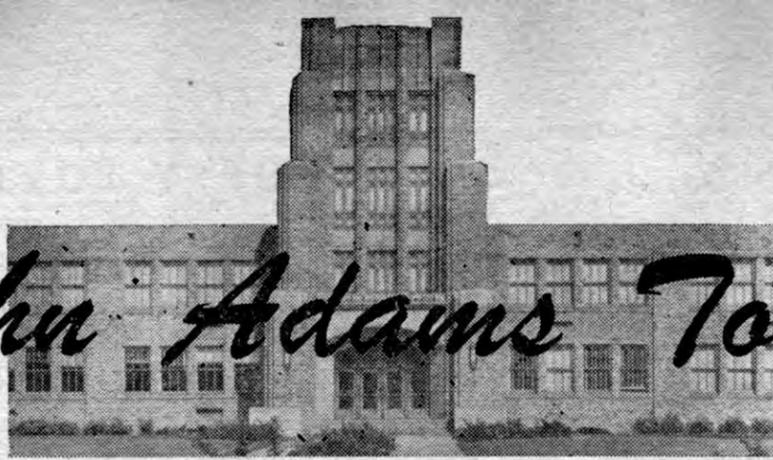


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## DRAMA CLUB REORGANIZED; GIBSON AT HEAD

The drama enthusiasts of John Adams had a meeting last week to start the ball rolling for a production early next fall. Mr. James Lewis Cassady will coach the play and Miss Gwendolyn Kacsmarek will serve as production co-ordinator.

At a meeting last week the Drama Club members elected a board of 10 members to help produce plays. Each member of the board automatically becomes head of some committee. The board consists of: David Gibson, president; Bob Gross, Pat Haley, John Kelly, Laurette Canter, Lois Warstler, Norma Rush, Martha Swintz, Dennis Kunce, Joan Partritz, John Bowman, and Kelly Kindig.

## JUNIORS RECEIVE T. B. X-RAYS

The T. B. League of South Bend once again came to Adams to X-ray all the juniors. The purpose of this was to check up on the T.B. germs which may have developed since the previous test. In this way the very advanced cases can be eliminated.

Love-making hasn't changed in two thousand years. Greek maidens used to sit and listen to a lyre all evening, too.

## Friday Night is Prom Night

—Introducing Miss Jane Buchanan, Student Chairman of this year's Senior Prom.

If you wandered down the hall at all during the last month or so, you no doubt noticed the odd way that the Seniors had of gathering in little groups and buzzing or whispering in one another's ears. If you were lucky enough to overhear that buzzing or whispering, then you knew immediately that "Promitis" was the reason for same. However, the medical scientists say that this disease is nothing more than a variation of "Graduation Fever" which seems to spread rapidly during the spring months.

The Senior Prom is only two days away, for on the night of May 14, the Senior Graduating Class of John Adams will couple off in the Palais Royale to dance to the dreamy music of Bob Lewis and his orchestra from 9 p. m. until midnight.

## FREELS TO HEAD STUDENT COUNCIL



## SEARS, WARSTLER, AND LAYMAN HOLD OFFICE ALSO

Student council election results have been announced. Those holding office next year will be: Jerry Freels, president; James Sears, vice-president; Lois Warstler, secretary; and Phil Layman, treasurer.

These students were elected from a slate of students nominated by the present student council. Those nominated were, president, Dick Carlson, Jerry Freels, and Dave Hyde; vice-president, Mary Lou Schwier, Dick Bennett, and Jim Sears; secretary, Sue Smith, Jo Green, Lois Wartsler; treasurer, John Meyer, Nancy Watson, and Phil Layman.

This year's officers were: Tom Lane, president; Don Lambert, vice-president; John Ruffner, secretary, and Dave Gibson, treasurer.

## ADAMS BAND TO PLAY FOR NOTRE DAME AND BLUE SOX GAMES

This Saturday afternoon, May 15, the Adams Band has scheduled an appearance at the Notre Dame Varsity-Alumni football game. All of the bands of the city, together with the Notre Dame Band will participate in this affair. Part of the proceeds from this game will go towards a scholarship fund, so the band feels it is participating in an excellent civic project.

