

ROOM 102 CAPTURES BAR GRAPH



SENIORS PURCHASE OVER \$4,000 IN WAR BONDS

The 12A's of room 102 are the winners of our last bond drive. Their total purchase for nine weeks was \$4,213.05; the total per capita for the nine weeks was \$104.15. They have done a great job in boosting our sales, so great in fact, that Adams led all other schools in the purchasing of bonds and stamps during the month of March (according to an article in the South Bend Tribune on April 10). We have an average per capita of \$11.30. Let's see if we can't beat these schools again in the next nine weeks!

Richard Gartner Chosen Junior Red Cross President

The nomination of officers for the Junior Red Cross Council for the next term was held March 22 in the Red Cross Chapter House. The following officers were nominated: President, Richard Gartner; Vice-President, Joan Campbell; Secretary-Treasurer, Roberta Kowalski; Publicity Chairman, Ethel Schrader.

We are proud that Adams is so well represented in the Council. Dick and Ethel are both from Adams as is the retiring president, Jack Miles.

The last meeting for this year will be held the fourth week in May at which time plans for a picnic will be made.

Dick Lawitzke Makes Top Ticket Selling Record

Everyone who had anything at all to do with producing "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," deserves loads of credit and praise for a magnificent production.

Since the people behind the scenes usually don't get their just reward, we the Tower Staff are devoting this write-up to the purpose of giving just praise to a student who worked way above and beyond the call of school spirit. This student is none other than Dick Lawitzke, a diligent and deserving salesman. As a member of the Senior Class, which handled the ticket sale very well, Dick sold 165 tickets for a record which probably won't be equalled in a long time.

Congratulations Dick on a job well done.

EXHIBIT SHOWS GREAT IMPORTANCE OF ART IN WORLD TODAY

The art exhibit recently shown in the library and 106 has caused much comment among the student body. The collection was composed of art work taken from the schools of New York, New Jersey, and the New England States. The excellence and professional quality of the posters was very unusual.

Under the themes of "School Art in the War Effort" and "School Art in the Post-War World" we can readily see the important role art is playing in the world today. The exhibit illustrated the dire need for conservation and the importance of the victory garden. We were shown how art is aiding the government with its designs for air raid shelters, its use of army lettering, and its adaptations of camouflage. Included in this timely exhibit were some beautiful textile designs.

To those responsible for bringing this worthwhile display to Adams goes a vote of thanks and appreciation. We hope for another of these interesting exhibits in the near future.

Wife: "Wake up, John! There is a burglar going through your pants pockets."

Husband (turning over): "Oh, you two just fight it out between yourselves."

EASTER SERVICES WELL RECEIVED

The spirit of Easter was well represented this year by the annual combination Hi-Y and Glee Club assembly.

The students were seated in the mezzanine and balconies and the Glee Club made a very impressive showing with a candle-light procession and cross formation on the auditorium floor. Soloists were Joan Smith, Herschel Keefer, and Dick Schall. Many students have asked that this kind of Easter program be traditional at John Adams.

The directors of "Connecticut Yankee" have received letters from different people expressing their appreciation for the clever production that was given by us a few weeks ago.

CAPS AND GOWNS

From now until May 29, the thing which will be uppermost in the minds of the seniors seems to be brought a little bit closer. Every thought is centered on graduation and every day brings a reminder of the event. Last Thursday found the seniors waiting in a long line to be measured for their caps and gowns. This was one line in which no grumbling could be heard. The caps and gowns will be in the traditional grey, and will probably be delivered about a week before graduation.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19
Drama Club—3:30 P. M.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21
Glee Club—7:30 A. M.

MONDAY, APRIL 24
Glee Club—7:30 A. M.
War Stamps
Bulletin

TUESDAY, APRIL 25
Iowa Silent Reading Test for 11A's

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26
Glee Club—7:30 A. M.

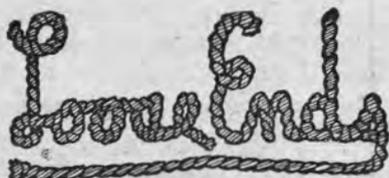
DUES

Forget the slander you have heard
Forget the hasty, unkind words
Forget the quarrel and the cause
Forget the whole affair, because
Forgetting is the only way.
Forget the trials you have had,
Forget the weather if it's bad,
Forget the knocker, he's a freak,
Forget him seven days a week.
Forget to even get the blues
But don't forget to pay your dues.

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In the very near future, poor work notices will be issued for the last time during this school year. Won't you make an effort to bring your grades up? A poor work notice does not necessarily constitute a failure in that subject, but it does signify that work is below par.

