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**FINAL EXAMS  
TUESDAY AND  
WEDNESDAY**

# John Adams Tower

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## MID-TERM FINAL EXAMS NEXT TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

First semester final examinations will be Tuesday, January 20 and Wednesday, January 21. The afternoon classes' will be tested Tuesday and the morning classes' Wednesday. There will be no school Thursday and students will return at 8:30 Friday morning to receive their report cards.

The first semester will consist of 77 days, but the second semester will continue for 78 days.

There will be no mid-term graduation this year.

## CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE BOOSTED AT ADAMS WITH \$232.29

The Y-Teens handled the Christmas Seal Sales in John Adams this year with the aid of Miss Minnear and Miss Kemski. A member of the Y-Teens from each home room was appointed to handle the sales. The total amount collected from all the home rooms was \$232.29. The home rooms having the greatest amount of sales were:

109—\$36.00  
105—\$32.33  
209—\$18.49  
Dr.—\$13.15  
201—\$13.00

## OUR BAND TO EXCHANGE VISITS WITH MICHIGAN CITY BAND NEXT MONTH

With the new year upon us, it is time to outline the band events for next semester. For the remainder of the basketball season, the band will be quite busy. On February 13, the Michigan City Band will perform for us here at Adams. Following the concert, the Adams band will be host to the Michigan City band at a pot luck supper and dance. On March 3, the Adams band will return the visit.

The state solo and ensemble contest will be held at Fort Wayne in the latter part of February. Later on the band will play for the annual spring concert. In between these programs the band will march, play for several senior

## RAINBOW HOLIDAY TRY AGAIN; STYLE SHOW TOMORROW

"The Rainbow Holiday," a style show given by the clothing classes, will be held Thursday morning, January 15, at 8:30. The show was postponed from December because of the crowded calendar of activities then. The girls of John Adams, their parents, and faculty members are invited to attend. One purpose of the style show is to familiarize people with the importance of colors in clothes.

The clothes modeled by the girls of the Clothing I and II classes will be primarily school and street apparel; however, there will be a few cotton dresses, suits, and one formal shown.

## OFFICER ORBAN SPEAKS ON SAFETY TO HEALTH CLASSES AGAIN

Officer Andrew Orban is speaking to Mr. Wegner's health classes from January 12 to January 15. Officer Orban is stationed in the traffic division of our Police Department. His talks are dealing with safe driving and pedestrians safety. He is illustrating his talks with pictures on how carelessness causes accidents. One interesting demonstration he is presenting is on the drunkometer. In trying cases in court the police must have absolute evidence to present, not hearsay. The drunkometer is a balloon which tests the condition of an alcoholic. Officer Orban's lectures are doing much towards making the safety section of health which the health classes are now studying, more realistic.

## T. B. SKIN TESTS GIVEN 11th GRADERS

Tuberculosis skin tests were given to eleventh graders on Monday, January 12. All students in the 9th and 11th grades are annually given these tests, which are part of the nation-wide program to fight tuberculosis.

activities, and must be prepared for any special activities. 1948 will be a busy year for the band.

## DAKE LEAVES ADAMS FOR NEW POSITION WITH SCHOOL CITY



MR. DONALD A. DAKE

## STANFORD TEST GIVEN REMEDIAL MATH STUDENTS

Last semester all 11B's followed the custom of their predecessors by taking a mathematical test. Those who did not make a grade of 73 or better were told to rearrange their programs to include Remedial Math for their 11A semester.

Those who have been taking Remedial Math this semester have now taken a second test. This one, the Stanford Arithmetic Test, was given last Tuesday, the 6th by Mr. Dickey, the class instructor. Once again the requirement is that the students pass with a grade of 73 or more. Those who did not make this score will get no credit for the semester's work.

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GLEE CLUB REUNION ONCE AGAIN SUCCESS

Mrs. Pate's home was the scene of a happy reunion of alumni and seniors of the John Adams High School Glee Club on December 21, 1947. Between the hours of four and eight, sixty-five were present. The blue-lighted Christmas tree, the white candles, and beautiful red roses created a perfect atmosphere for singing around the piano. A feeling of unity and love of singing was in each heart as we sang strains of "Katinka," "Out of the Silence," "Onward Ye People," all the familiar carols, and many other songs.

