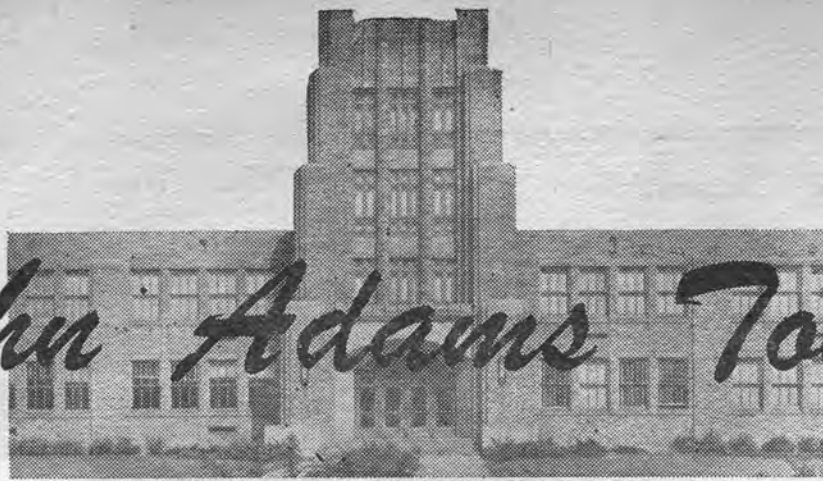


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## Gift Chest To Be Packed By Jr. Red Cross Council

The Junior Red Cross Council of John Adams has begun work on the School Chest which is to be packed full of necessary and scarce items for children in foreign countries.

The Lincoln Junior High School manual arts classes made the wooden chest according to specifications given by the local American Red Cross chapter.

The John Adams council has divided into committees to simplify the purchasing of the items. Each committee met separately last week with Miss Helen Law, the faculty adviser and Betty Granat, the president.

The committee which Margaret Bolden and Barbara Brecht head is to purchase all necessary items included in a First-Aid Kit. This includes many different types and sizes of gauze bandages, tweezers, scissors, cotton and the like. Helping Margaret and Barbara are Bernice Callahan, Chrystine Scott and Nancy Caswell.

Betty Gudates heads a committee which must purchase or make towels and washcloths, purchase toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, and other articles necessary for good grooming. Her aides are Norma Eddy, Carolyn Johnson, Mary Swingendorf, and Joanne Mortenson.

Musical instruments, games and other facilities for amusement are the things Bob Pfaff's committee must furnish for the chest. Doris Taylor and Velma VanHove are helping Bob on the committee.

Beverly Morey, Dolly Smith, Nancy Helvey and Delores Kint are helping Rosalie Fragomeni purchase school supplies for the chest.

## Neighboring News

**CENTRAL:** This semester 27 girls from the Office Practice classes at Central are pursuing work in South Bend and Mishawaka. They are filling the gap between high school and college or work by taking the Office Practice Cooperative course. As is true with the students from Adams, the girls receive credit and also are paid a nominal sum. Some of the firms who are employing the girls are: Studebaker, Associates Investment Company, T. B. League, First Bank and Trust Company, and the Philadelphia Candy Store.

## Office Practice Girls Receive Credit and Wages

Twenty-six senior A girls have the privilege of leaving the building each day at 1:30. No they do not go home; they are the Office Practice students who leave school to go to work at 2:00 o'clock.

Besides gaining valuable experience, these girls also earn a credit for the work they do and are paid an hourly wage varying from 50c to 65c per hour.

Very often this course provides an opportunity for a girl to secure a position that she will hold after graduation. If after the training period is over the employer is impressed with the girl's work and if she enjoys the work it develops into a full time position.

The twenty-six girls from John Adams are working in 16 different offices in the city. Riley, Central, and Washington also have students assigned by the cooperative program. Altogether there are about 75 girls doing part-time work and earning a credit and the experience.

**RILEY:** Several of the American Culture students had the privilege of appearing on WHOT last Wednesday for a panel discussion with Mr. Don Wiggins, a CIO representative. The topic under discussion was "What is the Outlook of the Youth on the Problems of our Time?"

Last Thursday and Friday, March 3 and 4, the Drama Club presented cuts from the Gilbert and Sullivan opera "Mikado" at an assembly for the student body.

The Riley Y-Teens are planning an impressive ceremony for the evening when they will unite with Washington's Y-Teens. Plans are being made at the present time for the Y-Teen dance to be held at the Erskine Club House on April 30. Myron Walz orchestra is to play. The dance, which is to be formal, is an all school affair and everyone is invited.