Two speech contests which will be of interest to all students will be held in the near future. The first, for girls only, is sponsored by the Altrusa Club. The topic for the speeches is "Post-War Opportunities in My Chosen Profession."

The second contest is familiar to many and will be open to all boys and girls. It is the Reader's Digest Extemporaneous Contest which will be held in early May.

Anyone who is interested in either contest should see Mrs. McClure for full particulars.

Soon all of you John Adams students will be seeing some interesting placards in definitely conspicuous places. After all, what places are more conspicuous than our teachers' desks? These placards were painted by our Commercial Artists and they symbolize the Do's and Don'ts in high school. They cover good citizenship, mannerisms, social customs, etc. Be sure and look for these placards. Not only are they well done, but they hit the nail right on the head!

EASY

Mr. Smith: "How do you manage to keep your bills down, Mr. Jones?"

Mr. Jones: "Easy — by keeping them paid up."



THE LIBRARIANS

The Library Club, a service club of the school, is one of the organizations in which persons must participate in order to receive a citizenship award.

The Club has now been in existence for three years. Many of the members will soon receive awards in the form of gold and silver pins. To receive a silver pin, one must be in his fourth semester of service and in good standing. To receive a gold pin, one must be in his sixth semester of service and in good standing. In order to be in good standing, the members must spend three hours each week in service.

Barbara Kreimer is president. Pat Alexander is secretary-treasurer. And of course Miss Brown, the school Librarian, is sponsor.

The ranks are in order: page second class, page first class, junior librarian second class, junior librarian first class, senior librarian second class, and last but not least, senior librarian first class.

Pvt. Dominic Simeri
 2677 Hq. Co. (Exp)
 APO 512 c/o Postmaster
 New York, New York

Dom reminds us that the fellows overseas are still counting on us to buy stamps and bonds, and, oh yes, Dom would appreciate a letter

... V —

Customer: "The sausages you sent me were meat at one end and bread crumbs at the other."

Butcher: "Quite so, madam. In these hard times it is very difficult to make both ends meat."

TOWER TALK

Hi, Chums! Have you heard the latest?? *Jack* (just - call - me - Tyrone) Miles has finally decided — *Rosemarie Hardig* is the lucky girl. We hereby offer our condolences to *Mina Costin*, *Willie Edison*, *Marcia West*, *Ruby Simmons*, *Pat Kinzig*, *Lorraine 'n Dorothy*, and many, many others. Better luck next time, girls.

We saw *Nancy Constantine* at the Hay Seed and Easter Bunny Hops with *Warner Green*. Oh, well. If at first you don't succeed, *Bob*, try, try again. (That goes for *Bill Snoko*, too.)

What is the matter with all of you Adams Don Juans?? You're turning into a bunch of wan Dons, if you ask us. (Which no one did, but we are telling you anyway.) You are letting the loveliest of the Adams lovelies be captivated by the G. I. Joes. Shame on you!!!

How long do you s'pose *Dick Schall* and the fair *Elaine* will continue to go around together? And what do you all think of *Joe* and *Corrine*?? Could it be gas rationing?? They live in the same neighborhood, you know.

Dode 'n Joan certainly were having a battle royal in the library the other day. They say that the course of true love never runs smoothly. It does, though, for some — f'instance: *Clippy 'n Nancy*. Contrary to a previous rumor, this couple is still going strong.

All is going well among most of our often seen couples. In fact, we have some new ones to add to the ever growing list:

Dickie Bruce 'n Mary Jane, *Ed Mendler 'n Pat Brehmer*, *Bob Kruyer 'n Helen Patty*, *Doug Robertson 'n Fran Bickel*, and — last but not least — *Don Barnbrook* and *Umbriago!*

Say! Have you seen *Hum's* new pin?? It's a beauty (both of 'em) and is she ever proud! Congratulations, *Hum!!!*

You all know the one about the ice man — well, something new has been added . . . *Mouse Muszer* is a coalman! Keep your Lux handy, girls.

Paul Johnston is our nomination for the WOLF of the week, month, and year with *Maynard Cohen* running a close second. Better watch out, girls.

We all coke at the local Bird Joint, soooo —

Cokingly yours,
 Matti 'n Harri.

"Don't you think, Doctor, that you over-charged me for attending John when he had measles?"

"No. I made six visits."

"But Doctor — don't forget he infected the whole school!"

