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## SHULMIER AND SCHWIER TAKE VALEDICTORY HONORS

Mary Louise Schvier and Janet Louise Shulmier are the co-valedictorians at John Adams, and will receive the jeweled scholarship pins upon graduation. Both received 97.5 averages, both have taken college preparatory courses, and both have been accepted by Northwestern University. Janet is as yet undecided between the career of dentistry or teaching. Mary Louise will prepare to teach. Both students have been very active in extra-curricular activities.

The salutatorian, Kathryn Louise Cawthorne, maintained a 97.10 average. She has been accepted by Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, but her vocational objective is not definitely decided.

From the class of 209 graduating seniors, 12 have earned gold pins, 9 have earned silver pins, and 40 have maintained an average above 90. Most of these students have completed typical college preparatory programs. Several have, in addition to the pre-college course, a major in Industrial Arts, Business Education, or Home Economics.

## ROBERT GROSS BEST AFTER-DINNER SPEAKER

Bob Gross, Adams Debate Club president, took first place in an after-dinner speaking contest held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Mishawaka on March 24.

The Adams Debate Club attended a banquet held in honor of this year's debaters after which the after-dinner contest was held. Bob Gross, speaking second, gave a very amusing talk on "Comic books in the American Family" which won him first place in the contest. Second place was awarded to Tom Thorson of LaPorte, who spoke on "Profound Alcoholics in Debating."

The six schools taking part were: Adams, Central, LaPorte, Madison, Mishawaka, and Nappanee. The banquet lasted from 6:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M.

The after-dinner first place award which rates 10 points brings Adams to a final fourth place standing for this year. The banquet officially closed the 1948-49 debate season.

## HI-Y SPONSORS ROOM FOR HEALTHWIN HOSPITAL

The John Adams High School Hi-Y, under the sponsorship of Floyd Dickey, has donated \$200 for a complete hospital room at Healthwin Hospital. Eighty-nine dollars was collected from the profits of the Adams eve basketball game and dance sponsored by the Hi-Y March 4. The remainder was taken from the Hi-Y treasury.

The room, which is in the new wing, will be completed next June. Hi-Y members will be free to visit it at that time. A plaque on the door will signify the donors and the date of the donation.

A delegation, consisting of Jim Sears, Bill Baranowski, Dick Boleski, Dennis Kuncie, and Dick Carlson, was taken on a recent tour of the hospital by the director, Dr. E. W. Custer.

## Heeter To Sing At Band Concert Tomorrow Evening

The John Adams band will present their annual Spring Concert tomorrow night in the auditorium at 8:00 p.m. The Nuner band will also play several selections.

The Adams musicians will play the pieces which they hope will win them a first place in the contest at Lafayette on Saturday. In addition a clever novelty featuring Harold Heeter as vocalist will be performed along with a brand new arrangement of Irving Berlin's old timer, Say It With Music.

Trombone solos will be played by Bill Cox and Jerry Ollman. Harold Heeter will play a marimba solo.

Admission will be 50 cents and tickets may be purchased from any band member. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

## SENIORS TO HEAR BENEFITS OF I. U. EXTENSION STUDY

On April 19, 1949, all graduating seniors will learn of the possibilities of securing a college degree at the Indiana University Extension Center.

Dr. Donald F. Carmony, director of the South Bend center will be the main speaker. He will inform the June graduates of all the possibilities of getting two years of college education at the center. Also on the program will be the counselor of the local chapter, Mr. Gerald Shannon.

## HI-Y IN ACTION



Left to right: Bill Baranowski, Dr. Custer, Dick Carlson, Dick Boleski, and Dennis Kuncie.

## CORNET AND FLUTE SOLOISTS RECEIVE FIRSTS IN CONTEST

Don Carson, cornet soloist, and Evelyn Troub, flute soloist, both members of the John Adams band "brought home the bacon" from Indianapolis on March 26, 1949. These two outstanding musicians and a saxophone quartet from Adams passed all the requirements to top their groups in the Class B division of the Indiana Solo and Ensemble contest held at the capitol city's Arthur Jordan Conservatory.

