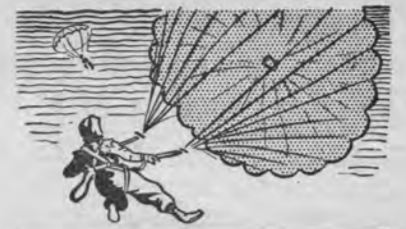


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May 7, 1943

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SENIOR PROM TO BE HELD MAY 21

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There is a romantic mist of glamour, a once-in-a-lifetime thrill, surrounding a senior prom that makes it the far-away moment you dream about from your twelfth birthday until the big event arrives. It is the memory you recall for years afterward whenever you hear that "old favorite, 'As Time Goes By.'"

The climax is approaching! On the evening-to-be-remembered of May 21, to the mellow music of Bobby Weir's orchestra, you and your date will be senior promenading in the Palais Royale.

The Prom is semi-formal, and tickets are \$1.00 per couple. All juniors, seniors, and alumni and their guests are invited. One member of each couple must be an Adams student or a former Adams student.

This is your night, make it the best!

THREE ADAMS STUDENTS WIN POSTER CONTEST HONORS

Mary Rita Bott, Pat Alexander, and Rachel Jennings won top honors in the safety poster contest sponsored by council No. 438, United Commercial Travelers, which is a part of the safety exhibit. Mary Rita received as her prize, \$5.00, Pat Alexander, \$3.00, and Rachel Jennings, \$2.00.

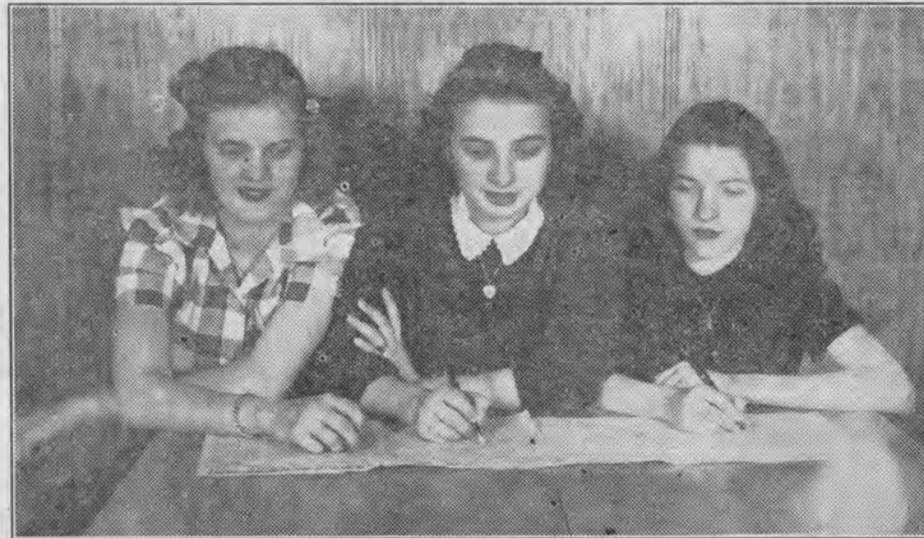
These girls' posters will be entered in the state safety poster contest in Indianapolis on May 21.

THE HOUR OF TRIUMPH (?) APPROACHES!

Everyone is anxious to know when the examinations will take place so as to look forward to them with their usual fervor and interest. The seniors as usual will have their's a week earlier than the underclassmen as they get out a week earlier. Their first tests for morning classes will be Friday, May 21st; their afternoon exams will be Monday, May 24. The Juniors and Sophomores will have theirs Thursday, May 27th and Friday, May 28th.

In classes with a majority of seniors and a few underclassmen, the seniors will not be required to attend their classes after their exams. Classes with a majority of underclassmen and a few seniors, the seniors will probably have to remain in class until the end of the regular period.

ALBUM GOES TO PRESS



Flo Dibble, Charlotte Whiting, Vivien Youngquist

ST. MARY'S SCHOLARSHIP FOR GIRLS

Adams senior girls are being offered an opportunity to compete for a scholarship to St. Mary's College for the year of 1943-44. Adams girls will compete with girls from other South Bend and Mishawaka high schools.

The scholarship was established in 1935 by the South Bend St. Mary's club. This scholarship covers the sum of two hundred and eighty dollars (\$280.00) which is the tuition for one year.

Students cannot take the examination without their principal's recommendation. Those seeking the recommendation must write a letter of application to their respective principals before May 15, 1943.

The examination will be given to recommend students at St. Mary's college on May 22, 1943. It is to be given promptly at eight o'clock in the morning. The subjects tested will be English, history (European and American), mathematics, and one foreign language chosen by the student whose choice should have been signified in her letter of application.

