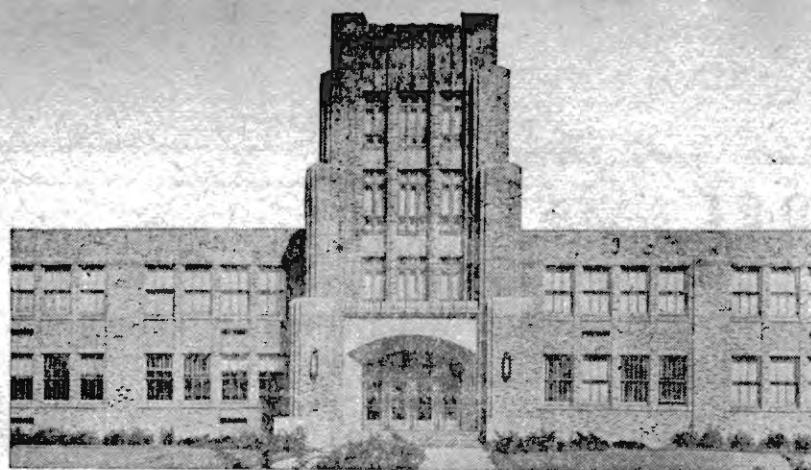


ADAMS



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February 7, 1945

GHOSTS GATHER AT ADAMS

Have you heard these Drama Club members complaining of play rehearsals? Oh, you didn't know a play was coming up? You're in for a surprise! February 15 is the red-letter day. On this date, a one-act play, "The Ghost Story," will be given by the members of the Drama Club. This play will star Tom Tanner and Dorothy Cox. Others in the cast will be members of the Drama Club. "The Ghost Story" will be given in an assembly, as a one-act play assembly is an annual Drama Club affair.

The committees to assist with the production are as follows:

PROPERTIES:

Chairman—Marion Grassby
Janice Van Houten
Jerry Bessler
Margaret Jahnke
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Chairman—Elayne Graf
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Thomas Bothast
Richard Busfield
Vernon Dull.

P.T.A. PLANS MEETING

Parents and teachers of Adams PTA are invited to a meeting February 7, at 7:45 p. m. The meeting will be held in the Little Theatre. Refreshments will be served.

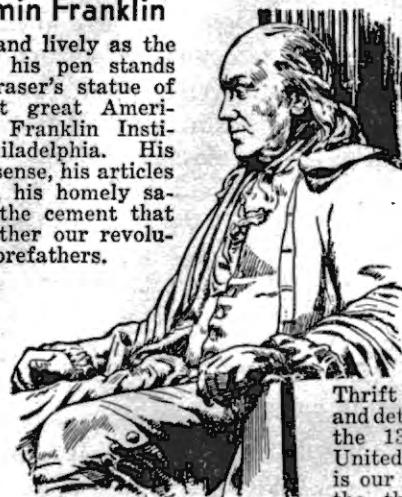
Miss Burns will speak on the topic, "Know Your School." Also on the program is a reading to be given in observance of the founding of the National Parent Teachers Association in 1897.

Entertainment will be supplied by an ensemble from the Adams Glee Club. The group under the direction of Mrs. Pate will give a fifteen minute program consisting of various secular songs.

BONDS OVER AMERICA * * *

Benjamin Franklin

Lifelike and lively as the prose of his pen stands James Fraser's statue of our "first great American," in Franklin Institute, Philadelphia. His common sense, his articles on thrift, his homely savor was the cement that held together our revolutionary forefathers.



Thrift and fortitude and determination made the 13 colonies these United States. Now it is our turn to preserve the things for which our forefathers died.

Buy War Bonds and Hold Them

BOB LEA TO SPEAK FOR ALTRUSA CLUB

The Speech Contest sponsored among the high schools of St. Joseph County last spring by the Altrusa Club, a service club for women, met with such interest and success, that it will be repeated this year.

The aim and purpose of this contest is told very well by its title, *The Advantages of Higher Education in the Post War World*. The goal is to arouse interest in higher education as preparation for the post-war era, to encourage young people to explore the possibilities of higher education in relation to a chosen vocation or to stimulate a desire to seek out various types of education available; professional, business training, trade school, etc.

From John Adams High School's Public Speaking class, Robert Lea has been chosen as our representative to take part in this county affair.

