

# NO SCHOOL PROCLAMATION ISSUED

## TWO SOLOISTS WIN FIRST IN STATE CONTEST

Garry Puckett successfully defended his french horn championship, and Jay Miller became a new member of the gold medal ranks at the All-State Solo and Ensemble Contest held last Saturday at the Arthur Jordan Conservatory of Music in Indianapolis. Garry and Jay both came through with exceptional renditions of "Strauss Concerto," and "Hungarian Melodies," respectively. Sylvia Lerner accompanied both solos.

Other solo results were: Second—Don Carson, cornet; Art Jones, bass and baritone; Jerry Ollman, trombone; Carol Jones and Diane Stubbins, french horn; third—Jane Gindelberger, flute; Edwin Dean, Dick Hocking, and Norman Asper, cornet.

A brass sextet with Don Carson, Dick Coffman, Art Jones, Jerry Ollman, Jay, and Garry won a first playing the beautiful "On the Mountain Top." The other brass sextet composed of Dick Hocking, Jim Considine, Carol Jones, Wesley Strong, Art Jones, and Dick Coffman received a good rating.

Garry led a french horn quartet composed of himself, Georgia Lackman, Carol Jones, and Diane Stubbins to a first division, and Jay teamed with Don Carson and Jim Considine for a gold medal on a cornet trio. The other cornet trio (continued on page four)

### HI-Y EASTER SERVICE

The traditional Easter assembly, sponsored by the Hi-Y, will be held this afternoon at 2:15 pm.

The Elmhurst College Traveling Choir, composed of sixteen girls, will provide appropriate Easter hymns.

James Sears, president of the club, will introduce the Rev. Father Murphy from Notre Dame University who will deliver the principal address. The Lord's Prayer will be recited by Gene Wright and Dick Brueseke will read the scripture and give the benediction.

Since this is a religious assembly, please refrain from applause.



### A NEW CLUB

John Adams now has an alumni association. Five weeks ago a group of graduates met at the Y.M.C.A. in order to form such an organization. They felt that there was a need to unify the graduates so as to further the interests of John Adams and to renew old acquaintances. At the meeting temporary officers were elected. They are: Bob Bayman, president; Nancy Feragan, vice-president; Bill Green, treasurer, and Dorothy VandeWalle, secretary. As soon as a constitution is prepared and ratified, officers for the year will be elected.

Much enthusiasm and cooperation has been shown by the alumni at the meetings. However there are many graduates who are not aware that this organization exists. If any John Adams student knows of a graduate interested in becoming a member of the alumni association, ask him or her to call Marion Higgins, 3-1309.

### A NEW STUDENT

One of John Adams' newest students is David Allen, a sophomore in Mr. Dickey's homeroom. Dave comes to us from Haverford School, a private boarding school, at Haverford, Pennsylvania. While attending Adams David is living with his married sister.

Dave says he likes Adams very much but he just "can't get used to women teachers." (It appears that all the teachers at Haverford are male.) Dave has not joined any activities as yet, but he says he likes baseball and would like to go out for the sport.

We take this occasion to formally welcome David Allen to Adams.

DIAMONDS—JEWELRY—WATCHES

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### SR. SCHOLASTIC AVERAGES ARE DETERMINED

Lois Jean Warstler and Clifford John Meyer are the co-valedictorians at John Adams this year and will receive the jeweled scholarship pins at graduation. Both have 97.5 averages and both have taken college preparatory courses. Lois also has a major in Business Education.

The salutatorian, Nancy Lee Watson, maintained a 96.83 average. Nancy has taken college preparatory work and business training.

John's ambition is to enter pre-medical school at Harvard; Lois has been accepted at Ball State. Nancy plans to continue her work at the Studebaker Corporation which she is now doing as part of the Co-operative Office Practice course.

All three of these leaders have been active in extra-curricular activities. As prominent members of Glee Club, the three have participated in many programs and starred in dramatic productions. They have also served the student council and are members of the Senior cabinet.

From the class of 197 graduating seniors in addition to the three mentioned above, averages of 93.5 or more have been earned by: Richard Lee Bennett, Delores Constance Davis, Mary Thayer Earl, Evelyn (continued on page two)