ADAMS ARMED ALUMNI



Pvt. R. L. Troeger,
 Plt. 148. R.D.M.C.B.
 San Diego 41,
 California.
 March 19, 1944

Dear Staff:

I have a little time to myself, which is something we don't have much of here, so I thought I would drop you a line, and thank you for sending me the school paper. Several fellows in my platoon receive their school papers also, and to tell you the truth I believe ours is the best. Everyone in my "hut" likes to read it, and they enjoy it a lot, especially "Tower Talk," and "The Adams Apple."

I'm out here on the rifle range now, learning to fire the M-1, that's the Garand rifle (if that isn't spelled right excuse it, because we never use that term around here.) I never knew that there was so much to firing a rifle, boy some of the positions they get you into.

Well I'll have to stop now. Tell some of the kids to write me if they get time.

As Ever,
 Dick.

March 22, 1944

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

I received seven copies of the Tower yesterday and enjoyed them very much. They were dated as follows: Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 1, 8. I was glad to receive them although they were old. I haven't received any for this year as yet, but I am waiting patiently. I am overseas again and the Tower brings home nearer than ever. I have met one boy from Adams so far. His name is Glen Marks and he is a Corpsman in the Navy. As soon as I got the copies of the Tower, I had to show them to him and he enjoyed them as much as I did. I have been overseas for three months now, and sincerely wish I was back at Adams. I am sorry I didn't finish high school. If there are any students thinking of quitting, please talk them out of it, for their sake. Well, time is getting short so will close for now.

As ever,
 Pfc. Samuel J. Pressler
 Co. C Repl. Bn. T. C.
 V. A. C. c/o F. P. O.
 San Francisco, Calif.

COMPOSITE

Dave: "You said the composition I handed in was both good and original and yet you gave me a zero."

Teacher: "Well, the part that was original was no good, and the part that was good was not original."



THE ADAMS APPLE
By
Two Fresh Men

Talk of graduation is now filling the rather stagnant air of our halls these days. Most of the boys are planning to enter college it seems. Already, one enterprising lad has received circulars from Wilburforce College in Ohio. However, it appears that one little thing was overlooked by the Wilburforce authorities. If he had been about two shades darker, he could have qualified. We cannot understand this, though, as he was always the black sheep of the family. Lately, a few rubes have been too preoccupied to think about college. This has been brought about by Adams' new friend, Mr. Kowalski, of the City Hall Kowalskis, who has taken a definite liking to the Adams students. Daily, now, his cruiser-bruises can be seen in the neighborhood. They are tricky devils, these Chapin Street Cosmopolites, as they don various disguises in attempts to pull the wool over our eyes. One of their favorite guises is to dress up as beggars selling pencils. As soon as school is dismissed, they post themselves at various (ad)vantage points just daring the innocent students to raise a thumb other than to wipe their noses.

The day we happened on the scene was one of the few bright and sunny ones of the year. Happily running out of school came a new sophomore. (He was running because the rates at Harry's change at four o'clock) He was standing on the corner waiting for the bus, being jostled by Maynard Cohan and Mr. Neff, when he scratched his head with,

horror of horrors, his thumb! And then, everything happened at once. A squad car shot out of Ernie's, another officer jumped off the flagpole, bearing the soph to the ground and another rushed out of Ye Huddle carrying a half-finished malted milk in one hand and a piece of pie ala mode in the palm of the other. Hairy tattooed arms reached out from all sides and dragged our unsuspecting screaming second year man into a waiting squad car. In less time than it takes to tell, he found himself before Judge Kowalski. The genial magistrate inquired as to his name and address. The answer given, "Kasba Darnell," was immediately rejected however, as the court records showed that at least six people by the name of Darnell had been arrested from John Adams alone. Next, they gave him the third degree, but, because he was a regular gym student, took it with ease. Unable to loosen his tongue, the authorities were forced to release the unfortunate one and supply him with a blue admit so he would have no trouble getting past the office. Seriously though, fellows, what do you say we cooperate for once with the police and lessen the accident risk for ourselves and the motorists. Just think the next time before you raise that friendly thumb!

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| Total for week of March 27th | \$1,708.15 |
| Total for week of April 10th | \$1,550.45 |

New BAR GRAPH RACE has started!

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| Those in lead: | | Total per capita for two weeks |
| 11A's in 109 | \$26.83 | |
| 10B's in 109 | 24.71 | |
| Far behind the lead: | | |
| 12B's in 210 | 24c | |
| 12A's in 108 | 42c | |

FOUND
The absent-minded professor stopped in to see his doctor. The doctor felt his pulse and said: "That's all right; let me see your tongue." The professor complied.
"It looks all right," continued the doctor, "but why the postage stamp?"
"Ah!" beamed the professor, "so that's where I left it."