The contest will be held on February 8, 1945 in room 114 at Central High School, South Bend, at 7:30 P.M. Five judges, one from each of the five men's service clubs in South Bend, will select the first, sec-

COKE HELD BY DRAMA CLUB

On Wednesday, January 31, the members of the Drama Club were hosts at a "coke" in honor of the new sophomores. Mrs. Robert Swintz was the speaker. She explained dramatic criticisms. Mrs. Swintz was a critic of the South Bend Tribune.

Carolyn Deardorff and Jean Clark were chairmen of the affair. We hope all the sophomores who attended will want to become regular members of our Drama Club.

ond, and third place winners and will announce their decision that night.

On February 16, the Altura Club will honor all the contestants at a dinner at the LaSalle Hotel, at which time the three winners will present their speeches, and the awards will be made: a \$25 war bond to the first place winner; \$10 and \$15 in war stamps to the second and third place winners respectively.

Here's lots of good luck to our representative Bob Lea, we hope you are one of the winners.

WAR STAMP SALES

Total to date:	\$29,689.95
Week's total:	2,342.25

High-point rooms:	
10A's in 102	Total \$1,353.70
11A's in 106	Per Capita \$33.02
12A's in 205	318.50 7.77
	241.05 6.70

WILL YOU DO YOUR PART?

so that we can fly the School-at-War Flag in March? Because 18% of you didn't do your part in January the flag is down this month!

STOP—READ THIS

Because Adams' per cent of participation for January was only 82% we must take down our Schools-at-War Flag. All of us know how really unnecessary this was. And all of us know that each of us could have bought at least one ten cent war stamp during January. Think of all the people we know at Adams who are working! We realize that many of these people participate in buying stamps and bonds at their place of work but one war stamp bought at school wouldn't break them. This month let's all buy those stamps every Monday morning so that we can earn the right to have the Schools-at-War Flag in our school.

Here are some of the figures on January's sale:

100% PARTICIPATION IN JAN.

Rooms—	
102	206 Drafting
105	209 Library—new 10B's
	210—Graduating seniors

ROOMS UNDER 90% PARTICIPATION IN JANUARY

208—63%	201—75%
108—65%	204—80%
107—71%	106—85%
101—72%	207—89%

Rooms which have never earned a 100% participation for any month since beginning of school in September:

106	107	201
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Their's is certainly not an enviable record.

IS IT A GAME?

Oh! no—it's not another game—it's even better; if that's possible! For you see, the "Basket Ball" is a big dance to be given here at Adams. For our band, we aren't having Harry James, oh no, or T. Dorsey, oh no, but Betty Murphy; and her eleven piece band. Isn't that Super?

This jive hive is to be given in the Little Theatre on March the second. Well—doesn't that give you quite a while to find some date bait? I hope so. The time is from 8:30 to 11:30 P. M. and one person of the couple must be from John Adams.

Well—you've heard the argument—what's the verdict?

We judge a man by what he does, not by what he says.

The young lady entered the stationery store and asked for a can of floor wax.

"I'm sorry, miss," said the clerk, "we only have sealing wax here."

"Don't get fresh with me," she snapped. "Whoever heard of waxing a ceiling?"

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WHY FINISH SCHOOL?

Many people, mostly students, have been asked the very timely question, why finish school? How many could have answered it? A few would have said, "I like school, I want to go to school as long as I can because I like it." More would have said, "I intend to go to college and I would feel it to my advantage to have a high school diploma. Many more would have said, "I have nothing better to do, my folks want me to" or some remark equal in value to these.

I remember an incident that happened several years back in one of our city schools. A certain boy decided to he would like to withdraw. He was permitted to do this and immediately he got a job. It was not a very responsible position in an office or anything even comparably big. A year later he came back to school and asked to be enrolled again. He was a year behind his classmates but he did not care just as long as he could come back and finish school.

School itself will help you. If not in studies, you learn to meet people and get along well with them. If you intend to get married, in the case of the girls and settle down why not finish school. Your husband certainly wants no unintelligent stoop for a wife. If you plan to get any kind of a job that involves meeting the public, you must be able to talk intelligently and to impress your customers. If your job involves simple addition or trig. you must know how to do these things in order to succeed in your job.

All through life you will find an easier path if you have a high school diploma.

Forget? Never!

