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# YEARBOOK SOON ON SALE

# ADAMS MATHEMATICIANS IN STATE CONTEST

CRAWLEY, TOTH, SCHUBERT, MOON, AND SANDOCK ARE ENTRANTS.

Adams High School was represented by five of her students at the state mathematics tests at Indiana University on April 25. This group, accompanied by Mr. Weir, left South Bend Friday afternoon and returned Saturday evening after the test. Lodgings were provided in fraternity and sorority houses.

Leslie Moon, Jules Sandock, and Katherine Crawley were Adams survivors of the recent elimination tests at Notre Dame. Katherine took part in the algebra contest and Sandock and Moon were entered in the plane

geometry division.

Lillian Toth and Justin Schubert took the comprehensive mathematics exam, open to high school seniors.

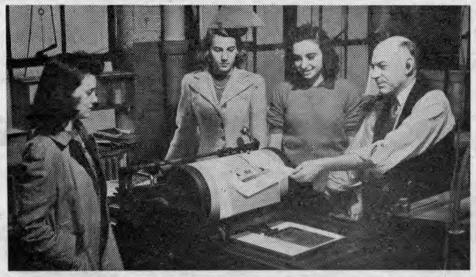
Adams, with an enrollment of less than 1000, was eligible to send two entrants.

Results of these contests will be published in a few weeks.

#### ADAMS ALBUM TO BE DELUXE JOB

The printing of the first yearbook in Adams history will be done by the Peterson Printing Co. which has established a reputation, both locally and nationally, as a printer of all types of commercial and advertising material. Our yearbook will be printed on heavy enameled paper and the staff is considering the use of buff papers with parts in sepia (brown) color ink. Heavy leather grained paper will compose the cover with the white-lettered title standing out against a background of Adam's blue. The book will be bound, not with the usual wire staples, but with red plastic celluloid. Thus carrying out the patriotic motif of the good 'ole red, white, and blue.
The type, called Futura, (yes, even
types are named) is in keeping with
the modernistic design of the whole book. This type is like nothing you've ever seen, since it's new and unique in yearbook publication.

The plates from which the art work and photographs were printed were made by the Indiana Engraving Company according to a contract which called for the use of the finest materials and workmanship available. This firm does many of the advertisements used in national publications by Studebaker, South Bend Lathe, South Bend Bait, and the Kellogg Company. The Adams plates are what is known to any engraver as 133 line copper, but to you and me they are simply super, super.



Marilyn Beal, Lynn Dibble, and Charlotte Whiting; editor, advertising manager, and circulation manager of THE ADAMS ALBUM look on as Mr. Charles Betz of the Indiana Engraving Company takes the first proof of the plate from which the frontispiece of the ALBUM will be printed.

### ADAMS GIRLS TROUNCE NOTRE DAME FRESHMEN

Four Adams quiz kids flexed their mental muscles Saturday, April 18, and showed their superiority to Notre Dame freshmen. Dot Bickel, Lillian Toth, Carol Kline, and Mary Monahan were the intellects who upheld Adams prestige on the quiz program broadcast by the campus studios of Notre Dame.

On previous programs two groups of Adams boys, on separate occasions, have downed their respective Notre Dame opponents.

#### SENIOR GIRLS WILL VISIT HOSPITALS

On April 28, Miss Cheek, Director of Nurses training at Epworth Hospital, will speak to Senior girls concerning the great need and opportunities for girls in the field of nursing. It is estimated that between 65,000 and 80,000 nurses will be needed the next two years and nearly all of the nurses graduating this year from our South Bend hospital will be used in army work and therefore replacements in the hospital are essential. From this group of girls, any who are interested are invited to visit either St. Joseph or Epworth at a date which will be announced later.

Another trip of interest to Senior girls is the one to St. Mary's College on May 5 which is South Bend College Day. They will be entertained by students and will have the opportunity to talk with faculty heads of various departments.

These trips should prove to be interesting and worthwhile.

### CLASS OF '42 PLANS NEAR COMPLETION

DORAN APPOINTS COMMITTEES

Many programs are being arranged for the Seniors that will take up most of Senior Week. Senior Assembly, Graduation Exercise, Baccalaureate Services, Senior Prom, are a few of the many activities that are being planned. To date there are five committees, composed of a representative from each Senior home room, that have been appointed and are at work.

GRADUATION: Dorothy Bickel, Betty Kindig, Robert Murphy, Joseph Wamsley.

