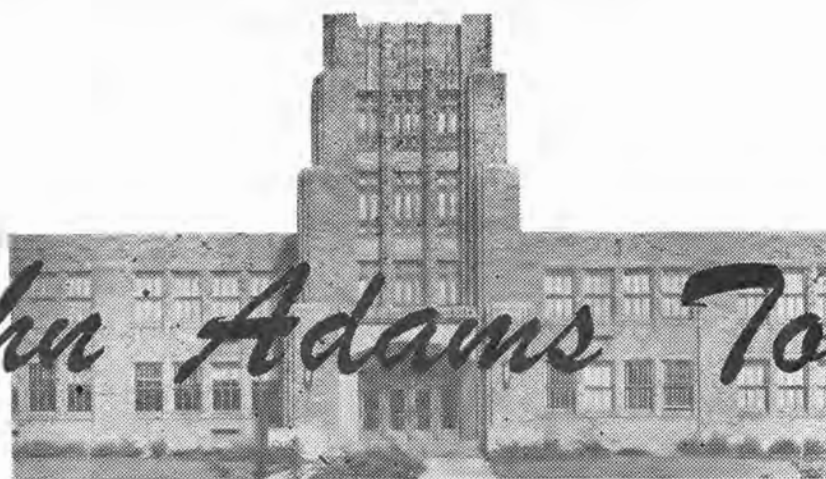


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## HONOR ROLL

<b>5A's</b>	
Jane Gindelberger	James Tarter
Bruce Parker	Phil Twigg
<b>4A's</b>	
Marilyn Burke	Dave Sanderson
Ann Donker	Delores Trisinger
Tom Pozzi	Martin Weissert
<b>4A's 1B</b>	
Donna Leng	Mary Swingendorf
John Smith	
<b>3A's 1B</b>	
Robert Bartol	Rosemary Orban
Sue Bennett	Lorena Rose
Joyce Coffman	Nancy Lee Thomas
William Haelele	Robert Thompson
Fred Helmer	Jo Walke
Johanna Jaffee	Cathryn Weidler
Barbara Lennon	
<b>3A's 2B's</b>	
Robert Beale	Jack Noyes
Carol Bourdon	
<b>2A's 2B's</b>	
Pat Arisman	Doretta Martin
Judy Campbell	Dick Peterson
Sharlee Cissell	Susan Peterson
Jacqueline Clemmons	Virginia Rich
Dick Hendrickson	Jo Ann Turner
Frank Kinsinger	Sandra VanDusen
Fred Laas	Nadine Wenzel

## Gym Show Presented

The third annual South Bend gym show was held Wednesday night, April 11, in the auditorium. This show, called "The Coordinating Hour," was presented by the physical educational department and showed many phases of physical education training. It was given in the form of a radio show.

It was put on by the four senior high schools and all junior high schools. The phases that were shown were cage ball, which the boys and girls from Adams did, American Farmers' Dance, Flag Drill, Posture Calisthenics, Fire Dance, Virginia Reel, Volley Ball, Social Dance, Wand Drill, Square Dance and Tumbling.

The girls at Adams who participated were Pearl Coffman, June Crawley, Joann Rawles, Tobey Priebe, Anne West, Maggie Zombik, Shirley Shaftick, Pat Bronstader, Mary Alice Wilhelm, Mary Lou Getzinger, Carol Gross, Beverly Alheit, Wilma Horvath, Nancy Kenady, Luce Williams, Delores Trisinger, Shirley Downham, Yvonne Kollinger, Joan Swanson, Margie Klein, Thelma Demler, Mary Downer, Carol Edmonds, Joyce Freehauf and Mable Jones.

## First Chicago Trip Taken by Soci Group

Last Friday, thirty-seven seniors of the Social Living classes made the first of two trips to be taken this spring to Chicago. The last group is in Chicago today. The group, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Sargent and Mr. and Mrs. Goldsberry, was the twenty-fourth from Adams to make the trip and the first to be rained on.

The large band left the South

## Ticket Sales Open For Glee Club Concert

The John Adams Glee Club has officially opened its ticket sale for its Spring Concert to be given Wednesday, April 25 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. The ticket sale has been organized by Bob Thompson and Fred LaCosse and their lieutenants Bob Reinke, Virginia Rich, Jean Gooley, and Dave Williams. The two teams, commonly known as the Thompson and Anti-Thompson Gangs, are competing feverishly for high honors in this ticket sale contest. The excitement is heightened by the fact that the losing team will be responsible for cleaning up at the annual Glee Club party to be held in May.

