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Emily Post Is Right

Here I go, just one more person, writing once more about one more thing that you're sick of hearing; but maybe I can get at least one point across. It's about manners.

Everyone has some pride and as much as adults doubt it, most of the kids of today do want to be known as something more than crude, thoughtless animals. Of course, we have to prove it by accepting responsibility and acting like humans. We have all probably at one time or another, been embarrassed by slipping up on manners when we're out in a crowd. We draw a conclusion of a person by how he acts, and yet we don't take time to correct these mannerisms ourselves.

I think it's needless to mention not leaning all over the table, etc., because these things have been talked about so much. Why not try to impress our family as much as some of our friends, and we'll have a much easier and more pleasant way all of the time. Try one of the many books in our library if there's any doubt in your mind about the details.

by Judy Riggs

GOT THOSE LOCKER BLUES

By Norma Rush

I used to locker up near 201, It was roomy, it was homey, the neighbors were fun.

It was "in bounds" for the ball games, It was near to my classes,
And surrounded with "interesting" people, Which made good my chances.
Oh, how happy I was, oh, so very gay. I loved that old locker, I'd truthfully say.

But — I had a friend, Who knew a fellow, Who lockered near me, When their friendship started to mellow.

Now, she had a locker down by 105. She said I'd love it there,
"The place was really alive." At the time, I didn't know how she meant that —

If I had, I'd never have switched. For now that I've lockered there nearly a semester,

I'm becoming a little "tetched."

In the morning it's tolerable, At night it's not bad,

But the noon time, the rush time, Drives me mad, mad, mad, mad!!!

There are five little lockers all neat in a row.

For five little people?? Ha, ha, brother — you just don't know!

Not five people, or six, or seven, or eight, But nine instead, with an upward trend of late.

Now, I'm in the middle, I have no locker mate and why the rest don't do the same

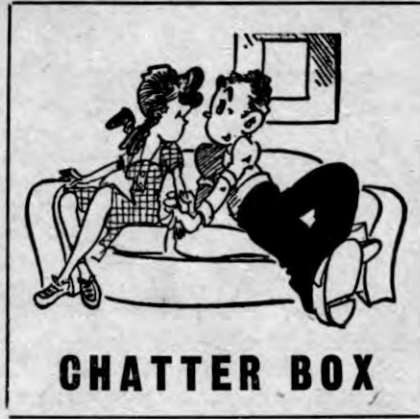
Is an unerring chance of fate.

Then they bring all their friends, With them to converse.

I have no hope, instead, It gets worse and worse — Until — Oh Nuts!

It's getting hard to just stay alive, When there's nine people lockering

Where there should only be five!!



Spring Vacation is food for romance.
Evidence is the gossip this week.

Roses are red.
You wear them to dances.
Spring has come
With all its romances.

A week full of bliss,
No homework no studies.
There was plenty of time
To have fun with your buddies.

The parties were gay,
Till one thirty the best.
I went back to school
For relaxation and rest.

On Jack Stauffer's birthday
What a surprise to him,
A surprise party
At the Oldenburg Inn.

Wayne Miller & Rosie Kelly
On the davenport sat
And as usual together
Were Nick & Pat.

To end up vacation
Myra makes up her mind
To go steady with Orrison,
What a surprise to find.

Bob Mamby & Betty Cain
I must include in this poem,
Cause Jinny Fruit dated Jim
Sennett
While he was home.

The latest news of all
Joan Henderson & Snoko
Broke up their acquaintance
That's no joke.

The most unhappy
Girl of the day
Was Lenore Tucker
When Cassidy went away.

Joan Stombaugh's party
Was really neat
Rosie & Don Lambert
I happened to meet.

Jim McKenzie brought Mary Ann
Earle.

Harold Ziker was with Jane Tarr.
Don Simon & Josie Johnson, too.
Eileen & John Keller were up to
par.

At the Country Club
Was a party, too.
Donna Miller and Pidge
Were something new.

A friendship again started
Shirley and Dave Cox you see.
He's back at school now
And she's unhappy as can be.

Vacation is over,
Graduation is near.
To work again
Till summer is here.

