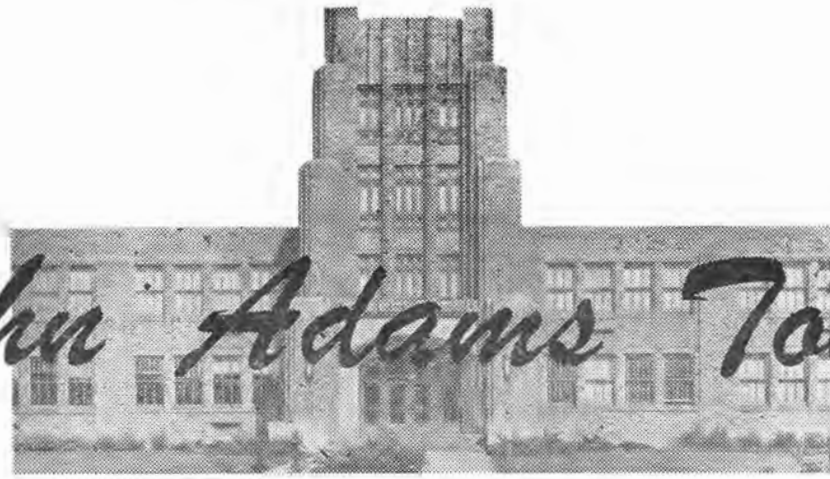


John Adams Tower



School Officials Announce Plan For No Finals

Mr. Allen, superintendent of schools, and the four high school principals in South Bend have come to the decision that final exams will not be given next spring. They have decided that too many students do not learn for the sake of knowing, but just to make a good grade on the test.

Therefore, no final examinations or report cards will be issued when the semester draws to a close in June. Instead, teachers will issue reports in the form of letters upon the request of parents.

Despite this movement taken by the principals' conference, reports will be issued next Tuesday as scheduled, but not in June.

This move was quite surprising to most teachers, parents, and students alike. It is only an experiment and the old method may be returned next fall.

Discovers Drug; Will Receive IMS Award

Marcia Donoho, a mad chemist from the senior class, has made news in the world of science by discovering a drug which will cure the common cold in eight hours time. The drug has not been named yet.

Marcia will receive a coveted gold award from the New York Institute of Modern Science in recognition of her great contribution to her fellow humans. The award will be made at the institute's spring dinner on Monday evening, April 23, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York.

Marcia, an arch-rival of her instructor, Mr. Reber, found the new drug while trying to concoct a potion which might harm Mr. Reber. The discovery was made in the small laboratory in the basement of Donoho's home. The drug will be manufactured commercially by the Parke-Davis Company of Chicago.

Uncle Reb's New Kennel Club Plans Show

Mr. Reber's newly organized Kennel Club is well under way and is now preparing entries for Michigan's annual spring dog show next month. The club is also making plans for an invitational canine exhibition for the early part of June.

ADAMS BAND TO TAKE EASTERN TRIP

Mr. Cecil R. "Doc" Deardorff has announced plans to take the huge 110 piece John Adams concert band on an extensive tour of the East. They will play seventeen concerts in their one month jaunt.

The tour will be climaxed with an hour-long concert in Carnegie Hall in New York on April 21. Arturo Toscanini will be the guest conductor and Jascha Heifetz, world's most famous violinist, will be guest soloist.

The famed organization will depart from the Tower entrance about eight o'clock next Monday

NO GLEE CLUB

Passed by a majority vote of the members, Glee Club is to be discontinued. It seems because of the lack of interest on the part of those who attend the programs that the Glee Club will no longer perform. It expresses its regret that it was not able to fulfill the wishes of its supporters. Again next fall, the Glee Club will try to reorganize. Until then it bids you "Adieu."

morning. They will travel on three special busses painted specially for the band's tour.

The tour will open with a concert in the Cincinnati Gardens in Cincinnati, Ohio, next Wednesday, April 4. On Friday they play in Charleston, West Virginia and on Saturday in the Memorial auditorium in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Buffalo is the scene of a concert on April 10 and Harrisburg will host the blue-clad musicians on the following day.

