



LEA - LA PIERRE LEAD SPEAKERS

Bob Lea, having won the elimination contest at Adams, was qualified for the county elimination of the national American Legion speech contest. The latter was held in the Riley auditorium, February 19. Bob was awarded first place and a \$25 war bond for his speech "Are We Living According to the Constitution?"

Other contestants represented Riley, Central, Mishawaka, and Washington-Clay high schools.

Judges of the contest were Chief Charleson, U. S. N., William Dooley, of the Notre Dame Alumni staff, and Prof. Brennen of Notre Dame.

Another elimination contest will be held in the near future for the county contest winners.

Louie LaPierre has won the first round of the Rotary Discussion Contest. This was a city-wide elimination contest in which contestants from five South Bend high schools and Mishawaka High School competed. First place and a billfold were awarded to Louie for his speech in accordance with the topic, "Peace and the Air Age-Rotary's Opportunity."

A district contest will soon be held in which the winners of various near-by cities will compete.

PURDUE DEANS TO BE HERE MARCH 9

Once again we are being honored by the presence of Mr. Damon, the Director of Admissions and Miss Coolidge, the Dean of Girls, from Purdue University. They will be here on March 9, during fourth hour.

The assembly is only for those interested in going to college and not just as an excuse to miss one afternoon class. If you are interested in attending you must obtain an admit from your home room teacher. Report to your fourth hour class first and then you will be excused from there.

The first part of the assembly Mr. Damon will speak for twenty or thirty minutes giving all possible information and after this he will answer any questions which may arise. He will speak to the boys and Miss Coolidge will speak to the girls.

Don't forget if you are interested it will be well worth your time to attend March 9, fourth hour—let's be on good behavior for that day.

ADAMS ARMED ALUMNI



February 20, 1945

Dear Miss Roell,

This is to inform you that I am now hanging my hat at a new field. I am at Midland Army Base; otherwise known as the Alma Mater of more bombardiers than any other field on earth.

I would also like to thank you for the copies of the "Tower" that I have received so far. Your "Armed Alumni Column", is especially interesting. Through this column it is possible to find out what some of the other boys are doing. I have been corresponding with Tom Delahanty, John Ray, and Ned Schantz, but that is about all.

I have been doing a little wondering about old J. A. H. S. lately. I wonder if Miss Brown would let me use the conference room next hour? I would like to know if anyone is saying "but you don't understand," to Mrs. McClure lately.

Well, there doesn't seem to be much more to say.

Jim

P. S.

Please inform Mr. Krider that I am still staying out of Southern political discussions and at the same time strengthening my left, in case I should get into one again.

A/C (Pvt.) James R. Ball 15345413
Squadron C Box 1099 M.A.A.F.
Midland, Texas.

France
February 13, 1945

Dear Miss Roell,

I've received four Towers this last week. You don't know how welcome they are; just like meeting old acquaintances.

We've been in France four months now. Landed in Marseilles, went up through the Rhone River Valley to the Vosges Mountains. We had quite a time of it in the mountains, but we got through them, and entered the Rhine River Valley. We are in Alsace now, waiting. We, the artillery, have it a little more lucky than some of the fellows over here. We most generally have a building to live in, and manage to get a stove set up. From what we get in packages from home and what we talk the cooks out of we manage to make our "little homes", with the aid of a broom and maybe repairing a shell hole in the wall, liveable.

As for meeting an Adamite, I must be in a lost battalion. It is very seldom I ever meet anyone from South Bend.

Sincerely,

Robert

Pfc. Robert W. Darr 35548030
Hq. Btry., 383 F. A. Bn. APO 470
c/o P. M., New York, New York

P. T. A. INTRODUCES NEW SET OF AWARDS

The Parent Teachers Association of John Adams High School will present this June for the first time two awards—one for the outstanding student in the Home Economics Department and the other for the outstanding student in the Industrial Arts Department.

The January and June graduates each year are eligible for the award which will be given once a year in the spring. The medal chosen is an original design in harmony with the others given at John Adams High School.

Selection of the candidates for the award in the Industrial Arts Department will be made on the basis of the following points:

- A major in the Industrial Arts.
- Achievement.
- Initiative.
- Originality.
- Care and respect of tools.
- Cooperation.
- Dependability.
- Respect for superiors.
- Safety habits.

Candidates for the award in Home Economics will be made from a similar list:

- A major in Home Economics.
- Achievement.
- Initiative.
- Originality.
- Cooperation.
- Dependability.
- Care of equipment.

