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SATURDAY

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Wanda, You Old Riley Grad, We Love 'Ya Just The Same -- You're So-o Sweet!

R-r-ring. "Wanda." "Could I have some admit slips, please?" Jing-a-ling-a-ling. "Say, there's a misprint on these new cards." R-ring.

Perhaps some of you will recognize this as a scene from the office. All this commotion is directed toward Wanda West who remains calm and undisturbed throughout.

A graduate of Riley—which fact has been the brunt of much raillery—Miss West has been John Adams' secretary for five years. She does all the secretarial work and bookkeeping including that for the Northern Indiana Teachers' Association and I. H. S. A. A. Tournies held here. Also she has charge of office supplies and the lost and found department. In the office are two huge boxes of articles waiting to be claimed by their owners. If you've lost anything, there's a good chance you can find it there.

The phone itself is practically a full time job and remains so despite the cutting down of calls to students. In many calls the people are asking for tickets to the various programs held here, but connected in no way to the school. Wanda is always the epitome of politeness no matter how disgusted or angry she is.

Our secretary says the qualifications, for a job such as her's are general secretarial knowledge along with bookkeeping and a good disposition. Mr. McNamera offers his two cents worth by saying that what he feels is an important asset is being able to take "an awful lot of guff from an awful lot of people."

Mary Jane Day Added To Adams Faculty

Miss Mary Jane Day is Adams' new art teacher replacing Mr. d'Orbert Faust who left Adams to teach in Kent, Ohio.

Previous to her arrival at Adams, Miss Day was supervisor of art for the city schools at Ellsfort, Indiana.

Miss Day obtained her schooling and training in art at the John Herran Art School in Indianapolis and by doing academic work at Indiana University, and also at Butler University. Miss Day received her M. A. (Master of Arts) degree from Columbia, New York.

Aside from her afternoon art classes here at Adams, Miss Day teaches morning art class at Riley. She says that she likes John Adams and its students very much.

SECRETARY



This is just about the best secretary this side of the president's Harry Ross, and we're not so sure that she doesn't have just about as much to do. She is Miss Wanda West, the Adams secretary. (Story in column 1).

ALBUM STAFF YEAR OF WORK NEARLY OVER

Swiftly drawing to an end is the work of this year's Album staff. Last week layouts were finished and put together and the yearbook was sent on it's way to the engravers.

Those connected with this enterprise have been very busy lately. Such phrases as 'Where did I put that picture?' 'Have you seen the Hi-Y copy?' and 'Did you do the cutlines for football?' have been flying around that little nook down at 101. Various pictures and paper are strewn all over but the staff always knows where everything is (well, most of the time, anyway).

Jerry just can not figure out why that neat picture he took last week didn't come out? Maybe he forgot his camera. Poor Sheila sliced a little too much off that last picture

CITY CINDER SQUADS SET SIGHTS ON SATURDAY

Central is a strong favorite to win the annual twin-city quintangular meet to be held Saturday afternoon at School Field. The colorful array of five teams will start to settle accounts at 1:30 on that date.

Results of last Saturday's Goshen Relays are not known at this writing, but on the basis of several dual and triangular meets, the inside line seems to mark a Central victory. Last year it was the Bears who won the event which was very close in all quarters. Such boys as Lisk in the 100 and 220,

JOHN ADAMS MUSICIANS ENTER STATE BAND COMPETITION

Cecil R. (Doc) Deardorff, Adams band director, will lead his musicians into the Northern Indiana band contest Saturday here in the Adams auditorium.

This will be the third year that the Adams group has entered the contest. Each member of the band is primed to win a first division as they did last year. Each band is required to play a march, a number selected by the judges, and another number of their own choosing.

Rating is given each band on the basis of quality with the bands which are competing. Much time is spent in preparing for the contest, the eventual climax of each school year.

The contest advances an opportunity for everyone to see many excellent organizations from many schools competing. Adams is the only South Bend school to enter the contest. A small admissions price is charged.