Until this year, the bands of the four South Bend High Schools played together at the South Bend Blue Sox Games. This year each band will play on a different night. "Adams" night will be May 19. The feature of the evening will be the flag raising. The bands will be entertained by a lunch after the game. All the members of the band are looking forward to "Adams Night."

## ADAMS RATES SECOND IN CITY ATTENDANCE RECORDS

Mr. Rothermel has just announced the average daily attendance of South Bend High Schools. John Adams is in second place while Washington leads in all three periods. Here is a table of the percentage of students attending regularly, during the first three periods. The total average of John Adams is 95.47.

	I	II	III
Adams	96.64	95.77	94.97
Central	95.04	93.71	93.27
Riley	96.01	95.51	92.27
Washington	97.11	95.98	95.18

Everytime a student is absent it costs John Adams \$2.50 which could be used for improvements. The school is given a certain amount of money for each teaching unit gained. A teaching unit is completed when twenty-five students attend.

This system saves the taxpayer money because instead of using money collected from property taxes the money is refunded from the State General Fund.

Even though a student must be absent for most of the day for a medical or dental appointment he will be counted present to help complete the teaching unit if he has attended for one period or has been checked out by the office.

chased tickets. The committee has asked that no fresh flowers be worn: A plan which has been found to be successful in former years.

Miss Joan Johnson will be the guest of Class President Simon, and Jane's escort will be Jack Pfaff.

Although the time is very short, if you still have hopes of getting that date, your homeroom representative will be glad to sell you a ticket.

## HOWERTON DIRECTS ALL CITY MUSIC CLINIC TOMORROW

Tomorrow, May 13, is the Howerton Clinic. Mr. Howerton, director of music at Northwestern University, will be here to direct a combined group of all the high school Glee Clubs in the city. There will also be a select group of members from the Junior High Glee Clubs to sing. Approximately 1,500 voices will be singing under Mr. Howerton's direction.

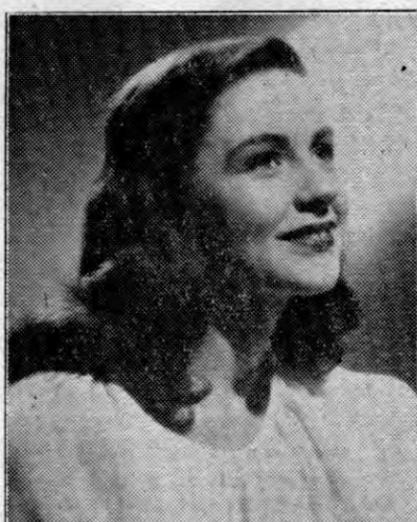
An all-day rehearsal is held in the morning at Central and in the afternoon at Adams. Then, at 8 o'clock in the evening, the program begins.

The people who have been at the festival before know what a thrill it gives one. The new participants will soon have that same thrill.

Sorry, but tickets are limited. However, if you ask a glee club member, they might have one for you. It's something you'll be sorry to miss.

## SPANISH TEACHER WILL RETURN SOON

Miss Law, Spanish and English teacher in 107, is recovering from an operation. She will probably return to school about May 24. Speedy Recovery to you, Miss Law!



Student Chairman Buchanan and her committee, which consists of Mary Lou Swank, Nancy King, Harold Ziker, Bill Roberts, and John Keller, have announced that the tickets are available at \$2.10 per couple. They have extended invitations to all Adams alumni, and several of the latter have pur-

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## "Mirror, mirror, on the wall"

If you looked into a mirror would you like what you would see? I don't mean your blue eyes or blonde hair or the way your smile attracts the opposite sex. I mean YOU yourself. If you can see your own faults and correct them, it would be a wonderful thing. See yourself as others see you. Face the facts. How's your personality? Do others see the same things that you do? Are you conceited? Are you a pest? Are you prejudiced? If you are prejudiced it's because you have the desire to find someone weaker than yourself. If you are conceited it's because you think you're something you aren't. If you are a pest it's because you want attention and that's the only way you can get it.

