

# The Tower



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#### SENIOR CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

#### CALENDAR

Monday-March 1. Defense Stamp

Sale, Bulletin, Band 7:30. Tuesday—March 2. 11B Film Lesson No. 2 Auditorium, Glee Club, 7:30 a. m. 12B-10B Career Conferences (No. 1)

Wednesday — March 3. Orchestra,

7:30 a. m. Jr. Glee Club. Thursday—March 4. Senior Class

Friday—March 5—"TOWER TROT"
—Pre College Assembly (No. 1)
A. M. Band 7:30, Jr. Glee Club.
Monday—March 8. Defense Stamp

Sale, Bulletin, Band 7:30 a.m. Tuesday—March 9. 12B and 10B Career Conferences (No. II) Glee

Club 7:30 a.m. Wednesday—March 10. Orchestra, 7:30 α. m. Jr. Glee Club.

Thursday-March 11. Glee Club 7:30 a.m.

Friday—March 12. Pre College Assembly (No. II) Band 7:30 a. m., Jr. Glee Club.

### **BOYS URGED TO ATTEND** SUMMER SCHOOL

There are some eight or 10 boys who intend going to summer school this summer. They are doing this in order to graduate from high school before they are 18 and eligible for the draft. If you fall in the class that will be 18 before you graduate, you should see your counselor as to the advisability of attending summer school.

#### ROVING REPORTER

Perhaps you've missed this column lately. (Hope so). I've been around the school though, watching the changes that have taken place in our building.

To those of you who are reading this article for the first time, a word of explanation is due. he purpose of this column is to bring to you some of the decorative, educational, and clever posters, pictures and projects in our halls and class rooms. You are invited to go to these places and enjoy yourself viewing these objects.

Nearly everyone has noticed the new lighted sign in the main hall. The light blinks on and off, revealing an axiom. The axioms aren't Geometry; or from the days of long ago, but phrases that we use today in

Mr. McNamara has on his bulletin boards pictures of some Adamites. One is of his home room, the other is of the football team. Go in and "See yourself (and your friends) as others see you." Mr. McNamara also has some interesting maps. We are used to looking at other maps of the world and these will seem hardly realistic to you.



#### THE DEBATE TEAM

The debate teams of John Adams, Central, Mishawaka, Riley and Washington have been having a series of debates between themselves. The first contest consisted of a nominative speech discussing "The Post War Peace." This was held at Riley. Their next appointment held at Central High School was a round table discussion. Their last event was held at Riley at which after dinner speeches were given. Their present subject is "A World Federal Gov-

ernment Should Be Established."
On the affirmative list are Morris Roth and Bob Horenn. Hugh Mc-Vicker and Hubert Weaver are the

negative speakers.

The different schools and points stand as follows: Central 17½ points, Mishawaka 12½ points, Adams 10 points, and Riley and Washington also have 10 points.

The Adams debaters are doing a fine job so let's give them some more encouragement.

### "MARCH 5" EXPLAINED

"March 5th?? Oh, we're having a test that day." "March 5th?? I heard that we're getting out of school that day." "March 5th?? There's a big assembly that morning."

Well, you're all wrong! It's the all-school dance!!! The "Tower Trot" sponsored by the Tower, is scheduled for March 5th. If you haven't followed the signs and gotten your date—now's the time, 'cause Ted Gallagher and his smooth orchestra

are going to play.

The dance will be held in the Little Theater from 8:30 to 11:30. Tickets will go on sale Monday morning in each home room, so see your home room representative for yours. Couple admission is \$.90, single, \$.50, tax included. Tickets will also be sold at the door, but you had better get yours early 'cause the Little Theater's capacity is 200!

P.S. I have it on the Q.T. that they're going to sell a limited num-ber of "cokes", too, so be there when the doors open!

## LISTED The John Adams Citizenship award

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR** 

**GIFT OF '42 CLASS** 

has been made possible as a gift to the school by the class of 1942.

Two awards are to be made each spring; one for the best boy and one for the best girl citizen of the graduating class.

The award is a pin or key valuable in itself, but more valuable because of the qualifications one must meet in order to be eligible for the

The following qualifications have

been put into effect: 1. Scholarship;

The student must be in the upper 1/3 of the graduating class in scholarship.

2. General Citizenship.

The student must have had throughout the last three years of high school satisfactory general school conduct. (No history of truancy, habitual tardiness, disregard of school rules, nor destructive school morale activities.)

