



## NEW ADDRESS, PLEASE

Now that everyone is well established at Adams and has settled down to the everyday routine, we are beginning to wonder what has become of all our friends in the 1945 graduating class. Here is the picture.

Many of the fellas and girls have enrolled at the University of Indiana. Jack Harris, John Goldsberry, Carol Seymour and Betty Murphy, who won a music scholarship, will be there this year. Purdue is always popular, too, and Jack Beal, Jack Chappell, Howard DePree, Dale Douglass, Mary Erhardt, Pat Kindig, Howard Koenigshof, Reva Resnick, Phil Riner, Doug Robertson, Martha Schloerke, Roger Schoonaert, Barbara Straw, Jack Tarr, Alan Nelson and Philip Thompson have all enrolled there for their first year away. Joan Getzinger, Betty Erhardt and Betty Randa have entered nurses training at St. Joseph Hospital. Pat Kedzie will begin in January at St. Joseph Hospital in Mishawaka as will Frances Mustak and Norma Whiteman. Three girls have just entered Memorial Hospital. They are Elayne Graf, Barbara Rummel and Georgia Miller. The Navy has claimed a great number of the fellas including Bud Beutter, James Bowlin, Frank Darnell, Jack Gatchell, Glenn Hawkins, Frank Marrs, Louis McKinney, Fred Schleiger, Dick Stevens and Tom Tanner who is in the V-5 program. Adams will be represented at the University of Michigan by Nancy Constantine, Beverly Herman, Virginia Hyde and Louis LaPierre. Sally Sunderlin has chosen Lawrence College of Appleton, Wisconsin, while Ilene Welber is attending the University of Minnesota. Wanda Teska has enrolled in Marion College at Marion, Indiana, and Nancy Tusing is attending Franklin College. Dagny Lenon and Mary Blanche Mann began their studies at St. Mary's a few weeks ago. Iva McCullough has enrolled at Emanuel College in Berrien Springs, Michigan. A few girls will take the Indiana University extension course—these include Marguerite Connon, Linda Myers, Pat Alexander, Betty Martin and Joan LaBar. William Davis, Robert Duncan, John Fleischman, Erwin Karlin and Jack Weil are all in the Army. Ethel Schrader is holding the fort at School City.

We have attempted to give you a picture of what our newest Adams alumni are doing. However, we realize that it is not complete and in some cases rather inaccurate because of last minute changes in plans.

## HI-SPOT ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Hi-Spot Spotlight has been turned on the election of officers for the 1945-46 season. Starting its third year, the Spot's members elected Phil Chidister (Riley) to take over the retiring president's work(?). Adams' Bo Bayman is the new vice-president with Harriet Lawson (Riley) as treasurer and Gene Baney (Riley) as secretary. As school representatives these students were chosen to represent their respective school. Adams: Thom Rutherford, Dan Walters, and Joe Catanzarite; Riley: Joan Campbell, Pat Simmonds; Washington, Doris Banazak and Mary Bencosis; Central: Wanita Clark, Bob Temple and Jerry Buhler; Mishawaka: Denny Kemp.

## GIRL RESERVES HOLD MEETING OCTOBER 3

There will be a Girl Reserves meeting Wednesday, October 3, in the mezzanine of the cafeteria. Girls interested in joining please be there. We have a super schedule lined up you will not want to miss, that is if you like dances, hayrides, swimming, parties, etc. Our sponsor will be Miss Rohrer. How about it, let's get started and make the Adams Girl Reserves the best.

## GLEE CLUB ACTIVITIES

Our Glee Club is growing. Yes, growing by leaps and bounds. You heard about most of the new members last week. Many more have tried out and only two have been accepted. They are Pat Bonnell and Pat Pence. Incidentally, if you try out for Glee Club and don't make it the first time, try again, maybe you'll succeed the next time. The Glee Club is growing in quality as well as in number. Our basses, those handsome men with the deep voices, sound really super. If you're lingering down around the Little Theatre you'll hear them booming out on the North Central music.

Ever since the Glee Club was organized it has been growing, going forward, doing more difficult things every year. Each year doing something different. This year the new thing is a student governing body. The student Glee Club members plan the rehearsals, help Mrs. Pate choose the music and do all the little things that makes managing a Glee Club so difficult.

## 10B'S PLAN SERIES OF GUIDANCE TALKS

On Tuesday the 9th, 16th, and 23rd of October a series of talks will be held for the 10B classes. The speakers will be announced later.

On one of the scheduled mornings only the girls will hear a talk and on another such morning the boys will hear a talk. The contents of the talks will be critical fields of occupations for boys and girls, such as teaching, nursing, engineering, etc.