Don played his solo perfectly with only little details to be improved. The judge was very impressed at Don's performance and was helpful in his comments. Miss Troub played her "magic flute" unusually well and came through with a surprising triumph. The saxophone quartet came through with another surprise rating. They played unusually well in their contest participation.

Other results in the solo contests were: Bill Cox, trombone; Jane Gindelberger, flute; and Art Jones, baritone, all seconds; Jerry Ollman, trombone; and Carol Jones, french horn, both thirds. The clarinet ensembles both received seconds and the cornet trio turned in a disappointing fourth "plus" performance.

## Hessey and Helmer Win Geometry Contest

David Hessey and Fred Helmer are the John Adams winners in the local eliminations of the State Geometry Contest. They have received certificates from Indiana University in honor of their achievement. They are now entitled to participate in the contest to be held at Bloomington on April 30.

## WELL ROUNDED PROGRAM PLANNED FOR P. T. A. MEETING

Mrs. Devon Rowe will be installed as president of the John Adams Parent-Teachers Association for 1949-50 at the organization's final meeting of the school year on April 26. Other officers to be installed are: Mrs. K. C. Bolesly and Mrs. Floyd A. Gindelberger, first and second vice-presidents, respectively. Mrs. David Williams and Mrs. C. D. Weissert are to be secretary and treasurer for the coming year. Mr. Sargent, Mrs. C. E. Long, Mrs. Ralph Peterson, Mrs. C. K. Parker and Mrs. C. W. Shulmier comprise the board of directors.

Girls from the Clothing classes will present a prevue of their annual Spring Style show when they wear garments made by themselves. The Foods classes will provide the refreshments and will be responsible for the social hour following the meeting.

Mr. Dickey and Mr. Thompson will show colored slides of activities in the industrial arts department. Miss Roell will give an explanation of senior subjects in the field of Business Education. On display will be projects from the business classes as well as work of the Art and Industrial Arts classes.

Music will be furnished by an Adams parent, Mr. Howard A. Moore. Mrs. C. W. Shulmier, retiring president, will preside at the meeting.

## Lafayette To Be Host Of Musical Contest

The John Adams will be among the many participating organizations at the annual Northern Indiana School Band, Orchestra, and Vocal Association contest to be held in Lafayette on Saturday, April 23. The Nuner band will be the only other group from South Bend attending.

The band will open their contest quest with the inspiring march, Marcho Poco. Following that they will play an overture entitled Vanguard. To end their contest performance the blue clad musicians will play Haydn Wood's brilliant Mannin Veen. This composition presents the woodwind section at its best. The first clarinets have to display magnificent ability in fingering and articulation. The cornets come in for their share of the orchids also in playing several outstanding passages.

For the past two years Adams has been host to the festival.

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April 29. Come to the  
Monogram Stocking Dance!

## MISSSES LENON, MACK AND FUCHTMAN GIVE VIEWS ON PRACTICE TEACHING AT ADAMS

John Adams High School has the reputation in South Bend of being the newest, most modern and most beautiful high school in the city. All of this is very true, especially if you are an Adams student or an Adams graduate. Adams was never more beautiful to me than the day I first heard that I was to do my practice teaching here under Miss Roell's supervision.

Mr. Sargent, Mr. Rothermel, Miss Burns, and many of the faculty have been very generous in welcoming me. Miss Roell, my critic teacher, has been most helpful in guiding and directing my student teaching of the Business Relations class. I am grateful to everyone for his kindness in making me feel so very much at home.

Perhaps you know that the class consists of twenty-seven boys and six girls. Needless to say, this situation is somewhat different from attending classes at Saint Mary's. The student are not unlike students of John Adams four years ago, except for the constant thought of war that was in the minds of students during those years is not with the students of today.

Student teaching is fun — especially in one's own school. I am particularly happy to be with so many old friends and to be making new friends at John Adams.

