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## Jr. Red Cross Council Pack Chest

### QUALIFICATIONS FOR INDUSTRIAL ARTS AWARDS

#### P. T. A. And Studebaker UAW-CIO Awards to Be Given

Since 1945 Industrial Arts awards have been given to members of each graduating class for outstanding achievement in that field. At the senior assembly on May 31 the two awards will again be given—the P.T.A. award and the Studebaker Local No. 5 (UAW-CIO) award.

The P.T.A. award is based on nine points which are:

1. A major in the field of Industrial Arts
2. Achievement
3. Initiative
4. Originality
5. Care and respect of tools
6. Cooperation
7. Dependability
8. Respect of superiors
9. Safety habits.

The Studebaker CIO Award is given to the senior having eight credits in Industrial Arts who has excelled most in that field. This CIO Award is given to one boy in each of the South Bend and Mishawaka High Schools and the five then compete for a \$100 set of tools.

In the four years of competition, one Adams student, William Carter (1947) has won the coveted tool set.

### JUNIORS PLAN SECOND STARDUST CAFE

The class of 1950 has been busy as bees for the past few weeks making plans for the second annual "Stardust Cafe." The date has been set for Saturday, May 14 at 8:00 p.m. The Adams Dance Band will play and the atmosphere will be cabaret style with tables arranged at the north end of the Little Theater and ample space for dancing provided near the stage.

Marlin Miller is in charge of all committees. Working with him are these chairmen: Dorothy DePree and Carroll Dickinson, entertainment; Shirley Rogers, publicity; Joanne Kissell, tickets; Pat Sells and Ken Tennyson, decorations; Don Haefner, card tables; Nancy Watson, refreshments; and Mel Edgerton, waiters.

Tickets will be on sale May 10, 11, and 12. They will first be sold to members of the class of 1950. If the quota is not reached senior A's may then purchase tickets.



In the picture above are a few of the students who helped pack the Junior Red Cross School Chest. Margaret Bolden, Betty Gudates, Christyne Scott and Nancy Campbell are standing behind the chest. Barbara Brecht and Betty Granat are seated.

### AMERICAN CULTURE CLASS TOURS STUDEBAKER PLANT

One hundred thirty-three students from the American Culture Classes were taken on guided tours through the Studebaker Manufacturing plant on Monday and Wednesday, April 18 and 20. There were four trips each of which lasted half a school day.

The students were shown through the Administration Building, the body plant, assembly lines, the transportation dock, and many of the other important individual links in the manufacturing process. They were particularly interested in the dynamometer, the "torture rack" on which the new designs and materials are tested; the sewing room (which incidentally disillusioned them concerning the size of our own home economics department) and the final assembly line from which seventy finished cars are released every minute.

The visitors returned from the plant, somewhat travel-worn but bearing a much fuller conception of the labor and planning involved in modern production.

### BEGINNING TYPIST HAS OUTSTANDING SPEED TEST RATE

Johanna Jaffee, a beginning typing student at Adams, recently typed sixty-two words a minute on a five minute speed test. There were only four errors on the paper.

Johanna, a sophomore A, is an honor student. She has been consistently outstanding as a Typing I student.

### WARSTLER AND CARLSON TO HEAD GLEE CLUB NEXT YEAR

The John Adams Glee Club has elected its officers for next year. The names of the new officers were announced at the Glee Club party, April 21. They are as follows: President, Dick Carlson; Vice-President, Lois Warstler; Secretaries, Sue and Joe Green; Treasurers, Jean Ingram and Marty Weissert; Librarians, Janice Cronkhite and Jeanette Mueller; Business Manager, Dick Brueseke; Robes, Mary Earl, Nancy Hastings, Bob Bartol, and Rex Edwards.

