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THANK YOU MR. HARRIS

"Hey Jim! Where did they get the name Tower?"

"Say Joan, Isn't that a swell name, The Tower? So appropriate."

Such has been the eavesdropping experience of your reporter. Who did name our school publication, this is the question of the day. The honor or origination goes to Mr. Willard Harris, one of the men who keep our school clean and swept. Never too busy to extend a cheerful hello, Mr. Harris is regarded as really a swell fellow by all of us who know him, the kind of fellow we need more of.

It all happened after school one evening, when Bucky Harris, (no relation) upon seeing Mr. Harris sweeping a hall, said, "Say, I should think you could give our paper a good name." That evening Mr. and Mrs. Harris went to work on the proposition, and the result was that since the architectural composition of our building is based upon a tower, that should be the long sought for title.

Mr. Harris is happily married, and credits his wife with aiding in the search for a good name. He has three children all of whom are graduates of Central. "Chuck" his son plays football at Purdue. As a reward for his originating; "The Tower" has awarded him a year's subscription to the paper.

GOOD-BYE, BENNIE SHERIDAN

Like every other organization in the United States at the present time, John Adams is beginning to feel the effects of the national draft which is claiming the "cream of the crop" of all U. S. men from the ages of 21 to 35.

In this cause Adams is forfeiting Coach Bennie Sheridan, a man who has shown his ability as head coach of our football team during its remarkable first year of play.

Coach Sheridan's national draft number was 2480, and his local board number is 289. He very fortunately was not taken in the last body of conscripts due to the fact that he was the 22nd draftee in a list of 23 and three volunteers necessitated the postponing of his military training.

Before beginning his military training Sheridan will first undergo three to seven days of rigid physical examination at Fort Benjamin Harrison.

Mr. Sheridan reports that he will probably return to Adams in a year if nothing unforeseen occurs. We, of John Adams, are glad to have known Bennie and hope he does return soon.

NIAGARA VIEWED BY ADAM'S GROUP

Union Station, on Friday evening, January 24, echoed the voices of many excited young people from John Adams, and three of our teachers, Miss Roell, Mr. Dake, and Mr. MacNamara, as we waited patiently for the train that was to carry us to Niagara Falls, Canada, to pull onto the station platform. After having our pictures taken, which added to the excitement and going away atmosphere, all bade their families and friends farewell, and ascended the many steps leading to the platform where our train was due.

Boarding the train was an ordeal, as all tried to get on at the same time, which left several of us looking and feeling like scrambled eggs. After claiming seats and taking inventory on our various pieces of luggage, we engaged in different card games, using suitcases for tables, while others sat in groups having old fashioned get-togethers. Incidentally, on our way out of South Bend we passed John Adams and waved vehemently to our Alma Mater.

After midnight some retired, while others waited to have "cokes" and hamburgers before "turning in." Several of us didn't close our eyes at all because we didn't want to miss seeing a single thing on our way into Canada.

Early the next morning we had breakfast in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, in the station lunch room, which was filled with many strange people, apparently on their way to work. We had a little time at our disposal before the train would be ready to go, so everyone did what he pleased.

The ride from Hamilton to Niagara Falls was several hours long, and all were glad when we reached our destination. Two large buses met us at the station and took us to the General Brock Hotel, which is the best and prettiest hotel there. After washing and getting our things unpacked, we went to The Rainbow Room on the tenth floor of the hotel to have our luncheon. The room lived up to its title and the front of the dining room, which was entirely of plate glass, overlooked the falls so that one could eat and see the falls at the same time. After lunch we went on a tour, in two buses, and were gone all afternoon. We visited various places on the Canadian side first, such as seeing the falls at a very close view, a demonstration of the water from the Indian Fire Water Well, Lundy's Lane, which was one of the battlefields in the War of 1812 between Great Britain and the United States, and also the Whirlpool Rapids. One of the most exciting things that we did on the Canadian side was to go from there over the rapids in a cable car to the American side and back again. Some of us were skeptical about going, but we knew it would be thrilling and didn't

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ADAMS ORATOR

On February 15, Kenneth Follmer will represent John Adams in an Americanism Oratory Contest. Representatives from every high school in St. Joseph County will compete for awards offered by the American Legion. The speeches are on some phase of the Constitution of the United States. The purpose of this contest is primarily to create interest in and respect for the basic principles of our government, but the development of poise, effectiveness, and oratorical ability is being kept in mind. The fact that the speech must be the work of the contestant proves this, and the scoring system places emphasis on these points.