This week the Tower inaugurates a new column. It is one that the staff has wanted least to print, but due to understandable circumstances it is impossible to omit it any longer.

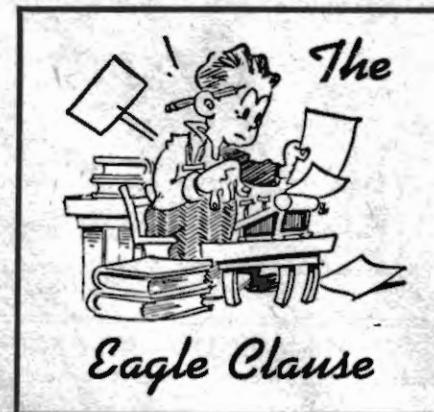
During war time, high school life remains little changed. Young people enter school, study, work, play, and spend four of the most pleasant years of their lives.

For the last three years nearly all of the fellows who have graduated from John Adams have entered the armed services of their country. The school now has almost three hundred alumni in different parts of the World, in the South Pacific, Europe, Alaska and on the Seven Seas.

War is expensive. It is expensive not only in material but in human lives. No war can be won without the expenditure of the life of one of us. Maybe it means the boy next door. Maybe it means the fellow across the table in study hall. Whatever it means, remember this, "we all have to die sometime, but we can't all die for something."

We can never forget what the boys listed in the column below have done for us.

PAUL BAILEY
ROBERT McINTYRE

**TIPS ON TASTE**

You, as teams, have been given tips on how to get a date, how to wear your hair, how to improve your personality, and various other such tips. Has anyone tipped you off about good manners and courtesy? You know you can be courteous and still be in the groove. A little bit of Sir Galahad won't make you any less "solid." So, gather round kids, and get hep!

The next time you guys approach a door and there happens to be a member of the frail and fair sex approaching the same door, why don't you open the door and allow her to enter first? You may have to pick her up off the floor where she's fallen in a dead faint (as she isn't used to such treatment), but don't give up! Keep trying and she'll get used to it. By the way, girls, it wouldn't hurt you to say "Thank you" when the stronger sex acts in the above manner.

First, our teachers. Every school must have teachers. We all love and cherish our teachers. Simmering it all down, they are all human beings of the nicest kind. When they beat you over the head with a book, that is their way of expressing their love for you and they want you to learn something. Flat Top was one of our graduates.

What subjects to take is the next topic to bring out my subtle writing, if it is alright wth my suffering subscribers. If a student wants to succeed in math, we have ten courses. There is Alg. 1, 2, 3, Geom. 1, 2, 3, Trigonometry. If you are able to move or think straight after taking all of this, that is a three course meal.

English is next. No one speaks it any more since ubongie has become popular so we won't say anything about it.

We have History, Physics, and millions of other little things to take up your time. Don't worry, the teachers will keep you busy.

As you travel down the hall, you hear those tender notes of the wolf call, being sung by King Wolf Jr., Jimmy McNeil. Now that boy is a real lover. He has made more girls swoon than Sonatra. (Ask Betty Cleg-horn.) Alum.

Now you come to the Tower entrance. This tower has a historical significance also. It was told that, during 1944, Garret Flikenger, at that time a brilliant Algebra 3 student, tried an experiment. He wanted to find out how long it took to fall from the top of the tower. His watch stopped half way down on his trip and he never did find out.

— McAlic

LILY WHITERS LESSON FOR TODAY

Can you have fun on your dates or do you have a stagnant line? Are you an interesting character or does your date have to resort to necking? When you get home do you have the feeling you've just stepped out of a dream or a wrestling match? Well, chum, if you've been accentuating the negative instead of the positive now's the time to clean house. As to that first point girls, men no longer prefer beauty instead of brains. If they want anything it's a little bit of both.

And fellows to be tall, dark, and handsome is all right but remember the age of chivalry isn't gone—yet. And let's save the gorilla warfare for Saipan. How about it—Just remember—

If necking in autos is your sport You may end up in a juvenile court.

"Lily Whitters."

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RAMBLIN' RASCALS

Something new is coming off in these next few (?) words. Since I've nothing big to say I'll illustrate it with several small ditties that won't amount to shucks.

You see I've written a book, and as I can't find a publisher, I'll just submit my chapters to the Tower and bind my own book.

