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## CHEERLEADERS ARE RE-ELECTED

### ADAMS REPRESENTED IN CONGRESS ON POST-WAR PEACE

Out of our entire student body Alice Hoover and Ray Bowden have been chosen to represent Adams in the "Congress on Post-War Peace". This congress is being sponsored by the Council of United Churches of St. Joseph County and is for the entire county. The congress is being made up of two delegates from the churches of the county (Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant), Civic and Patriotic organizations, high schools, and colleges, Association of Commerce, Labor organizations, and other groups.

Each session will open with brief speeches setting forth the Social and Economical problems of a Post-War Peace. The discussion will be thereon open to the delegates and each delegate will have equal rights to any other on the floor.

These meetings are going to be held for three Sunday afternoons in the large Social Rooms of the First Methodist Church. We assure you that this is not a "Mock Trial" but an earnest attempt to help our Country "Win the Peace."

The dates are February 21, 28, and March 7, from 3:30 to 5:00. Besides Ray and Alice, two of our faculty members are going: Mr. Krider and Mr. Goldsberry.

To any student interested in hearing these meetings, and in seeing our representatives "cover themselves with glory," there will be seats in the gallery. So don't hesitate!

### D. A. R. AMERICAN HISTORY CONTEST

One of the most important contests coming up in John Adams is the American History contest sponsored by the D. A. R. It is for the seniors only.

Only the seniors graduating in May are eligible to enter the contest. Necessary qualifications for the contestant are: the student must be of A average in History. He must take a written elimination exam which will test whether he may go on in the contest. Following the elimination exam, there will be an oral exam which will serve as the final.

The highest contestant will receive a medal from a representative of the Schuyler Colfax Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution at the Senior Assembly.

This contest will be well worth the time of the seniors qualified. Get your history books out now, seniors, and start refreshing.



### "KEEPER OF THE FLAME" CONTEST

Would you, along with your school paper, like to receive national recognition for an editorial on a precious American heritage . . . Freedom of the Press? Well, you can, and here is how:

Enter Scholastic's new contest—"Keeper of the Flame."

1. Open to all high school students whose school publishes a periodical.
2. Editorial must be titled "Keeper of the Flame," it must be on the "Freedom of the Press," and no more than 500 words long.
3. All entries must be in to Miss Roell by March 10th.
4. Editorial must be published in the Tower (it will appear March 12 issue.)
5. Students whose editorial is published in the Tower will be awarded a certificate of merit by "Scholastic," and the editorial automatically becomes eligible for the national prizes, first prize, \$100 war bond; second prize, \$50 war bond; third prize, \$25 war bond. School paper whose editorial is judged first prize winner receives a plaque of a silver figure mounted on wood, with suitable inscription of award.
6. Winners will be announced in May 3rd issue of "Scholastic."

There is more than one or two students here at Adams who are capable of winning this contest. You have until March 10—and 500 words are not many! This is your chance to contribute something valuable to American morale, as well as winning a prize and recognition for yourself and John Adams.

If you are interested, Miss Roell has some material that might prove helpful.

Won't you help show everyone what good work Adams students are capable of?

### JUNIOR GLEE CLUB

Everyone around school and many people around town know of our fine Adams Glee Club—but do you know that we also have a junior glee club? This club was organized this semester and is composed of 36 sophomore girls. These girls meet on Wednesday mornings at 7:50 to 8:25 and on Thursday mornings at 8:00 to 8:55 to practice their music which includes three part singing.

One of the first activities of the new organization was the election held on February 11 in the Little Theater. The officers elected are: President, Eleanor Dent; Vice-President, Jane Barber; Secretary-Treasurer, Betty Furnish, and Librarians, Mary Mann and Ethel Mae Schrader.

Vacancies in the Adams Glee Club made by students graduating in June will be filled by members of the junior glee club.

