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JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

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## VAUDEVILLE OF 1860 COMING!

### GIRLS MAY TRAIN FOR WAR JOBS IN SIX WEEKS

Central high school of South Bend has started a group of classes which will be very helpful for girls in industry. All girls who will be 17 by June 1st are eligible to try for this. The classes include Blue Print Reading, Parts Inspection, Tracing, Arts and Crafts, Riveting and Machine Tools. These are to be held for 15 hours each week for six weeks. A girl is permitted to choose how many hours each day she would want to work. Also the classes are free from tuition which makes it very convenient.

This is expected to relieve the shortage of girls in War Production this summer and will therefore be helpful to most of our industries in town.

### SERVICE NOTES

March 15, 1943  
Monday Evening

I am a little late in answering to the Tower, my appreciation of what you are doing for the boys who are away, and for what it does for me. I really think it is swell to receive a newspaper that you can read in your spare time and really enjoy. If all the other fellows enjoy it as much as I do the school can realize it is the biggest way to keep us fellows up on what is going on at Adams.

I'm not much of a writer, but I would like to thank you for remembering me with the Tower, which I receive often.

A little news that might interest the school — Elmer Torok, Seaman second class, who is now a signalman, is out on sea duty in the Southeast Atlantic.

Sincerely yours,  
Albert Williams S 2/c

Editors Note: Letters like this are what makes the Tower and the work of putting it out worthwhile! Many thanks for the letter. — Carol K.

### HAVE YOU GOT ONE?

During the past three years students have taken books from our library without returning them and many have been lost. For the next several weeks Miss Brown and the Library Club are having a campaign for the return of these missing books. The jackets of some of these books will be on display in the Tower entrance display case. Every home room teacher has a list of these books and if you have any or find any, kindly return them to the library.



Left to right: Milton Johnson, Ernestine Morris, Warren Gregory, Pat Kasdorf and John Schulte.

### MISS BURNS GIVES 40 BOOKS TO LIBRARY

Recently Miss Burns gave forty excellent books to our school library. Many Adams students will be interested in some of them. Franz Werfel's "Song of Bernadette" is among this fine collection as well as Stewart's "Storm," a dramatic love story most girls would enjoy. Several of these books have appeared as the "Book of the Month." So the next time you're in the library, be sure and see some of these new books. Adams thanks you Miss Burns for this unselfish gift. Many students will receive hours of pleasure from them for many years.

### LOST!

A small tan saddle leather purse with zipper. Contains Driver's Permit. Reward! — Betty Welber.

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The boys haven't got a thing over the girls when it comes to basketball tournaments! Last week each of the girls' gym classes voted on and elected a basketball team to represent their class in the tournament to be held during the lunch hour and after school. Seven teams were entered in the tourney which was held for four days.

When the final whistle blew, and an overtime whistle at that, the fifth hour seniors were the victors over the 7:30 sophomores with a score of 12 to 7.

Members of the winning team included: Donnabelle Shindollar, Catherine Crawley, Betty Murphy, Marian Walters, Captain, Elaine Geiselman, Edna Love, Virginia Hoffman, and Virginia Buck.

This tournament furnished plenty of exciting entertainment for the stay-at-school-lunchers, who made up the audience, and cheered for their class' team!

### DEFENSE STAMP SALE REPORT

THE TOTAL SALE FOR MONDAY, MARCH 8TH — \$304.90 — IS OUR BEST SALE SINCE DECEMBER!

Report on Sale for Monday, March 15th:

783 Pupils	\$225.05	29c
Class of '43 — 12A's & 12B's	56.90	33c
Class of '45 — 11B's & 10A's	83.40	29c
Class of '44 — 12B's & 11A's	66.35	28c
Class of '46 — 10B's	18.40	21c
High Point Rooms:		
Miss Morehouse's 10A's (Cafe)	\$ 26.00	70c
Miss Puterbaugh's 12A's (205)	20.85	52c
AND WHAT IS THE TROUBLE HERE?		
11 B's in 210	\$ 2.90	8c
10 A's in 204	3.70	9c

### ONE-ACT PLAY ONE HIGHLIGHT OF PROGRAM

As I grope my way forward, with unsteady step and bleary eye, to an early morning rehearsal, the birds sing, the sun shines, the breeze blows, and the motorists honk.

