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## GRANAT TO HEAD TOWER STAFF SEMESTER ENDS; CLUBS ELECT NEW OFFICERS



Mary Ann Porden, Virginia Hollad, Betty Granat, Lois Warstler, Hannah Pillow, Jim Sears and Teresa Ferraro. John Horvath and Betty Stark were not present when the picture was taken.

It has been announced that Betty Granat will head the Tower Staff next year as editor-in-chief. Other members of the major editorial staff under her will be Betty Stark and Lois Warstler, feature co-editors, and John Horvath, sports editor.

Members of the business staff will include Jim Sears, business manager; Mary Ann Porden and Hannah Pillow, advertising; Virginia Holland, circulation; and Teresa Ferraro, exchange.

These new major staff members were chosen by the retiring staff and Miss Roell, faculty advisor.

### CENTRAL TO BE HOST TO SUMMER SCHOOL STUDENTS

The students of the South Bend High schools have been waiting for the information concerning summer school before making any further plans. Therefore, here is the official information:

The summer school assembly will be held at Central on Friday, June 4.

Although Central will be the only location for those seeking scholastic training—instrumentalists, and those interested in taking up instrumental study, may attend such classes at any of the four high schools.

Summer school classes are offered to all students from the seventh through the twelfth grades. Ninth through twelfth graders will not be asked to pay more than the \$2.00 book and instructional fee. However, the seventh and eighth graders and any students living outside the corporate limits will pay \$12.00, which will include the book fee. All students are asked to be prepared to pay the first day, if at all possible, as instructors are desirous of clearing up all book-keeping duties immediately.

All state required subjects will be offered, if enrollment will permit the scheduling of same. The only exceptions might be that Biology would be the only science course, and that advanced math courses would be omitted. Remedial reading and math will be available.

Any seniors who are interested

### BACCALAUREATE TO BE HELD SUNDAY, MAY 23

The Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday, May 23, at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Nine hundred and fifty graduates from Adams, Riley, Central, and Washington will hear Reverend Paul Rosche deliver the Baccalaureate address.

The combined city glee clubs, composed of fifty-eight members from each choir, will sing "Brother James" (23rd psalm), "Let All Together Praise Our God", and the "Seven Fold Amen".

Each of the 950 seniors will receive three tickets for the occasion.

in getting further credits for college or for personal satisfaction will be permitted to enroll, also.

### HOME EC CLASSES TO PRESENT EAGLE EMPORIUM TONIGHT

"Eagle Emporium" established in 1898 will be presented by the Home Economics department on May 19 at 8:00 p.m. in our auditorium. All clothes modeled are the products of the clothing classes, under the direction of Miss Minnear and Miss Puterbaugh. Clothes for this style show include afternoon, sports, and evening wear along with childrens' clothes, lingerie and sleeping togs.

The background for the show is a dress shop in the gay 90's and music for the occasion will befit that era. Joanne Inglefield will announce for the show.

Publicity and invitations are being arranged by the Foods Classes. Parents and friends of Adams' students and freshmen from Jefferson, Lincoln, and Nuner are invited.

Another school year has passed, thus making it necessary to go through the process of reorganizing the school clubs. All capable seniors graduating this year have left many offices open for ambitious sophomores and juniors. All this adds up to the election of new officers. This is a tedious operation in which the really dependable and capable persons are finally singled out from the other club members to be nominated for officers. The members of each club are then given the opportunity to elect the most capable.

#### G. A. A.

Marilyn Bendit was elected president of the G. A. A. Club. Marilyn Becker, who was secretary last year, has now progressed to vice-president. Delores Davis, a capable girl, will hold two offices as secretary and treasurer. Sandra Goller and Bernadette James will hold the office of Sargent-at-Arms.

