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JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL — SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

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STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR PHOTO CONTEST

An announcement has just been received from the Eastman Kodak Company that for the fifth consecutive year they are sponsoring the National High School Photographic Awards.

The 1950 contest closes on April 14. Any picture taken since May 7, 1949, is eligible for entry. No color pictures, retouched black-and-whites, or "trick" photos made from more than one negative may be entered.

The photos need not be anything elaborate. Pictures of school life and school activities are the types wanted.

Picture takers may submit as many photos as they desire in any of the four classes of entry. In each class, a first prize of \$100, a second prize of \$75, and a third prize of \$50 will be awarded. In addition to these prizes there will be a \$500 prize for the best picture in the competition, twelve special prizes of \$25 each, 48 honorable mentions of \$10 each, and 24 honorable mentions of \$5 each.

The classes of entry are as follows:

1. **School Life**—pictures of all sorts of school activities (except sports and athletics; see Class 3)

2. **Fine Art**—A special class for pictures made with artistic intent.

3. **Sports**—Action shots, sideline details, pictures of frenzied fans—any thing related to sports.

4. **Everyday Life**—pictures of life in your community outside school.

Official entry blanks can be obtained from your camera dealer. For further information, write to the National High School Photographic Awards, 343 State Street, Rochester 4, New York.

MILLER IS JUNIOR ROTARIAN

Marlin Miller, a senior A from Miss Law's room has been elected by the members of the five senior A groups to serve as Junior Rotarian for this semester.

Marlin is captain of the basketball team and a member of the senior cabinet.

CLUB NEWS

TRIP TO CHICAGO PLANNED

Definite plans are being formulated by the Drama Club for their Chicago trip. For this annual affair they have decided to see "Mad Woman of Chaillot" on April 15. To be assured a reservation all students planning to make the trip must have paid the \$12 fee by March 10. This assessment covers South Shore fare, theatre ticket and dinner.

Active work on costumes for the operetta has been started by the ladies of the PTA and the girls of the Drama Club costume committee. Other committees are being organized.

BASKET BALL AND SOCIAL BALL

Plans are in the making for the Hi-Y's annual project, "Adams Eve." The great event will come about March 3. There will be an intramural game, THE game between the faculty and the Hi-Y boys, a novelty act between halves presented by the now famous team of Meyer, Warrick and Company. A dance in the Little Theatre will follow.

Tonight another Hi-Y event is on the calendar. Don't miss the Swingheart Sway at the Palais Royale.

NEW CONSTITUTION

The boys of the Screen Club are busy adopting a new constitution. It is now being written in its final form and will be presented to school authorities shortly.

CASH AWARDS AVAILABLE TO POSTER CONTEST ENTRANTS

The Junior Tuberculosis League is sponsoring the county Tuberculosis poster contest for all high school students. The senior will be privileged by having their posters sent to the state contest to compete for an art scholarship.

Miss Inwood, our art instructor, has the details that may help you win a \$10, \$5, or \$3 prize. The purpose of this contest is to raise the standard of health posters and to increase the accuracy of information about Tuberculosis.

Beat the deadline. Take your poster to the Tuberculosis League headquarters downtown before March 6, 1950. Let's keep Adams out on top and show them that we have winners.

G. A. A. TO SPONSOR DANCE AFTER ELKHART GAME

The Little Theatre will be the scene of a victory dance following the Elkhart game on Friday, February 17. The dance is an annual project of the G. A. A. The girls have arranged that the John Adams dance band provide music for the occasion. Admission will be 50 cents per couple or 50 cents per person. All students are urged to attend.

Game Films to Be Shown at Meeting of Bald Eagles

All men interested in John Adams athletics are invited to attend the meetings of our Bald Eagle Club, the next of which will be held on Monday, February 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre.

At this February meeting, Coach Koss will show movies of our basketball games with Mishawaka and Alexandria. Mr. Koss will comment on the various plays while the pictures are being shown.

Refreshments will be served following the discussion.

