes for a very good cause.

The latest international project of the American Junior Red Cross is the purchase of machinery to be used for the reproduction of textbooks and educational materials in four countries whose printing facilities were destroyed during the

STOP TUBERCULOSIS! BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

Take a look at your calendar! If you do this you will see that today is November 20. It does not seem possible does it, that it will be Christmas in about one month? Yet, a sign that Christmas is approaching is the appearance of the Christmas seal. Yes, it is time for the anti-tuberculosis drive.

Seal Provides Funds

This idea of the Christmas seal is a comparatively new one. In fact the idea was started in 1907 in Denmark, but the idea behind the Christmas seal dates back much longer. Tuberculosis is a dreaded disease. It is essential that it be controlled in order to protect the health of our citizens. Every year nearly ten million people give to the association for the prevention of tuberculosis. The Christmas seal sale is the most important way the association receives money.

Disease On Decline

Luckily for us, tuberculosis is on the decline. In 1904, out of every 100,000 people 188 died with this dreaded disease. By 1944, the 188 had been reduced to 41 per 100,000 people. This is a very good record.

Tuberculosis strikes most people between the ages of 15 and 34 years of age. We are included in this category. Something must be done to help decrease the number of deaths from this disease and we are just the ones who should do it. The money we contribute makes possible the continuation of the program provided for by the local association.

Although the staff box is set in smaller type than before, this arrangement gives The Tower an opening.

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GLEE CLUB PRESENTS ANNUAL RECITAL TUESDAY

The Adams' Glee Club gives three holiday programs that are always eagerly awaited. One of these, the Thanksgiving recital, is almost at hand as it will be held after school Tuesday, November 26 in the Little Theater.

The recital is made up mainly of numbers by soloists. This gives vocalists whose voices aren't big enough to sing a solo in the auditorium a chance to sing before a large group. Piano numbers are also included.

Big Student Turnout

The program has already been partially made out and it includes many pleasing solos and duets. So many students have turned out to participate in the program that it is almost necessary to have two programs. This is a recital that will surely live up to the reputation made by previous Thanksgiving recitals.

ADAMS IN MUSIC CLINIC

Clinics instruct by pointing out and correcting the faults of a pupil. The other pupils profit by this correction. A music clinic is thought to be worthwhile by the music department at Adams as all have participated in a clinic at one time.

The next clinic will be the Orchestra Clinic held on Tuesday, November 26. Members of orchestras from all over the city will attend the rehearsal during the day and will present a program that same night. Fifteen members of Adams' orchestra will be privileged to attend. Three Tuesday night rehearsals have already been held. Mr. Edwyn Haymes, conductor of the South Bend Symphony will conduct the clinic and program.

Play at North Central

Another orchestra activity that was held recently was the North Central Orchestra. During the teachers' convention, five Adams' musicians participated in the joint concert.

on at the present time. Some of the others are the Milk Fund, Gift Boxes, and National Children's Fund. Projects, such as these, are promoted during the entire year through your enrollment and contribution to the American Junior Red Cross. Enrollment at John Adams starts November 18.

Student members on the executive council of the Junior Red Cross for St. Joseph County are: Nancy Ellsworth, Rosemary Talbot, Marylou Bowman, Joyann Hodge, Mary Ann Swindeman, Betty Granat.

war.

Norway is the only one of the four countries yet designated and will be the first to receive the proposed shipments. Trained personnel will be sent to Norway to set up the first unit of machinery and to train others to operate this machinery.

A small metal plaque is to be fastened to each machine, stating: "Gift of the schools of the United States of America through the American Junior Red Cross."

This is only one of the long-range projects that is being carried

WHY NOT CARE ABOUT SCHOOL SONG

The complaints I have heard voiced about our school song are unbelievable. According to over three-fourths of our student body, the song "On To Victory" had no tune, no rhythm, and no words. As a result the song was sung without pep and vigor. Everyone clamored for a new song.

Consequently, three songs were presented to the school body. This presentation took place in the little theatre one Friday noon. It was not compulsory for anyone to attend. The meeting announced throughout the home rooms and over the P. A. was voluntary, and everyone was invited. Some two hundred persons attended the meeting, but evidently the "grippers" forgot their lunches, for there is still dissension among the ranks.