ASSEMBLY: Lynn Dibble, Winnie Jaqua, Mary Monahan, Fred Watson. PROM: Camille De Kegelaer, Car-

roll Hyde, Anna Lazzara, Eileen Walsh. PLAY: Vasil Evanoff, Pat Hudson,

Dean Robertson, Yvonne Wass.

GIFFT: Lorraine Akre, Art Kronewitter, Bill Peck, Paul Smeltzer. The Graduation and Assembly

Committees will act as directors. They are to stage the setting, arrange for speakers, and arrange for the issuing of awards.

The Prom Committee has arranged for the dance to be held at the Progress Club. There are possibilities of obtaining a leading band from this Northern Indiana section. The dance will be a Senior A and B affair.

The Play Committee is under the supervision of Mrs. McClure. They will select the type of play to be presented at the Senior Assembly and also help in the production.

The most recently organized committee has the duty of selecting a proper gift to leave with the school. The selection will be in accrodance with the suggestions of the Senior A's

# THE ADAMS ALBUM TO BE PUBLISHED MAY 27

YEARBOOK NEARS COMPLETION UNDER GUIDANCE OF McNA-MARA AND EDITOR BEAL

The editing of the Yearbook was a big and difficult project. The fact that it is the first project of its kind undertaken by students of Adams made it doubly hard. The staffs under the close supervision of Mr. McNamara have done a great deal of work and are to be commended.

The editorial staff, headed by Marilyn Beal, editor-in-chief, decided on the contents of the book, then collected and wrote up the material. They saw to it that the book included articles on everything of importance throughout the school. This staff includes Dorothy Bickel, Dean Robertson, Joan Smith, Bob Horenn, Lillian Toth, Bette Ann Malcolm, and Bonnie McCullough.

The Layout Committee designed the dummy of the year book, decided on the cover, the size, and the arrangement of the book. Pat Hudson was the chairman of this group and helping her were Lillian Toth, Tom Matthews, Winnie Jaqua, and Jack Conklin.

The individual senior pictures were made by The Priddy-Tompsett Studio. Underclass men's portraits were made by the Student Miniature Company of Grand Rapids. Group pictures which entailed much work in getting groups together, arranging and making pictures, were taken by Mr. McNamara.

The Advertising Staff under Carolyn Dibble called on local merchants and solicited ads for the book. Working on this staff were Marjorie Parrish, Phyllis Reed, June McDaniel, Suzanne Martell, Roma Grebe, and Tom Matthews.

The Circulation Staff consists of Charlotte Whiting who will supervise sales and collections, the members of the Adams Student Council, who have volunteered to act as homeroom agents, and a group of seniors under the direction of senior class president John Doran, who will publicize and encourage the sale of the book.

### HEALTH CLASSES TO AGAIN HEAR DRS. FRITH AND CARTER

Tuesday morning, May 5th, four Adams health classes will be presented with speeches given by Dr. Carter and Dr. Frith. Dr. Carter will speak to the boys and Dr. Frith to the girls. They speak every semester to the health pupils. Their second speech will be May 7th.

# TOWER

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#### TOWER

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#### TO THE CLASS OF '42

In a little more than a month we seniors will graduate. In our two years at Adams, what have we done that will be remembered? We feel we have accomplished a great deal-but have we? Important as we now consider ourselves, in a few years the class of '42 may be remembered as pages of pictures in an old yearbook tucked away in a back library shelf.

We have one month more. In this short time what is there that we can do to make ourselves known as more than merely' "the first graduating

class of Adams High School"?-L. E. T.

There is only one good, that is knowledge; there is only one evil, that is ignorance.

Socrates.

#### **PURPOSELESSNESS**

As the coffin settled inch by inch into the encompassing earth, I realized that I had looked upon death in all of its grim, stark, reality. As I turned from the grave, I was deeply troubled, for I knew that I too some day would be gone. I was disturbed because it suddenly became clear to me that unless I changed my way of living, I would be finished before I had started. I knew then that my case was "purposelessness," and that I needed to acquire an end to strive for.

In recalling my childhood, it seems that I did what most of the other

children did, that is, played.

Later, much later, I do not know the exact time, I believe I subconsciously realized that I was merely drifting through my existence. I knew that in order to get the most from life, I needed to have an end in view, I needed a goal to strive for, an ambition to fulfil, or an end to attain.

