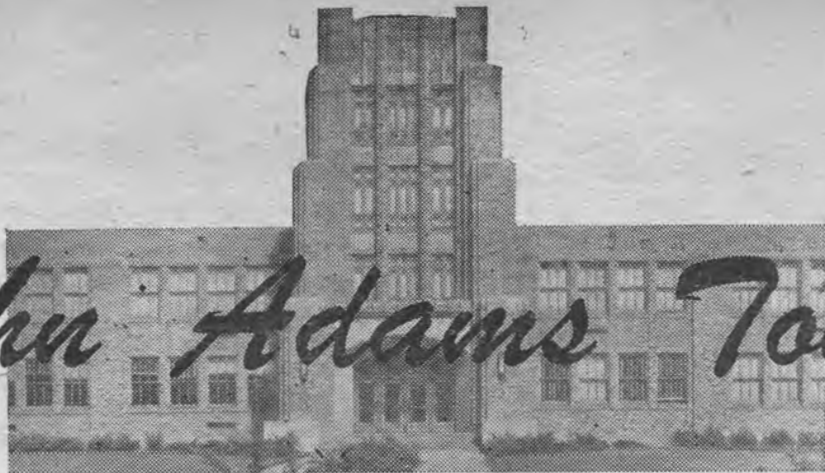


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JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

May 18, 1949

NEW STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS



Richard Bennett, a junior A, has been elected to head the 1949-50 term of the Student Council. He will succeed Jerry Freels, outgoing senior, as president of the organization.

Other officers chosen in the election held on May 2 are as follows: Marlin Miller, vice-president, to replace James Sears; Joanne Green to take the place of Lois Warstler as secretary; and Suzanne Green as successor to Phil Layman, treasurer.

The accomplishments of the outgoing council include the completion of the John Adams handbook (for new students), the adoption of an award system for council members, the starting of the noon milk sales in the Little Theatre, and the Dribble Dance presented at the close of the LaPorte basketball game on December 10.

The council and officers elected are planning an active season filled with worthwhile projects next year. With the combined efforts of so many capable people focused on its welfare, the student body should benefit a great deal.

DREAM COMES TRUE; GLEE CLUB ORGANIZES THE TRAVELING CHOIR

For many years Mrs. Pate has wanted to organize a traveling choir and this year that step has been achieved.

It has always been an honor for the Glee Club members to sing at outside programs but it was always very difficult to choose the members who should go when the invitation did not call for the entire group. The Traveling Choir solves this problem.

To determine who should belong to the traveling choir tryouts were held. Those who wanted to be in the Traveling Choir sang in quartets and those who could sing in tune and blend the best with the other members were chosen. This gave the members of the Glee Club who have more talent and who study more on their music an opportunity to learn more songs and it also provided the opportunity for them to sing at outside programs.

Besides the Traveling Choir a boys' double quartet has been organized this year. This smaller group of boys is comparable to the Triple Trio. They have been invited to sing several times for outside programs and we feel they soon will be in demand as much as the Triple Trio.

STUDENTS DO MORE THAN STUDIES

We are approaching the end of another school year at Adams and the end of another year for the clubs. All of the clubs have had at least one project this year and they deserve all the credit they have earned.

We have one of the finest glee clubs in the city and they have given us many entertaining programs this year. Not only did the Glee Club give school programs, but also evening concerts and they sang for several different outside clubs.

Drama Club had three big projects this year. Last fall they had the fine production of "Captain Jinks of the Horse Marines." This winter they helped with the "Disc Jockey Show" given for the benefit of crippled children and recently gave "The Torchbearers," a one act play for the student body.

This year the Debate Club won seven debates and lost seven. Bob Gross, the president, won first place in after dinner speeches. The majority of the debaters will remain for next year's season.

The Adams Album staff has been working industriously on the year book which will be distributed soon. The Album Advertising Staff spent the year getting adver-

CLOTHING CLASSES TO PRESENT BIG TOP PARADE

Step right up folks! See the beautiful girls in their gorg-e-ous costumes free! The Big Top Parade, the biggest little fashion show in the world will be presented by the clothing division of the Home Economics department at 8:00 p.m. (DST) on May 26 in the auditorium. Clowns, fat ladies, music, and the latest designs straight from the salons of Mles. Puterbaugh, Stitt and Lee.