Wanting to be punctual, I step up my pace and a policeman who had heretofore been siphoning gas from an unidentified car looks at me darkly. I slow down.

As I arrive, expecting the usual tumult and bedlam which accompanies the after-school rehearsals, I am greeted by absolutely nothing; I am evidently the first one here.

I sit down and begin to munch on a piece of hard tack that I had cannily brought. My fellow thespians start to come in, slowly at first but eventually they pour in.

Kids, watch your step and your tongues in Alonzo E. Goldsberry's classes, fibbers are his pet peeve.

This recent addition to our faculty is a real Hoosier, born in Jamestown, Indiana. He attended Wingate High School, Wabash and Butler Universities.

"Goldy" would trade nothing for Mrs. Goldsberry, his two sons, and we must not forget those precious ration books, but give him a delicious shop suey dinner followed by a nice quiet bridge game or a good book for him to wrap his brain around and you will make him very happy.

Although Mr. Goldsberry has been a member of our faculty since last September we wish to extend a hearty welcome to him with a sincere wish that he will enjoy being with us, and we will try to delay those gray hairs he seems to be worrying about at the present time.

### CALENDAR

- Monday, March 29 —  
Defense Stamp Sale  
Bulletin  
Band — 7:30
- Tuesday, March 30 —  
Indiana Extension Talk to 12 A's in Little Theater — 8:30 A. M.  
Glee Club — 7:30 A. M.  
Glee Club — 7:00 P. M.
- Wednesday, March 31  
Orchestra — 7:30 A. M.  
Junior Glee Club
- Thursday, April 1 —  
Glee Club — 7:30 A. M.
- Friday, April 2 —  
Vaudeville of 1860 — 8:00 P. M.  
Meeting of boys planning to go to Notre Dame — 8:35 A. M.  
Band — 7:30 A. M.  
Junior Glee Club

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**NOT ENOUGH ACTION!**

Words, words, words! — too many of them. Insincere, superfluous words which strike a nauseating blow on my ear drums. These meaningless words pour out from my radio the minute it goes on, burst forth from mouths of orators to create the monotonous drone which is so very common since the United States has become involved in this war.

The words begin, "As you all know, we are in a war . . ." Of course we know. Probably more so than the commentator who has been sitting idly before his microphone, or the boisterous politician who is airing his present "firm conviction." It is the sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. United States who are fighting this war. These parents know. Some of them have lost their son or sons at Pearl Harbor, Guam, Midway, Wake, or in some other battle. No, they don't need to be reminded that "we are in a war." Only those who have had no unpleasant contact with the real thing could constantly repeat these words which bring so much sorrow to so many people. Instead of building morale, it is continually being torn down by the use of these tarnished words.

The words continue, "we shall all have to be prepared to make sacrifices . . ." Do these "morale builders" not know that the American public is ready and willing to do the utmost to aid in the war effort? From almost every family there is a son, daughter, or close relative in the fighting forces. The people at home are not going to let their loved ones down regardless of the opinion these uninformed people are now voicing.

The boys on the fighting fronts will not let those at home down and will keep fighting bravely until the final hour. Too many fictional characters are used by various programs to tell the public of American heroism. This is not understandable. The people clamor for truth and realism and have almost always had it so — why deny them of it now? Secret military information should of course be withheld.

From now until the end of the war let us forget pretty, unnecessary speeches and concentrate on winning this war and in the quickest possible way. Throw those old useless words out and use only those which will help build morale and increase activity. In regard to winning this war everyone should adopt as his own the slogan which the President has set for us.

"WE CAN . . . WE WILL . . . WE MUST"

Beverly Murphy

**THE ADAMS' JINX**

How many of you have really looked into our past athletic record? Have you ever been to an Adams game? I'm sure most of you have. You've seen it and so have I. That one point or two point lead over us in the last remaining minutes of a basketball game or that one touchdown or field goal in a football game.