It would seem then that my life might be divided into two periods, each period characterized by a state of mind. In my childhood I did things aimlessly with no end in view, and, naturally, I was content; then as I became older, I still wondered aimlessly through life but I was no longer contented, for I knew, whether subconsciously or otherwise, that I needed to have a

am still in this second state of mind, and that is why I was troubled and disturbed as I turned from the grave of my dead friend, for I knew then that I must soon find a better way to spend the time allotted to me, or it

would be squandered before I should become aware of it.

orew silmino Knowledge is as food, and needs no less fininities Com-Her temperance over appetite, to know ni stow down In measure what the mind may well contain, priprioring of Oppresses else with surfeit, and soon turns, yd as nourishment to wind. Milton.

The Adventage Stoff under Core Courtesy does not mean flattery or servility, for these awaken only distrust and contempt. Neither does it mean being weak and apologetic where strong measures and straightforward speech are needed. It does mean giving due consideration to the other man's difficulties, and showing a desire to be fair. It means being tactful and gracious whether you are refusing or granting a request. Courtesy consists in express-ing your good will toward the customer in such a manner that it stimulates in him a reciprocal good will toward you.—Walter K. Smart.

Nothing is capable of forcing good nature, where it does not grow of itself. It is one of the blessings of a happy constitution, which education may improve but not produce.— Joseph Addison.

My son Hannibal will be a great general, because of all my soldiers he best knows how to obey-Hamil-

The men who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed.-Lloyd Jones.

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# TOWER TALK

Vacations are the times for sports-For every different kind and sort, But of the kind I'm thinking now, Dear boys and girls - you sure

know how.

Our Slats is really quite a lad, Considering all he has and had, But Barbara is his special dish

Who makes the rest sigh back and wish.

I've heard from sources here and

That Peg and Bill have hit a snare,

And while I hope it isn't true, He sure is cute—and handsome, too!

Love is really quite the thing, Especially in this time of spring,

For Ruth and Dean have told me so And they are two who ought to know.

TOWER TALK

As I was strolling down the street, Some sailor lads I chanced to meet.

Now, I'm not one to rave and fuss, But over them I simply must.

Their suits were blue and trimmed in white;

Their shoes were brown and shined just right;

Their smiles were broad and friendly, too-As if to say-"there's only you!"

Now, here's our cue, dear Adams'
"Memms," Let's get to work and hook some

men. We haven't all our lives to waste,

And now's our chance—so make it haste.

## LETTERS TO THE ED

Dear Editor,

Pardon us if we're wrong, but aren't some of the age old customs being desecrated? For example, wedding and engagement rings. We were always of the opinion that a diamond or a band of the 3rd finger left hand meant tha tthe yearer was either married or engaged. A recent survey has shown that 4 out of 10 girls you meet at John Adams have either a wedding hand or an engagement ring. Are they all married or are they all engaged? You hate to ask a girl to a dance for fear her husband or husband to be will walk up and engage in fisticulfs with you. Good heavens, this must be stopped? So, Girls, have a heart!

The Two Prospectors.

#### GARDENERS AT ADAMS

Spring is here and with it comes the latest thing, Victory Gardens, Being very patriotic Amos Reitz and Jim Ball decided to turn Gardeners (Gene) and do their bit for the gov-

They jumped into their Carr (Bob), Chevie (Harold) to be exact, and headed for the country to pick out a . The Yearbook will be published nice Field (Bob). Finally after much on Wednesday, May 27. I really Witt (Jack) and work they planted don't think I have done you and your their vegetables in the Brown (Don) dirt, and a lonely Rose (Peter) was whole thing you know, and you are a planted on the surrounding Green pretty good. Whether you are a real (Fran). Amos started praying that Lord (Alice) would call on the sun to send out its Rays (John) so his Flow er (Delorma) and vegetables would grow Strong (Betty) and Jim wished with all his Hart (Bob) that the Crows (Joan and Pat) wouldn't eat his new

# THE ALBUM IS ABOUT YOU

"Wonder what they're going to put in the yearbook?" You, of course! After all, what more interesting and popular subject connected with John Adams could they possibly find? Yes, every single student in school, or a reasonable facsimile thereof, is in the "class" section of the yearbook (by photo, of course.) The Juniors and Sophmorse got together and out of the generosity of their hearts and considering what a grand bunch of students the seniors are, decided to crowd themselves up a little just so they could give them more standing room. In other words, the Seniors pictures are a few square inches larger than the Sophmore's and Juniors': Another district in this class section will feature you and your classmates of '42 and '43 in several of your numerous and varied activities—dances, parties, and a few classroom shots of Adams genius at its mightiest.