Suzanne Schwind, editor, announced that the Hoosier Poet will go to press soon. This year's year-book cover is to be purple and gold and will display a picture of the school on the cover.

**WASHINGTON:** One of the thriving clubs at Washington is the Latin Club. Some of the students are doing research so they may better understand the way of the Latin people. Others are making studies to see how the Latin customs have been handed down through the generations. Still others are constructing togas and

## THANK YOU!

Your basketball team and coaching staff would like to take this means of expressing to the student body our thanks for the wholehearted way in which you backed our tournament efforts. Your spirit and interest were outstanding and were outshone by none, and we are only sorry that our job was not as good as yours.

There will be other teams and other years. You have shown ample evidence of what you can do and want to do, and it is our hope that you will not let this thing die. It is too fine a thing and too important to all of us here at Adams for this to happen.

Again we say "Thanks, and well done." Keep them flying!

—Coach Koss  
and the Team

## STUDENTS LEARN TRICKS OF WOOD- WORKING TRADE

Students at John Adams are given the opportunity to elect four semesters of woodworking. In these four semesters a student is taught many "tricks of the trade." He starts out by learning how to use the simple hand tools and by the time he enrolls in Woodwork IV he is ready for a semester of woodturning.

The main object of Woodwork I is to learn about lumbering and how to use common tools.

In Woodwork II the student is given an opportunity to make furniture, such as end tables, coffee tables, chests, etc.

When touring the shop one finds many machine shop projects framed. These frames are Woodwork III projects. Wood finishing is the main object of study in Woodwork III.

Everyone is welcome to visit Room 104. If you plan this tour near the end of the semester, you will get an excellent idea of what goes on in eighteen weeks in Woodworking.

Roman clocks, and one student is constructing a skeleton in an attempt to rebuild a Roman.

**MISHAWAKA:** The play "Cukoos on the Hearth" presented by the Junior class was a great success. This play was chosen because it was a satire on mystery and drama and was a laugh-provoking suspense drama.

## SENIORS TO COMPETE FOR AM. HISTORY AWARD

Friday morning, March 11, twenty-one graduating seniors will take a standardized comprehensive test over the material covered in both semesters of American History. These students are in competition for the award for excellence in United States American History made annually by the Colfax chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

To be eligible to take this test a student must have received grades of A in both semesters of United States History.

The following students will take the test:

Carolyn Anderson, Laurette Canter, Cathryn Cawthorne, David Gibson, Betty Granat, Robert Gross, Patricia Haley, Karen Hennings, Henry Hukill, Joanne Inglefield, Phillip Kohlbrenner, Robert Manby, Carlisle Parker, Joan Partritz, Mary Louise Schwier, Janet Shulmier, Thomas Smithberger, Merrilyn Tasher, Lenore Tucker, LaMar Worley and Robert Zeninger.

## STUDENTS BEHAVE! SUPERVISORS TO VISIT OUR SCHOOL

On March 10, the monthly meeting of the principals, assistant principals and supervisors of South Bend's schools will be held at John Adams. Besides attending the regular business meeting, some of the guests may visit classes. At 12:00 o'clock they will be served lunch prepared by the Foods II classes.

In the past the meetings have been held at the School Administration building, but this year in order for the administrative staff of the School City to become better acquainted with different schools, all meetings are being held in school buildings, a different one each month.



Thursday, March 10  
Meeting of School Principals and Supervisors  
Library Club Meeting  
Saturday, March 12  
Barber Shop Quartet in Auditorium  
Tuesday, March 15  
11B Standford Arithmetic  
10B Film  
Thursday, March 17  
Awards Assembly  
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## FOR GREATER PERSONAL HAPPINESS

What is personal happiness? Is there a definite definition for it? I don't believe so. Everyone has his own idea of happiness.

Happiness is composed of a number of things. Friends are a necessity if you are to be happy. We want friends to enjoy our experiences, to laugh with us, and to help us in time of need. Personal happiness can be had only when you consider all people your friends. If you are the sort of person who thinks all humanity is against you, your life is sure to be miserable.

Another point for personal happiness is to make the most of what you have. So what, if one of your friends does have something you would like to have. There is no sense in sulking about it. Have you ever thought you may have something he envies. If you make the most of what you have instead of continually envying people for what they have, life will be fuller and happier for you and all those associated with you.