These talks will be very educational and their purpose is to help the 10B students in choosing or learning more about their prospective occupation so that they will be happy when they leave school and go out into the business world.

## RECREATION NIGHT CONTINUES

Reviving the much called for custom of last year, Recreation Night will be held on Thursday, October 4 from 7 to 9 p. m. At this time we offer dancing and games. Other Recreation nights during October will be Thursday the 11th and 18th. Get your parents' consent cards from your gym teacher, have them signed, and return them to the teacher as soon as possible.

## LIBRARY CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The annual election of officers of the John Adams Library Club was held Thursday, September 20, with the result that Lois Hamman is the president for the ensuing year. Wava Wishman was chosen as vice-president, and Mary Ann Goodyear, secretary. This organization under the capable guidance of Miss Dorothy Brown will carry out all library work this year.

## G. A. A. SPONSORS TRIP TO PLYMOUTH

School spirit; sure we have it. We mean we hope 40 or 45 students have school spirit Friday, October 12. G. A. A. is sponsoring a student trip to Plymouth for the Adams-Plymouth game. The round trip bus fare is \$1.00. The bus will be made up at school and return to school. If you are interested in going with the crowd bring the \$1.00 and a note from home, with your parents' permission for you to make the trip, to the office not later than Friday, October 6.

Student tickets for the game will be sold here at school from October 9-12.



## UNDER THE GASLIGHT OCTOBER 20

Without a doubt most of the American public saw the melodrama "Gaslight" with Ingrid Bergman and Charles Boyer for which Miss Bergman received the Academy Award. The next production at Adams is to be a similar melodrama of the same time in which the heroine inevitably gets tied to the railroad tracks. It is to be given on the night of October 20 and the cast is as follows:

1. Ray Trafford, Jerry Gibson; 2. Snorkey, Homer Badgett; 3. Byke, Gene Yundt; 4. Demilt, Kent Brown; 5. Windel, John Weissert; 6. Signal Man, Garrett Flickenger; 7. Check Boy, Bob Welber; 8. Bermucas, Ronnie Byter; 9. Peanuts, Dick Hoffman.
  10. Laura Courtland, Pat Kissenger; 11. Pearl Cortland, Jean Steinmetz; 12. Peach Blossom, Pat Guyon; 13. Old Judas, Lois Lenon; 14. Mrs. Van Dam, Carolyn Deardorff; 15. Sue Earlie, Shirley Williams; 16. Lizzie Liston, Doris Chambers; 17. Justices, Herbert Singleton, Charles Ortt; 18. Officer 999, Bob Waechter; 19. Martin, Jerry Wineberg; 20. Extras, Bill Marrs, Emory Thomas, Dick Brotherson, Donna Chambers, Pam Hudson.
- Mrs. Archibold McClure and Mr. James L. Casady are to direct the production.

## MISS BELDON BECOMES MRS. SCOTT

The Adams faculty and student body join in wishing best luck and happiness to Mrs. John Lloyd Scott in her new role as teacher, housewife. Mrs. Scott, whom we knew as Miss Beldon, is continuing her position as head of the girls' physical education department here at Adams. Rev. T. M. Greenhoe, formerly of South Bend, performed the marriage ceremony, August 20, in Crothersville, Indiana, home town of both the bride and groom. After spending a week's honeymoon in Chicago, the couple returned to South Bend where they now reside.

## LOST

An add-a-pearl necklace containing about 20 pearls. Reward.  
BARBARA SHEEHE — 201

# TOWER THE STAFF TOWER

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An essay contest sponsored in the July issue of *Open Road for Boys*, open to the boys of America, brought in numerous impressive answers from all over the country. Fred Wegner showed his interest in the topic by submitting a letter to the editor in answer to the question: "Shall the United States require every young man, on or after reaching the age of eighteen, to devote one year to compulsory military training?", for which he won third place and five dollars in victory stamps.

Fred's letter is as follows:

Dear Sir:

To your question regarding compulsory military training, my reply is an emphatic "No!". From our earliest school days the benefits and advantages of a democratic form of government have been impressed upon our minds. Is it because we have lost faith in this form of government that we must now resort to compulsory military training?

Let us weigh the arguments of those who wish to undertake such action. In their proper order we would first ask, "Is it Christian?" Would such action be in accord with the Supreme Law of the Universe—the Ten Commandments? It would be absurd and preposterous to think it would be. Church organizations throughout the country have urged their Congressmen to reject the proposal.