DRIVERS MEET

Two weeks ago, every licensed driver in the John Adams High School attended a Safe Drivers' League meeting. The purpose of the league was presented by Mr. Fletcher, who is heading the safety drive in South Bend.

ORIGINAL PLAY PRESENTED

On Wednesday, February 12, the Daughters of the American Revolution presented an assembly to the students of John Adams High School. The assembly was opened by a short play in which Robert Murphy, Bettie Schwedler, June McDaniel, Lois Downham, Henry Hoover, Jack Yuncker, Dorothy Shuttleworth, Evelyn Sutlin, Jules Sandock, Joyce Coon, Rodger Buck and David Holmgren attempted to portray the European and the American family outlook toward war. The chorus of one hundred and seventy-six students under the direction of Mrs. L. T. Pate then gave a splendid rendition of "God Bless America."

The latter part of the program was turned over to Mrs. Walter B. Stoner, Regent for the local chapter 2 of the D.A.R., who presented the American Citizenship Awards to the two outstanding Freshmen of the school this past semester, Mary Furnish and Philips Ellsworth. Mrs. Stoner finished by presenting Mrs. F. B. Carlisle who dedicated to the John Adams High School a beautiful American flag measuring fifteen by twenty feet.

The assembly was closed by the entire student body giving the pledge of allegiance to the new flag and singing the first and last verses of America.

GROUP GOES TO EMERSON, GARY

In order that they might better understand student government, six students from the home-room representative group and their sponsor, Mr. Weddle, visited Emerson School in Gary, Indiana on Monday, February 3. The students—Ruth Ruffner, Ruth Anne Reed, Betty Whalen, Lillian Toth, Howard Durbin, and Jim Jester—and Mr. Weddle left early Monday morning and returned late in the afternoon after having spent the entire day at Emerson visiting classes, inspecting class-rooms, and attending the Emerson Board of Control meeting.

Emerson School, oldest educational institution in Gary, was one of the first schools in the United States to advocate student government when in 1912 it began its student council. This council operates under the principle that the students are responsible to the teachers, and that their activities come under the veto power of these teachers.

Under the Board of Control, as the student council is called are five committees: the Social committee, which sponsors almost all social events in the school since clubs are

discouraged as, in the opinion of Mr. Spaulding, the Emerson principal, these organizations tend to form cliques and bring about disunion in a school; the Building and Grounds committee, which has charge of hall discipline and care of the grounds; the Booster committee, whose job it is to promote school spirit and publicize school activities; the Scholarship committee, which each grading term checks the grade of every student of Emerson and publishes the information which they find as to eligibility for athletics, etc.; and the health and Hygiene committee, which promotes sanitary and healthful conditions in the school.

An invitation was extended by the Adam's visitors that members of the Emerson Board of Control should in turn visit our school.

HI-Y ANNUAL

Swingheart's Sway, the fifth annual Hi-Y dance, was held on Saturday, February 8 in the Palais Royale. Music was furnished from nine to twelve by Howard Smith and his Music Masters.

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THE BAND BOX

The Adams Senior High School Band under the directorship of Mr. Yaneatovich is making rapid progress. Formed last October, the band now has more than fifty members.

Officers were elected and include Bob Horenn as President; Virginia Buck as Vice-President; Charlotte Mack, the Secretary-Treasurer; Shirley Wahner and Doris Lidecker librarians, and Bob Hart is the property chairman.

The band has been playing for various local basket-ball games and at two pep-sessions. Every student attending John Adams should be loyal to this fine organization and be very proud of the work our band is doing. Help support your school band!

T. B. LEAGUE MEETS

The Junior Board of the Anti-Tuberculosis League held a meeting January 29, at the Isaac Walton League Cabin. Following the meeting a wiener roast was enjoyed by aid of the fireplaces in the Cabin. The poster contest was enthusiastically discussed by the League. This poster contest is open to all juniors and information may be obtained from Mr. Reasor.

