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JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

CANDIDATES FOR SENIORS PLAN FOR WEASEL RIDE

The home room candidates for the ride in the Weasel have been chosen. Here they are: 101-Jeanne Brantley. 102-Roland Gibson. 103-Robert Annis. 105-June Ann Carothers. 106-Russell Young. 107-Richard Beaty. 108-Richard Jensen. 109-Erwin Karlin. Lib.-Keith Smith. Dr.-Dare Nestlerode. 201-Edward White. 203-Anthony Sergio. 204-Richard Guin. 205-Nelson Schafer. 206-Earl Woodworth. 207—Betty Jo Douglas. 208-Gene Yundt. 209-Thomas McMurray. 210-Jay Osborn,

Remember, when you cast your vote it will help determine the lucky recipient of the ride. Choose wisely.

One vote may make the difference between a ride for one person and a ride for another, and we want to make sure that the right person wins, don't we?

SPRING CONCERT TO BE HELD APRIL 20

The annual John Adams Spring Concert will be presented this year by the band on April 20. The program will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

The program which has been announced is as follows:

Overture Eroica-Band.

March of Youth-Band.

Silver Cord-Band.

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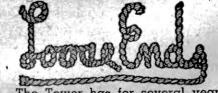
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- Sounds from the Hudson-Solo by Bette Murphy.
- Old Folks at Home-Glee Club en-

Have you noticed the Seniors hurrying here and there lately? They've had good reason. Our Seniors have ordered their announcements 'and name cards for their graduation in June. Our prom committee has met, and has decided upon May 18 asthe date for the prom. The prom will be held either at the Indiana Club or the Progress Club with Ted Gallaghan's orchestra playing.

GRADUATION

The Seniors of the Glee Club have started work on their skit for the senior assembly. The one-act play which the Seniors give annually has been chosen and try-outs are to be held in the next two weeks. Keep your eyes on our Seniors as you won't be seeing them too much longer, and they are getting busier and busier.



The Tower has for several years been sent free of charge to Adams boys in the service. The mailing list now totals more than 300.

The Senors Club has planned to hold a "Tag Day" in about two weeks to raise sufficient funds to send the paper to the boys and girls next year. Every contributor will, upon making his contribution, receive a tag. Booths will be set up in the halls and will be manned by Senors.

Watch for further information next week in the Tower.

Did you know that the four Social Living classes took up a collection for the Red Cross during its recent drive and that as a result a total of \$64 was contributed in honor of all John Adams' Gold Star Boys.

Judge Dan Pyle spoke to the Sen-

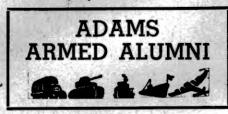
` noon, May 18th.

GLEE CLUB LISTS SPRING PLANS

Spring is here and with it has come an attack of spring fever to the Glee Club. It's been a long, hard winter for the members. There have been assemblies, special programs, and finaly "Patience," to rehearse for. We're looking forward to next year's show already.

We want to relax and "take it easy," and that's what we're going to do. Two whole months of singing old favorites of the Glee Club is the only program on the list. Oh yes, there are the Kiwanis and Rotary programs to think about, and Senior Assembly, a broadcast, Baccaleureate and Commencement, but, they're far away.

Relax. Enjoy yourself. That's the Glee Club's motto for the next couple of months.



Don Kehne S 1/c U.S.S. Grapple c/o Fleet Post Office San Francisco, Calif. March 28, 1945. Dear Friends of Adams:

I received your Adams Tower. I never dreamed of receiving it. Just like old times, sitting in a classroom reading your Tower and then a teacher comes along and taps you on the shoulder.

About myself, so far I have had thirteen months of overseas duty. I have been in the Navy for sixteen months and have participated in four invasions, Sipan Guam, Palau Islands, and Luzon.

Those students who are planning on entering into the armed forces after graduating are taking it too seriously. This is nothing like play This ends my small note for now. Sincerely, -Don Kehne.

PARADE TO CLIMAX MIGHTY SEVENTH

Every War Loan Drive that the United States has held has resulted in a victory in a battle field somewhere on this globe. It is the hope and prayer of the American people that the present Seventh War Loan Drive will result in the victory of our men in Europe.

May 21 has been designated in the schools of South Bend as the day on which a "Victory Parade" will be held. The parade will be held after school hours, probably around 6:00 or 6:30 p.m.