Just wait 'till your major sports men (and everyone else) see yourselves in the pages of our book! All the sporting activities at Adams: football, baseball, basketball, golf, and tennis, will be included, well sprinkled with photos of the players and, confidentially, some very complimentary remarks concerning the

various teams' activities.

You Glee Club, Band and Orchestra members are there, your new robes and uniforms practically "mak-

ing" the book! School-wide activities, debating, and plays will be there in photos as well as copy, featuring you in a prominent role. A few of more active clubs will be represented, the Tower and Hi-Y among them.

The Adams faculty has a leading role, pictures as well as copy concerning their various activities in

"What do you spose the Yearbook 'll look like?" Well since you're such an important part of it (practically the whole contents!), I'll give you a brief idea in a "sneak" preview. The Yearbook has been formally christened "The Adams Album", and contains fifty-two pages of smooth surface finish, each measuring eight by ten and a half inches. It will carry out the school's colors of red and blue on white, at the same time lending it a patriotic air. Red plastic spiral binding not only colors the white cover, but solves your problem of broken binding and bent pages, and simplifies turning the pages a good deal. The very best quality commercial copper engraving and printing plates are being used with a decidedly modernistic kind of type called "Futura", which few, if any of you have ever seen, The decorative design and page layouts in the book all have a modernistic motive and effect, carrying out the newness of the architecture in a John Adams.

part in the book justice—you are the success or not now depends on youl

Employer: "I hope you thoroughly understand the importance of punc-10

citer, South Bend

Applicant: "Oh, yes, indeed I alelinwhirow ban panterel ways get to work on time."

# WHAT GOES ON

That rugged individualist Mr. Mc-Namara again — Carol Kline, very eager to ask a question right before a quiz raised her hand. As this obtained no results, she snapped her fingers to attract attention. She got it—"Mac" looked up and said, "If you whistle, I'll bite you."

Not to accuse anyone of matchmaking, but teachers are often showing their human side. As Bill Engle was absent Mr. Shearer asked Lea Schide where he was. Lea stated that she didn't have the faintest idea. So when it came time to hand back test papers, Mr. Shearer gave Lea Bill's paper to take to him. Lea said, "But really Mr. Shearer, I din't even speak to him!" Mr. Shearer told her to take it and it would be a good excuse to

Speaking of love and spring and stuff like that—it's hardly ever now-adays that a girl is serenaded by her best beaux, but Shirley Wagner had just that experience. Not that it took place when a few other people were around. In fact the Spring Musicale was really a great success whether Milton Johnson sang "The Sweetest Story Ever Told" to the audience or Shirley isn't even debatable—I'm afraid for once the audience lost out.

start a conversation.

Perhaps you've wondered why all the Chemistry students have been in a fog lately. The weather man had nothing to do with it, merely a case of a little  $N_2O$ , better known as a substance used for smoke-screens.

As you've passed the auditorium door Wednesday and Friday noons, perhaps, you've wondered where the musical notes are coming from. It's merely the band giving up 40 minutes of their lunch hour so that they might be properly prepared to wear the school colors and again be a credit to their school. That's school spirit!

# Album DeLuxe Job (Continued from Page One)

Altogether there are over 75 photographic plates that range in size from postage size portraits of captains and coaches, and others of the elite, to page size spreads of such things as the Adams Facade, underclass members, and athletic spreads. The senior photos are something to write home about, since they're twice as large as any previously seen about town. All the senior pictures were made by the Priddy-Tompsett Studio expressly for our Adams publication. Other pictures were made by a commercial photographer, and quite a few were contributed by Mr. McNamara.

#### INDIANA UNIVERSITY

#### VIA MR. REASOR

Indiana University is an important college to students in South Bend because so many of us go there each year. So, if you're college-bound lend an ear to what Mr. Reasor, a graduate of Indiana, says about dear old I. U.

Indiana, you might say, is a dual college, for it has two campuses—one at Bloomington—the other at Indianapolis. At Bloomington there are some 4,500 students where the main courses are taught. It is well known for its school of Arts and Sciences and its School of Business. Other main branches include the Schools of Law, Medicine and Education.

