

**Prognosticator
At Adams,
McClusky**

**Band Concert
Tomorrow
Night**

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CROWE AND DAVIS KNOW NEW "CINDERELLA"

Did you know that Coach Crowe knew Eva Paul, the recent Mrs. Rockefeller? Not only this, but he has her autograph. This is really a fact.

He knew her as a health student in one of his classes at Lowell High School in 1935. Coach says she has a lot on the beam with a smile that got her places. (Look where it did get her.)

If you really want the inside dope on the new Mrs. Rockefeller, ask Mr. Davis. He went with her quite often at Lowell High School. When he found out the news of her marriage, he wired his congratulations. Isn't that sweet! (P.S. Corby is happily married now.)

LIBRARY CLUB INITIATES NINE NEW MEMBERS

Ten new members were initiated into the Library Club on February 23. They are Marlin Miller, Joan Drake, Joan Stombaugh, Barbara Bensen, Marian Higgins, Vivian Hartter, Nancy Arzeck, Donna Miller, and Barbara Swanson. The usual initiation service was held with a pot luck supper and dancing afterwards.

McCLUSKEY WINS PREDICTION CONTEST

Here He is!!! the winner of the sectional prediction contest. It is none other than the master mind around school, the handsome boy with the Toni home permanent, Jimmy McClusky of room 204. This is the second year that the sectional prediction has been in existence. Dick Wysong took the honors last year and now it was again taken by the master sex. Each week during the regular season ten students were quizzed, five boys and five girls. The fourteen winners were given a chance to predict for the sectionals. The winners were asked four questions. No. 1—"Who will win the tournament?" No. 2—"Who will be the high point man for that team?" No. 3—"Who will be Adams' high point man and last how many points will he make?" The winner was chosen by a point system originated by Pat Kissinger. The first question was worth fifty points, and fifteen, twenty, and ten points respectfully for the remaining three questions. Jim answered every question correctly for a total of ninety-five points. Gene

BAND CONCERT TOMORROW NIGHT

**GUEST PIANIST MUNGER
AND GLEE CLUB
FEATURED**



Band members left to right: front row, Mary Troub and Joan Wine, second row, Jerry Ohlman and Bill Cox, third row, Keith Born and Dick Baleski, back row, Harold Heeter and Ted High.

Plans were made to have programs at all future meetings.

The club will visit the Washington High School Library Club sometime in the near future.

BAND RETURNED MICHIGAN CITY'S GUEST CONCERT

On Wednesday, March 3, our band journeyed to Michigan City where they gave a concert. After the concert, the band was entertained at a pot-luck party given by the Michigan City Band.

The concert was very well received. The trip was in return for one recently made here by the Michigan City Band. This exchange of visits has proved to be a grand experience and a lot of fun for all.

It is hoped that the spirit of good will and fellowship begun between our two school bands as a result of these visits may continue through future years.



Miller and Ben Jurcik were close behind with a total of eighty points. This draws to a close the second annual prediction contest with the boys as dominators. Jim McClusky, the winner did his part in sectional by keeping the floor well swept with his ever fateful broom. Jim was not able to dress for the sectional, but he should prove a prominent contender for the first five next year. The picture is none other than Jim himself. Autographs will be given in room 204 at 3:30 this afternoon.

ADAMS DEBATERS ATTEND FIVE-SCHOOL CONFERENCE

At the Debate conference at Central High School Tuesday, February 23, Bob Gross and Bob Welber debated against Central on the affirmative. Mary Troub and Bill Reinke debated on the negative against Laporte. Jim Cox and Arnold Gilman debated against Mishawaka while Dale Litherland and LaMar Worley debated against Riley. Jim Hoose and Raymond James were substitute debaters. Jim on the affirmative and Raymond on the negative.



THURSDAY, MARCH 11

Band concert
Awards assembly

MONDAY, MARCH 15

Deadline for Soci Trip

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

P.T.A. meeting in Little Theater

SENIORS.