Preparations are being made for a fine Spring Concert this year. Grouped among an exceptionally fine program of numbers and the appearance of the Glee Club in evening gowns and suits will be the appearance of the Boys' Quartet, the Girls' Triple Trio, and a vocal solo by Sharon Chambers. The light side of the program will feature a selection of Victor Herbert melodies, and Rogers and Hammersteins' famous "June Is Busting Out All Over," and many others.

## READING SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED FIVE SENIORS

Robert Bartol, Nancy Bolt, Margaret Carter, James Considine and David James have been announced as the recipients of the 1951 scholarships to the South Bend Foundation of Better Reading. Each year, five senior students from each South Bend high school, who plan to go to college, receive these scholarships. The award is worth \$75. It enables the winners to take a twenty-hour course free of charge at the foundation. The better reading group guarantees to increase the reading speed and rate of comprehension.

Shore station at 6:30 a.m. and arrived in Chicago about two hours later. They first witnessed the opening of the day's activities at the Board of Trade and then went up to the Observation Tower, the highest point in Chicago, and saw nearly three blocks down the street.

Before eating lunch at Marshall Field's they swiftly passed through the Illinois Continental Bank and Trust Company, the largest bank in the world under one roof. After lunch the gang went on an hour and a half shopping spree in Field's and came back loaded with ties, scarves, vests, and harmonicas.

Next the tourists visited Hull House and then walked down Maxwell Street. They were confronted with "bargain" prices on everything from baby buggies to "shrunk heads." Then came a tour of Chinatown and dinner at Guey Sam's.

The highlight of the day was the stage presentation of "South Pacific" with Janet Blair and Richard Eastham.

The group returned to South Bend at 2:30 a.m. Saturday via the South Shore.

## P.T.A. to Install

Installation of officers will be the feature of the P.T.A. meeting scheduled for Tuesday April 17, at 8 o'clock. A film, "Feeling of Hostility," will be shown, followed by a discussion period. Members of the John Adams band & orchestra will entertain with solos and ensembles.

The new officers elected at the March 13 meeting, are as follows: Mrs. Ralph Peterson, president; Mrs. C. K. Parker, first vice-president; Mrs. M. E. Crow, secretary; and Mrs. Paul Kenady, treasurer. The board of directors are Mrs. I. W. Finch, Mrs. C. F. Richards, Mrs. J. V. E. Lennon, Mrs. Devon D. Rowe, and Galen B Sargent.

## SIX TEACHERS ABSENT FRIDAY

Last week, John Adams had an abundance of substitute teachers. They were filling the places of absentee teachers, who were busy elsewhere.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Crowe attended a football clinic at Purdue University on Friday; Miss Moberg was (Continued on page two)

## 'A' Men Sponsor Third Annual Hop For Blue Jeans Clan

The Monogram Club will present its third annual "Sox Hop" next Friday evening, April 20, in the auditorium. "Doc" Deardorff's Swing Band will play for dancing from 7:30 till 11:00 o'clock. Tickets for the affair are 50 cents per couple. One member from each couple must be an Adams student. A door prize will be awarded to the couple with the most unique sox combination.

Bob Pfaff is general chairman for the dance. Other committee chairmen are; Duane Rowe, tables; Gene Landry and Larry Soellinger, tickets; and James Leng and Dick Sessler, publicity.

As in past years, dancing will be done in stocking feet. There is a possibility that there will be square dancing during band intermissions.

Tables will be placed around the edge of the floor.

## Means Entertain Club

On Tuesday evening in the Little Theatre, the Drama Club was presented with an exceptional program. Bill Means a student at Adams some years ago, and a person well-known for his acting in character parts, gave a varied program for the club members. Bill, now a law student at Michigan university spoke "about movies in general and Hollywood in particular" as he put it. He followed this with some readings from Shakespeare, Hemingway, and Thurber's "University Days."

Bill said that although he is very interested in the movies and the theatre, he does not care to make his living from it. His interest, however, brings him to share his talents and appreciation with students in various parts of the country.

