



ROOM 102 WINS BOND GRAPH

PATTER ABOUT PATIENCE

Please! Wait just a minute and I'll give you the lowdown. You've got the wrong idea about "Patience!" When I said opera, I didn't mean anything as highbrow as "Tristram and Isolde" or "Sampson and Delilah." This opera is in English, like all Gilbert and Sullivan operas. Its plot is easy to follow and it is filled to the brim with delightful humor. Perhaps a brief synopsis would help.

The opera opens at Castle Bunthorne where we find Bunthorne where we find Bunthorne explaining the mysteries of love to twenty-love-sick maidens, who have thrown over their boy friends, the Dragoons, for Bunthorne. However, Bunthorne loves Patience, but Patience has never loved anyone but an aunt, having learned that true love is utter unselfishness. Here, Archibald Grosvenor appears, who Patience finds she loves, but will not marry because true love is utter unselfishness. Bunthorne decides to raffle himself off to the twenty maidens but just as the lot is drawn Patience says she will marry him because, "She detests him so." Now Bunthorne is deserted by the maidens who transfers their love to Grosvenor who resents it. When Bunthorne and Grosvenor meet, Bunthorne threatens to curse him if he doesn't cut his hair and become a commonplace man. After Grosvenor does this, Bunthorne is happy and Patience then comes engaged to Grosvenor. The maidens desert Bunthorne for their Dragoons and even Bunthorne's old admirer, Lady Jane, is married. So Bunthorne has no bride!

So you see, it's definitely not highbrow. You have a lot of good laughs and leave the opera humming the catchy tunes. Start spreading the news 'round about and reserve some time in March for "Patience!"

PIN UP BOY CHOSEN

In the weeks following the first article on this subject a "pin-up boy" has been chosen.

He is of medium height, with reddish-blond hair and a winning smile. If that doesn't give you a clue, here is another. He is liked by all who know him. He is rather shy.

You still don't know? Well, he is head coach of our basketball team. Yes, that's right! Coach Ralph Powell. How do you do it?

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WHICH CLASS WILL WIN THE SEMESTER RACE?

ADAMS ARMED ALUMNI



AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England — The Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal has been awarded to Staff Sergeant Ralph M. Markward, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Markward, of 726 32nd Street, South Bend, Ind., for "meritorious achievement" during Eighth Air Force bombing attacks on Nazi military and industrial targets.

The B-17 Flying Fortress tail gunner is a member of the 493rd Bomber Group commanded by Colonel Elbert Helton, of San Antonio, Texas. The group is a unit of the Third Air Division, the division which was cited by the President for its now historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of Messerschmitt plants at Regensburg, Germany.

Sgt. Markward, a 1943 graduate of the John Adams High School, was a turret lathe operator for the Studebaker Corporation, before entering the AAF in July, 1943. He was trained in aerial gunnery at Las Vegas, Nevada, where he received his wings in April, 1944.

January 22, 1945

Dear Miss Roell,

I have been receiving the Tower quite regularly. I really appreciate it, and I'm sure all of the other fellows in the service do too.

I received the graduation copy. It really brought me back to the day I graduated. Wish I was back in "good old Adams."

I think it's a swell idea of having that column, "Adams Armed Alumni." I have taken some addresses of fellows that I am going to write to.

I'm just hoping that I can get a leave next fall to see a good old football game. That's one thing I miss most. I did see Adams play Mishawaka this year. I really enjoyed that. Too bad we lost.

I'll have to sign off for now, Miss Roell. Keep the Tower coming, please.

One of your ex-students,

Neil

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NEW NOISES FROM ADAMS

New and different sounds are ringing through the halls of John Adams these days. You say you haven't heard anything new?

Why, just drop in the Latin class and you'll hear Miss Kaczmarek telling some boy how to ask a girl for a date in Latin. Or hear a Spanish student asking Miss Law if it will be all right to say, "Me permitio Ud. este baile?" Of course in Mr. Kridler's Shakespearean classes, the style may run like this—if I may borrow from Shakespeare:

"If music be the food of love,
Play on, 'cause I wanna dance!"