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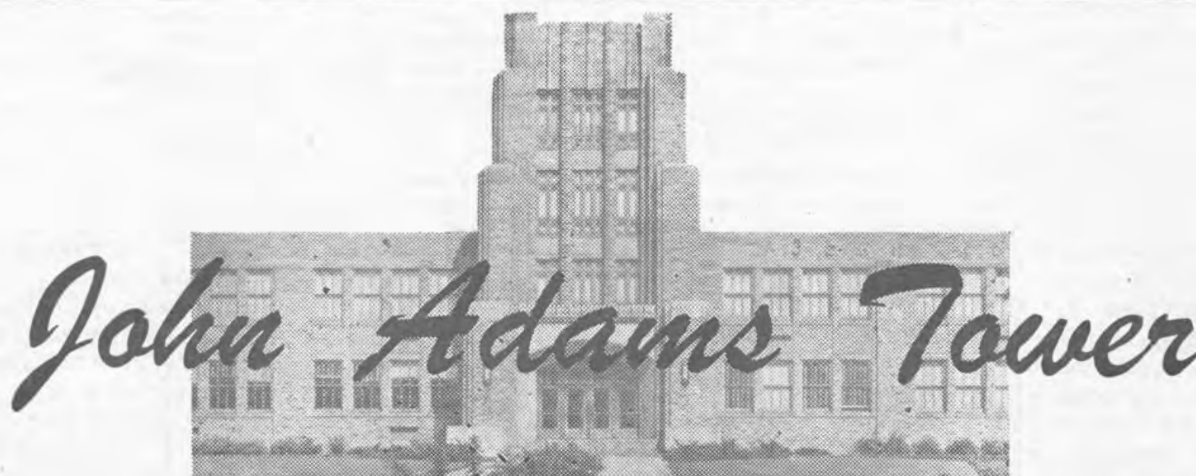
The National Board of State Education, Instruction, and Intellectual Progression Departments has at last ratified a long-pending measure which will establish the observance of April 1 by a closing of the public schools.

Students all over the nation will welcome this unexpected vacation. This is the first time in a number of years that any such occasion has been recognized by a "close-the-schools" order.

Many students and teachers have already begun to formulate plans for various methods of spending the welcome vacation. For instance, here at Adams approximately one hundred glee club members are even now planning on throwing away any alarm clocks they may have at home and are looking forward to one whole day of rest and sleep.

The "no-school" ruling which applies to April 1 this year is in complete effect at the present time; consequently there will be no classroom activity here at Adams tomorrow. Happy April Fool's Day!

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## SCHOLASTIC AVERAGES

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## Is Tomorrow Your Day?

Tomorrow is a day dedicated to the fools of the world and is therefore appropriately known as All Fool's Day. On this day it is common practice to experiment in order to find out how many people can be made fools of.

Actually this is easily done any day. Little do we realize how many fools exist today. The great mass of people is open to propaganda, rumor, superstition, and ignorance. Whether or not this rumor, propaganda, and superstition is accepted as truth is entirely up to the individual.

It doesn't pay to be gullible or naive. To go further, it doesn't pay to draw any conclusion without sufficient evidence to support it. Any fool can believe everything; not everyone can draw an intelligent conclusion of his own. Directly related to this subject is the fool who keeps up an interminable flow of words, yet says nothing. This person bores some people and, being so free with his opinion, hurts others. In short, the man who THINKS and who HOLDS HIS TONGUE are indeed rare specimens of society today.

--David James.

## UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN BAND TO PLAY HERE ON APRIL 12

On April 12, 1950 the School City Music Department is going to present, for the first time in South Bend, The University of Michigan concert band. The famous organization is said by many critics to be the finest band of its type in the country today. C. R. Deardorff, head of instrumental music in the school city and director of the Adams band, said that the last time he heard them they were, in his estimation, better than Goldman's professional band in New York City. Walter D. Revalli is conductor of the band. He will lead them through a program which is designed to please anyone with a musical taste. All band members have tickets for the concert. They are 60 cents for students and \$1 for adults.



Good morning. Did the birds awaken you this morning with their loud chirping? I don't imagine the glee club could be awakened with anything this morning. They are so tired from working on the show. It was worth it, we all agree. It was really good.

The foods classes are learning to serve guests at their meals. Last Wednesday Gayle Freels, Joe Szlanfucht, Bette McDonough and Gloria Ziker were guests, and Thursday the students had Miss Bennett, Miss Tash, Elaine Roife, and Doris Taylor as guests.

The art class had guests last Thursday, too, Bob Bedore and Don Oedekirk came up from study hall to pose so that all the art students could make a portrait study of each. Some of the artists had a little trouble because Bob's nose wouldn't fit on their paper. Well some of us have big feet and . . .

At a recent P. T. A. meeting Shirley Selig, a graduate of the class of '49, Sang. Dan Miller accompanied her.

Pat Fugate went to Three Rivers last Saturday to attend a Grange dance. Did you notice sparkles in her eyes?

Have you noticed: Joan Grubbs has been going steady with Jeff Tretheway? Bill Daugherty has been walking Clara Ferraro to classes? Dodie Taylor has been seen with Bob Mattox, Peg Davis' latest? The Hi-Y boys all wear white buckskin shoes? The study hall floor never has bits of papers on it? Pat Hammond doesn't have any pearls? Jean Kifowit and Kenny Dillon are going steady? Ken Callaway and Dot De Pree have been seen together? (To make it worse Bill Baranowski has been dating Mary Lou Tait.) Teresa Ferraro's short hair cut? That tomorrow is April Fool's Day?