The festivities will be opened by giving the Weasel rides to the winners in the contests. The lucky people will be taken to Pin Hook Park where they will receive their prized ride.

The parade, in which all schools are expected to participate, will line up on West Colfax, march to Main Street, then south on Main to Monroe, then to Michigan and north on Michigan to Leeper Park. All four high school bands will lead the parade.

. Every school is expected to enter a float in the parade. The theme for the high schools will be one of the following: Peace, Victory, Tolerance, Unity, Liberty, Justice. The Junior High schools will choose scenes from one of our famous battle fronts. Elementary schools will feature ideas from the liberated countries of the world. All floats will be under the supervision of Mr. James L. Casaday.

The entire exercise is under the direction of Mr. P. D. Pointer, principal of Central High School. Adams' own director is Mr. Dickey.



Wednesday, April 18 Drama Club meeting

semble acompanied by Bana. Old Black Joe-Glee Club ensemble accompanied by Band Repartee-Piano Solo by Mary Grace Erhardt, Band Accompanist.

The Glee Club Ensemble consists of Lois Lenon, Dagny Lenon, Pat Annis, Donn Stephens, Dick Larson, Curt Heckaman, Theresa Lazzara, Norma Zimmerman, Betty Furnish, Herschel Keefer, Bob Nielsen, and Dick Schall.

Every year the spring concert has become an event to which Adamites and patrons of Adams look forward. This year will be no exception.

Invite your friends and friends of Adams to this concert. Remember April 20, 8:00 p.m., John Adams Auditorium.

ior Social Living Classes Tuesday, April 17 in the Little Theatre. His ing a game of ball back there. talk stressed divorce, but was concerned also with all phases of the Social Living Course.



Week's total	390.25
Total to date	\$39,841.95
CLASS STANDINGS:	
10B-10A	\$8,705.10
12B-12A	1,903.95
11B-11A	
REMEMBER SEVENTH WAR LOAN DRIV	VE!
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Voting for Adams' representative for the Weasel ride, A	pril 16th to Friday

Thursday, April 19 Drama Club Assembly

Glee Club 7:45 Dr. Frith and Dr. Carter to speak to all health classes 10:00 A.M.

Friday, April 20

Dr. Frith and Dr. Carter, 10:00 a.m. Spring Musical 8:00 P. M.

Monday, April 23 Defense Stamps in Home Room Bulletin

Tuesday, April 24

Indiana University Extension information for Seniors.

Wednesday, April 25 Glee Club 7:45 A.M.

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THE TOWER

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LATIN FOR SUCCESS

The study of Latin is, of course, a relic of the scholasticism of medieval days when Latin was not only the language of the church but of diplomacy and in it were written the more serious works of literature seeking an international audience. Then knowledge of it had a distinctly utilitarian value which has long since disappeared except as a mark of cultivation. Even the ability to read or quote Latin has lost its place to a host of other accomplishments considered more broadening and worth while. Why then, should we insist that our children bother any longer with the tough task of learning Latin when they might be spending their time with studies intimately related to life in the modern world?

It is a very practical question which for a century has had no better answer than that Latin provided an excellent mental discipline. Little wonder that the study of Latin has gradually lost ground against the pressure of the query. Yet there must be an adequate answer or Latin would not have survived at all in our academic curricula. What is it?

More than 10 years ago the Human Engineering laboratory of Stevens institute began seeking it. Now we learn from Robert G. Barnum, test administrator of the laboratory staff, that it may be at hand.

Vocabulary tests given to freshmen at the institute have proved pretty conclusively that students who are acquainted with Latin have more English words at their command than those who have never studied the "dead" . language, also that the size of their vocabularies increased in proportion to the number of years of Latin behind them. Meantime earlier studies had established a definite relationship between the size of a person's vocabulary and his success in the world. Almost invariably, it was discovered, the most successful men had the largest vocabularies and that as the less and less successful were measured their vocabularies dwindled in proportion.

So there, but for one slight hitch, would seem to be the scientific justification for Latinity demanded by a machine age. The hitch is this: that, as the laboratory staff admits, one can't be sure from the results so far whether Latin produces the larger vocabularies or those having them are naturally attracted to its study. To settle this point the program of the laboratory now included the retesting of individuals tested several years ago. A comparison of the growth in vocabulary of those who have studied Latin in the interim with that of those who have not is sought.