S. B. TUBERCULOSIS LEAGUE SPONSORS X-RAYS

The Tuberculosis League of South Bend conducted T. B. tests at Adams on Thursday April 10. A 35 millimeter film was used. All members of the 11A and 11B classes received X-ray. Also receiving X-rays were members of the senior class whose former X-rays were questionable and boys of the 10th grade who are out for athletics. The tests are given as a part of the Physical Education Program. Students whose X-rays were not clear will have other tests at a later date.

but she'll fix it up, (we hope).

Joanie, our busy little editor, is kept flying about trying to see that everything is being done right. Of course usually there, towering above the staff, is Mr. McNamera himself aiding in many ways.

BASKETBALL TEAM HONORED IN BANQUET

Glenn Personette Kiwanis
Winner In Seventh
Annual Dinner

John Adams High School honored its seventh basketball team in a testimonial banquet April 11. The Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church was the scene of the banquet, which had as its speaker, Mr. Herbert Reed, basketball coach at Western Michigan College and vice-president of the National Basketball Association.

Mr. Reed stressed the point that the boys who must carry the load next season should start now to train and get into condition for that season if they expect to fulfill their dreams for a good team. He pointed out by example how a team, or a person, can do almost the impossible when their physical strength is put forth in one big effort.

Serving as toastmaster was Forest Wood, director of physical education in the school city. He took charge of the proceedings in fine order, introducing the following speakers: Mr. Frank Allen, Mr. Dave Gallup, Mr. Ralph Powell, and Mr. Sargent.

Although he arrived late, Dr. O. J. Grundy presented the Kiwanis award for sportsmanship, athletics, and scholarship to Glenn Personette who has played varsity ball for three years for John Adams.

In the address by Coach Powell, each of the senior member of the team was introduced and a summary of his basketball career given. The other members of the team were also presented to the audience. Mr. Sargent introduced the teachers, maintenance staff, Ushers and cheer leaders.

Basketball awards will be given sometime this week in an assembly, Mr. Rothermel announced last week.

relay material so far this year.

About the only threat to be entered by Washington is Bonczynski in the mile run. The Panthers are doing a fine job of building up a team since they have not really been in competition until the last two years.

Adams chances to win are somewhat bolstered by the return of speedster Jerry Gibson, who is an all around man when it comes to track and field meets. It could be that the Eagles would so balance up the right points to finish in the money in this event.

Hepler in the shot, Waters in the high jump, and Brummond in the 440 will make the uptown club's hopes seem to shine out brightest.

Riley and Mishawaka will be about the same in power if records of meets mean anything on paper. Outstanding for the Maroons is little Larry Gates in the pole vault and Kenny Feather in the broad jump. The South Sider's mile relay team should spark up the cinders if they run the combination used last year in the sectionals. Coach Wayne Wakefield has been experimenting somewhat with his

KATINKA REIGNS SUPREME

Although final dress rehearsal is just over at this writing, we can rest assured that Katinka was the success its participants wanted it to be.

The Tower staff would like to congratulate the Glee Club, and all others connected with one of the best musicals ever presented here at John Adams. Talk was circulating before the show that all who remembered "Connecticut Yankee" in 1944 would see even a better show than that "high" in the history of Adams. The critics will know by now, but barring no unseen accidents, Katinka did better than that musical of the years

gone by.

Special congratulations go to Myra Roberts and Nancy Gra-decki for their roles in the lead, but one cannot overlook the 109 other members of the cast who made Katinka such a grand spectacle. Mr. Casaday, Mrs. Pate, and Mr. Dake made the works fairly jump with liveliness and likeability, while student director, Patricia Center, contributed much to unforgettable Katinka.

Again, congratulations from The Tower staff to all who helped to make Katinka live in the memories of John Adams High.