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## SEWERS DESERVE PRAISE FOR EXCELLENT HELP WITH WILDFLOWER

A group of twenty-three P.T.A. women and a student committee deserve much of the credit for the beautiful costumes worn by the "Wildflower" cast.

Barbara Swank headed the student committee and Mrs. Devon Rowe, president of the P.T.A. and Mrs. K. C. Bolesky headed the adult group which has worked for two and a half days each week for the past seven weeks.

The sewers used several dozen spools of thread, over thirty yards of belting and seventy-five yards of lace tape on approximately one-hundred costumes.

Miss Puterbaugh and Miss Stitt, who have been the faculty members in charge of the project, said the job would have been impossible without the P.T.A. assistance and the help of the girls' committee.





Are You "a loof" and Why?

**Mable Jones**—Yes, aren't most people.

**Beth Hodge**—I don't know, I'd better check with my conscience.

**Su Hastings**—Yes, is that good or bad?

**Clara Ferraro**—Yes, my Mom and Dad are.

**Will Johnston**—I can't say that I am and I can't say that I ain't.

**Jim Hatch**—Yes, I want to be opposite my brother.

**Doug Hamilton**—I suppose so, I'll never tell.

**Lee Hubbard**—No, because I'm a girl.

**Carlton Kindig**—Yes, because I know I am.

**Judy Hershenow**—Yes, if my nose were any higher it would come down with snow on it.

**Jean Grubbs**—Maybe, cause I'm not smart enough.

**Jo Grubbs**—Maybe, cause I don't know what it means.

**Gayle Freels**—No, cause it costs too much money.

**Dick English**—Yes, I guess so.

**P.S.**—Try spelling "a loof" in the "reverse."

TAHT ELAT A  
EB T'NDLUOHS  
"DLOT-ECIWT"

By Sue Hastings

Mr. Fool emerged from underneath the bed covers. "My! what a beautiful day it is," he said. He looked over at his wife April, whose eyelids seemed perfectly contented to be closed. At the same moment he suddenly remembered that today was his wife's day, "April Fool's Day."

Mr. Fool had never been able to trick his wife on this day. Imagine! She had never been fooled about anything or by anybody, on the day she made famous.

Mr. Fool was determined this year that he was going to fool her. Before he had always thought of some very difficult tricks to play on her, and it never worked. This time he was going to try a very simple one.

He dressed very quickly, and quietly crept down the stairs. He opened a drawer and pulled out an empty candy box; went outside and filled it with tiny white pebbles. He, then decoratively wrapped it.

He heard April coming down the stairs. "Perfectly timed," he thought. "Hello, dear," he said, "I bought you a box of candy last night and forgot to give it to you."

She opened the box, and when she raised the lid, she had a very surprised look.

"April Fool!" he shouted excitedly, because he had finally succeeded in tricking her on April Fool's Day.

"Why dear," she said, "April Fool's day was yesterday."  
"Ooooooh!"

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These are our only "original" April fools! Congratulations to them on their April 1 birthday!

Garry Puckett  
Phyllis Schrager  
Barbara Swank



By Ann Ulrich

With April Fool's Day coming so dangerously near, I decided it was time we knew who was responsible for the origin of this dangerous yearly custom. I found; however, that no one was really sure who did start it.

One source gives the honors to Noah and his Ark. He says the custom originates from Noah's mistake of sending the dove out of the ark before the water had abated. To keep memory of this it was thought proper to punish those who forgot by sending them on some senseless errand similar to that on which the bird was sent.

On the other hand, France claims the root of this day. She changed the first of her year from March 25 to January 1. Before this April 1 was an important holiday and people held feasts and gave gifts. When the change was made, mock gifts were sent to those who objected and wanted to keep their former custom. Others claim that the root came from the Romans, some think it came from the Hindus.

Whoever started it, my nerves tell me it might not be such a good idea. But since we don't have anybody definite to blame the whole thing on, I guess there isn't anyone to correct this mistake.

doctor (after examining patient):  
"i dont like the looks of your husband mrs brown."

mrs. brown: "neither do i, doctor, but he's good to our children."



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## Eagles Clinch Second Place in City Track Meet

Last Thursday at Notre Dame, an Adams track team blazed a trail that led to a second place. This isn't exactly phenomenal but certainly gives all indications of better things to come as far as track honors go. The team has been working exceptionally hard for the past several weeks and that work appears to be paying dividends. The next track meet should show marked improvement over last week's contest. If they can improve as rapidly as they seem to have done to this point, there's no telling how far up the ladder they might ascend.

