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COLLEGE SCHEDULES CHANGED

HERE AND THERE ABOUT CONFERENCE

Well, the county tourney is over and the past week has brought some pretty radical changes in basketball circles. Lew Wallace was beaten, so was Mishawaka, and Nappanee gave Goshen a run for their money.

Wallace lost to Washington of East Chicago for their first beating since John Adams licked them earlier in the year.

Mishawaka was trimmed by a Riley team that couldn't miss by a score of 38 to 20. Don Husvar finally found the bucket to the time of 13 points. Souder, Voynovich and Dumont also contributed to the Wildcats' victory.

Goshen walked over Nappanee and Washington trimmed Michigan City, 37 to 23. Roses to "Pie" Seifert for bringing the Panthers back into the position they used to enjoy a few years back.

Speaking of the county tourney, Carl Loyd receives my vote for the outstanding player. Loyd poured through 54 points in three games for an average of 16 points per game.

My oh my, how the Adams "Hitless Wonders" could use a boy like that!

Madison Township, winners of the tournament two years in a row back in '39 and '40, was playing without the old standby, Dick Zeltwanger. Dick played four years and last year was greatly myseded by a "charlie horse" in his leg. Dick's brother, Don, was in there, however, and gave a good account of the family. Another brother, Carl, is yet a sophomore but on his way up. The fourth boy who is only in the fourth grade promises to be a player worthy of the name Zeltwanger.

Speaking of brothers, there were two on the Madison team, three on the North Liberty team, three on New Carlisle team, and two on the Wilson team. I guess these county schools are dominated by families.

CALENDAR

Monday, Feb. 1 —
War Stamp Sale. — Bulletin
Tuesday, Feb. 2 —
11B California Test of Personality
Basketball game — Central vs. Washington
Home Room Guidance
Wednesday, Feb. 3 —
Glee Club 7:30 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 5 —
Glee Club 7:30 A. M.
Basketball game, Adams vs. Riley
Saturday, Feb. 6 —
Basketball game, Central vs. Elkhart

SPRING PLAY TO BE SERIOUS DRAMA

With "Tish" safely tucked away with its laurels, Mrs. McClure and her Drama Club cohorts are preparing to launch production of the spring play.

Because of the increased classes and heavier schedule this semester, there was some doubt as to whether a regular play would be put on this spring, but everyone finally agreed that Adams wouldnt be Adams without a spring drama.

A preliminary meeting was held a few weeks ago by the Drama Club members in conjunction with those students interested in the play. At this meeting it was decided to produce a three-act serious drama. In a few weeks after classes are organized and settled, and there is sufficient time, tryouts will be held. Watch the Tower for the date.

AMERICAN LEGION SPEECH CONTEST

Do you like to talk? Well, here's your big opportunity just waiting for you — the Annual American Legion Speech Contest.

Every year at this time the American Legion sponsors a Speech Contest among the South Bend High Schools, in which only boys are eligible. The subject given is, "The Constitution."

The contest will not take place until early in March, but all entries must be in to Mrs. McClure by February 6.

If you are interested and want more details or if you are writing your speech and have a little trouble, Mrs. McClure will be very glad to help you.

Can't we bring John Adams out on top in this contest? Let's try.

SEVERAL STUDENTS PROMOTED

You have all no doubt noticed the suddenly acquired superior air of certain individuals here at school. Know why? They've been promoted!

When they come down to earth from their pink clouds you will see that Eddie Badman, Phil Ellsworth, Don Ford, Phyllis Green, Jim Jester, Norma Lambert, Ralph Marward, Ruth Ann Reed, Pat Irwin, George Watt, Jack Wilhelm, June Moore, and Ed Mender are the proud and honored individuals.

P. S. If you value your health, don't ever under-estimate their grade now!

HOSPITAL TEAS

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week the eleventh and twelfth grade girls who are interested in nursing as a career were entertained at Hospital teas. Epworth hospital held their tea on January 26, from 3 to 5, and St. Joseph hospital on January 27 from 4:30 to 6.

