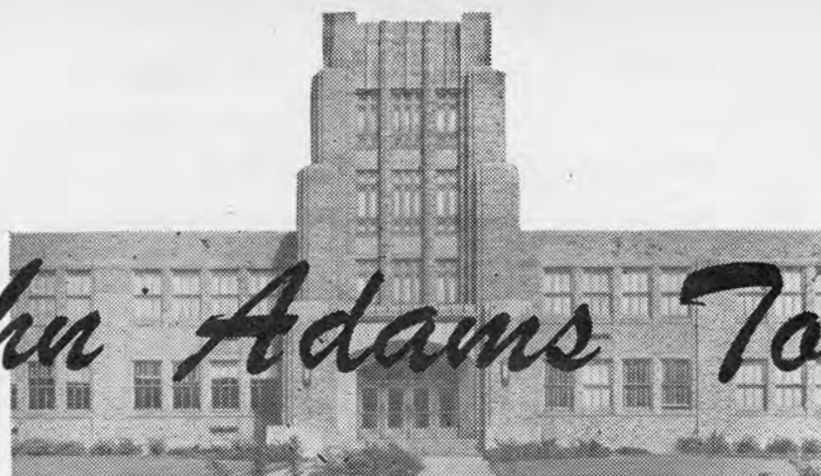


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DRAMATICS CLASS TO GIVE PLAYS IN ASSEMBLY

The Dramatics Class will present its annual one-act plays assembly on Thursday and Friday mornings, May 18 and 19. The two plays to be given this year are "Insomnia" and "Five For Bad Luck." Dramatics students will do all the acting.

John Smith will direct "Insomnia," which will be given on May 19. Carroll Dickinson will direct "Five For Bad Luck" on May 18.

"Insomnia, something everyone has experienced, has been turned into a delightful play. Ego, the leading role, played by Carroll Dickinson is influenced by many surprising, but disturbing thoughts. These are Memory, played by Kay Spenner; Fear, Eileen Haines; Melody, Nancy Hastings; Hope, Marian Hulbert; Curiosity, Flora Mason; and Conscience, Robert Thompson. Rex Edwards will portray the love-sick boy who is constantly reminding Ego of his girl friend, Marjorie.

"Five For Bad Luck" is a delightful comedy which will star Judy Riggs and Jack Boyer in the leads. The story tells about a college prom and has many amusing moments when Effie Trask, Judy Riggs, finds that she has been auctioned off as a prom date. Jack plays Bert Stovall. Other characters are Arthur Adenoids, Kelly Kindig; Dick, Dan Miller; Jean, Joyce Timothy; Lois, Barbara Taylor; George, John Smith; and Phyllis, Doris Taylor. Others in the cast are Sharon Chambers, Jerry Coker, Dick Hocking, and Gene Wright.

NO TOWER FRIDAY; SENIOR ISSUE NEXT

Issue No. 28 of the Tower will be distributed Tuesday, May 23 after the senior awards assembly. This 10-page paper will be devoted primarily to seniors and their activities. Regular subscribers will secure papers in their home rooms. Single copies will be on sale in the halls and in room 205 after the assembly at 10 cents per copy.

STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS 1950-51

David Williams, president
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Featured in Concert



From left to right: Dick Coffman, Kelly Kindig, Dixie Landy, and Don Carson, cornet soloist.

GLEE CLUB ENJOYS ANNUAL GATHERING

The Glee Club held its annual initiation party on May 9. This year, as in the past, the pot-luck dinner provided much food and the old members had the opportunity to welcome the sophomores into the organization.

There are two reasons for having this initiation party. It gives the sophomores a real feeling of belonging and since the party is held at the climax of a busy season it affords the opportunity for all the members including Mrs. Pate to get together and just have fun.

Honored guests were Mr. and Mrs. Sargent, Mr. and Mrs. Rothermel and Mr. Pate. Each year these adults seem to enjoy the event as much as the members of the club.

INDIANA AND ILLINOIS HONOR ADAMS GRADS

John Adams graduates who were honored by the I. U. Extension enter at the annual Honors Dinner Saturday, May 6, at the Mishawaka Hotel included:

Jack Coker, James Lebo, Cecil Smith, Margaret Feldman, Alan Gilman, and Don Wader.

