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JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

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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 Meeting.  
 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 a. 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. The 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 school.

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 Government Should Be Established."

On the affirmative list are Morris Roth and Bob Horenn. Hugh McVicker 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 number of "cokes", too, so be there when the doors open!

### DEFENSE STAMP SALE SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 15

|                              | Total    | Per Capita |
|------------------------------|----------|------------|
| 791 students                 | \$192.20 | 24c        |
| Class of '43—12A's           | 60.15    | 35c        |
| Class of '44-12B's and 11A's | 64.90    | 27c        |
| Class of '45—11B's and 10A's | 53.30    | 19c        |
| Class of '46—10B's           | 13.85    | 15c        |

High Point Rooms:  
 First: 12A's—Mr. Reasor's 209 ..... 31.80 ..... 74c  
 Second: 11A's—Mr. Gale's 109 ..... 26.15 ..... 65c

LET'S GIVE OUR SALES A BIG BOOST NEXT WEEK!!!

This requires your cooperation. Help the war effort!

### QUALIFICATIONS FOR GIFT OF '42 CLASS LISTED

The John Adams Citizenship award 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 award.

The following qualifications have been put into effect:

- Scholarship:  
The student must be in the upper 1/3 of the graduating class in scholarship.
- 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.)
- Activities Participation.  
The student should have participated successfully in two of the following four groups of school activities.
  - 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. A.
  - 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.
  - 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, Visual Education Operators, Library Club.
  - 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 5.

TOWER THE STAFF TOWER

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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

TOWER MINOR STAFF TOWER

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PERSONAL PROBLEMS DEPARTMENT

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 Casanta 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 Gundek, 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 up.  
 E. D.

Dear Emily Dix:  
 Isn't there anything I can do to make Ned Wedlake sit up and take notice? 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.

ANSWER:  
 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 persons: CECIL SMITH, DOUGLAS ROBERTSON and GEORGE TURNER.

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 honor.



NAME—Jack Miles  
 AGE—15  
 WEIGHT—130 lbs.  
 HAIR—A little around the edges.  
 EYES—Yes, . . . a new pair every year.  
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 FAVORITE COLOR—Fordyce green.  
 FAVORITE GIRL FRIEND—He gives them all a break.  
 CAREER—John Adams High School diploma—Social Security.

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 It.

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 in.

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 Macbeth 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 Mar-  
 tin, 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,  
 Helen McClure.  
 Young Mr. Lincoln—Bob Parker.  
 Navy Comes Through—All Adams  
 boys in Navy.  
 Barnacle Bill—Bill Vermandee.

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?"

**ADAMS ABBREVIATIONS**

Virginia Buck ..... "Ginny"  
 Gene Bunnell ..... "Bone"  
 Helen Butler ..... "Honey"  
 Charlotte Mack ..... "Mack"  
 Jeanne Bratcher ..... "Brat"  
 Lawrence Reister ..... "Mayor"  
 Helen McClure ..... "Honnie"  
 Mary Roberts ..... "Beanie"  
 Robert Firestone ..... "Squirrel-food"  
 Zephine Simpson ..... "Zeb"  
 Mary Weatherman ..... "Fuzzy"  
 Joan Kindig ..... "Stinky"  
 Marian Ramer ..... "Puzzy"  
 Dagny Lenon ..... "Digger"  
 Alice Lord ..... "Oopy"  
 Lois McNabb ..... "McNeck"  
 Dominic Simeri ..... "Lover"  
 Mary Ann Turpin ..... "Turp"  
 Mari Cathryn Fabian ..... "Boots"  
 Gene Linder ..... "Fat"  
 Gordon King ..... "Unmentionable"



Alice Hoover and Ray Bowden  
 are the two Adams student represen-  
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