The song voted on was the Illinois Loyalty song. Already people are commenting on the fact that the voting was illegal. May I remind these persons that they could have been there if they had deemed it necessary. May I also remind these recalcitrants that this is the third time we have presented a new song, and they are still seeking to prove that no song is any good.

This song was chosen because it has pep and a good tune. The orchestration of this piece is easily obtained by all schools. As far as the words go, they will be chosen from students' contributions the week of this writing.

Many of us can't adhere to the decision of the majority. The only thing I can say to you today is "Get behind your new school song." When the words are decided upon, learn them. When the band plays that song, stand up with spirit and sing with all your might. You can make it a song that will become a tradition in this school, or you can complain. What you do is a measure of just how big a person you are. It's up to you.

... Ex Scriptoribus ... Veritas ...

WRITERS GIVE GRADING SUGGESTIONS

Report cards have been issued to the students of John Adams. Faces have glowed with pride of a job well done; others have grown long. There has been much dissension—some of it justifiable, some unjustifiable.

Such occurrences are common to each issuance of report cards. It is our opinion that though they be considered common, they should not be considered necessary. Many of these troubles, we believe, could be alleviated.

First, all students should be considered as individuals. As in a race, each runner has his own methods and habits of running; so it is in a classroom. Each student has his own particular method of study and his own speed of comprehension, with the ultimate goal of each presumed to be what each can get from the course.

Second, favoritism has never been beneficial to anyone involved; it puts a brand of unfairness on the teacher, it is responsible for ill feeling on the part of other students toward the favored individual, and it harms that individual to the extent that he is not being judged according to his true merit.

Third, students realize that personal opinions of the teachers are naturally present when the decision of grades is made. We believe, however, that the grades should reflect only the work done by the students. Opinions and prejudices should be aired at the bottom of the card under the headings of Citizenship, Industry, et cetera.

Lastly, and perhaps most important of all, it is our belief that the grade book should be continually at the disposal of the student with the exception of the week before report cards are to be made out. It is important and necessary that the student know his standing throughout the semester. With this knowledge he will be able to better judge the worth of his work, doing away with much of the conflicting opinion which circulates through the halls at the end of each semester.

Now teachers may take the attitude that the student should do the work and the grades will take care of themselves. Imagine a basketball game in which the scorekeeper is the only one who recorded the points. He would keep them to himself and at the end of the game would announce them to the wondering spectators and players. What folly! We hope that logical reasoning instead of "government intervention" will cause these records to be made accessible to the student that he might see "how charged with punishment the scroll (is)."—Ex Scriptoribus Logica.



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ORTT PRESIDENT OF DEBATE TEAM; BUSY YEAR AHEAD

On November 5, a school wide call for debate was made by Coach Donald Dake. More than twelve candidates answered the call and the following were assigned to teams: Jerry Gibson, Charles Ortt, and Betty Lou Bryant will work as the experienced negative team, Arnald Gilman, Mary Troub, and Jim Cox will serve as the inexperienced negative team; Charles Cone, Homer Badgett, and Harold Heeter will comprise affirmative team number one, and Paul Chalfant, Eva Jane Hoffman, and Bob Welber make up affirmative team number two.

Socialized Medicine Topic

The following officers were elected: Charles Ortt, President; Betty Lou Bryant, vice-president; Jerry Gibson, treasurer; and Paul Chalfant, librarian.

The debate question for the year is: Resolved, that the federal government should provide a system of complete medical aid available to all citizens at public expense.

Club News

Drama Club—The annual trip of the Drama Club to Chicago is going to be on Saturday, December 7. The club can't quite decide whether to see "I Remember Mama" or "Harvey." Both are comedies and excellent plays.

G. A. A.—November 4, the club was invited to attend the "Request-fully Yours" program at WHOT. Boots Bumann, the president of the club, was interviewed. Norma Miller, vice-president, identified a song title and won a dollar gift certificate at Spiro's. Lois Rush won a certificate for a fountain pen.

Library Club—The Library Club is larger this year than ever before in the school's history. Book Week was observed last week, and Miss Bowman from the River Park Branch Library came to speak to the group. She said that the boys and girls of Adams and other high schools are a difficult group to get interested in books. She further explained how the library facilities are made to simplify their reading.