Among the crowd of college people were a number who are now participating in college glee clubs. To mention a few: Jerry Gibson, (Harvard Glee Club); Kathryn McVicker, (Radcliffe Choral Society); Martha Warrick, (Indiana University Glee Club); and Pam Hudson, (Dennison University Glee Club).

by Nancy King.

Mr. Donald A. Dake will leave Adams at the end of this term to take the position as Director of Pupil Personnel at School City. He was born in Flint, Michigan and received his college education at Michigan State College. He taught two years in East Detroit before coming to Adams. In August of 1941, he entered the Army Air Corps. He served in the Pacific Theater and was discharged with the rank of Major in March, 1946.

For the remainder of the semester, Mr. Dake's history classes will be taught by Mr. Neff. Miss Bauer is taking his sponsor class until the end of this term. The American Culture class will continue next semester with Mr. Neff as instructor.

Mr. Dake's new job as Director of Pupil Personnel is basically one of students' attendance problems. In this department there are case workers who work with the students and parents. Mr. Dake will take over the more difficult cases and will work in close cooperation with various social agencies such as the Juvenile Welfare Department.

## SENIOR CARD AND ANNOUNCEMENT ORDERS COMPLETED

The week preceding Christmas vacation and last week were very busy ones for the Senior Cards and Announcements Committee. These committee members had the job of getting each Senior class member's order for individual name cards and class announcements. Theirs, too, was the task of collecting the money covering the cost of these orders.

Nancy Ellsworth, the committee chairman, announced that all money and orders were turned in last Friday, Jan. 9. Mr. Krider is the committee sponsor and the members are Nancy Chappell, 105; Martha Craig, 210; Joyce Liebig, 203; Doris Moxley, 205; and Mary Troub, Drafting.



## FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

Basketball—Adams at Michigan City.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

Noon—B Club.

Afternoon—Final exams.

Basketball—Plymouth at Adams.

## THE MARCH OF DIMES

The annual March of Dimes campaign to combat Infantile Paralysis will be held from January 15 to January 21. Cards in which dimes may be inserted will be passed out in the home rooms.

Each student should feel it his duty to contribute, for one never knows when the dreaded "Polio" may strike at his home. The Infantile Paralysis fund helps both poor and rich, as long as there is a need for it.



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## Let's Have Some School Spirit!

Students of John Adams! What is happening to our school spirit and enthusiasm? I ask this question because I'm becoming concerned with the way this problem is growing. I'm not blaming one person, but John Adams as a whole.

What is it that tells us we look childish when we clap and cheer at a football or basketball game? What evil thing tells us we look silly lugging boxes of food and clothing to school when asked to support a drive? I'll tell you what it is. It's our pride. I would say that about 80% of the students in John Adams have too much pride, 10% have a suitable amount of it, and the other 10% have no pride at all. To prove what I have just said, I will give you an idea of our school pride.

I was talking to a student the other day about the drive for food and clothing the Student Council is sponsoring. I asked him if he were going to contribute. He said he had some clothes that he could give, but he wasn't going to drag them to school. Right away I detected that his pride told him he would look silly carrying an armful of clothes to school. I intentionally asked another student if she were going to contribute. Her reply was that she wasn't going to drag a load of clothing or food on the bus which she had to take to get to school every day. Again our friend, Mr. Pride appears. She would feel embarrassed with her arms full of clothes on a bus or even in school.

Another example of having too much pride is found by watching the majority of John Adams students at a basketball or football game. Very few students cheer or clap for our team. We're enthused and full of pep, but yet we fell silly when asked to do so. Our pride tells us to keep our mouth shut and to sit like a bump on a log. This situation is daily growing more serious in John Adams.

I've told you it is bad to have too much pride, but I didn't say it was wrong to have pride! We all should have pride in our appearance, our studies, our family and our friends, but let's not let this thing ruin our school spirit and enthusiasm at our games or the supporting of important drives. Have pride, but don't let it get the upper hand.

by Bill Marrs

## Accept Criticism With a Smile

No one is perfect. Of course we know the students at Adams are almost, but not quite.