Nine Adams graduates are attending the Center this semester.

On the deans honor list for high scholastic standings on the Bloomington campus were these Adams graduates: Jack T. Beverstein, Marion F. Grassby, Rodney Million, Charles R. Moore, Linda Ann Myers, and LaMar B. Worley.

Urbana, Illinois: "Honors Day"
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Next Year's Staff Prepares this Paper

Under the careful tutelage of the 1949-50 editor, Lois Warstler, Jim Considine has learned—he hopes—the finer points of putting out a paper. Jim and his staff for 1950-51 have been responsible for the issue you are now reading.

Assisting Jim next year will be: David James and Beth Hodge, feature editors; Robert Bartol, sports editor; Nancy Bolt, advertising manager; Patricia Cassady, business manager; Carol Anderson and Ann Donker, circulation managers, and Beverly Morey, exchange manager.

Miss Roell will continue as sponsor and manager of the censor's pencil.

"LILIC TIME TEA" TO BE MAY 25

The Home Economics Department will be hostess at a "Lilic Time Tea," at 3 p. m., Thursday, May 25, in the Little Theatre. Music will be provided by members of the orchestra under the direction of Miss Schuman.

Foods students will plan and serve the tea and the Clothing students will highlight the affair by modeling spring and summer fashions which they have made.

Esther Kennedy and Beverley Morey are co-chairmen of the tea. They will be assisted in planning by Moseetta Blanton, Janice Hoover, Flora Mason and Pat Ford.

Other committees are Style Show: Margie Granat and Marilyn Brant, co-chairmen, assisted by
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BASS AND CORNET TO BE FEATURED WITH BAND TODAY

This afternoon the John Adams band will give its second student concert of the school year, before an assembly at 1:45 p.m.

The musicians will open the concert with the playing of Overture Eroica, one of the numbers which they played at the Northern Indiana Band Contest held in Laporte recently, and will bring it to a close with a University of Michigan version of the "Stars and Stripes Forever," a famous John Phillip Sousa march.

Don Carson will play a cornet solo entitled "Willow Echoes." He will have band accompaniment. The saxophone quartet composed of Carroll Dickinson, Ken Tennyson, Jerry Coker, and Andy Smithberger, which won a superior rating at the Indiana Solo and Ensemble Championships, will play "Orpheus." The bass section of the band will be featured in "The Mummies" and a clever novelty, "No Name," is listed on the program.

Today's program is as follows:

Overture Eroica.....	Beethoven
Willow Echoes.....	Simon
Cornet Solo, Don Carson.....	
Jerome Kern Songs.....	Kern
Valse des Fleurs.....	Tschaikowsky
Orpheus.....	Offenbach
Saxophone Quartet.....	
Embraceable You.....	Gershwin
No Name.....	Vitto
Mummies.....	Merle
Stars and Stripes Forever.....	Sousa

Other events on the band schedule in the coming month are: Armed Force Day Parade, May 20; Awards Assembly, May 23; Commencement, May 29; and Memorial Day Parade, May 30.

DANCE BAND EARNS PRAISE

An organization at Adams which deserves much credit and to which little is given is the Dance Band. This small group under the direction of "Doc" Deardorff has added much to the social functions of the school.

It would be hard to imagine what the Stardust Cafe would have been like or what the Student Council dance would have turned out to be if it hadn't been for the Dance Band.

With only two rehearsals each week, they are one of the finest high school swing bands in northern Indiana. They deserve the thanks of the entire student body.

A BOUQUET FOR MOTHER

Mothers Day is a special day set aside to honor our Mothers and shout our appreciation for the many things they have done for us. We may express our gratitude in many different ways. Let me present this bouquet.

M is for marigold, so bright and tall
O is for orchid, rarest of all
T is for tulip that blooms in the spring
H is for honeysuckle summer will bring
E is for everything blooming this year
R is for rose emblem of love and cheer
 ' is put in for good measure
S is for smilax meaning constancy and pleasure

D is for daisy which expresses beauty
A is for aster denoting variety and duty
Y is for yellow lily, a symbol so gay.

Put them together to spell Mother's Day.

--Mary Ann Kenady.

