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March 30, 1949

ALBUM STAFF TO MAKE DEADLINE

ADAMS STUDENTS JOIN CITY IN HONORING CENTRAL TEAM



Above is pictured the Album staff with the exception of Mary Louise Schvier, the editor. Left to right in the back row are Lois Hartranft, Connie Hudson, Joan Partritz, Virginia Holland, Sue Smith and Evelyn Estes. Front row: Don Crawford, Joan Heddins and Marian Hubbert.

PIONEERS OF GOLD RUSH ERA TO BE THEME OF ALBUM

The John Adams Album Staff is working to meet an April 1 deadline so that the yearbook will be ready for distribution to the students on the day of the Senior Assembly, Tuesday, May 31.

This year the theme of the book will be a comparison between this year's graduating '49ers and the pioneers of the 1849 gold rush. The editor, Mary Louise Schvier, and the faculty advisor, Mr. John McNamara, with the help of a fine staff are doing their best to make this a fine album. Sue Smith is in charge of the underclassmen's picture layout, Joan Heddins supervises the rewrite department, and Joan Partritz is responsible for drawing the cartoons.

The financial success of this yearbook will depend on Mr. Gordon Nelson and his circulation and advertising staff.

Students of John Adams joined with the rest of the city at the homecoming celebration of the Central basketball team from their tournament trek to Indianapolis. The Adams band led a group of Eagle fans through downtown South Bend in the parade on March 20, 1949.

The band marched down Michigan Street to the snappy rhythm of "High School Cadets" and "Washington Post." The Monogram Club rode on a truck in their flashy club jackets.

All the marchers in the scarlet and blue section were bound together by blue and gold streamers. Many members of the band had their horns draped with the Central blue and gold.

Punky Kint, Joan Goffeney, and Lola Bishop rode on a float with cheerleaders from the other South Bend schools. Jerry Freels rode on the Monogram Club truck. The four of them were right out in front when it came to leading yells for Central at the rally on the Court House lawn.

HIGH SCHOOLS TO GIVE GYMNASTIC SHOW TONIGHT

Tonight at 8:00 o'clock the four high schools in South Bend will present a gymnastics show in our auditorium. The purpose of this exhibition is to give the people of the city an idea of the physical activity taught in the high schools.

Adams boys and girls will build pyramids and a group of boys will do a steel wand drill. Mr. Powell, Mr. Davis, Miss Bauer and Miss Tash will be responsible for the work the Adams students will exhibit.

Central students under the direction of Mr. Clarence Elbel and Miss Jane Harders will display the art of tumbling and performing stunts on the high bar and parallel bars.

Riley students are being trained by Miss Mary C. Lauer, Mr. Wayne Wakefield and Mr. Stewart Faught. They will entertain with figure marching.

Washington students will entertain with square and folk dancing and the Washington boys will play indoor hockey. Mr. John Beyers and Miss Catherine Wolf are responsible for the training these students will display.

Climaxing the program will be a rhythmic exercise number by eight girls from each high school.

A 30 cent admission fee for students and adults will be charged.

CAN YOU TAKE IT APRIL 12th?

by David Sanderson

Well fellows and girls, that fateful day is approaching again. What is this mysterious event which causes usually normal people to jump off bridges and swallow arsenic? Is an atomic bomb going to destroy South Bend? Are the turnip termites going to overrun the world? No! Nothing that mild: something much worse is going to happen to some of you. Beware!

On April 12 report cards are coming out! Can you bear this crisis? If you have worked and studied diligently and faithfully all year you will be able to suffer through. However, if you have faltered and strayed from the straight and narrow path, April 12 will indeed be a day of reckoning for you. Can you truly be proud of the report card you will take home on April 12?

TUBERCULOSIS LEAGUE SPONSORS RADIO PROGRAM

During spring vacation Adams students will be able to hear the radio program "The Constant Invader." The program featuring the movie actor, Ray Milland is heard at 2:00 p.m. Thursdays over WSBT.

The broadcasts are the true experiences of people who met and fought tuberculosis.

BICYCLE REGISTRATION THURSDAY MORNING

Following through on information given in a safety assembly conducted a few weeks ago, this is bicycle registration week. Secure blanks from your home room teacher, fill them out in full, and present them to the officer in charge Thursday morning, March 31, at the northeast entrance to the building.

Bicycles will be inspected for lights, brakes, and general all over safe riding condition.

If your bike meets all specifications you will be given a license upon payment of a 10c fee.

Thank You!

The John Adams Glee Club would like to express its appreciation to The Holston Floral Shop for its cooperation and interest in the decorations for our Easter Musical. It is really wonderful to find such civic-minded persons who are interested in our Glee Club and its activities and who are willing to give their time and experience to help us. Thanks you again.