### HI-Y PLAQUE

Perhaps all of you have noticed the recent addition to our lower hall by the doorway to the auditorium. It is a framed plaque which was bought by the Hi-Y. On the plaque is written a proverb or wise saying which will be changed regularly. Perhaps it might be well for some of us to give these bits of thought more than a passing glance.

### SMITH, SHANK, ALDERFER AND McLEAN TO LEAD YELLS AGAIN THIS YEAR

On Friday, February 5, as Adams' entire student body was hushed to utter silence, Mr. Primmer stepped out on the floor to give his "opening address," and then introduced the students who were to try and prove themselves capable of keeping up and spurring on the cheering section for the following year. Lois Patrick and Lois McNabb were the first to try out their skills, then Florine Lyle and Joan Kindig stepped out on the floor to offer them some competition. Of course, a boy must always be involved somewhere in the affair, and that boy was Richard Busfield. Last but not least, the four "kids" that carried "dear old Adams" through a very exciting season . . . Rosemae Smith, Mary Jane Shank, James McLean and Wayne Alderfer.

The following Wednesday the students voted for their favorites. After the votes were tabulated, the victors of this democratic battle were announced . . . Rosemae Smith, Mary Jane Shank, Wayne Alderfer, and Jimmie McLean.

The Adams faculty and student body are behind these four 100% and wish them a very successful year.

### FOOTBALL MANAGERS

Adams' football team has lost two of its valuable accessories. These are the two head managers, Phil Ellsworth and Dick "Doc" Wharton. The present managers are Dick Green and Paul Green. Mr. Gale says that he can use a few more managers, so fellas, if you want to do your duty by your school by helping the football team, see Coach Gale at once!

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"IT" IS COMING ON  
MARCH 5!!  
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WHY I LIKE TO READ

Just the other day I overheard one of my students complaining to another about the literature course they were to take in the new semester.

"And just think," said this same student, "we even have to read Shakespeare. I don't know why we have to study Shakespeare when nobody ever reads him except in school anyway."

I felt a burst of sympathy for the teacher who would have these students. I like to read. It has been a lifelong passion. I began to wonder if there were something in my experience that could be of help to these two, and others like them. That is the reason for this editorial.

One author recently stated, "The primary reason for a study of the classics, to my mind, is that such study enables one to share the intellectual experiences of men who have dared to think deeply and speak forth courageously." I don't believe that I could state this any better. This definition applies equally to the study of all the arts, including music.

Art is democratic, for our cultural heritage is the birthright of rich and poor alike. Modern means of communication, the radio, phonograph, and the press have given the human race an articulateness that enables us to share experiences and understand one another in ways which will change the history of the world. Our legacy is of such breath-taking richness as to enlarge our intellectual stature a thousandfold.

Through the arts we can re-live the lives of past generations. We share identical experiences with the men who have gone before us when we read their books, sing, play, and listen to their music, and enjoy their paintings and sculpture. We can get no true perspective and appreciation of our own time without this background, for our own civilization was not created by us, but by our forbears. So, a snobbish attitude toward that which is old is simply due to a misunderstanding of these important facts: That man who can speak only in words of two syllables is mute; he who can see, read, and hear only the most obvious things is blind and deaf. Education means development, and however rich a man may be in a moneyed sense, he will always be a poor man in his ability to enjoy the rich things of life if his sensibilities are undeveloped.

The arts enable us to associate with people whose personalities would be inaccessible to us in the ordinary course of our daily lives. We can travel in distinguished company.

Compare yourself, as you can be in our time, with the most enlightened man of, say, the 14th Century.

We still have many 14th Century types among us; and occasionally even a Neandertal type appears. Yet, I don't know of anyone who would consciously return to the Dark Ages if he could help it. Yet it is possible to live in the 20th Century physically and in the 14th Century intellectually. Let's live in our own time!

GENE CHENOWETH.