"LEADS ARE MADE, NOT BORN"

This is a fitting epitaph to be placed on the graves of a group of Adams' students who probably collapsed last Friday night at about ten o'clock. The glee club worked feverishly to bring about the success of "Katinka" the musical comedy that was a new 'high' in high school entertainment.

If time is a requisite for a good production, Katinka did not suffer. Hours of hard labor on the part of the main characters were contributed to the success of their show. Those hours were reflected in the efficient way they made use of their talent (of which they have a great deal.)

A more timely year for this production would have been hard to find. The various types of voices were fitted perfectly, for the characters they portrayed.

Thursday and Friday of last week saw the climax of work and expectations. As the final curtain fell Friday night, a feeling of relief from tension was present, but most prevalent was a feeling of sadness that the show, that all members of the Glee Club have come to enjoy so much, is a thing of the past, recallable only in memories.

PIONEERS OF TODAY

Pioneer days are not over. We often think of a pioneer as a strong, hardy man, dressed in buckskin clothes and a coonskin cap. A pioneer is one who goes into the wilderness to prepare the way for others, not just the wilderness of nature, but the wilderness of any unknown. Today we have pioneers, too.

The pioneer of long ago was able to conquer the Indian in territory familiar only to the Indian. He was able to make a living from the land with only the instruments he could make himself. What a great advantage his small knowledge of strategy, communication, weapons, and tools afforded him; but what a great deal more could have been accomplished if he had had a better education. With the knowledge the pioneer had, he made our country what it is; but the work is not finished. Many fields remain to be discovered or pioneered further. Government, taxation, labor relations, education, and science are some of them. We receive an education so that we may use our knowledge in pioneering, or leading the way into new fields, that we may have a better city, a better country, and a better world.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

by Pat Hardy

RILEY

The Riley spring play, a comedy entitled "Tobias and the Angel" is now a thing of the past and only a memory, but it was a success on the two successive nights it was given. The senior class presented the play and the proceeds went into the senior treasury.

Riley has announced that its students are just too busy to acquire spring fever as all their clubs are taking on new projects and activities. The students at Adams might take heed and busy themselves in school participation to cure that demon spring fever.

LAPORTE

Laporte High is boasting about their great feat in procuring Eddie The Laporte debate team has won a sweeping 20 straight victories and also has won the National Forensic Debate Tournament. This is an excellent record and the school is indeed proud of them.

GOOD LUCK BAND



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ERRORS IN TOWER

Two errors in last week's Tower came to the attention of the staff. Jerry Ollman, a sophomore, was reported as making a second place in the band solo contest when he actually received a first. In checking this fallacy, it was discovered that Jerry really played beautifully to get the honor.

The speaker for the Hi-Y Easter program was Father McInerny C.S.C. from Holy Cross church, not St. Patrick's.

The Schedule

1. Adams vs. Michigan City (defending conference champs) baseball, Friday evening at Adams.
2. City quintangular track meet Saturday at School Field. (1:30) Adams, Central, Mishawaka, Riley, and Washington.
3. Adams vs. Mishawaka, baseball Tuesday at Mishawaka.

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Believe me, Pam Hudson certainly looks pretty with that lush tan she's sporting. And she didn't get it sitting under a sun-lamp either, she's just back from a two week vacation in Florida.

These couples were seen at a recent dance:

- Ben Jurcik and Nancy King
- Barbara Clayton and Bob Hepler
- Agnes McCreary and Bill Cogen.
- Bob Crody and Joan Stombaugh
- Mary Nold and Jim Cox
- Janet Schulmier and LaMar Worley.

Add to the "going-steady" list:

Bow Underclassmen -- Here Are "Wheels"

MARY LOU RANDT

Mary Lou Randt is a senior A here at Adams. She was born in Mishawaka in 1929. She attended Thomas Jefferson before coming to Adams. She likes Perry Como, chocolate malts, sweaters, and the idea of getting out of school at 1:30 for Office Practice. She also likes well-groomed boys (boys!!) Her chief dislikes are: school work, gum, and nose people.