Which type person gets along the best in this world? The friendly, happy and cooperative individual, or the conceited, grouchy individual? You know right away it's the friendly one. Wake up and live. Look into your mirror. What you see is for you to improve and change. If you look in the mirror and see a healthy, happy person you'll know right away that they have no grievances; or they aren't self-conscious.

by Betty Lou Rupert.

## What Does Mother Want?

Last Sunday, May 9, was Mother's Day. Somehow I can't help feeling a little ashamed every year when that day rolls around and I present my mother with whatever present I was able to buy. To me the gift I give my mom symbolizes not my appreciation for all she has done for me, but rather the failure on my part to give any substantial returns for her sacrifices and devotion. A present given on one designated day a year is not a sufficient reward for the affection with which our mothers shower us. No mother cherishes the gift she receives as such, but because it is some indication that her love is not unrequited. If she thought for a moment that there was no particular love behind it, it would mean absolutely nothing to her. How much more any mother would appreciate a continuous respect and sincerity on the part of her child than the most expensive material gift in the world. We should try to return on a daily basis a portion of the love she lavishes on us.

by Lois Warstler.

## PREPARE NOW TO BE A CITIZEN

So Russia does take over a few countries in Europe, so we do have a few Russian agents in the U. S., so there is something going on in South America, a conference of some sort. So what! Why should I care?

The main reason is that we are the future citizens of America. Right now the only thing that is important to us is our small world, made up of our family and close friends.

In another five or six years we will all be voting citizens. The country will be on our shoulders. If we don't prepare ourselves now how can we take that load?

A baseball coach wouldn't send his team out on the field without any preparation on the right way to play ball. The only way, we, as future citizens, can govern our world is to prepare now, when we are just beginners so we can play ball with the world and come out as victors.

## PUPPY LOVE

by Dorothy King

This is a poem of the ages—it concerns the subject of puppy love stages.

At 15, you realize he's really good looking

That's the beginning of the Saturday night booking.

When 16, you begin to have a really good time

For you never leave the house 'til after nine.

He comes in the car and beeps the horn twice

Won't ever come in—I don't consider that nice.

You see the midnight showing and early rise from your seat

And when you pile out Monday morning, you still feel beat.

But after a while you'll realize marriage can be fun

That's after the work's completely done.

You have your little quarrel where the wife usually wins

But then it isn't uncommon—the man has to give in.

Five years later when the family has begun growing

Still the dishes you'll be doing and the lawn you'll be mowing!

## Democracy Found In Library Club

The Library Club has elections for president, secretary, and treasurer once a year. These elections take place in May and the officers elected are for the next school year. It is a democratic club because there is a nominating committee which meets previous to the election date and nominates candidates for the various offices. There are also floor nominations at the time of election.

In order to join the Library Club there are no special talents needed such as singing, acting, or athletic ability. The only requirement is the ability to work three hours each week in the library before or after school doing various things that need to be done in the library. For example, stamping new books, filing cards, typing cards, shelving books and desk work.

A silver pin is awarded at the completion of three semesters in the Library Club and is exchanged for a gold pin at the end of the fifth semester.

The Library Club is a service club and does much to help every student in the school with his academic work.

Salesman: "You make a small deposit and make no more payments for six months."

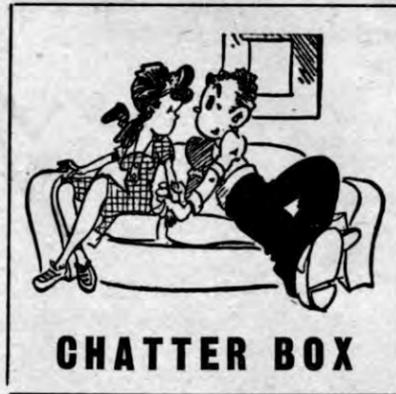
Customer: "Who told you about me?"

—The Mouthpiece, North Kingstown High School, Wickford, R. I.

Shirley: "I'm a neighbor of yours now; I live just across the river."

Miss Balch: "Well, well, I do hope you drop in some day."