This jinx comes to us at the worst time. Everyone of our players has the ability to get out and win, but, not criticizing any team, we here at Adams seem to think that it isn't right for us to win. We've been living off the old alibi for some time now, that we were just a new school. I'll admit that we weren't ready for real competition until the first year and a half, but that's in the past. We've built up our schools reputation by having scrappy teams, but this isn't winning games. We've got to break this jinx some time, we've got to give our school a fighting name, and we've got to quit alibing and actually do something about it. This jinx must and will be broken. So, fellows of future John Adams athletic teams, it's up to you!

—TOM DELAHANTY

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**TOWER TALK**

Well, chilluns, sneakin' 'round corners and peekin' through keyholes we discover that *Phyllis Van Houten* and *Warren Gregory* are sizzling down to black ashes. The reason? *Phy's* idea of heaven-on-earth is going steady with Central's *Dean Boaker* . . . Green eyes to the chosen few who are going to that wonderful *Senor party* . . . It seems as tho' *George Emmons*, who is now at Great Lakes, has a priority on a little soph, *Beverly Sellers* . . . *Betty Lange* has been getting mail from *Red Larson*, another Adams Navy lad of whom we are all very proud . . . Could *Joan Smith's* interest in the homecoming *Yuncker* be a result of her break with *John McLaughlin* (Central?) . . . *Dick Reynolds* (sophomore-king size) is still going strong with that little girl from *Nuner* . . . Do *Pat Bailey* and *Nadine Schrader* have those one-day quarrels just to have the fun of making up again? It's a shame that *Philonese Chayie* likes that U. S. Coast Guard man. She has more admirers here at Adams than any six girls . . . If *Norma Patterson's* heart would return from *Mishawaka*, there's a pair of open waiting arms here at Adams . . . *Florine Lyle* is going steady with *Johnny* (A Central lad) . . . Is *Darwin H.* dating *Lillian B.* . . . By the way *Don Ransberger* and *Rosemarie* are all patched up . . . Gosh kiddies, with *Jules Biron* sitting across from me in study hall, I just can't concentrate on this stuff any longer . . . See ya . . .

"KITTY"

**WHAT MAKES THE PERFECT BOY AND GIRL!**

Around John Adams High School are noticed these extra special characteristics of the male sex:  
 The beautiful wavy hair of *Bill Taylor*.  
 Those big blue eyes of *Jim Ball*.  
 The physique of *Bob Keyer*.  
 The dancing ability of *Don Allen*.  
 And then there's the magnetic personality of *Dan Muessel*.  
 The always immaculate appearance of *Riley Brehmer*.  
 The rosy complexion of *Don Payton*.  
 That engaging smile of *Laurence Turner*.  
 The friendliness of *Louie LaPierre*.  
 The smooth, smooth line of *Alan Wade*.  
 The sports ability of *Roy Andrews*.  
 The general good looks of *John Schulte*.  
 The bashfulness of *Stanley Feuer*.  
 The sly grin of *Bob Hutmacher*.  
 The cute pug nose of *Floyd Fishburn*.

These are what makes the perfect girl:

The neat pigtailed of *Carmen Sigerfoos*.  
 Those big eyes and long lashes of *Phil Chayie*.  
 The long slender hands of *Florine Lyle*.  
 The neatness of *Margaret Rose Doran*.  
 Also the intelligence of *Pat Alexander*.  
 The figure of *Jean Malcolmson*.  
 The dancing ability of *Joan Kindig*.  
 The lively personality of *Nancy Tusing*.

**UNCLE BASLU KNOWS!**

Dear Uncle:  
 With conditions in their present state,  
 Peggy tells me I don't rate.  
 O, what shall I do,  
 To make her be true?  
 — Ned.

Dear Mr. Wedlake:  
 For you I have a world of pity,  
 Even if you are so witty.  
 Don't be shy and lower your size,  
 You should learn to hypnotize.