Mary Lou has blue eyes and brown hair. If you care to call on her, it's 2-1629.

Jerry Folmer and Marian Driver.

Believe me, the Adams' girls have no appeal to Dave Gibson, who faithfully calls 3-6232, every night.

Ask Jerry Freels how it feels to be a "gay ninetier."

Seen around together lately: Marian Densmore and Jay Osborn.

Seen but not mentioned: Forrest Smith and Joyce Meyers.

Believe me, we can now add two more very happy senior girls to our list of those who will soon be hearing wedding bells—Juanita Hobkirk and Pat Tucker.

Nominee for the bluest gal in school, Joey Dibble. The doctor says that she must wear a cast on her leg until the end of May.

Believe me, John Bright has been seeing a lot of Donna Chambers lately.

Question of the week: Did Lenore Tucker get to the Goshen relays?

JOE CATANZARITE

Joe Catanzarite is a senior A and sixteen years old. He was born in Ambridge, a mining town in Pennsylvania. He came to Adams from a Mishawaka school. Joe's main interest is girls (of course). His dislike is mainly "Teachers who act like they own the school." His pet peeve—"Teachers who put you 'low' in Study Hall." He is majoring in English and he rates Mr. McNamara as his favorite teacher.

(By the way, he has brown eyes and black hair.)

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In a recent survey of Dr. George B. Gulp the question was asked, "What suggestions do you have to promote better family relations." Here are the results of the poll:

1. If you are a teen ager, turn on the radio immediately upon entering the room and monopolize it thereafter. That saves your parents from conversation, therefore their vocal chords won't wear out.
 2. Save all homework until after supper, making it impossible to help with the dishes. Mother gets more exercise that way.
 3. Leave your room a complete mess, and try to make the rest of the house match your room as nearly as possible. This will give the house that informal look, which is really the latest thing.
 4. Interrupt your parents whenever you feel like it. They won't mind, they don't talk because they have something important to say.
 5. Bring in the crowd, without warning, for a bite to eat. (In other words, . . . a meal!) All right, so your parents don't eat for a week, they should welcome a chance to reduce.
 6. Keep all sorts of unexpected late hours. So what, parents look nice with gray hair and gnawed finger nails.
 7. Ask for the car at least ten times a week. Chalk that one up to exercise, too. Under this plan your parents will be down to at least pipe stem size.
- These were just a few of the suggestions. You can probably add to the list. With these as your guide, we guarantee peace and harmony in your family, that is if you still have a family.

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by Eveline Kendall

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Now our company has taken a poll of all the calamities that have befallen the students of that typical little American School, the John Adams Institution of Higher Learning and Lower Morons in the peaceful town of Babbling Brook, Indiana, and we have here for you, the results.

In top place was the usual long list of falls that people have taken. There were, of course, a few variations in the methods of the individuals, such as the case of Dorothy Personette who toppled down a flight of stairs between classes. (Dorothy is now comfortably established in one of our new Extra-Special models with the added attraction of a cold freezing unit — guaranteed to keep the lucky corpse well preserved and happy for centuries to come.) Or there is the story of Prof. Roell who took a tumble on Miami Street, en route home from church. (She'll learn to steal from the collection box!)

Then there are the accidents that happen in the sports field such as that of our hero, "Legs" Lambert, who had the misfortune of getting his thumb jammed when one of his buddies (?) threw a basketball at him. (This might have resulted very seriously for Don because, as you know, basketballs are rather hard to get at the present time.)

Next on our list are the people who are always rushing through the halls two seconds before the bell rings, killing and disabling uncounted hundreds. Among these, and a rather interesting case I might say, is Pat Pence who, in

her haste, slammed her locker door on her thumb. (Some people will do anything for a laugh!) By the way, speaking of broken bones, it looks like broken legs are right in style at present. How 'bout that Joan Dibble and "Little Wegner?"