## YOU AND ME

Beside you in a pep rally sits a pessimist — not an especially pessimistic pessimist, but just an average one. He's moody and often indifferent. This friend, while the rest of us are yelling to beat the band, is scowling and saying, "Aw, we don't have a chance." He seems to think that we are a bunch of overzealous misled nincompoops. You think that he is a kill-joy; but let us analyze this situation further.

If all the people in the world were extreme optimists, we would probably all be starting things and giving them up for something that seems better. We would be joyous and carefree, but little constructive work would be done. On the other hand, if we were all extreme pessimists the world would be so gloomy it would be undesirable. There would be too many "Malvolios" (quote English V) ("I'm saved, what about you, you poor sinner," as Mr. Krider would say with outstretched arm).

So you see, we need the opposite types to balance each other's natural temperaments. Of course, the ideal situation demands a few more "middle-men" you know, the normal people like you and me!

## BE DEPENDABLE

It is easy to find people who aren't dependable. It's hard to find people that are. Think back with me. Think back into history. Did George Washington ever think, "What if the British do get that little port? It's too much trouble to move my troops." Did Abe Lincoln ever think, "Why walk 20 miles to school today when the swimming is just right." If they did think thus, they didn't succumb to temptation. They had the spirit to finish a job and finish it satisfactorily instead of doing it half-way.

We need this spirit today. Too many people do a poor job and brush it off with, "It'll pass." Too many people think "What if I am late. The boss won't do anything."

You can get into the habit of dependability just as easily as you can get into the habit of sloven work and being late. It's something for a student to be on time with his work well done. It's something that all of us have the ability to do.

—Edwin Dean

## THE MASTER

A finger of doom  
 Lay on the room  
 Of 105 that day  
 Ah! fateful day!

And the Master came  
 And our necks we craned  
 To see his frame  
 Ah! what a frame!

I need not mention  
 That he had our attention  
 For he did. But his intention  
 Was to confound our comprehension.

He looked at us and we looked back  
 Immediately a cloud of black  
 Fell on us. We were Babes in the  
 Wood. Lost! Alack!  
 And his very first words threw us  
 off track.

"Now little children," the Master  
 said,  
 "There once lived a barber who  
 shaved every head,  
 That was not shaved by the owner  
 of said."

"Now this is the problem," cried  
 this strange man,  
 "How could this barber shave his  
 own pan  
 If he only shaved the pan of the  
 gentleman  
 Who did not shave his own?  
 For if the barber shaved himself,  
 And he only shaves those who do  
 not"  
 Then how can he shave himself,  
 I ask?

These were his words  
 However absurd  
 They make much sense  
 Though much condensed.

Gone is the bloom of youth from  
 my cheek  
 My voice is cracked and wintry and  
 bleak  
 They say I am crazy, but say do  
 you know  
 That I'm not. I'm a thinker just  
 like Rousseau.  
 It's just at night  
 When the moon shines bright  
 That I wake up screaming  
 I think that I'm dreaming  
 But I'm not  
 For over and over within my white  
 head  
 Will whirl that puzzle until I am  
 dead!

—Carolyn Anderson

I walked up the door,  
 Closed the stairs  
 I said my pajamas  
 Put on my prayers  
 I turned out the covers  
 Got under the light  
 Gee I'm excited  
 He kissed me "goodnight."  
 —Riley Hi-Times

Love is one game which is never  
 called an account of darkness.  
 —U.S. Coast Guard Magazine

"Am I good enough for you,  
 dearest?"

"No, your'e not; but you're too  
 good for any other girl."  
 —U.S. Coast Guard Magazine

## THEN AND NOW

Nearly one hundred sixty two years ago, this Friday, delegates met in Independence Hall and chose George Washington their presiding officer. For three and one-half months behind closed doors and guarded gates, political discussions were held. These discussions were destined to give us the government and governing bodies we now have.

It is said that the delegates themselves held little faith in democracy. They believed the government should be limited and as much like England's Parliament as possible. These sayings and opinions were those of the 1780's which later developed into the foundation of the legislative branch of our government.

Together they united the Thirteen States and made the Constitution. Instead of one head for each state they decided upon one head for the whole country.

This became the government which had jurisdiction over a hundred mile strip of Atlantic seaboard and approximately 4,000,000 people.

This government was to lead successfully the country through numerous wars, the industrial revolution, and various economic problems.

