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MATH STUDENTS WIN SECTIONAL CONTESTS

Crawley, Algebra Ace; Sandock, Geometry Genius.

Although the outcome of the state math contests at Bloomington is not yet known, Adams mathematics department is justly entitled to strut about a bit.

At the assembly following the contest at Indiana University, winners of the sectional contests were announced for the first time. Jules Sandock, an Adams sophomore, copped first place in the geometry test at the Notre Dame sectional. Last year Jules won first place in the algebra sectional test. In the Notre Dame algebra tests Katherine Crawley tied for first place with a Riley student. The sectional contests were elimination contests and determined the pupils who were to attend the main contest at Bloomington on April 25.

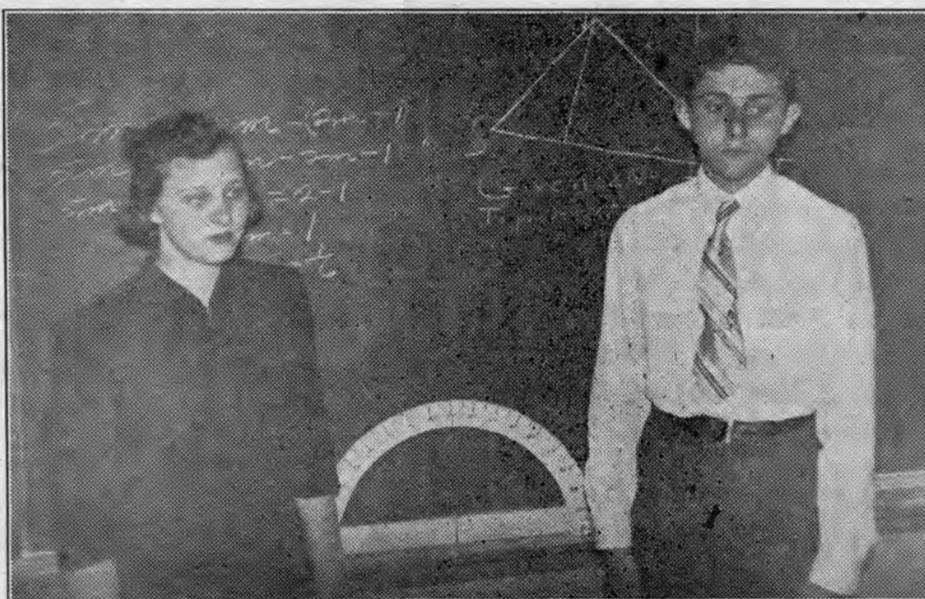
Sectional comprehensive math tests were not held since there were so few entrants. Lillian Toth and Justin Schubert were the Adams seniors chosen to compete in this division. These four students and Leslie Moon made the trip to Bloomington over the week-end of April 25, with Mr. Weir.

ART CLASSES BUSY

Every year the United Commercial Travelers hold a contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce for commercial art students in South Bend. The contestants this year were to draw safety posters. John Adams ambitious commercial art class began trying their skill under the watchful eye of Mr. Reasor. Along with the posters of other South Bend high school pupils, Adams posters are on exhibit in the Oliver Hotel. John Adams was represented by Rose Marie Lubbers, Mary Verdun, Alice Zeitler, Mary Kleitz, Marian Walters, Phyllis Gerard, Beverly Murphy, Darwin Hose, Robert Fields, Joe Slater, Gordon King, and Warren Gregory.

Can art be practical? Just ask the members of Mr. Reasor's Costume Designing class this question. They worked on the menus for the "Democracy in Action Dinner" that the teachers recently attended. These menus were contributed by all the schools in South Bend. Ruth Ann Reed with Mary Kleitz's assistance designed the menus and the class worked on them in a "factory line" fashion. Each person did the same job on each menu, then passed it to the next, etc. They concerned Russia and China.

Mr. Reasor reports that not one of the 600 teachers at the dinner left their menu (and they weren't all art teachers). There will soon be an exhibit in the library.