The teachers, besides teaching us math, English, and history, are here to make better citizens of us. When a teacher criticizes a student for handing in a paper with misspelled words, or other errors, the student immediately seizes and clings to the erroneous idea that the teacher doesn't like him. Therefore, he believes that the teacher doesn't like him. Therefore, he believes that there is no use to prepare his assignments. What the student doesn't realize is that he is being helped, and that the criticism is for his own benefit.

Try to accept criticism with a smile. Remember that criticism is for your own good and if you want to, you can profit more from it than you ever can gain from empty praise.

**LAST MINUTE CRAMMING FOR FINALS IS NUTS  
IF YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR LESSONS NOW,  
YOU NEVER WILL.**

—by One Who Knows.

## Make Mine . . .

## Journalism

Journalism seeks to inform, entertain, and educate the public. It was once said by Thomas Jefferson: "I would rather live in a country with newspapers and without a government than in a country with a government and without newspapers."

The requirements for employment in journalistic field are constantly being raised. The days when a boy would start as a copy-boy and advance to editor of a magazine or newspaper are gone forever. The head of the field tomorrow will have completed at least four and probably five years of college. The first year will be a general course with no specialization in journalism. The second year offers history, government, sociology, and psychology. The third year one studies mostly government and the history of journalism. The fourth year the different fields in writing are taken in detail. The fifth year, if taken, specializes in the newspaper itself. The journalistic training in college hereby sets up a potential which is actualized only when you begin a journalistic endeavor. There is probably no branch of professional work where ability alone is so important as in journalism. Experience and seniority have their place but it is ability, whether natural or cultivated, that counts most. The limit is one's own ability to progress.

The advantages of journalism are many and they far outweigh the disadvantages. A journalist:

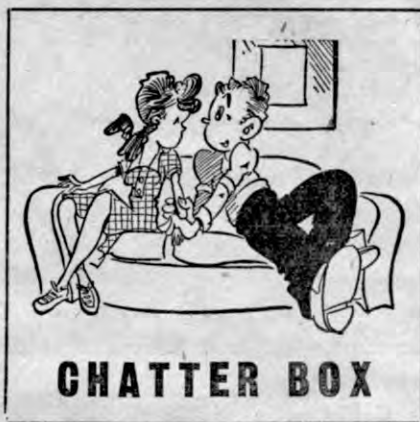
1. Is behind the scenes in world happenings.
2. Is meeting all kinds of people and going all kinds of places.
3. Has the satisfaction of seeing his work in print.
4. Is always doing something different.
5. Has steady work unless he is free-lancing.
6. Has splendid opportunity to continue his education.

The disadvantages deal mainly with the pay and hours. The pay, however, is not as low as it used to be and journalism is no longer considered one of the underpaid professions. The hours depend completely on the type of work done, so if a person really likes his work he won't be bothered by the hours.

To reach the rung of success on the ladder of journalism one must like his work, enjoy and get along with people, and have a tireless energy. Journalism is a profession for the adventurer who wants to pass his experiences on to others.

A member of the Ladies Aid Society went to the bank of deposit and told the teller it was "aid" money. Unfortunately for the teller, he thought she said "egg" money and replied, "Remarkable, isn't it, how well the old hens are doing these days."

**GOOD - BYE, MR. DAKE  
GOOD LUCK!**



Hello, Susie:

I've been trying to call you but there's been so much to do and sooo many dances.

I just loved that formal you wore to Demolay, and that orchid was just lush! Did that take all of Dick's allowance? Weren't there a lot of college kids around? I saw Pat Center and Glenn Personette, and Rod Million. Dorothy Cox was with Jerry Weinberg too. Pat Lord and Curt Heckaman were there too. Pat was displaying the sparkler she got from Curt for Christmas? Everybody is getting engaged. I feel like an old maid. Joan Myers and Forrest Smith are on the list too, plus "Larry" Hoover and Harold Burkett. That's not all, Laura Beth Miller has a ring too.

At a New Year's Eve party were Marg and George, Bob Mamby and Bev Green, and Jo Dibble and Paul Bumann. I didn't go to Junior League, did you? I hear Nancy King and George Craighead were there. No, I don't know who Dan Walters was with.