John Adams Glee Club

MRS. ROWE ELECTED 1949-50 PRESIDENT OF ADAMS P. T. A.

On March 22, 1949, the Little Theatre was the scene of the election of officers of the P.T.A. for the 1949-50 school year. Mrs. Devon Rowe will guide the destinies of the organization as its president.

The P.T.A. has two vice-presidents. Mrs. K. C. Bolesky was chosen first vice-president and Mrs. Floyd A. Gindelberger was elected second vice-president.

Mrs. David Williams, in her new role as secretary, will be in charge of keeping minutes of the meetings. The money will be taken care of by the new treasurer, Mrs. C. D. Weisert.

Mr. Sargent is a member of the board of directors. Others newly elected are: Mrs. C. E. Long, Mrs. Ralph Peterson, Mrs. C. K. Parker, and Mrs. C. W. Shulmier.

SPRING VACATION!

On Friday of this week, April 1, the classes of John Adams High School will be dismissed at 3:00 p.m. for the beginning of this year's Spring vacation.

Classes will be resumed on April 11 at the regular time.

This will our last vacation until summer with the exception of the holiday, Good Friday, on April 15.

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VOICE OF THE STUDENT—

(Editor's Note: Here are the opinions of a few students on the Student Council's idea of a recreation night for John Adams students).

I would be very much in favor of the student council's idea of one night a week recreation. I believe all the students would benefit from and enjoy this recreational night. I think all would appreciate the opportunity of coming to school for a few hours of dancing, playing ping-pong, and such recreation.

—Dot King

Not long ago student council members once again mentioned the idea of a recreation night. Most everyone seemed to agree that the idea was a very fine one.

A recreation night is a good time for students to meet and exchange their ideas on school and other activities. It is one of the best ways to create a better understanding with one another. Now that the basketball season is over, a recreation night would prove entertaining to many of us.

If each class or home room would co-operate with the student council, the task of starting a recreation night and making it a worthwhile pastime, would not be difficult at all. Everyone, I am sure, would profit from such a diversion.

—Mary Ann Jacobs

I think the Student Council's idea of having a recreation night once a week is wonderful. It would give the students an opportunity to get better acquainted with one another. Also, it would be one place that everyone would feel welcome.

As far as the activities are concerned, I believe that square dancing or social dancing are usually considered as fun.

But why not take a vote and let the whole student body decide what they would like to do.

—Jeanette Miller

THE GODS OF THE GATES

The ancient Romans worshipped JANUS, the two-headed god who tended gates. Our word janitor is derived from this Latin word while the Romans worshipped their JANUS, we should appreciate our janitors. They come early to unlock the gates, work steadily to keep our school clean and in good order, and stay late to lock the gates after all others have left.

Truant officers fuss to keep us in school, but the janitors are always ready to chase us home at 4:30 (and when you get home, what stares you in the face? More school work!)

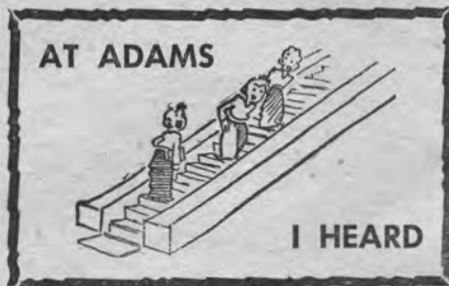
When we visit older high schools, we are reminded of how lucky we are to have a new building with modern facilities, such as light-colored cheerful walls and ceilings, combination locks on our lockers, and no step worn into hollows by decades of patterning little feet.

Our janitors work hard to keep our school in the good condition as it is now. They sweep up wads of paper we accidentally drop, keep us cozy, and wash tiny fingerprints from walls and windows. Come to think of it we have some pretty swell janitors.

The least we can do to show our appreciation for them is not to cause the janitors any more work than is necessary and help to keep our school new. Let's give three rousing cheers for our gods of the gates!

—Jeanne Ingram

AT ADAMS



We hear that Marian Lory is again going steady with a Riley student. Better luck next time, Adams boys.

Dick DeMas and Allene White aren't going steady any more, but they are still dating.

Things seem to be getting awfully serious bewteen Jim Albright and Shirley Gross.

It is reported Bonnie Zeider and Ned Stanton are getting along fine.

Shirley Putnam is the proud bearer of an I. D. bracelet. Joe Plott's, no less.

Added to the growing list of "steadies" are Dick Booth and Rosie Kelley.

Ginny Holland has been seen quite often lately with Don Truex.

Are Ken Dillon and Mary Swingendorf still admiring each other from a distance?

Is it true that Carol Crowe is no longer going steady. We didn't think that would ever happen.