Let us hope it turns out favorably. For though there are many of us who would prefer that our children approach the study of Latin for its beauty and precision instead of its utility and who deprecate its vulgarization as a means to success we should realize that such an answer as that being prepared at Stevens institute is necessary to its preservation as a general subject of study. We live in a world of Missourians.

South Bend Tribune.



In the spring a young man's fancy turns to running. (I mean in a track meet, of course). It was a fine sunny day and the Adams track team was in fine shape. Our opponent was Central.

The Adams boys ran out on to the field and started warming up. Jim Bowlin and Dick (Marcia is my pet) Schall wanted to throw a scare into the Central boys, so they took off. their track shirts and paraded around.

It was about time for the high hurdles to be run. John (Daddy long legs) Shafer and Rigby slowly strolled toward the starting line. Shafer didn't seem nervous, that is he only had his fingernails chewed down to the first knuckle on all his fingers. They got set and the starting gun went off. Shafer stayed behind to tie his shoe. As he stooped down, one of the spikes on his track shoe caught him-in the middle of the race. He leaped over the first five hurdles in one bound and before he could stop he won first place.

Then we saw our own little John (Pushum up) Goldsberry disappear into the mist behind the stadium. As we sat waiting impatiently, we heard a mighty cheer. Our little John came back with a smile, first place and unofficialy breaking the state record again. He's our boy.

Now we have the I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow boys. They are the ones that run the 1609.35 meter or just an old fashioned mile. In this group was Glen Zubler, Bill (Piggy) Lambert, Tony Sergio and (I love to creep) Schall.

In the high jump, we had Shafer and our red-headed genius, a gentleboy and a scholar. He was the composer of the phrase "82% of the soil in the world is dirt." Presenting, who else could it be, Charles Ort. Shafer tied for first with two Central boys.

We had Dan Walters in the broad



What is happening between Lela Lochridge and her Kebby? Don't worry Lela-there are plenty of other fellows. It says here in fine print!!

Ruth Fisher SAYS she is off men for life. What about all these air mail letters, Ruthie?

Was that a Central girl we saw Eugene Waechter with one day up town? What about Nancy?

Who is Peggy Kedzie's flame for the week? Has she forgotten Johnny already???

Who is this "Romeo" Puzzy Ramer went on a certain hayride with?

Where does Skippy McGee seem to be spending his evenings lately?

Why is Maxine Stuart so mysterious about a certain fellow in 1st hour Social Living class? P. S. Who is he Maxine??

Why doesn't Mary Jane Vande-More make up her mind about Bob Casey and give the other girls a chance!

How does Mary Ann Turpin spend her "lonely" evenings since Frankie left?

Who does Mary Silvers think is the most interesting person in her study hall?

Is it a hobby for Tony Sergio to go around ripping your pockets off?

Edith Weber and Nancy Tusing were overheard talking one dayby the way girls,-who is Johnny??

Is Betty Witter still keeping up a correspondence with Bob Davey? How about this Betty?

Enola Williamson's theme song is "Oh Johnny, O Johnny, I love you. Oh Johnny, why don't you love me too?"

Virginia Hoffman's future plans are New York and-but what about Tommy, Virginia?

Tony Turner should try asking the girls still in high school for a dateinstead of the faculty. He MIGHT get a date!

Dorothy Shafer has been dating a cute sailor quite regularly—"When he was home."

Why doesn't Elma Williams make up her mind between Pete and a certain Army fellow? Guess it's a woman's privilege to change her mind.

Doesn't it look strange to see Jean Jackey walking through the halls

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jump. McKinney in the 100 yard dash, 440 yard run, one-half mile relay. He did all right for himself, didn't he?

Now we jump over the Pole Valt. Tom McMurray and Eddy Swigart were the entrants. In the finals, Eddy represented Adams. He came up with tremendous speed and with every muscle he had, he went up, up and up. At the peak of his valt he stopped to rest in mid air and take in the sights. He saw Pat Traub sharing his beauty with all the girls. He allowed them to gaze up on his wonderful features. Then Eddy saw Murphy win the quarter mile. All in all it was a good meet.