The note makers will perform twice in Philadelphia on Thursday and Friday, April 11 and 12. Baltimore will be the scene of the next program on April 13. On April 16, the bandsmen will perform in Camden, New Jersey and on April 18, they will play in Trenton.

On Friday, April 20, Mr. Deardorff will conduct a high school band festival in Newark and that

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Rain or Lightning May Postpone Plans For Stardust Cafe

The Junior Cabinet held an emergency meeting yesterday to decide on an important question: "Shall there be Stardust Cafe if it rains?" As all students know, the Little Theatre is an extremely dangerous place during a rainstorm because there is danger of electrocution. Secondly, water could seep in through the windows and ruin the expensive decorations which have been made and purchased. Thirdly, if it rains, the stars would not be out and that would spoil the whole theme of the dance (Star-dust.)

Therefore, if there is a downpour of more than half an inch per hour as reported by the Weather Bureau, or very much lightning, it was decided that Stardust would be called off as a safety measure.

Ticket money will not be refunded, but can be applied for a season football or basketball ticket or given to the Community Chest.

Youth Center Finally Available For Teens

At last the Youth Center South Bend has long been needing is under way. The ground is to be broken next Monday at one o'clock. The Teen Center is to have complete recreational facilities for all of South Bend's youth. There are to be ping-pong tables, a dance floor, coke bar, a swimming pool, and rooms set aside for various projects.

The Center is able to be built because of the recent drives of high school students all over the city. The students have raised all of the money themselves and can be well proud of its achievements. The Center will be managed by the adolescents, also. They will take care of all janitorial jobs and take turns manning brooms, cleaning windows, and working behind the fountain. When this is finally finished lack of something to do will no longer be an excuse for delinquency.

NOTICE !!

Because of the nature of the day school officials have announced that there will be no school on April first.

Crowe to Replace Moberg, New Coach, In School Library

Jim Crowe, famous Adams football coach, will take Miss Moberg's place as librarian of the school library when Miss Moberg leaves her present position in June. She will



become the physical education instructor next fall.

Mr. Crowe will not only relinquish his job as dictator of the study hall, but also his position as football coach. Miss Moberg will take over the gridiron proteges.

The move came as a great surprise. Miss Moberg will replace Mrs. Thompson who left in December but Mr. Seaborg will start teaching biology. Mrs. Wilmore will no longer be employed at Adams.

Mr. Crowe volunteered for the post vacated by Miss Moberg and said, "I have become deeply interested in books and I think Myrtle will do a better job on the football field."

It was decided in the office that the study hall will not have teacher supervision because they think that high school students can study without a dictator.

LETTERMEN HOLD "ROSE TEA"

The Monogram Club held its "Rose Tea" last Wednesday. It was held in the home economics room. The room was decorated in a rose motif and the rest of the details were also carried out in roses; even the devils food cup cakes had small rosebuds on the pink icing. Don Oakes and Jack Norblad were in charge of refreshments. Joe Kline poured, and Mr. Seaborg and Mr. Powell were senior hosts.

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THE STAFF BOX IS BEING ELIMINATED SO AS NOT TO PUT THE BLAME ON ANY PARTICULAR PERSONS FOR THIS ISSUE.

From the Editor's Pen

I have finally neared the end of the road. That is, I am a senior who is about to graduate and I have been subjected to many changes in my twelve years of schooling. However, there is still one thing which I wish the educators would change.

They have now announced that tests will not be given in the future, so now would be a good time to lengthen the school year. I don't think we learn enough in one school year, so I advocate the lengthening of that year.

The first step in this should be done by eliminating all the various vacations which take away so much school time. I can see no reason why students have to take a two-day leave when the teachers attend their convention. If the teachers are so interested in the welfare of their students why don't they have their conventions in the summer.

The next vacation comes at Thanksgiving. Why do we have to take two days off for a one-day holiday and why should we get a seventeen day vacation for Christmas and New Year's Day? Think how much more time we could have for school if all the extra vacations would be eliminated!

Surely we can get along in the future without a mid-term rest if we don't have final exams and report cards. It also should behoove the basketball officials to arrange the tourney schedule so that we don't have to miss that day of school.