The Album is on its way! With Charlotte Whiting at the controls, and Flo Dibble and Vivien Youngquist making the school yearbook conscious, the Album is due to roll off the presses and into your eager hands the week of May 24. Consisting of around 60 pages, this year's book boasts original-art work, pictures galore, a portrait of every single student and teacher (a slight difference in size to keep the seniors and faculty happy), and pictures of clubs, sports, dances, and plays.

If you haven't started to buy your copy via the installment plan — remember — you've got around two weeks to save for one. And any student without a copy isn't "ADAMS."

CRIME DOESN'T PAY!

It is very obliging of so many of the boys to voluntarily offer to aid in the digging of the trenches and other necessary work to be done to complete our obstacle course, just as so many of the girls are doing their part in offering their services to the teachers for whatever odd jobs they may have for them to do.

You see, students, you are really doing just this when you voluntarily walk on our school laws. This means of punishment has been suggested by our student council in its campaign to curb the damage being

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BAND, GLEE CLUB, AND ORCHESTRA FEATURED

The Band, Glee Club and Orchestra will entertain tonight at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium. There is no admission charge and all students are urged to invite their parents and friends.

Outstanding numbers to be presented by the Glee Club are: Roman Life, Ode to America by Noble Cain, Beautiful Savior, and Deep River.

Special features will be the Junior Girls Glee Club and a duet by Mary Parks and Louise Holmgren. Soloists will be Mary Parks, Louise Holmgren and Alvin Starbuck. Accompanists are Jean Vunderink, Helen Butler, Barbara Schubert, and June Carothers.

Outstanding numbers to be given by the orchestra are: Russian Choral and Overture by Tschaiakowsky, Artists' Life — Waltz — Strauss, and Pomp and Chivalry — March — Roberts.

The Band will feature The Little Giant — March — Moon Kom Susser Tod — Chorale Prelude — Bach, Erioca — Overture — Beethoven, and Sempre Fidelis — March — Sousa.

Bob Hart and Eddie Easley will play a duet for two trombones and Betty Murphy will play "The Wandered" a solo for cornet, accompanied by Jean Vunderink.

The Glee Club appreciates the response given them by the high school audience at the Hi-Y Easter Assembly. It is hoped that the entire student body will want to hear this program and will bring their parents and friends.

COOPERATION UNAPPRECIATED!

The student council, speaking for the janitors of Adams High, would like to thank the following people for their cooperation in ruining the lawn surrounding our school. As the janitors have nothing else to do but re-spade, re-seed, and re-fertilize the soil, they consider the time well spent.

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ATTENDANCE POLICE FORCE CRACKS DOWN

"So you weren't in school Friday afternoon?" "No, it was so pretty I just thought I'd get my first experience at skipping."

The tune changed by Monday morning when mother refused to write an excuse after she had learned via the central attendance department that Johnny (or Mary) had been truant. A pink admit issued by the sponsor teacher was quite colorful but didn't add to the none too good impression the subject teachers already had of John. Was he permitted to make up the work — you guess!

Seriously here are the fundamental attendance rules all should follow if we, one and all, are to be good citizens of John Adams.

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

- a. Illness: (1) Bring a note from home. (2) Obtain white admit from home-room teacher. (3) If absence has been two days or more have the admit o.k.'d by the nurse.
- b. Acceptable reasons when arrangements are made in advance: (1) Bring a note from home the day before the absence. (2) Have the absence o.k.'d at the office and obtain a white admit in advance to be signed by all teachers whose classes are to be missed. (3) Return the admit to your home room teacher before leaving school. (4) In case of an emergency phone the school or send a note with another student. (5) In all cases excepting illness the school must be notified in advance and arrangements made the day before unless it is a case of emergency, then do at least as is directed in (4).

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES:

(1) An absence is unexcused if it was not arranged for in advance by note from your parent or by telephone in case of emergency, provided, however, the parent consented in advance to the absence and it is not habitual and also meets the approval of the school. (Negligence on the part of the parent does not constitute an excused absence.) (2) For unexcused absences a pink admit is issued and time is to be made up with the home room teacher.

TRUANCY:

A pupil is truant if he is absent without having made arrangements at school and without the knowledge and consent of a parent.

In any case of absence the pupil is required to make up his work and is entitled to receive credit if the absence was an excused absence.

Both pink and white admits must be signed by teachers and returned promptly to the home room teacher.

A written excuse from home for tardiness is required as for an absence.