In The Spring A Young Man's Fancy - - -

The latest report from the world of medicine is that there is an epidemic of heart trouble. It seems that many hearts have been reported to have been skipping beats and beating in double time. Most cases have been found in the female of the human species. The cause, it has been said, is the dreaded male homo sapiens. Doctors have been notified to warn all humans of the symptoms of this disease.

In men, the sufferer usually walks around in what is called a daze; he rarely does or is capable of doing any homework; he finds himself using the telephone at any spare moment; he is apt to go around muttering something about having lost his class ring and for some silly reason Clara-belle Simms found it, and he, masculine though he be, finds himself admitting that he really does like spring.

The female also changes in several different ways. The girl usually talks more, and seems to have more to talk about; she constantly day-dreams in class; she forgets the square root of two in the most crucial moment; she is apt to blush easily, especially when men are within the ½ mile limits; he can usually be seen dropping a book or pencil or something right in front of Clem Greenwood's desk; she, too, is very agreeable to spring.

These are the common ailments and if you notice that you are afflicted with one or another, beware! It is the most dangerous of diseases. There is no known cure unless perhaps the 'other woman' angle will work.

Final warning: it is contagious (Whoopie!!!)

--Beth Hodge

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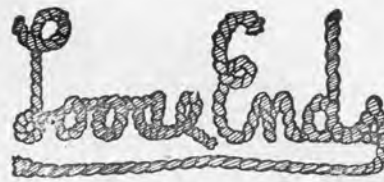
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Wonder What this Guy Would Call a Coach!

By Edwin Dean

Baseball certainly is a funny sport. For instance the other day at a game the loud-speaker said:

"Grumpopski swung like a rusty gate when he struck at that one."

Now, I don't know why he struck, but maybe the union wanted better gates for their ball players.

"And he hit a foul into the stands."

Why he called it a foul I don't know. It looked more like a little round ball to me than any bird. Then the same man came back and hit the ball again. The announcer said:

"Roberts caught that fly in center field."

Now they just called the very same little ball a fly, and why do grown men want to catch flies anyway?

"Wait Roberts dropped it and the first baseman is spiked by the runner."

Why don't they eject these drunkards from the game. If he was spiked, well, after all.

"The next better slams a double and Grumpopski slides into home."

Why wouldn't he just walk home? Say, maybe Grumpopski is the one who was spiked and he knew his wife would beat him when he got home so he had to slide in.

"Well, the White Sox have a run in now."

I'll be—my white sox do have a run in them. He's a marvelous man. Maybe he's a clairvoyant.

"Dizzy Professor is trying to steal third, but he's cut down."

What kind of men do these ball teams employ? Robbers, drunkards—I think he deserved to be cut down.

"Itchy Elbows hit a pop fly to the pitcher"

I don't know why they call it a pop fly—it wasn't even as long as the other one. My, look at that man swing that stick around. Perhaps he's an advocate of Teddy Roosevelt's big stick policy.

"A hit! Look at him run. A hit and run batter this boy is."

Hit and run. Anywhere else he would have been arrested. Drunkards, robbers, hit and run drivers—I know it looks harmless enough, those men just running around the bases, but these ball players are awful criminals. This is below my moral code. I'm leaving.

INDIANA and ILLINOIS

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and the twenty-sixth Annual Convocation was held in the University of Illinois Auditorium, May 5, to give public recognition to students whose scholarship ranks them in the first 10 per cent of their class." Sheila McMurray, a graduate of John Adams, and now a Junior at the University of Illinois was among the group so honored.

We have a new girl at Adams. She is a sophomore named Jean Hibbets from Valparaiso.

Shirley Rogers and Louise Ingram have received scholarships to Purdue University. Lois Warstler received one to Ball State Teachers College. Isn't it a coincidence that all of the girls' middle names happen to be Jean.

Don Carson has been dating Flora Mason. They make a cute couple.

Did you notice the announcement of Miss Shuman's engagement in the paper? Yes, in the spring. Congratulations, Miss Shuman.

Pat Arisman is giving a private semi-formal dance which will be held at the Indiana Club tomorrow night from 9:00 to 12:00. She has invited 210 guests. Pat's escort will be Jim Brennan.