Cleanliness is next to Godliness. Would one year of compulsory military training improve the health of our nation? I doubt very much that it would. Forty-three per cent of the first million men examined for military service in 1941 were found unfit for general military service and twenty-eight per cent for any military service. With this the case thousands of men who really need the training will not be benefited by it. To think it possible to make fine healthy specimens of our young men by giving them a vigorous training program for only one year in their life is mere fallacy.

Social effects of the proposal further condemn it. Boys expecting to go to college would have to postpone their plans for a year. Influenced by army life they may be led to believe that further education would be unnecessary. Another year would be added to the already extensive training of a medical student.

The United States has been in the war almost four years. Yet in this comparatively short time we have witnessed numerous inventions such as the German flying bombs, jet- and rocket-propelled planes, flame throwing tanks, longer range bombers, and faster firing, more deadly firearms. If all of these were accomplished in four years, an eighteen-year-old would have to take further training to acquaint himself with the new weapons if we went to war only four years after he had taken his first training. Thus, his previous training was not only a waste of time but was an unnecessary government expense.

I believe the most condemning factor of this proposal would be discrimination brought about by those who would not qualify for the training program because of physical handicaps. Those persons unfit for training would be able to continue their education without interruption or establish themselves in business gaining an entire year over others their own age. We cannot have democracy, which is ostensibly a political and social equality, and tolerate discrimination!

For better citizens of today and for peace tomorrow we should not and must not militarize our youth.

Fred Wegner.

## TOWER MINOR STAFF TOWER

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## SEE SAW OF ADAMS

Your fireside correspondent, Jakie McAlic, reports, "There'll be a hot time in the old town tonight or September is bustin' out all over." FLASH! World came to an end Sept. 21, 1945 at 9:33.

Traveling conditions were so bad that I didn't get to heaven until 9:34. My passport wasn't in order so I had to go until it was cleared up. While talking to my good friend St. Peter (Pete McNamee in disguise) I saw the teaching staff enter the Pearly Gates followed by Don Graf, Skip McGee, Don Senior, Bill Lambert and Al Pearson. After saying goodbye to St. Pete, I took the elevator down to the main floor. While going down I saw Frances Richards, Hellen Patty, Bernice Alderfer, Marilyn Wintz and many other girls floating to heaven on a cloud.

When I came to the main floor, I was greeted by many of my friends. The head office gave me a personal guide, Bill Morse, to show me around. First we went to Heating Dept. 3. My old friend Carl Cook was foreman. He knew the world was coming to an end, so he applied for a commission. Bob Matton was foreman of Dept. 9. Pat Catanzarite was master crib boy first class. He passed out shovels designed by Bob Buel. They were Atomic cooled. These are a few of the departments I visited. My passport was finally cleared up and I had to go back to heaven.

It's very nice up here, but the rules are very hard to follow. If you have any bad thoughts your wings fall off and you start working for Carl Cook. Well! Well! If it isn't my old friend, Mildred Peterson. "Jakie! shove 37 Dept. 5." Yes Carl.

Jakie McAlic.

## SCHOOL DAZE

Glee Club training is a fine thing and will have its benefit to the last item of any career. Control of breathing and coordination of the muscles of the thorax are factors of choral music. After all, look at the gusto with which Slats Ramer blows his police whistle.

Doesn't "Lip-Stick" McNeile make some cheerleader? Betty Hulbert must have taught him how. To lead cheers, that is. (Amen, brother.)

It is known that the faculty had a frolic on the 20th at Russel's cabin. Wouldn't John McNamara look wonderful playing musical chairs! Not to mention the game in which an umbrella is opened, a chair is sat in, a whistle is blown, and one insert's one's feet in a bucket. Picture Mr. McNamara using an oil drum.

Bob Lucas tried to shut his locker from the inside. Result, one arm in a sling. Who did you have in there, Bob?

Yours 'till the book ends,

Ypeerc.

## VICTORY STAMP SALE

Total for week of Sept. 24th.....\$635.15  
 Total to date .....\$830.35

## TOWER TALK

Dear Gert:

A lot has happened since last spring when you graduated. You'd be surprised at some of the changes—and at some of the couples that still go together. For instance: Pat Lidecker and Glen are still going steady, also LaVerne Pixley and Donna Weber. It's nice to be so agreeable, isn't it? I know you want to hear the latest so I'll not waste time.

The way Hersh Keefer talks, he's doing alright, just so he confines his dating to the Erhardt family—Hmmm! Pat Thompson has Johnny (navy) MacGrogan's ring. Nice kid, Johnny. That reminds me, I wonder why Phyl Householder swoons whenever she hears "Anchors Aweigh"? Still speaking of the Navy, Frosty Winters and Barb Kellogg were together at the Central-Adams game a few weeks back???