It seems like there are so many triangles, (and even squares if such a term can be used.) Rosie Kelly and Bill Thoner are still going strong, but she went to one dance with Chuck Elkredge and was also seen with Bob Shultz. Nancy King was dancing with Ed McCarthy one night and Hank Hukill another. Donna Miller was pretty constant with Jim McKendzie, though she was seen with Bob Parker. Speaking of Bob, he was around quite a bit with Carol Cormican. Josie Johnson was at a dance with John Leonhard but also went with Elliot Fresh. What's that? Shirley Williams was with Bill Baker at Prog, but most of the time she was with Jerry Gibson. What, Myra Roberts and John Horning are going steady again!!

Say Susie, did you hear about Jim Bomberger's party? He was with Mary Muessel, Bill Reinke was with Jeanette Jackson, Jim Lang and Phyl Nelson were there too, and Jim Cox and Jane McLean.

Everyone had a wonderful time 'New Year's Eve, didn't they? Sue Smith, Judy Riggs and Barb Taylor had sort of an open house.

Did you see Bobbie Brecht and Ronnie Minzey together constantly? The same applies to Joan Stombaugh and Bob Goady, and Ruth Ortt and Bob Beissel.

What time is it, Susie? Seven o'clock! OOOh, I must hang up because I don't want to break my New Year's resolution and be late for my date. See you in the Fun-ny paper!



## FRONT ROW CENTER

This is a new column to interest you, the reader, in good drama. The column is sponsored by the Drama Club and written by its members. Those who write this column hope to bring to you previews of good movies coming to the theaters of South Bend; the titles of books about drama; synopses of well-known plays; and life sketches of important actresses and actors.

The Drama Club hopes to make this column a success, for ever since the Drama Club has been organized, it has been the persistent desire of Mrs. McClure to have a column in The Tower to inform the readers about dramatical affairs.

The Drama Club on Saturday, November 23 saw in Chicago the musical comedy "The Chocolate Soldier." This play is the musical version of George Bernard Shaw's "Arms and Man" written by Oscar Straw with the American version by Stanislas Stange.

As the play opens we find Bumerli, a Serbian soldier, making his escape from the Bulgarian army, by invading the room of Nadine Popoff, who is engaged to Alexius Spiridoff, a Bulgarian officer. Nadine conceals him out of pity and helps him to escape from the Bulgarian soldiers. She lends him a coat of Colonel Popoff, her father, in which is concealed autographed photographs of Nadine's mother, her cousin and herself.

Peace is declared between the Bulgarians and the Serbians and Bumerli pays a visit to Popoff at his home in Bulgard, bringing with him Popoff's borrowed house coat and the photographs in the coat, which Bumerli has not removed. Popoff calls for his house coat and the women have an exciting time purloining the photos. Nadine gets Nascha's photograph and Mascha, Nadine's cousin, gets Nadine's.

When preparations are being made for the wedding of Alexius and Nadine, Massakroff, a Bulgarian officer, appears and identifies Bumerli as the man who entered Nadine's room on the night of the escape. To further complicate the matter, Mascha gives Alexius the photograph of Nadine which was in Popoff's coat. So Alexius breaks off his engagement to Nadine and Mascha then consoles him.

Alexius challenges Bumerli to a duel, but Bumerli succeeds in bluffing him and it is called off. Then Bumerli asks for Nadine's hand in marriage and is accepted. Mascha,

## THIS YEAR WILL BE DIFFERENT

As I look over the entries in my diary for January 1, 1947, I discover by my New Year's Resolutions what a swell kid I really am. It says, "I'll work hard all year and do my homework every night." But how can I account for the grades that I keep a deep, dark secret? It must be the fault of those stupid teachers; they have no consideration. What if I did forget my lessons 4 or 5 times? (a week!)

"I'll clean up my room every day" is the next resolution. Yet those nasty parents of mine have cut my allowance uncountable times since then. Why can't they do it themselves if they want it done so badly?

"Sweets will be my worst enemy and I'll be an orange juice girl." This one I certainly can't understand. My clothes get smaller and smaller and my complexion bumpier every day. This can also account for the failure of the next resolution to cut my clothes costs in half to save for college. Who wants to spend the rest of their life in college anyway?