John Meyer, Sylvia Lerner, and Carroll Dickinson were elected to the Advisory Committee. Besides these three, all members who were up for election and defeated will be members of the Advisory Committee. This will include Dick Bole-sky, Nancy Watson, Jean Gooley, Jean Koenigshof, Kay Frauenthal, Dave Williams, Marva Tanner, Cora Lou Owens, Jack Filley, Ed Ashley, Paul LaMar, Bob Pfaff, Kelly Kindig, Sharon Chambers, and Bill Daugherty. The Tower reporter is still to be appointed.

### IN APPRECIATION

The John Adams Junior Red Cross Council wishes to thank Mr. R. E. Kenton of the J. C. Penney Company for his aid in the purchasing of items to fill the chest for European relief.

### CHEST TO BE SENT TO EUROPEAN SCHOOL CHILDREN

The Junior Red Cross Council has completed the packing of the gift chest for school children in Europe. The Lincoln Junior High School manual arts class constructed the wooden chest according to specifications given by the local American Red Cross chapter.

The approximate cost of the contents of the chest was \$100. The money used for the purchasing of the contents was provided by the local American Red Cross fund, which handles the contributions of the Junior Red Cross enrollment drive held each year.

The council was divided into four committees. Bob Pfaff headed the committee which purchased a soccer ball, pump, softball, and other facilities for amusement.

Margaret Bolden and Barbara Brecht supervised the purchasing of the items for the first aid kit which was constructed by one of the boys in Mr. Dickey's industrial arts class. Rosalie Fragomeni, Betty Gudates and Betty Granat made arrangements with Mr. R. E. Kenton, of the J. C. Penney company, for the purchasing of towels, wash cloths, tooth brushes, toothpaste, combs, and other necessary articles of good grooming.

Hassenfeld Brothers, Incorporated of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, where Mr. Kenton ordered some of the school supplies sent paint boxes, protractors, penholders and points as a gift for the European relief.

Norman Burke from Mrs. Lee's art class lettered the chest.

### ANNUAL VOCAL MUSIC FESTIVAL ATTENDED BY CAPACITY CROWD

The city-wide vocal music festival held in the John Adams Auditorium last Thursday evening, April 29, was the most unusual yet.

The audience was seated in the balcony while the students from grade and junior high schools used the auditorium floor as a stage for their lively folk dances. The stage setting resembled the sun.

The grand finale held on the stage, Tchiakowsky's "Hymn to the Sun" climaxed the program with Jackie Des Lauries, of Central, dancing among the vocalists on the stage.



## BE YOURSELF

Personal make-up and environment are the two things that make you different from everyone else. Someone may act as you do, talk as you do, or think as you do, but no one does all these things exactly as you do them. No two people have the same environment. Even identical twins, A and B do not. After all A has B for a brother while B has A for a brother. This whole thing is what makes the world interesting. How dull it would be if everyone were alike, and how convenient it would be if all people liked the same things.

For this reason everyone should try to cultivate the talents he has, and in so doing be natural; however, many people repress their own personalities by trying to assume the role of some idol. Charm and poise are developed by being yourself and not by attempting to be what you can never be—someone else.

## Prejudices

Voltaire said, "Prejudices are the kings of the vulgar herd."

Prejudices are formed in our minds from the time we are able to understand speech. We absorb these prejudices from mis-informed persons who have had these presumptions from the time they also were youngsters. We could not believe these prejudices if we knew the truth about them.

Misunderstanding, fear, and jealousy are the foundations of most prejudices.

Some have prejudices against the negroes because they misunderstand them. The truth is that negroes have the same feelings, beliefs, desires, and needs as we. They believe in the democracy of our country and the freedom of our people. They believe in God; they want love, happiness, security, a family, and freedom from fear. They need homes, good jobs, and enough money to support their families and keep their homes.

Some of us are afraid of negroes; therefore, we form prejudices against them. We are afraid they will take our jobs away from us. We are afraid they will move into our neighborhood and thereby lower the price of our property. We are afraid negroes will become our equals. Scientists have proved that all men are created equal, no matter what their race, color, or creed may be. Therefore, there is absolutely no basis for our fears of what may happen. All we need to do is recognize what has happened.