Now, as for spring vacation, we should get off at noon of Good Friday, but we don't need a whole week to prepare for Easter.

To these shortened vacations add school hours of eight to four and holding school from September 1 to July 1, we could get more time for learning. I think that all educators should look into this and see what they can do about more schooling and less vacation.

Jottings:—Here's hoping that it doesn't rain and spoil all the plans for Stardust Cafe tonight—If you're a square dance fan why not join Miss Burns' Square Dance Club—Congratulations to Barbara Lennon upon being named "Freckle Queen of 1951"—I heard that Garry Puckett was among a group of five boys who were chosen to escort Yolande Betze, Miss America, during her four-day stay in South Bend. Nice work if you can get it!

Dear Diary:

Everybody is raving about that wonderful marvelous new boy who is seven feet tall and is he ever cute you should see him (who doesn't he towers over the whole school?) Well, anyway here he was just a new boy and he didn't have any friends (except Mr. Seaborg who just absolutely just loves him almost) well anyway I thought with Stardust coming up I would ask him since he was so friendless and I was so dateless so here is the night of Stardust and he said he would go although I think he has some speech difficulty because when I asked him he sort of stammered around a little but well any way here I am waiting for him to come and I have everything all on for the dance and I can just hardly wait—so I am just sitting here writing in—YIPES—there goes the doorbell!! Love,

Mayanloujo.

P.S. It didn't rain, so we're safe—I guess they didn't call it off! (I heard a rumor that they were going to.)

A.H.S. Given Top Honor By South Bend Schools

It has been decided by a jury made up of both students and faculty of all the South Bend Schools, that John Adams ranks first in being the most friendly, congenial, and unsnobbish. It is especially remarkable that Adams won this honor since it is handicapped in having a new building. The vote of the jury was unanimous and everyone in South Bend has received the news of the results with gladness and a fuller appreciation of what Adams has and is doing good will throughout the schools. It has been said that an Adams student will always wave and greet everyone on the street with a smile whether he knows them or not.

DANCERS PLAN FESTIVAL

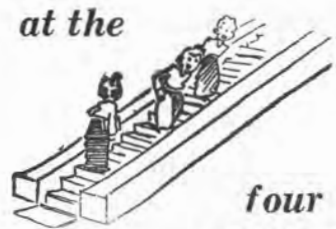
One of Adams' newest clubs is busy planning a huge dance festival to be in the auditorium and Little Theatre on May 6. Miss Burns announces that her square dance club will sponsor a teen-age square dance festival.

The dance, the first of its kind, will be open to all high school students of Michiana.

The host club will contract two bands and four callers for the affair, which will probably become an annual festival. About 150 couples are expected to follow the calls in the auditorium and Little Theatre.

The newly elected officers of the dancers are: Bob Pfaff, head caller; Dave Williams, assistant caller; Jo Ann Turner, secretary-treasurer. Jim Brennan has been named general chairman of the festival.

Truth is as impossible to be soiled by any outward touch as is the sunbeam.—John Milton.



Regular steadies in school are: Kenny Dillon and Susan Nuss, Gordon Smith and Mary Swingendorf, and Jean Selby and Joe Landgraf.

Adams couples sporting their finery in the Easter Parade: Gerry Schumacker and Marcia Donoho, Fred Helmer and Nancy Habart, and Jim Martin and Carolyn Johnson.

At a square dance contest recently Mrs. Pate and Mr. Reber won an award for being the liveliest couple in the competition.

At an Easter formal Stan Sessler was with Pat Arisman. Esther Kennedy and Ray Hammond and Roy Tepe and Sandra Goller were also at the affair. Seen sitting in a dark corner at the same dance were Nancy Locsmondy and Tom Reamer.

Surprise of the week: Sharon Watson invited Jim Tarter to a hayride during vacation.

A vote of thanks goes to Don Oakes for volunteering to teach the entire Senior class how to do the Charleston. Not many people can dance as fast as our "Daring Don."

In the "Just Dating" Category are: Pat Coswell and Gene Smith, Nancy Smith and Dick English, and Joan Tarr and Fred Laas.