Make requests for period absence from school for dental appointments, etc., at the office before 8:30 or 12:50 and not between classes. Present the exit pass to the teachers whose classes will be missed in advance to receive the assignments. Show the exit pass to the hall boy when leaving. Before the school can excuse a pupil from school for any part of the school day a note from the parent must be presented at the office giving the school permission to excuse the child. Without the consent of the parent in writing no excuses can be granted.

How do I get excused from study hall to go to another room for the period?

(1) Obtain an admit slip from the teacher to whom you are to report. (2) Present the slip to the study hall teacher in time to get to the classroom before the bell rings. Every pupil has a program by which his attendance is checked each period; any deviations from that program must be arranged in advance with the teacher responsible for checking the attendance for that period. If this rule were followed no one should have single period absences to clear during home room period.

TOWER MINOR STAFF TOWER

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PERSONAL PROBLEMS DEPARTMENT

By EMILY DIX

DEAR MISS DIX:

Here's one holy mixup for the record: Jules Biron likes Mary Lou LaFortune likes Tom Delahanty (Sigh — sigh) likes Alice Lord likes some flier.

— Your friend, P. Smith.

ANSWER: Dear Paul: I guess you aren't in any 7th heaven yourself, playing chauffeur to Jean Vunderink, who insists it's all too, too platonic . . . E. D.

DEAR EMILY:

Did you know that Paul Snoke gave Lela Lockridge a diamond (?). Mildred Beebe has been engaged for a long time. And, Emmy, I got my engagement ring over spring vacation, too.

— Betty the Blonde.

ANSWER: Dear Mmmme Murphy: Thanks for the announcement . . . E. D.

DEAR EMMY:

How about someone telling these Senors that I've been going steady with Marv Saruk (Central) for a whole month now?

— Dotsy.

ANSWER: Glad to oblige, Miss Welber . . . E. D., and by the way, Phil Van Houten and "Andy" are going steady, too. Also, Ann Miller has given up "all those N.D.'s" (she says) to go steady with Leo Cunningham (Central) . . . E. D.

DEAR EMILY:

My gosh, can Pat Frank still wear those Army wings after spending so much vacation time with that Chicago man at N.D.?

— D. Cupid.

ANSWER: Well Danny, it's your game, so you make the rules . . . E. D.

DEAR MISS DIX:

There sure is lots of stuff left out of your column. Per example: Fred Nash and Mary Alice Summy; Ruth Snellenburg's boo-ful eyes; Jean Malcombson's Argyle sweater; a medal to those Fox-Watkins and Wagner-Johnson romances for standing each other as long as they have, and millions of other lil' items . . .

— An Interested Reader.

ANSWER: Well, my dear friend, there are only so many inches to the column in this lil' publication, sooooo 'Seeya,

— EMILY DIX.



HOW WILL YOU REACT GRADUATION NIGHT?

Ruthanne Reed — Pepper Rice is going to loan me his shoulder to cry on.

Peggy McGann — I'll be so nervous that I'll probably trip when I go up the steps to shake Dr. Harmon's hand.

Frances Green — Along with everything else, I'll probably gloat over my brothers and sisters.

Jim Glaser — I'll take one last look at dear old Adams and then walk out the door to receive my gun and \$50.00 per month.

Fran Kierein — I'm not worried, I've been trying to graduate for years.

Alice Hoover — It's a far, far better thing than I have ever done before (assuming I'm one among those present).

Joan Bruggema — Oh unhappy night — I hate to see it come.

Ed Mandler — With a lusty handshake I'll say, "Thanks, G. B., old man!"

Bette Ann Malcolm — Graduation!!!! Isn't this the optimisticest (new word) paper?

Phyllis Welber — Nervous, but temporarily glad to be done with school and its daily lessons.

Virginia Trueax — The shock will be terrific — I'll probably faint.

Don Brown — I'll shake in my boots, feel lost, and hear Mr. Sargent say: "Don't let the door hit you on the way out!"

Helen Butler — I'll probably be so happy that I'll cry because I'm sad. But then I'll be back at the same old grind next fall in hope of continuing my much needed education.

Jeanne Vunderink — I'll hope and trust I'm among those present, accept my diploma in my right hand, and wipe away my tears of joy with my left hand.

Elaine Geiselman — I'll miss the task of school work every night.

Lou Alice Jordan — I will be sorry that this night has come, but happy not to have all the home work that I do every night(?).

Barbara Munro — I'll be having a grand time — no tears or sorrows. You see, I'd be in New York on graduation night.

— ✕ —

Teacher (in American History class): "What was the punishment for men caught smuggling goods into the American colonies?"

Fred (half asleep) "They had their ration books taken from them."