## LAVENGOOD HONORED

Wayne Lavengood, room 205, has been named by Mr. Sargent as the Junior Kiwanian for the second nine-weeks period. Wayne will attend the weekly luncheon meetings held at the LaSalle Hotel as guest of the local Kiwanis Club.

Paul DeLong was the Adams representative for the past nine weeks.

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## From the Editor's Pen

Everyone is agreed that spring is here. The calendar says so, the weatherman says so occasionally, and people have been singing its praises for several weeks now. They say that this is the time of year when a young man's fancy turns to love and the girls are not against the idea. However, this is also the time of year when students decide that Mother Nature can teach them more than John Adams.

I feel sure that most of you who delight in skipping school would not do it if you knew what it is costing you and your fellow students. Not only is it costing you some education, it is also costing you some activity here in school.

There are very few of you who realize that the state gives out school aid monies to the schools. These aids are dependent in amount on the number of pupils in average daily attendance. That poor school attendance, caused by all those who skip, will cut the amount of money the school city and John Adams have to spend and eventually the school program will have to be cut.

The school city is now putting on a vigorous building campaign and they will be needing all the state aid that they can get. It is important that each student realize his responsibility in order that John Adams can have a full, wholesome school and extra-curricular program.

This is why it is important that you do not skip school and to let school officials know when you are not going to be in school, if it is known ahead of time. Wouldn't it be terrible if we would have to cut the Glee Club or the Album or some other activity, because the school budget had been cut?

**Jottings:** For three years I have been wanting a swimming team here and now we get it when I'll no longer be here . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Casimer Swartz on the arrival of daughter, Cynthia . . . Louise Niespo made the cute figures on the Sox Hop posters . . . Sure signs of spring—Hi-Y Candy Sale; baseball, golf, and track; Sox hop; Soci Trips, Band Contest, and Glee Club Concert.

## Car To Be Washed; Date With Albert— All Adds Up To Spring

by Mary Ann Kenady

Oh, by aken ead. I ges I god sprig vever, ad leasd I god somb kind of vever. (It's a good thing I'm writing this because this cold of mine surely sounds awful.) It seems like all I ever do is go to school, slave while I'm there, then walk home and slave on my homework then sleep for a few troubled hours, and then start back to school again. I know I should have a better outlook on Spring. Take my little brother for instance—he loves it. He spends happy hours wallowing in the "squishey" mud after school. Or maybe like Mom. She's all excited about the garden she's started. Even Dad's got a better attitude toward Spring than I have. He thinks it's the best weather there is, in fact, he thought it was so nice he asked me to wash the car.

Oh, well—even if everyone else does like Spring, the only good thing I can see about it is vacation, and that went by just fast enough for me to forget what we've been studying in school—and believe me, that doesn't take long. Oh, there's that old telephone. I'll be back in a minute—Guess who that was! It was Albert and he asked me for a date Saturday night.—You know, there must be something to this spring business; in fact, I think I'm beginning to like it.

## This Boy Isn't Superstitious—Ha!

Today is Friday the 13th! Now to most stupid, superstitious members of the hoi poloi this would be an ill omen; but, I'm different!

Don't look at me like that. No foolin' I'm not superstitious. All right, so I did get out of bed on the right side instead of the left this morning. I like to climb under the bed when I get up. It's healthy.

I walked around that ladder instead of under it because I didn't want to squash that ant. Might have some dependent nephew.

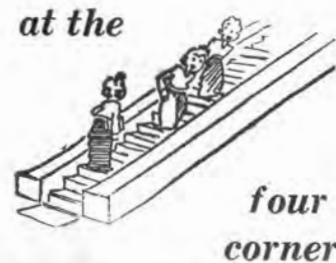
Now don't think I'm knocking on this wood because I'm sup—oops—I thought this was wood. It's the editor's head!

What's this on the ground? Why it is a four leaf clover! My troubles are over. Not because I'm superstitious, you understand, but because the biology teacher asked me to bring him an androecium.

### TEACHERS ABSENT

(Continued from page one)  
at a Library Association conference in Bloomington; Miss Puterbaugh was sent by the South Bend Teachers Association to a classroom teachers conference in Toledo and Mr. Goldsberry and Mr. Sargent were kept busy with the Social Living Trip on Friday.