A typical Romeo and Juliet couple: Mickey Hennion and Bob Bartol.

Seen around here and there: Ginny Rich and Tom Olszewsky, Mary Allen and Jim Halterman, and Nancy Bolt and Dick Peterson.

At a ball of the South Bend Twin Association were: Harry Graf and Joan Grubbs and Gerry Graf and Jean Grubbs.

Dates for tonight's Stardust Cafe (if it doesn't rain): Jill Jacobson and David James, Diane Stubbins and Bruce Parker, Su Hastings and David Hessey, and Mickey Jamison and Harold Pipke.

Couples seen at the St. Patrick's Day Ball were: Carol Simon and Tom McNulty, Ann Dunsmore and David Sanderson, and Joyce Swingendorf and Jack Filley.

Among the argyles clan are: Norma Casper, Evelyn Troub, and Barbara Swank. They are knitting for Marty Weissert, Jack Bussert, and Ed Dean, respectively.



By Dave James.

Few of us who know our faculty member, Mr. Nelson, know the real story of his past life. It has recently been disclosed to me by reliable sources, and it is my great pleasure to pass it on to you:

Gordoni Nelsonovitch, for such is his real name, was born an only child in a small village in unoccupied French West Bohemia. Throughout his life he carried the sad memory of the early death of his twin brother, who was also an only child. In school he was proficient both academically, having been elected valedictorian of three successive eighth grade classes, and athletically, as captain of all Bohemian water-basketball team. In college Gordoni was well known for outspoken criticism of the corrupt Bohemian political machines, and because of his opposition to the Caledonian Inquisition he was exiled to Baluchistania. However, he escaped to America and continued his studies at the Vinegar Junction Normal Institute of Agriculture, mechanics, sheepraising, and hog-calling. Again young Gordoni proved his athletic prowess. For it was that same Gordoni Nelsonovitch who scored sixteen touchdowns in rapid succession to secure for his teammates a decisive victory in that memorable Rose-Bowl upset of 1896.

As a scholar and an athlete Nelsonovitch's fame spread; and soon, because of his modesty and dislike for publicity, Gordoni was forced to change his name and appear modestly at John Adams as a math teacher. We should be proud to have such a truly great man on our faculty.

Adams Band to Take Eastern Trip

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night the Adams group will play for the festival program. The next night will be the Carnegie Hall concert.

The next concert will be played in Boston on April 24 and on April 25 they will be in Hartford, Connecticut.

The next two concerts will be highlights of the first tour taken by an Adams band. They will be the guests of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis on April 27. They will perform in Constitution Hall in Washington, D. C., and Margaret Truman will sing several solos after intermission time. The president is expected to be in the audience.

On their way home, the band will be in Richmond, Virginia. When they return on May 3 they will present a sixth hour assembly for the student body.

Fashion News

The latest report from Paris reveals that skirts will be worn two inches above the knee and will be full and pleated in style. Jacques Fath's famous designs are outstanding in the new trend. He features puff-sleeved blouses and the very, very, full skirt. Ruffles and more feminine accessories are being featured. Also coming in with great popular demand are lowered waist lines and high neck lines. The results of these changes will certainly be interesting to note in next year's famed Easter Parade.

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Girls of Chem Classes Enroll in Home Ec

The girls in all of the Chemistry II classes have decided to substitute home economics for their Chemistry credit. Since they were unable to cope with the odors, acids, and fellow students, the change is the only solution. This was with the full approval of their instructor. Hereafter, only boys will be able to take the course.

Most of us keep on eye on the temptation we pray not to be led into.



FASHION NEWS

By

SHARLEE CISSELL

Member of Robertson's High School Fashion Board



FLOWER GEMS

Flowers are everywhere this spring...new, unusual and wonderful...blooming on lapels, peeking out of pockets, pretty on a belt, a cuff, a purse. Roses, carnations, violets, daisies, lilacs, and nose-gays in clever pin-on styles for you for spring. Choose several!

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Seven Foot Giant From Kentucky Hills To Join Hoop Squad

Basketball fortunes at Adams are definitely looking up! Milton Palmer, a seven foot, one and a half inch boy, has transferred into the Junior class from Jefferson Township High School in Henderson County, Kentucky, just across the Ohio river from Evansville.

