

SEE THE GLEE CLUB  
SPRING PROGRAM  
TOMORROW NIGHT

DANCE MAY 1 AT  
Y-TEEN'S  
TURN ABOUT TWIRL

# John Adams Tower

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## Raymond James Wins After Dinner Speech Contest As Debate Season Ends

Last Wednesday, April 20, the debate season closed officially with the debate dinner. There were five schools in the St. Joseph County Debate League. They were: John Adams, Riley, Central, Mishawaka, and LaPorte. The topic for this year was resolved: The Federal Government should require compulsory arbitration of labor disputes in all basic American industries.

There were four different divisions in the debate season. The winner of first place in each division got 10 points for his school; second place received 5 points for his school. The first division was extemporaneous speaking. At this contest LaPorte won first place, and Central won second place. The next division was the round table discussions in which LaPorte again won first place and Central second place. The third division was actual debating with the different schools. The fourth division of the season was the dinner. Here all the debaters got together and discussed among themselves the events of the season. Each school had two after dinner speakers. Adams won first place, with Raymond James' highly humorous speech, "What is Success?" Central placed second. At the end of the season Central was in first place, while LaPorte was second.

This year our team, pictured below, consisted of Mary Troub, Arnold Gilman, Jim Cox, Dale Litherland, LaMar Worley, Bob Gross, Bill Reinke, Raymond James, Jim Hoose, and Bob Welber.

Mr. Goldsberry assumed the coaching duties at the beginning of the second semester when Mr. Dake accepted the position as Director of Pupil Personnel for the School City.



Debaters are, left to right, back row: Bob Gross, Bob Welber, and Jim Hoose; front row: Arnold Gilman, Mary Troub, and Raymond James. Not present when the picture was taken were Jim Cox, Dale Litherland, LaMar Worley, and Bill Reinke.

## PROM TICKET SALE TO BEGIN MAY 3; DANCE MAY 14

Tickets for the John Adams Senior Prom go on sale Monday, May 3, in the senior home rooms. The dance is to be May 14 at the Palais Royale with Bob Lewis' orchestra from Benton Harbor furnishing the music. The cost is \$2.10 a couple. One person of each couple must be an Adams senior or graduate. As in former years, no fresh flowers will be allowed.

The committee planning the dance is Jane Buchanan, chairman, Mary Lou Swank, Nancy King, Harold Ziker, Bill Roberts, and John Keller.

The seniors have been given an opportunity to select the songs they want played. Favorites on the list are: Stardust, Now is the Hour, But Beautiful, Body and Soul, That's My Desire, How Soon, Golden Earrings, After Graduation Day, My Best to You, Near You, Beg Your Pardon, The Stars Will Remember, Wish I Didn't Love You So, Little White Lies, You Do, So Far, You Were Meant For Me, Deep Purple, One More Tomorrow, Always, Anniversary Song, Peg of My Heart, Sabre Dance, Ballerina, and Embraceable You.

## Y-TEEN RECORD DANCE IN "Y.M." ON MAY 1

The "Turn About Twirl", a Leap Year record dance, will be presented by the John Adams Y-Teens on May 1 in the Y. W. C. A. building.

The theme, a wishing well, will provide many possibilities for decorations. The proceeds from the dance will go to the Jr. T. B. fund.

The dance is to be limited to Y-Teen couples or couples accompanied by a Y-Teen.

## ALL PROMNEADE FOR FEATURE OF GLEE CLUB CONCERT



Snapped at rehearsal are these square dancers who are some of those who will be at the glee club concert.

## ALBUM SALES PROGRESSING; BUY NOW!

Six more weeks and the Album will be ready for distribution. How many of you have subscribed? According to the record which is accurately being kept by Mr. Nelson, faculty sponsor in charge of advertising, and Jeanette Jackson, student manager, the sales are coming along quite satisfactorily for this early in the season, but business conditions have altered to such an extent that the amount of advertising has decreased about 15%. In order to pay for the book an increase in circulation is needed.

Sophomores and juniors are urged to buy an Album so they will be sure to have a yearbook when they graduate. Remember it is not a project for one group but it is an all-school activity.

Lucille Zeiger is the chairman of the dance and she will be assisted by Barbara Taylor, Theresa Jones, Beverly Cochran, Betty Fisher, and Delores Vermillion.