REMEMBER SOCI TRIP DEADLINE

The annual social living trip to Chicago is planned for April 30 and May 7. If there are not enough students to take two trips, those that wish to go will go April 30. The total cost for train fare, meals, and theater tickets is \$12. This money is to be given to Miss West in the office before 4 o'clock Monday, March 15. No reservations will be taken after this time.

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Cliques: Are They Good or Bad?

These two articles are a written debate for and against cliques. Perhaps they will help you formulate your opinions. The two articles might be put together, and the result would be the opinion that "cliques are good if not carried too far."

THE ADVANTAGES OF CLIQUES

There are three main advantages of cliques. To enumerate them: 1. They give you more social prestige. 2. You have fun and feel that you belong. 3. They enable you to get some things done which you want.

For instance, suppose you have a desire to become more socially prominent. So far you haven't paled around with any special gang. You get along all right, but people aren't always asking you to go places with them. You wished they would. So you decide to chum around with one particular group. They like you and pretty soon they accept you as one of the clique. Now there are things going on all the time to which you are invited. You are in a clique and consequently, more socially prominent.

One of the greatest advantages of cliques is the fact that the members can often get together and have really good times. A crowd can have so much fun together. Also, a clique makes a person feel as if he really belongs. Cliques give its members dignity.

Another example: suppose you have some talent, (i.e. drawing, singing, playing). Let's use playing the piano for this example. Not many people know it, but you surely would like to play out for some programs. One night you play for the club and express your desire. Therefore, they go to work, saying to different people, "Say, I hear so and so plays the piano very well." Gradually people begin asking you to play for programs. You are in a clique, and consequently, you are able to fulfil more of your desires.

For most of us, life is what we make it, but for the pedestrian it's if he makes it.

THE DISADVANTAGES OF CLIQUES

We all have friends we like better than our other associates. That's only natural, because we like people who have the same interests as we. People with similar interests tend to go together and a group or clique is formed.

To permit our similar interests to kill interest in other people or new interests, we make ourselves narrow-minded. If we permit our society to influence us in such a way that we lose our individual personalities to become a carbon copy of some leader in our group, it is to our own disadvantage.

Now we must keep up with Jane Doe; we must get a new dress as often as she does, and it must be the same style. We must get the car as often as she does and go where she goes. If we don't, we're not considered one of the crowd.

Cliques cause hard feelings between those who do belong and those who do not. Those who do not belong notice a new air of superiority about those in such a group.

All in all, cliques are to our disadvantage because they cause hard feelings and narrow-mindedness, traits which do not improve one's personality.

Traffic sign in Pennsylvania village: "Slow. No hospital."

—The Bonlee Gazette, Bonlee High School, Bonlee, N. C.

The most needed invention today is automobile brakes that get tight with the driver.

—The Wildcat's Howl, Moundridge High School, Moundridge, Kansas.

THE VOICE OF THE ADAMS STUDENT

Question—What is your opinion on race prejudice?

Bob Welber: Our Racial problem finds its basis with generalization. We generalize almost everything in life, our opinions, our beliefs and are likes and dislikes. No one can like everyone. When we dislike a person that means we don't find interests in common, but nevertheless we respect and appreciate their viewpoints. But some people when they find one individual whose personality they can find nothing in common with, they extend their dislike to the entire group which that person may represent.

When we treat everyone with whom we come in contact as individuals, and respect and understand them, we will be living as our democracy dictates. Everyone is an individual personality with his own faults and merits. Don't generalize because of lack of understanding, or because of one person's personality. One should judge each person individually with respect and understanding.

Doris Moxley: Racial prejudice is, to me, ignorance. Ignorance of the fact that everyone is equal—ignorance to the realization that racial barriers must be torn down before we all can enjoy peace.

Racial prejudice is a challenge to our democracy or racial prejudice. These two cannot work together. Why? The word prejudice stands for "hate" while democracy is supposed to stand for fellowship and understanding.