At Jeff Township Palmer led his Red Devil team to the state championship in Class C last year. His team lost in the Class C district tournament this year while he was sick in bed with influenza.

In his three-year career at the hill-billy school in the mountains of Kentucky, he amassed a total of 1,763 points, his high for one game being 48 points. Jeff Township defeated their opponents in that game 136-14.

As a member of the freshman team, at a height of 6'11" he led his team to twenty-one wins without a loss. As a sophomore, at the height of 7' 1/2" he led the Satan varsity to the state championship and a record of 20 wins and no loss record and was a cinch to win the state title again, but Fate had planned otherwise.

Track Put on Sick List

This is that gay season when all of the long awaited spring sports begin to lurch into full swing. The sports, baseball and golf, will resume participation as usual, but track has been put on the sick list. This is all because of one Al Krider. The very straining job of track coach has been a burden to him for a number of years, but it became a bit too much this year. With the gray hairs and new wrinkles, he feels that he isn't just quite as young as he used to be. That cane the doctor told him to use is very harmful to his pride and has decided to lead a secluded life and retire to the boiler room where he will begin his memoirs.

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Moberg Accepts Grid Position

Myrtle Moberg has just become the new rough and tumble grid coach of those ever fighting Eagles. Tough Myrtle, as she is sometimes called, is reputed to be one of the shrewdest teachers of the split "T" in the business. Myrtle has played little actual football since she was a small girl, but she had received plenty of experience juggling the books around for the last several years. Also, she occasionally goes in for a quick game of ping-pong. This fearless gal is sure to cause an uproar among the other plotting coaches of this community. Any time you might want to talk to this bundle of muscle, drop around to the boiler room, and there she will be found with her feet propped up on the desk and the finest cigar money can buy protruding from mouth. Some say she even knows the English language—aha.

Adams to Convert Gym To Swimming Pool

The latest trend in fashions has taken hold of John Adams and we are going to have a new swimming pool. This pool will be open to all school personnel. George Earl Carol already has purchased the largest life raft he has been able to find. You will find him most anytime of the day quietly paddling around the pool reciting Shakespeare.

Basketball Takes on a Different Light

A new rule has just been put into effect in regard to basketball in the state of Indiana. Instead of raising the baskets so that the tall boys cannot reach them quite so easily, it has been decided that the bas-

kets will be lowered to four feet off the floor. Since people are growing much taller these days, it was decided that the shorter players are now in the minority and therefore should have the advantage. The center jump has also been changed. The two shortest boys on the opposing teams will now compete for the ball.

Eagles Convicted of Bribery

The entire senior squad of the John Adams basketball team has been convicted of bribery and sentenced to one to twenty years in prison and a \$10,000 fine each. Don Oakes is rumored to be the notorious ringleader. Larry Soellinger (the hands) supposedly has been doing the dirty work. The fraud was realized as a result of the Adams difficulty in winning the state basketball championship. Immediately after Muncie won the crown we knew that something was wrong. Adams had deliberately dropped all the games they have lost this year. They made it appear rather real, but it was all a fake. However, Don Oakes said yesterday that he was not sorry at all. "I have made enough to support my mother for the rest of her life. I am happy," says Don Oakes. This puts a terrible mar on the terrifically successful Adams basketball history.

Reber Joins Ballet

That jolly boy with all the hair has been declared AWOL this week. Previously the famed tennis coach, he has given up this berth to take up the finer arts. When the ballet was here several weeks ago, he realized his true loves and decided to vamoose.

"Hey, Bill," the electrician called down to his assistant, "grab hold of one of those wires."

"All right," said Bill, "I got one."
"Feel anything?"
"Nope."

"Good! I wasn't sure which was which. Don't touch the other one, it's got 6,000 volts in it."

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New Football Coach Plans Fem Attacks For Eagle Foes



Myrtle Moberg, new football coach at John Adams, is working on a new feminine approach to the line. Area coaches are fearing the workings of this woman's mind and don't know how to cope with it. She is pictured planning her attack for the first game next fall against Broad Ripple.

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