Katherine Crawley, one of two winners for 1st place in Algebra Division at Notre Dame Sectional Mathematics Contest; Jules Sandock, 1st in the Geometry Division at the Notre Dame Sectional Mathematics Contest.

ADAMS G. A. A. ACTIVE

G. A. A. REORGANIZED; WINNERS IN TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCED

For the past twelve weeks the Adams G. A. A. girls have been very busy reorganizing and at the same time participating in sports activities.

The girls have attended two Play Days, one at Niles and one at Kokomo. At Kokomo they met over 190 girls from all over this district of Indiana and participated with them in many different sports such as softball, volleyball, volley ring tennis, tetherball, box hockey, ping pong and badminton. After a morning of these games a banquet was held and in the afternoon a program was presented by the Kokomo G. A. A.'s.

This organization is state and nation wide and is controlled by the state board. It is open to all high school girls and a girl may choose the sports she wishes to participate in.

Adams G. A. A. has just finished several tournaments.

The sports and winners are as follows:

Bowling—Lucille Gooley.

Ping Pong—Dorothy Oliver.

Basketball—Dot Oliver, Doris Lidecker, Lois Feldman, Marilyn Schricker, Betty Bertch, Phyllis Culp, Shirley Robinson.

Tournaments yet to be run off are swimming, tennis, badminton, softball. There are three games scheduled in softball against Riley, Central, and Washington-Clay.

Girls are now participating in softball, dancing, swimming, horseback riding, and tennis.

SENIOR "B's" ENTERTAIN

SENIOR "B" GIRLS TO GIVE TEA FOR SENIOR "A" GIRLS AND MOTHERS

The Senior "A" Girls, their mothers and the Adams Faculty will be the guests of the Senior "B" Girls at a tea tomorrow afternoon. The tea will be held in the student lounge and the balcony of the cafeteria from 3:30 until 5:00.

This is the first tea of this kind to be given at Adams and the co-chairmen, Mary Alice Hamblen and Kaye Lewis, are expecting it to be a success. Several committees are assisting these girls in the preparations for the Tea. The chairmen of these committees are as follows: Phyllis Gerard, Invitations; Lois Gillen, decorations, Betty Lou Murray, preparation, and Mary Parks, music.

BAD NEWS COMIN'

Will you get a poor work slip? Yes, next week those little documents will be again mailed home. I hope you don't; but in case you do, remember that a poor work slip is not a sign of failure. It is merely a notice that you are not doing satisfactory work at the present time. Remember, you have four remaining weeks of this semester to bring up your work and not get an "F" on your card and lose your credit. Good Luck!

May Musicale

MAY 15

Plan to Attend

BOWDEN, ELLSWORTH, WAYNE HOLMGREN ARE OTHER OFFICERS

After several weeks of thought, consideration and quiet campaigning, the Adams Student Body cast their votes for officers of the Student Council last Monday. The high spot during this period was an assembly last week sponsored by the Student Council. At this assembly, Jack Yuncker, president, introduced the three candidates for each of the four offices. The candidates for president, Dave Holmgren, Lee Wilson and John Reitz each gave a short speech.

The newly elected officers are: John Reitz, Ray Bowden, Bill Ellsworth, and Wayne Holmgren, president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, respectively. These officers will be inaugurated on May 22, but will not actually take office and begin their program until the beginning of the fall semester. This will give the present officers sufficient time to finish all the details of their administration.

The present officers were elected last October shortly after the student body ratified the Student Council Constitution. According to the constitution the election of officers should take place on the first school Monday in May, but last year was an exception due to the fact that it was impossible to ratify the constitution before that time.

The Council itself is composed of representatives elected by each home room. These representatives must have a scholastic standing of at least a C and a citizenship standing of at least an M. The election of these home room representatives takes place on the first school Monday in April and the newly elected representatives serve during the next school year.