#### Glee Club

The task of electing new glee club officers was a difficult one with so many efficient people on the list. Chosen by the nominating committee, Dave Hyde will take over Bill Gooley's job as president for next year. Other officers are Myra Roberts, vice-president; Jean Ingram and Ramona Schecker as secretaries; in charge of robes are Bob Northrop and John Bowman; librarians are Joan Robinson and Jeanette Mueller; the duties of treasurer will be taken over by Bill Cox and Nancy Watson; business managers are John Meyers and Kelly Kindig. On the advisory committee are Lola Bishop, Martha Swintz, Carol Dickinson, Dick Carlson, Dave Gibson, Nancy Ferragen, Ruth Ortt, Lois Warstler, Joan Inglefield, and Jerry Freels.

#### Hi-Y

New Hi-Y officers were elected at the last meeting. Dick Carlson was elected president, while Jim Sears, John Horvath, and DeVon Frash were elected to the offices of vice-president, secretary and treasurer, respectively. Gene Wright

was elected Chaplain.

#### Library Club

A nominating committee consisting of Beverly Cochran, Mary Lou Barnes, Delores Vermillion, Joan Stombaugh and Shirley Gorsuch compiled a list of names from which the library club elected its new officers.

Janet Kurtz was elected president while Beverly Cochran was elected vice-president. Betty Fisher and Thersa Jones were elected to hold the offices of treasurer and secretary.

Pins were awarded to the following people for three semesters of work: Kathryn Cawthorne, Beverly Cochran, Joan Feldman, Betty Fisher, Shirley Gorsuch, Alice Janiszewski, Theresa Jones, Janet Kurtz, Mary J. Mull, Betty Nandell, Marjorie Rumsey, Christine Scott, Barbara Bensen, Janice Cronkhite, and Arlene Dombrose.

#### Monogram Club

At an evening meeting of the Monogram Club held on May 9, Mr. Rollo Neff was elected faculty advisor for next semester. The new officers who were elected at this meeting also are: David Hyde, president; Bob Manby, vice-president; Marlin Miller, secretary; Dick Boothe, treasurer; and Victor Crawley, sargent-at-arms.

#### Y-Teens

Joan Borden, Barbara Taylor, and Wilma Latham nominated the following girls to hold office of the Y-Teens Club next year. Those nominated for president were Beverly Cochran and Betty Gudates. Nominated for vice-president were Barbara Taylor and Betty Fisher. Dot Depree and Joan Mortinson will compete for the secretarial position. Naomi Brown and Pat Sells are running for treasurer of the club while Theresa Jones and Marian Szlanfucht are up for the position of program chairman. The elections had not been held as the Tower went to press.

### Important!

Extra Copies of the senior issue of the Tower to be distributed May 24 may be obtained in room 205 for 5c that afternoon.



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## OUR CITIZENSHIP

We, who are born in the United States and automatically become citizens don't realize how fortunate we are. We take our rights as a citizen for granted and dismiss the subject, but we should be working to become better citizens.

Many people come to the United States from other countries; persons who want to be citizens of the United States. They have to wait a number of years and take many different kind of tests before they are recognized as citizens of the United States. Many of them become better citizens than we do because they have to prove they are worthy of the rights of a citizen before they receive them.

We should be ashamed of ourselves! We students upon whom the future depends, not caring what kind of citizens we are. What if your rights were taken away? Could you regain them? Sure you could! In that same way, we can become better citizens without such a disaster occurring. I've done enough talking, now is the time for us to begin! Begin to be better citizens of our school and community; henceforth, of the United States and the world.

by Donna Miller

## DEMOCRACY IN PRACTICE

Good government in the home, the church, and the school boil down to the basic point practice of true democracy.

If at home you are willing to give and take and choose a middle of the road path you generally can avoid all unpleasantness that results from stubbornness and refusal to be willing to see he question from both sides.

In church you can practice the principles of good government by being active in an organization in the church. The church always needs helpers to carry the message of God to all even as your government needs trained and eager workers.

In the school you receive the basic part of your knowledge of your own city, county, state and national governments, but as I have said in previous articles, practical, working knowledge is available to all who desire to see the government in action. You should regard all of your government training with a certain pride and you should realize that you will be using this knowledge regardless of your activity and zeal in elections. It is important that you

The worst thing about history is that every time it repeats itself the price goes up.