The previous week, Mr. Dickey and Mr. Thompson attended an Industrial Arts Regional Convention in French Lick, Indiana.



four  
corners

Spring fever has worked its magic on the following couples which are now steadying it: **Kay Fisher** and **Larry Kreighbaum**, **Joyce Timothy** and **Fred LaCrosse**, **Carolyn Johnson** and **Bob Pfaff**, **Donna Leng** and **Jack Filley** (it has been a long time), **Mary Stancin** and **Wayne Woodward**, **Marianne Opperman** and **Al Burdeen** (Central) and **Mary Allen** and **Jim Malia** (N. D.).

On the other hand, Spring hasn't been doing so well with these couples. **Mickey Hennion** and **Jon Clauss** finally broke the strings as did **Jo Walke** and **Jude Dunfee** (Central).

Who is **Carol Rans** knitting those socks for? Could they be for a certain fellow from Lakeville? How about it?

'Twas said **Dick English** celebrated his birthday (the 8th) with **Marilee Achton** (Central).

Mystery of the week: Who is going with whom in this Sells-Edgerton deal Mix and Match: **Mel Edgerton**, **Jill Jacobson**, **Phyl Sells**, **Bill Dieter**.

Seen at the Stardust Cafe on March 30: **Pearl Coffman** and **Bill Stanfield**, **Marilyn DeLong** and **Bob Schermerhorn**, and **Rojean Bakos** and **Marty Weissert**.

Riley seems to be quite the school with a lot of Adams girls. **Marilyn Stegman** and **Yvonne Kollinger** are steadying it with **Jim Cherpes** and **Dan Lassen**, respectively. **Margaret Considine** has interests in **Ray Coahran** and **Flora Mason** sees a lot of **Jay Poland**.

News of the past, but worth mentioning: Central really ran away with some of Adams male population during a spring vacation dance. There was **Dick Shaw** and **Nancy Babcock**, **Dick Sanderson** and **Marcia Cole**, **Dale Gibson** and **Sharon Davis**, and **Joe Kline** and **Doris Harrington**.

So it seems that **Nancy Bolt** sees quite a bit of **Dave Sanderson** as of late.

Flash—latest news report that **Nancy Locsmondy** and **Larry Kedzie** are going steady. Another steady is **Norma Casper** and **Charlie Claywell** (navy).

Last week we were roaming around town and we chanced to see **Carol Spindler** and **Marty Weissert**.

More steadies: **Karol Hudson** and **Dick Shenenberger** and **Carolyn Donoho** and **Jack Marquart**.





By Dave James.

Very often lately we see in the newspaper a picture of a Korean student under which we may read, "Student Favors Crossing of 38th Parallel" or some such caption. Our newspapers seem to feel that because a student in one of our American colleges is a native of Korea his opinions deserve some special merit; consequently, a full column is devoted to his opinions and they are accepted by the great number of people as words of gold and the key to the solution of the Korean problem. However, little note is made of the varied opinions of the hundreds of thousands of other scholars whose opinions could easily be as sound or unsound as those of the Korean boy. I do not mean to assert that the Korean student is not entitled to offer his suggestions on how to destroy the menace which is ravishing his country and killing his own people. It is, however, humorous to think of newspapers scouring the college campus to find a student who must certainly have the solution to the Korean problem because of the mere fact that he once lived in Korea.

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Assignment I've gotten, a headache, too.

To make things worse, I caught the flu!

I sat at my desk, hour after hour,  
Looking out my window—  
'Nother April shower.

The wind just blew down a telephone line,

I chuckled 'fore I saw it happened to be mine.

My meat's on the stove, I think it burned up,

Guess I'll go hungry with nothing for sup.

"A fever! I've got one!" Complain I'm a dither,

It must be caused by this miserable "wither."

When spring fever attacks the person who writes,

He's apt to go crazy on Saturday nights.

Dancing and romance may finish your week,

These things feature writers never can seek,

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The importance if mischief cannot be overestimated. Just as Mrs. Chief, the Indian, brews herbs for the sick, mischief brews trouble for the class room teacher. If no one brewed any trouble how could the teachers have so much fun flunking anyone?

So please fellow student, bear a thought in mind for the chiefs, two of the most important elements in school life.