Last week, at a buffet meal prepared by the foods II class, Miss Stitt had a hard time carving the ham. She sent for Mr. Carroll who came up with all his experience plus a little elbow grease. The ham was fine. Mr. Carroll was the guest of honor at the meal.

The senior prom is just a week away. The seniors are quite excited about it. The chairman of the dance is Anne Ulrich. Her guest will be Dan Wilson from Riley. The president of the senior class, Dick Bennett, will have Gloria Ziker as his guest. Lois Warstler, treasurer, will be there with Dick Carlson. Sue Smith, secretary, will be escorted by Al Deahl.

Several jewelry stores and clothing stores in town are giving gift certificates to seniors as graduation gifts. Among them is Berg's from whom we buy our senior jewelry. Berg's are giving each senior girl a sterling teaspoon of any pattern she chooses, and each boy a tie clasp. Boys and girls are given a \$5 merchandise certificate applicable on the purchase of any suit or coat at Gilbert's.

Congratulations to Mary Roth who typed 50 words per minute, without error, for 10 minutes last Thursday. The paper was officially checked by Miss Puterbaugh, so it isn't one of those make-believe tests some people try to hand in.

Unsung heroes at John Adams are Shirley Gross and Rosemary Brothers who have faithfully served as typists for the Tower during the past semester. Each Friday morning during first hour they have reported to room 204 instead of Study Hall to do this task of reading poorly written and much corrected copy. Was it worth the sneak preview, girls? Thanks for your help, anyway.

I never did anything worth doing by accident, nor did any of my inventions come by accident; they came by work.

—Thomas A. Edison

Junior Class Asked To Choose Beauty For Queen Contest

The Junior Council recently received the following letter from the North Webster Lions Club:

To the Class of 1951:

The North Webster Lions Club, North Webster, Indiana, hereby invites your class to select a girl from among your student body to represent your school at the annual Mermaid Festival June 27 to July 1 and to compete for the title of "Queen of the Lakes." This is to be done by vote of your class members.

If you will notify us when a girl has been selected, we will make a banner with the name of your school for her to wear on her dress at the Mermaid's Ball and on her bathing suit the night of selection of the "Queen of the Lakes"; and we will arrange for photographers to take her picture.

It is the thought of the North Webster Lions Club that should your class of 1951 win any of the prize money offered that it could be used toward the senior class trip fund next year—or for any other purpose that your class might desire. (Signed), Mermaid Festival Committee.

The ball will be held at the Waco Dance Pavilion on Lake Wawasee. Details may be obtained from Fred Helmer or any Junior Council member. Of interest to students may be the fact that Sharon Cotherman won second prize in the contest last year.

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"LILAC TIME"

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Jeanette Baker, Joan Warner, Jane Gindelberger, Jackie Clemmons and Dixie Lewandowski; Publicity, Beth Smithberger, Ollie May Scott, and Charlotte Kronewitter.

All John Adams high school girls are invited to attend. A special invitation is extended to the mothers and friends of Home Economics students.

FACULTY DINNER

Thursday, May 25, the faculty will enjoy its annual spring get-together with a dinner at the Oldenburg Inn, followed by bridge and canasta. Husbands and wives have also been invited to attend the party.

He that can have patience can have what he will.

—Benjamin Franklin

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The annual style show of the Home Economics Department of Jefferson School will be given May 16. "Pretty as a Picture" will be the theme of the program.

Pat Holland has been named general chairman. Committee heads are Nancy Kenady, props; Jean Woolverton, invitations; Pat Holland, hostess; Nancy Habart, skit; and Kathy Sears, program.

The show is being supervised by Mrs. Paul Gerard, instructor.

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Moore, Dickenson Break Records

In the last week or so, two school records have been broken. The first record was broken a week or so ago at Mishawaka by Carroll Dickenson, who ran the 120 high hurdles in a time of :15.6. The school record for the run was :15.9.

Dick Moore broke a golf record a week ago at Plymouth in shooting a 76. This sets a new record for an individual score in match play. The record was 79 established a few years back by Paul Bumann.