SHEARER BECOMES A WISEMAN TO A WISE MAN

Congratulations to Mrs. Wiseman, the former Miss Frances Shearer, who was married Easter Sunday at the Indiana Avenue Christian Church. Mrs. Wiseman has taught Art and Typewriting at Adams since last September.

Seen "tripping the light fantastic" during the vacation: Jim Cox and Nancy Watson, Dave Hyde and Lois Warstler, Elaine Rolfe and Fred Barrell, Nancy Carlson and Russ Lindholm (Central alumnus), Carol Smikel and Jeff Lang, Jenny Jackson and Gerry Weinberg, Lois Nestlerode and Harlow Coney, and Charmaine Franklin and Dare Nestlerode (N. D.).

At least our editor pays her bets — and she did reduce a little! Small consolation — those ice cream cones surely were good!

Seen at a recent party: Doris Eberhardt and Jack Fisher, Nancy Chappel and Jack Michaels, and Dale Litherland and Delores Tiege.

Y-Teen April Shower was attended by Beverly Miller and Bob Trimble, Shirley Williams and Dave Coker and Betty Gudates and Bob Ross.

Seen at the St. Joseph Charity Ball were Jody Screes and Devon Frash, Marilyn Dietrick and Bob Deiter, and Betty Granat and John Petrou (Washington).

When Jean Stull was asked to give her silk blouse for Physics experiment what did Dick Worth suggest as a substitute?

What's Buzzin' In The Clubs

G. A. A. — These eleven girls attended the Basketball Banquet because of their working as concession workers during the season. They are: Dolly Smith, Marilyn Becker, Barbara Boehm, Dixie Landy, Doris Holdeman, Norma Lebo, Ella Martin, Barbara Swanson, Marian Higgins, Bernadette James, and Melva Swilt.

HI-Y — A meeting was held at the Y. M. C. A. on Good Friday. The Adam's Eve was discussed and the Hi-Y decided that volleyball may be substituted for basketball and that the game would be held later this spring.

A Hi-Y district conference will be held on April 20.

USHERS CLUB — Ushers who earned eleven or more merits at the Tourneys were invited to attend the Basketball Banquet free. Those who attended were: Albert Kaplan, Phil Kohlbrenner, Bill Lake, Lamar May, Tom Shulmeir, Jim Wilson, Jack Dickson, Harold Heeter, James Koehler, Tom Smithberger, Neal Van Houten, Don Wright, Gene Wright, Phil Sandoz, Andy Smithberger, Kenneth Tennyson, Robert Zensinger.

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DISTRICT HI-Y CLUBS TO HOLD CONFERENCE

On April 20, the Hi-Y Clubs of this district will hold a conference at 3:30 p.m. at Mishawaka High School. The topic of the conference is "Measuring Us as a Christian in the Home, in School, and in the Community."

Plans are being made to discuss the topic by a speech at the general assembly, small discussion groups, and a panel discussion. Following the 3:30 registration, a short devotional period will be held, then the discussion groups, after which dinner will be served.

Sometime during the conference, Dr. Dennio, State Y.M.C.A. staff member from Indianapolis, will make a presentation of a program providing a place for youth in state government. This program is designed to become a Hi-Y project within the next few years.

ADAMS BAND ENTERTAINED RILEYITES FOR ASSEMBLY

Last Friday morning, April 9, the Adams Band gave a concert for a Riley assembly. The concert included the following numbers:

- Men in Grey—March by Brahmstedt
- Ariane—Overture by Bozer
- Oboe and Flute Duet—Mary Troube and Joan Wine
- Little Joe—Novelty by Hill
- Marimba Duet—Harold Heeter and Carl Blacksmith
- Old Grey Mare—Novelty by King Stacy

The concert was very well received by the Riley students. The Riley Band will return the visit for the Adams student body in the near future.

TOWER SURVEY REVEALS 461 ADAMS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

In a recent survey taken by the Tower, it has been determined that 195 seniors participated in at least one of the 31 extra-curricular activities offered to Adams' students; 162 juniors and 104 sophomores are active. This is a total of 461 of the 675 John Adams students taking part in extra-curricular activities.

Glee Club has the largest membership with 102 students. Drama Club and play casts are next with 77 and 73 respectively. Below is a complete tabulation of the results of the survey.