During the past school year the Student Council under the able direction of their officers, Jack Yuncker, Dave Holmgren, Jean Humrichouser, and Ruth Ruffner, president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, respectively, and the faculty adviser, Mr. Weddle, have accomplished a great deal.

We are looking forward to even greater accomplishments next fall when our new officers will take up their respective duties.

THE MAN WITH THE HOE OF 1942

I dared to speak; I die tomorrow. I will only spend tonight in this filthy, stinking, barred, corrupted hole, but my people, how long will they endure the dungeon pit and chains that they are cast and bound in?

I dared to live in peace. My fertile valley now lies scarred with bombs and scattered bones. My wife and son, whose mounds are high, lie warm upon the hillside drenched in human blood. I lie upon this ratted floor because I chose to speak for right not reich. I want no part of them. That merciless killer who sought war and rained destruction upon all mankind.

I dared to watch my people rise to bruted and mechanized machines. I have seen the light extinguished from their souls. My lips were sealed with fear until the ones I loved were taken from me, I found myself alone among the shouts of fame, power, world governing, heil Hitler . . . a war crazed nation! I spoke. I poured my heart out to my people, but alas they could not hear. My words did not penetrate their darkness.

Thank God I still control my mind. I still possess the vital qualities of love and charity. It does not seem to matter for my sort are quickly being strangled. I dare not think what kind of man will rise from this tangled mass of warped ideas.

*Oh masters, lords, and ruler in all lands,
How will the future reckon with this Man?
When whirlwinds of rebellion shake all shores?
How will it be with kingdoms and with kings,
With those who shaped him to the thing he is?*

IS LIBERTY WORTH FIGHTING FOR?

We Americans are proud of our freedom. We tell glorious tales of the patriots who fought the American Revolution. We visit battlegrounds and the monuments and birthplaces of famous statesmen. We make extensive studies of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. Decoration Day, Independence Day, and Armistice Day are national holidays. But even so, we take our freedom too much for granted.

Freedom in America means freedom of religion, freedom of the press, and free speech. Most of the immigrants who have come to America were non-conformists, escaping from some kind of religious, economic, political, or social oppression. They have come to this country with a dream of a better kind of life in a free country.

Liberty in America means the right to choose representatives of a great government. It means the right to a good education, to work at whatever occupation you choose, to own your own home, to bring up your children yourself and not have the government do it. The lives of Americans are not regulated by some superior power.

The reason people are willing to sacrifice their freedom is the fear of economic insecurity. The regimes of Hitler and Mussolini were built on this fear. But these dictatorships, so far, have made economic conditions worse than in democracies, and they renounce the liberties we have spent centuries in acquiring.

During this period of national and world crises, we are apt to forget the ideals of democracy. After this war, our economic and social problems will seem overwhelming, but let's not take the easy way out. The loss of political and personal freedom is too great a price to pay for security. Liberty is worth fighting for.

Pat Hudson.

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COLLEGE BOUND

TO I.S.T. WITH BUMB

This week we journey to another of our own state colleges — Indiana State Teachers College located at Terre Haute, Indiana. Indiana State Teachers College is the sister college to Ball State Teachers College at Muncie, Indiana. Their requirements are nearly the same. They specialize in a general teachers course according to Indiana license laws. They are both state institutions thus making tuition and fees a minimum. Indiana State Teachers college offers quite a few advantages as it is located in a fairly large city thus offering good opportunities to work your way thru school. The living costs are low and in the last few years they have built several new buildings. They also have a good pre-medical course for those who are undecided as to teaching or medicine. However, Ball State has a beautiful campus that Indiana State does not.

All in all we have found two more excellent Hoosier state schools.

WHAT GOES ON

Davie Roberts has a very misleading habit — one of daydreaming. It's likely to bring very unexpected results. Davy was practicing his habit one day in Glee Club. Staring into space, he had one arm stretched across the top of a vacant chair. When he came to, the chair was — no longer vacant. Mrs. Pate had been sitting there quite a while.