Ushers Club—At their meeting this week the Usher Club discussed plans for ushering at the basketball games. Ernest Mender was awarded the Ushers Club gold pin.

Y-Teens—The Y-Teens have set Friday, November 22 as the final date for the close of this semester's membership campaign. Meetings are held in the cafeteria each Friday during the noon hour.

Believe

Me!

by Pati Guyon

Believe me, there are sure a lot of "eager-beavers" around here since report-cards have come out and since "open-house," 'cause our parents now know the real low-down about us!

One of the cutest little flower girls at the Charity Ball was our own little Virginia Holland.

If any of you girls are a little short on men I would suggest that you get next to Marion Higgins and Pat Thompson for they seem to have more than enough fellows. And, by the way, they're all N. D. students!

Believe me, one of the prettiest bracelets I've ever seen is now being sported by Marilyn Wintz. The bracelet, and ear-rings to match, was given to her by Jack her O. A. O. Funny thing about it is that Marilyn is completely baffled as to the reason for the gift since they haven't an "anniversary" until tomorrow.

I notice that Jeanette Graf is now wearing a large gold senior ring with a big gob of tape on the back of it. I presume that the ring belongs to Bob Thoner. Nice going, Bob!

If-it ever becomes necessary for you to give a public speech I suggest that you make sure that Nancy King, Lynn Wright, and your fourth-page editor, Jack Highberger are not in your audience. Nancy would quite obviously let you know if she agreed or disagreed with any statement you might make, Lynn would be sure to accuse someone of taking his wallet; and Jack would let all present know that he can drive by rattling his keys very loudly. You see, they are the top hecklers in 4th hour public speaking class.

Believe me, these are a few of the couples seen at the Rainbow "Sadie Hawkins' Day" dance: Cynthia Ahlbrandt and John Bowman; Danny Walters and Joyce Whitwer; Sally Aller and Don Ford; Marilyn Zimmer and John Roys; Joan Henderson and Frank Elliott; Betty Rupert and John Ruffner.

A few of the boys who were home for the week-end November 9 were: Bill Baker, "Skinny" Fara-baugh, Doug. Robertson and Don Graf.

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NEWS FROM OUR
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by Pat Hardy

RILEY

Students of Riley are hard at work on their fall dramatic production, "Pinocchio." The dates of the play are November 21, 22, 23. Mr. James Casaday is the director and he will be assisted by the faculty members and students. This will not only be a dramatic production but a musical one also. Riley promises a production well worth seeing.

WASHINGTON CLAY

Washington Clay's paper the "Colonial" has completed a poll on "Who is the best singer, Crosby, Haymes or Sinatra?" Surprisingly enough the results were as follows:

Bing Crosby56%
Dick Haymes31%
Frank Sinatra13%

I wonder how Adams would vote if a similar poll was taken here?

WASHINGTON

This seems to be the season for plays, for Washington is producing "Miss Smarty" in the near future. The senior class is putting on the play and all the committees were chosen from the seniors. This play promises to be a great success and Adams wishes the Panthers a lot of good luck in their production.

OAK PARK HIGH (CHICAGO)

Way off in Oak Park we find that the Girls Club there put on a show November 8. Oak Parkers go in for clubs in a big way, having a History Club, Chemistry Club, Radio Club, Art Club and many more. Maybe it would be a good idea if Adams looked into the possibility of having more clubs. It's something to think about.

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Talk Around The Tower

COLLEGE ASSEMBLY TODAY

On Wednesday, November 20th, Mr. C. E. Dammon from the office of admissions at Purdue University will speak to an assembly for all people who expect to enter a college or university soon after finishing high school.

After the assembly small groups will meet for conferences with representatives from the admissions office to gain information about Purdue University.

All parents, senior parents especially, are invited to attend any of these meetings.

NAVY OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS

All seniors or graduates within age requirements will be pleased to learn the Navy has opened a nation-wide competitive examination for officer college training programs. This is scheduled for January 18, 1947. Successful candidates will be given a four year college education at government expense and will be commissioned in the regular Navy or maritime corps upon graduation. Applications must be received by January 17. Anyone interested should contact Miss Burns.