## BAND PLACED HIGH IN NORTHERN INDIANA CONTEST

On Saturday, April 17, more than 700 high school musicians met here at Adams for an all-day music contest. Seventeen instrumental and vocal groups representing various schools in northern Indiana participated in the festival.

Adams ran up against stiff competition in its division. The band competed against former national winners such as Hobart and Clark of Hammond. In spite of this competition, the band came off with second division honors.

## SPRING CONCERT OFFERS OUTSTANDING SONG SELECTIONS

"Ezechial said them dry bones." Yes, the highly entertaining number, Dry Bones, will be one of the many varied numbers featured by the Glee Club in their Spring Concert. This piece is arranged by Fred Warring, also the arranger of Swing Low Sweet Chariot, a famous negro spiritual which the Glee Club will sing.

The program includes music of mostly the light, secular type. We are sure you will enjoy two modern pieces, Country Style, and Louisiana Hayride. As a special event, a group on the stage will do a square dance to correspond with Country Style. Other numbers of the light type will include the favorite Erie Canal, Let My Song Fill Your Heart, Just As the Tide Was Flowing, and a number by the girls, Whirl and Twirl.

Nancy Gradecki will sing the solo with the Glee Club of Ave Maria, which is indeed an inspiring number. Other vocal solos will be sung by Bill Gooley and Nancy King. Also, a piano solo by Laurette Canter should prove to be entertaining.

The Tripple Trio will sing three number, different in type: Play Gypsies, Out of the Dusk, and Sheep and Lambs.

Out of the Silence is a number which is sure to remain in your memory for some time to come.

The concert is tomorrow night in the auditorium. Tickets are 35 cents and may be purchased from any Glee Club member, or they may be purchased at the door. The concert will be well worth your time. You will enjoy it.



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## HERE'S TO OUR BASEBALL TEAM!

Baseball, truly a great American sport, probably draws more fame than any other game. A man may not know Arthur Vandenburg from Henry Wallace and be completely lost in a discussion any deeper than Ma Perkin's troubles, but he can often tell you exactly who played third for the Philly's in '41 or how many homers Babe Ruth hit in a given season.

Now some people watch the game with honest appreciation and some go insanely wild, but the fact remains that at least they are interested.

But — I have seen more real enthusiasm over a back-yard marble contest, more red-blooded excitement in a hop-scotch game on a local side-walk, and more discussion over a chess-board, than I have ever seen evidence of in this school of approximately 700 over a period of two years.

Students, scholars, and unmentionable — Shame on you!!

Now John Adams has thirty-one healthy, alert, strong, handsome, red-blooded, young men giving away countless hours of their precious time in order to win for us, a team to really be proud of, and our coach, Mr. Neff has been doing a fine job in helping them. What they need most of all now is the support of the student body.

The team doesn't want you to throw things and become hysterical, but it would be nice to know you were sitting there on the sidelines (on the bleachers our janitors worked so hard to set for you) yelling for them and encouraging the best in them.

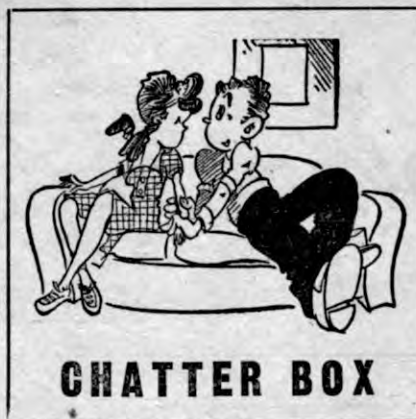
So, come on out for the next game and bring all your friends; you may be surprised and enjoy it!

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Next to track, one of Bill Daughtery's main interests is reported to be Sandra Zimmerman.

Gloria Ziker had a good time at a party with Jack Swindeman. What happened to Louie Rosenberg, Gloria?

Dan Davis was spending a lot of time with Betty Mankel (Central). What's this we hear about breaking up?

Kacie Cawthorne is always singing "Let's break up, and make up" to Ralph Banes. Hey Kacie, why quarrel all the time?

Has anyone seen those notes that Dick Davis is receiving from "DoDo" Devoris (Central) lately. He's making a collection.

Donna Ellis has been seen with Louie Zebrosky lately. In case you haven't guessed it, he is from Central.

Spending a lot of time together — Roger Adkins and Joan Mortenson, and Donna Miller and Allen S.

Nancy Flickinger has been seeing quite a bit of "little" Dick Hammond. Jane Buchanan has been dating her neighbor "Zike."