—Dagny Lenon

From the outside, looking in, I have always considered Adams one of the finest, most modern, and best equipped high schools I have ever seen. For this reason I was more than pleased to learn that my student teaching was to be done here.

However there is much more than the building to be considered in a general opinion of a school. The people who make up the school are far more important. Mr. Sargent from the beginning has been kind and generous in his efforts to make me feel at home. Mr. Goldsberry has not only been a capable and interested critic, but his advice, patience, and understanding have been a great help to me. Other faculty members I have met have been very friendly and cooperative. Last but not least is my third hour Social Living class. My contacts with the rest of the students have been small, but I fell sure that they share in the qualities of my class which is outstanding as far as cooperation, attention and a desire to learn are concerned.

—Mary Jo Mack

What do I as a student teacher think of John Adams High School? I think the students here are among the finest I've ever met. They are courteous and thoughtful of others. I noticed the friendly spirit the first day I came to John Adams — not only in student relations but also in student-faculty relations. I appreciate the opportunity of doing my practice teaching in such a modern school building with so many facilities for learning.

—Carolyn Fuchtmann

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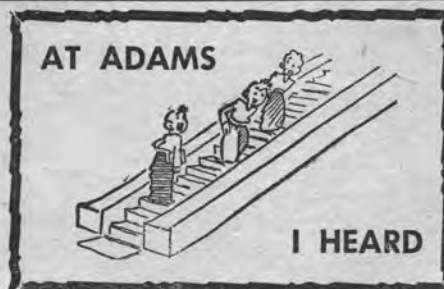
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Bets and Gerry are still going strong! Too bad, you Barkowski lovers!

We heard that Keith Arenz and Jeannie K. are still having a great deal of fun in interior decorating 6th hour.

For some reason John Helvey just can't get Mary Lou Taft off his mind.

There is a certain little girl named Ruthie who sits in first hour study hall just dreaming. Could Dick D. have anything to do with it?

It seems Adams doesn't rate with Bob Wegner. His latest flame is Anne Hicks from Central.

I wonder why Marge Leslie goes skating all the time. Maybe it is because of George.

Pat Denyes and Dan Rich seem to have favorable opinions of each other.

Who is this boy from C. C. Tish McCarthy is so interested in?

We just can't keep up with Carol Crowe. We hear she is again going steady. With Frank?

It seems that the name Beth attracts Hugh Baldus. Only this time it's Beth Hodge from Jefferson.

Barbara Turk has been seen with a handsome fellow from Valparaiso College. His name is John Branfield.

Beth Smithberger is having a terrible time trying to decide between Bob N. and Dick S. (from Culver).

Janice Hoover and George Feldman still have that "love light" in their eyes for each other.

Ray Tepe has been dating a nice little girl from Riley named Shirley Wagoner.

Rumor has it that Betty Keller from Central has Rex Edward's ring.

Jane Tarr has been dating a certain John. Gee, tell us more, Jane.

A surprise couple are Sharon Cotherman and Steve Kierein. They look awfully cute together, too.

What is this we hear about Dan Miller and Shirley Selig?

We hear Bill Hudson has a "best gal." Who is the lucky one, Bill?

New couples seen during vacation:

Jean Faulhaber—Bob Bartol  
Maria Casasanta (St. Mary's — Bill Weatherly

Eva Shoemaker is having a difficult time deciding between Jay Miller, Carl Long and Gary Puckett — all from Nuner.

Nancy Orzech is looking forward to getting that lovely dandelion corsage that Dick (Bothast) has promised her.

No civilized person ever goes to bed the same day he gets up.

Richard Harding Davis

## How Wonderful To Be Back In School And Rest

by

Janice Cronkhite

Sunday evening, April 3, I sighed in peace and contentment at the thought that there was no school the next day — and the next — and the next and so on. Spring vacation at last. No homework, no ties that bind — why for a whole week, I was to be free as a bird — er — bird. That's what I thought, poor disillusioned fool that I was. I didn't notice the fiendish grin on my mother's face.