Then we have those people whose cars are always getting stuck at the most inconvenient (?) times! In this category, we find that one of the unfortunate individuals was Sue LaFollette. We understand that recently on a date with her O. A. O. (Dick) Sue had a rather rugged time of it when the car got stuck and she had to push. Never before having been exposed to this thing called work, "Poor Susue" was killed immediately from the shock and she died a half-hour later on the way to the veterinarian.

Now Sue was one of those sad sacks who hadn't invested in one of our Accident Policies. Instead of reclining luxuriously in a Schlootenheimer - Mergatroid, Super-duper, Deluxe, Streamlined, Extra Special, air-conditioned coffin with the added attraction of a cold freezing unit, Sue is now growing stiff in a creaky, stuffy, worm-eaten, thing called a casket that wouldn't even make good as a substitute. When friends come to call, Sue is embarrassed by worm-holes, termites, the various gruesome conditions of suffocation, cracking and crumbling walls, mildew, mould, and B. O. She is no longer regarded by one and all as "a beautiful specimen of well-preserved womanhood" but is known far and wide throughout the world as "Stinky."

Well, friends, after hearing all these convincing facts, I'm sure you're just dying to sign right here on this dotted li--- What's that? You say you don't want to invest in one? Take my foot out of the door.

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Year Has Been Busy One For Female Athletes

In the spring the members of the G A A are offered soccer and track. The G A A members are now going out for tumbling and hockey.

During the past year they played softball, speed ball, volley ball, and basketball. Jean Webb was outstanding in speedball while Ruth Keb was outstanding in volley ball and Gloria McGinis, in basketball. Two of the best all round athletes, that are in the G A A, are Kathleen Bumann, who is president, and Christine Scott.

The G A A has a point system. After the initiation, the ones who were initiated, receive their pins. After 50 points are made, the girl receives the letters G A A; after 150, class numerals; after 250, the letters S B; after 350, a state placque, which is the highest award that is given.

In organized play, the G A A member receives 10 points after attending an activity, that lasts for six weeks, six times. In unorganized play, they receive 5 points. Unorganized play includes walking, hiking, and ice skating.

In girls physical education they are now studying rhythmic, which includes folk dancing, and tumbling, that consists mostly of group stunts.

The spring activities will be field and track, which include high jump, broad jump, 50 yard dash, and softball. The emphasis will be on softball and if there is any time left they will play either soccer or speedball.

Riley Whipped 22-1 As Conference Race Opens

The Eastern Division, Northern Indiana High School baseball round robin schedule got under way a week ago with all of the teams swinging into action.

Riley's Wildcats took the slaughter of the day, and probably of the year, as they tumbled 22-1 before the Washington Panthers. Spike Kelly's nine was pounded for 12 hits and made 12 errors as Panther pitchers Lawecki and Piekarski divided mound duties.

Defending champions, Michigan City, started off with a win over Mishawaka as the Red Devils got six runs off of 5 hits and 3 errors.

Elkhart rallied to whip Laporte 5-4 in a closely fought battle in Elkhart. The Blazers' runs came in the sixth inning.

Central whipped Adams 6-0. (Story on this page.)

TIE ONCE, LOSE ONCE IN BASEBALL OPENERS

CENTRAL 6 — ADAMS 0

David Coker proved to be a spoiler when he collected the only Adams hit of the eve and sent Central's Guz Zalas to the showers "feelin' mighty low" with his seventh inning three bagger. Rapid Gus, with the rockabye windup, had a no-hitter with two outs in the seventh inning when David played the part of a "killjoy" and blasted a three bagger to the right field fence. It was a surprise on the part of Coker who was rapidly earning himself the nickname of "Fanny."

Coker's blast was the only bright spot in the Adams' score book as Gus whiffed something like a dozen Adams' stickers. Glenn Personette and Dick Truex led the KO parade with two strikeouts each.