Of course this year will be different, as every year starts out to be. If others would co-operate I might get some place, but I'm only human, and how can I do it all by myself?

wheelles Alexius into a proposal of marriage and Aurelia, Nadine's mother, Colonel Popoff's wife succeeds on allaying her husband's suspicions of his house coat being given to Bumerli. Thus in the end all ended well with Colonel Popoff and Aurelia, Nadine and Bumerli, and Alexius and Mascha.

The play was delightful and all those who went to see it enjoyed the production. The costumes and scenery were very colorful and delightful. Billy Gilbert, who has the leading role, portrayed Colonel Popoff as the stupid father. He and the members of the supporting cast of fifty were excellent. The singing roles and the ballet also thrilled the audience.



Now that vacation is over, what do you remember most about the holiday?

Anne Ulrich—Sleeping.

Mary Troub—How nice Santa Claus was to me.

Barbara Clayton—New Year's Eve, because I had such a nice time with Hugh McVicker.

Mary Ann Earle—Week in Chicago—sure was fun!

Bill Reinke—New Year's Eve.

Eileen Haines—Eating.

Dan Richeson—The last day wondering when spring vacation would come.

Ted High—My little brother's waking me up at 2:00 in the morning of January 5 asking me to turn on the radio.

Bill Marrs—How I worried about school starting again.

Nancy King—My New Year's Resolutions!

Harold Heeter—Playing at New Year's Eve Dance.

Joan Partritz—Trying to come home on the slippery streets New Year's Eve in high heels.

"Boo" Rupert—A wonderful day in Chicago.

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## ★ Club News ★

**DRAMA CLUB**—The play reading committee has selected a number of plays which may be presented by the Drama Club. The club will vote on the play to be presented at the next meeting.

**HI-Y**—The new merit system introduced and drawn-up by Dave Gibson was stenciled and mimeographed by Bill Marrs. The club will discuss the system of receiving merits and de-merits and will make a few changes if necessary.

**USHERS CLUB**—The Ushers Club was kept fairly busy the last week of school. They ushered for the annual Christmas musical on December 14 and for the Central-Adams Basketball game December 19.

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**Wyman's**



# ADAMS NETTERS 77-69; WIN 5, LOSE 5 IN CAGE PLAY

Amid early season injuries and sickness the John Adams Eagles have started to play up to their potentialities. Adams' first win came as Washington-Clay fell to the way side by a score of 37 to 31. The Eagles' first loss came as Mishawaka set them back by a score of 42 to 31. Lack of reserves and free throw ability meant the margin of defeat. The second straight defeat came from Lew Wallace 42 to 34. Adams was back in the win column as they downed Goshen by a score of 42 to 39. It was a nip and tuck battle all the way as Goshen tied up the score 39 to 39. Don Truex came through with a basket to set the stage for an Eagle victory. In the first expected overtime of the season for Adams when a second basket by Joe Howell turned the tables and set Riley tumbling to defeat 37 to 34. Two conference setbacks came in succession by LaPorte and Central. LaPorte led by Baumgartner's 22 points met the margin of defeat. LaPorte was hotter than a firecracker on the Fourth of July as they pushed in shots from all angles for their 50 to 30 victory. Adams was off again as Central downed them 49 to 38. During the Holidays Adams was a guest at the East Chicago Roosevelt Holiday Tournament. Adams lost the first game to East Chicago Roosevelt by a score of 42 to 37. Adams failing to be consistent at the free-throw lane again was the cause of defeat. In the consolation game Adams defeated Whiting 40 to 29. Don Truex's 14 points took the scoring honors. The New Year proved good to the Eagles because on January 3 they defeated the Holiday Tourney Champs, East Chicago Roosevelt by a score of 47 to 43. The game was close all the way. John Keller netted two field goals in the last 15 seconds to break a 43-43 deadlock and send the Eagles into victory. With "Moe" Ziker back in the lineup it looks like a prosperous and winning New Year.

## Champion Team in Girls Volleyball Tourney



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY CLOSES WITH KEB'S TEAM  
WINNING OUT OF 22 TEAMS

The girls' inter-class volleyball tournament was organized the first part of December with twenty-two teams competing. The teams were headed by student captains: Roessler, Stark, Pat Taylor, and Biastock, first hour; Clayton, Grant, Phyllis Taylor and Nestlerode, second hour; Rumsey and Niespo, third hour; Bendit, Gudates, Kent and Keb, fourth hour; Shulmier, Wagner, Kasdorf, and Haines, fifth hour; Hostettler, Scott, Pillow, and McHugh, sixth hours.