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BANQUET GIVEN FOR BASKETBALL TEAM

DINNER CLIMAXES OUR VICTORIOUS SEASON

Tribute and glory, which they so richly deserved, was presented to Coach Powell and our championship basketball team at the Basketball Banquet on Tuesday evening, April 11.

Praise and honorable mention was given to all of the members of the team, to the seniors, Don Barnbrook, Jack Houston, Bob McIntyre, John Ray, and Dick Lawitzke whom we are very unfortunate in losing, and to Andy, Ervy, Louie, Goldy and all the others who we are very fortunate in having back next year.

There was a fine and excellent array of speakers whose sharp tongues and quick wits kept the program at an intensely enjoyable tempo. Some of the more important speakers consisted of our own Mr. Krider, who I might say did a magnificent job, Mr. Boland the main speaker, Mr. Allen, Mr. Wood, Mr. Sargent, Mr. Powell, Mr. Neff and Mr. Overaker from the Tribune.

Praise was also given to the service clubs, the Senors—who sponsored the banquet, the Ushers Club, the Minute Men and John Adams as a whole for the superior success which we have achieved.

Mr. Boland, as the main speaker concentrated his remarks on the facts of how this basketball team had brought maturity and tradition to Adams. A tradition, as Mr. Boland put it, that future athletic teams and other representatives of Adams, must strive to keep alive. He also mentioned what an important part athletics will play in players' future lives. Mr. Boland expressed his wish that they would have lots of luck on the team that most will probably play on, the greatest team in the world, the United States Armed forces.

We, the Tower Staff, would again like to give our congratulations to a team that we can really be proud of. We'll never forget the honor that you have brought to Adams.

Jack Houston.

"Poor John didn't graduate from Harvard."

"Why not?"

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TRACK TEAM SHOWS MUCH IMPROVEMENT

In our first meet at Notre Dame on March 25, Adams acquired seven points. Three were won by Goldsberry's second place in the shot-put which was one inch short of the winner's. The other four points were picked up by Beal, Sefranka, Barnbrook and Mester. In that meet Adams tailed the list of the six contestants. Hammond won it with North Side, Ft. Wayne, in second place.

Our second encounter took place on March 31 in a dual meet with Mishawaka. Though Mishawaka doubled our score with a 68 to our 32, Adams' team showed definite improvement. Bob Carr who had not previously run in competition this year took a scorching first in the half mile run. Don Barnbrook and Wayne Sarber took expected firsts in the High Hurdles and Broad Jump. John Goldsberry heaved the shot an inch farther than he has heretofore put it this season. It is interesting to note that many present college competitors in that event would take second to John's 47, aided the cause by Joe Mester's 2nd place in the 440 and Fink's 2nd in the 60-yard dash. We also took six third places which indicates that we have various up and coming trackmen.

The team tonight, April 12, is contesting Riley at the school field. A few tyros who have not as yet demonstrated their ability will attempt to enter the limelight then. Though as yet our team has not looked too victorious, under the skillful tutoring and coaching of Mr. Krider, we should consistently start doing much better.

Sign at entrance to country home: "Watch out! Our dog is awfully careless since meat rationing."

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It seems that the toughest opponent that Adams' baseball team will have to face this year is the weather. Our sluggers have had hardly enough practice as yet to get their spikes dirty. Still our pitchers are getting in fine shape after practicing inside and outside for the last three weeks.

Nr. Neff, our coach, had the boys out throwing and catching the week before spring vacation and once during that recess. During that period the team could hardly do more than get back the old feel of the baseball. This was accomplished by infield and outfield practice.

Last week, Monday, Coach Neff held the most important practice as yet. He had the boys divide into two teams, one which faced the pitcher while the other fielded. Still to say that one team fielded while the other hit is quite an exaggeration for just one ball in the 2½-hour session entered the outfield. There were several balls hit in the infield, a few of which turned into singles. The pitchers did very well, walking possibly one or two men and striking out many.

The team with a maximum of about seven or eight days of workouts have played its first practice game last Thursday but as this paper goes to press on Wednesday the results will be told in next week's issue.

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| Mar. 31 | Mishawaka |
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| Apr. 19 | Central |
| Apr. 22 | Michigan City |
| Apr. 24 | Elkhart |
| Apr. 29 | City Meet |
| May 2 | Conference Trials |
| May 5 | Conference Finals |
| May 9 | Elkhart |
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