Our country, however, is not living up to its principles of democracy. I am referring to the clause on equal rights for all of our citizens. Does a Negro have equal rights in the South? Does the Jew have them in other parts of our country? Or the Indian? No, I don't believe so.

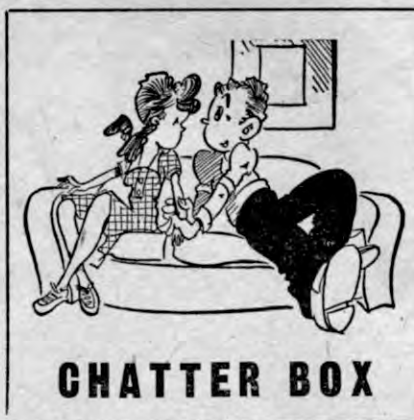
Even though we are guilty of practicing racial discrimination, we are always criticizing the governments of other countries. Why not start at home and improve our own government first?

If there is hatred and racial prejudice in the world, we can never enjoy a real peace. If we cannot get along with the citizens of our own country (who are like us) we can never hope to get along with those people who are entirely different from us.

Yes, racial prejudice exists not only in the U. S. but all over the world. We are all aware of its existence—what are we doing to help overcome it?

Mr. Parry, annoyed because he had to wait several months for an order, wired the manufacturer: "Cancel order immediately." Back came the response: "Regret cannot cancel immediately. You must wait your turn."

—News and Views, Havana High School, Havana, Kan.



It seems that Doris VanDeWalle is always complaining that she never gets enough sleep. Wonder why?

Carol Cormican has been taking in several dances and games with a fellow from Walkerton.

Since breaking up with "Ed" from N. Liberty, Ona Apelgreen has been spending some time with Bill Kiser, basketball star of the same town.

Carolyn Anderson is still receiving letters from that tall, handsome fellow at Bob Jones College.

Dick Bennet seems to be quite well known by student nurses at Memorial Hospital.

Just who is the object of Sharon Tucker's wistful glances in study hall?

Jean Ingram is getting awfully wary of people who mention blind dates anymore.

Doris Eberhardt attended a recent dance with Bob McDole from Central.

It sure is a shame that basketball season is over, isn't it Barbara Nolan?

A lot of people have been enjoying the Air Scouts Sunday afternoon recreation above Post 303 for the past month—Why not join them too?

What does Joan Coquillard find so attractive about Washington High lately.

Marian Driver doesn't seem to be too lonely since Jerry moved to Hammond.

Seen together at the Thursday tourney were Lola Bishop and Betty McKinney and Irwin Whitehead.

Headin' for the steady list are Evie Kendall and Bill Marrs, and Flo Bennett and Forry Campbell (Central Alumnus.)

Just Chummin—Joe Plott and Virginia Caron, Joan Erhardt and John Wagner, "Boo" Rupert and John Ruffner, Sydelie Baskind and Bob Trimble, Rosemarie Talbot and Bob (So. Bend Catholic). On the rocks again, Mary Jane Butler and Keith Arenz.

What does Marilyn Zimmer find so interesting to talk about with Jack Wagner in Second Hour Social Living?

Another spark that has started up again: Nancy King and Harold Ziker, Myra Roberts and Don Lambert, Donna Miller and Bud Sunderlin.

Dorothy Bothast and Don Borntrager have struck up a beautiful friendship. Likewise Mary Ann Swindeman and Dick Andrezewski.

Bob Mamby's latest — Jinny Fruit from Central.

Pete McNamee has returned from the service and has his eyes on Rosie Kelly.

FRONT ROW CENTER

For sixteen consecutive seasons, Lauritz Melchior has sung for the Metropolitan Opera. He has sung more performances of Tristan, Siegfried and Tannhauser than any other artist, living or dead.

Mr. Melchior is known as a true Wagnerian Heldentenor, but began his career as a baritone. He was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, March 20, 1890. There, for nine years, he attended the Melchior School, directed by his father.