TOWER MINOR STAFF TOWER

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PERSONAL PROBLEMS DEPARTMENT

By EMILY DIX\*

Dear Emmy:  
 Rosemarie doesn't love me anymore, and I can't spend all my time at the C.... (oops, censored). Any suggestions?

"Bewildered"

Answer:  
 Dear Don:  
 Her kid sister, Elaine, is plenty cute and unattached. Need I say more?

Emily Dix.

Dear Emily Dix:  
 What should I do now that Betty (the 'band' brunette) Murphy has apparently spurned me for Eugene Waechter?

Desperately,  
 G. King.

Answer:  
 Dear Gordie:  
 Cheer up! There are still many free femmes here at J. A. for a Cavalier (plug!) like yourself. Maybe you could wolf Jane Barber from Fred, her Washington-Clay man. More power to the home front!

Emily Dix.

Dear Miss Dix:  
 Is it true that a whole semester has passed, leaving Bill Steinmetz and Harold Slutsky on the loose? I'm perfectly willing to try to correct this, if Joan Yohn can take time off from Peck to help me.

Love'n such,  
 "Miss Typical Tomato" of room 109

Answer:  
 Dear Pat: (Don't ask me which, either)  
 Joan gave it to me off the record that she'd love to help you. Go ahead, girls, but from here it looks like a lost, but worthy, cause.

Emily Dix.

Dear Miss D:  
 Do you think Carol, my Central babe, will drop me, just because I spend my Sunday afternoons with Mary Roberts? Can you help me?

Pepper.

Answer:  
 Dear Mr. Rice:  
 I won't help you, but if you are dropped, half a dozen Adams lovelies will be around to pick up the pieces.

Emily Dix.

Dear Emily:  
 Will I be able to hang on to Harry in spite of Breskin's "come-hither" smile?

Anxiously,  
 P. V. H.

Answer:  
 Dear Phyl:  
 So sorry, but the changeable, garlic-eating Sanders refuses to confide in me. (The way people act, you'd think I couldn't keep a secret or sumpn'). Anyway, here's hoping you two are still at it by the time this issue comes out.

Emily Dix.

Dear E. D.:  
 I'm really not interested, but did you know that Barb Kreimer was going steady with some guy from out-of-town? Frigidly,  
 Dick, the woman-hater.

Answer:  
 Dear Lewitske:  
 Thanks for the information. Of course, you're not interested(?)

Emily Dix.



"WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE GAME—RILEY VS. ADAMS?"

TOM TANNER—Everyone must admit we have about the scrappiest team you've ever seen. If only they would have started the grand slam a little sooner.

PHIL THOMPSON—The boys put up a good fight. They couldn't have done any more than they did.

BEVERLY HERMAN—Well, when I had a seat to see the game it was pretty good, but then I didn't have a seat very long.

JACK CHAPPELL—I thought it was the closest game I've seen this year. I also think that Adams' team is jinxed where close games are concerned.

ALICE LORD—The support of the student body at the game was very good. The cheering section did unusually well, but the game would have been better still if we had won.

JIM McLEAN—I was disappointed because we lost the game but thought the students acted swell. They showed good sportsmanship, and the yelling was neat.

ROSE PANZICA—It was an awfully exciting game but I was sorry we didn't win. It was also one of the closest games this year.

JACK FINK—The student body gave their support wonderfully, but why don't some of the basketball boys get the ants out of their pants and move faster down the floor. If they did maybe the score would have been different.

Freshman:  
 Huh?  
 Sophomore:  
 Who, me?  
 Junior:  
 I really don't believe I'm quite certain about the matter.

Senior:  
 As far as that question is concerned I'm in complete agreement with what Mr. Smith said and I don't think I should repeat as the class undoubtedly understands it thoroughly.

Dearest Emily:  
 Why did Dick Hudson have to take Jo-Jo Ridge out last week, when I live so much nearer?  
 Heart-brokenly,  
 Pat.