Dear Unk:  
 I'm short and so is she,  
 The trouble is we're an eternal three.  
 How can I woo Herman from the third,  
 Without me getting the bird?  
 My dear Mr. Crowe:  
 The trouble with you is you're a bashful boy,  
 With the girls you should not toy.  
 Ask her out and she'll be yours,  
 The one with nerve always scores.

Dear Uncle:  
 Thanks to your past advice,  
 John R. has me in a vice,  
 I think he's swell and glad he's mine,  
 Over us the sun does shine.  
 — Mary.

Dear Miss Roberts:  
 I'm very pleased with all you've said,  
 I knew for a while your heart bled,  
 When John and you were not true  
 Watch your step and you'll ne'er be blue.

Dear Uncle:  
 At a stag the other night,  
 The Senors Club was in a plight  
 A gang of girls crashed their set,  
 Please Unk tell 'em this ain't etiquette.  
 — An Observer.

Dear You:  
 I see no reason for them to complain  
 Having no boys was probably a strain,  
 On the girls who were so rude  
 Stop and think and you won't brood.

Dear Uncle:  
 I'm another of Dixie's fans,  
 As sure as saliva flows from glands  
 Time is short and so am I  
 Without her I will die.  
 Dear Mr. McVicker:  
 I can't see why you hesitate  
 In asking Dixie for a date  
 I'm positive that she won't blush  
 When you begin your offensive rush.

To Whom It May Concern:  
 A quiet night when skies are blue  
 A girl will say that she loves you  
 But just you wait my little one  
 Things will be different under the sun.

The complexion of *Jane Barber*.  
 Then the smile of *Virginia Hoffman*.  
 The pep of *Jackie Jennings*.  
 The dimples of *Ruby Gooding*.  
 The clothes of *Ernestine Morris*.  
 The sweetness of *Carol Kline*.  
 The impish grin of *May Jane Van De Moere*.  
 The general good looks of *Alice Lord*.  
 The curly hair of *Pat Kasdorf*.  
 And the talents of *Shirley Kline*.



Left to right: Shirley Kline, Jean Vunderink, Virginia Truax, Joan Kindig, Joan Smith, Barbara Schubert, Alvin Starbuck, Bill Keely, Louise Holmgren, Paul Smith and Dick Nelund.

To make sure that the Vaudeville of 1930 has the "cream of the crop" in talents — the Glee Club drafted outsiders whose ability fitted them for parts. Twelve numbers will be presented including comic skits and solos. Mrs. Pate is in charge of the music, and Mr. Cassidy is taking care of costuming and stage directing.

**FALSETTO ALARM**

Builders' foreman: "Excuse me, but are you the lady wot's singing?"

Lady: "Yes, I was singing. Why?"

Builders' Foreman: "Well, might I ask you not to hang on that top note so long? The men have knocked off twice already, mistakin' it for the dinner whistle."

**NO USE**

"I had the right of way when this man ran into me, yet you say I was to blame."

"You certainly were."

"Why?"

"Because his father is mayor, his brother is chief of police, and I'm engaged to his sister."

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# FORT WAYNE 1943 STATE CHAMPS

## LEBANON GOES DOWN BEFORE TIGERS, 45-40

Fort Wayne Central's mighty Tigers supplanted Washington as Indiana's high school basketball champion when they defeated Lebanon 45 to 40 before 10,750 hysterical fans in the final game of the annual state tournament. The contest took place in the coliseum on the state fair grounds in Indianapolis last Saturday night.

Capitalizing on their height and ruggedness, the Fort Wayne cagers defeated Batesville 33 to 24, while Lebanon conquered the Bedford State Cutters 36 to 35 in the afternoon rounds.

The title game did justice to the best state champion traditions, with both teams going all out with everything they had from the starting whistle to the final gun. Central began getting the jump on Lebanon in the first quarter when a follow-up shot and a lay-in broke a 11-11 deadlock, and boosted the Tigers ahead 15-11. The ultimate champions were in front for the balance of the game, although never by enough to be called safe against a free-wheeling, free-scoring, fire wagon outfit like Lebanon. In the final period Lebanon made a desperate bid for victory, and pulled up to within two points of Central, but the Tigers called upon their last reserve and punched home five quick points to put the game on ice.