Many of you probably are not acquainted with the Junior Board. It is made up of representatives from every high school in St. Joseph County. It functions similarly, only on a smaller basis, to the Anti-Tuberculosis League. Our representatives are Elaine Trahms and Ruth Dishon.

NIAGARA VIEWED BY ADAM'S GROUP

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want to miss any fun. When we were about in the middle above the angry waters, traveling at a terrific rate of speed, someone began questioning what would happen if the cables would break and dump us all into the turmoil of the rapids. That was all I needed to make my stomach turn flip flops, and as I glanced down I suddenly felt that there was nothing there to hold us up. Of course, that was just a fantasy. We arrived perfectly whole and happy on the Canadian side, and all were glad to have both feet on the earth. A little later we crossed onto the American side where we had a different view of the falls. We also went on Goat Island. The thing that some liked best on this side was the elevator trip to the foot of the falls. Some got too close to them, and looked a little drenched when they came up. After this we returned to the Canadian side, stopped at some souvenir shops, and then returned to the hotel.

That evening we had dinner in the Rainbow Room, and later we went to see the falls with the pastel lights shining on them.

Early Sunday morning, after church, we again boarded the train, homeward bound. It seemed like a long ride home, but we were doing something all the time so it didn't become tiresome.

We arrived at the "bend" a little after six o'clock Sunday evening with our horizons considerably broadened.

JONES CONCERT

On Monday evening, February 24th, at 8:30 P. M. in our school's auditorium, the Scottish Rite bodies will sponsor a concert by Allan Jones, the young American tenor. This will mark the first appearance of the singer in South Bend.

Mr. Jones being called America's outstanding young tenor. Playing in many motion pictures which include "Show Boat," "The Firefly," and "The Great Victor Herbert," his favorite operatic leading tenor roles are from "Romeo and Juliet," "Faust," "La Boheme," and "Manon." Everywhere he appears he wins new friends by both his music and personality.

CONGRATULATIONS

The initial number of *The Tower* was published January 29, 1941. It shows definitely the evidence of good planning and hard work on the part of the entire staff. The business houses in the community are supporting the school publication through advertisements in a very satisfactory manner. This should challenge the student body's support in subscriptions and a high quality publication. The entire staff is worthy of our best support.

Mr. Sargent.

COMING EVENTS

Wed.—Feb. 12 Golden Gloves
 Thur.—Feb. 13 Golden Gloves
 Fri.—Feb. 14 Adams vs Nappanee
 Sat.—Feb. 15 Wash. vs Ft. Wayne
 Mon.—Feb. 17 Golden Gloves
 Wed.—Feb. 19 Central vs Rochester
 Fri.—Feb. 21 Wash. vs LaPorte
 Sat.—Feb. 22 Riley vs Logansport

CARRIBEAN CRUISE

by D. A. Dake

The Capitol of Cuba is without a doubt the most impressive building in Havana. Construction began in 1925 and lasted until 1929 with three shifts working night and day in order to complete the structure in four years. Cost of construction amounted to sixteen million dollars. The dome of the capitol is beautifully decorated with 22 carat gold leaf while a diamond valued at \$30,000 is embedded in the floor directly under the dome and is used as the point to determine distance from Havana to any part of the country.

With the exception of a slight tornado between Havana and Panama, the trip across the Caribbean Sea was quite uneventful. Very early Thursday morning, I awoke as we were nearing the harbor of Cristobal, Panama. All about us there was much evidence of the heavy defense precaution which the United States was taking to guard the Canal Zone. Several U. S. destroyers were anchored gracefully in the harbor while in the distance through the mist of the morning could be seen several army bombers soaring elegantly like sea gulls over the bay as they methodically took their positions in various formations in preparation for the daily maneuvers. Many foreign ships were at anchor in the harbor waiting, so I was told, for the completion of the European war before risking themselves on the open water.

The approach to Panama was most beautiful. A form of peninsula drive jutted out into the bay from the mainland, lined with beautiful palm trees and inhabited by several natives going to work on the various docks with their lunch in very colorful bags of blue, yellow, and red thrown over their shoulders.