Josie Johnson and Don Simon are hitting it off swell.

Betty Lou Rupert is still caught between two Johns and a Fred.

Now going steady — Hank Hukill and Millie Myers (Central).

Mr. Reber surely goes in for photography in a big way!

Two girls interested in upper classmen are Allene White and Eva Shoemaker. Eva would be satisfied with a certain junior lad, but Allene prefers a certain senior.

Not together so much any more — Judy Bailey and Dutch Sheffer, and N. Harter and Jack B.

C. S. might be a much happier girl if Jerry Coker would look her way.

It is hearsay that Dick Brother-son had a grand time in Chicago last week-end. What about that, Dick!

A blooming romance — Alan Gilman and Phyllis Schrager.

We hear that a few optimistic seniors have already made plans for the Senior Prom — for instance, Jim Bomberger and Phyllis Spradlin and of course the steadies.

Square dancing is not so hard but is fun, isn't it Earl Troeger? (He did it in gym class).

Seen at big dance — Ronnie Minzey and Karen Hennings, Bob Deiter and Nancy King, Bob Bartz and Mary Ann Pordon, Jim McClusky and Jan Cronkhite and Ben Jurcik and Mary Ann Earle.

Ask John Bowman if it's as easy to get a date as "heads or tails."

Jane Tarr has made the grade with Dick Barnhart.

Jim Nevins' face always breaks into a happy smile when he sees Marilyn Zimmer approaching.

SENIORS VIEW  
LIFE IN CHICAGO  
ON ANNUAL TRIPS

The Social Living students are making lengthy preparations for their annual treks to Chicago. Those who are not going until April 30 or May 7 are taking heed of the advice given by those who journeyed to the "Windy City" last Friday.

The routine will be similar for all three trips, except for the stage plays to be seen. My Romance was seen and thoroughly enjoyed by those in last Friday's group. This Friday will feature John Loves Mary, and My Romance is again included in the plans for May 7.

Other places of interest will be the Chicago Board of Trade, China Town, Hull House, Maxwell Street, shopping for approximately an hour and a half in Marshall Field's (also luncheon there in one of the private dining rooms), and dinner at Guey Sam's.

Mr. Sargent and Mr. Goldsberry accompanied the first group. Tentative plans for the two following trips include Mrs. Sargent and Mrs. Goldsberry also.

PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS  
ENTERTAINED  
AT TEA

Alumni of the National College of Education at Evanston, Illinois were hostesses at a tea for girls from South Bend and Mishawaka who are planning on entering the teaching profession. The tea was held in the Robertson Tearoom on April 14. Fifteen girls from John Adams were invited.

Mrs. Arthur Wilson, president of the alumni, introduced the speaker, Mrs. Dorothy Weller. Mrs. Weller spoke on "Teaching as a Profession."

BUSINESS RELATIONS  
CLASS INSPECTS  
BANK

Banking and its fundamentals were explained in detail to members of the Business Relations class when they visited the First Bank and Trust Company recently. Mr. Anthony Poropat of the First Bank staff was the excellent guide who explained the details of gaining admittance to a safety deposit box, the division of tellers' windows and their services as they are arranged, and the audiochron machine which gives the correct time as one dials 4-4181. (Bill Marrs thought some girl answered the phone each time).

Much work goes on behind the scenes the students learned when they visited the Trust Department, and the credit, auditing and accounting departments, which are located on the second floor. Various sample forms were explained and many students took advantage of the privilege to write on a telechron machine.

This trip is planned each year in conjunction with the study of banks and their service which is a part of the Business Relations course.

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## MOSTLY ABOUT



## EVERYTHING

Orchids to Mrs. Pate who has continued working on the glee club concert tomorrow night despite a broken nose. It seems that a window shade fell on her last week and caused the damage.

With only 16 days left until the prom, you seniors had better be getting your dates. I wonder if "Goldy" is going to have his date bureau again.

Doris Holderman ought to have a coming out party — for her leg, that is. It's out of the cast after two months.

Those little blue boxes the seniors are carrying aren't pin boxes, they contain their senior cards. Saying of the week: "Let's exchange cards?"

It's nice to have Jack Stauffer's shining face among us once again. Just ask Jack what (eight letter word) foot is like.

Here's to more "Cafe's"! They just don't seem to miss.