Many prominent negroes have proved their worth to our civilization through their outstanding achievements. In the last eighty years, negroes have improved themselves immensely in many ways, though hindered by persons who would not give them a chance.

Lincoln freed the negroes by law, but they are still slaves in the hearts of many people.

## John Adams Tower



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## GLEE CLUB GROUP ATTENDS CANTER'S ST. MARY'S RECITAL

Laurette Canter, accompanist for the John Adams Glee Club gave a recital last Monday evening in St. Angela's Hall on the St. Mary's College campus. She played a varied program in two parts. The second portion was a two-piano arrangement with Maryrose Heckrone at the second piano.

Miss Canter opened her concert with three sonatas by Scarlatti. Following these she played two Schumann-Liszt compositions, Dedication and Spring Night, Andante et Polonaise by Chopin, Prelude by Rachmanioff, The Little White Donkey by Ibert, and Toccata by Khachaturian. These all preceded the intermission.

Following the intermission Laurette combined her talents with those of Miss Heckrone as they played Rachmanioff's Concerto in F-sharp Minor.

Laurette has been playing the piano for thirteen years and has taken lessons at Saint Mary's for eight years. Her teachers at the present time are Professor Podolsky and Sister Monica Marie.

Besides being accompanist for the Adams Glee Club, she accompanies the St. Mary's College Glee Club. She was guest soloist with the South Bend Symphony recently.

## Y-TEENS OF CITY SPONSOR DANCE AT ERSKINE CLUB HOUSE

The Y-Teen Clubs of the four high schools in South Bend are sponsoring the "Starlight Fantasy," a semi-formal dance, at the Erskine Club House on Friday, May 7.

Y-Teens, who graduated in 1948, are being sent invitations, and all high school students are welcome to attend.

The tickets, which are selling at \$2.00 per couple, must be purchased at one of the high schools. No tickets will be sold at the door. The committee at Adams in charge of tickets is headed by Barbara Taylor and Betty Ann Fisher.

## The Senior Calendar

Thursday, May 10

Senior Play Assembly

Friday, May 27

Examinations in afternoon classes

Senior Prom — Palais Royale — 9:00 p. m.

Bobby Wear's Orchestra

Sunday, May 29

Baccalaureate—4:00 p. m.

Tuesday, May 31

Senior Examinations in morning classes

Senior Awards Assembly 1:40 p. m.

Senior Punch 3:30 p. m.

Wednesday, June 1

Senior Class Picnic

Tuesday, June 7

Commencement

## ATTENTION SENIOR A's YOUR "TRIP" IS SHOWING!

Say! what's this I hear about some unmentionable person arriving at the station (6:30) with hair in pin curls and all done up in a mud pack? What price beauty?

Another thing, Nancy Feragen, how did you feel when a vendor on Maxwell street asked you why you didn't buy your husband, Kieth Arenz, an overcoat—as the one he was wearing was shabby.

I guess we could type Betty Fisher as the frail delicate woman. She got sick after leaving Maxwell Street.

And say! guess who made like love birds! Bob Jones and Shirley Selig—no less! With only six fellows on the whole trip—Shirley what's your technique?

Also Susie Biastock bought a little toy in Marshall Fields. All for herself, she said. It was a little duck that quacked when you pulled it along by its red string. Isn't that sweet? The only thing wrong, Susie can't understand why people laughed at her as she pulled her "adorable little duck" down State Street.

Say Pat Roessler! What a villain you are! Throwing ice water on Jack Allen! Aren't you ashamed of yourself?

Incidentally none of the girls wore high heels. Also Mr. Goldsberry is wearing his right arm in a sling.