—Red and Black Highlights, New London High School, New London, Mo.

## TOO POLITE!

Willy — Is your new hunting horse well behaved?

Billy — He certainly is. He has such good manners that when we come to a fence he stops and lets me go over first.

—The Biddy, University High School, Columbia, S. C.

Friendship is like a garden

Of flowers fine and rare,

It cannot reach perfection

Except through loving care

Then, new and lovely blossoms

With each new day appear—

For Friendship, like a garden

Grows in beauty year by year.

know who is a candidate for office so that you know for which program you are voting.

But looking at the other aspect of your school life, you are put together with many other students and teachers, all with different ideas how things should be run. This gives you the chance to use that give and take, which is really the basis of true democracy.

## "AN ASSIGNMENT"

March, April, and May are three months in which to be gay. For at this time you're sure to say, "Summer's on it's way." Yes, March, April, and May are months that are really fine. That is, of course, unless you know a girl named Joann Wine.

Now Jo-Jo is a nice girl, a real budding flower.

But you should see the assignments that she hands out for the Tower.

She assigned to me a poem of Spring, 'twas nearly three weeks ago.

But how to write a poem of Spring is something I don't know.

I started out, as you can see, by naming the months of Spring.

I could, of course, name trees or flowers or almost anything.

For Spring, I feel, has everything, and this you can't deny.

That Summer's coming now for sure, and Winter's passing by.

Of course, you could say that Autumn has this and that I am but a fool,

But in Autumn we're just starting, instead of ending, school.

I could write of the beauties of Springtime, but I fear you would feel in disdain.

"Where in the world's the beauty in all this blasted rain?"

Since this is the last Tower printed —no more deadlines to meet, I'll take this opportunity to say something to Jo-Jo that's sweet (?).

Thanks for the honor and privilege of working on the staff.

Of course, you know, I should end now, but that would be a laugh.

Instead, I'll address this last line to the feature "Eds." and "Ed." I could say "Thanks a lot girls", but I'll just say "Drop Dead!!"

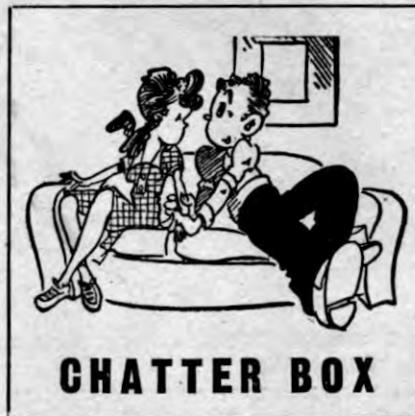
by Dale Litherland

## THOMAS L. THOMAS STARS AT CIVIC MUSIC PROGRAM

Thomas L. Thomas, that versatile singing star of radio and stage, visited our auditorium on April 22. He rapidly drew the admiration of his audience by his cordial informality. His strong baritone voice was shown to be richer and fuller than on the radio. His concert choices were a rapid departure from his radio repertee. The light concert pieces combined with arias from famous operas made a well-balanced program. The famous Welch singer devoted one section of his program to the more beloved Welch hymns.

His accompanist presented a splendid separate concert of Schuman and was brought back for two encores, one being DeBussys' "Clair DeLune."

The genial concert master accepted all autograph-seekers during the intermission and here, too, he showed the same informality that he had on the stage.



Still "steading" it are Don Truex and Joan Goffeney, Jean Koenigshof and Bud Ruska, (Cen.) and Anne Ulrich and Jerry Ohlman.

What do Dick LeMas and Delores Davis have so much to talk about in art class?

Harold Markward grew curly hair awfully suddenly, didn't he? Who are you trying to impress Harold? Marilyn maybe????

How was the fishing the other day Punky? It seems that Jane Davis went too.

We hear that Joe Plott is interested in a certain "Ruth" lately.

Mary Ann Richards slumber party turned out to be a pretty exciting event from latest sports.