The winning candidate each year will be chosen by a committee composed of the head counselor, a representative from the Parent Teachers Association, and the instructors in the department which the award is being given.

Mrs. L. N. Mann is now president of the P. T. A., and Mrs. Earle Straw acted as chairman of the committee on awards.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

Ned Schwantz, who graduated from Adams last June, spent part of his leave visiting in his dear Alma Mater. The second hour Social Living Class really got some inside dope on the Navy and how to get along in it. Good luck, Ned, and thanks a million.

This year, for the first time in the five years Mr. Reber has been holding his Sectional Contest, no one won. There is no need to say which game we all guessed wrong.

Did you see the 1945 Album cover in the Library? It's blue with gold lettering. Really a pretty sharp outfit, it is!

WAR STAMP SALES



Week's total \$ 1,233.65
Total to date \$34,863.00

CLASS TOTALS FOR FIVE WEEKS:

10B - 10A \$5,350.50
12B - 12A \$1,088.55
11B - 11A \$ 931.25
Adams' percent of participation for February 89%

ROOMS WITH A 100% PARTICIPATION: — CONGRATULATIONS!

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| 101 | 109 |
| 102 | Dr. |
| 106 | 203 |
| Lib. | 209 |

ROOMS 90% OR BETTER:

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|---------------------|---------------|
| 210 97% | 207 93% |
| 107 & 108 95% | 208 91% |
| 205 94% | 103 90% |

105, 201, 204, 206—We need your cooperation!

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| 206 80% | 204 62% |
| 201 73% | 105 20% |

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TOWER TALK

Dear Gossip Lovers:

I'll take my typewriter in one hand and pencil in the other and try to write you a little news. Certainly hasn't changed much in the past week, though.

I suppose you've all seen Peg Kedzie and Bill Peck, alumnus, here and there and around. I hear the gardenias and orchids don't mean as much as Bill, right Peg?

As I wandered down to the Hi-Spot with the rest of the gang last Friday night I saw a certain John and Jack vying for the attentions of Edith Webber. John said no to Jack, and visa-versa. Who won? Who was with Personette at the Elkhart game? He even took her dancing later!

Have seen many service men back to visit friends and teachers at Adams. Ed Chartier, Bill Snoke, Jim Targett, and Ned Schwanz have been around lately. Some of our Adams girls even have service men that aren't Adams grads bring them to school and call for them too. Barbara McFarlane was escorted by an Air Corps man, and Ann Miller has an especial interest in a Marine uniform.

Dan Walters: Many of us would like to know about the 500 word essay on "The Dangers of Hitchhiking." Bring it to school, it might make a good editorial for the Tower. Your English teacher will approve.

Besides books, Pat Lee carries a picture of a Naval Air Corps boy with her every day. Incidentally the big interest is home for 30 days.

Will try to round up more news for the next issue.

Gossipingly yours, Millie.



WHO IS

I've been hearing things about "Patience" and my curiosity is fully aroused. Some of the characters sound so strange. Or maybe it's the words. Anyway, do you know —

Who the aesthetic man is who is monopolized by transcendal lore and despises females?

Who is a doleful willow-willow waly?

Who is leaping Daphnyphorically with Pandean pleasure?

Who is followed by a score of damozels and is ultra-poetical, super-aesthetical?

Who is blithe and gay and finds a great gulf 'twizt her and her friends?

If you don't know, why don't you find out? March 20 at 8:00 p. m. has been set for the enlightening. Remember, that's "Patience's" night. We'll be seeing you there!

McAlic

TO GO STEADY

To go steady or not to go steady, that is the question. Will friends be lost if I should happen to go with one particular person all of the time, or will I make new friends, get in the swing of things by meeting different kids on double dates having a gay merry old time living one date to another knowing appreciating, and really liking the girl (boy) I am going with.

When you go out with someone you are not particularly interested in and find yourself secretly heaving a sigh or two, looking over at your date and wishing he were that particular date bait you had last week, you show the first S-T-E-A-D-Y sign. Wanting to be with that particular one and only, ONLY!!

High school is not so apt to fall into a rut, a monotonous day by day schedule when you find your solid Joe catching up with you to walk you down the hall. You'll find classes going faster as you have that "skip a beat" feeling mentally, and that "fall over your feet" feeling physically.

Kids have become more and more confused about this idea of going steady. Sometimes they wonder whether the love of their life is really staying at home studying or out with the boys or—or—! Naturally if loyalty and trustworthiness cannot be counted on the answer to the "should I should or should I shouldn't go steady question is strictly NO! There will not be any uncertainty if the kids are square and considerate with one another.