—The Cactus Chronicle, Tucson Senior High School, Tucson, Ariz.



Jeanne Kifowit is looking forward to that special C. C. prom with John Hoffer.

Seen at the Glee Club concert: Mary Margaret Walker and Carolyn Ritenour with two very good looking fellows. Lynn Wright and Jeanette Jackson were seen together too.

It's sort of nice seeing Tom Doyan and Nancy Helvey together again occasionally.

A few surprise prom couples will be: Mary Ann Earle and Bill Gooley, Bob Waechter and Nancy Ferragen, Lola Bishop and Roger Haverstock, and Mary Nold and Tom Brademas. (Central)

A blue-jean Sunday was recently enjoyed by Joan Robinson and John Scheibelhut, and Helen Getzinger and Kelly Immel. (Riley alumnus.)

The second Soci Trip found several interesting pairs — Nancy King and Bob Deiter, Barbara Clayton and Lyle Stephenson, Betty McKinney and Irvin Whitehead, Anne Kohlbrenner and Jerry Shoemaker, and Jane Buchanan and John Ruffner.

Rosalie Fragomeni and Herb Singleton make an interesting couple.

We hear that Joan Meyers and Forest Smith (alumnus are) backing up acquaintance. Is this true, Jo?

Betty Ann Gudates and Bob Ross broke up, but not for long. They are back together again now.

Seen holding hands: Ruth Ortt and Chuck Bradley, (Central) Dot DePree and Dennis Kuntz, Joanne Kissel and Jack Kelly, and Pat Denyes and Bob Zenzinger.

Something new in the way of couples: Donna Miller and Dick Booth, Nancy Flickinger and Mort Ziker, and Rosemary Kelly and Bob McDole. (Central).

One faithful couple just broke up—John Bowman and Liz Toth (Central)—and one couple together again—"Boo" Rupert and Fred Holycross.

Shirley Gross has lost her last flame, (we all know who) but she still has her eyes on some flaming prospects.

Jan Cronkhite's favorite topic of conversation—Dave Taylor of Central.

A doctor, having painted a patient's throat for tonsillitis, was asked what his fee would be.

"Five dollars, please," he said. "Five dollars!!" cried the patient indignantly, "Why, last week I had my whole kitchen painted for four-fifty."

—The Tower, Monclova High School, Monclova, Ohio.

# Jiggs Is Taking Maggie To A Baseball Game - poor man

Hey everybody, guess what? Jiggs is taking Maggie to a baseball game.

Maggie is talking to the woman sitting next to her. (her conversation):

"Why Mrs. Curt Tainrod, how utterly charming to find you here. What a lovely dress. My dear, it just does things for you. Don't you just adore these games."

(Her thoughts.)

"Oh, why on earth did I ever get talked into coming to this horrible place? The people you meet! Oh, I wouldn't be caught dead in that dress—such cheap material. It certainly does do things for her but I'd hate to mention what it does. She certainly fills a box seat!

These games! I simply hate them. I can't even understand what they're all about. Oh well, I'm just going to sit here with an intelligent smile on my face and everyone will think I'm very well informed.

Now let's see, I think I've got it all figured out. There is a first baseman, second baseman and a third baseman and a fourth—no, I think he would be a home plater. There's a short-stop—huh! That man is at least 6 feet 2 inches tall. You'd think they'd at least tell the truth when they make out these programs. Three men play in the outer gardens. That must be those three out there in the field, but I certainly don't see any gardens. The grass is nice and there are vines growing on the walls, but there aren't any flowers in the place.

I don't understand why they call that a foul line. It's pure white and not a bit unclean.

Well I certainly know what bleacher seats are. You sit in the sun so long that your hair bleaches, and grandstands—they're usually so filled that you have to stand and that's not especially grand.

Oh yes, then there's the man who throws the ball in. It says he's the pitcher. Anyone knows that a pitcher is someone who loads cars in a colliery—coal mine to you. I don't know why they state his occupation in the winter months.

There is a batter's box and a pitcher's box. I guess they didn't bring those out yet. Do you suppose they're cardboard or wooden?