STARDUST CAFE DATE SET FOR APRIL 22

The date for the American Culture Class Party has been set for April 22. Plans for the Party are, as yet, wholly incomplete, but it has been decided to carry out the general plan which has been successfully followed the last two years. The idea is to achieve a "cafe" atmosphere with reserved tables, dance floor, and a floor show.

The Junior Class will sponsor the party, with arrangements made through the Junior Board.

MARCH 29 AND 30 OPERETTA WELL UNDER WAY

The musical comedy to be given by the Glee Cub this year is "Wildflower" by Vincent Yowmans. The production is in charge of Mr. James Lewis Casaday. Mrs. Pate is musical director and Miss Kaczmarek is coordinator. The Drama Club is assisting with the show. Miss Puterbaugh and Miss Stitt are in charge of costuming. Mr. Thompson is the head of sets construction and Miss Inwood is in charge of painting sets.

As in all musical comedies the plot is light and yet involved. The story centers around Nina a fiery coquette who lives in the country with Luigi and his wife Lucia, who are her guardians. Nina enjoys her country home; Guido, a peasant boy, is in love with her and they're planning to be married in the spring. Suddenly Bianca, Nina's sophisticated city cousin, and some city friends interrupt Nina's birthday party. When Nina demands to know the reason for their intrusion, La Rotta, who calls himself "the legal eagle" of the law profession, explains that Nina's and Bianca's aged grandfather has just passed away and made him (La Rotta) executor of his will. In this will Nina is left the entire fortune providing she will move to her grandfather's city home and live there for six months without losing her temper. If Nina fails to do this Bianca inherits the fortune. The remainder of the play is devoted to Bianca's friends who try to make Nina lose her temper.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Nina—Carolyn Johnson and Jackie Clemmens.
La Rotta—Bob Bartol and John Meyer.
Gabby—Rex Edwards and Kelly Kindig.
Lucretia—(La Rotta's wife)
Mary Earl and Dixie Landy.
Guido—Dick Carlson—(Dick Brueseke-understudy)
Alberto—(Bianca's sweetheart)
Bob Pfaff—(Bill Tait understudy)
Bianca—Sharon Chambers (Shirley May-understudy)
Luigi—Dick Bolesky (Bob Thompson-understudy)
Lucia—(Luigi's wife) Dixie Landy and Sylvia Lerner.
Nicolena—Flora Mason

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Karma Kuehmerle (205).....Pat Ford (208)
Charlotte Kroeewitter (206) Eunice Rolfe (209)
Barbara Taylor (207).....Anne West (210)

Objectives of John Adams High School

To develop within students:

A—ATTITUDES

- I A respect for healthful living (See Dec. 9 issue for explanation).
 - II Helpful to the development of a progressive growth toward maturity (A wanting to grow up). (See Dec. 20 issue for explanation).
 - III Which will provide the incentive and the ability to arrive at wise judgments. (A desire to acquire the ability to make wise judgments).
 - IV Which will promote constructive citizenship. (A desire to become a good citizen).
 - V Which will develop positive social adjustments.
 - VI Which will build unity and loyalty in family relations.
 - VII Which will build a wholesome respect for work, and
 - VIII A pride in the accomplishment of work well done.
- (These objectives have been discussed in detail.)

B—SKILLS

1. Mental skills
2. Manipulative skills

- C Appreciation of: Beauty, artistry, culture, our heritage, the importance of the individual, equal opportunity, constructive leadership, law and order, freedoms of the United States, virtues, home and community, accepted social amenities.

It would seem that a growing lack of appreciation of the real virtues which produce satisfying living and fine people has been responsible for much of the ill-living which causes this generation so much anxiety and grief. Such fundamental virtues as unselfishness, integrity, and honesty have seemed to lose their worth, therefore, a new appreciation for these and other common homely virtues needs to be developed. One will more readily acquire what he finds to be of value and to be enjoyed.

Those persons creating homes and building communities in which they and their families are to live should appreciate the value these influences have in the making of men and women. Authorities say that much of the crime and delinquency with which we are afflicted is due to the destructive rather than constructive influences of the home and community. This is a negative outcome. The positive outcome should be that the home and community develop people who live happy, satisfying lives. An appreciation of what a truly happy home and a desirable community are should be developed.