These teas were given to interest girls in nursing, and to further inform girls who are applying for entrance to the Nurses Training. Each girl made her choice as to which of the two teas she wished to attend.

At each tea, the girls saw some exhibits, a film, "Serving All Mankind," and heard a few short talks. They were taken on a tour of the Nurse's Home and met several of the student nurses.

NEW STUDENTS STILL COMING

It seems that there are always some new students coming in and some old ones leaving.

In this corner we have the late newcomers: LaVerne Graf, 11A, from Central. Jack Shaw, 10A, from Central Catholic, Chris Hoffman, 10B, from Central, Evelyn Devine from Madison Township School and Mildred Clarkson from Muessel. Edith LaCosse has returned to Adams as a 12A after a semester's leave of absence to work.

And in this corner we have the departing students: Jimmie Cloud has permanently moved to Florida, and Jean Collins has decided to try out her luck on the receiving end of a payroll. Marvin Seaman is moving to California. Clarence Laughman and Eugene Perry have been claimed by the Navy. Ray Borden is also leaving us.

Bill Engle, Jack McGirr, and Jack Boswell have entered Notre Dame University on the accelerated program which does not require the complete eight semesters of high school to enter college. Howard Durbin has been at Purdue University since January 4 on this program. Vicki Dix and Bill Steinmetz are patiently awaiting an opening at Northwestern University and Virginia Military Institute respectively, also on this accelerated program.



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ACCELERATED PLAN IN WIDE USE

There has been a change in the schedules received from the colleges recently. The following information came from:

PURDUE:

1. A person with superior scholastic record in high school will be considered for admission to Purdue if he has earned credit in not fewer than 12 units toward graduation, provided:
 - a. He is recommended by his high school principal.
 - b. He qualifies by his performance on prescribed admission tests, including an 8th grade math test.
 - c. For admission to engineering he has credit for one unit of Algebra and 1 unit in place of Geometry.
 - d. He is approved for admission by the University Committee on Selection.
 - e. His program of study for the first academic year is approved by the University Committee on Selections.
2. A qualified high school student may apply for admission for any term. Winter term, January 4, 1943. Summer term, April 26, 1943. Fall term, August 28.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY:

A high school person with 30 credits and who is recommended by his principal may enter Indiana. The remaining credits necessary for a high school diploma are to be completed in a Bloomington High School or by applying 2½ semester hours of University credit toward high school credit deficiency.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY:

Northwestern will accept students on the same basis as Indiana University. Semesters begin in January, March, June, and September.

ILLINOIS COLLEGE, Jacksonville, Illinois:

Illinois will admit students who have successfully completed 14 units of high school study. Of the 14 units, 10 must be pre-college credits:—English, 3; Foreign Language, 2; Social Studies, 2; Algebra, 1; Geometry, 1; Laboratory science, 1. Semesters begin January 25, May 31, September 27, 1943.

OBERLEIN COLLEGE:

Students may enter Oberlein if they have successfully completed 7 semesters of high school training; stand in the upper one-fourth of their class; recommended by their principal; have 15 units toward graduation. Thirteen of the fifteen units must be in English, Foreign Language, Mathematics, Science, History and Social Studies. Semester begins February 5, June and October, 1943.

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TOWER THE STAFF TOWER

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LOCAL TALENT COLUMN

This disillusioned, dazed, delirious child
Became quite deplorably, desparately wild.
In the depths of delinquent, drunken despair,
She decided there were no rhymes anywhere.

I'm only a dumb little doddering do-do.
I'm marked for disaster, discouragement, woe.
I'm just a demented, despondent young dope,
Marked for the dungeons; for me there's no hope.

EPITAPH: TO DUMB DORA —
So ends her life of care and strife.
She stabbed herself with a butcher knife.
But I doubt that we lost very much at that.
Any dunce knows that rat rhymes gnat.
— Martha C. Lentz

THE FRIENDLY LETTER

I come to you unbidden
But just in the nick of time,
With a message of cheer from a loved one,
Or a friend in a distant clime.

I bring to mothers a message
That quiets their anxious fears;
Reviving within them courage,
And turning to smiles their tears.