The entire programme will be run by students with the aid of the Home Economics faculty members.

The committees are as follows: Programs, Mary Ann Swindeman, chairman, Marian Szlanfucht, Ona Apeltgreen, Shirley Gorsuch and Phyllis Lovelett; Patrons and Hospitality, Joan Stombaugh, chairman, Joanne Screes, Connie Hudson and Joan Heddens; Ushers, Dot DePree, chairman, Shirley Gross, Pat Denyes and Sharlee Cissel; Stage, Mary Nold, chairman, Joy Campbell, Barbara Swanson, Bonnie Zeider, Dick Bedore, Gene Miller, and Dick Russwurm; Music, Norma Lebo, chairman, Katherine Cawthorne and Mary Walker; Publicity, Rosemary Kelly, chairman, Eileen Finnegan, Barbara Brecht, Margaret Boldon and Karen Hennings.

Martha Swintz will act as master-of-ceremonies, and Virginia Holland as ringmaster.

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tisements to help pay for the year book.

Library Club members help students find books or references not only during school time but after 3:30 as well. Someone is always there to check out a book or help you in some other way.

The Hi-Y has been very active this year. They sold pencils and were the co-sponsors of the Easter Program with the Glee Club. They also furnished \$200 for a new room at Healthwin Hospital.

Last but not least is our own Tower Staff. Each week reporters write articles, girls type them, then Miss Roell and the staff compile the articles so that every Wednesday you get a paper with the latest news.

All these clubs have done fine work this year and next year should be just as good, so why don't you all try to take part in at least one of these clubs next year?

PARTRITZ AND HALEY WRITE SENIOR PLAY

Tomorrow morning during activity period the senior play will be presented. The play written and directed by Pat Haley and Joan Partritz is called "49ers Frolic."

The cast of characters is as follows:

Joan Inglefield—Pat; Jerry Freels—Jerry. High school students.

Tom Smithberger and Beverly Brooks—An Indian couple.

The 49ers—Myra Roberts, Dave Gibson, Don Crawford, Nancy Ferguson, Eileen Finnegan, Tom Barth. John Bowman—Jerk.

Harold Heeter—Prospector.

ADAMS FUTURE TEACHERS OBSERVE TEACHING METHODS

Last Friday, May 13, the Future Teachers of America were given an opportunity to observe experienced teachers at work.

The students visited the kindergarten, primary and intermediate grades at McKinley, Nuner, Jefferson, Perley and Lincoln Junior High Schools.

The afternoon session which began at 1:30 was a general meeting at Central Senior High School. Here the questions and comments of the future teachers were discussed from the observation sheets they had filled out.

Dr. Margaret Lindsey from Indiana State Teachers College and Superintendent Frank E. Allen were the principal speakers at the afternoon session.

The John Adams students who attended were: Jane Gindleberger, Edward Conray, Richard Nidiffer, Bud Parker, Edward Ashlèy, Marcia Dausman, Merrill Donoho, Kay Wenthaul, Johanna Jaffee, David Hessey, Phyllis Moxley, Robert Pfaff, Mary Swingendorf, Nancy Thomas, Delores Trisinger, Marva Tanner, Phyllis Vermillion, Georgia Lackman, Allene White, Jayne Davis, Mary Earl, Joanne Kissel, Marian Hulbert, Shirley Rogers, William Netzel, Martha Swintz, Elliot Weiberg, Eileen Haines, Betty Cierzniak, Gene Wright, Margaret Bolden, Eileen Finnegan, Pat Haley, Ben Jurcik, Mary Louise Schvier, Janet Schulmier, Jean Stull, Joanne Screes, Robert Trimble, Rolland Follendorf, Jerry Freels, Carol Anderson.

SENIOR PROM THE GOLDEN MIST

May 27

Palais Royale

THE ATTEMPTS THAT FAIL --

We've all heard the expression, "Better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all." I'm going to attempt to say how well this maxim fits the "hearts and flowers" department — it may be good advice, then again it may not. It's a mighty good (and practical) bit of philosophy though when taken out of the realm of romancers by the substitution of the little words "tried."

Better to have **tried** and **lost** — better to have run the mile and crossed the line a minute later than the winner; better to have struck out than to be a "Grand Stand Babe Ruth"; better to fail to make that grade in geometry than to take whatever you can bluff through with and be satisfied.