3. Activities Participation.

The student should have participated successfully in two of the following four groups of school ac-

A. Athletics.

- 1. Possess a monogram in one major sport, football, basketball, baseball.
- 2. Possess a monogram in one minor sport, tennis or golf.
- 3. Possess a monogram in G. A.

B. Music

The student should have had four semesters of active membership and be in good standing with the organization upon leaving with any of the following musical organizations: Band, Orchestra, Glee Club, Triple Trio.

C. Service Club Participation. The student should have had four semesters of active membership in any one, or four semesters of combined activity in any of the following: Ushers, Minute Men, Junior Red Cross, Junior T. B. League, Hi-Y, Girl Reserves, Camp-Fire Girls, Vis-ual Education Operators, Library Club.

D. School Activities.

The student should have participated in one of the following school activities: School plays, School Concerts; Student Council, Tower Staff, Debate and Album Staff.

Students in Senior Home Room-Select a student that is eligible and turn in the names to your Sponsor Teacher on or before Friday, March

## DEFENSE STAMP SALE SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 15

791 students	Total	Per Capita
Class of '43—12A's		
Class of '44-12B's and 11A's		
Class of '45—11B's and 10A's		
Class of '46—10B's	13.85	15c
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First: 12A's-Mr. Reasor's 209	31.80	74c
Second: 11A's-Mr. Gale's 109	26.15	65c
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#### CHIVALRY??

One word that is not in the vocabulary of John Adams boys is chivalry. Boys, your conduct at 3:30 and after is terrible. Surely we know you, too, want to get on the bus, but for heaven sakes must you push and pull everyone in an attempt to get on? There have been complaints coming in to the office almost every day about this girl's or that girl's leg or arm being bruised and even so far as coats being torn. I don't think we girls expect you to be too gallant but you might at least show you have some manners. Now that we have that sermon over-what about this matter of pushing girls? When a girl drops her books or purse it's customary to stop and pick them up, but do you? No! - Instead you give her a shove and laugh. Didn't your mother ever tell you that shoving and pushing can lead to a serious accident? The next time you see a girl who has dropped something help her and don't practically trample her in the effort to get by.

#### "YESTERDAY'S CHILDREN"

You might call us "Yesterday's Children." We are that mass of American youths, aged 14 to 18, who suddenly find that the task of saving the world has fallen on us.

We are the Mary's and John's who were petted and pampered by fond parents. How often the phrase "too young" has been used with reference to us. Too young for specialized training, too young to leave home, too young to accept any position which involved hard labor, too young to marry, and too young to know anything about the managing of our country's affairs. Our educational standards were low. We had only a slight acquaintance with the Arts and Classics to stand up against the superior European races—I say superior because they were just that! We have not been informed of the real issues of the war and can not comprehend what defeat would mean.

Now we find ourselves thrown among fighting mad adults who, much to our surprise, regard us as grown-ups almost over night. We were not prepared for this change. Now we must enter our fighting forces and industry. We must apply ourselves to the job of learning essential occupations. Can you understand how new all this is to us? We have new privileges along with new problems. This combination creates quite a situation. It leads to only one thing—delinquency—which is not a very pretty picture of youth. With new independence we have taken to stealing, drinking, yes, and even to murdering. We can earn money, all we need, with very little effort. We've gone on a spending spree—clothes, dancing and other less mild forms of spending money.

People realize what is happening and are beginning to do things about it. We must have Victory Corps, pre-aviation programs, civilian defense activities, specialized courses in our high schools, and recreation centers in our defense house districts. The most important is that we understand thoroughly why we are fighting if we are to shape the post-war world.

Pat Kasdorf

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## PERSONAL PROBLEMS

#### BY EMILY DIX

Dear Emily Dix:

What's the matter with us? It seems as though everyone except us is in love . . . Jim Smith going steady with Phyllis from Central; Louise La-Pierre has Mary Erhardt (?); Troeger has his Mary Lou; Jean Inglefield has Dale's frat. pin; even Joe Casasanta gets a frequent workout chasing up and down the halls trying to catch Patty Brown. And who have we? Nobody! Can you help us?

Fred, Ned and Ed.

#### ANSWER:

Dear Messrs. Crowe, Schwanz, and Easley: Being forbidden to disclose valuable information, I can only suggest these "Classified phone numbers. Perhaps ingenious little ones like yourselves can make use of them?

Blondes: 4-7325, 4-4317, 4-9164. Brunettes: 4-1306, 4-8577, 4-3575. Red-Heads: 4-2276, 3-6461.