To wounded or bruised or fallen,
To the weary and distressed,
There is nothing that brings more comfort
Than when I in their hands am pressed.

And friendships almost forgotten
I will build again for you;
For I go where oft you cannot,
Finding old friends tried and true.

Search where you will for pleasure—
You may find 'them without end—
But what would you want that's better
Than a Letter From a Friend?
— Anonymous

ON THE BANKS OF THE ST. JOE

On the banks of the St. Joe River,
Our beautiful city stands.
Its finest school is John Adams,
The best in all the land.

It's young but full of vigor,
You'll hear from it ere long,
For the boys who go there,
Have a spirit very strong.
— Bruce Goffney

I grab my books at eleven forty-five,
Run from the room and home I fly —
We only have an hour you know;
So I hope the lunch is ready to go.
Says mom to me, "Your bed is a mess."
And up I go for the sake of neatness;
Down again for a bite of lunch —
Then off I go to meet the bunch.
We walk along and hail the cars —
But the teacher's no! or we won't go far.
So I'm back at my seat at ten-to-one
For the afternoon classes have all begun.
— Dick Hudson

WHEN IGNORANCE WAS BLISS

Although I'd like to write a poem
And say, "There's nothing to it!"
When I get right down to it,
I just can't seem to do it.

I've always liked to read them,
And make books of them, too;
But I just can't seem to write one
No matter what I do.

Before I start to write a poem
I have ideas galore,
But when I start to write one
Ideas — they come no more.

First I have no rhythm,
All I have is rhyme;
But when I find a rhythm,
Alas, I have no time!

But hey, what am I saying?
On looking back at this,
It has a rhyme and rhythm
And has turned my woe to bliss!
— Elayne Graf

WRITING A POEM

As I think of what to write,
Nothing, however comes to my sight.
I could do better if I should try,
To keep my mind out of the sky.

Now I sit here in my class,
Wish I was out fishing for bass.
Whatever I write I will regret,
For it isn't worth all this sweat.

As I look at all the other boys,
I bet too, they wish for joys.
You see, I'm doing this just for credit,
This is work, and boy, you said it.

Now I look for words that rhyme,
Teacher said we shouldn't waste time.
So I'll give up writing verse,
Or I'll make my grades yet worse.
— Alan Nelson

TOWER TALK

The ultra-modern age seems to have taken over Adams with the boys and girls gym classes merging last week. Of course the object was for the classes to learn a little ball-room dancing, but Miss Smith knew that some of the "kids" couldn't dance, so she said, "Boys, if you can't dance, you can at least hold your girl! P.S. Mr. Ham and Miss Smith certainly looked cute dancing together.

And then there are wolves at every turn of the hall, for instance, Karl Lewis, who is serenading a certain Virginia C. of Mishawaka.

Chuck Piper is spending more time wondering how he can get in St. Joseph Hospital (where Ann is in nurse's training) than he is on his studying . . . Although we had one eye closed and the other only half open, we're almost positive that we saw Don Martin taking "Honnie" McClure home from the game a week ago Thursday. This seems a popular season for reviving old romances. Special request from Richard Lee regarding last week's Tower: "There is no doubt that I am going with Mary Ann Sousley".

Add Ruth Ann Mock and Dean Robertson to the steadily growing list of engaged. Many will remember that Ranny and Dean's romance started last year right here at dear ol' Adams . . . Seen around with that look in their eyes—Ginny Buck and Bill Dumont (Riley), Betty Miller and Mark, from "out of town".

Marcia West of Jefferson has succeeded where many Adams girls have failed—namely Dave Holmgren.

Betty Murphy (Murt) has definitely got her arms on Gordon King. If you don't believe me, ask the band members—they know . . . Now that Dick Troeger has finished with football, he has taken on Mary Lou Greehauf, and its very, very, mutual . . . Lois Jessup is anxiously awaiting the mid-semester term of Culver and Bill Weaver.

Norma Lambert and Norm Bailey—status quo . . . not so Jim Paradis and Joan Bruggema . . . "Wolf" Pfaff is at Fran Kierein's door off and on again.