A cute couple is composed of Jean Ingram and "Juny" Frash.

We hear that Jack Stauffer and Mary Ann Earle enjoyed a movie a couple of Sundays ago.

After the Prom quite a few of the couples enjoyed a picnic. Some of them were: Myra Roberts and Jim Orrison, Katie DeLong and Dick Fohrer, Nancy Gradecki and Dewey Moore, Pat Bonnell and Nick Nichols, "Boo" Rupert and Fred Holycross, and Lynn Wright and Jeanette Jackson.

Lois Sefranka was given a bridal shower last Wednesday by some of her friends from Adams. She is to be married June 6th to Wayne Irvin.

Christine Scott was a very happy girl last Monday. Jerome Perkins was here to walk her to class.

One of Marilyn Lovelace's latest interests is a trumpet player from Dick Van's orchestra. He took her to hear Wayne King last Saturday.

We hear that Dick DeMas was the lucky one to win \$5 last month in a drawing made by the B & B ranch from the names of the people who have been on hay rides during the last month.

First Student: How come you didn't make the debating team?

Second student: They s-s-said I w-w-wasn't t-t-tall enough.

—The Wind Mill, Clarksburg Union High School, Clarksburg, Cal.



Virginia Erhardt is a very cute, brown haired 5 foot 1½ inch Senior. Not only that, but she's intelligent also. It seems she's sort of partial to John Weissert, there's no doubt about that. She also gets much pleasure from strawberry pop, Drumsticks, and taking unexpected pictures with her flash camera.





Catch up on your reading this summer at the River Park Library. Many new books have been added to the Young Moderns Section especially for your benefit. Sport stories, historical novels, and romances, biographies of people in the news, guides for the young woman or young man about tours, and party fun, books for fun and books for information. Go down and have a look. Take time out to read yourself an education.

#### UP THE YEARS FROM BLOOMSBURY

By George Arliss

George Arliss has been one of our great contemporary actors. This is his own account of his life which is full of humor and fun.

#### SPELL OF THE YUKON

By Robert Service

For those who like real live poetry with a touch of the wanderlust you'll want to read these selection of R. Service. "The Shooting of Dan McGrew" is included in this collection.

#### RIDDLES IN MATHEMATICS

By Eugene Northrup

When those geometry and trig. classes are about to get you down try this book for some fun with figures, and try your skill on some real brain teasers.

#### THE GOOD EARTH

by Pearl Buck

We've added another copy of "Good Earth" to our John Adams library. It is the story of a poor Chinese peasant and his love for his land. One of the great books, it is now more accessible to you. Be sure to read "The Good Earth."

#### SOFTBALL

by Arthur Noren

Some choose baseball, others prefer softball. Here is the complete story of softball. Pitching, catching, basemen, women in softball, running — the whole game from every position. Try this book before you try for the team.

### I'm Waiting

I am weary and discouraged  
With the routine of the day,  
The voice of Love is stilled  
And beauty seems far away.

I wash the dishes, I cook and sew,  
I do all of my household tasks—  
Oh—is there none in the world to do

The few things that I ask?

Oh! There is one in the world, I know

Who will come to me some day—  
As the Prince to Sleeping Beauty  
Came from countries far away.

But I must be patient and meek,  
And quiet my hungering heart  
And wait for gallant Prince Charming

To come and play his part.

by Carolyn Anderson.

Peggy was telling Eleanor:  
"Three months ago I was in love with him. Now I can't stand the very sight of him. Isn't it awful how changeable men are?"

—Trumpeteer, Belleville Central School, Belleville, N. Y.

#### SCOTCH

Sandy, here comes company for dinner.

Dad—Quick, everybody run out on the porch with a toothpick.

—The Round Up, Round Valley Union High School, Covelo, Cal.

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"WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO DURING SUMMER VACATION?"

Christine Scott — "Sleep until noon."

Pat Mersenski — "Try and get better acquainted with South Bend."

Joan Partritz — "Fool that I am — I'm going to work!"