TOWER REPRESENTED IN "HI-LIFE"

Congratulations to our Tower editor on becoming a member of the Hi-Life National Press Club. This is an organization of teensters across the nation whose reports make up a magazine called Hi-Life.

Hi-Life is composed of two sections, one contains national news, the other local. The national section includes interesting articles for teenagers in all parts, while the latter will have articles and snapshots of the activities of nearby cities. It will be our representative's job to write the articles concerning Adams students and their doings.

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OPEN HOUSE SUCCESSFUL

Approximately 350-375 parents attended John Adams' open house November 6. Many of our teachers thought that the open house was a success. Mr. Dickey had pupils working at various machines. Many curious parents came to watch. Mr. Wegner, who is our new biology teacher, was very pleased with the open house. He said that he thought it was a very good way to get acquainted with many of the parents. Mr. Reber believes that open house twice a semester would be a good idea so that the parents that could not attend the first evening would surely be able to come to the second.

TOWER CHANGES

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portunity to list the names of more of its writers.

There is also something new in the line of articles to be found in The Tower. Pat Hardy is in charge of letting Tower readers in on the happenings in other high schools. Pat Kissinger will report on the different clubs and Kathryn McVicker will report all the music news.

It is hoped that these new appointments and changes will bring a better Tower to its readers.

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This year Adams is going to have something new in intramural basketball. Instead of having the usual drawing for names, inter-home room teams are being organized. If your room doesn't have a squad yet, get your list of players in to Mr. Reber before Friday.

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Hurry, hurry, hurry and enter your home room into this tough intramural conference.

Varsity basketball players are not eligible unless they are dropped from the squad.

Cavemen Come Friday For Non-Conference Meeting

Friday evening Mishawaka's Cavemen will attempt to take home the spoils from our high flying Eagles. It will be the first of two matches to be played between the schools this season. The second encounter will be of the conference variety next January 10 on the Maroon's floor.

Last year's game was marred by forty-two personal fouls. Don Howell and Glenn Personette are the only survivors of our starting five that lost that 38-30 "blood-battle."

"Wirey" little George Harley and Noble Rhoutsong will be the Maroon's chief threats in trying to garner another Mishawaka victory.

Mishawaka is always a tough nut to crack. True, they have lost Stephoff, Barnard, Marsee, and even their noted coach, "Dutch" Struck, but the Eagles are looking for a tough battle with the boys from east of the Shoe College campus.

CROWE CONDUCTS CLASSES

About twenty-five boys have been knocking each other around these last two weeks as Coach Crowe conducts boxing and wrestling classes for next year's football candidates. Any players who wish to compete next season should contact the coach and enter these training classes. They are expected to keep the players in shape and teach a little self-defense. More about the program in future issues of The Tower.

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TOWER SPORTS COLUMN

by Jack Highberger

"Ah there's good news in the making." Yes, next year Coach Crowe should field a fair medling team. Look at a few of these names—letter winners, all of them, and they will be around again next year. There are other stand-outs who didn't quite see enough action to merit a monogram, but will have plenty to say about the red and blue next year.

Coker Troeger
Dieter Wagner
Gooley Wright
Nichols Zeider
Lane Barritt
Roberts Booth
Simon Howell
Trim Patterson
Plott

Some of the annual "gripers" had their usual "beef" after my all-American team had been hashed over. The team was chosen a week and a half before it went to print. This is one reason for Trippi and Davis not making the first team. The selection was supposed to be a mid-season choice. When

the choice was made, Davis hadn't been too consistent and Georgia, Trippi's team, hadn't beaten any formidable opponent. After all, I'm only an amateur you know.

Mr. Goldsberry's home room has signed "Ringer" Ferraro, "Dead-eye" Follmar and "Chick" Goodrick to their inter-home room basketball squad.

"Home" Brugh says he has collected quite a few outstanding players to represent Mr. Krider's room 105.

In regard to the Mishawaka game Friday night, statistics show that since Coach Powell has been coaching at John Adams, the Eagles have won four out of six games with the Maroons. As a matter of total points, Adams has 171 to Mishawaka's 180 in the three year series. In the conference encounter of 1944, the Mishawakans piled up 52 points to offset the other close margins of victory.

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