— ✕ —



Name — Joan Bruggema
 Address — 609 34th Street
 Phone — 4-5155
 Age — 17
 Height — 5 ft., 4 inches
 Eyes — Blue
 Hair — Blonde
 Boyfriend — "Puppy" Malone
 Girlfriend — Any friend of yours is a friend of mine.
 Favorite subject — John Adams
 Favorite color — Blue
 Favorite song — "Velvet Moon"
 Career — Nurse
 Pet peeve — My blonde hair
 Favorite saying — Watcha building?



FATE WILL HAVE IT THAT WAY

It was raining. The rain pelted the streets. Sharp gusts of wind whipped the tires around and left signs hanging by one hinge. The street was deserted save for one lone figure which shuffled along in the shadows of the tall buildings.

His feet were wet. He had no rain coat — only the protection that a small water-soaked shawl could afford. He leaned heavily on a cane. The long black skirt swished around his feet. He felt the water ooze between his toes.

Nick Semille had done it. They had told him at the pen that it couldn't be done but he had showed them. He was a free man again. He paused in the shadows of the building and took a handkerchief from the bag he carried in his hand. Something fell to the sidewalk but he didn't see it, for it was then that he noticed the cop on the corner.

Their eyes met and then Semille started running. Faster — Faster — Faster. The cop noticed the bent figure, its shoulders further stooped against the chill of the cold rain. Then he saw something on the sidewalk. He called something that was lost in the wind.

Semille ran faster and the cop did too.

Semille had a good lead. They ran a block — two blocks. Semille's leg began to pain. The cop was gaining.

Semille ducked into the next alley. No copper was going to get him. The cop came on. Semille got down on his knees back of an ash can. His fingers gripped the dark blue automatic. He took careful aim. The cop was near now. He could hear the sound of his feet.

He fired. There was only a click. The gun wasn't loaded. He turned to run and tripped. He got up.

"He can't get me — I can't go back . . ." "Just a little bit further." His leg was paining badly now. The cop was nearer too.

"Stop!" he cried. Semille ran on. The cop ran too. Semille's leg pained worse now. It gave way and he fell headlong.

The cop ran up and stopped. A look of amazement came over his face. "Gosh it's a man," he said. He bend down and picked up the handbag Semille had been carrying. It was heavy, filled with bills. "Well," said the cop, "I guess you would have never missed this four bits you dropped back there."

— MARY BRADMAN.

AROUND ADAMS

It's a marvelous thing, what spring can do to one . . .

Eleanor Dent has been going out with Floyd Fishburn and Don Martin, while Paul and Jean are seen around, but what's all this about Paul telling Eleanor to clear the runway for a comeback?

Norma Jean Honer seems to be burning the candle at both ends with the Army and a local boy. Freida Myers is doing all-right with "Sky-light" of Central. Dick Neland seems to have settled his roving eyes on Norma Zimmerman.

Verley Reeves takes up all Norma Maupin's mornings, on account of he works nights.

Could it be that Don Martin is in his same old rut — with Honey McClure? And where does "Pete" Radican come in now? Bill Vermande has been seeing quite a bit of Betty Lange.

Richard Lee has made good his boast — he has traded his ring for a certain Mishawaka girl.

The still-going-strong list boasts these days of Shirley Wagner, Milt Johnson; Mary Alice Hamblen, "Bucky" Harris; Kaye Lewis, Steve Pickavet; Betty Shank, Wayne Alderfer.

CRIME CONT.

done to the picturesque landscaping of John Adams.

Students, please help our janitors as much as you can. They have all they can do to take care of the normal depreciation of the school and grounds without the added burden brought on by the thoughtlessness of Adams students in too much of a hurry or too lazy to walk on the sidewalks provided for this purpose.

Remember this: for the first offense you will be given a warning and your name will be posted in the Tower; for the second offense, the other means of punishment previously mentioned are to be put into effect.

Sergeant: "Hey! You can't go in there — that's the Colonel's tent."

Rookie: "Then why do they have Private over the entrance?"

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ADAMS' TRACK TEAM UP TO PAR

FOUR MEETS PROVE SUCCESSFUL

The track team is smoothing out into mid-session form under the skillful training of Coach Ham. After four meets Adams has come to about second in the city standings.

These four meets consisted of one indoor meet at Notre Dame in which we came in second, a dual meet with Niles which we lost, a quadrangular meet in Mishawaka in which we came in third and last a dual meet with Riley which we lost by one point after taking most of the first places.