Mr. Shearer must have a hidden hobby too — one of reading horror stories. At least he must have been speaking from his subconscious mind while discussing Einstein's theory. Referring to Einstein with a slip of the lip, the name came out "Frankenstein."

We like to see our teachers work for Victory. Mr. Ham has his opinion on this — he's all for conservation. When it was stated that dress material would be cut down a third, Mr. Ham said that some good things came out of the war.

"What is the matter?" asked the mother of a six-year-old girl as she came home almost in tears after her first day in school.

"I don't like the teacher," she said. "Why, you hardly know her. What has she done to you?"

"When I went in, she said, 'You sit here for the present,' and she never brought it."

TOWER TALK

Hi Sweetiefaces:

Ah Bliss! To some spring means singing "Happy in Love", to others maybe "Miss You", and, of course, there are those who much prefer to just sit and listen to the "Jersey Bounce" or "A String of Pearls". (Who do we think we're kidding?)

— TOWER TALK —

Anyway, we know how it affects Norva Kuespert. She was found patiently waiting for Red Larson the other evening — 50 minutes!! while he stayed after school.

— TOWER TALK —

Don Brown heads the "lonely hearts" department this week with Bob Parker, the golf addict, running a close second.

— TOWER TALK —

Far from the lonely hearts department are Tom Matthews, who goes "Cross Town" to see Joey Smith — that senior from Central and Alice Hoover, who is still "deep in the heart of Riley" for Bob Faucet.

— TOWER TALK —

Our little angels from the class of "44" seem to be doing all right these days. Take a peek — if you can — at that wonderful tinted portrait of Mary Wetherman and Wayne Sarber. Cute! Eh what?

— TOWER TALK —

Floyd Fishburn and Lois McNabb seem to enjoy roller-skating very much. Duane Radican's interests could easily fall that way, too, if he wasn't her cousin.

— TOWER TALK —

That future "West Point General", Eddie Easley, and his friend, Morton Ziker, have been seen wolfing it these days. Come on gals — give them a break. It seems that the breaks are going Bob Horenn's way — Dorothy Nihlean and Betty Greenaway (Centralites).

— TOWER TALK —

Engle is going steady with Jean Bratcher. Joan Smith (brunette) is sporting Jack Yuncker's pin. What's this about Bob Giordano's "Jo"?

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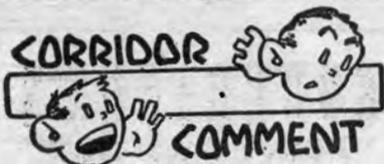
Gerhart Gerbeth keeps the girls goin'! Ruby Gooding has her eyes on him as well as some other "strange brunette" from Riley. What people don't do when you're not looking!

Johnnie, when asked by his teacher to define "deficit," said:

"A dificit is what you've got when you haven't as much as if you had just nothing."

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CORRIDOR COMMENT
What do you do with your time when you get up in the morning till you get to school?

ALICE ZEITLER — That really depends on when I get up. I generally get up at 7:30 and leave for school about 8:00. It generally takes me about five minutes to dress and somewhere around an hour to comb my hair.

EVELYN SUTLIN—I get up at 7:30. Well, let me see — because I live so close to school I can leave home at 8:15 and still be here at 8:15. This leaves me 45 minutes to dress, eat, play the radio, and try to keep my dad from going to sleep.

CONNIE MENZIE — There's nothing to it. I get up whenever my mother calls me, dress in five minutes, eat in three, drive to town in ten, and here I am, all ready for school bright and cheery.

MORRIS ROTH—I honestly think I'm the fastest dresser that ever lived — 2 minutes to dress and 3 to wash. I go down stairs and turn on the Morning Bugle. Wait for someone to fix my breakfast, eat in 7 minutes, and then rest for two more. Put on my coat at 7:57 and ride my trusty bike to school. All this has taken place from 7:20. Thus you see how remarkable I am.