Trying and losing out is the hard way. It demands a lot of effort and an equal amount of suffering. Attempting something, even though you know it may be beyond your capacity, and taking the results on the chin demands a lot more backbone than most of us have.

Too many of us are ready to sit back as spectators and criticize the actions of the few who are brave enough to "try." What we fail to realize is that in the long run we are the ones who are losing out. When those people who tried have been molded by their experiences into personalities with stamina, foresight, and initiative, the rest of us will still be floating around in a herd with the other more or less colorless individuals of society.

— Lois Warstler.

WAKE UP AND LIVE -- WITHIN YOUR MEANS

Did you ever try to make a budget, or worse, did you ever have to stick to a budget? Perhaps not yet, but you will, you careless, happy-go-lucky teen-ager — you will begin to do just that as a 12A when Mr. Goldsberry embarks on his attempt to teach you to live "socially."

In most cases Mom and Dad have done a pretty good job of footing your bills for food, clothing, shelter, movies, dates, and gifts (not to mention the thousand and one little "extras"). There is soon to be a reformation in your household. You don't have to look too far into the future now to see that great day you have been dreaming of for so long — your graduation day — the day that is supposed to set you free and take away all the bounds that prevent your doing the things you have had to forego in the past. It is with this thought in mind that the "Wiser Management of Money" chapter is included in the Social Living text.

Complete freedom from worry? Maybe you haven't thought much about it yet because you have been so dependent on your folks, but has it ever occurred to you that as soon as you graduate you will probably have to work — that you will have to support yourself or learn to make the budget stretch for two? It sounds simple, but don't let that fool you. It might be a good idea to start saving now for those years that are rolling around so fast. Now there is only one person you need worry about, in most cases, and that one is you. There will probably never be an easier or a better time to start saving than right now.

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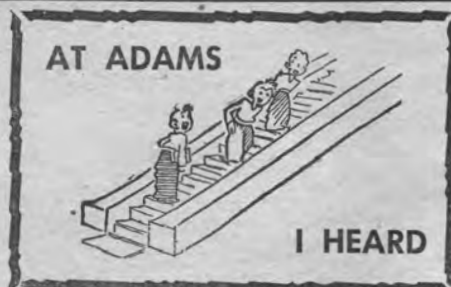
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In spring a young man's fancy turns to . . . this column indicates "girls."

The steady column lists **Bob Fitterling** and **Mary Ellen Lahey**; **Harold Knightlinger** and **Rosey Szabo**; **Lincoln Marx** and **Lois Swartz** (Central); **Jerry Coker** and **Lee Castleman** (Central).

First dates, second dates, and many dates can be counted by: **Neil Van Houten** and **Betty McDonough**; **Mark Young** and **Sheila Fitzsimmons**; **Frosty Layman** and **Carol O'Brien**; **Jim Lahey** and **Pat Cassidy**; **Tom Smithberger** and **Mary Swingendorf**; **Wes Habart** and **Fay Williams**; **Dennis Kunc** and **Dot DePree**; **Dan Rich** and **Pat Denyes**; **Bob Hertel** and **Carolyn McIntyre** (Riley) and **Pete Smith** (Riley) and **Barbara Nolan**.

Shirley Putman broke up with **Joe Plott** and has been going with **Keith Hall** quite often lately.

Shirley Gross has been receiving mail from **Bill Hatfield** of the United States Army.

Joyce Timothy is still carrying the torch for **Bill Stout**.

Chuck Shindollar is debating whether or not to ask **Eleanor Hemmer** (St. Joe Academy) to the Prom. You mean there's a question in your mind, **Chuck**?

Why does **Jeanie Kifowit** always sing "Bella, Bella Marie?"



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Letters Show Monogram Clothing Drive a Success

Editors Note: These letters were written to thank John Adams students for the clothing sent to German people. The clothing was collected by the Monogram Club.

January 14, 1949

Dear Billmann:

Through the social agency of Berlin-Tempelhof, I received a relief package in the name of the Gratagspende (This might be something like a veterans' organization or UNESCO). In the pocket I found your card with the address to which I am sending this letter to acknowledge the receipt of the package. I send you my heartfelt thanks for the jacket. The gift arrived at the right time for in the year 1945 I was completely bombed out. I lost everything I owned, worked and economized for. My wife was wounded in the bombardment of Berlin and died of the wounds. During all these worries I suffered a stroke, and my whole left side is paralyzed so that I cannot go on with my work. I was formerly branch manager of a bank. Now I live in Berlin-Tempelhof, American sector. I am very grateful to you and your fellow countrymen for your generous and dear aid. I hope that sometime we may show our gratitude through deeds. Right now of course we are very poor, tired, and upset.