In closing, I would like to say, "Eddy, you can come down now." -McAlic.

without Tom? Does he make up for it in the evening Jean?

By the way, is the affair still going on between Elaine Lubbers and Bob Lucas?

Does Norma Zimmerman have a certain someone off someplace? We never see her with the "lads" from school. How about this Norma?

Dorothy Winebrenner doesn't think much of having the prom on a Friday night. Could it be because the Navy can't be there?

Teacher was testing the knowledge of the kindergarten class. Taking a half dollar from her purse, she tossed it on the desk, said: "And now, children, what is that?"

Instantly a voice from the front row answered, "Tails."- Quote.

CRAMMIN' FOR CHEM

At 2:00 o'clock last night I sat sweating blood over my Chem Book. C. E. how dull it is? (weak pun!) Today sixth hour I shall be required to pass a unit test on some silly element. Only five more hours to go until that fatal hour.

Now let's see: Phosphorus is found in bones And Oxygen in the air. Nitrogen comes in dynamite And chemistry gets in my hair.

No, no I'll try to memorize this again.

Ammonia smells, and My cram book tells Of acids, bases and salt. But a voice in my brain Repeats this again Oh for a chocolate malt.

I crept across the street this noon to eat my lunch. There I sat with a sandwich in my lap, biting a chunk off my Lab book.

It's now sixth hour and here I am sitting back in the lab. My purpose for sitting back here is not to cheat but to rid myself of that fenced in. feeling. Everytime I close my eyes, I find myself in a room enclosed with test tubes for bars, acids for water and Bunsen burners for light.

Before the test I'll repeat my prayer hoping for help from the beyond. And I quote:

"Now I sit me down to cram

I pray thee Lord I'll pass this exam. But if I fail to get this junk,

I pray thee Lord, I will not flunk."

Professor Reber and his lock of golden hair just handed me the death sentence. The first question? What has a definite figure and shape? Ah could that be Betty Grable? No it's Crystal. Etc., etc. I answer the questions with wild guesses.

Oh these messes! "And so it goes ,

With Rebers Classes

Some of us flunk and others passes.

But to you who have Chemical ambition

I leave you this one premonition. Pass your test with efforts of others Someone like your sisters and brothers.

And you too will live to see A fat curved "B" Instead of my "D".

ADAMS ANNUAL APRIL AILMENT

Winter has been dragging lately. Snow has covered the ground and you're beginning to tire of heavy winter coats and the dull, dreary landscape. Your clases begin to drag-the general outlook is rather unappealing. Then all of a sudden spring football is announced and you begin to realize that spring has finally put in an appearance. The sun has crept from behind the heavy clouds and is smiling down upon South Bend with particular glory. The trees are beginning to bud, flowers are blooming, the birds are coming back from the South and you begin to be aware of the fact that life isn't so bad after all. Thoughts of summer fun begin to fill your head for before long vacation will be here.

Suddenly you realize that the girl who sat next to you in geometry all winter is more than just a source of tomorrow's assignment. You notice her friendly smile, her cute nose, and the dimples that show at the corners of her mouth when she laughs. You feel like singing or writing poetry. Little things like notes passed in school or songs that you share suddenly seem all important. Yes, you might as well admit it, you are a victim of spring fever; that startling ailment that everyone catches in small doses around April.

April 21, 1945 marks a big day in the life of the John Adams High School Band. For, on that day our band is to be entered in the District State Band Contest held in Elkhart, Indiana.

This is the first time any band from South Bend has participated in this contest. Our band has worked very diligently and consistently in order to prepare themselves for this occasion.

To take part in this contest the band must be prepared to play a march, a required number, and one number of their own selection. Our band will play March of Youth, The Silver Cord, and Eurica. There will be three soloists, Betty Murphy, Marilyn Wentz, and Carolyn Deardorff. Two clarinet quartettes will also be featured. The quartettes consist of Carolyn Deardorff, Nancy Giordano, Barbara Howard, and Jack Coker. The second group is Jack Coker, Nancy Giordano, Wand Teska, and Margaret Smith. There will be a trumpet trio composed of Betty Murphy, Leon Bendit, and Juanita Hobkirk.

Good luck, band! With all of your hard work behind you, you should be able to really go to town in Elkhart next Saturday.