Speaking of printing reminds me of Little Audrey's mother falling into the printing press, but little Audrey just laughed and laughed because she knew her mother wasn't the type.

The greatest problem we're facing right now is that song, "Don't Fence Me In." Every since we received our fatal report cards we've been pleading with our parents not to fence us in on Saturday nights.

With all of the big dances coming this Saturday, we must decide which to attend. Personally I think I'll just go through them all starting with Adams, of course.

It's natural for us to get a thrill seeing our names in print but I'll only mention a few. Ethel Schrader, Pat Kedzie, Betty Zimmer, Ward Groves, Bob Lea, and Betty Dunham.

Why doesn't Adams use "Jaber Wackey" talk like the funny paper. Don't you miss Sparkie and Mary Jane at our games, and how badly will we beat Riley? I wish I could get a good fountain pen and a date.

The sixth hour Chemistry Class has solved the problem of what to do if your date can't dance. Just pour a little Nitric Acid down his or her back and go to a dance anyhow.

When is 102 gonna lose the war bond chart, and when can we establish enough tradition at John Adams to get the sophs to make way for the seniors?

Why isn't it time for another vacation, and do the students really appreciate our janitors enough to keep papers out of the hall?

What are the words to "Accentuate the Positive?" Aren't Mr. Goldsberry's Social Living Classes and Mr. Krider's English classes the most interesting ones you've ever been in?

And last but not least, why, yes, why do people insist on writing (?) articles (?) like this???

DAFFYNITIONS

squad—to sit on one's heels.
lunge—to eat the noon time meal.
paradox—two ducks.
nertz—doctor's assistant.
row boat—mechanical man.
quote—an article of clothing to keep one warm.
acquire—a group of church singers.
arrest—what you take in study hall.
reason—dried up grape.
denial—a river in Egypt.
science—those things that say "no smoking."
kidnapping—a child sleeping.
conquer—hit her on the head.
intense—where draftees sleep.
sedate—what the girl friend says to her boy friend (he hopes).

ADAMS ARMED ALUMNI



Dutch New Guinea
January 21, 1945

Dear Miss Roell,

I received the two issues of Tower today, November 29, December 6, and I was very happy to get them. It's nice to know what goes on back in the old stamping-grounds where all people meet.

Back here in this beat up base we still are trying to give science something new. Yesterday, Maj. Poindexter, colored, from 93rd Inf. Division who is detached to this outfit, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for work toward science in an island here in S.W.P.A. He is working in our department and if he keeps on, he will be getting higher awards.

The work here and elsewhere is keeping us moving.

Rain, rain, that is what it has been doing for the past day. In January here, some twelve inches of rain fell, but a little water doesn't hurt. It is a lot better than the terrific heat we have.

Say hello to Mrs. Pate and Mr. Reber for me.

Thanks for sending the Tower, I appreciate it very much.

Best wishes,

Carroll

Sgt. Carroll C. Hyde, Jr., 35554716
19th General Lab.
APO 565 c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

January 10, 1945.

Dear Staff,

We knew that we were going to like France from the day we landed.

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Glee Club, 7:30 A. M.

Band, 7:45 A. M.

Basketball, Adams vs. Nappanee.

Monday, February 12

Bulletin.

War Stamps.

Tuesday, February 13

Iowa Silent Reading Test.

Wednesday, February 14

Glee Club, 7:30.

Basketball, Central vs. Emerson.

Drama Club, 3:30 P. M., Room 103.

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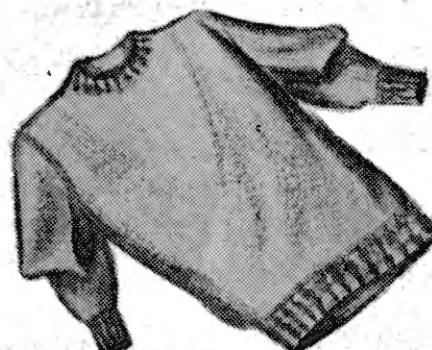
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PLYMOUTH DOWNS ADAMS 47-43

PILGRIMS RALLY TO WIN

January 26 in our basketball auditorium the invading Pilgrims from Plymouth downed our Eagles in a hard fought battle 47-43.