At Indianapolis the advanced medical courses are given where pre-med students coming from Bloomington are given their frist taste of real hospital work. A large part of the Physical Ed. Training School is at Indianapolis too. All in all the student population there numbers between 1,500 and 2,000.

Something worth the consideration of South Bend students is the extension courses offered by Indiana at South Bend. It is possible to take I. U. extension night-school courses here and then finish with two years at Bloomington. This plan helps solve many a financial problem by keeping down living expenses and by enabling a student to work in the daytime thus helping out on expenses. These extension courses equal 60 semester hours or two years.

Indiana is now a three semester school. Tuition is \$44.75 per semester except in the Schools of Law, Business and Medicine. Four scholarships are offered every year, not more than two to a county at a time. It is a rapidly expanding school. It is equipped with a \$1,000,000 auditorium and an observatory for young astrologers.

As for social life I. U. definitely excels! Twenty-two national fraternities and eleven sororities flourish on the campus. Week-end dances, cokedates and hikes abound. A student orchestra furnishes afternoon relaxation and near-by abandoned quarries make ideal swimmin' holes! Incidentally Hoagy Carmichael, an I. U. music student, wrote "Stardust" while he was at Bloomington. Sports as a whole are very well developed and give a healthy background to the student life. So here we see Indiana, a well rounded school. Ask those who know!

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Favorite color: Red
Favorite sport: Marbles

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Starting with this issue of the Tower, there shall be a baseball player interviewed each week.

This week we are going to meet a couple of fellows who are very popular and active in many school circles. These boys are twins, the Culp twins, Bob and Don.

Don the taller of the two, stands 5' 10½" and weighs 157 pounds. Don played the field position on our team until a few weeks ago. His favorite sport, however, is basketball. During the winter season, he played on the Harper's Kewpee basketball team that took first in the city in its league. Don wos on the first five of this team. It's too bad that we couldn't have had him on our squad this year.

He does not intend to go to college but is enrolling in the Purdue engineering course that is to be offered this summer.

Now we swing over to the other half of this combination. Bob is 5' 9½" and weighs 145 pounds. His pet sport is baseball. His hobby is his work, ushering at the Palace theater. (And girls, you ought to see how handsome he looks in his uniform.) Like his brother, Bob prefers steak and fries.

Bob is best known for his office as president of the John Adam's Hi-Y. Much of the activity and progress of this organization has been due to his fine work. But Bob is known for still another reason. He is our regular third baseman, and a good one, too. He is undecided on the issue of college, but he wants to be an engineer.

Both boys are senior A's and both have won their award sweaters. Carl, alias "Tuffy", is the third junior member of the firm Culp, Culp, and Culp. We will hear more about him next year.

#### BANQUET A SUCCESS

The first annual All Sports Banquet sponsored by Adams Hi-Y was a tremendous success.

Bob Culp, the Hi-Y president, was the chairman, and the entire club deserves much credit for the success of the banquet. It was evident that everyone present had an enjoyable time.

Elmer Burnham, head coach at Purdue, was the principal speaker and Forest Wood, athletic director of South Bend, acted as toastmaster.

There was never a dull moment throughout the evening. Such notables as Jack Ledden, Dave Gallup, Mr. Allen, coaches Primmer, Shearer, Gale, and others gave some mighty fine speeches.

The major award winners were all introduced and then the evening was climaxed with the presentation of the awards and trophies. Pat Bailey won the Gilbert trophy as the most valuable player and John Ray got his name on the large Reco trophy as the most valuable lineman. Bud Emerick and Ray Bowden received sportsmanship awards.

WHO NOSE?
Twixt handkerchief and nose
A difference arose
And the story goes
They settled it by blows.

#### OPEN LETTER TO

.... .........THE BASEBALL TEAM

Dear Fellas,

Well, I've just sat through wind, dust, and a mighty cold afternoon watching you fellas play your fourth baseball game. As usual Adams lost, the score being 4 to 3

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"Well," you say, "that's not bad,
4 to 3 is a close game." Now that
may be true but there's only one
game where being close counts.
That's horseshoes. Maybe we ought

to take that up.

Baseball is a funny game. You must have fielding, pitching, and hitting. You must have there three things closely co-ordinating with each other, working together as a unit or a team. One of these things is missing from Adams' team—just which it is I do not know for sure—but I think I can make a pretty good quess.