Seen at the Goshen game: Joyce (waiting for a "Wulf" to come along) with Pat & Wava. New soph Katie DeLong sitting with Art Sellenburg. Alumna Dagny Lenon with Dick Fohrer. Lila Cowen and Jim Trump.

Cutest couple of the week—tall Norman Krueger and Lois Hamman. Dorothy Bellas' Joe, in the navy five years, is home on a short leave.

Watch for more news about them next April.

By the way, do you suppose everyone knows this column would be more interesting if more news were put in the "Tower Box"? It is on the card file in the library and any news from any of the kids will really be appreciated. OK?

I hear Rosemary Hall is still dating Johnnie Gratzol, a friend from 'way back. Charlotte Murray is going with a boy from Niles and Jeanne McBride dates Dick from Mishawaka. What's the matter with South Bend, I'd like to know.

Believe it or not, I'm running out of news, so I'll see you next week. . .

Question of the week: Who is Jackson Wright???

Your Pal,

Myrt.

## WHY TEACHERS GET GRAY

I'm sorry I was absent, but my grandmother's only grandchild died suddenly.

Aw Teach, I "gotta" chew gum. It keeps me young.

Of course I didn't study my lesson. You always start at the top of the list and my name begins with W.

Honest, I'm not cheating. I always tap out Morse Code on the desk. I descended from a long line of woodpeckers.

Gosh Teacher, I couldn't take my eyes off you because you looked so pretty and that's why I didn't hear a word you said.

# AROUND ADAMS

by Fred Wegner

As our Adams weekly goes to press Mrs. McClure and the Drama Club are hard at work rehearsing for "Under the Gaslight", an all-school play, which will be presented on the Saturday night of October 20 . . . the Hi-Y, endeavoring to build up and strengthen their club, have sent our invitations to twenty-three boys . . . Mr. Krider and his debate team are preparing for a debate concerning compulsory military training in peacetime . . . and Reber spelled backwards is still reber.

The Spanish V class has adopted "Linger Awhile" as its theme song. They have been learning how to write commercial letters in Spanish and Miss Law unsuspectingly suggested that the first person in the room put his or her letter on the board. Since then the class has lingered outside the door waiting for someone to take the initiative. With seconds to go and no one in the room, someone is selected and "urged" in.

It's possible that the Rev. Charles G. Long, of world termination fame, is just another jive fan captivated by the hit tune "Till the End of Time."

Drama: Last Friday and Saturday higher society attended the three-act play "Noah," presented by the Barnstormers Club of Central High School and directed by the club sponsor, Mr. James Lewis Casady. John Campbell gave an excellent portrayal of Noah along with fine acting by Audrey DeMan, Pat Burmeister, Stanley Tsalikis, John Oetjen, Tom Brademas, Joan Dannerberger, and Pat Lange. Tom Brademas has been elected manager-chairman of the Barnstormers Club and Francis Slack the secretary.

Club of the week: Originally organized outside the jurisdiction of the school, the Senors Club applied to the Activities Committee for a charter as a school club, choosing the publicizing of school projects as their special service. With Ed Mender, acting as president for the first

two years of the club's existence, they published schedules for baseball, football, track, and football. During this time they also sponsored the "March of Coins" to raise funds for sending Towers overseas. The same project was undertaken last year under a new name—Tag Day. Mort Ziker took over the presidency in 1943 and an all school dance, The Senors Fiesta, was given with the club sponsor, Senor "Panchito" Krider and his sombrero, taking tickets. In the spring of '44 the club sponsored the basketball banquet and a track assembly. John Goldsberry was elected president in May of 1944 and the club continued its services to Adams with the "Basket Ball," their second all-school dance put on in conjunction with the Tower, highlighting the season. The club is now entering its fifth year of activity with Jerry Gibson as president, Dick Schall, secretary; and Harold Ziker, treasurer. They have already begun their services by helping the G. A. A. sell concessions at football games. Though the club capacity is set at 20 in their Constitution, there are only 12 members at present and three to be initiated.

Today's axiom: Don't complain because you are not getting what you want—Be thankful you are not getting what you deserve.

## ADAMS BRAINS COMPETE IN CLASSROOM QUIZ

Perhaps, if you were listening at 4:15 Thursday to WSBT to the Classroom Quiz, you heard familiar voices. Three of our "home grown" brains, Margaret Jahnke, Charles Ortt, and Earl Woodruff, matched wits with a trio from Riley.