BOB HORENN — I wake up about 6:45 and go back to sleep at 6:50. I wake up again and yawn, until 7:00. By 7:15 I'm completely dressed and rush downstairs by 7:20. I can eat in 30 minutes. By 7:50 I'm completely awake and—teachers, take notice—review any work I didn't do before. I complete this by 8:00. Around 8:15, I'm finally on my way to school to see Mr. Rothemel.

Iron vessels cross the ocean;
Iron engines give them motion;
Iron pipes our gas delivers;
Iron bridges span our rivers;
Iron horses draw our loads;
Iron rails compose our road;
Iron oxes, knives, and chains;
Iron augers, saws and planes;
Iron hammers, nails, and screws;
Iron everything we use.

Mrs. Howe sent her small son across to the neighbor's home with the message that if it were agreeable, Mrs. Howe would call that afternoon. On his return the lad was asked what he had said to the lady. "I told her," he replied, "that if she would make herself agreeable you would be over this afternoon."

SING A SONG OF —

It was APPLE BLOSSOM TIME WAY BACK IN 1939 A. D. that ROSE O'DAY boarded the CHATANOOGA CHOOCHOO to visit her JIM DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS.

On the way home JIM said, I'LL BE DOWN TO GET YOU IN A TAXI, HONEY, when you hear THE FIVE O'CLOCK WHISTLE and we'll go to the LITTLE BROWN JUG and have TEA FOR TWO.

When THE FIVE O'CLOCK WHISTLE blew and there was no sight of JIM, ROSE O'DAY decided that THIS WAS NO LAUGHING MATTER.

Then along came BARNACLE BILL and said to ROSE, I DON'T WANT TO WALK WITHOUT YOU, so come with me and we will go DOWN BY THE OLD MILL STREAM and watch the THREE LITTLE FISHES dance the ANNIVERSARY WALTZ. After a few MOONLIGHT COCKTAILS they rode back to town on their BICYCLE BUILT FOR TWO. BARNACLE BILL was singing WHO WOULDN'T LOVE YOU to ROSE and she answered back YOU MADE ME LOVE YOU.

As they rode down the main street, they saw JIM coming from BEHIND THOSE SWINGING DOORS with two DEEP PURPLE DARK EYES. He then said, SOMEBODY ELSE IS TAKING MY PLACE so in he went to have another MICKEY and ROSE and BILL WE'RE THE COUPLE IN THE CASTLE FOREVER.

"I don't want any callers this afternoon," said the business man to the office boy. "If they say their business is important, just tell them that's what they all say."

That afternoon a lady called and insisted on seeing him. "I am his wife," she exclaimed.

"That's what they all say," said the office boy.

The victory of success is half won when one gains the habit of work.—Sarah A. Bolton.

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A well-known professor, famous for absent-mindedness, once met an old friend in the street and stopped to talk with him. When about to separate, the professor's face suddenly assumed a puzzled expression. "Tom," he said, "when we met, was I going up or down the street?" "Down," replied Tom. The professor's face cleared. "It's all right, then, I had been to lunch."

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Eyes: Blue.
Boy Friend: Four.
Girl Friend: No Steady.
Favorite subject in school: English.
Favorite Song: Jersey Bounce.
Favorite Smell: Hydrogen Sulfide.
Favorite Color: Green.
Favorite Sport: Track.
Favorite Food: Chop-Suey.
Hobby: Photography.
Career: Lawyer (President).
Clubs: Newspaper.

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NOTICE—At the heading of every column from now on will be the big four.

Kalberer .381 B. Sayers .238
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Last week I addressed an open letter to the baseball team. Since then the boys have made me eat some of my own words, and, for once in my life I don't mind doing that at all. As this paper goes to press we are on top of the conference, having won all our conference games.

Although we opened the season with five straight losses, the boys bounced back and won our first conference game, 4-3. This game was the first time we have ever beaten Central in a major sport.

Surprising everyone with a display of spirit not to be outdone, Adams out-hit, out-pitched, and out-fielded Central to give them a thorough beating.