Oh, the game is starting. I wonder what is wrong with the time-keeper. I'm sure there is a standard time for innings, but he let the first one run eight minutes and this next one is only two minutes and they're changing sides.

That man behind me must be affected too. He said the pitcher was knocked out of the box, but he's walking out under his own power and is very conscious.

After nine innings of this Maggie must be convinced that baseball is a very?? logical?? game!!



## BASEBALL'S HALL OF FAME by Ken Smith

There has been built at Cooperstown, New York, the Baseball Hall of Fame. This book by Ken Smith presents the entire picture, from the day the white man first set eyes in Cooperstown, to the struggle going on every day on the diamond for a niche in the Hall. You baseball fans must read this.

## ATOMICS FOR THE MILLIONS by M. S. Eidenoff & Ruchlis

These writers succeed in explaining the atoms to the millions of us who have had no scientific or mathematical training. The authors feel that if we who live in the atomic age are to understand the progress which is yet to come, we must first understand the discovery of uranium and atomic energy itself. Better try this book.

## BASEBALL by Daniel Jusef

Not a new addition but forever in demand. This is the book that shows you how as well as tells you how to pitch, catch, field, bat, and improve your game. Get it now in your John Adams library.



Sunday night is a star studded one for at 10:00 p.m. The Catholic Radio Entertainment Guild presents a series of prize plays. This regular program rivals even "Lux Radio Theater" for variety and interest; and is made up of local talent, too.

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## FRIENDLY (?) COMPARISON OF TWO SCHOOLS

Through the best of friends, Irma and Dora, being from different high schools, sometimes share delightful conversations in which they compare ideas about their respective schools (constructively, of course) as may be seen by the following:

"Now, Dora, you can see everything at my school is head-and-shoulders above everything you have at yours."

"Well, I can't help it if it's built on a hill."

"Take our teachers —"

"Don't try to get rid of them by giving them to us. We have better ones of our own."

"Well, you can't defend your athletic situation. Our men are your betters in every way."

"Then you mean they encourage gambling at your school?"

"You can see how good they are by looking at our baseball players. They can bat anything your pitcher can throw at them. Why there are no better batters."

"I'll have to agree with you there. Your men are very batty."

"Our leading track man can scale a twenty foot wall."

"I knew there was something fishy about him."

"Listen! Our office at school has a wonderful set of files."

"I've heard that all prisons have wonderful collections of them."

"— and is our school ever generous — why it presented every graduating senior girl with a net formal last year."

"That's nothing, my school gave each senior a gross income tax statement last year — and which adds up to the most? net or gross?"

"Well, I know you can't beat our home economics classes! Why we have learned how to make all kinds of desserts, to baste and cook a turkey —"

"Did you say you baste a turkey before you cook it?"

"Certainly."

"Well, I knew you were ignorant over there, but I never thought you went around beating turkeys that were already dead."

"Sometimes I think I could just die when you make me so mad!"

"You do! You've changed from red to white three times in the last minute."

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IF YOU HAD ONE WISH WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Luke Johnson — "Have all the wishes I wish."

Judy Bailie — "Go to Paris."

Phil Layman — "I could satisfy Mr. Krider after a track meet."

Pat Roessler — "Dollars grow on dandelions."

Jim McClusky — "Miss Bennett will give me two A's in Geography and History."

Bill Cox — "Wish my folks would get a new Buick so I could 'stand a chance' with Hukill and Gibson."

Bernadette James — "A master-mind."

Jim Sears — "Mr. Crowe would stop slapping me on back."

John Meyer — "Have the black line around the gym erased. (I'm in Powell's gym class)."

Josie Johnson — "I would abolish fish of all kinds, but especially trout."

Katie DeLong — "Eventually a successful life with a certain fellow."

Pat Bonnell — "To quit having quarrels with a certain fellow."

Ruth Keb — "Have a whole box of bubble gum."

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## Annual Sectional Track Meet Held At Tupper Field

The fleet footed boys from the South Bend locality matched their speed against one another last Saturday at Tupper Field in Mishawaka.