This is a quiz program in which Senior High students of different schools contend for money prizes. The final score of this particular contest was very close. Riley won 13 to 12.

Charles Ortt answered the second highest number of questions. His prize was three silver dollars. This makes him about the richest man in school.

Last year Dick Guin, Student Council President, answered the third highest number of questions on all the broadcasts in which he had competed and in doing so won a trip to Chicago to see the Quiz Kids. But, unpredictable Dick got a sunburn and couldn't go.



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Glee Club—Altos 7:30.  
All members 8:00-8:55.  
Orchestra—7:45-8:55.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

Glee Club—Tenors 7:30.  
Triple Trio 8:00-8:55.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

Glee Club—Basses 7:30.  
All members 8:00-8:55.  
Pep Session—3:00 p. m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Washington vs. Adams — School Field.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

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## FANS ANXIOUSLY AWAIT ANNUAL TILT

Once again that time of year rolls around when our scrappy little Eagles take the field against what is usually a larger and more experienced Washington eleven.

This annual gridiron scrap in the past has been dominated by the West Side contenders and once again in this 1945 season the chips are down, the odds against John Adams, but win or lose, our football team will give a showing to be proud of and play the best they know how.

Last year's squad suffered a 24-0 defeat from the Panthers. Somehow this season the boys think a little different about this game, they're not necessarily bent on revenge, but determined to give the Washington aggregation a little more competition.

John Adams' gridiron fortunes in recent years have not equalled some of the older schools' records but the qualities derived from the game by its participants far surpass any glory in winning.

We students know that the chances of winning this game are slim and we know that after the first half, most of us will stop yelling, and cheering our team. Many will even leave before the game is over, but the football team probably won't quit and leave the field, they will play until the final gun is sounded. Since we are part of Adams and that team is our team why can't we support them because we're the ones who take all the raps of winning or losing.

As the team takes the field on the 6th and faces the mighty Panthers, let's all support them to the limit.

## PACES LINEMEN



Although Bill hates publicity he readily admits his love for food especially steak and french fries which he can devour by the carload.

Bill loves to play football, especially his tackle position and says that he is too slow to play anything else. This is his fourth year in active competition and Bill names Ernie Dobzykowski as the toughest opposition he has faced.

Mr. Bachman shows as one of Adams' outstanding linemen, and also acts as captain part of the time. He gets along swell with his teammates, believes in school spirit and doesn't understand why anyone should use profane language on the gridiron! (?) Lots of luck Bill and keep in there fighting for all of us on the sidelines.

## TOWER SPORTS COLUMN

Still nursing a sore throat acquired at the Goshen tilt and recuperating from a Saturday night's work at the Tribune, I come once more to the most important part of my week—making the back page for the Tower.

Of course, without the assistance, guidance, and leadership of our becoming and capable editor, Jean Clark, the Tower would not be such an enterprising organization as it now is. (Note: Since Jean saw the Goshen game and might not like my write up it might be well that I do this—o.k. boss?)

Miss Roell disclosed a very interesting story the other day, of how Mr. Sargent's team and Mr. Goldsberry's team fought a close duel, and the question still rests in controversy as to who won. The duel consisted of folding chairs, umbrellas, whistles and buckets with all the teachers competing. The duel; a relay race, the time; at the teachers party a couple of weeks ago—some fun!

Pleasant Lake, Three Rivers, Michigan was the scene of a minor earthquake Saturday, the 22nd of September, as eight male members of the John Adams faculty invaded Mr. Rothermel's cabin for a week-end fishing trip. As to the number of fish caught, the question is in doubt for no one will really tell the truth. It is generally believed however, that the fish were not biting but a merry time was had by all. By the way, Mr. Sargent was chief cook and bottle washer.

Can't wait to attend the Notre Dame-Illinois game next Saturday (this article was written Monday the 24th) with my professor in journalism, Bob "Ratskin" Overaker, star reporter for the Tribune. Remember him?—the one who paid for three steak dinners besides his own last summer. It was told in Jim Costin's Column and it was on the way to Grand Rapids to watch the Blue Sox play ball. The two umpires and myself finished our meal and walked out while Overaker was still talking—and stuck with the bill! I still think I should pay him back—poor soul—and then we saw all those Kent banks which are so typical of the region.

Jim McNeile,  
Tower Sports Editor

That modest and handsome guy, the "beef" of the Adams forward wall, who stands 5'9 1/4" and tips the scales to a scant 200 pounds is none other than our own Bill Bachman.

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