Wouldn't it be easier to go over to see Maxine, Bud, rather than keep the telephone out of circulation for two hours?

DeVon why don't you give Mary Alice a chance? You don't want her to join the Lonely Hearts Club do you?

At last Jack Silvius and Phyllis Vermillion are hitting it off together.

SPRING VACATION OR AN APRIL FOOL JOKE?

Since I was told Spring Vacation started April first, I've been looking forward to it more each day. Yesterday I looked at the calendar to see how many more days until April first, when I noticed a big red ring about that date. Let's see, why is April first so important? Is Vaughn Monroe coming to town? No, Do I have a date with my favorite dream boy? No, Now I remember, April first is April Fool's Day. From previous experiences I have come to dread that date. Take last year for instance; my little brother said a "real nifty boy" was at the door who wanted to see me. After practically overhauling my wardrobe I walked to the door and found a sign that said "April Fool." I was one! And then of course, there was the time I spent a half hour trying to get a quarter up off the sidewalk not knowing someone had glued it there.

It's little things like these that have made me wonder — does Spring Vacation begin on April first or is that just another April Fool's Joke, too?

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DRAMA CLUB TO GIVE ACT FROM THE TORCH BEARERS

The Drama Club is going to give as its annual presentation a play from the second act of The Torch Bearers. The play will be given for the student body at an assembly some time in the near future.

Mr. James Lewis Cassady will direct the play with the aid of a student director. Miss Kaczmarek will be the faculty production coordinator.

Tryouts were held March 21 in the little theatre. The cast is:

Miss Nancy Fell
 (Eileen Finnegan)
 Miss Florence McCricket
 (Jean Ingram)
 Mrs. J. Duro Pampinelli
 (Judy Riggs)
 Mrs. Paula Ritter
 (Sharon Cotherman)
 Mrs. Clara Sheppard
 (Sylvia Turner)
 Mr. Hurley Hossefrosse
 (Bob Bartol)
 Teddy Spearing
 (James Tartar)
 Mr. Spindler
 (Harold Heeter)
 Stage Manager
 (LaMar Worley)
 Mr. Ralph Twiller
 (Tom Smithberger)

CLASS OF 1950 TO ORDER JEWELRY APR. 1

All members of the class of 1950 at John Adams may order class jewelry April 1. Mr. Harry Berg will be taking orders in the Boys' Athletic Office any time after 8:00 a.m. on that day.

Boy's rings will be \$10.50; girl's rings \$9.25; pins and guards \$6.30; and necklaces \$6.90. A \$3 deposit must accompany each order.



Wednesday, March 30
 Gymnastics Exhibition in Auditorium
 Thursday, March 31
 Bicycle Registration
 Basketball Banquet, 6:30 p.m.
 River Park Methodist Church
 Friday, April 1
 April Fool's Day
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 Monday, April 11
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HE WHO LAUGHS LAST, LAUGHS BEST ON APRIL FOOL

by
Bob Wegner

It's a strange thing, but every April Fool's day try as I will I can't think of a good joke to play on someone. It's heartbreaking to see all these witty fellows pranking like mad, when all I can do is laugh at them. Now for those of us who have this trouble I shall attempt, after much research, to compose a list of the "Best April Fool's Tricks."

First, I have a constructive joke that might not have immediate appeal, but believe me it will have definite maddening results. In home room you could get everyone in the class to be quiet and study. After five minutes of such deadly silence I guarantee that any teacher will be blubbering and talking to himself. Here is a good place to apply the very effective principle of the quick switch in the form of loud talking, eraser throwing, and pencil sharpening.

After being so successful in such a group project you will no doubt want to try your hand at an individual one. Along these lines we have such tricks as the decoy pocketbook, the old hat gently placed over a good, hard brick, or the "Get up, Junior, it's time to go to school" trick. These, however, are pretty old and therefore not too effective. Gee, it's going to be hard to get an original one. Maybe will have to settle for peppered gum. I've got it! Since April first is on Friday, tell all your friends you're going to have a big birthday party at your house that night. Then when they all get there you can tell them it isn't a birthday party at all, but an April Fool's party! It might be a little expensive but, boy, will it be a joke on them!

Anyway, have a Happy April Fool's Day!

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SH, MASTERMINDS IN THE MAKING IN CHEMISTRY CLASS

Brrr! The bell rings and everyone rushes from the hall into 206 — the domain of our nuclear physicist, Mr. Paul Reber. The class members fall into their seats as Reber reads the names of the dim-wits who forgot to pull their pegs out of the attendance board.

Reber shouts, "Quiet, morons! I shall proceed to expound concerning the author's brilliant deductions on atomic science. As usual, the author doesn't know what he's talking about, so you'll have to use the Reber methods."