As a boy he sang soprano in the English Church in Copenhagen. While singing at church, young Lauritz attracted the attention of The Danish Queen, Alexandra. He liked to sing and in 1908 really began to take music seriously and started vocal lessons. Four years later he applied for admission to the Royal School of the Opera, in Copenhagen. He was given an audition and his voice classified as a baritone.

Among the people who influenced him in his very successful career was his blind sister Agnes. He used to sing to her and she encouraged him.

Another person whose influence was important was a housekeeper, who had come to the Melchior home to care for the children after their mother died. She encouraged the boy to sing and went every Sunday to the English Church to hear him sing. Later she paid for his lessons by publishing cook-books. Since then, the once "little choir boy" has sung Siegfried's music "in which he seems to advance each season." He has also sung "Tristan" in sixteen different opera houses, under twenty-two different conductors, including four times under Toscanini.

Mr. Melchior sings not only in opera houses but as a concert and radio artist he has won popularity, for his name is familiar to many ears.

For young singers Lauritz Melchior has this advice: "Don't be just a singer and nothing more, because if you are a one track person you won't be a good singer! It is not enough to sing with technical skill. There must be feeling as well, and that can be expressed only if one has experienced joys and sorrows. That is why I tell young singers to reach as many phases of life as they can."

An there was the Junior who sent his trousers to the Associated Press.

—The Trojan Herold, Unidis High School, West Milford, West Virginia.

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Adams First to Offer American Culture Course

Mr. McNamara and Mr. Neff teach the American Culture Class this year. It is a class that correlates English with U. S. History. This is the second year the course has been taught at Adams. Riley has adopted a modified version of it and Central is planning to teach it.

The students in this class work in groups which they themselves choose. This method of grouping is called Sociometric. There is no regular text book used by either branch. There is much outside reading done and lectures are given. The students have many panel discussions and group reports. They read books in which information can be found about the standards of people, groups of people, the influence of foreigners, etc.

Another difference between this course and the regulation one is that it is not taught according in chronological order. It is divided into five units—People of America, Rights and Government, American Economical Pattern, Social Standards, and International Relations. The class deals with ideas of writers.

The students prefer this new method of teaching over the conventional one. They decided that even though the preparation was more difficult, they could learn things of more practical value in it.

YORGER YOUTH CONFERENCE IS THIS WEEK-END

The Ernie Yorger Conference represents the combined efforts of the Jewish, Protestant, and Catholic youth organizations.

Ernie Yonger is well known throughout the State as a youth organizer and trainer in the Presbyterian Church at Lafayette. All who have visited him and seen his work have come back with inspired stories. It is their efforts that have brought him here.

The conference will be on Saturday and Sunday, March 13 and 14. The schedule is below.

Saturday, March 13 at the Y.M.C.A.
2-3 p.m.—Teaching of various crafts by his 30 youth helpers, who are coming also.
3 p.m.—General assembly. Discussion of youth work.
4-5 p.m.—Continuation of craft instruction. Special instruction in folk games for youth group recreational leaders.
7-7:30 p.m.—Recreational clinic for all.
Sunday, March 14 at the First Methodist Church
2:30-3:00 p.m.—Commission meetings.
3:00-3:30 p.m.—Worship experience to close the conference.
3:30-4:30 p.m.—Closing.

This conference is a following up of the teaching of Brotherhood, and for success, needs to be backed by all youth of all religion.

Information about registration will be sent to your pastor, rabbi, and priest, and also to youth sponsors of youth groups. This will be a grand experience for all, so ask about it today.

NEW LOOK PRESERVES GIRLS' FEMININITY

The "short skirted," "long sweatered," and "bobby-socked" individual is gone. The teen age "Miss" of a few years back, with her sloppy sweater, short skirt, bulging anklets, and dirty shoes, is a thing of the past. There may she and all of her tribe remain.

That picturesque little individual should remain a thing of the past, but not in the memory of any fashion designer. She was sloppy and ungraceful and the designers shouldn't forget her. Now that designers have given girls and women a "new look" in clothes every woman gives a more graceful and feminine appearance.