## WHAT'S DOIN' IN THE ADAMS HI-Y

The date finally set for the appearance of Doug Monahan, Boys Work secretary of the Illinois Y. M. C. A. and authority on Boy-Girl Relationships, is May 26 when he will be the speaker at a morning assembly program. The assembly will be from 8:35 to 9:10 and during that time Mr. Monahan will speak (and perhaps open the assembly to questions if there is sufficient interest). Mr. Monahan will also speak at the Hi-Y noon meeting. Doug Monahan is a veteran of many Boy-Girl Relation conferences. He has also written some books on the subject.

New Initiates Class "Graduates"

For six weeks, from ten to fifteen applicants, for Hi-Y memberships, have been attending "class" from 8:00 to 8:25 in the basement of the Library. They received instructions about Hi-Y. They have had two tests and have had numerous essays to write. They will receive their "diplomas" and be initiated into the club the third week of May at an all city initiation to be held at the First Methodist Church in South Bend.

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## OLD-TIMERS EXERT PRESSURE ON NEW GLEE CLUB MEMBERS

Had you noticed certain students limping about with traces of lipstick and mascara on their faces? For the benefit of you who have not heard, the truth is that these students were victims of the "old" members at the Annual Glee Club Initiation Party, which was held April 20 in the Little Theater.

A potluck was featured, also a beauty contest in which the "new" boys made-up the "new" girls. Judge of this contest was Mr. Pate. The boy that made-up the girl who was chosen got a special prize—Laurette Canter was given the honor of making him up and believe you me he was something for the books!!!

Last but not least, a truth or consequence game was conducted. One of the weird results of this game was two people blindfolded who were forced to feed each other a half pint of milk. Messy wasn't it!!

The party was a huge success due to the efforts and cooperation of all the Glee Club members. Those who were the heads of special committees were Dave Gibson, arrangements; Lois Warstler, food; Kelly Kindig, Dick Carlson and Dick Bolesky, games; Laurette Canter, Dave Gibson, John Myers, and Mary Earl, Initiation.

Special guests, who are invited annually, were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Pate, Mr. and Mrs. Galen Sargent, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rothermel.



### THURSDAY, MAY 5

Poor Work Notices

### FRIDAY, MAY 6

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### SATURDAY, MAY 7

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### MONDAY, MAY 9

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4. The Summer Session provides the freshman an opportunity to get his initial taste of university work under optimum conditions. Classes are smaller and are usually taught by the more experienced faculty members. Libraries and laboratories are not overcrowded.
5. Young men who enter the University immediately and who attend continuously may thereby be well advanced in their university training before they become liable for military service. This may be an important factor in securing preferment during training or in establishing eligibility for deferments.
6. High school seniors who enter the University immediately and who attend continuously may graduate in three years. This acceleration is particularly attractive to students who need to be earning a salary as soon as possible. One entire year can be saved.
7. Students who are planning to enter professions which require a prolonged period of training, such as medicine, dentistry, and law, can accelerate their entrance into the professional school by summer school attendance.

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## ADAMS BAND RECEIVES SECOND PLACE AT LAFAYETTE

A travel-weary John Adams band returned to South Bend on April 23, 1949, after playing in the State Competition Festival in Lafayette. Even though the band played against much larger bands, it earned a second place.

The band played in the Jefferson High school gymnasium. The acoustics were such that it was hard for the players to hear sections of the band other than their own. Hence it was difficult for the different sections to stay together. However the main discrepancy was intonation.

The band played Mannin Veen by Haydn Wood, Vanguard by Frederic Curzon, and Marcho Poco by Moore.

The Nuner band won a first place award and Muessel also received a first.



"What impressed you most about your Studebaker trip?"

Evelyn Estes—the molten steel and the whistling workers.

Don Carson—the highly specialized jobs done.

Art Jones—the forge.

George Feldman—the ultra-lazy workers.

John Meyers—the employees in the body shop were having an all day card game.