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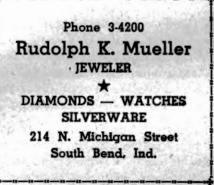
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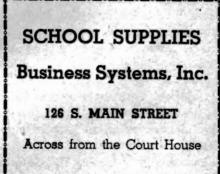
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THE TOWER

EAGLES LOSE MEET TO BEARS

POINT CLOSENESS IS HIGHLIGHT

Monday night April 9 at School Field in the first track meet of the season our Adams squad showed up exceptionally well. Central's Bears had a slight advantage because they have had a track meet this season and also, most of our team had just completed spring foatball. The meet ended in Central's favor 61-48.

John Goldsberry, our all around athlete, probably was the most outstanding in the meet. John threw the shot put 53'4" breaking the state record of 52'10". Unfortunately, this is not recorded for a record unless it is thrown at the state meet. In this field, Manuel Jackson, a sophomore, also showed promise as a future star.

John (Slim) Shaeffer won the high hurdles, and Rigby, another Adams boy, got a second. Shaeffer also collected honors in the high jump by placing in the three way tie for first honors in this event.

"Chuck" Murphy, the half pint quarterback and varsity basketball player, really "zipped" around the track to win the quarter mile, known as the 440. Chuck finished far ahead of the Central contenders and broke the tape at 54.6 seconds. Bob Nitz should also prove a valuable 440 man with a little more experience.

Dan "Potsie" Walters did a swell job on the low hurdles finishing far ahead of any contenders. Dan also decided to enter the broad jump although he hadn't practiced at all this year and he was both surprised and happy to find himself sailing through space to the distance of 20'-1". A Central entrant surpassed him 3/4" to win the event. Roy Andrews also showed excellent form in placing third in hurdles.

Jack Jaqua won the 880 or half mile event by a final lunge over the tape nosing out the Central entrant by nine inches. Jack will prove a valuable man throughout the season. Bill Baker finished third in this event even tho he had a bad leg. Bill will also be an excellent track man this season.

Tony Sergio finished third in the mile run but first in the Adams runners. His form was excellent, he kept a good stride and displayed a fine finish. Tony should improve much during the season and be able to represent Adams well in the city meet. Louie McKinney took two valuable second place honors in both the 100 and 220 yard dashes. His form will improve as the season progresses. Last year Louie did swell work at these two events. Our relay teams will improve and our vaulters also. The track teams showed very good possibilities in the first meet on the 1945 season.

TOWER SPORTS COLUMN

After a couple of weeks of loafing I finally got back in the grind of writing sports again. It is an easier job now that I have something to write about.

You can always depend on "Big John" to crack the publicity and this time he really did. Nice going John— I sure hope you do that and better yet in the state meet.

I honestly think we should have advertised and charged admission to the final scrimmage in Spring football. The two teams were very evenly matched and both played. well. Curt Heckamen and "Chuck" Murphy both got seven points while a touch down by Frank Wulf on a pass was called back. There was really some swell playing in that game.

Well, Tony Sergio finally got his publicity. All spring he has offered me large sums of money (5c) to mention his abilities here. Tony was so anxious for his name to appear that he really got down to work and did it. His mile run in the Central meet was excellent and he deserves a lot

of praise. Of course I'm kidding about the publicity, and I wish Tony a lot of luck.

I hope no one deserving credit was left out of the track meet story. The final score had to be turned in to the Tribune and consequently the article was written on memory.

There is a definite effort on the part of the Adams Hi-Y to resurface the tennis courts here at our school. These courts could be used to good measure and I hope our Hi-Y receives cooperation on their undertaking.

The fairer sex at Adams are constantly complaining about being left out on the sport page or at least in this column. I suppose even though it was girls I should mention that the Adams Swimming Team placed third in a meet with eleven teams. This was fine and seriously, I congratulate these swimmers to the utmost and say fellows one of those meets would be interesting to watch, no?

> Sportingly yours, —JIM

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In March the girls High School Telegraphic Swimming Meet was held. The team from John Adams won third place, with South Bend Central placing first and Thornton Tractional High School of Calumet City, Illinois second. The relay team representing Adams won first in the 80 yd. crawl relay.

The girls on this team were Kathryn Keller, Betty Hulbert, Linda Meyers, and Shiela McMurray.

We are proud of the showing the girls made and hope that next year they will win first place.



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