BETTY GRANAT

Grade—12B.

Age—17 years.

Height—5 feet 1½ inches.

Hair—Blond.

Eyes—Changeable!

Ambition—history teacher.

Favorite food—cherry chiffon pie.

Favorite sport—lying in the sun.

Favorite actor—Gregory Peck.

Trait liked best in a:

1. boy—Honesty.
2. girl—Sincerity.

BEVERLY COCHRAN

Grade—11A.

Age—16 years.

Height—5 feet 4½ inches.

Hair—light brown.

Eyes—blue.

Ambition—get married.

Favorite food—fried chicken.

Favorite sport—football.

Favorite actor—Dennis Morgan.

Trait liked best in a:

1. boy—neatness.
2. girl—sense of humor.

DICK BENNETT

Grade—10A.

Age—15 years.

Height—6 feet.

Hair—medium brown.

Eyes—brown.

Ambition—journalist.

Favorite food—strawberries.

Favorite sport—basketball.

Club membership—Hi-Y, Monogram Club.

Favorite Actress—Lana Turner.

Trait liked best in a:

1. Boy—sincerity.
2. Girl—honesty.

What's Buzzin' In The Clubs

MONOGRAM CLUB: The members have discussed joining an Athletic Scholarship Society. To belong each Monogram winner must have a scholastic average as high as that of the school.

Y-TEENS: An initiation service will be planned to initiate ten new members into the club; Beverly Cochran, Betty Fisher, Carole Ann Crowe, and Joan Kissell make up the initiation committee.

The long flowing ballerina skirt nips in the waist and falls into soft folds that end about 12 or 15 inches from the floor. When a woman wears one of these flattering skirts she not only looks graceful but she feels just as graceful as she looks. Her legs give a lovely appearance whether in "heels" or "flats." The skirts look nice with a soft blouse or a short sleeved sweater.

The "Gibson Girl" blouse goes well with not only the "ballerina" but the straight tailored skirt. The blouses are very feminine with their big sleeves and ruffles.

The part of the "new look" that appeals to me most is the long tailored suits. They are both dressy and sporty.

Coats with their flared backs, big collars, and gilt buttons are most appealing. The bright colored scarfs you may wear with them are very striking.

When you consider all the beautiful things that have accompanied the "new look" how can anyone say he doesn't like it. It is bringing a new "era of romance" and making of girls and women a more graceful individual of not so many years ago.

BY MARION DRIVER

Applied Brotherhood

The Tenth-Annual Swingheart Sway held last February 20 was the largest example of true brotherhood that this reporter has ever seen. Religious and racial groups were treated with equality. There was truly "malice toward none."

The Grand March proved to be the biggest event of the evening. During the march, which with the pictures lasted for nearly a half an hour, everyone had a chance to talk to everyone else. Those who weren't known were taken in as friends regardless of race or religion.

Certainly we want to push more social events such as this that have brotherhood incorporated, but what we really need is a personal campaign for brotherhood sponsored by each and every one of us during every day of the year. With all of us behind it we cannot fail.

A snuff manufacturer is a guy who goes around putting his business in other people's noses.—The Otter, Gassaway High School, Gassaway, W. Va.

DIAMONDS -- JEWELRY -- WATCHES

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An Open Letter to the John Adams Basketball Team

Dear Boys:

We just want you to know how proud we are of you. We understand that everyone can't win all of the time, but the times you did win we were glad. When you lost we were naturally unhappy, but we know you did your best for us and that's what counts. Thanks for everything.

The John Adams Student Body.

ADAMS TROUNCES WILSON, WASHINGTON; BOWS TO CENTRAL

ADAMS-WILSON GAME

Led by Don Truex's sixteen points the John Adams "Eagles" trounced a much under classed Woodrow Wilson team by a score of 46-34. Adams took an early lead and were never overcome the entire game. Adams led 14 to 11 at the first quarter, 28-18 at the intermission. The Eagles came back with their reserves to lead 38-24 at the third period. The Eagles went on with very little trouble to their first tourney victory in the 1948 sectional.