Answer:  
 Dear Miss Kindig:  
 Maybe he didn't know you had called it off with Bob Darden (Central). Better luck next time.  
 Emily Dix.

Dear Em:  
 Has (sigh, sigh, yum, yum) Betty Martin really broke up with her romeo? Fondly,  
 Hopeful.

Answer:  
 Dear Average Man:  
 Yes, she is honestly in the market for a new love. Line forms on the right, fellas!

Emily Dix.  
 \*Let Emily Dix solve your problems. Write to her c/o the Tower Box. Special talents include: Breaking up steadies, trapping wolves, and relighting old flames.

**AT - TEN - SHUN! !**

We may not be able to be with our boys, helping them fight, but we can help to keep their morale up. How? By writing them letters, telling them of all the news, the latest gossip and highlights on the sports events.

Our Tower is running a new column in which we will publish the addresses of all the boys from Adams who are in the service. We wish as many of you students as possible would write to these boys and when you receive an answer that you think would be of interest to the student body turn it over to Miss Roell, and we will see that it is published in the Tower. All of the fellows in service whose addresses we have are receiving the Tower, and don't you think it would give them a thrill if we were to print some interesting items from their letters?

Also in this way it will give the boys themselves a chance to correspond with each other. This is not asking much of you, so in your few spare minutes try to dash off a line to some of our boys. They don't demand four or five page epistles—write a short, interesting note, and they'll be completely happy!

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Hum and Willy got 'hep in the hay'—(Little different now though).

The cheerleaders were selected and Mary Jane Shank, Rosemae Smith, Wayne Alderfer, and Jimmy McLean won. They've succeeded very well, too!!

Mr. Primmer's home room (seniors) won the Tower subscription contest and go their pictures in the paper.

Doris Casper was goofy over a certain Mishawaka lad—(Is it who I'm thinking Doris?)

Joe Cassasanta was seen thinking and skating with a far away look in his eye and that certain someone, both at the same time.

Bill Currise and that certain little soph were just getting started (Did it ever end, Peg?)

When Mr. Krider remarked that the only reason girls go to a co-educational college is to get a man. And one girl put her hand up and told him that she was going to a co-educational school because she'd have to be with men for the rest of her life so she might as well get used to them. Mr. Krider laughed and said: "Well, that's just another way of saying it."

**QUIZ KID**

The nurse entered the professor's room softly. "It's a boy, sir," she said. The professor looked up. "Well, what does he want?"

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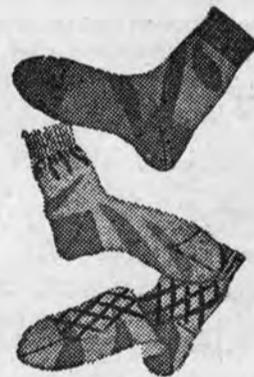
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Thus the Eagles got an excellent start in their late drive to wind up with an even .500 in conference play.

The Bulldogs were cooking with gas (on the front burner) in the first stanza as they connected on several phenomenal long shots to actually lead the Eagles, 10-9. However, Adams buckled down in the second period, and left the floor at half time, proud possessors of a 21 to 14 lead.

The second half was a complete rout with the Eagles dumping in 27 points while the helpless Bulldogs could only connect for seven.

Wamsley and Muszer led the Eagles with 14 and 11 points, respectively.

A strong second half scoring drive enabled Adams to defeat Huntington, 40 to 37.

Huntington jumped off to an early lead and maintained it, holding a 13-8 advantage at the first quarter and a 23-20 lead at half time.

However, Coach Primmer must have issued the Eagles vitamin B-1 tablets during the intermission, as the Adams Cagers came out for the third quarter full of vim and vigor and whatever else it takes to score buckets.

Muszer and Wamsley, who scored ten points apiece, led the Adams attack in the third stanza, and gave the Eagles a lead they never relinquished.

Stanley Feuer.