We immediately took a cab from the boat and proceeded to the first section of locks, known as the Gatun locks. As the boat was not to make the trip through the locks a shore trip by train had been arranged from the Atlantic to the Pacific side paralleling the locks all the way. Every type of precaution was taken to keep individuals some distance from the locks and of course, no pictures were allowed at any time. It seemed very strange to see the army men in short knee pants, but one can well understand when the temperature rose to 108 that afternoon. The construction of additional locks is underway and much land is being used by the army for training camps and barracks.

As we rode along on the train beside the canal, I could not help but wonder how any one could have conceived of such a massive piece of engineering in such a swampy, tropical area. Certainly conditions in this region forty years ago must have been anything but inviting and most frightful. We were told that when ever any resident of the Canal Zone sees a fly or mosquito in his home, he is to immediately inform the police, and they will come and take the necessary steps to exterminate them. In one home the police remained for three days until the mosquito was captured and killed. We rode very close to Gatun Lake which is the second largest artificial lake in the world. Much care is

TOWER TALK

Ain't it the truth! the cutest girls are always taken. For example . . . Pat Kasdorf and Connie Minzey. Dan Hallibaugh is still going after Pat (wonder what became of her ring and bracelet), and Connie's attentions are at Central. Lorraine Acker is another that goes for a Centralite—Lucky girls!

Lois J. likes Butch hair cuts, especially on John Frienstein.

What's this we hear about Jack Hughes and a certain J. O. (from Madison).

Add newcomers: Bill Peck . . . but he seems to have confided his attentions to Barbara Schubert.

Pat Crowe thinks J. Ray is O. K. And we all like your suspenders, Johnny.

Kenny Follmer is that way about J. H.

ANNOUNCEMENT: We're taking bets on the Jester-Buck feud over Ranny Mock. Your guess is as good as mine as to who will win.

A. L. is looking longingly at you Chevie . . .

Since the Niagara trip B. Ullery has changed her mind about a certain fellow traveler. That was quite a successful tour—in fact, a few liked it so well that they decided to stay over.

Absence makes the heart grow fonder. Eh, Tom?

There are doubts about Bob Murphy . . . who carries his attention? Is Hum out?

But there's no doubt about Vasil Evanoff and Marie Bradley.

P. B. and H. B. are both rolling eyes at Pat Lane. And Irene Richards is still looking at Johnny.

C. Piper and Bud Tovey. Come on, girls, and give them a break! They're not so bad after you get to know them!!!

Girls! Are you men or mice? You ought to be ashamed of yourself letting a Central girl capture Pat B. away from you. Let's see you fight for your rights!

taken to secure adequate protection for the dam to this lake, knowing that if anything should happen to allow the water to run out of the lake it would take several years before enough water could be replaced in the lake to make the canal navigable. The cost for an average vessel to go through the Panama Canal was estimated at about seven thousand dollars.

After about a three hour ride, during which time we saw several varieties of orchids growing in the swamp lands we arrived at Balboa on the Pacific side. Our most interesting stopping place on this side was known as Old Panama City. This spot was an old Spanish city completely in ruins—several blocks of archaic buildings completely destroyed. It seems that Old Panama was originally a Spanish city founded in 1558. In 1648 the English pirate, Morgan, approached the town, sacked the church and the other centers of wealth in the town, burned the city, and sailed away leaving a path of burning destruction. The town has remained in the depleted state in which Morgan left it.

TIME ON OUR HANDS

by Leila Mae Sholley

What do you do with your spare time? Time is endless, but our spare time isn't. Still we can fill it with endless joy. It is a problem of all youth.

Winter is here now, and there is nothing like curling up in some big warm chair with an interesting book full of pleasant surprises. But what shall we read is the question from all sides. Girls seem to adore a bit of romance. Boys like to bury themselves in adventure. Some like a little nature, something beautiful, more delicate. Others crave a line or so on every day good common philosophy, or a little dry humor. That's a big assignment for any book.

But in your leisure time wouldn't it be satisfying to know that you were enjoying yourself and still adding to your education. Education is the source of life; still you can't live on education, so enjoy yourself and educate yourself at the same time by reading good books.