Reber begins the lesson by muttering to himself amid the deafening roar of the classes' discussion of what happened last Friday. A shriek is heard from the front of the room. Reber announces, "This is dangerous! If you don't listen to me there may be a horrible accident!" shaddup! Silence reigns until he begins to talk about the lesson again. Then the usual conversation starts all over.

After a while, all the topics of the day have been talked to death and the class decides it's experiment time. Retiring to the rear of the room the most foolish fool in the class realizes he forgot his lab key. He pleads with Reber to open up shop — at the cost of 5c. Before long everyone has the apparatus set up and things perking or boiling over. Just as the troop of "undergrade Edisons" is hovering on the verge of an "Adams-shaking" (literally) discovery the bell rings and the class tramples over Reber in their innocent childish enthusiasm, leaving only the battered remains — a martyr to the interests of science — Mr. Reber.

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To make speed tests more important students in Miss Puterbaugh's typing II classes had a contest to see which class could get in the most tests. The fifth hour class won by one test over the third hour.

There's more than one way of getting your home room's attention Uh — Mr. Reber, even if you have to use your cap gun.

Since their sophomore year Miss Puterbaugh's home room has been promised a coke party if there was a week of perfect attendance. Last week it finally happened. The seniors enjoyed their cokes and pretzels last Tuesday morning.

Contrary to the usual procedure in Social Living classes the second hour class discussed Mr. Goldsberry's personality.

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Long ball is another modified game of great interest. In this game there are two bases, home base and long base, which is placed beyond the pitcher in a position corresponding to second base in regular baseball, but not nearly so far away. Pitcher and catcher take the usual positions, but the other players scatter about the field. Every hit is fair. There are just three ways of putting a player out:

(1) by catching a batted ball before it touches the ground; (2) by tagging a runner between the bases with the ball; (3) by hitting the runner with the ball while off base. A batter has three strikes only, but is not put out if the catcher catches a missed third strike; he must be touched or hit with the ball before he reaches long base. There may be any number of runners on long base at the same time, but there must always remain one player at home to bat, otherwise the side is out. A runner may not return to any base after he has left it to run home. In running home he may be allowed to run zigzag over the field. There may be any number of players on a side. Scores are counted as in baseball, and three outs retire a side.

Just as there is a game called indoor baseball, a game known as playground ball, so is there a game called indoor football, or it may be played outdoors and called playground football.

The field may be of any convenient size. A goal is set up or marked off at each end of the field. A good way to set up a goal is to put up jumping standards with a string or stick across them. To score a goal, the ball must pass between the

ADAMS G. A. A. BASKETBALL TEAM



Pictured above is the G. A. A. Basketball team. The girls played four games, winning two and losing two, to Washington Clay and Niles, respectively.

Over-all high point girl was Dee Dee Davis with 34 points. Pat Rohrbach was second with 22 points and Carol DeClark was third high with 11 points.

The girls are, left to right: Back row, Vivian Hartter, Rosalie Heilman, Bernadette James. Middle row: Sandra Goller, Carol DeClark, Johanna Jaffee, Doris Holderman. Front row: Carol Cameron, Delores Davis, Pat Rohrbach.

standards and under the string. Simpler goals may be devised; or even simply marking off the field to indicate space where the ball must be forced through, will serve the purpose.

A basketball or volleyball may be used. There may be any number of players on a side. The ball is put in play by being tossed up on the center as in basketball, or by being faced as in hockey.

The ball may be thrown, batted, kicked, dribbled, or rolled. There are no boundaries and the play is continuous until a goal is made, unless stopped by scrimmage, held ball, or foul. In case of a scrimmage or held ball, the ball is put in play again by being tossed up. Running with the ball, holding, and tripping are fouls. A foul scores one point for opponents. A goal counts two points.

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By

JOHN HORVATH

Some 15,000 people jammed the Butler fieldhouse Saturday, March 19, to witness one of the greatest spectacles in Indiana basketball activity. The 1949 state tournament brought to a close the four week play event which started with 779 teams.

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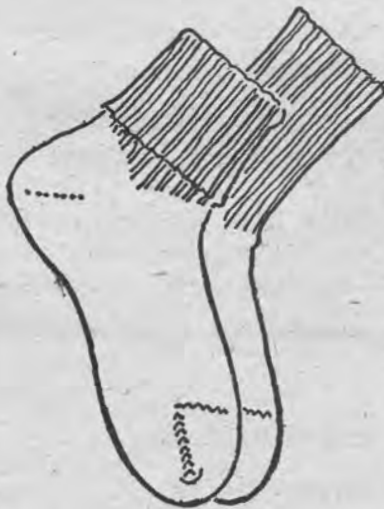
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