Regardless of the nature of the question, it all adds up to the "Basket Ball" Adams' school dance. The dance is being sponsored by the Tower and Seniors Clubs and will take place Friday, March 2 in the Little Theatre. The tickets are one dollar per couple.

Chairmen of the various committees are as follows:

General co-chairman — Dagny Lenon and Louie LaPierre.

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Tickets—Irwin Karlin and Jerry Gibson.

Invitations—Ruth Misinski and Mary Mann.

Decorations—Pat Kindig.

RED CROSS NEEDS YOUR HELP

The work of the Red Cross is world wide. The job of good Samaritan has become more expensive in the war. Again, the Red Cross is asking for our help in the form of money. The drive will begin March 5th.

A service man has a family problem and wishes advice. Many refugees of Europe are left homeless and must be taken care of. Hospitalized soldiers want entertainment. Floods kill many people and leave others in need of help. These are only a very few of the millions of services that the Red Cross performs.

Adams had always cooperated with the organization and since the need is so much greater, we should "give till it hurts." There is always some loose change in someone's pockets and Mom and Dad can always be squeezed for more funds.

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DON'T LET THEM DOWN!

To the students of Adams', this day is just another one of monotonous routine. We slouch to school each day complaining that the rooms in which we recite and study are too chilly or too stuffy to suit our individual natures. But let's think of our former student friends acting in a play for the privilege of our carrying on this very monotonous routine. Each day, for this brave actor, is without doubt full of monotony. Surely he must tire of living only day by day, often moment by moment—sometimes freezing—sometimes starving—never knowing how long it will be before his life will come to an abrupt stop. Yet he is content because he is doing his duty to his country and he does not and will not complain!

Probably, to most of us, this feeling is too distant from our thoughts. Some of us don't think far enough in the future. As we jog down the halls, habitually greeting our friends, we do not realize that someday—perhaps soon, that very friend may be in the South Pacific or in Germany or in Africa fighting to give his kid brother the same privilege of jogging carelessly down these same familiar halls! We have all heard the phrase, "The school is what the students and teachers make it." The same phrase may be applied in different ways. Our men on the battlefield can do only as much as we, students, factory workers, housewives, etc., only the homefront help them to do! They will be able to come home soon, or they may even be snatched from death if we help them. Let the students of Adams establish higher standards and then aim their efforts to reach them. If we succeed we are certain to be more anxious to look at those boys and tell them that we did our bit to bring them home sooner by lending our dimes and quarters to the grandest country in the world.

We in America have been receiving wonderful reports of our progress, but we have also been slowing down our own progress by being over-optimistic. Those boys are still dying—progress, yes, but deaths also. Progress—yes but defense stamps also!

Last week the new sophs made a great start. Let's see if the entire school can equal them by every individual student buying at least one defense stamp!

WHO WAS GREATER?

Washington fought for our independence. Lincoln fought for equality among men of all races. Washington gave birth to a free country; and Lincoln gave birth to a free race.

How can we have a free country, a democracy where all men are created equal if one race is oppressed by the other? What would be the circumstances now if slavery were still in existence in 1945? We have much to thank Lincoln for. His kindness, his goodness, sympathy and understanding made him one of the greatest men who ever lived. February 12 should have made us for at least a day of each year remember him, honoring him as he richly deserves.

This is not a page from a history book. Washington's story need not be told. You all know about Valley Forge. You know what a soldier Washington was. His bravery and fortitude will never be forgotten. Washington was more than a soldier. He was a statesman. How different things might have been for our country and it's people had Washington been merely a great warrior. We owe much to the father of our country and may the anniversary of his birth be looked upon with reverence each year.

With Lincoln's birthday in the not so distant past and Washington's birthday in the immediate future we ask the age old question. Who was greater, Lincoln or Washington?