Dear Miss Dix:

I had been going steady with Duane (Riley), but now I am an "Army Widow." Any ideas? Lonely Peggy.

#### ANSWER:

Dear Miss McGann:

Don't look so downcast! You may be as fortunate as "G-G Gundeck, who gets a letter a day from "Richie." P.S. What about those N.D.'s? Don't they still hang around? PP.SS. If you get very desperate, try Adams "men." (Note Quote marks.) SECRET (who'm I kidding?) COMMUNIQUE TO MARY SINEY:

Mary is it Don Ford or Dick Nelund, or Dick's Mishawaka friend? How's I supposed to give you a "blow" if you can't make your mind

E.D.

Dear Emily Dix:

Isn't there anything I can do to make Ned Wedlake sit up and take notce? His inattention is preying on my mind.

Frantic.

#### ANSWER:

Dear Barbara:

Ned gave it to me on the Q.T. that he'd love to ask you out and he's merely awaiting a good opportunity, so you aren't losing anything.

Dear Emmy:

Now that Pat Brehmer has abandoned me for that Naval Air Corps, ex-N.D. for whom she wears his ring and a long face, have you any ideas for me?

Fondly, E. Mendler.

Dear Ed: Can you attract Janet Bickel away from those N.D. men she's been dating? She does make mighty charmin' company.

Special notice to the following per-SMITH ROBERTSON and GEORGE TUR-NER.

Dear Sirs: Letters by the dozen have been pouring in from curious cuties as to where your social intentions lie. I am pleased to notify you that you have been nominated for the office of "Most attractive bachelors of the week." Please write to E. D. c/o the Tower Box so she may inform the fretting frails whether or not you wish to accept this doubtful



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#### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

To the Editor:

We are complimented on our beautiful school and our spirit to school sports but never once have we heard a compliment about our Flag. To find the reason that we have not been complimented about our flag all you need to do is Look At

Couldn't we remedy this situation? We could appoint someone to take care of the flag. Whoever this is would be sure that the flag is kept in perfect condition and not in the shredded, filthy condition it is now

Three Seniors

Who Take Pride In Their Flag. Some of the Service Organizations in school might take note of this suggestion and act on it.

-Editor.

#### I WISH

Whoever found my copy of Mac-beth would turn it in; I had long fingernails; That I didn't have to try to open my locker in the dark every day at 3:30; Mr. Gale's tests weren't so hard; I were as intelligent as Ed Mendler; I wouldn't be mutilated every time I attempted to get on the 3:30 bus; Mr. MacNamara wouldn't say "Therefore," and "Do you follow me?"; The wind wouldn't always blow from the West-then I wouldn't freeze in All of my classes All of the time; school would start at 9:00; It were time for summer vacation.

Smith: "What do you mean by saying I have been deceiving you for years?"

Mrs. Smith: "I just found out the Government has been allowing you \$1,500 a year on your income tax for being married, and you allow me only a measly \$25 a month."



#### CONGLOMERATION

Black Swan—Joan Bruggema.
Native Land—John Adams.
Nightmare—Monday morning tests.
Girl Trouble—Pat Lane.
Seven Sweethearts — Janet Bickel,
Peggy McGann, Lois Fieldman,
Joan Smith, Lou Jordan, Betty Martin, Barbara Schubert.
Gentleman Jim .........Jim McLean
Who Done It—Got their dates for
March 5.
City Without Men—Soon South
Bend.
Major and the Minor—Mr. Gale and
Mr. Ham.
You Were Never Lovelier — Jane
Barber.
Night For Crime—March 5.
The Pied Piper—Chuck Piper.
Here We Go Again—Don Martin,

Young Mr. Lincoln—Bob Parker. Navy Comes Through—All Adams boys in Navy. Barnacle Bill—Bill Vermandee.

Helen McClure.

Johnnie: "Say, Dad, why do they call English the mother tongue?"

Dad: "That's easy to see, son. Ever noticed who uses it most around this house?"

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### **ADAMS ABBREVIATIONS**

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Lawrence Reister	"Mayor"
Helen McClure	"Honnie"
Mary Roberts	"Beanie"
Mary Roberts	'Squirrel-food'
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## ADAMS IN SECTIONAL TONIGHT

#### ADAMS ENDS SEASON WITH LOSS

Adams, though they lost to Elkhart 44 to 43 last Friday night, ended the most successful season in its short basketball history. The Eagles won 10 and lost eight in the season's play, and scored four victories while losing six in conference tussles.

The Blue Blazers built up a 12 to 10 first quarter margin, but the Eagles came into their own and tied it up 23 all before the intermission.