Please write to me sometime. Should you be interested in views of Berlin, I should be very glad to send you some postal cards.

Again I thank you from the bottom of my heart and send you my most respectful greetings.

Paul Schulze
Berlin - Tempelhof
Hoppnerstrasse 1,
Germany

Berlin
March 4, 1949

Very much honored Mr. Adams:

Through the welfare organization (Carloog) I am the possessor of the skirt that you sent. It fits me very well and I should like to thank you for it through this letter.

I am fifteen years old and am a member of the youth organization of the St. George Evangelical church. Through this organization I received the skirt. Since in Berlin textiles are very rare, it arrived just at a good moment because I grew out of my other clothes.

I go to the commercial school where I am learning English, but unfortunately I cannot yet speak English perfectly because I am only a beginner.

In the hope that these few lines will reach you in the best of health, I remain.

Hannelore Damaschke

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MAY 27

Adams Experiments In Plastics — Turns Out Fashion Aids

In industry and in fashion circles plastics are setting the pace. Likewise, plastics is one of the most popular spots in the Adams shop.

This reporter was given an assignment on plastics: therefore, entirely illiterate on the subjects, the only way out was to see what was cooking in room 104. It just so happened that Dennis Kunce was "cooking" a piece of plastic in a hot oven. Truthfully however, he was heating the plastic as a part of a process called imbedding. Imbedding is only one of many things learned in plastics at John Adams.

An Adams student is first introduced to plastics in Crafts I when he starts out with the easy projects. It gradually gets harder until internal carving and machining is learned.

In the cutting and bending department, clever, fashionable zipper pulls are evidences of work done and a letter opener could be proof of twisting and shaping. In the imbedding line, lockets and watch charms are the most popular items made.

Imbedding is found in the fashion spotlight also. Belt buckles to match dresses can be made by cementing a piece of cloth between two pieces of plastic. It gives a snappy effect and a nice looking buckle for the new dress.

Internal carving is a mystery until ably explained by Mr. Dickey. Then one begins to see how little flowers, etc., can be placed inside a piece of plastic. Clever paper weights are made in this way.

When a student has taken machine shop, he is eligible to take machining plastics. In this phase of working, novel salt shakers and bud vases are made.

The shop is full of little trinkets and projects made by Mr. Dickey and his students of plastics. There are ice tongs in all colors, dimes imbedded in plastic, letter trays, picture frames, and many other articles.

Plastics in the John Adams shop is mostly in an experimental stage, but that is true most everywhere. Plastics are relatively new.

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CENTRAL: On May 5, the Central mermaids presented a water ballet. The performers did acrobatics to music in and under water. Swimming has become very popular with Central students.

James Lewis Cassady and the Advance Dramatics class are combining their talents again to produce "Grammar Guchans Needle." Tickets for the performance are 50c.

MISHAWAKA: Over in Mishawaka an open house has much significance. Friday (May 19) the annual open house will present a style show, exhibits in all the rooms, music by all the music groups and a demonstration by the Tumblers group.

The Student Council has taken a poll among the student body on the matter of enlarging the seating capacity of the gymnasium. As yet the results have not been determined.

RILEY: Still enthusiastic about their Austrian Friends, the Student Council has sponsored an Austrian Dance. It was held on Saturday, May 14. The proceeds will go to buy articles for their Austrian correspondents.

Two students from Riley, Mark McCoy and Ray Whiteman, went to East Chicago in the final track meet to compete with boys from all over the state.

The Spanish classes have prepared for their Spanish Fiesta. Every year they have entertainment with a Spanish and Mexican influence. The main attraction will be a bull fight.

Bits
by
Betty



Mr. Goldsberry has one comment on the Social Living trips: "The girls didn't wear high heels but the long narrow skirts were a handicap."

Jay Doub let the second hour social living class in on a scoop—he and the City Police Department know who has been starting the fires around town.

The posters advertising "the Golden Mist," this year's senior prom, were designed by Marian Driver.