Don Truex started out doing a fine job of hurling. He fanned the first four men to face him including Gene Ring, Central's clean up batter. The next two after Ring, John Mull and "Posey Flowers, flied to Ed White who played an outstanding game in centerfield. Don started to work himself into a hole just after the first out in the third inning. He walked the next batters and then Central's mighty midget, Billy Balok, walloped a sharp single to left center sending the first run of the game and touching Truex for the first hit of the slaughter.

Gene Ring embarrassed the Adamites in the fourth when he treated them to some fancy base running. He made first on a error and then in turn stole second and third base and then took the cake when he stole home.

Southpaw "Ozark" Nevins went to the hill in the fifth and was touched for the last four runs, even though he allowed only one hit.

Truex's strikeout record was almost as good as Zalas' as he whiffed some ten Central Clubbers.

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Central	0	0	1
Adams	0	0	0

ADAMS 8 — RILEY 8

Baseball got under way at John Adams as Coach Neff's Eagles gained a tie with the Riley Wildcats in the first practice game of the season. The game was called at the end of the eighth because of darkness.

The first two innings looked bad for the Eagles as Riley took a 2-0 lead while the first six Adams batters struck out. In the third inning Jim Nevins relieved Bill Cox, Adams' starting pitcher, but still Riley managed to hammer out two more runs to increase their lead 5-0. Then in the last half of the third inning Bill Roberts singled to left field and later scored on a single by Jim Nevins, but this ended the rally with Riley leading 5 to 1.

In the fifth inning Dick Cormican replaced Jim Nevins as Adams' pitcher. Riley hit Cormican hard and increased their lead 8 to 1. In the last half of the sixth Adams fought back with two more runs to make the score 8 to 3. Don Truex moved in from left field in the seventh to take over the pitching duties for Adams and held Riley hitless. Then came the big inning for the Eagles as they poured across five runs on singles by Personette and Smeltzer and a double by Don Truex to the score 8 to 8. Again Don Truex held Riley hitless.

H I G H L I G H T S
by
H I G H B E R G E R

I see where the circus is playing at Madison Square Gardens now. That is a sure sign of spring's existence. Don't be surprised if some day you pick up a leaflet and read, "In town for one day only—Ringlingberger, Barcume and Bartz Circus featuring Jay Myers as the talking giraffe."

The pitching position on Coach Rollo Neff's diamond squad has been rather hard hit lately due to Dick Jensen's illness and Ted Smith's ineligibility. Don Truex has shown quite well and will probably be the Eagle's most consistent hurler.

Jack Swindeman and "Hillie" Howell, Adams' two top high jumpers for this season, are still far off John Shafer's 6' 1" record leap.

Those "Rover boys" Murphy, Tobin, and Marshall, Notre Dame's gift to Physical Education, are getting their basic training here at Adams and if they can withstand the physical punishment here, they might get "promoted" to some nice place like Alcatraz or Leavenworth.

A HUMAN INTEREST STORY
—On Sunday mornings when he doesn't have anything to do but sleep (as he never learned to read) Leroy Barritt takes a stroll down to the park and watches the animals (or is it vice-versa). Some Sunday morning if you see "Moose" sashaying down the avenue, don't be alarmed—he hasn't been out "Peeping Tom," he has only been down to the park reminiscing old times.

AWARDS ASSEMBLY

The annual spring sports awards assembly will be held this week, probably Friday, according to Mr. Rothermel, athletic director. Golf, basketball, and cheerleading awards will be presented.

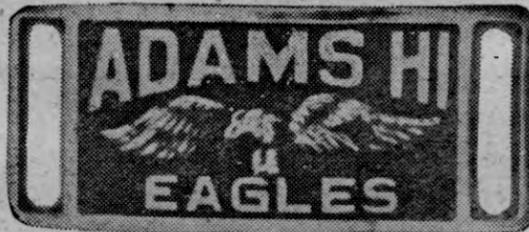
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