The first part of the battle was played in the gym classes while the semi-finals and the finals were played during the noon hour.

The winning team consisted of Slabaugh, Rohrbaugh, Fanto, Pence, Pat Smith, Fisher, Bowman, Locsmondy, Walker and Keb, captain.

High point men were Hennings of game one with six points, Clayton and Morrison of game two with seven points each, Fanto and Walker of game three with seven points each, Zeiger of game four with twelve points, and Chappell and Rohrbaugh of game five with seven points each.

The game between Shulmier and Hostettler was the closest fought battle in the tourney. It ran into three over times with Shulmier coming to the finish with a one point lead.

## EAGLES OPPOSE MICHIGAN CITY, PLYMOUTH NEXT

Adams "Hardluck" Eagles travel to Michigan City this Friday to attempt to get back on the conference band wagon. The Lake-side boys haven't lived up to advance publicity as of this date, but against our Eagles you never can tell, anything can happen. Dan Nespo, Bob Ciolek and Jim Chamness all are returning lettermen.

Next Tuesday evening Plymouth's "Rockies" will invade the Eagles floor in a non-conference game. The Rockies are over-loaded with football stars with Don Servis "Red" Smith, Dan Acker and Steve Nagey all leading scorers. Adams lost last year's game at Plymouth by a narrow margin.

## ADAMS GIRLS PARTICIPATE IN RILEY PLAYDAY

The annual playday will be held on Wednesday, January 14, at Riley High School. From each of the four high schools in the city twenty girls have been chosen to participate. They are chosen on the basis of their ability and skill in volley ball, the game they will play. Among those who were chosen are Ruth Keb, Dolores Kint, Ona Applegreen, Marilyn Becker, Marjorie Rumsey, Ann Kohlbrenner, Doris Stafford, Patricia Roessler, Marilyn Bendt, Phyllis Taylor, Dorothy Smith, Artie Grant, and Barbara Clayton. There is close competition among the schools and everyone expects to play hard, but to have a good time.

## MR. NEFF'S FOURTH HOUR GYM CLASS STAGES "SILVER GLOVES"

Boxing was in the air as Mr. Neff's fourth hour gym class "Silver Gloves" tourney came to a close. To most boys this ended a period somewhat like the "French Revolution" with flailing arms, falling bodies and dripping blood. The most surprising event in the tourney was the South Bend White Bomber "Joe" McCann's upset of "Gus" Grounds. McCann took a one round decision in a typical street fight. Tom Doyon looked great against "Nick" Nichols as he only hit the canvas seventeen times. "Lu" Johnson claims that no one laid a glove on him, he must have slipped and hit his head. Jersey Jim Millea outwinded Dick Bishop in a ballet contest. In a rematch "Tippy Larkin" Bella and Bob Dillion decided to mix it up after staging a waltz in their first bout. Incidentally if you want to know what the gym floor feels like ask "canvas back" Jim Sears. Among the Sophs—"Dog-Eat-Dog" battles "Wildcat" Hurdle who seemed to hold the title, dishing out a bloody nose and a black eye in two contests. Other good bouts pitted "K. O." Bussert and Harry LaPlace, Ronnie Lynch and "Jake" Gustafson, and Kenny Kieser vs. Richard Vance.

Among the celebrities present were two or three janitors, the distinguished Bill Stark, and our ever faithful fight promoter "Rollicking" Rollo Neff with a ring-side seat and a grade book. Well, there goes the bell and as ten or twelve boys come out of hiding from behind bleachers we draw to a close another episode of "Can You Take It" brought to you through the courtesy of the fourth hour gym class.

by John Horvath.

## Predictions For Adams- Michigan City Game

	Adams	Mich. City
Charles Eaton	41	39
Margaret Bolden	40	37
Dick Andrzejewski	42	41
Mary Nold	36	34
Jack Dickson	37	43
Jinnie Erhardt	42	39
Norman Burke	45	41
Virginia Holland	45	40
Dick Davis	42	38

## HEY YOU!

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