One of the most difficult appreciations for young people to develop seems to be that of appreciating the accepted social customs and common rules of etiquette. These seeming restraints upon conduct are apt to be very irritating. However, if an appreciation can be developed that these social amenities have come into existence so that people may live together more graciously and thus more happily, perhaps their true worth will be more valued and the cost of acquiring them will not be found too high.

Appreciations are difficult to develop. Mostly they rub off from one person to another or they slowly develop from the collecting of knowledge and experiences.

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

ARE YOU CALM, COOL AND COLLECTED?

"Hey, John—lend me a pencil, will you?" "Jean, I forgot my math book. May I use yours next hour?" Does this line of chatter sound familiar to you? Sure it does. You hear it all around you every day. You often say the same things yourself. But let's stop a moment here. How often do you hear these words? "Here's your pencil, pal. Thanks." or "Thanks a lot for the use of your book, Jean." These phrases aren't heard so frequently, are they?

According to the dictionary, to borrow is to take something from a person with the understanding that it must be returned. Too many many times the "must be returned" part is forgotten. It's possible for your best friends to annoy you when they neglect to return the borrowed article. It's just as possible for you to annoy them when you do the same trick. Even the constant "Lend me this" or "Loan me that" is bothersome. Neglecting to return the borrowed articles to their owners is just adding insult to injury.

Perhaps the borrowing of a pencil or a book and neglecting to return them does seem insignificant now, but please remember this: You are forming, right here in school, the habits you will most likely use the rest of your life. Why not make them good habits?

Try to be responsible for your own books and supplies so that you won't have to be a borrower. If you simply must borrow something, return it as soon as possible along with the thanks required. You'll find that your friends' opinions of you will go up another degree and you'll be a welcome classmate instead of a dreaded one.

--Janice Cronkhite

WHOSE VALENTINE ARE YOU?

Have you plenty of red paint handy? No, you're not going to paint the town red or paint a barn. This is just a timely reminder that Valentine's Day is near. It's time to start painting big, splashy hearts around. Not necessarily with paint, but more with your words and with your actions.

Say "hi" to Mary; you know her. You know Jim, too. For goodness sake, speak to them—they'd like it. People are funny, they like to be recognized; they like to be liked. I bet you do, too. If you do, don't worry about it, most normal people do. It's fun to get together with the gang; to have a good time. It makes you feel all tingly inside to know that your presence is wanted, is needed for the sake of making the group complete.

So much for you, now, what about the other fellow. He's here, too. Why don't you start noticing him, someone besides yourself. He is going to start noticing you in return. So is everyone else.

Friendliness isn't hard to take, and it should be very easy to give. Others will benefit by your giving, of course, but you will do the most receiving, way deep inside. Don't forget, it's perfectly normal for one to say, "Will you be my Valentine?"--Beth Hodge.

Come on Juniors! The Sophomores Are Outdoing You

The 10B's continued to hold tight rein on their lead in the attendance race last semester. There seems to be a slight "civil" conflict, though: The 10B's from 106 succeeded in racking up a 98.37 per cent rating to crowd out the first period leaders, the sophomores from 206, whose rating dropped from 99.17 to 97.57 per cent.

By classes, the ranking is as follows:

1st period	2nd period
10B 98.33%	10B 97.05%
12B 97.26%	12A 96.88%
11B 97.02%	12B 96.66%
11A 97.01%	11A 96.65%
12A 96.82%	19A 96.48%
10A 96.48%	11B 96.14%

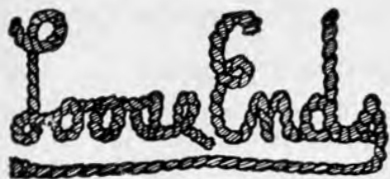
Last semester's attendance records were consistent with those of every preceding year in the school's history—the second period average dropped. In this case, the school attendance rating dropped from 97.36 per cent to 96.64 per cent.

ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETE FOR PRINTING YEARBOOK

Contracts have been awarded by the school yearbook, the Album, to the Pilot Engraving Company and to Peterson's Printers. The Album staff has tabulated the votes for Mr. and Miss Adams and the students will find the results when they receive their 1950 Album. Recently an artist from Pilot's conferred with the staff concerning the technical work and layouts for the book. The staff made a trip to the engraver's on Tuesday, January 31, to see the processes which the book goes through before going to the printer.

ELECTION

The Y-Teens held election of officers Thursday, February 2. Jane Gindelberger is president; Shirley Bourdon, vice-president; Margaret Haumesser, Secretary; Patty Fugate, treasurer; Katherine Null, inter-club council representative; Eunice Rolfe, publicity chairman.



For Sale! We have here at Adams the finest bottle of vanilla you will ever be able to buy. It is 60% pure and we recommend its fine flavor and economical price to all John Adams students or their parents. On the level! Have you heard Miss Stitt and her sales talk about the vanilla. The money from these sales will go toward a coffee maker. This coffee maker will be used at luncheons and school parties. Drop into room 203 between classes and take a look at it. Bring one dollar with you and allow Miss Stitt to sell you an 8 ounce bottle of 60% pure vanilla.

Gloria Ziker returned last week from a nine-day visit to Florida. Have you seen her beautiful tan?

Carol Bourdon has been walking down the halls with Chester Bussert. Just a new twosome!

The Seniors taking Social Living have realized by now that newspapers are not solely used to place upon the clean kitchen floor, but to read and learn what's going on in the world.

Next time you are on the second floor take a peek in room 204. We have 25 new Royal typewriters for use in Advanced Shorthand and Office Practice classes. The desks are unique too—there is a knob on the front of each desk that adjusts the machine to a comfortable typing height.

If you hear a smirky laughter—sneers—throughout the halls it is the 10A's in all their glory reminiscing while the 10B's struggle with their locker combinations.

The 10A's in English IV are having fun making records. Their favorite expression is, "Does that really sound like me?"

The registration for the Social Living trips started last Wednesday. The seniors will tour Chicago March 10, April 14 and April 21.

Did you ever have an evening at home with no home work and nothing to do. On that one rare occasion I decided to curl up in a chair and listen to a good radio program. I came across two good programs, on at the same time but on different stations, of course. Naturally, I could listen to only one, so the next day at school everyone was talking about the real good program they listened

IT ALL BEGAN BACK IN 1950 ---

For your Enjoyment--

Bonnet, Theo.--THE MUDLARK

Wheeler, a little London ragamuffin, slipped past the guards at Windsor Castle and paid a surprise visit to Queen Victoria on the very evening that she was entertaining Disraeli at dinner. The results of Wheeler's visit probably changed the destiny of the whole English Empire.

Annixter, Paul.--SWIFTWATER

If you enjoyed "The Call of the Wild," you will surely enjoy "Swiftwater." It brings you the lure, danger and beauty of life in the wilderness together with the beautiful relationship between Becky and his father as they struggle to establish a sanctuary for wild geese in these north woods of Maine.

Kirkendall, Lester A. and Osborne, Ruth Farnham.--DATING DAYS

This is a book designed to help you with your social, school, or personal problems. It answers questions which you may have concerning boy-girl friendships, going steady, and your plans for the future.

to last night (the other one, of course). I just can't win, but I decided next time to try phoning all my friends. I may come across someone who will talk to me all evening.

We'll have to get a rocking chair and cane for Pat Denyes and Dan Rich. They're an old couple now. They've been going steady ten months today.

(Last week you will remember, our story ended with the introduction of apes, who had been taught to talk and thus reason.)

As I was saying, sonny, the apes became too wise. They formed bands, elected leaders, and set up a secret government in Dark Africa. They capitalized on the weak condition of the world. There was simply too much dissention among the peoples of the world.

The apes were then distributed (for a price, of course) to all the people. They played up to every whim of their master. An ideal situation, you say? A few years later, however, the apes began to perform so much of the household duties that man had nothing to do but play. One day an ape asked his master, "Boss," he said, "think of the work I could save you if only I could eat dinner here. You would have no indigestion, ulcers, etc." Smart fellows, these Apes!