Adams took an early lead but our opponents gained slowly until the first quarter ended in a 10 to 10 deadlock. We outscored the Pilgrims in the second quarter and came out on top 23-20 at the half. The high stepping Eagles did well again in the third quarter.

In the hectic last period, our Adams fans though we were going to win until in the final minutes when late Pilgrim baskets put them in the lead and won the game.

Roy Andrews appearing in our line-up after an absence of two games because of illness proved himself again by scoring fifteen points. The scoring was fairly equal among the other players and each contributed his effort to win.

EAGLETS WIN AGAIN

The Eaglets won their second game of this season defeating Plymouth 17-15. Our sophomore boys led by a nice margin until the fourth quarter when Plymouth started playing.

A long shot with 30 seconds left to play put the two teams in a deadlock of 15 all, but Don Howell came back with a one handed push shot to win the game.

Good teamwork and accurate shots put our boys eight points in front before the Pilgrims scored.

Don Howell scored throughout the game and was the evenings high scorer with seven points.

Fye scored four times at the charity stripe and also scored a basket for a total of six points.

Cox with two points, Smith with two, and Wegner who played a good game on defense started the game with Howell and Fye.

Don Graf and Dan Walters also played well when they entered the battle.

FORT WAYNE CLIPS EAGLES

January 27 at Fort Wayne our fighting Eagles were beaten by the North Siders in a closely contested game.

Adams trailed during the whole encounter until the fourth quarter when Goldy hit on a long shot to tie the game 33 all. Leamen from Fort Wayne then dribbled down the floor and made a set shot from side court to win for his team mates.

This was our fifth conference defeat in seven starts.

TEAM TOTALS

	F.G.	F.T.	Total
McKinney	3	0	6
Goldsberry	3	0	6
Nitz	4	5	13
Andrews	2	2	6
Karlin	1	0	2
Howard	0	0	0
Personette	0	0	0

TOWER SPORTS COLUMN

The Tower Sport Column—something new in our Tower. This column, written by the sports editor, is merely the editor's ideas and views, and many times you will disagree with me but I hope to lose no friends over the matter. I also hope this column will become a tradition in the John Adams Tower.

First of all, I know we were all glad to see Roy Andrews back in our line-up against Plymouth. Andy missed two games because of illness but he showed his worth to us by scoring fifteen points against the Pilgrims and six at North Side.

It's too bad we lost both games over the week-end, we fought magnificently in the two encounters. Each was lost by very small margins to prove this.

Truly an oddity of this season's record is that we snapped Riley's perfect record and also Culver's clean slate, but teams with a lower winning average seem to haunt us and we just can't beat them.

Note to Dick Fohrer! Dick, you have friends! After the build up Roland Fye gave you on his record in English IV, I wondered if you hadn't paid Roland for his praising your playing in the Washington Game.

Well, I see those "Wildcats" from the South Side are still on the rampage. They are well on their way to the conference crown, but they still have to get by Nappanee, Michigan City, and John Adams. There is still rough sledding ahead for Riley!

You basketball fans probably noticed the state's No. 1 team, Jasper, was beaten by Evansville in the No. 2 spot. Personally, I never had much faith in those polls because it seems someone else always wins the state tournament.

We have two new sports writers on the staff who really seem raring to go. They are Keith Hall and Douglas Downey. Good luck to them!

Last of all, my heartiest congratulations to the "Eaglets", commonly known as the "B Team." They played the best I've seen them play last Friday night against Plymouth and won their second game this season. Sportingly yours,

—JIM.



Another new item on the sport page will be this weekly sketch of a team member. The player mentioned will not necessarily be outstanding during the week, but it is an opportunity for you to get acquainted with your team.

The player selected for this week is Glenn Personette. Glenn or "Percy" hails from Jefferson, where he made an outstanding record playing basketball. He is now a sophomore A at Adams and plays on the varsity. Coach Powell saw the talents in Glenn and selected him for the varsity early in the season. "Percy" is learning fast and should prove very valuable to us in the future. He played with the starting five for two games because of the absence of Andy and Karlin. Glenn's big night was against Washington when he scored ten points.

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FACULTY BEAT STUDENTS 34-7

Friday afternoon, January 26, two faculty members from Riley and Adams and some girls from St. Mary's College played a basketball game with girls from Riley and Adams. The faculty members and girls from St. Mary's won the game by a score of 34-7. Come on girls, this can't happen often.

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