Better watch out,  
Better not cry,  
Better not pout,  
I'm telling you why,  
**MARCH 5 IS COMING!**

A little boy was playing ball a short distance away when his mother called, "Didn't I tell you to beat that rug?"

"No, ma'm," you said, "Hang up the rug and beat it!"

In a family of inveterate bridge players, Papa died. The question came up whether he should be buried or cremated. After it had been thoroughly discussed, one of the sons said, "Well, Mother, it's your bid." Mother said, "I'll make it spades." So Papa was buried.

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## SPRING PRACTICE STARTS INDOORS

Well, Coach Gale has had the football recruits out for about two weeks now and is getting them in condition physically, two sessions a week in the gym, and mentally, one night a week in 109.

The reason we have to start practicing so early, Coach Gale says, is because of a new rule that states that we can have only one month of spring football practice outdoors after our basketball team is out of the sectionals.

Coach Gale intends to be outdoors regardless of the weather by March first, or two weeks from last Monday.

We have lost 19 of our seasoned letter-men but the boys out there show promise to the extent of a nucleus of a good ball team.

There are 35 fellows going out for football but all are not out yet. Some of the fellows are Ray, Keb, Mester, Bryan, Goldsberry, Shuman, Pfaff, McKinny, Andrews, Walters, Troeger, Fragomeni, Norblad, Sarber, Ball, Slutsley, LaPier, Nelson, Granning, Kruger, Koehler, Lindner, Delahanty, and Don Stephens.

Coach Gale said that we will have an obstacle in our way from the beginning as our first opponent, Mishawaka, has eight weeks of spring football training outdoors to our four.

## FIRESIDE CHATTERS

For quite some time now Mr. Gallup's been asking us to have the following bit of literature printed.

Something that came out of the wash.

He'll sit on the fence 'till he's sure of the score,

Offered correction, will make him sore.

Riley will win Gallup says so, Later it's Central which proves he don't know.

Today it's Central, but what next will he say,

Will it be Lakeville, Greene, or Washington-Clay?

He can't keep on singing this tiresome tune,

And still be a writer for the South Bend Tribune.

We're wondering if Coach Gale has enough number 17 stamps to furnish the football team with shoes next fall?

We still can't see why there had to be a "B" team cut just before our last home game with Nappanee, which by the way, the reserves won very handily.

I see where "Hersh" Wamsley is replacing McIntyre in the scoring spotlight at Adams. In the last two games "Hersh" threw in a total of 24 points.

Why can't the boys, who eat lunch at school, use our only too precious stage to play basketball on. I'm sure they're not going to intentionally drag down any railings, or pull down any curtains. Come on Mr. Rothermel, put a bit of trust in the Adams students.

Girl — Have you got any cold cash?

Boy — No, it's nice and warm here in my pocket.

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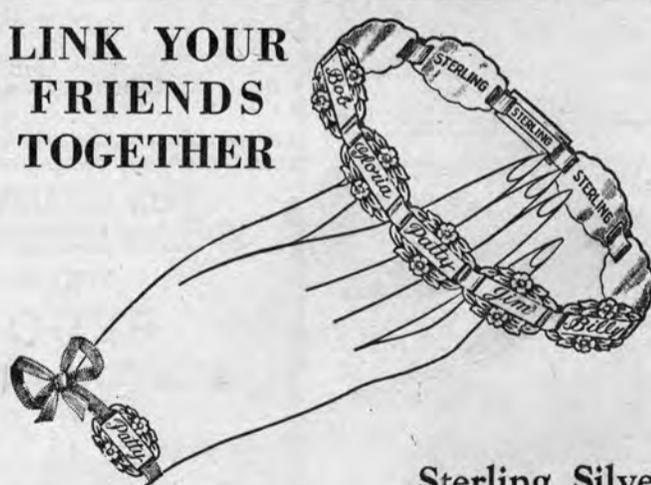
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