ADAMS-WASHINGTON GAME

Amid thrills galore the Eagles hit for seven points in the last three minutes to give them the healthy end of a 51-44 score over Washington. Adams took an early lead as "Moe" Ziker hit for eight points in the first quarter. Dick Strozewski managed to keep Washington within four points of the Eagles at the intermission. In the third period Dick Truex connected on his southpaw shots from side court to send Adams farther out front. Before the end of the third quarter Bobby Robertson hit for Washington to narrow the gap within two points of the Eagles 34 to 32 lead. At the start of the final stanza the Panthers caught fire and hit for three quick baskets to capture the lead at 38-34. Then the Eagles went to work as John Weissert hit a long two-hander from mid-court. Two quick baskets by Don Truex and a free-throw saw the Eagles go into the lead once more 41-38. The battle raged on and with a mere three minutes remaining, the fans saw the score board read 44-42 in favor of the red and blue. At this point the Eagles sensed a victory and Dick Truex again hit for a pair of baskets from mid-court. Don connected on another one from the free-throw circle to send Adams ahead 50-42. Washington hit for a field goal and Weissert was fouled as the gun sounded the end of the game. Weissert made good his free-throw to give the Eagles a well-earned 51 too 44 victory over a tough opponent. "Moe" Ziker took the high point honors with seven field goals for a total of fourteen points. Dick and Don Truex were close behind with thirteen and twelve points respectfully.

ADAMS - CENTRAL GAME

Some 4,200 persons saw Central Bears strike like greased lightning and leave the same shatter-

ing results, as they bombarded the nets with sizzling field goals to trounce Adams 57-39 in the Sectional grand finale.

Adams had reached the final round by virtue of previously beating Wilson 46-34, Washington 51-44, and Lakeville 55-30.

The Eagles "sold the farm" when they let Central barrel off to an early first quarter lead of 16-5. When Alex Santa sunk a long field goal at the games start, the partisans knew they were in for a hot night of basketball as far as Central was concerned. The Bears never relaxed after this and hit on every thing they threw until they had humiliated the East Siders in thumping them 57-39.

Adams was definitely off in their shooting after enjoying three previous "soft games." The Eagles had run through their early round games with comparative ease, but they found Central too tough an obstacle and fell by the wayside as the Bears marched onward to the Regional.

Jack Morrical, John Davis, and Alex Santa were instrumental in the Adams defeat. Davis got 19 points to tie with Harold Ziker of Adams for high point honors.

Ziker closed his basketball career out in a blaze of glory, as he played one of his greatest games. Don Truex hurt his ankle early in the second half and was carried from the floor. He later returned but too late to salvage a victory for Adams. The rest of the Eagles were having a bad night as far as storing baskets was concerned. Weissert, Howell, and Keller could only find the range for a total of seven points. This game marked the second time in eight years Adams had played in the final game of the Sectional, the other, if you remember, was way back in 1944.

Varsity Scoring for 1947-8

	F.G.	Made	Miss	Fouls	T.P.
Don Truex	107	59	37	57	273
Keller	72	32	21	30	176
Ziker	65	43	24	53	173
Dick Truex	55	20	40	20	130
Weissert	46	34	32	66	126
Howell	26	16	15	38	68
Lambert	10	10	14	27	30
Simon	2	14	6	22	18
Cox	4	3	1	5	11
Nevins	1	3	2	3	5
McClusky	0	8	0	0	0
Parker	0	0	0	0	0
Total Points					
Adams					1020
Opponents					1035

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SECTIONALS

Harold Ziker was high point man of the sectional with 51 points. Moe's best game came against Central when he scored 19 points. His fighting determination kept Adams as close as they were.

Dick Andrzejewski, Central Catholic's deadeye center, racked up 25 points in C. C.'s overtime game with Greene Township to win individual scoring honors for a single game.