Monday morning I was gently awakened, that is, pulled out of bed and pushed under the cold water faucet, by the sweet, loving soul known in my household as "Mother." Half drowned, I pulled myself out of the sink and asked what the occasion was. I was informed that since I had a Spring Vacation, I would also have Spring Housecleaning — beginning now — today. Out of the corner of my eye, I saw my dreams of sleep and peace drifting out the window. Oh well, no rest for the wicked, as Miss Kaczmarek would say.

The next week flew by in a cloud of dust, scrub brushes, and buckets. The last day, I was awarded the S. D. S. C. (Scrubwoman's Distinguished Service Cross) plus the Purple Scrub brush for wounds in action. The casualties were as follows: two blistered hands — from charging into numerous strongholds of cobwebs, armed only with a broom, two wornout knee caps — from wiping out a garrison of footprints on the kitchen floor, six large bumps on the head — from attacking the dust entrenched under the bed and one broken arm — from falling off a ladder in an attempt to clean the lookout posts.

Sunday evening, April 10, I sighed in peace and contentment at the thought that there was school the next day and the next and the next and so until summer vacation. I was at last to be given the rest I had so long deserved — with only a little homework every night.

## EASTER BUNNY BRINGS — TWO MEN PRACTICE TEACHERS

On April 12 the American Literature and Social Living classes had a new experience. For the first time in the history of John Adams these classes have men practice teachers.

The American Literature classes are fortunate enough to study under Mr. Joseph Drennan of Indiana University and formerly of South Carolina. Mr. Drennan, veteran of nearly three years service was with the Eighth Air Force in Europe. He plans to continue teaching in Indiana after receiving his license.

Mr. Robert Quimby, senior at Indiana University and veteran of six years service will teach the Social Living classes.

Bits  
by  
Betty

According to Harold Heeter, "It seems that none of us have too great a thirst for knowledge to become intoxicated." Could be!

Bob Gross gave his winning after dinner speech in Social Living class. Now, I can see why the judges unanimously voted it first place.

After Bob's speech Mr. Goldsberry had to confess he didn't know who Al Capp was. Could it be, you don't read the newspapers, Mr. Goldsberry? Tsk, tsk.

Jim Lefler told Miss Puterbaugh he was taking paper cutting V and VI when he was caught cutting up a newspaper during home room period Friday morning.

Golden Gags by Goldsberry:

Are young people old-fashioned enough to kiss?

We are not all as fortunate as a doctor because he has an undertaker to cover up his mistakes.

Mr. Goldsberry also warned all the girls that Mr. Quimby, his "would-be halfback" has been married four years.

## OLD MEMBERS GET CANDY AND FLATTERY FROM INITIATES

The Library Club held its semi-annual initiation for eleven new members March 9. The day of the initiations the candidates had to part with their curls and wear their hair straight. As they met an old member of the club they had to offer them candy and bow and repeat these words: "I, who am lowly and vile wish to address you, oh great one!"

Those who went through the ceremony are Delores Mahler, Pat Coswell, Joyce Coffman, Norma Eddy, Doretta Martin, Loretta Blanton, Carol Whalen, Margot Tretheway, Margie Haumesser, Shirley Bourdon and Janetta Baker.

"What parable," a teacher asked a pupil, "do you like best?" "The one," replied the pupil, "about the multitude that loafs and fishes."

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But now — now we study Health and Social Living. Now your dream man will no longer waste time murmuring sweet nothings in your ear telling you how beautiful you are — instead he'll say, Tell me, Honey, has there ever been any insanity in your family or do you just act that way and what is this they tell me about your great grandmother on your father's side? If there's nothing seriously wrong, he'll marry you.

Now when junior misbehaves it's not that he's bad, it's just that he is emotionally over wrought due to contrary influences in his psychological make-up because of discord in his environment. He didn't smash the grand piano and hang the cat to be mean — why, he simply has no control over those things.