TRACK

ADAMS FALLS PREY TO CITY THINLIES

Last week wasn't the best track week for our Eagles At Michigan City they not only lost a track meet, but lost by a considerable margin, 76½-32½ isn't exactly what would be called a close contest. Perhaps the Imps were too much for us or we just weren't good enough. However, the fact remains that we lost, and in this process managed to pick up only two firsts. Dickenson and Daugherty claimed the only blue ribbons for the Eagles in 120 high hurdles and the broad jump.

Carlson claimed a second in the 440-yard dash, Netzel got a second in the 100-yard dash. A second was tabulated for the Eagles in the mile relay, and the half mile relay, Smith pulled through with a second in the pole vault, and Shenenberger gained a second in the high jump. Thirds were captured by Miller in the 120-yard high hurdles, by Strong in the mile run, by Sessler in the 220-yard dash, by Briggs in the pole vault, by Troeger in the shot put, and by Kinsinger in the high jump.

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ADAMS EARNS FOUR POINTS IN TRACK CHAMP MEET

Last Saturday at Rice Stadium at Elkhart, John Adams captured two fourth places in the Northern Indiana High School conference track and field championship Gary Froebel won with 45 points. Adams finished sixteenth with Central, Mishawaka, and Riley ahead of them. The fourth places were gained by Carroll Dickenson in the 120-yard high hurdles and Bill Daugherty in the broad jump.

Tries New System

This year Coach Krider is trying a new system for rating the all around ability of a boy participating in track. The system is sponsored by a national club which holds a contest every year to determine the one hundred best all around track athletes in the nation's high schools. The five events in which the boys are tested are the high jump, broad jump, shot put, 100-yard dash, and the 880. The chart on which the boy is rated is worked out mathematically giving so many points for an inch and a second or fraction of a second whereupon all the points are tabulated for the best score of all those participating. Coach Krider has been rating his boys every day possible and making a graph to tabulate their progress. The best point records of all the squads trials will be sent to the national club for competition with other high schools.

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BASEBALL

Last week proved to be a woeful one for the Adams baseball team who with the opening of the season and the first few games could see glimpses of being in the race for the conference championship. As of now these dreams have been shattered. A week ago Riley and Washington were tied for the conference crown, but Riley was beaten by Central, making it look very much like the Panthers will be the undisputed owners of the conference crown. It cannot be said that the Eagles have not lost to good teams.

WILDCATS STRIKE EAGLES OUT OF WAY

Last Tuesday night on the Adams field Riley had a fairly easy time defeating our Eagles. Good hitting on the part of the Wildcats and errors in the Adams fielding accounted mostly for the Riley win. Adams didn't score until the fourth and fifth inning, making a run in each. Riley had eight runs, nine hits, and one error. Adams had two runs, six hits and five errors. Battery for the Eagles was Edgerton and Baranowski.

BEARS WIN CLOSE GAME FROM FLYING EAGLES

Last Wednesday night proved no luckier for Adams than had the preceding Tuesday. After being ahead the first two innings, Central

was tied in the third as Adams brought in three runs to even the score. After fighting a scoreless fourth inning, Gene Fodge slammed a double in the fifth to bring in two runs and the ball game. Adams had three runs, five hits, and two errors. Central had five runs, seven hits, and two errors. Helvey and Baranowski were the battery for the Eagles.

PANTHERS TOO MUCH FOR EAGLE NINE

Last Friday afternoon on the Benjamin Harrison diamond Adams bowed to the powerhouse of the baseball conference. After Washington scored four runs in the first inning, Adams bounced back with three runs to make the game close. But, the latter half of the second inning found the Panthers racking up seven runs to clinch the game, even though Adams scored four more runs. Adams had seven runs, six hits, and one error. Washington had thirteen runs, fifteen hits, and five errors. Battery for Adams was Bennett and Baranowski.

GOLF

Last week the John Adams golfers whipped Plymouth by a score of 17½-½. Dick Moore was low man with a 76 and won his match 3-0. Habart also beat his man 3-0. Weissert took 2½ points from his opponent. Grimshaw won 3-0 and Million also took 3 points. Dickens took three more points for Adams to make it a near grand slam.

The Eagles golfers tasted some of the bitter dust of defeat last Friday at Erskine Country Club. The score was 9-6. Dick Moore led the Eagles in scoring with an 85.

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—Ralph W. Emerson

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