Dave Hyde — "Work and play baseball!"

Pat McHugh — "Go out to the lake."

LaVerne Kluska — "Loaf."

Loretta Blanton — "The lake, of course, 'cause Ed's there."

Punky Kint — "I don't know."

Mary Nold — "Rest."

Betty Stahk — "Pretend I don't have to go to school anymore."

Betty Stark — "Pretend I don't worries and begin new ones."

### JIM SEARS CHOSEN GOVERNOR FOR HOOSIER BOYS STATE

Each year from May 12 to 19 on the campus of the School for the Deaf and Dumb across from the historic fair grounds at Indianapolis, Indiana there is held one of the best government conventions ever planned. Sponsored by the American Legion, who is generally interested in good government, it trains Hoosier Boys to become better acquainted with our State and Local government. At the end of the week elections for State, City and County offices are held.

Post 284 who chooses its candidates from De Molay members has selected Jim Sears to be one of the two boys they will send. He did reign for the post of governor, the highest post of Hoosier Boys State. Others were sent from South Bend and surrounding areas. Post 303 chooses its representatives from John Adams. At this writing these boys had not been named.

### HYDE SOLD 63 TICKETS FOR GLEE CLUB SPRING PROGRAM

The Glee Club has been quite busy lately preparing for oncoming programs. There have been past programs, too, which are worthy of mentioning.

The Spring Program brought the following financial report: The Glee Club itself sold 1,110 tickets amounting in value to \$388.50. One hundred thirty-four tickets were sold at the door bringing in \$46.90. The total sold was \$435.30. The whole ticket sale was carried on very efficiently under the sole supervision of Jean Ingram. Two prizes were given to those selling the most tickets. First prize, a season basketball ticket, was won by David Hyde who sold 63. Runner up was Laurette Canter with 54, who received a yearly subscription to The Tower.

The Glee Club has regretted having to refuse a number of invitations this year because it would have meant getting out of school. There have been soloists singing at various programs, however. Myra Roberts and Bill Gooley sang for a special De Molay Mother's Day program. Nancy King sang at a luncheon given by School Men's Wives. Kathryn De Long accompanied for both programs.

On Tuesday, May 11, 100 Glee Club members held their annual party in the Little Theatre. A potluck supper and initiation of new members was enjoyed by all.

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## Athletic Bulletin

In order that there may be no misunderstandings, the coaching staff of John Adams wants every student to be aware of the following ruling made by the Athletic Board in October, 1946. It was unanimously agreed that this ruling will help to build a more successful varsity athletic program.

"No wearing apparel, jewelry, or other items of similar nature symbolizing an unapproved school club or group, shall be worn or displayed by a student who has been, is, or will be participating in the varsity athletic program. Such shall not be worn at any time in the school building, on the school grounds, during school hours, or at any function or place at which the school is officially represented or invited. The penalty shall be (at least) suspension from varsity athletic participation."

No further warnings for violations shall be issued.

Russell Rothermel, Athletic Director

## RUFFNER, MORRIS AND BERTA WINNERS IN SHOP CONTEST

Twenty-two John Adams students were given recognition for drawings submitted at the annual Purdue drawing and shop competition held at Michigan City on May 10. Purdue sponsors this competition for high school students in this region to create greater interest and finer workmanship.

John Ruffner did especially well in this contest as he received a ribbon award for first place in detail drawing, ink on tracing cloth, and a pocket size slide rule for the second place of grand champion over all the classes. Steve Berta received a ribbon award for second place in detail drawing, ink on tracing cloth. A ribbon was given to Ed Morris as the first place prize winner of a detailed drawing in pencil on tracing paper.

The other students from John Adams who participated were: Richard Arnold, Jim Bomberger, Dick Booth, Robert Feltes, Bob Hertel, Garland Hostetter, Clifford Keb, Dennis Kunce, James Lebo, Ronald Lynch, Jim McClusky, Don Misch, Jack Pinckert, Bill Schmitt, Bob Simper, George Swintz, Merrilyn Tasher, Tom Thompson, and Irvin Whitehead.