If the seniors seem to have particularly ignorant looks on their faces for the next couple of weeks, it's because they're "wollowing around in their ignorance." No current events for three weeks, that is. Hurrah!

—By Pat

## A FRIEND

"My worst sin," she sighed, "is vanity. I spend hours every day admiring my beauty."

"That's not vanity," her friend replied, "That's imagination."

—Lyons Roar, Lyons High School, Lyons, Mich.

What's Buzzin' In  
The Clubs

**G. A. A.** — These seven girls were initiated into the group on April 19. Delores Davis, Sandra Goller, Vivian Hortter, Georgia Lackman, Ella Martin, Marilyn Near, and Barbara Swanson. A "pot luck" supper was served after the initiation ceremonies.

**Hi-Y** — Mr. Donald Dake, former teacher of Social Studies at John Adams, was guest speaker at the meeting on April 15. Mr. Dake spoke on his new duties as Personnel Advisor for the School City.

**Library Club** — The members of the club visited the Central High School Library on April 22.

Mistress: "When you wait on the table tonight, please don't spill anything in front of my guests."

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"BUYOLOGY"

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She mentioned that a few good clothes are better than many poor ones. She pointed out that there are 4 F's to be considered when buying clothes. They are: Fit, Fashion, Fabric, and Fine detail.

She spent part of the time discussing the "new look." She said that it was made especially for the tall, slender girl. It must be modified to suit each person. She advised the girls not to wear their skirts below the middle of the calf of the leg when they wear bobbysocks and saddle shoes.

Jane: "Whenever I'm down in the dumps, I get myself a new hat."

Nancy: "I wondered where you got them."

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## TRACKSTERS LOSE HEARTBREAKER AT MICHIGAN CITY

The evening of April 20 was filled with another note of sadness when the Adams track team lost to Michigan City by a 1/3 of a point. The total stood 54 2/3 points for Michigan City and 54 1/3 points for Adams.

Luther Johnson once again made a grand slam in the hurdle events winning both contests. Ben Jurcik won his third straight in the 440 yard dash. Up to this point Jurcik is unbeaten in his specialty. The 100 yard dash was won by the Eagles' Bob Mamby. Ron Minzey kept his 1948 slate clean from defeat when he leaped over 20 feet to win the broad jump.

Fred Knopp passed up his fellow teammate Doug Beebe to tie for first place with Michigan City's pole vaulter.

Lamar May placed second in the 1/2 mile.

### Lose to Mishawaka

The Eagles cindermen lost a decisive meet with the Cavemen of Mishawaka on Thursday, April 15. Adams placed first in the 440 yard run, the broad jump, and the high jump. The winners were Ben Jurcik, Ronnie Minzey, and Bill Daughterty, respectively.

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## BASEBALL SQUAD SUFFERS TWICE

### EAGLES LOSE EARLY LEAD IN SEVENTH FROM CENTRAL

If lady luck wasn't in the possession of the Central baseball team, they must possess a mighty powerful ball club. John Adams enjoyed a 7 to 2 lead going into the bottom of the seventh. Then defeat struck as six runs came across the plate to hand Central an 8 to 7 victory. The Eagles started out with a bang in the first inning as Keith Zeider and Phil Smeltzer lead off with singles. With one out, Dave Coker doubled to left, scoring Zeider with the first run of the game. Jim Nevins smashed out a single to right field to drive across two more runs. Later in the inning, Nevins scored the fourth run to round out the first inning scoring. Keith Zeider, Adams' pitcher, kept the Bears under control. In the top of the third, Dave Hyde walked, and John Keller doubled him home to increase the margin to 5-0. Central was back in the last of the fourth to push across two runs. Don Truex relieved Zeider of the pitching duties in the fourth inning to stop the rally at 5 to 2. The Eagles scored once in the sixth and once in the seventh to boast a 7 to 2 lead. Then came that sorrowful seventh as six runs crossed the plate to spell defeat. Don Truex was credited with the loss while Parks and Allen shared hurling duties with Allen the winner. The Eagles smashed out thirteen hits to only four for Central. The game was menaced by a total of eleven errors, seven were committed by John Adams.

### B's Win

The fighting "B" team lengthened their winning streak to two games by trouncing the Central Bears 4 to 2. The pitching duties were gain divided with Dick Bennett and Mel Edgerton. Edgerton was the winner.