Time was when the only worry expectant parents had was whether or not it would be a boy. Now they ask themselves "will it have two heads? Will it have three eyes? Will it be green? Will it be able to see, hear, speak? Will it have all its marbles, or should we reserve a berth at Longcliff now?"

Today we can't pass an illness off as the result of gnomes, witches, goblins, and such. Now its cancer, hemophilia, typhoid, measles, chickenpox, mumps, T.B., and a thousand and one microscopic monsters causing death and destruction that even the scientists can't find a name for.

To quote a corny phrase; "Life gets tedious, doesn't it?"

—Norma Rush

A hole is nothing at all, but you can break your neck in it.

Austin O'Malley

## TASHLING & BAUERNUM'S CIRCUS PERFORMS ACTS DAILY

So you didn't know Adams had a circus? Well, I am not surprised, it is seldom advertised. Around here we call it the Tashling & Bauernum Sisters' Circus. It gives six performances daily in the auditorium. Probably the most popular attraction is the monkeys who swing on ropes. Some of them can swing by their feet and pick up paper wads with their hands. The puppets add grace to the show. They can be seen weaving back and forth to a waltz or skipping along to a polka.

Every circus must have tight-rope walkers, but ours has tight-ladder walkers. They parade across a ladder stretched lengthwise through the air. It is rumored that there will be someone trained to ride a scooter across the ladder for next season. This is probably just another "publicity stunt" actually.

The next stop on our trip around the grounds is at the contortionist's tent. Here one can find weird creatures so tangled that they can sit on their own laps. Any resemblance between these and normal human beings is purely coincidental.

Yes, it is really quite a show, but this is only part of it. To see it all you must drop in someday. You will be welcome at any one of the performances.

Balcony seats give a perfect view, and may be had by all "freelance" study hallers who care to drop in. Collection plates may be found at all exits; the money from which will be donated to the V.F.W. (Victims of Floor Wounds) and ineligible 4 F's, otherwise known as M.D.'ers.

A convention speaker once remarked. "There are three things I have never wanted to be: the front pew in a church, the third verse of a hymn, and the last speaker on a convention program."

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## Seniors Make Plans Now For The Spring Prom

Seniors, hurry, you only have thirty-seven days left to get your date for that grand finale of high school dances — the spring prom.

The chairman, Betty Granat, has announced the prom will be May 27 at the Palais Royale. Arrangements have been made for Bobby Wear's orchestra to furnish the music.

The committee, Marian Driver, Connie Hudson, Ona Applegreen, Bob Gross, Merrill Donoho, and Dennis Kunce are busy working out a theme appropriate for the forty-niners.

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## HUKILL WINS KIWANIS AWARD; PRESENTED AT ANNUAL BANQUET

by  
Bob Bartol

Amid roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, scalloped corn, and strawberry shortcake served in honor of the 1948-49 John Adams team at the annual basketball banquet, the last official comments of this season for the Eagles were stacked away as history. This banquet, the eighth in the history of the school, was probably the most successful. This was the first banquet for Coach Harry Koss and climaxes a year of basketball in which anything could happen and most of it did, a milestone in Coach Koss's career and a mark on the history of John Adams basketball. I dare say this was a year Coach Koss will remember for a long time — his first year at John Adams as a coach.

The banquet was held at the River Park Methodist Church. The invocation was given by the Rev. Carl C. Bossee. John McNamara served as toastmaster. The John Adams string trio furnished dinner music. Immediately following the dinner, the toastmaster introduced the guests of honor at the head table. They were: Robert Walker, Fred Helmen, Frank E. Allen, and Coach Harry Koss. The coach introduced the other guests of the evening. They were Rupert Ferrell, Jack Scott, William Mueller, Dave Gallup, Joe Boland, Frank Crosier, Charles Stewart, Victor Wukovits, Wayne Wakefield, and Clare Holley.

Coach Koss then proceeded to say a few words which centered about the theme that you get out of something just exactly what you put into it and those willing to work a little harder than required will be the successful ones. The 1949-50 captain Marlin Miller was then introduced. Don Truex, this year's captain, said a few words on behalf of the team. Gordon Nelson, coach of the "C" squad introduced the "C" squad and then in turn introduced their parents. This procedure was followed by Rollo Neff who introduced the "B" squad. Harry Koss followed with the "A" squad.