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TOWER TALK

DID YOU KNOW:

Our Adams beauts seem to be turning away from our Adams men. They seem to prefer Central! Jan Van Houten and Fran Bickel are wearing "Smilers" metals. Not bad, and good going gals.

Now our attention goes Riley way. Barb Sheehe, one of our darling sophs, has been hearing quite a lot from a certain Fred Weidman. Al Nelson and Carl Johnson turn their attentions to Riley also. Madge Kuesner is wearing Al's ring and Ruthie Orton has Carl's. (Carl has Ruthie's). Didn't you see them at the Record Romp?

LOVE IN BLOOM:

Lynn Minzie and Jim Bowlin, Regina Freels and Bob Annis. Sue LaFollette and Dick Poyser, Frank Wolf and Joyce Witwer—Jack Jaqua and Jo Steinmetz.

AH—ROMANCE:

There will always be some who never grow tired of each other or dissatisfied, such as Andy and Phyl, Louie La Pierre and Mary Erhardt, Pat Lideker and Don Stephens, Ken Metcalf and Jeanne Ann Finneran, Elenor Dent and Al Starbuck, and B. L. Bryant and Phil Riner.

AH—NUTS-TO-ROMANCE:

There will always be some who never grow tired of being dissatisfied, such as Roland Fye, Louie McKinney, Jean Steinmetz, Dale Douglass, and John Goldsberry.

SEEN AROUND:

Bud Beutter and Jake Dempsey home from Purdue. Jim Target home on leave from the Navy.

Loads of new soph "B's"—Pam Hudson and Tom Lane, Paula Tanner and Harold Ziker, John Wisert and Nancy Flickinger.

UNPREDICTABLES:

All this may be changed by the time this goes to press—Bertie Addison and Fye, Herch Keefer and Norma Zimmerman, Dick (Tiny) Fohrer and Nan Bartol.

MISCELLANEOUS:

This semester has brought us some new "Senors". (If you haven't already observed it). They are: Bob Smith, Dewey Moore, Harold Ziker. Congratulations fellas!!—Speaking of "Senors," two of the past "Senors" were home, Dick (peroxide) Hudson and George (love them all) Turner. Last seen at Riley vs. Adams game with dates from Central.

Well,—this just about ends this week's gossip, so if you have any, remember the "Tower Box", in the Library.

More next week,

—FLEEBRAIN.

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES

Without giving "aid and comfort to the enemy," it is now safe to relate that during the recent cold spell, a six-year-old girl was asked to pray for warm weather so that her grandmother's rheumatism might pass away. Obediently, the child knelt and prayed: "Oh, Lord, please make it hot for Grandma."

—McALIC.

CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS ANNOUNCED

It is again time to begin to think about selecting the two outstanding citizens of the graduating class of June 1945.

To the boy and to the girl selected will go the pin that was made available by the first class of Seniors who were graduated from John Adams—Class of '42.

When the gift committee of that class decided upon a gift for the school they were making tradition. Nothing of the kind existed for them. When the committee set up the qualifications to be met they had in mind that all around good student who has maintained satisfactory scholarship, who has conducted himself as a gentleman, and who has participated in the activities of the school in such a fashion that these experiences have contributed to the enrichment of his high school education, and that he in turn has contributed to more than one phase of high school life.

The members of the June graduating class select the one boy and the one girl who in their estimation is worthy to receive this award. The facts that will be considered in this selection are as follows:

The individual must be in the upper one third of his class in scholarship. He must have been generally a good school citizen. He must have participated successfully in two of four groups of school activities: Athletics, Music (four semesters of active membership), School Activities (participation in one activity—school play, school concert, student, Tower staff, Album staff, debate.

To qualify in athletics a boy must have earned a monogram in either a major or minor sport. Girls who have earned a monogram in G. A. A. also would qualify.