Read "The Yearling," fellow students and see if it doesn't fill that assignment for adventure, romance simple beautiful nature, useful philosophy, and witty humor. "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come" will win your heart during the first paragraph. Girls, try "Rebeca" for an unusual romantic story or "Gone With the Wind" for romance, adventure and a little history of the Civil war. The biography of Madame Curie is simply the tops in all literature. Everyone should read it. Read the book of the month, students, "For Whom The Bells Toll" by Ernest Hemingway.

This sounds like book week, but it isn't, it's just time on our hands.

BAILEY TAKES THE SPOTLIGHT

On January 20, 1924 there was born into the world one Paul Bailey. The place of birth was Logansport, Ind.—proper. Logansport is a basketball town, but Paul wasn't around to inherit any of the Logansport touch, I mean basketball touch. This child was forced to give up his home town and become an immigrant to South Bend.

Coming into the big city didn't strain Paul much for he grew like a weed and soon turned five and was ready to go to school. A Jeffersonite doesn't like to admit that so great a figure started his schooling at our arch rival Nuner, but that he did, that he did. Nuner didn't suit Paul's tastes so he left for St. Monicas on the other side of town. He soon outgrew St. Monicas and so he turned to St. Matthews. Soon his parents moved from the district and he began to attend St. Joseph where his basketball career really began. After playing two years for St. Joseph he was graduated and sent to Central Catholic. Paul soon became their star in football and basketball. This year he cast anxious glances at the new John Adams and decided to leave Central Catholic and attend here. For that nobody is sorry, for he has proven himself a handy fellow to have around. His best sport is football and he proved that this season here at Adams. He was named on the All-City Team and given the most valuable player award.

Paul is 17 years of age, of Irish descent, black hair, blue eyes, and he is made like the Empire State Building, for he is tall, solidly built, and has plenty of stories.

His favorite dish is blueberry pie and his favorite expression is "She Schmidt me."

THAT FRANKFORT WAS HOT

Down State Road 31 to Michigan-town, turn left and keep going until you enter Frankfort the best basketball town in the world. That's the place from which four state basketball championship teams have come—and John Adams played 'em.

Back in '28 they had a boy down there named Bob Primmer who the old boys swear had the keenest basketball eye they have ever seen. That year Frankfort won the state championship and this year when the star of '28 returned, the whole town turned out to bid him welcome. That evening when the game was to begin 3,700 people came to see Bob's team and when we took the licking that we did nobody was disappointed with us, except ourselves, for they knew that we were playing under a terrific handicap.

During the first quarter it seemed that, although Adams looked weak, we might put up a good ball game. The quarter score was 16 to 9 with Adams trailing. When the second quarter was over the game had begun to assume the lopsidedness that the final score showed, for Frankfort scored 17 points to our 1.

ADAMS BOWS TO THE PILGRIMS

"Slick shooters" was the word that echoed through the stands to describe the Plymouth Pilgrims as they gave us a 54 to 30 trouncing in our own back yard. They had two boys that were especially "slick" named Kubley and Bonnell who managed to earn themselves thirteen points apiece.

For our part the best we could muster were Mickey and Heitger who came through with eight points. Heitger was taken from the game early in the fourth quarter having committed four fouls.

All the damage was done in the first and third quarters when Plymouth got ten points to our two and then seventeen points to our seven.

Bees Show The Varsity How

"The 'B' team is the team that gives us the thriller" is what everybody says and they are right.

The game against Plymouth wasn't so thrilling, but it was a good hard fought game.

As usual Fred Nash turned in the best performance on the "B" squad. Three baskets was his total which isn't very much unless it's in a game like this one where the score was 19-13.

"Plymouth had the biggest and best 'B' team we've played all year," quoth Coach Primmer so the victory is doubly good.

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THE BOYS AND ME

by Jim Harris

This year the school of John Adams is going to take part in one of Indiana's traditions, the State Basketball Tournament. The sectional and regional of this tournament are to be held at John Adams and you can take it from me it's better than sixty movie shows.

The important thing is that if we make a good showing in that tournament all those defeats will be forgotten and Adams will be remembered not as the team who lost all those games but as the tough little "buggars" who licked so and so in the tourney. Coach Primmer has been building toward the tourney all year. We didn't play Frankfort and Central just to get beaten, we played them to gain experience for the tournament and for next year.