And speaking about first places there are a few boys on the team that are sure to be placed on the top every time. Big John Goldsberry has been putting the shot around the forty foot mark consistently and usually takes a first. Barnbrook, who literally glides over the high hurdles has been capturing his share of honors. Stephens, a sophomore, is a pretty sure bet to come in in the lead in either the one-hundred or two-hundred and twenty yard dash. Little Paul Green, our short, stocky, and swift sophomore miler, may not have all the speed, but sure has the "stuff" and spirit that make a good trackman. The eight hundred and eighty yard sprint is very well covered with Jester who has won it twice and Carr once. Sarber and Beutter show up nicely in the broad jump and with a little practice they ought to star in that event. Beutter is also an accomplished low hurdler. Don Allen gets an occasional point in the pole vault. Last, but not least, we come to the high jumpers, Steinmetz and Skyhawk who show up fairly well but seem to lack the form that comes from daily never-say-die practice. Well that takes up the individual players and with a team of players like Adams, they should be hard to beat. How about it fellas, let's go out there and show Adams what you can do in the six meets to come. After all you are our first track team and you should set a good example for your successors.

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BASEBALL RESUME

The Eagles, as this paper goes to press, have participated in six baseball games. The over-all record is two wins and four losses. The conference record is one victory and one defeat. Following is a brief description of each game.

The Eagles began their season on April 12 in great style by lacing the Central Bears 4 to 3 on the Bruins camping grounds at School Field. The Eagles used their two young hurlers, Hankins and Brunt. Hankins started, but was taken out of circulation in the 4th, after being belted soundly. Al Brunt then took charge, and was so frisky in his maiden appearance that he only yielded one hit in his three inning stretch. As a reward, he drew credit for the victory, the result of a run acquired for him in the 7th.

Adams, thinking a great deal of its great success, again scheduled the Central Bears. The game was played on April 16, on the Eagles' brand new diamond. Central ruined the homecoming, however, as they with fiendish delight, massacred the Eagles 6 to 2. It is well to mention here that the east side lads' two runs were scored without a hit, (though they did make four bingles in the afternoon's festivities.)

Mr. Goldsberry,

next scheduled last year's conference champions, Washington. To make a long story short, Washington came out of the fray on the long, long end of a 12 to 3 count. The Panthers evidently hadn't read in the papers that the contest was to be a practice game. Your loyal Eagle rooters shouldn't feel so downcast, as the day before the Panthers decimated Mishawaka 18 to 3. So you see things could have been worse.

On the very next day, April 23, the Eagles engaged in their first conference tilt. The contest was with the Central Bears, who toyed with the Eagles for one inning and then blasted out three runs in the second and one run in the third to win handily 4 to 2. Adams scored its runs on a home run by Bailey in the second and singles by the Sayers twins in the fourth. Glenn Hankins pitched for Adams and was nicked for five blows.

The Eagles next stop was Elkhart, also for a conference game. Our boys here made the startling discovery that there was nothing wrong with themselves that couldn't be cured by

BASKETBALL AWARDS ARE MADE

The members of the 1942-43 basketball team have received their awards. The boys who were honored were: Don Barnbrook, Robert McIntyre, Les Metzger, Hubert Larson (U.S.N.) and Robert Mills.

Chevrons were issued to Hersh Wamsley (captain), John Muszer, (captain), Bill Sayers, Dick Sayers, Dick Sayers, Dick Alabaugh, Jack Miles, and Warren Buck, Manager.

The B team also received minor awards. These members are: John Goldsberry, Ed Easley, Dick Lawitzke, Irvin Karlin, Harold McKinney, John Ray, Ray Andrews, and Herb LaRue.

Last, but far from least the cheerleaders received their major awards. We all know the cheerleaders are: Wayne Alderfer, Jim McLean, Mary Jane Shank and Rosemae Smith.

Although there wasn't time for an assembly when these awards could be presented, Im sure we all appreciate the efforts put forth by these Adams students.

a few base hits. As a result they pounded out a 10 to 4 decision and thereby falsified the nasty rumor that they knew little of the purpose for which bats are manufactured. Al Brunt hurled for the Eagles and gained his second success.

The Riley Wildcats then put an abrupt end to the Eagles long winning streak of one game. Even with the help of Mr. Ham as umpire, Adams could do no better than that of absorbing a 4 to 1 licking. To give you a graphic example of Mr. Ham as an umpire, we quote directly from Mr. Goldsberry, "I have to coach a team and an umpire, too." (Of course, it was all in fun.) But getting back to the game we again find the Eagles coming through with one hit, which was made by the pitcher, Roy Andrews.

By the time this issue of the Tower is published the team will have played three more games, and won them all, I hope. At any rate, win or lose, that Elkhart game is a feather in our cap that can't be taken away.

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