David Gibson and Carlisle Parker have received certificates from Indiana University as winners in the sectional mathematics contest.

During Tower period last week we had two of the nicest visitors—Marilyn Feick and Arlene Fleischer, who were exchange students from Riley on Student Forum Day.

For first hand lessons in blushing consult Roger Bennett. He demonstrates the art very well each time he is called upon in Miss Roell's class.

Ben Jurcik wanted to know if he had to pay for a ticket to the prom. After all he said, "I'm a graduating senior."

All professional shuffle board players may be interested to know that Brownie's Snack Bar, across the street, is going to hold a shuffle board tournament in the near future.

Sox-Hop Success; Monogram Club To Sponsor One Yearly

The Monogram Club held its first annual Sox-Hop Friday, April 29. The John Adams swing band furnished the music. Approximately 150 shoeless people enjoyed the dance and helped the Club clear approximately \$60.

Ed Morris received a prize for the most original pair of socks.

The purpose of the dance, in addition to having a good time, was to raise funds to establish a Monogram Club trophy to be given in each of the four major sports. It is expected that the dance will be held each year with the same purpose in mind.

Standards for the award will be set by the coaches in each sport and each year the trophy will become the permanent possession of the boy winning it.

At this time only football, basketball and track will be recognized but it is the Club's hope to include all sports as soon as the funds warrant.

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Eight Eagle Hits Put Adams on Top of Slicers

LaPorte Slicers started things popping with two runs in the third inning. McCauley got on first with a base hit and come home on an error. Wade came home on a base hit by Hendrickson.

LaPorte's third and last run came in the sixth inning when Borden got a base hit, stole second and came in on a base hit by Kowalczyk.

Adams started out by tying the score in the second half of the inning with Smeltzer making a base hit and coming home on a three base hit by Hyde. Hyde came home on a two bagger by Dick Truex making the score a two "all" tie.

In the fifth inning Smeltzer, Frash, and Hyde shared the scoring honors. Smeltzer gained first on a one bagger, went to second on Frash's base hit and went home on errors. Frash gained home on errors and Hyde also went home on errors. The battery consisted of Hukill at pitch and Smeltzer at catch for Adams and Lichtblow at pitch and Wade at catch for LaPorte.

Hukill allowed 5 hits and Lichtblow allowed 8 hits.

Score by innings:

	123	456	7
Adams	002	030	0
LaPorte	002	001	0

HUKILL HOLDS ELKHART TO FOUR HITS IN EAGLE WIN

Coach Neff's Eagles started the game off with a bang with three runs scored during he second inning. Hyde, Frash, and Plott shared scoring honors for the second inning with Hyde hitting a triple. He came in on a dropped fly ball hit by Frash. Frash gained third on Joe Plott's single. The pitcher, Hank Hukill, laid down a sacrifice bunt and placed Plott on third. Plott came home when the Elkhart pitcher threw a wild pitch. The total runs scored during the second inning was three.

The fourth and last run for the Eagles came in the fifth inning when Hukill got a base hit and went to third on Smeltzer's two bagger, and came home on a steal.

The Blue Blazer's one run came in the fourth inning when Cook got on first on an error and stole second and third and came home on Talbott's one base hit.

The battery consisted of Henry Hukill at pitch and Smeltzer at catch for the Eagles and Davis at pitch and Pindell at catch for the Blazers. Hukill allowed four hits while Davis allowed six hits.

Score by Innings:

	123	456	7
Adams	030	010	0
Elkhart	000	100	0

AS I SEE IT

By

JOHN HORVATH

In baseball last week Hank Hukill pitched himself a swell game against the LaPorte Slicers. Hank allowed the visitors only five scattered hits in the whole game. The game was won by a 5-3 margin with Adams on the heavy end of the score. It was rumored that the Eagles lacked hitting power this season but in the game I saw them play there was no sign of hitting weakness. Dave Hyde proved to be the slugger of the team as he blasted out a timely triple and a single to drive in three runs. Others hitting in good form are Phil Smeltzer and Junie Frash. Another note of interest is that the starting lineup against LaPorte consisted of eight seniors and one junior. Also I would like to pass on the word that the Adams baseball games are admission free and everyone is invited to attend.