The government in 1789 spent less than one million dollars a year. Today, just 160 years later, this government has a budget of thirty billion dollars.

Little did these delegates know that their government was to become involved in old age pensions, labor disputes, and transportation difficulties extending from the Pacific to the Atlantic coasts which would involve the whole world.

The first Congress under this Constitution convened on March 4, 1789 and gave the United States the destiny to become one of the greatest nations in the world.

Friday the 83rd congress of this great nation will meet for the first time to undertake the legislation of a country with many economic and foreign problems.

## CLUB NEWS

## LIBRARY

The Library Club has accepted eleven new members. They are Pat Coswell, Joyce Coffman, Delores Mahler, Margaret Haumesser, Shirley Bourdon, Janette Baker, Doretta Martin, Norma Eddy, Carol Whalen, Margot Tretheway, and Loretta Blanton. The Club is beginning to make plans for the initiation of the girls.

## Y-TEENS

The Y-Teens have a new advisor. She is Miss Stitt, our home economics teacher. The club is busy making plans for the Northern Indiana Y-Teens conference, March 12, and an all-city semi-formal dance to be called Star Light Fantasy to be held sometime in May.

Everything is funny as long as it is happening to someone else.

Will Rogers



## SOPHS AND JUNIORS READ THE FUNNIES NOW WHILE YOU CAN

It's all over now. Brace up, fellow seniors and face it — gone are those happy carefree days we used to know. A cloud of adulthood has shadowed our bobby-sox existence. We now find it necessary to break down and read past the funnies, past Dorothy Dix, and even past "Two Loves Have I" on the woman's page of the daily paper.

Don't keep us after school teachers — we have to go home to read the news section of the Tribune. Don't expect us to do homework — we must read diligently through the Tribune and find who's marrying and divorcing whom. Mrs. Pate, don't expect us to be at glee club practice so early — we're tired, we didn't get to bed until three o'clock — we were trying to learn what nearby brewery exploded. Miss Law don't expect us to memorize Spanish conversations and read Spanish newspapers — we must now give all that time to the acquiring of such valuable knowledge as what was the last letter of the next to the last word in the third paragraph, fourth column, sixth page, second section of Tuesday's paper. Miss Roell, make those feature editors give all Tower assignments to underclassmen — we seniors must be adults now. We haven't time. We must spend time on adult pursuits.

Don't ask me to wash dishes mother — I haven't time — I must learn how many people can fit into Constellations, why license plates are what color, who was the first woman to fly over the North Pole, and who ran off with John's other wife when he went to Tim Buck Two to see his first one.

Mr. Goldsberry don't expect us to get up for Social Living real early — we're tired — we had to stay up until three o'clock to find out who President Truman sent to Alaska to head the Republican party when Alaska becomes a state. We knew you would ask all these things on the Social Living test Monday morning, and we all want to make a 10.

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## THE MESSAGE

While enroute to Guam aboard the U.S.S. Hermitage, a former Italian luxury liner, I read a pamphlet which was to alter my entire outlook regarding life and death. I do not believe that I would have become attracted to this particular article if it were not for the fact that the days passed slowly due to idleness; therefore, I focused my full attention on the reading of many books and pamphlets. Because the ship's library was closed and no books were available, I chose religious literature to read. Some of them were written by Catholic Priests, Jewish Rabbies, and Protestant Ministers. I do not recall the title of this pamphlet, but I know that it was written by a Catholic Priest. I have forgotten the exact wording of his message, but I do recall the philosophy of his subject.

He pointed out that we should not look at death as the worst thing that can happen and that death was not as horrible as one might think. He said that death is much a part of life as are birth, marriage, and love. The priest asked us not to condemn God for taking the lives of our loved ones and not to blaspheme Him as if He were going to harm the deceased but rather to give thanks to God for His generosity in having let our departed loved ones be a part of our lives. The only thing that hurts the living is the feeling of loneliness at being left behind. The author is sure of heaven's reward and that God is just and merciful for most of us regardless of faith, creed, or nationality. Even horrible death by fire, drowning, bullets, and other violent means are not so terrible as we might think. For what is a little suffering in our lifetime as compared to an eternal life which is deprived of suffering. The priest introduced a

One youngster tells us he got a zero the other day when he told his teacher the world revolved on its taxes. But we're wondering if maybe the kid doesn't have the right idea at that?

new thought which is perhaps the most significant idea of his entire analysis on death, that when our time comes to die we should face the prospect of death with faith and dignity.