Dickenson took a first place in the high hurdles and the low hurdles, and Daugherty captured a first in the broad jump. Bussert placed first in the half mile. Ohlheiser scored a second in the quarter mile and Smithberger placed third in this event. Kinsinger took a second in the broad jump and Briggs a third in the pole vault, while Smith took fourth. Coker

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leaped to fourth standing in the broad jump. Netzel captured a fourth in the 60-yard dash. The half mile relay team, composed of Netzel, Pipke, Ohlheiser, and Kelly, placed fourth. The mile relay team, composed of Wolfe, Wright, Scucs, and English, tallied a fourth.

the boss was working diligently in his office when his beautiful, blonde, 110-pound secretary walked in, tripped, lost her balance and sat squarely in his lap.

the boss roared like a lion—dumped her on the floor, screamed that she was a clumsy good-for-nothing, ordered her out of the office, and told her she was fired.

It may have been a bit too nasty to practice outside in the mud for the past few weeks, but that does not hinder baseball too much. The "get in shape" program is starting in the gym. Every night, boys can be seen working out in preparation for the coming season. Rollo Neff is again coach. Bob Shafer is senior manager, and Bill Hudson, Mark Young, and Bill Scott are junior managers.

#### BASEBALL SEASON BEGINS

#### 1950 BASEBALL SCHEDULE — ADAMS

April 18—Elkhart, H.  
April 19—Riley, H.  
April 21—LaPorte, T.  
April 25—Michigan City, H.  
April 26—Washington, T.  
April 28—Mishawaka, T.  
May 2—Riley, H.  
May 3—Central, H.  
May 5—Washington, T.  
May 9—Central, T.  
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May 12—Elkhart, T.  
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May 17—Washington, H.  
May 19—Michigan City, T.  
May 23—Central, H.

# BASEBALL TEAM WINS 1950 CONFERENCE

# BASEBALL TEAM BEGINS SEASON'S SCHEDULE

coaches and the teams. You may help these people by becoming a manager. The baseball season is just starting and a good sophomore would be appreciated. The track team could probably use new sophomores also. If you are interested in being a baseball manager, see Bob Shafer, senior manager.

Do you like work and at the same time enjoy the fellowship of other young men interested in sports? If you do, you are needed. If you are unable to make the team and still have an interest in the sport, you can be a great help to both the

#### ATTENTION SOPHOMORES

he decided to jump. A junior could have done it. Carroll Dickinson, the Eagles remarkable high hurdler today broke all records by refusing to walk from the gym floor to the balcony. Instead

#### Track Star Jumps Hurdle

The first Indiana State teacher's English contest was held last week and none other than John Adams' brilliant grammarian, Garland "Jim" Crowe emerged victor. This trophy will stand in his case along side his award for never having used a word of slang in the last twenty years. Corby Davis also received an award for being the finest orator in Indiana.

#### Coach Crowe Wins English Contest

This paper wonders at the remarkable ability of Coach Neff to remain completely calm at a basketball game, never uttering so much as a word to the players.

#### Coach Neff Is Quiet and Still

until graduation from college. plan to continue to attend school and probably will not turn professional all been offered contracts with the Globe Trotters. However, these boys Martin Miller, Dick Bennett, Dick Moore, and Melvin Edgerton have

#### Seniors Offered Contract

John Adams, having sent teams downstate for the last seven years in basketball, is the center of much confusion these days. The coaching vacancy at Adams is agreed by all to be the finest position in the state of Indiana. This \$20,000 a year job has drawn many applications, including those of Ray Eddy, Marion Crawley, John Longfellow, John Wooden, and Moose Krause. The coach of the world famous Zollner Pistons has also expressed a desire for the position. Most schools in the I.H.S.A. are dropping out because of the professional competition the John Adams players have been and will be displaying.

#### TWO SOLOISTS WIN FIRSTS

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made up of Jay, Carol Bourdon, and Norman Asper placed second.

The saxophone quartet repeated its first again this year, and the clarinet quartet won a top rating. Carroll Dickinson, Andy Smithberger, Jerry Coker, and Ken Tenyson played in the sax outfit. Jerry and Ken were also in the prize-winning clarinet group with Marian Lory and Roger Ward.

Jerry Ollman, Dick Bolesky, Dick Brueseske, and Wesley Strong

combined in the trombone quartet, which earned an excellent rating.

Without a doubt, this year has been the outstanding year for soloists and ensembles at Adams. At the district contest, twelve soloists won firsts, and eight ensembles came through victorious.

The ensemble results were very encouraging and show that the Adams band as a whole is getting powerful and will be a threat to the leading bands at the North State Band Contest, to be held in LaPorte on April 15.

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