While glancing through the So. Bend Tribune I came across a section which brought information on one of the John Adams former students. Jerry Melser attended Adams, then Central before taking up residence in sunny California. Melser recently captured third flight honors in the annual northern California inter-collegiate college golf tournament held at Santa Cruz. It stated that professional hopes lie in reach for the former member of our student body.

The Northern Indiana High School Conference Track Meet was run off last week at East Chicago, Indiana. The much favored Gary Froebel walked off with the track and the field championship. Froebel finished with some 48 1/4 points while the closest score, 32 points by Gary Lew Wallace rated them a second place in the finish. Adams finished nineteenth in a field of twenty with a total point receipt of 3/4 of one point. Other South Bend team placings were as follows: Central, seventh; Riley, tenth; and Washington, fifteenth. The twin city team, Mishawaka, finished in number five position. The competition was thick and plenty in this event. Joe Gonzales, considered one of the fastest trackmen in Indiana, again walked off with a track record that lasted for some eight years. Joe captured the 220 yard dash in 21.5 seconds. Gonzales also helped his team place first by collecting four blue ribbons for first place. A two man battle raged all afternoon between Joe Gonzales and Archie Adams, both considered as really being track greats. Each man was trying to outpoint the other in the track events.

Kinsinger Places To Give Eagles 19th Spot In Conference Meet

East Chicago, May 7, 1949. — John Adams placed 19th in the Northern Indiana conference track and field championship by Kinsinger of the Eagles placing in a four-way tie in the high jump. The scores are as follows:

Gary Froebel	48 1/4
Gary Lew Wallace	32
Fort Wayne North	29 1/2
Hammond	22
Mishawaka	17
Gary Emerson	15
South Bend Central	10
LaPorte	10
Hammond Clarke	7 1/2
South Bend Riley	6
Elkhart	5 1/4
East Chicago Roosevelt	5
Michigan City	4
Hammond Tech	4
South Bend Washington	3
East Chicago Washington	2 3/4
Gary Horace Mann	2
Valparaiso	1
South Bend Adams	3/4
Whiting	0

Conference Standings As of May 9, 1949

	W	L	Pct.
Michigan City	2	1	.667
Central	2	1	.667
Riley	2	1	.667
John Adams	2	1	.667
Elkhart	1	2	.333
LaPorte	1	2	.333
Mishawaka	1	2	.333
Washington	1	2	.333

By this printing Adams will have encountered the baseball minded school of Michigan City. The Red Devils always have a good ball club and will go all out to win a game. The conference standings now stand at a four-way tie for first place and a four way tie for second place. Adams, Michigan City, Riley and Central are tied for first with two victories and one defeat, while Elkhart, LaPorte, Mishawaka and Washington have one win against two setbacks. A win by Adams over Michigan City will throw great hopes into the chances of winning the pennant.

P.S.: WE WON.

Adams Thinlies Drop Close Decision In Riley Track Meet

Tuesday, May 3, 1949. When the official score was tabulated it was found that Riley barely slipped by the Eagles with a score of 56 1/2 to 52 1/2. Adams won both relays but not with ease. They were both close with the 1/2 mile relay being won in the last yards. The 1/2 mile relay squad was composed of Weatherly, Zenzinger, Dickenson, and Kelly.

Gibson, Kensingler, Carlson, and Borne made up the mile relay team. Carol Dickinson again came through with flying colors in the high hurdles. Hoover jumped to a first in the broad jump.

The pole vault brought about something new in placing for honors. From the contest a four-way tie enveloped with Briggs and Smith of Adams tying with two Riley boys. The Eagles failed to snatch a first in the high jump but Daugherty picked up a second. Joe Howell scored a first in the shot put. The other first Adams captured was in the 220 yard dash where Zenzinger sprinted with Weatherly finishing second.

GOLFERS AVENGE EARLIER LOSS BY TAKING RED DEVILS, 7-5

Scoring wins in 3 of the 4 matches, the Adams team defeated Michigan City in a conference match at Erskine. The score was 7-5. All of the Eagles played steady golf, but Jerry Blech of Michigan City was low scorer with an 83. He won 3 points from Marty Weissert, the Eagles number one man. Dick Moore defeated Roeper of Michigan City 2-1, losing one point on the back nine. Wes Habart of Adams scored 3 points to Hartwig's none, and Bob Gross defeated Allison of the Devil's 2-1, losing a point on the front nine.

The victory avenged an earlier loss suffered at Michigan City. That contest also ended 7-5.

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