About this time a Ripley "Believe It Or Not" occurred. A Central lad took a long shot and the ball bounced high off the rim of the basket and landed on the top edge of the backboard. There it contentedly balanced itself. Before the game could be resumed, the referee had to climb after the ball!

## CALL OF THE SAND TRAP AND FAIRWAY ANSWERED

The admonishing "fore!" of golf resounds again for dear old Adams in '43. Mr. Krider sent out the call for all golfers about two weeks ago and already the team is showing promise.

Those that answered the call were — Dick Meyers, Don Ransberger, Riley Brehmer, Bill Steinmetz, Beve Leibig, Robert Parker, and Don Brown.

At present the weather forbids any outdoor activity so the team has been working inside. Primarily, Coach Krider plans to stress the fundamentals of swing until the boys obtain the correct method and use it habitually.

Coach Krider is making arrangements for use of both Erskine and Morris Parks. The teams we are scheduled to play in this locality are Riley, Central, Washington, and Mishawaka. Two other teams we hope to match are Laporte and Michigan City. Due to the problem of transportation the latter two may have to be cancelled. The schedule states that we play the teams twice so the squad is preparing for a tough season.

Any golfer that overlooked the notice or didn't hear it is still welcome to try out.

## VITAL STATISTICS

	1940-41					
	F.G.	F.T.	F.T.M.	P.	T.	G.
Mickey	10	13	3	21	33	12
Ramer	18	6	9	16	42	19
Wamsley	32	30	58	27	94	21
Muszer	14	13	11	18	41	13
Kalberer	12	5	7	4	29	18
Fragomeni	12	3	8	36	27	19
Emerick	21	24	11	23	66	18
Heitger	62	40	45	52	164	21
Nash	0	0	0	1	0	5
Bailey	5	5	4	21	15	13
B. Sayers	3	2	5	7	8	9
Alabaugh	1	6	3	10	8	10
Stanley	0	0	0	0	4	6
	192	147	164	236	531	

	1941-42					
	F.G.	F.T.	F.T.M.	P.	T.	G.
Muszer	54	47	24	47	155	22
Wamsley	59	44	29	36	162	22
Heitger	48	35	37	46	131	22
Emerick	29	23	18	34	81	22
Alabaugh	5	2	7	13	12	17
Fragomeni	30	16	14	38	76	17
Kalberer	9	8	6	12	26	18
B. Sayers	8	3	4	11	19	18
D. Sayers	8	0	10	14	16	17
Nash	2	2	1	3	6	9
Barnbrook	3	0	3	1	6	3
McIntyre	0	1	0	0	1	2
Lawitzke	0	1	0	0	1	2
	255	182	153	256	692	

	1942-43					
	F.G.	F.T.	F.T.M.	P.	T.	G.
Wamsley	55	22	42	33	132	20
McIntyre	61	40	29	29	162	20
Metzger	36	31	19	26	103	20
Barnbrook	44	23	20	30	111	20
Muszer	46	39	31	52	131	20
B. Sayers	17	10	4	14	44	18
Larson	8	3	3	2	19	12
D. Sayers	8	4	1	15	20	13
Mills	2	0	2	1	4	7
Ray	1	0	3	7	2	6
Alabaugh	4	2	3	2	10	10
Lawitzke	1	0	1	2	2	5
Karlin	1	0	1	1	2	2
Goldsberry	1	1	0	3	3	2
	285	175	159	217	745	

FG — Field Goal  
 FT — Free Throws  
 FTM — Free Throws Missed

P — Personal Fouls  
 T — Total Points  
 G — Games

## G. A. A. NOTES

The John Adams Girls Swimming Club is entertaining the Ninth Annual State Telegraphic Meet the last week in March. The events will include the twenty yard and forty yard crawl, twenty yard and forty yard breast stroke, eighty yard crawl relay, and sixty yard medley relay.

The Table Tennis Tournament is open to all girls in singles and doubles.

Dorothy Harris, an Adams alumnus and member of G. A. A., is studying at Ball State Teacher's College to be a physical education instructor.

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