	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total
Student Council	5	3	12	20
Student forum	3	6	10	19
Junior Red Cross	5	10	14	29
Football	16	24	23	63
Basketball	9	12	9	30
Baseball	8	16	7	31
Tennis	3	1	2	6
Golf	1	2	6	9
Track	4	14	32	50
Cross Country	2	17	12	31
Student Athletic Mgr.	4	9	3	16
Yell leader	4	4	2	10
Glee Club	28	41	33	102
Band	17	19	17	53
Dance band	7	7	7	21
Orchestra	9	5	5	19
Triple Trio	1	2	7	10
Play casts	5	6	62	73
Play committees	2	16	51	69
Stage assistants	0	1	3	4
Drama Club	16	28	33	77
Screen Club	5	6	7	18
Hi-Y	17	6	7	30
Y-Teens	13	18	27	58
G. A. A.	19	12	19	50
Debate	0	7	13	20
Library Club	12	16	8	34
Monogram Club	1	9	30	40
Ushers Club	8	20	12	40
Album	6	16	16	38
Tower	9	25	35	69

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONTEST ON APRIL 17

Once again all band and orchestra members will meet for the Competition Festival on April 17. This contest will take the entire day and competitors will be rated by judges selected by the Northern Indiana Band, Orchestra and Vocal Association (N.I.B.O.V.A.). This organization which sponsors the contest is affiliated with the Music Teachers Association and State Music Association.

The participants are graded on the basis of playing ability as superior, good, average, and poor; and not against each other.

One special feature is the sight reading class contest which is also graded superior, good, etc. Before an individual is eligible for participation he must enter his name to the judges.

The Tower wishes to join the John Adams faculty and student body in expressing its deepest sympathy to Mr. Willard Harris and family on the recent death of Mrs. Mary Harris.

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Basketball Banquet Draws Crowd

TEAM HONORED AT EIGHTH ANNUAL BASKETBALL BANQUET

The year 1948 marks the eighth time in the history of John Adams that the basketball team has been honored by a banquet. Some 120 fans attended the colorful affair held in the Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church, April 7. The banquet got under way at 6:30 with an invocation by Rev. Edward Brueseke. Then came a very delicious meal which was served by several young ladies who are members of the church.

The program got under way with the well-known comedian Harold Heeter and his assistant, Carl Bleckschmidt performing on the xylophone accompanied by Joann Wine at the piano. Serving as toastmaster was Mr. Rupert Ferrell, assistant director of Physical Education for School City. Mr. Ferrell placed the speakers on the program in two groups: the short stand-up and the sit right-down group. Under this category came Mr. Frank E. Allen, superintendent of schools, and Mr. Robert Walker, promotion manager of the reconstruction of School Field. Next on the program was Adams own basketball coach, Mr. Ralph Powell. Coach Powell thanked the boys for a wonderful season and then introduced each varsity player. He also presented the coaches from Central, Mishawaka, Washington, namely Mr. Primmer, Mr. Wukovits, and Mr. Holley. Coaches from Lincoln and Jefferson junior high schools were also guests. As a concluding remark, Mr. Powell announced that next year's senior manager would be Joe Plott.

Mr. Neff presented the members of the B-squad, and the players then introduced their parents. Mr. Sargent thanked Dr. Filipek, team doctor, the Ushers Club, the GAA., the cheerleaders, and last but not least the faculty. A great deal of credit goes to Mr. Rothermel and Miss West who worked very hard to make the banquet a success. Next on the program was a solo by Bill Gooley, accompanied by Katie DeLong.

The much anticipated speech of the evening was given by Mr. Hugh Burns, trainer at the University of Notre Dame. Mr. Burns gave a very fine talk on Training the Body and Mind. He also "handed a bouquet" to the parents because he feels they suffer every win and loss that the team encounters. Mr. Burns closed his speech by wishing the boys luck in their future years of athletic competition.

At 9:30 the curtain fell on the eighth edition of the John Adams basketball play.