The annual sectional track meet included the South Bend high schools, the St. Joseph County schools, and Laporte county which brought Laporte High School and Michigan City, and Stark County which included the Knox track squad.

Mishawaka was the favored team. John Adams won the sectionals in 1945 and 1946. Some of Coach Kriders hopefuls were Ben Jurcik in 440 yard dash, Ronnie Minzey in the broad jump, "Lu" Johnson in the high hurdles, and the half-mile relay team. The half-mile relay team has varied in personnel this season, so any four of the following might have run on it; Ronnie Minzey, Ben Jurcik, Bill Mitchell, Bob Manby, Dick Carlson, and Leroy Barritt.

Some of the pre-meet favorites were Kenny Feathers of Mishawaka in the 100 and 220 yard dash. Jurcik of Adams, DeClerg of Washington, Fisher of Michigan City, and Russ Flott of New Carlisle were good 440 runners. Healy of Mishawaka should have been strong in the half-mile and in the mile we found Woods of Mishawaka, McCoy of Riley, and Boncznski of Washington. "Lu" Johnson looked good for the high hurdle event while Dick Dennison of Mishawaka was favored to win the low hurdle classic.

Besides Minzey in the broad jump, there was New Carlisle's George Agness. He jumped 21 feet 7 inches at the Lakeville Relays. Central's Ernie Bond was favored for the high jumping blue ribbon and Mishawaka's Mel Ross for the pole vault. Duffy of Riley, winner at the Goshen Relays and All-City Meet, was favored in the shot put.

The half-mile relay teams of Adams and Mishawaka should have been a very close race to the tape. The mile relay was open for any team but from here, Michigan City should look very good.

### JOHNSON, MINZEY AND DAUGHERTY QUALIFIED FOR TRACK FINALS

In the conference trials held at Elkhart on May 1, three Adams trackmen placed which qualified them to compete in the conference finals held on May 8 at Mishawaka.

"Lu" Johnson placed second in the high hurdles, and was only one-tenth of a second off of the school record held by Bob Smith. Bill Dougherty tied for second in the high jump, with a jump of five feet eight inches. Ronnie Minzey took a third place in the broad jump event with a leap of 20 feet 8 inches.

The Adams half mile relay team had a third place sewed up until one of the boys took a tumble on the cinders. The relay squad consisted of Bill Mitchell, Ronnie Minzey, Leroy Barritt, and Bob Manby.

Bill Gooley placed fifth in the shot put event, and Barritt fifth in the 220 yard dash. Gooley and Barritt received points but the competitors must place in the top three to qualify for the finals.

### EAGLES TAKE OPENING CONFERENCE GAME FROM CENTRAL

With thrills galore the Eagles came out on top of 3-2 ten-inning conference affair from Central. The game was the opener in the N. I. H. S. C. conference league. The winning run came in the bottom of the tenth with two outs as John Keller came through with a base hit to start the rally. Dave Hyde was safe on an error putting runners on first and third. Dick Truex came through with a timely blow to score Keller with the winning run of the game. After encountering a four game loss in the practice games the Eagles came flying back in top form for the opening conference game. Most of the credit goes to Don Truex for pitching nine of the ten innings with hitless ball. During the event Don struck out fifteen batters. The Eagles' first run came in the first inning as Keith Zider singled and later scored on Dave Coker's double. Central was held hitless until the fifth inning when an error, a walk, and three base hits led to two runs for the up-towners. Adams fought back in the lower half of the fifth as Don Truex drove Phil Smeltzer across the plate with the tie run. Don Truex then held the upper hand for the other five innings. In the bottom of the tenth, Adams pushed across the winning run. The pitching duties for Central was divided between Fodge and Parks. During press time the Eagles will encounter conference tilts with Elkhart, Laporte, and Michigan City.

### Lewis to Play for Prom



The gentleman above is Bob Lewis who will lead his 10 instrumentalists from Benton Harbor at the Prom. They will play from 9 to 12 o'clock this Friday night in the Palais Royale ballroom. There's still time to get your date, and your homeroom representative will sell you a ticket for only \$2.10. All Alumni are welcome and are urged to come.

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