OR NOT TO GO STEADY

Going steady is one of the best rackets the boys have cooked up yet. Girls, you have to hand it to them. They have perfected an airtight set up—for them.

Bob asks Beverly to go steady. What can he lose? He can go over to Beverly's house any night he wants to without even calling to say he is coming. Why, that isn't proper etiquette. Ah—but have you forgotten? They go steady. That makes it different. He doesn't have to worry about tripping over another one of her boy friends in the living room. Beverly just naturally doesn't have any other boy friends, 'cause she's going steady.

There is also another convenient angle for the boys involved here. Suppose Bob and Bev have planned to go to a dance Saturday night. This was a big dance so they have talked about it several weeks in advance. Beverly bought a new formal she didn't really need because Bob had said he liked pink. About two days before the dance one of Bob's friends disclosed that he was on his way to the navy. Guess what night Bob and his chums had the farewell party for the sailor. Sure, Saturday night, the night of the dance. Bob was really sorry he couldn't take Bev to the dance. What can a guy do? They had to give the party while the fellow was still here. Uncle Sam doesn't wait. Besides, Beverly won't get mad. She'll understand after all, she's my girl.

What happened to Beverly and the dance? What about her new formal? Formals do cost money. Why, nothing happened to Beverly. Bob knew he didn't have to worry about another guy taking her to the dance at the last minute. The formal, she can wear it to the next dance. Gee, it's a lot of fun to go steady.

The two moonbeams riding the cloud find it just as much fun to go for a walk or have an ordinary evening date such as a coke and movie or a school dance than to pay \$25 for an evening at the Ritz. Maybe they are on such a far away cloud they don't know the difference between a hamburger stand and the Ritz, but you can bet it's a pretty wonderful feeling.

If you've got that certain feeling and find yourself humming:

"All of a sudden my heart sings
When I remember little things
The way you dance and hold me tight,
The way you kiss and say goodnight,
The crazy things we say and do—
The fun it is to be with you,"
You've got the sure sign of STEADYNESS!

IN MEMORIAM

PAUL BAILEY

ROBERT McINTYRE

IN A WORD DESCRIPTIONS

BLONDS:
Elayne Graf
Shirley Platt
Fran Bickel
Doris Spotts
Lois Callsen

MUSICAL:
Herchel Keefer
Nancy Bartol
Joyce Hogman
Beverly Harden
Dick Guin

QUICK:
Eunice Everett
Chet Zubler
Doris Everett
Bob Nielson
Lois Ann Jonas

SHORTIE:
Dick Hammond
JoAnn Spry
Dorothy Bella
"Scrap" Young
Ann McNamee

10 B's:
Gene Balok
Howard Nivens
Nancy Flickinger
Pam Hudson
Janice Null

WELL DRESSED:
Dick Schall
Janice Null
Joyce Witwer
Carl Johnson
Joe Jones

ATHLETIC:
Curt Heckaman
Lucille Janick
John Goldsberry
Joyce Meyers
Irv Karlin

GIGGLERS:
Joan Zent
Regina Freels
Wava Wishman
Betty Jimerson
Betty Hendrickson

RED:
Pat Lidecker
Bob Tucker
Theresa Lazzara
Dorothy Cox
Phyllis Householder



HOW DO YOU LIKE ADAMS?

GENE BALOK — Adams is a good school.
PAM HUDSON — If a new soph may venture her humble opinion—it's a wonderful life!
GENE FLOWERS — It's O. K.
HOWARD NIVENS — I think Adams is a very patriotic school.
JANICE NULL — It seems better than I ever dreamed. I can't put into words how much I like Adams, "It's just plain swell!"
HOWARD KETTLETY — It really is different.