Andy Smithberger—the molten steel being poured thinner than water at a temperature of 2850 degrees.

### PROPOSED SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1949-50

Tues., Sept. 6.....	Principals' Meeting
Wed., Sept. 7.....	Teachers Report
Thurs., Sept. 8.....	Pupils Report
North Central.....	Oct. 27-28
Thanksgiving.....	Nov. 24-25
Christmas Vacation.....	Dec. 21-Jan. 3
Spring Vacation.....	March 31-April 10
Memorial Day.....	May 30
School Closes.....	June 2

## Neighboring News

**CENTRAL:** The Senior play at Central is going to be an English farce on horse racing called "Dandy Dick." Mr. James Lewis Cassady will direct the play which is to be given at 8:00 p. m. May 20 and 21 in the Central auditorium. Jackie DesLauries, Marty Pettit, Gloria Kemp, Eleanor Kaskix and John Pauszak have the leading roles.

The Biology class, under the direction of Mr. Arthur Smith visited Chicago on April 23. They visited the Field Museum and the Shedd Aquarium and stopped on the way home at the Dunes State Park for supper. Thirty-five students took the trip.

**MISHAWAKA:** Last Friday the band, orchestra and glee club gave their 18th annual spring musical in the auditorium. All the performers were at their best and the entire event was a success.

Over at Mishawaka there is held every year a Latin week to encourage more students to take Latin. The climax of the week will be a Roman party.

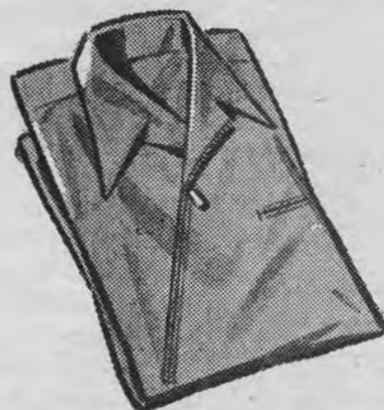
**RILEY:** The Dramatics class produced a highly successful play "The Would be Gentleman" by Moliere last Friday and Saturday. Vincent Nastasio took the leading role, Sally Sailor was student director and James Lewis Cassady supervised.

The Orchestra and Glee Club gave the annual spring festival and concert in the auditorium last Thursday. Several of the alumni performed solos with the orchestra.

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## ADAMS LAST IN TRIANGULAR TRACK MEET AT GOSHEN

Goshen, Indiana, April 21, 1949: At this stage in the track season, it looks as if the John Adams Eagles are not as strong as we would like them to be. They have come in last or close to last in almost every meet in which they have participated. This might be due to two factors. Either the Adams squad is weak or else the rest of the teams are exceptionally strong this year.

At Foreman Field in Goshen the Eagles placed a third and again a last. S. B. Central, Goshen, and Adams composed the meet with Central walking away with most of the honors. An enlightening fact about this cinder and dirt trial is that Adams captured three out of thirteen firsts. Jurcik won the 440-yard dash, with Comal placing first in the broad jump, and Jurcik, Borne, Randt, and Zensinger winning the mile relay. Central took eight firsts, while Goshen was able to place second or third in most of the other events. Adams is strong in a few events but seldom places higher than third or fourth in contests. This accounts for the Eagles low number of points.

ADAMS	21
GOSHEN	44
CENTRAL	72

## ADAMS TRACKSTERS FAIL TO PLACE IN MEET

Tupper Field, Saturday, April 23, 1949: Mishawaka pulled the thoroughly unexpected by walking away with an easy first with Central, Riley, Washington, and Adams participating. The Maroons ran away with seven first and one tie to rack up a total of 75 points. They collected a large margin by cleaning up in both relays for 20 points. The Eagles staggered in fifth with 14 points. Adams was out front for three laps in the mile relay but lost out to the Maroons in the back stretch. An unexpected victory for Mishawaka was the first place in the 440-yard dash in which Jurcik was slated to win, but Stan Ross came through in 52 seconds flat for a new Mishawaka school record. In the 880-yard relay the Maroons took an early lead and never relinquished it. Central was only able to capture two firsts.