The lead changed hands five times in the first three minutes of play of the second half with John Muszer and Metzger leading the Adams attack. The period ended with Elkhart in possession of a 36 to 31 lead.

The fourth quarter was dog eat dog all the way with the Eagles staying just one and two points behind their rival. With but 20 seconds left to play Saunders of Elkhart fouled Wamsley, but "Hersh" failed to convert on the free throw which would have tied the score at 44 to 44. The Blue Blazers controlled the ball for the remaining few seconds. Muszer and Metzger shared scoring honors for the Eagles with 15 and 14 points, respectively.

#### TOURNEY TALES

With tournament time just around the corner did you know that?

A South Bend school has never won the state title though South Bend (now Central) went to the championship game in 1913 but succumbed to Wingate, 15 to 14.

Hammond Tech has the unusual distinction of having won only one sectional tourney and then going all the way to the state title in that one year.

Back in 1930 Twelve Mile defeated Noble Township 108 to 8 in the Logansport Sectional. In 1931 North Vernon scored a 43-0 shutout over Vernon, and in 1938 Springfield Township triumphed over Fairview 51 to 0.

Then there was that 22 to 19 seven overtimes triumph of Camden over Delphi in 1935. This was the game which resulted in a limit being placed on the number of overtimes

## EASTERN DIVISION FINAL STANDINGS OF NORTHERN INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE

	Won	Lost	Points	Opp. Points
South Bend Central	9	1	439	290
Mishawaka		2	373	321
South Bend Riley	8	2	388	286
South Bend Washington		4	355	308
Elkhart		4	375	336
South Bend Adams		6	347	317
Michigan City		6	349	374
Fort Wayne North Side	4	6	329	360
Goshen		6	289	317
LaPorte		8	299	375
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#### POST MORTEM OF THE "B" TEAM

With the basketball season going into its last quarter and the "A" team getting the spotlight, I think it fitting and proper to give some facts and opinions about our less publicized "B" team

To begin with the record states that we won nine and lost six in the season proper. In the city "B" team tournament we also beat Washington in our first game and lost to Central in the finals. Later in the season the "B" team was the first Adams team to ever defeat a Central team.

It seems to me that in the first two quarters of our "B" team games we invariably outplayed our opponents but as we went into the last quarter, fellahs, you appeared to lack the last minute punch. This fact is evident in the number of games we lost by close scores. By the way boys, remember the Riley game.

Of course a "B" team isn't sup-

Of course a "B" team isn't supposed to show expert precision in their teamwork but I think that the lack of it was a deciding factor in some of our losses. Another bad factor was poor ball handling. While we're on the subject, Lawitzke didn't you think the plays you had were good enough? And McKinney do you need handles put on the ball to facilitate catching passes. Hey, John those size 13's don't keep you from getting the ball off the backboard do they, or do they?

Spath, you were doing pretty good at the start of the season so next year let's be consistent. Hudson were you afraid of fouling too much, or were you just afraid? Well Beutter and Hankins you both looked fair when I did see you but you are still dark horses as far as I'm concerned for I didn't see enough of you to pass correct judgment.

Ed Easley, your shots looked pretty sloppy on the whole, and with your experience you should have been right out there on top.

In Karlin and Andrews all I can say is they both looked this year like "A" team material for next year.

Well I guess I've just about covered all the boys, so next year let's really get out there with a lot of improvement.

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### MEETS WALKERTON AS FIRST OPPONENT

If Adams is to win their first Sectional title they will have to do it the hard way—by beating the cream of the crop. This was revealed in the state tournament sectional pairings released by the Indiana High School Athletic Association in Indianapolis last Saturday.

Adams first test is weak Walkerton, and if victorious (and we can't imagine otherwise) will meet the winner of the Madison Township-Washington-Clay tussle. It might be appropriate to mention at this time that the Colonials from Clay already holds a 35 to 33 victory over the Eagles. A second triumph would move Adams into the Saturday afternoon semi-finals against either Central, Mishawaka or Washington, (all of which hold close decisions over the Eagles) depending on whoever survives that section of the lower bracket.

On the other hand the Riley Wildcats for the fourth straight year drew the easiest lot among the leading contenders. South Bend Central Catholic and two of the weaker county teams is all that stands between Riley and the final game.

Of the 14 teams that comprise the local sectional Central of South Bend is the big favorite. The Bears in these last four weeks have been regarded as the top basketball team of Indiana, and were recently picked by experts in a poll to go all the way to the coveted state championship.



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