Dick Nelund still seems to be peeved about Jean Vunderink's dating Dick Schuman . . . That's a flaming torch Pat Crowe is 'totin' for Harry Sanders . . . Ruth Ann Reed and John Pat Doran have definitely called the whole thing off, (one never can be sure, however) with Johnny Ray making bids for top billing in Ruth Anne's affections.

A Study in Grammar

A girl was asked to parse the word "kiss" and this was her result: This word is a noun, but it is usually used as a conjunction. It is never declined and is more common than proper. It is not very singular, in that it is generally used in the plural. It agrees with me.

COBWEB COLUMN

REMEMBER WHEN —

Mr. Shearer's biology class made a field trip to Logansport and the Longcliffe Asylum . . . all the trouble they had separating students and patients?

"Hersh" Wamsley was made "Hero of the Week" on Dave Gallup's radio program of the same name?

Mrs. McClure and 12 students journeyed to Purdue University for the Student Legislative Assembly and Debater's Conference, the banquet, hilarity on the bus, sleeping quarters . . . ?

The "Always Together" list boasted of: Paul Keb and Lois McNabb, Riley Brehmer and Liz Gilliom, Bud Tovey and Suzy Martell?

Evelyn Sutlin was the object of Dick Troeger's affection? Nancy Sibley was getting letters from Purdue . . . It was Carol McCreary and Bob Murphy (some are wondering if it still is?????) A lassie named Janet Wondries played the leading role in Lee Wilson's day dreams

Carol Kline and Johnny Reitz had a flat tire in the wee hours after a big dance, and Amos kissed his best dress suit goodbye when he changed the tire in the mud?

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WHETHER REPORT

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	Peggy Kedzie
Clear	Mary Jane Shank
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JOHN ADAMS 1943 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	School	Place	Time
Sept. 10—	Mishawaka	H	8:00
Sept. 18—	Central	H	8:00
Sept. 24—	Goshen	T	8:00
Oct. 2—	Riley	T	8:00
Oct. 9—	Washington	T	8:00
Oct. 15—	Central Catholic	H	8:00
Oct. 22—	Hobart	H	8:00
Oct. 29—	LaPorte	H	8:00
Nov. 5—	Michigan City	T	8:00

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FRANKLIN COLLEGE:

Franklin College has 3 semesters, October, January, and May. High school seniors who have finished 7 semesters or have 28 credits in pre-college courses may be admitted to Franklin if they rank in the upper 1/2 of their class in high school.

NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY:

High school seniors may enter Notre Dame with 12 units (3 1/2 years). Required units are: 3 in English; 1 in History; 1 in Algebra, 1 in Plane Geometry; 1 in Science; 2 in Language.

According to a direction sent by the Bureau of Naval Personnel January 7, 1943, it is no longer possible for 17 year old men to be enlisted in the Navy V-1 on the basis of promise of admission in June, 1943. Only those men may be enlisted in V-1 who are in actual attendance at college the 2nd semester of 1942-43 or who have been granted promise of admission the 2nd semester of 1942-43.

Posters on scholarships available are posted in the library. Be sure you are familiar with requirements, and due dates of application. Scholarships are dignified and desirable. Compete for them. State scholarship applications are due to state committee by February 6, 1943.

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For the boy whose heart's so dear
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(sung to the tune of "The Caissons
Go Rolling Along.")

The above monstrosity seems best to exemplify the feelings of the Adams students toward "Barney" Barnbrook, and the magical touch he displayed against Wakarusa. That's the way "Barney", and for gosh sakes keep up the good work.

Well, tonight the boys play Plymouth and Saturday they move downstate to tackle the steadily improving North Side of Fort Wayne basketballers. The Eagles shouldn't have undue trouble disposing of the invading Plymouth contingent, as the Pilgrims haven't been quite up to snuff lately. However, the Big Red of Fort Wayne having ridden roughshod over many a roudy rival is now really ripping and should provide plenty of competition for the Eagles.