LETTERS IN LYRICS

"Dearly Beloved,"
"I'm Making Believe" that we are "Together" again. "I'm Wishing" that you were "In my Arms" "whispering" "I Love You."
"I Dream of You" "Always" and "My Dreams Are Getting Better all the Time." I dreamed we were "Walking by the River." Then we were walking "On the Sidewalks of New York" and we stopped at a dining room in a "Small Hotel" for "Tea for Two." "I Miss You" and can hardly wait for the time to come "When the Lights go on Again All Over the World."
Remember "The First Time I Saw You?" It was "Three O'clock in the Morning" "After the Ball was Over." You said please "Show Me the Way to Go Home" and you did. "What a Difference a Day Made." "An Hour Never Passes" but that I wonder if you "Miss Me" "Night and Day." "You are Always in my Heart." "How Many Hearts Have You Broken" "Over There?" Keep away from "Mademoiselle from Armateas" for "You Belong to Me." Is it "Because" "You Always Hurt the One You Love" or are you just "Careless?"
"There's a Great Day Coming Manana" and then you'll be marching home to the "Victory Polka." I know "We'll Meet Again." "Till Then" I remain,
"Yours",
"Josephine"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Tower hasn't been receiving all the letters to the Editor that they would like to receive. We want to know your ideas on things also. Maybe there's some gossip printed that's not the truth (but what gossip is!) write and express your opinion and we'll see what can be done about it. If there's something around school that you especially like or dislike, drop a note with your name on it in the Tower box and we'll see what can be done about it. It doesn't take long to scratch down your opinion so we'll be waiting to hear from you. Don't let us down.

WEDDING BELLS

Lois Payton Wayne Sarber
Marilyn Beal Harry Sanders
Betty Stegman Dick Alabaugh
Wilma Davis Harry McKinney
Mildred Beebe John Bybee
Helen Trader Theo Freeland
Lois Feldman Ed Heitger
Ted Deafenbaugh Ruby Gooding
Jane Landick Herschel Wamsley
Barbara Schubert Jim Ramer
Alice Lord Ray Eagles
Lorraine Akre Rex Von Bergen
Donna Marker Wayne Brayton



Wednesday, March 7
Glee Club 7:30 A. M.
Thursday, March 8
Band 7:45.
Friday, March 9
Glee Club 7:30
College Assembly 12:50—
Little Theater.
Monday, March 12
Bulletin.
Stamp Sales—Home Room.
Tuesday, March 13
Glee Club 7:30.
Talk for Seniors in Little Theater
8:30.
Band 7:45.
Wednesday, March 14
Glee Club 7:30.

LOIS GARNITZ VISITS DRAMA CLUB

Following the regular Wednesday business meeting, February 21, the Drama Club was privileged to have Lois Garnitz present a one act play. Miss Garnitz is from Central.

BELLS TO:

Our fine library staff. Have you ever noticed how they work?
The Ushers. That's a lot of work.
Our Debate Team. Do you know what they're doing these days?
Dagny Lenon. I just found out how much work she does as editor-in-chief. (P.S. to editor. No fair censoring this.)
The Glee Club for their fine programs and work in the opera soon to be given.

NO BELLS TO:

The "gentlemen" who make a mad dash out of school to be first on the bus, no matter who they shove out of the way.
The people who don't put library books back in the correct place.
Those who criticize the basketball team the minute we're a few points behind.
Any one who will criticize "The Tower" and not do one thing to make it a better paper.

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ADAMS WINS IN OVERTIME GAME

RILEY ANNEXES SECTIONAL CROWN

The annual Sectional Tournament played in the Adams gym went true to form for the pre-tourney dopesters. The highly favored Wildcats easily walked off with the laurels

At 7:00 P. M. on Thursday, February 22, Riley's south side tribe waded through a weak Madison team 55-32. Central had no trouble with Washington-Clay coming out on the long end of a 53-32 score. Mishawaka crushed New Carlisle 43-20 in the final evening game.

Friday was a full day of basketball, opening in the morning with Washington beating S. B. Catholic 47-29 and Central Catholic over Greene Twp. 39-20. The most thrilling game of the tourney was Adams against Wilson. Wilson was the only undefeated team in the tourney and Adams had a 50-50 chance to win. It looked as though Wilson would walk away with the game scoring eight points before Adams scored. Two baskets by Goldy were not counted and things were very dark as Adams trailed by ten or twelve points all the way. In the third quarter we still lagged miserably and not until the final period did we show some spark. Irv Karlin finally tied the score at 32 all and the lead changed back and forth until the gun sounded ending the regulation time in a 36-36 deadlock. Goldy sparked the overtime with two baskets while Wilson could get only one. The end finally came, much to the fans relief, and Adams won 40-38. Lakeville defeated North Liberty 43-35 and for the final afternoon game Riley knocked off a stubborn Walkerton quintet 69-45.

Friday night the feature attraction was Mishawaka mixing with Central. It was a hard fought game, Central winning 40-38. Washington trounced Central Catholic 26-19 and in the final game of the evening Lakeville upset Adams 34-29. Karlin took scoring honors with seven points.

In the semi-finals Saturday afternoon Riley whipped Central and Washington came from behind to abolish Lakeville 42-32.

There was little doubt of the outcome of the final game, Riley easily won, paced by Bob Whitmer, 45-26.