MISHAWAKA	75
CENTRAL	39½
RILEY	21
WASHINGTON	15
ADAMS	14

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## LINKSMAN AT EIGHTEENTH HOLE



Above is pictured the Adams golf team. Left to right they are Marty Weissert and Westly Habart. In the back row are Fred Helmer, Dick Moore and Bob Gross.

Coach Kermit Thompson's golfers engaged in two more matches last week. The first against Riley ended in defeat, 8-4. Marty Weissert carded an 84 over the Erskine course, but could only salvage 1 of his 3 points as Riley's number one man shot an 83. Dick Moore, "Shumokin" Habart and "Ace" Gross tied for second with 92's. The line score:

Strope (R) beat Weissert (A) 2-1; Anonymous (R) beat Moore (A) 2-1; Habart (A) beat D. Seese (R) 2-1; Benson (R) beat Helmer (A) 3-0; Gross (A) beat B. Seese (R) 2-1; and Grimshaw (A) beat High (R) 2½-1½.

A match against ultra-powerful Laporte was played by the Eagles, with their new rain-jackets, in a driving downpour. Wesley Habart managed to salvage a point for Adams when he sank a long putt on the 18th green. Weissert was low man with 87.

A match with Central Catholic was played last Thursday at Notre Dmae but the deadline prevented holding this article for details.

AS I SEE IT

By

**JOHN HORVATH**

It looks like a pennant for the Adams baseball team this season. The rampaging Eagles started out with two victories in two starts. The first was at the expense of Washington while the second came from Central. In the first game Don Truex took the mound and went the distance for the victory. The final score of 14-3 was a picture of the power the Eagles possessed to give them fourteen runs. The second game was a thrill-packed affair with Adams finally winning out in the thirteenth inning by a 2-1 score. Hank Hukill pitched a great game all the way and did not walk one man in 13 innings. Phil Smeltzer handled the catch duties.

The Eagles now possess one of the strongest mound staffs in the history of the school. Prominent members include Don Truex, Hank Hukill, Bill Cox, Jim Nevins, Dick Bennett, and Mel Edgerton. Handling the catcher's duties will be "Tony" Smeltzer. Phil has a good throw to second base and also is a fast runner. In the first two games

Don Truex hit well up in the .600.

The twin city track meet was run off last week at Mishawaka. The Mishawaka Maroons compiled a total of 75 points to give them a well-deserved first place. The most the second place team could score was 31½ points. This honor goes to the Bears. Our own John Adams finished last with a slim total of 14 points. Ben Jurcik took a second place in the 440-yard run. Conroy of Adams took fourth in the broad jump. The Adams track team took second in the mile relay and third in the 880-yard relay.

Action comes hard and furious since the gym classes have moved their battle grounds to the out-of-doors. Various forms of contests include softball and football. As a spectator viewing the game played by the girls in the fourth hour gym class, it proved to be quite a pitcher's duel. Seeing about 30 runs scored without an out, proves the girls know a little about softball.

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## HUKILL WINNING PITCHER IN ADAMS-CENTRAL GAME

Coach Neff's much improved baseball team defeated the strong Central Bears team 2-1 in a thrilling 13 inning ball game. Hukill allowed six hits while Central's pitcher Allen allowed 9 hits.

The game started with a 0-0 tie until the top of the 13th when things really began to pop. Fodge for the Bears laid a bunt down for a base hit, gained third on an error and took home on a long fly by Klapp, the catcher for the Bears.

Adams went to work in their half of the inning when Dick Truex walked, went to third on his brother Don's double and came home on Hyde's long fly. Allen, the Bears pitcher, threw an overthrow to third and Don Truex scored for the winning run.

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