## SENIOR BOYS HEAR NAVY MAN SPEAK ON RECRUITING

On May 4, the senior boys had an opportunity to hear Chief Petty Officer Vacera of the Navy recruiting office.

He gave a brief outline of the advantages of the present Navy, describing the opportunities available to all young men, after which he had a question period.

Anyone wishing additional information should contact the Navy recruiting office in the Federal building.

## JOHNSON AND MINZEY PLACED IN FINALS AT MISHAWAKA

Luther Johnson and Ronnie Minzey were the two Adams representatives that placed in Conference Finals held at Mishawaka, on May 8. Johnson placed fourth in the high hurdles and Minzey placed fifth in the board jump.

Hammond High won the meet with 53 points Gary Froebel and Lew Wallace tied for second with 29½ points each.

Five new conference records were set on the sunshiny afternoon as a near capacity crowd looked on.

Gary Froebel's Joe Gonzales ran the 100 yard dash in 9.8 seconds for a new record. Eddie Brown, also of Froebel broke an 18 year old pole vault record of 12' 7" with his 13' 1¾" vault. The state record is 13' 7"; you can look for this boy to be gunning for that come May 22nd.

Ronnie Moler of Hammond High broke the mile run record when he handed in a 4:32.2 time. Roger Phillips of Elkhart ran a beautiful race when he won the 440 yard dash. His time was 51.4, also a new record. The fifth record was Froebel's 880 relay team which turned in a time of 1:32.3. The relay team consisted of Charles Hill, Eddie Brown, George Lackey, and Joe Gonzales.

## ADAMS WINS SECOND CONFERENCE GAME, 6-4

The fighting Eagles made it two games in a row by trouncing the Elkhart Blue Blazers by a score of 6-4. This marked the second conference win in two starts and a tie for first place with LaPorte, Michigan City, and Mishawaka. At the time of press the league leaders will be thinned out more.

The Eagles will encounter the other three first place teams in one week of play. Mother Nature and her rain clouds have brought about a postponement of the scheduled LaPorte and Michigan City games. The games will be run off as soon as a clear day is in sight. The Eagles now look like a tip-top team and should continue strong throughout the remaining season. The Elkhart game also had to be started twice as the first game was rained out in the third inning with Adams leading by a score of 1 to 0. The game was then started over the next day.

Elkhart came back hard as they opened the first inning with a run scoring, giving them an early lead in the ball game. The Eagles were back in the bottom of the second as Mac Bussert led off the inning with a base hit to left field. He later scored on a sacrifice hit by Bill Roberts. Two more runs came across the plate in the third on singles by Phil Smeltzer and Don Truex. All this time Keith Zieder the winning pitcher kept the Blazers under control. Adams came back again in the fourth as Bill Roberts was safe on an error. Roberts was injured sliding back into first base and was replaced by Joe Plott. A single by Zieder and a fielders choice by Smeltzer brought across two more runs to increase the Eagles lead to 5-1. In the top of the fifth trouble began to mount as the first three men got on base with no outs. Dick Bennett then made his first varsity appearance as he relieved Zieder as pitcher. Good playing came through as only one run scored in the inning. The Eagles accounted for their sixth run of the game as a single by Dick Bennett scored Dick Truex. Then came the last and final inning with the Eagles leading by a score of six to two. After encountering some difficulties the side was retired with the Eagles victorious 6-4. Keith Zieder was credited with the win while Gordon of Elkhart received the loss.

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Adams	0	1	2	2	0	1		6	6	2

## WOMEN TEACHERS HAVE DINNER AND BRIDGE PARTY

The women of the faculty of Adams held a combination dinner and bridge party on May 3. Dinner was eaten at Eddie's Restaurant, on South Walnut Street. After dinner the ladies went to Miss Puterbaugh's house to play cards.

Three prizes were won by Miss Minniear, Mrs. McClure, and Miss Puterbaugh.

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