### HANKINS PITCHES 4-3 WINNER FOR WILDCATS

With the baseball season getting under way, the John Adams baseball team proved powerful until a 6th inning rally brought defeat by Riley. The fielding was above expectations for the opening game, with Adams committing only two errors — one resulting in a run. The game started with two old veterans, Don Truex and Wayne Hankins, opposing each other on the mound. Wayne is a brother of Glen Hankins, ex-Adams great, now affiliated with the Chicago Cubs. The game went at a fair pace until the third inning when the Eagles opened up with their scoring attack. The rally started out when "Junie" Frash walked and went to second as Keith Zieder was safe on a fielder's choice. Then at a crucial moment with runners on first and third, Phil 'The Clinch' Smeltzer came through with a beautiful bunt down the third base line with Frash scoring and Zieder going to third. Don Truex walked and on a preceeding error Zieder crossed the plate with the Eagles second run of the game. On the second error of the inning Smeltzer scored the third run for the Eagles. The Wildcats stopped the rally at three runs with Bill Roberts flying out to left field. Don Truex pitched beautiful ball for four innings when Jim Nevins took over the pitching duties for the Eagles. Jim was not up to expectations as he walked the first batter and the next batter came through with a sharp single to right field. On the next play, Voynovich was safe on a fielder's choice with the Wildcats' first run scoring to make the score 3 to 1. Later in the inning with two runners on base, Nagy doubled to left field to score the third run and tie up the game. At this moment Hank Hukill came in and set the next two batters down swinging. Riley was back in the bottom of the six as the first man doubled and Laven came through with a triple for their fourth run of the game. Hank was back in the groove as the next three batters were retired in order. The Eagles were as meek as a lamb in the seventh as Hankins struck out the last two batters to end the ball game with Riley on the heavy end of a 4 to 3 score.

### B's Win

One defeat was all that the Eagles could encounter that day, as the B-team came through with a 6 to 2 victory over the Riley Bees.

## HIGHLIGHTS BY HIGHBERGER

Jim Hoose is coaching Adams baseball "B" team. I bet he really gives those boys a tongue lashing.

Take off your shoes when you see Ronnie Minzey. That boy is really going to town in the broad jump. He's come a long way since last year.

George Krovitch tells me that Chris Valkakis, former Adamite, was a regular on the Olivet College football and basketball teams during the past campaigns.

A surprise candidate turned up for track skull practice the other night. It was none other than Alexander A. Fuller, Jr. His father has that famous Ragtime band you know.

The person that always gets me is the athlete with the "big head." Usually on the off season these birds are buddy buddy with you, but just wait till their particular sport starts.

Some of you may be wondering what has happened to Dick Hammond. Last reports indicate Dick is still unemployed but he's satisfied, which isn't unusual.

I hear Juney Frash, Adams baseball player has been very ill with glandular fever. Hope you feel better soon, Juney!

I was sorry to hear "Moose" Barritt let the boys down over at Michigan City. Come on, "Moose", let's drive. It takes more than one man to make a team.

## THE POOR REFEREE

I think that I shall never see  
A satisfactory referee  
About whose head a halo shines  
Whose merits rate reporters' lines  
One who calls them as they are  
And not as I should wish, by far.

A gent who leans not either way  
But lets the boys decide the play  
A guy who'll sting the coach who yaps  
From Siwash Hi or old Millsaps  
Poems are made by fools like me  
But only God could referee.

The pitching duties for the Eagles were divided between Dick Bennett and Mel Edgerton. The Bees scored in the second, third, fifth, and seventh innings. Dick Bennett was the leading hitter as he collected two hits in three trips to the plate.

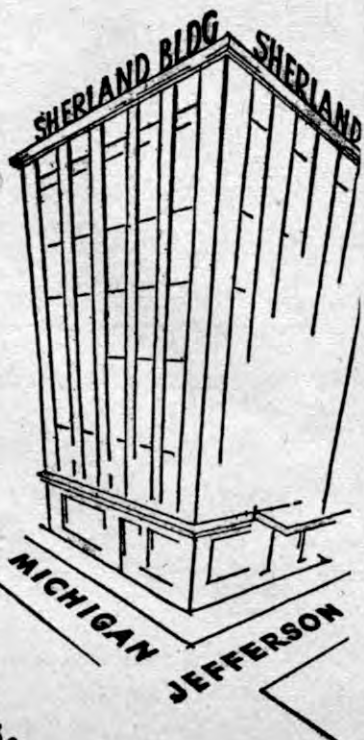
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