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ADAMS BASEBALL SQUAD PREPARES FOR SEASON OPENER WITH RILEY

The eyes of the Adams baseball fans are now turned toward the season opener at Riley, April 16. The team has been working outside since their return from spring vacation. The more aggressive players like Phil Smeltzer, the prominent junior catcher, have been practicing for the last 5 weeks. Getting around to private interviews "Wiffer" Nevins has already put in his bid for a twenty game winner but because of schedule difficulties this may prove impossible. All kidding aside the team has worked hard and should prove a prominent contender for the league title. The facts on the Riley baseball team are yet unknown, but they should prove no push-over in the Eagles' schedule. The official starting line-up has not been designated but the probable line-up will consist of: 1b, Dick Truex; 2b, Keith Zider; ss, Dave Coker; 3b, Dave Hyde; lf, John Keller, cf, De-Von Frash; rf, Bill Roberts; c, Phil Smeltzer. Don Truex, last year's leading hitter and pitcher, will probably get the nod to start against Riley. (These positions are subject to change). So far this season forty-three players have reported for practice. Of the forty-three players there are 14 sophomores, 26 juniors, and 6 seniors. Coach Neff has revised the the schedule by adding seven B-team games. The teams that the B-team will encounter are Riley, Central, Mishawaka, LaPorte, Michigan City, and Riley and Central again. The B-games will be played at the same time that the varsity plays. The Adams home B-games will be played at Pottowatomi Park. The coach will be designated later. The Varsity schedule will remain the same as printed in an earlier issue but will be subject to change. The opening game is now only three days off and everyone should be on hand to support a swell team.

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ATTENTION GOLFERS!

Announcement was made today by Mr. Thompson of an intra-mural golf tournament. The tournament will begin April 26, and extend throughout the school term. All boys are eligible except members of the varsity golf team.

Sign up on the paper posted on the bulletin board near the boys' athletic office. April 23 is the deadline for entries. All matches will be match play over 18 holes. They may be played over any district course which is mutually agreeable to both participants, except the Studebaker course. One week's time will be allowed for each match. At the climax of the tournament, a gold medal and certificate will be awarded to the winner. There will be no qualifying round.

All boys, regardless of whether they are 80 or 150 shooters, should register immediately!

TRACKSTERS MEET MISHAWAKA FOR SECOND START

The Adams trackmen jog over to Mishawaka tomorrow for a dual meet with the Cavemen. This will be the Eagles' second meet this season, and it will be the third for the Cavemen.

First place hopes fall toward Adams in the 440 which Ben Jurcik should take and in the 100 yard dash which "Moose" Barritt has a very good chance to win. The mile relay team has Jurcik, Dave Gibson, and Nichols back from last year. The 880 yard relay team is the same as last year with the exception of Jerry Gibson whom we lost by graduation.

Dick Foster has a good chance of winning the mile run. Joe Howell and Ronnie Minzey will try to grab high jumping honors, while Doug Beebe and Fred Knopp will be after the blue ribbon in the pole vault contest.

As far as Adams is concerned the 880 yard run is wide open. Dave Irwin set the school record last year in the 880 which is 2:03.3.

Next Tuesday the Adams track squad will travel to Michigan City for a dual meet with the Red Devils.

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HIGHLIGHTS BY HIGHBERGER

Adams alumni Glenn "Lefty" Hankins and John Goldsberry have been making the sport pages of the local tabloid lately. "Lefty" has left for spring training with the Clinton, Iowa, minor league baseball club. The Clinton team is affiliated with the Chicago Cubs so don't be surprised if Mr. Hankins is up in the big time in a few years with the Bruins. John Goldsberry, Indiana University's Captain elect for 1948 football season has not quite recovered from a leg injury received during the '47 campaign, hence his further gridiron escapades may be halted.

Paul Bumann who has been a golfer since he was knee high to a "tee" may enter Notre Dame next fall on an athletic scholarship.

Ralph Seaman, former Adams' athlete, has been discharged from the Army and has hopes of returning to school next fall.

Radio station WJVA is going to broadcast football games at School Field next fall.

With the baseball season opening up Friday and a track meet Saturday, Adams' spring sports enthusiasts are in for a busy week-end. The tracksters should have a good season though it will not in all probability be a colossal campaign, things do look promising. "Little Ben" Jurcik, should be coach Kriider's outstanding athlete on the cinder paths. Jurcik is "quick silver" in the quarter mile.

Adams baseball pitching staff is well armed with Don Truex, Keith Zeiders, Jim Nevins, Bill Cox, and Ron Lynch hurling. It looks like a big season so don't miss out on it.

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