If one has been active in Glee Club, Band, or Orchestra for four semesters and was in good standing when he ceased to be an active member he would satisfy the requirements.

The clubs considered to be service clubs are: Drama Club, Girl Reserve, Hi-Y, Junior Red Cross, Junior T. B. League, Library Club, Minute Men, Ushers Club, Seniors, Visual Education Operators. One may have been in one club four semesters, or in several clubs the aggregate of four semesters.

In the school activities a student need only to have participated in one of the events mentioned.

WHO?

Address: 606 Ironwood Drive
 Phone: 4-1286
 Hair: Brown
 Eyes: Blue
 Height: 5', 2-1/3"
 Age: 16
 Grade: 11A
 Favorite Food: Chocolate Sundaes
 Favorite Color: Blue
 Favorite Girlfriends: Bobby Sox Club
 Favorite Boy: Dick Fox (Navy)
 Favorite Subject: Shorthand — I guess it's what I spend the most time on.
 Favorite Pastime: Skating

Sectional Tourney Schedule

Walkerton	4 p. m. Fri.	1:30 p. m. Saturday	WINNER
Riley	7:00 p. m. Thurs.		
Madison		8:00 p. m. Saturday	WINNER
Washington-Clay	8:00 p. m. Thurs.		
Central	7 p. m. Fri.	2:30 p. m. Saturday	WINNER
Mishawaka	9:00 p. m. Thurs.		
New Carlisle		8 p. m. Fri.	WINNER
Washington	10:00 a. m. Friday		
S. B. Catholic		9 p. m. Fri.	WINNER
Central Catholic	11:00 a. m. Friday		
Greene		3:00 p. m. Friday	WINNER
Woodrow Wilson	2:00 p. m. Friday		
John Adams		3:00 p. m. Friday	WINNER
North Liberty			
Lakeville			

Guess the winner of each game of the sectional and the score for the final game. Mark this blank or a reasonable facsimile and place in the box in Mr. Reber's room: Prize: One season ticket to the Regional.



WED., FEB. 21.
 Glee Club 7:30 a. m.
 Drama Club 3:30 p. m.

THURS., FEB. 22.
 Band 7:45 a. m.
 Sectional Tourney 7:00 p. m.—Gym

FRI., FEB. 23.
 No School.
 Sectional Tourney—Gym.

SAT., FEB. 24.
 Sectional Tourney—Gym.

MON., FEB. 26.
 Bulletin.
 War Stamp Sale—Home Rooms.

TUES., FEB. 27.
 Glee Club 7:30 a. m.
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In civilian life he served in the Virginia House of Burgesses, Second Continental Congress, and as President of the United States.

It was fortunate for our country that Washington was President during the early years of our development and it is indeed fitting that we pay homage to this great man on his birthday this week.



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ADAMS WINS LAST HOME GAME BEFORE SECTIONAL

The Eagles won their first home game since December 8 on Friday, February 9, when our five mopped up the Nappanee Bulldogs in a conference game by a 43 to 41 score. Only the last quarter of this game was as close as the score indicates, Adams having a field day in the first three periods.

Although Nappanee got the jump, they were unable to take advantage of their possession of the ball, and Andy sunk the first basket of the game after two minutes of play. The first period was predominated by the Eagles, as is shown by the fact that we connected for eleven points, while our opponents were able to get but five.

We kept right on scoring in the second quarter, allowing the Bulldogs few chances to tally. When the first half ended, we were in the lead, the scoring being 24 to 12.

At first, the third quarter looked as if it belonged to Adams, but Nappanee began to hit, and slowly crept up on us. When Mr. Reber's gun ended this quarter, the score was 34 to 28 (Adams).

The Bulldogs scored first in the final quarter, on a free toss. Nitz came back to score a twin pointer for the Eagles, but after that Nappanee made nine points in a row, and before we knew what happened, the score was tied, 39 all. Goldsberry, who had been replaced by Fohrer in the third quarter, was sent back into the game, and our offense began to click. First Goldy then Andy scored, putting us in the lead. With three quarters of a minute to play, the Eagles started putting on the stall, but Nappanee managed to get the ball long enough to score once more. When the final gun sounded, we were on top, 43 to 41.