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Dave Boldon: Ruthie

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## Eagle Thinlies Drop Opener To Riley, 76-32

The Adams Eagles lost their first track meet last Friday to the Riley Wildcats by a score of 76-32. Last year's Notre Dame dash star, Bob Smith, is the new Riley coach. The Riley boys made a clean sweep of the meet, but we were not without our outstanding competitors. Paul Geiger tied with Grabill of Riley in the 100 yard dash. Dave Jones scored another first in the mile run and Shenenberger captured a first in the high jump, 5 feet, 10 3-4 inches.

We scored seconds in the following events: Stewart, in the 100 yard high hurdles; Smith, in the 200 yard low hurdles; Olschewsky, in the 880 yard run; Strong in the mile run; Conrey, a second place tie in the broad jump.

Bock scored a third in the 200 yard low hurdles; Krietzman a third in the 440 yard run; Jones a third in the 880 yard run; and Beebe a third in the pole vault.

## Adams Downed, 7-5 In Diamond Start

The Adams baseball nine opened their season last Tuesday evening and lost to the host Riley squad 7-5 in nine innings. The game was played on the South Siders' diamond since the Adams field was wet.

Corby Davis, the new baseball mentor, used practically all the men on the roster since the tilt was a non-conference affair. He used four pitchers to the Wildcats' one. Riley has a large veteran squad, compared to the Eagles' two returning lettermen.

At the end of the regulation seven innings, the score was tied 4-4. The game had to go two more frames before the home team came out on top.

## '51 TRACK TEAM STARTS NEW SEASON

The 1951 track season has started and so has the guessing as to what Adams chances will be against the tough competition to be encountered. Last Friday's meet with Riley may have been an indication, but let's wait for further evidence of what the future will hold for the Eagles. Co-coach Al Krider seems to think that there is a promising group of sophomores participating on the track squad this year. He was forced to get a pair of size thirteen shoes for one of these boys.

The track team will sport new outfits this year. They will have new shirts, trunks, and jerseys. With their new uniforms, they have acquired a new coach.

Gordon Nelson is coaching the sport with veteran coach, Al Krider. Coach Krider extends an invitation to all boys interested in having fun to feel free to come out for track. This applies mostly to sophomores and juniors.

The team will use the five star method of measuring a boy's all around track ability again this year. This is a national comparison of track athletes. The boy is measured throughout the season in the high jump, broad jump, shot put, 100 yard dash, and the 880 yard run. He receives a number of points for each accomplishment. Those on the track team this year who were among the first one hundred participating in this program last year are Dick Beebe, who scored 75th; and Paul Geiger, who placed 63rd.

The following are those boys participating in the track program this year:

Olschewsky, Hoover, Beebe, Reamer, Del Briggs, Dick Briggs, Bussert, Dugdale, Geiger, Gibson, Jones, Krietzman, Loar, Nidiffer,

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### April

13—South Bend City meet, tonight  
17—Goshen,—There  
21—Riley and Culver—School field  
26—Elkhart—School field  
28—Eastern Division meet  
30—Michigan City—Schol field

### May

2—Howe—There  
5—Conference Finals  
8—Benton Harbor-Niles—There,  
7:30  
12—Sectional—  
19—Regional—  
26—State—

Petrus, Pipke, Reinke, Scruggs, Sessler, Smith, Stewart, Whitmer, Wedel, Worley, Clark, Dean, Eberly, Jergovan, Kemble, McKeon, Messick, Mooren, Shrager, Shaw, Shenenberger, Strong, Thomas, English, Vermillion, Kinsinger, Beiser, Comey, Carithers.

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## A.H.S. To Add Water Sport To Athletics

Next year will mark the first time that John Adams will compete in the very active sport of swimming. Riley will also add swimming to their athletic schedule. The opening of this new athletic field was announced last Saturday by Forest W. Wood, health, physical education, and recreational director for the school city of South Bend.

The addition of swimming to the sports curriculum was made possible by the loan of the Y.M.C.A. pool. Heretofore, members had prevented the schools use of the pool, but the schedules have been shifted so that the schools will have the pool from three to four everyday and for meets on Saturday.

Coaches for the new sport will be appointed by Galen B. Sargent and Donald Dake sometime before the opening of the season next October.

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