Otis Forkner, Lakeville's very versatile forward is blind in his left eye. He is one of those players that can fake an opponent out of his shoes. Otis is a credit to the Lakeville team.

The opening game of the sectional tournament was played between county champions New Carlisle and the Madison Panthers. The coaches of these two teams are brothers. Loyal Marker is head coach at New Carlisle and Rudy Marker is the Madison mentor.

North Liberty who defeated South Bend Catholic 53-40 and led Central for three quarters before losing 41-28 will be strong next year in the sectional. All ten boys that played for Liberty in the tournament are under classmen and will be back next season.

Many boys who played in the sectional were playing their last game. We saw such outstanding senior players as Bobby Robertson, Carl Phillitoff, Ernie Bond, Andy Hays, Russ Huss, and our own John Keller, Harold Ziker, Don Lambert, and John Weissert, but of all the boys that trotted on the Adams court, Laura Overholser proved himself as good or better than any in the field. His capable ability to handle the team as their captain, his versatile basketball ability, his calmness under pressure and above all, his sportsmanship no matter if his team is winning or losing. It's players like Overholser that makes Indiana popular as a basketball state.

WHAT'S CENTRAL GOT?

by Jack Highberger

It's getting to be the same old story of Central winning the Sectional year in and year out. It's six of the last eight Sectionals and there isn't any sign of a let up with Jack Morrical, John Davis, Entee Shine and Andy Toth returning next year. The Bears have hogged the spotlight every year for the last eight years with only two exceptions. Adams won the Sectional in 1944 and Riley managed to win it in 1945 and then it took the greatest team in Rileys history to win.

My question is, "What's wrong with the other schools?" You could say it's due to the great coaching, that the Bears have had that they keep producing a winner year in and year out. True they have had great coaches in

HIGHLIGHTS BY HIGHBERGER

Now that you've dried your tears I'm going to rake over the coals once again. I might as well, start out by naming an all-Sectional team. Here are my choices.

1st team:

F—Dick Andrzejewski—Central Catholic
F—Harold Ziker—John Adams.
C—John Davis—Central.
G—Ernie Bond—Central.
G—Russ Huss—Washington-Clay.

2nd team:

F—Don Truex—Adams.
F—Joe Vernasco—Mishawaka.
C—Dick Freeman—Mishawaka.
G—Joe Hough—North Liberty.
G—Jack Morrical—Central.

Some of you may possibly agree with me. I chose as I saw best, favoring no special school. This fellow Joe Hough stands 5 feet 4 inches and that's next to a midget as far as basketball players go. If "Little Joe" had three or four more inches on him he could make anyone's varsity. Even now he is a "ball of fire" on the basketball court and a supreme play maker. He kept Central humping for three quarters and believe me you have to be plenty good to do that. (Or didn't you know.)

It was nothing new for Adams to lose out to Central in basketball game. The Eagles haven't beaten the downtowners since the year 1944. Central really played splendid ball against Adams and if you go on basis of the past seasons performance the Bears deserved to win. It's no society secret Adams was colder than a snow ball in hades. Our boys just aren't taught to race hence they receive more defeats than is desirable. I'm beginning to believe that Central is the "old master" and if the other schools don't watch out they'll be sporting a "defeat complex" when they face the Bears.

Talk about iron, little Richland Center with a total enrollment of 75 students fought its way through the Winamac Sectionals playing school with far larger enrollments than they.

Johnny Wooden and Bob Primmer. If Primmer has another good year like this year and last he is due to be gobbled up by some college team. On the other hand, is it the players that Central falls heir to, or are they a better crop of players and do they have more capability than other South Bend youths.

I hardly think this is the case for no one had heard of John Davis before this brown giant appeared in the Central lineup in the 1947 Sectional. Now look at Davis. He has come along farther than any ball player in these parts. The same is true of Shine and Toth, two boys who Bob Primmer has taken from scratch and made into outstanding ball players. What do you think? (If you would like to have your opinion put in print either give it to me or put it in the Tower box in room 205.)