In the scoring department, Mid-daugh, one of our opponent's guards bagged the most points in the game, having five field goals and five free throws to his credit. McKinney was our high point man, with twelve points (six of these were collected at the free throw line). Nitz came next, with ten points. Andy and Goldsberry both scored three field goals and one free toss. Irv Karlin had five points after his name, and Dick Fohrer, two, from a nice tip in shot.

Our team played well in the first half, but fell down a little in the second. Their playing on the whole, however, is somewhat improved from several weeks ago. Mr. Powell is preparing the team for the Sec-

TOWER SPORTS COLUMN

The Riley "Wildcats" again hold the headlines for this week as they won the conference crown by defeating Michigan City. This is Riley's 15th year of conference play and for the first time they realized every teams ambition, winning the conference play. I would like to extend my best wishes and congratulations to the Riley squad and also to the Hi-Times Sport Staff for their excellent accounts of the games.

Louie (Leo) McKinney decided that he would be high point man against Nappanee so he worked hard and did take scoring honors with twelve points. Six were on free throws.

It was Goldy who pulled us out of the deadlock in the last quarter of the Nappanee game. We can always depend on John, maybe it is because of those cheese sandwiches from a certain admirer.

Charley Finger from Central clinched the conference scoring record by making nineteen points against Laporte. His Season totals is 147.

With tournament time here that subject holds most of the basketball fans discussion. Here are a few of my views on the tourney.

Of course we all want Adams to repeat its last year's performance and win. Although our season record isn't so good the Eagles are always "hot" around tournament time and they have a good chance to come through victorious.

Riley will be the favorite but remember during the Holiday Tourney? Adams defeated the top rated "Wildcats" and as I have said before, I don't like the favorites!

Central probably won't do too well without Finger, but don't underestimate their ability too much, because with boys like Johnny Hazen and

tional Tournament and they do show marked improvement from earlier season encounters. Adams should prove to be a very dangerous contender for the title.

GYM CLASSES HEAR DR. DENTON

On Friday, February 9, the first, second, fourth, and fifth hour gym classes were given a talk by Dr. Denton. Dr. Denton spoke on the evils of smoking and drinking. He also entertained the groups as he spoke as Dr. Denton was an accomplished cartoonist. He drew many interesting cartoons in connection with his subject. Dr. Denton gave us some interesting facts which it will do well for all of us to reconsider often. Assuming that none of us are perfect, I believe we benefited greatly by this good sound advice, given to us by a gentleman who knew and understood the problems a young person now faces.

Woodward in their lineup, they are still dangerous!

In my honest opinion, Mishawaka is the team to watch! They have been very impressing during the latter part of the season. My pal Eddie White says the Maroons don't hit well on the Adams' floor though, here's hoping that is true!

Washington has been underrated too much this season as proved by their defeating us twice! Bob Banaszak is really a point getter and needs to be watched.

Of course, the county teams will all be here many of them with fine records.

All in all this should be an exciting, worthwhile tourney, and I hope you'll all be there cheering for Adams.

Sportingly yours,
—JIM.

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This week Bob Nitz has been selected for this column. Bob is a Senior B at John Adams and his services will be available to us again next year.

Bob hails from Jefferson where he played basketball and was outstanding. He is 6' 1" tall and was one of the tallest players on the football team. Bob won his sweater in the recent awards assembly getting his quarters in as center on the football team. From all reports I hear, Bob trains for basketball with his heart in it because he enjoys basketball and wants to be a success. Bob is very valuable to the team by his excellence in getting rebounds and tip in shots under the basket. His season free throw record is very good.

We will have Bob back part of next season, and I know his services will be very valuable as they were this year.

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