Roland Obenchain, Jr., presented the Kiwanis Club award to Henry Hukill. Mr. Rothermel paid tribute to the team on behalf of the school in the absence of Mr. Sargent who was detained in Chicago at a meeting.

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## DAUGHERTY AND JURCIK PLACE IN INDOOR CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 26, 1949,  
Notre Dame Fieldhouse:

A rather weak John Adams track squad beat a 5 point Riley squad to finish 8th in the Northern Indiana conference indoor track and field championship. Adams captured two places in the ten events to bag 6 points. Those places were Ben Jurcik's second in the 440 yd. run and another second in the broadjump by Bill Daugherty.

Three new records were set in the meet, one by Archie Adams of Fort Wayne North Side who ran the 60 yd. dash in 6.3 seconds. This record is only a 10th of a second off the collegiate Purdue relays meet record. Other records were established by John Benjamin of Mishawaka who put the shot put 51 ft., 4 1/2 inches, and Elkhart's Eugene Hany won the mile in 4:38 for still another. Fort Wayne North Side's Redskins came through with eight points in the pole vault just in time to barely win the conference meet. The Fort Wayne team won five first places and several seconds and thirds to achieve their narrow victory.

### TEAM TOTALS

Ft. Wayne North	52 1/5
Mishawaka	51
Elkhart	34 2/5
LaPorte	31
South Bend Central	25
Michigan City	16 1/5
South Bend Washington	7 1/5
South Bend Adams	6
South Bend Riley	5

The program was concluded with a speech and a few jokes by Forest Wood, director of health and physical education for the School City of South Bend. He described the history of basketball and told stories about the days "way back" when he used to play basketball.

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AS I SEE IT

By

JOHN HORVATH

Track is now in the spotlight here at Adams and all over the city. The eastern division of the Northern Indiana High School conference indoor track and field championship meet was run off at Notre Dame field house. The Fort Wayne North Side's Redskins came through with the number one honors with a total of 52 1/5 points. Close behind them came Mishawaka with a total of 51 points. Adams finished eighth in a field of nine contestants. In the first heat of the 440 yard run, Ben Jurcik finished with a second. In the broad jump Bill Daugherty also placed second. These two placings gave Adams their total of six points earned in the meet.

In the event three conference indoor records fell, as nine of the 10 member schools battled for honors. Archie Adams, North's speed specialty, broke the sixty-yard event in a stiff 6.3 seconds. In the shot put Mishawaka's John Benjamin threw the shot some 51 feet 4 1/2 inches for a new conference record. In the last record breaking contest Elkhart's Eugene Hany won the mile in 4:38.

Commissioner L. V. Phillips of the Indiana High School Athletic Association announced that there have been various suggestions of how to improve the basketball tournament. One of the suggestions was to divide the schools into four groups and have separate tourneys and that the winners of the divisions then fight it out for the state title. Another was that only teams fielding basketball, football and track teams be eligible for the basketball tourney. There has been no discussion of the proposals. In

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MONOGRAM STOCKING  
DANCE?

my opinion neither one of the proposals should be passed. The first one will limit the competition into four different groups and where the stronger teams exist there would be stronger competition than in other tourneys. The second one in my opinion should not even be brought up for discussion because some of the smaller teams should have equal opportunity as if they were a large school.

Golf candidates have had a few business meetings but no opening practice has been started. Willie Alexander, rookie tryout, will prove a great contender for even such players as Ben Hogan, noted professional.

Baseball candidates have also opened with practice on the diamond. Many veterans will return for another year of competition. They are Phil Smeltzer, Don and Dick Truex, Dave Hyde, Bill Cox, Jim Nevins, Joe Plott, Jim McClusky, Henry Hukill, Mac Bussert, Mel Edgerton and Dick Bennett.

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