I am not a Catholic nor do I intend to be one, but the wisdom and logical sense that this article implanted in me could not be denied my consideration regardless of my religious beliefs. Here in a few simple words a new knowledge and understanding was gained by me of a problem which someday I will have to face. It not only gave me knowledge and understanding but courage as well.

I had no way of foretelling the tragedy about to take place on Guam. About two weeks later, after I arrived on Guam, a truck in which I was riding overturned because the weight of the men exceeded the weight limit of the truck. That accident killed five young boys who but a moment before were vigorously laughing and joking with the rest of us. Of the five who were killed one was a friend of mine. I did not know him as well as I would have liked to. I did know him well enough to feel a personal loss at his death. I shall never forget the curses and questions that flew from the mouths of the survivors after the accident. "Why him instead of me?" was a frequent question felt by all.

I cannot answer that question nor any others pertaining to the unknown. The only thing that I could tell them and myself was the message the priest had written. For now the priest's faith was my faith. I believe that I can now walk through life until I come to the door of the unknown with the confidence that I shall be able to open it with dignity and faith.

**A John Adams Senior**

"Look heah, Rastus, you all know what you're doin'? You goin' away for the week-end and there ain't a stick of wood cut for de house."

"Well, what you all whinin' about, womin? I ain't takin' de axe am I?"

Bits  
by  
Betty



While in the office the other morning I noticed three gold footballs on Mr. Crowe's key chain. Being inquisitive I asked him if he would tell me for the Tower where he got them. Very bashfully, Mr. Crowe answered one for the 1940 and 1941 Huntington Conference Championship and the other for the 1945 South Bend Central Conference Championship. Maybe, he'll have another soon.

Anyone in Rosemary Kelly's classes couldn't help noticing her king sized pencil. For that matter neither could Mr. Goldsborough "alias Goldsberry."

Besides learning how to type Miss Puterbaugh's students learn correct English usage.

Don Carson, deserves a special pat on the back for winning a superior rating at Fort Wayne even though he was handicapped by a broken wrist.

Nancy Carlson is wearing something new in glasses — brown and white plaid. Very original.

Lost at the sectional; a voice. To be returned to Punky Kint; Adams cheerleader.

Seniors are now busy saving their pennies for the annual social living trip to Chicago. The first trip is to be April 22, the second April 29, and the last May 6.

In typing class the other day Miss Puterbaugh reminded the students to spell principal like "pal" and that's exactly what one student did. On his envelope he typed, Attention Pal in referring to Mr. Sargent in place of Attention Principal.

Another student caught daydreaming in this same class was Nancy Williams. She typed South Bend 15, 1949 instead of Indiana for the state.

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# Cards Not Stacked In Favor Of Eagles In Their Sectional Game

February 23, 1949 — 1:30 p.m. The Colonials shot off to a booming start in the first few seconds of this thrilling but disappointing upset. The Adams boys went out to win this major tilt and tried so hard to accomplish these fete that they became tight and unable to play a calm, cool, collected game of ball. The Colonials zoomed to a 15-0 lead in the first quarter and although they scored very little again until the fourth quarter, they held Adams down to a meager amount of tallies. From the start of the game excellent guarding of the Truex'es by Washington-Clay was a significant factor in the loss. However, this might not have been so effective had the boys not been pitifully tight and unable to do no more than blast the back stop. An interesting viewpoint is that Adams would have been able to go ahead in the second and third quarters had they just been able to score a minimum amount of baskets. The offensive game did slip but the defensive game was greatly improved over the previous games as is evidenced by the three baskets big 6 foot, 6 inch Don Schlundt was able to net under the capable guarding of sophomore Don Oakes. Schlundt is usually a high scorer for the Colonials and very seldom held to so few points. Everyone on the Eagle bench was allowed to play in the game at one time or another, but the difficulties of the five starters seemed to be contagious,

Dave Gallup says that Adams was beaten by an excellent man to man defense. Perhaps this is true but merely a matter of opinion as are most of Dave Gallup's remarks instead of realistic facts. No disgrace is due the Adams team for they lost to a fine team and a group of fine sports. They tried their best and played their hardest and after all, that's all anyone could have done.

We're proud they represent John Adams and showed such clean sportsmanship throughout the game. Maybe next year the cards will be stacked in our favor.