Postman's wife: "Pa, you look all tuckered out."

Postman: "I am. I've been all over town lookin' for a guy named 'Fragile.'"

TOWER SPORTS COLUMN

As usual, my predictions on the Sectional Tourney were all wrong. Riley really is a power house and should prove to be a dangerous contender in the Regionals—by this time of course we will know how the Regional Tourney went.

The thing that drew an ovation from all the crowd at the Sectional was when Mr. Reber announced that Jimtown beat Elkhart. That is really swell because Jimtown is very small and this is the first time in history they have won the Elkhart tourney. I guess they really had a celebration.

Louie was the tourney high scorer for Adams by collecting five field goals and seven free throws for a total of seventeen points. Louie played very hard and had a fine ending to his basketball career at Adams.

Lack of space prevents me from giving due compliments to all the team members, especially the ones that are graduating, Andy, Karlin and Goldy. We know they played their best during the season and I sure hope they enjoyed their last basketball season.

Andy ended his career by being the season high scorer in all games played including the tournament. His total was 154 points. Nice going Andy. The totals for the rest of the team members is in the Long Shot column.

The Adams-Wilson encounter was the third overtime in Adams history, the second this year. In both previous overtime games we lost and in both we failed to score. This one was different, for John Goldsberry took the matter in his own capable hands and scored four points to win our first extra period game!

Sportingly yours,
Jim

Diamonds -- Jewelry -- Watches
J. Trethewey
Joe the Jeweler
104 N. Main St. J.M.S. Bldg.

SPRING FOOTBALL PRACTICE STARTED

Spring football practice began on February 26 when boys interested reported to Mr. Goldsberry. Practice uniforms were issued on this day, and practice began in earnest on February 27.

Mr. Goldsberry stated that he wanted to encourage many boys from the lower grades at Adams to go out for football. Next fall's team will be selected from those who went out for this practice, and any boy who did not practice this spring will not be allowed to go out in the fall unless he has a very good excuse.

The practices consist mostly of plays and fundamentals rather than of scrimmaging. The practice will last approximately three weeks.

GIRLS BOWL IN TOURNAMENT

Twelve girls participated in the bowling tournament. Each girl bowled three games and the girl totaling the most points after the three games was the winner. Wava Douglas was the winner with a score of 422 points or an average of 140 points a game. Joan Schott was second with 391 points and Shirley Beascker third with 370 points.

MEYERS WINS CONTEST

On February 20, a basketball free throw contest was held. Fifteen girls participated in the contest and the one making the most baskets out of twenty-five shots was declared the winner. The first try Lucille Janick and Joyce Meyers tied for first place: both made fifteen baskets out of twenty-five. In the play off of the tie Joyce Meyers won, making fourteen out of twenty-five.

A curious boy, watching a car being loaded at the station, later inquired, "Why do they call it a shipment if it goes in a car, and a cargo when it goes in a ship?"



TOURNEY TOTALS

| | F.G. | F.T. | T.P. | P.F. |
|------------|------|------|------|------|
| Nitz | 3 | 0 | 6 | 3 |
| Goldsberry | 7 | 2 | 16 | 3 |
| Andrews | 4 | 3 | 11 | 7 |
| Karlin | 7 | 1 | 15 | 1 |
| McKinney | 5 | 7 | 17 | 4 |
| Wulf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Personette | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Smith | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Howard | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Fohrer | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

FINAL STANDINGS OF COUNTY TEAMS

| Team | Won | Lost |
|-----------------|-----|------|
| Riley* | 23 | 2 |
| Wilson | 19 | 1 |
| Lakeville | 15 | 8 |
| New Carlisle | 14 | 8 |
| Central | 15 | 8 |
| Mishawaka | 13 | 7 |
| Walkerton | 12 | 8 |
| Washington Clay | 9 | 10 |
| Washington | 9 | 16 |
| Central Cath. | 8 | 10 |
| S. B. Catholic | 7 | 12 |
| Madison Twp. | 7 | 14 |
| John Adams | 7 | 14 |
| North Liberty | 6 | 14 |
| Green Twp. | 0 | 18 |

* Prior to Regionals.

SEASON TOTAL POINTS

| | |
|------------|-----|
| Nitz | 144 |
| Goldsberry | 117 |
| Andrews | 154 |
| Karlin | 121 |
| McKinney | 100 |
| Wulf | 3 |
| Personette | 35 |
| Smith | 6 |
| Howard | 34 |
| Fohrer | 29 |

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