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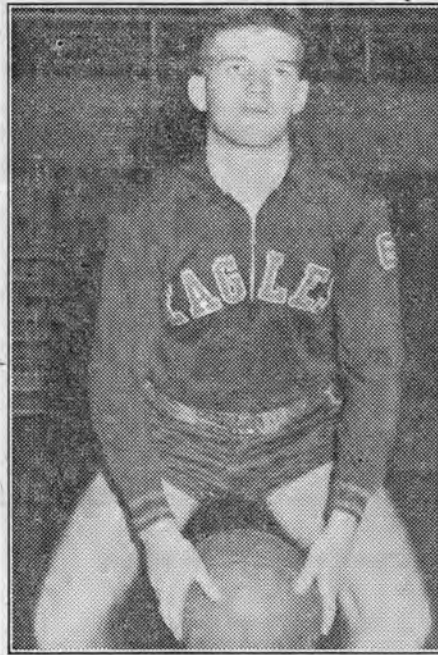


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September 1, 1925, is a day which will live in infamy. At least in Omaha, Nebraska, for on that date, in the above town was born a chubby little rascal with a butch haircut. His name was Robert Mills.

Bobby Mills is now 5'11", weighs about 155 lbs., and is 17 years old. He's the kind of a fellow you always see around but never hear much out of. Bob started his basketball at St. Joseph's School. He won his letter in the ninth grade at Jefferson and now is working hard here at Adams.

Although Bob was born in Omaha, he did not live there long. From Omaha, Bob moved to Beloit, Wisconsin, from there to Washington, D. C., from there to Jonesborough, Arkansas, and finally to South Bend.

Bob is a member-in-good-standing of the Adams student body. This was proved by his election to the office of treasurer of the Sophomore class, a position he handled very capably.

Bob not only plays basketball but he plays a rather neat game of tennis. In fact, he challenges anyone in school to a match. He also plans to participate in track if we ever have a track team.

Bob's favorite studies are English and Math. He considers Mrs. Muszer's lemon cream pies about tops as far as nourishment goes. (And I agree.)

Bob likes to read and quite often you'll find him deep in a historical novel. His favorite character in history is Jeb Stuart, so if any of you need any history themes written, just ask Bob. He'll do it. I know. I've done it.

1st Explorer — I caught a glimpse of the missionary just after the cannibals captured him.

2nd Explorer — Was he controlling his temper?

1st Explorer — No, he was boiling.

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OUTSCORE WILSON IN FINALE

Led by Carl Ream's 14 points the Washington-Clay Colonials duplicated last year's performance by downing the Woodrow Wilson Presidents, 42 to 36. Although the game started out looking like a runaway, Wilson found the nets in the second half and led by Carl Loyd proceeded to make a real battle of it.

Clay jumped off to an early lead on shots by Ream, Warrick, and Kubsch and at the end of the first quarter led by a score of 17 to 4. By the half it had increased to 23 to 11 and I was all in favor of putting on my hat and leaving. I'm glad I stayed though, because that third quarter was really something to watch. Led by Lewis and Loyd the Presidents crept up to within five points of the champs without a return. Then Warrick hit to increase Clay's lead to seven points, but before you bat an eye Wallace and Loyd had countered and Clay led by a score of 25 to 22. This was as close as the Presidents ever came and try as they might they were still six points short at the final gun.

Although Washington-Clay dominated the tournament, some excellent material of which I was previously ignorant, was uncovered. North Liberty, who will long be remembered for their great show in last year's sectionals, has two very good boys in the two Folk boys. Carl, better known as Lefty, made 31 points in two games, a total which would do justice to anyone. His brother, "Bruiser", was invaluable in attaining rebounds.

New Carlisle had a surprisingly strong, fast team which threatened to upset Washington-Clay in the afternoon session. Led by Bealor and Strombough the Tigers downed Madison Township to win their way to the semi-finals. They were beaten by Washington-Clay, 41 to 37.

Although gas rationing cut down attendance, the finals were fairly crowded and the crowd saw a good tournament for their money.

There were some good scoring combinations presented and it wouldn't surprise me a bit if there were some very radical upsets in the sectionals.

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