Highlights of the game were Harris' double, Paul Meyers' pitching, and the support given Meyers by the Adams infield. Gene Flowers of Central also deserves mention for his powerful homerun to deep center field and we mustn't forget to thank the Rudanics' boys for the help they gave us.

Hersh Wamsley and Bob Culp finally made themselves a batting average by each collecting two hits in three times at bat. The final statistics show that Adams collected eight hits to Central's six. In the field Central had upward from five errors while Adams had only one.

Now that the boys seem to have started to hit, we should win some ball games. Our fielding has been fair and our pitching has been good. If we can keep up this hitting there's no reason why we can't win the rest of our games and the Conference Championship. Central and Washington seem to have the toughest teams this year and we've already beaten one of them. Michigan City, last year's champs, just don't seem to have the stuff this year, having already been beaten by Mishawaka. LaPorte has been cleaned once this year and Elkhart was beaten by Middlebury. On the whole our prospects look rather bright, but please don't expect too much. Every team can be beaten, you know, no matter how good they may be.

I should also like to say a word to the students. We have had some fine support at our games and let me tell you, that support really helps. At the Central game especially, we had a fine cheering section to add spirit to the game. Let's keep up the good work.

Well, by the time this paper comes out, we will have played three more games and won them all, I hope. At any rate, win or lose, that Central game is a feather in our cap they can't take away. And if we don't win another game we can always look back on the time we licked one of the toughest teams in the conference.

Whether you be man or woman you will never do anything in this world without courage. It is the greatest quality of the mind next to honor.
—James L. Allen.



George Richard DeWells alias "Rickey" is a born and raised South Bender. Generally speaking, he has led rather a dull life. He has lived in the same town and attended the same schools (Nuner and Adams) all his life.

However, in a different sense, he has led an exciting life. Excitement in the form of baseball, passball, and track which he played at Nuner, and football and baseball here at Adams.

Rickey was the old standby of our football line this last season. You could always depend on Rickey doing his part. He was always in there punching with all he had. In short, he played the game. Yes, you might say that he was one of the unsung heroes of our squad.

Although football is his favorite sport, it is not the only sport that he enjoys. Last year he was our regular first baseman in baseball; now he is our southpaw relief pitcher.

Rickey's scope of interests are wide. His hobby is photography, and his chief amusement, bowling.

His hill-William instincts say that po'k chops are his favorite food.

Maybe some of our readers do not know this DeWells when they see him. So I shall endeavor to describe him.

Our friend extends 5'10" upward and pulls 150 pounds downward. He wears a size 8 shoe, so if someone misses a shoe of that size . . . well . . .

Rickey has sandy colored hair and wears glasses (probably from straining his eyes at girls).

You might have seen him selling ice cream and candy during basketball games in the past season.

As to future plans, he does not plan to go to college, believing that colleges are a hindrance in times such as these. He plans to get a job, any job will do, even W.P.A. That is, if the army doesn't get him this summer.

THE WASTE BASKET

PET PEEVE

To have half my cup of coffee served in a saucer.
Drugstore cowboys.
Ashes all around the ashtrays.

— O —
Gum in drinking fountains
Gum on the floor
Gum on your shoes
Gum.

— O —
To find after typing a perfect letter that I had the carbon paper in vice versa.

To dash up the last steps only to have the doors slammed in my face.

THE WASTE BASKET DEPENDS UPON ITS FRIENDS

LITTLE WHITE LIES

Your party was so different! You don't have to worry about the money. You know I'm good for it. Our merchandise is cheap only in price.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

If you could only cook like mother. Hold that match closer so I can see if we have any gas.

O, come on out for dinner. The little woman won't mind.

I lost my paper.
No one in your family ever amounted to anything.

REMEMBER WAY BACK WHEN:

Boys wore their own key chains? There wasn't any John Adams? Cokes were a nickel? School parties had less rules and more food?

THE WASTE BASKET—FOR YOUR SCRAPS OF KNOWLEDGE

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