After this it was no trouble for the Apes to take over and control the majority of the world. I managed to escape but today's battle looks like my last. Oh well, some people say that man began as monkey. I don't know. At any rate he sure is leaving as one.

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He's 6' 2" and as straight as a tree. An usher and former member of the band is he.

Now do you know the name of this boy

Who is from the vicinity of Sociology.

Riddley, Riddley, Re.

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Riddley, Riddley, Re

I know a girl—you'll all agree, She's 5' 8" from top to toe With light brown hair and blue eyes that glow

A member of Drama Club and Debate team is she

This gal with the changeable eyes that glow—

Now to finish I'll let you know She is from the room of the Debate Team's Home

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Dead Shot Culverites Upset Adams Five

Repeating their performance of the past, the John Adams Eagles were defeated by a fast Culver five. The Culver boys may have been small, but this hardly hindered their performance.

Although Adams was behind most of the way they did tie the score and at one time were ahead. They were behind by a basket in the first quarter and trailed by the same margin at the end of the half. By the end of the third quarter Culver had begun to pull away and stayed away.

One of the most important factors in Culver's victory was their accurateness at the charity line. During the game they hit on 26 out of 35 attempts. The Eagles only hit on eight out of 17 attempts. An all-junior team played most of the game, although Edgerton and Moore were allowed to play some. The Eagles' main difficulty was their lack of speed. Adams percentage of shots made was a bit higher than in previous games. In the first half, they netted nine out of 32 attempts to score a percentage of .282. In the second half they swished nine for an even .300. Oakes was high point man with 10 points while Dillion and Pfaff each netted eight.

"B" Team

Adams led the Wednesday night game last week all the way and the final score read 32-28. Parker was high point man with nine points while Acton had eight.

In the Saturday battle the game was close all the way with Riley edging us out by one thin point. Shenenberger and Miller each had seven points while Acton had six.

*No man is fully accomplished until he has acquired the ability to attend to his own business.

—Rays of Sunshine

BY LINES --- by Bartol

To this reporter it is nothing new to write up the results of a lost game, but it is new to report the happenings of a truly hard fought game. We lost the Riley game, but the loss was not one of humiliation. The battle was clean with an aggressive, hard working Adams team seemingly playing to the best of its ability. We know the fellows can play better, but until they find their old form we'll try to be patient. Last Saturday night, there seemed to be a new found spirit among the basketball players. In the few future games, if the spirit and fight remains, we should see some basketball playing of which to be proud. Adams may be in the cellar of the conference, but that has little to do with the outcome of the not too-distant sectional. We, the students, will never complain as long as our team displays a fight and determination and battles their opponents to the final gun even though the victory may be in favor of the opposing team.

LOST: A COACH and a FRIEND

With the resignation of Harry Koss, John Adams has not only lost its basketball coach, but one of the best friends the students ever had. Whatever his qualities as coach were, they were far over-shadowed by those other things he did for the school. When this reporter came to John Adams, there was no school spirit. This fact was true for a short time only, because Harry Koss also came to John Adams at the same time. What he has done for John Adams in making our school spirit as good if not better than any other school in town is immeasurable in its value. He has helped the students of Adams achieve something greater than they have ever before accomplished. To show him how much we appreciate his services, let's make the spirit of John Adams live as long as the school stands, as a token of how much he and his friendship and help has meant to us. Let him leave the school not so much as a coach whose team has lost a good many games, but as a friend who has give us something to long cherish.

Riley Triumphs Over Spirited Eagles

A nip and tuck battle raged on the John Adams court last Saturday night in which the Riley Wildcats emerged victorious. The Eagles gave them a spirited battle until the fourth quarter when Riley cut loose with a few quick lay-ins and Adams failed to keep up the basket making pace. Every man on the Eagle bench saw considerable action with a junior team starting. All seniors played the last few minutes of the first quarter and all the second and a slight bit of the third when they were taken out until the last few minutes of the game.

Don Oakes was the main spark man for the Eagles as he piloted 14 points through the hoop and Marlin Miller managed to net 10. The Eagles hit on 20 out of 28 for a percentage of .294.

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