Do you know how many fellows on our team are hitting over .250 (which is a mighty smelly batting average)? Well, I'll tell you. Three.

Do you know how many are under .250? Fourteen. There are nineteen boys on our squad and of these, nine are hitting absolutely zero—.000; not only that but only six boys out of the nineteen are over .200.

They don't play much baseball in Bremen. Riley's team has never won any tournaments. Yet both Bremen and Riley were good enough to take the team that beat us last night.

Of the four games, Paul Meyers has lost three. Conditions are rather poor when we have to pitch our best pitcher every game. Not that Paul is complaining. He's willing to fulfill his obligation as co-captain by pitching his arm out every game. It's a crime he has to pitch his arm out to keep us in the game. Why can't you fellas back him with some hits?

You know, there's an American Legion Post in River Park. It's called Post 303. Every summer they sponsor a baseball team. Last year the team went all the way to Indianapolis in the state tournament. I don't have to say who played on that team. Every fellow was from Adams.

So come on boys, if you can do it for 303, why not for Adams? I'm getting mighty tired of putting gooseggs down in that scorebook.

Yours till the base hits come home.

Amos Reitz,

Baseball Editor.

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# MY HOBBY

#### by Dominic Simeri

He hit me with a left and a right, then a left to the mid-section. Yes, that is my hobby, believe it or not. I know what you are going to say, "How can one be so crazy as to take punishment as a hobby?" However, don't forget I am not always on the receiving end. I give as well as I take. To me, boxing is a great sport. It is the art of self-defense for sporting pleasure and not because of a necessity. Many who read this article might say boxing is brutal, or maybe one takes too much punishment, but boxing really teaches one to work and to be patient, as well as being in good physical condition at all times. The latter is seventy-five per cent of your boxing and don't ask me why because you should know what conditioning means in any sport. You learn the art of quick thinking, and taking advantage of a good break. This holds good for everyday life, too, knowing what to do at the right time, such as selfcontrol, taking a punch on the chin, and not losing your head. These are a few of the reasons why boxing is taught in our army and navy camps. Our government knows what is best for its men

How did I start to box? Well, I'll tell you. When I was ten years old, everyone seemed to pick on me. This went on for nearly five years. Then I had a chance to learn how to box, so I took advantage of it. It was tough at first, going to bed at nine every night, watching my weight and boxing eight rounds every night, but I had one idea in mind. I did not want to be pushed around. I will never forget the first fight I had. I went down nine times in three rounds, but you know the old saying, "Live and Learn." I learned and now I think I can take care of myself, at least I hope so. I still like to box a little, but I don't overdo it, because I'm not the blood-thirsty type. I just like to try my skill against someone else once in  $\alpha$  while.

The high schools and colleges now teach boxing on a large scale. During this war, we should all do our part in keeping fit in case Uncle Same calls. My suggestion is—to start boxing and learn to give and take.

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# SOFTBALL

One afternoon in November, 1887, George Hancock peered out of the windows of the Farragut Boat Club at Chicago only to see one grand cloudburst with the drops melodiously hitting the roof. Hancock was a member of the club, which was marooned indoors. Being the boresome type of man, he looked for something to occupy his time. Eventually he spied a broom sitting in the corner. He picked it up by the end of its handle and began to swing it like a baseball bat. Then he looked around for something to hit and saw am old boxing glove lying on a locker.

George Hancock had an idea—an idea so absurd that he laughed aloud as he thought about it. Carrying both the boxing glove and the broom, he called several of his companions who were also bored with the rain. He told them that they were going to try a new game. He said that they would play baseball right there in the room. The others were willing, so bases were marked off. Soon they were all playing, and the shouting and laughing made them forget all about the rain outside.

From this, softball was born. But it was not called softball at first and it was not played outdoors. It first became an indoor game, usually played in gymnasiums, and was known as kitten ball, indoor baseball, pumpkin ball, recreation ball, twilight ball, army ball, and playground ball. Since the game grew so popular, the places where it was played could not find enough indoor space, so for this reason it was moved outdoors in 1908.

Softball's greatest growth dates from the depression in the early 1930's when the thousands of people who were out of work found softball a great way to while away the time and make them forget their troubles.

Today softball ranks as America's leading outdoor sport. In 1938 it outranked both baseball and football. In the United States almost every small town has its electrically-lighted softball field and the number now playing the game in America has been estimated at nearly ten million.

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