Don't think we haven't gained experience either. We've gained experience and lost our spirit. Everybody has lost their spirit, the boys who play and the people that watch and we'll have to have some spirits to go any place in the tournament.

Some eight hundred teams take part in the tournament every year. This number narrows down to four teams in two weeks. These four teams meet for the semi-finals and finals at Butler Field House in Indianapolis. This is the outstanding event of the year in southern Indiana and nearly 20,000 people witness the event.

We don't expect to go to Indianapolis this year or even next year if ever. The fact is we would be glad to win one game in the sectional.

Central is obviously the strong team in this district and they will probably go to the finals. Boys it would be something to lose to the team that wins the State Tournament.

The sectional tourney has always been Central's Waterloo, but this year it looks like nobody can stop them (unless it's John Adams). So up with spirit and down with everybody except Adams.

G. A. A.

A meeting of the Girls Athletic Association was held on January 30, 1941 at 3:30 P. M. in the Cafeteria. At this time the group was divided so that one part will play on Tuesday night after school and the other on Thursday after school. On Tuesday, February 4, six teams with six girls on a team will meet and play basketball and also elect the captains of their teams. For Thursday they do not yet know how many teams will play, but they will also elect their captains. These teams will compete with each other and might also compete with other G. A. A. teams of the city.

WASHINGTON HIGH IS CONQUERER

On Friday, Jan. 24 Washington invaded the Adams gym. The game that was held turned out to be one of the years dryest ball games. It was marked with rough play and high scoring, but still it was a gruesome sight. Adams was entirely out-classed by the tall sharp-shooters from the West side and although we were fighting all the time superior height told the tale.

Washington's Eddy Talboom was the fly in Adams net for he pushed 10 free throws and two baskets, for high point honors. As usual our Eddy, Eddy Heitger, was our high point man with four baskets and one free throw for nine points. John Muszer fresh from "B" team turned in an excellent performance making three baskets and two free throws for eight points.

When the battle was over and the smoke had cleared away Adams had lost 47 to 27 and Washington had another feather in its hat.

Adams Bees Turn Trick

So far this year the Adams Bees have played three overtime games and they've won every one of them. After the gun went off ending the Washington game the score was knotted at 24 all. It climaxed a game that had been fought on even terms all the way as the half-time score of 13 to 11 in favor of Washington and the third quarter score of 18 to 17 Adams favor show.

In the first few seconds of the overtime Washington gained three points and it looked as if the Adams cause was lost. Things looked a little bit better when Dick Sayers made two free throws and the score was 27-26. Here came the biggest thrill of the evening when "Barney" Barnbrook dribbled under for the winning "bucket." Adams 28, Washington 27.

CALL MADE FOR BASEBALL BOYS

Coach Fred Shearer has sent the call out to all prospective baseball players. They are to report to him and sign up preparatory to first practices. All boys are urged to sign with him before the end of the week.

Baseball will be inaugurated at Adams this year and a regular schedule will begin. Games are scheduled with all schools in the Northern Indiana Conference. Two games will be played with each team in the conference and in addition some games will be played with outside schools.

Support of the baseball team is dearly needed and everyone that comes out is assured a thorough trial. Boys who are not passing at least three of their subjects or do not have "good" grades are asked not to sign. Permission must be obtained from Mr. Shearer before boys in doubt about their grades may come out.

INTRAMURAL

On the 24 of January Coach Bob Primmer called all boys interested in intramural basketball to the gym. To that call 150 boys responded.

Sixteen teams were then organized and a schedule organized. Games are to be played two nights each week until every team has played each other once. A tournament will then be held to determine the champion team.

The first four games were played on Tuesday the 28 of January with the following teams participating:

The Flashers beat the Tigers, 26-10; the Knights lost to the Supermen, 16-13; the Bulldogs chewed the Devils, 25-15 and the Eagles clawed the Flying Five, 30-14.

The second night:

The Termites were killed by the Smashers, 23-17; Iron Dukes shot down the Aces, 21-19; Chicken Ridge fell down before the 4C's, 22-14 and the Swishers fell before the Mudhens, 21-16.

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