WASHINGTON-CLAY (36)			
	B	F	P
BORKOWSKI (F) .....	1	6	2
BROWN (F) .....	3	1	3
SCHLUNDT (C) .....	3	3	1
JOHNSON (G) .....	1	2	1
WALSH (G) .....	2	1	5
PLAIN (C) .....	0	0	1
ANSBAUGH (G) .....	1	0	1
NEHRER (F) .....	0	0	5
STONE (F) .....	0	1	0
Totals .....	11	14	19

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# BASKETBALL PRACTICE OVER?...HECK NO!

Those many badly misinformed persons who are of the opinion that basketball practice is over for the '48-'49 season are plum loco. Whoever heard of such a thing?... At least Coach Harry Koss hasn't been informed of such common formalities. The truth is the boys on the team like to work so hard that they begged Coach Koss to continue practice. Seriously though, there actually is going to be basketball practice for the next two or three weeks. This is for the major part "B" and "A" squad boys who will be battling for Adams next year, (they hope). Coach Koss wants to see just how much material he has for the coming '49-'50 varsity squad. For the most part they are practicing fundamentals and the finer points of basketball. They're also having some rip-snortin' scrimmages and enjoying every minute of it. Although next year's material is the main idea of the late practices, any senior varsity boys are welcome to continue working out and most of them are doing just that.

Varsity players who will be back on the hardwood next year if they make the grade are Dick Bennett, Marlin Miller, Melvin Edgerton, Don Oakes, Dick Moore, and Marty Weissert. All of the fellows playing on the team this year have worked hard and deserve a great deal of credit for all that they have accomplished. We are hoping a good team will be lined up for next year and many wins will be in store for the Eagles. With this issue we wind up basketball at John Adams for this year.

JOHN ADAMS (22)			
	B	F	P
R. TRUEX (F) .....	1	0	2
BENNETT (F) .....	0	1	2
D. TRUEX (C) .....	2	2	3
MILLER (G) .....	1	1	3
HOWELL (G) .....	1	0	3
OAKES (F) .....	2	0	4
HUKILL (F) .....	0	0	1
MOORE (G) .....	1	0	2
EDGERTON (F) .....	0	2	0
Totals .....	8	6	20
Score By Quarters			
Washington-Clay ..	15	23	25
John Adams .....	0	8	12
Totals .....	11	14	19

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AS I SEE IT

By  
JOHN HORVATH

The sectional tourney is now only a record in the history books of Adams. To the Central team once more goes the honor of holding the crown. This is the seventh crown the Central team has held since the tournaments got under way at Adams, some nine years ago. To Central, winning the sectional tournament is getting to be a yearly routine, but South Bend can be glad that they have a team composed of such strength to represent our bid to the state finals. By this printing the regionals will also be history. The victor will travel to Lafayette March 12 for the semi-finals.

The semi-finals find sixteen teams remaining from the card of 800 teams that started the tournament. With a team, coach, and cheering section of Central's quality they can accomplish the final goal. With no predisposed feelings on who beat whom, let us all back our representative, your team and my team, South Bend Central.

Following is a recap on the 1949 South Bend Sectional Tourney. In the first game Greene Township defeated Walkerton 59-55 with Jim Wharton collecting 32 points to set a new individual scoring record for the Adams gym. In the second game Woodrow Wilson defeated South Bend Catholic 53-38. In one of the most exciting games of the tournament, Central defeated Mishawaka in the lapsing seconds of the game by a 42-41 score. Then

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the play moved into the Wednesday games as Washington beat Greene Township 37-33 and Central trounced Woodrow Wilson by a 58-34 score. This gave Washington the right to meet Central in the Saturday afternoon game. In the lower bracket North Liberty survived victorious over Central Catholic and Riley squeezed by a tough Madison Township team. In the next game Adams fell by the way-side by a 36-22 score enacted by the Washington-Clay quintet. And the last game in the first round of play saw New Carlisle upset Lakeville.

In the night games fans say little Joe Hough stall away the last seconds of the game to lead his North Liberty team to an upset victory over the Riley Wildcats. New Carlisle proved no trouble for the Colonials as they moved closer to Saturday' play. Washington-Clay met North Liberty in the Saturday afternoon game and emerged victorious 54-39, while Central topped Washington 36-27. These happenings brought about the pairing of Central and Washington-Clay in the final game. Clay was no match for the Central brand of ball and the Bears went to to win by a 45-27 score.

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