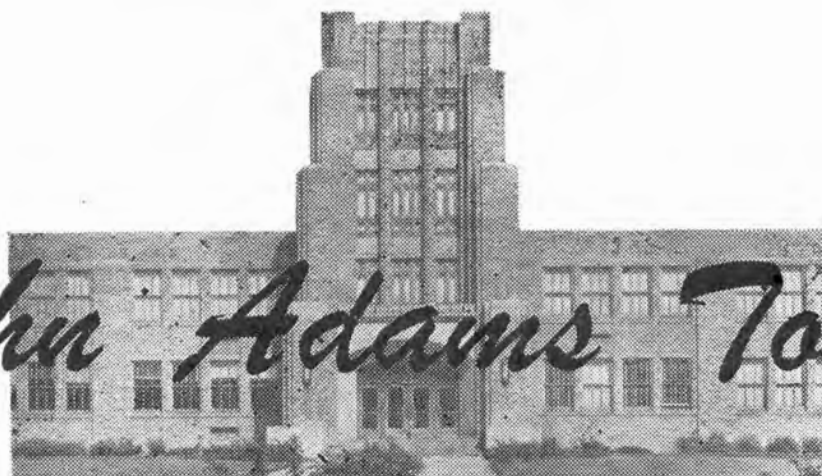


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JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL — SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

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Burke Elected To Top Post In Debate Club

Marilyn Burke was elected president of the Debate Club for the 1951-52 school year last Monday evening. John Smith was chosen vice-president and Fred Laas was named secretary-treasurer.

Marilyn is a junior from Mr. Dickey's home room and has been very active in the debaters' organization since coming to Adams. She has also been a prominent member of the band and orchestra. She is her home room representative to the Junior Red Cross.

Besides all these duties she has been on the honor roll all seven of the grading periods which have been completed since her arrival to Adams.

Debaters Finish Fifth

The John Adams debate team finished their league competition in fifth place it was announced at the league's annual banquet in the St. Paul Episcopal Church in Mishawaka. The Adams High School orators had a record of seven wins and seven losses.

Nappanee took first place honors with a 13 win, one loss record.

Their one loss was to the Adams negative team.

Central finished second and Mishawaka was third. The LaPorte debaters were listed as fourth. Riley ended in sixth place, Knox was seventh, and Howe Military Academy brought up the rear in the eighth position.

Adams debaters were Dave Sanderson, Esther Kennedy, Edwin Dean, David James, John Smith, Marilyn Burke, Jeanne Riffle, David Hessey, Bill Witwer, Evelyn Troub, Karyl Kintner, Roger Stouffer, and Fred Laas. Mr. Goldsberry is sponsor of the Debate Club.

SENIOR ASSEMBLY PLANNED

The assembly for Indiana University Extension will be on Tuesday morning, May 1 at 8:25 in the Little Theater.

Mr. Jack Detzler director of the South Bend center, will explain the service of the center so that all individuals will know what educational opportunities are available to them as young adults.

This program will be open to all graduating seniors.

Winner of State Championship



Pictured above is the John Adams band, state champion of Class B high school bands. The 43-piece group, under the direction of Cecil R. ("Doc") Deardorff, won their blue ribbon at the state music contest sponsored by the Northern Indiana School Band, Orchestra, and Vocal Association in Goshen on April 14.

Even though the highlight of their year, the contest, is over, they still have several engagements ahead. They will march in the Armed Forces Day Parade on May 19 and the Memorial Day Parade on May 30. They will play for the Senior Awards Assembly on May 29 and Commencement on June 1.



The program for the 1951-'52 school year:

Teachers Workshop—August 27, 28, 29.

Teachers report to respective buildings—August 30.

Pupils register—August 31.

Pupils report—Sept. 4.

Teachers Association — October 25 and 26.

Thanksgiving Vacation—November 21-26.

Christmas Vacation—Dec. 21-Jan. 7.

First semester ends—January 25.

Second semester begins—January 28.

Sectional Tournament — February 21.

Spring Vacation—April 4-14.

Memorial Day—May 30.

School closes—June 6.

Social Security Note

Vacation time and graduation time will soon be here. Many of you will secure jobs which are covered by the Social Security Act. Most employers will want to see your social security card before they will place you on the payroll. Keep your card in a safe place. If you have lost your original card, you should call at or write the Social Security Field Office listed below. They will secure the original number issued to you, as that One Number is The Only One You Should Ever Use. If you have never had a number, you can secure an account number card by calling at or writing to: Social Security Administration, 209 Post Office Building, South Bend 24, Indiana.

SOPHS PLAN PICNIC

The sophomore class has planned a picnic to be held May 10, in Potawatomi Park. It will be a wiener roast, which will begin immediately after school.

Plans have been made to collect a fee from each person to cover the cost of wieners, buns, and cokes. Baked beans, potato chips and potato salad will be contributed by the girls.

Joyce Swingendorf is general chairman, Larry Kedzie, Jim Cierziak, Naome Penrod, Barbara Crow, Nancy Kenady and Mary Agnes Gingrich are on the Foods Committee. Dick Wallace, Louis Finch and Dick Northrup are on the Entertainment Committee.

Seniors Prepare For Busy Days Ahead In May

While April finds our beloved seniors (and their parents) broke, weary, and down and out, they have these brighter spots for which to look forward to in the merry days of May ahead.

First on the agenda is the Senior Prom to be held at the Palais Royale, Friday evening, May 18. Graduates and alumni may purchase tickets from Mr. Weir or prom committeemen. Parents are also invited to attend. Neither tickets nor formal dress is required of them. No flowers are to be worn. Roy Tepe is chairman of the prom committee. Committeemen are: Mary Alice Barnes, Johanna Jaffee, John Lederer, David Sanderson, and Beth Smithberger.

On Sunday, May 27, at 4:00 p.m. the all-city Baccalaureate service will be held. Admission will be by ticket only. Each graduate will receive two tickets. Adams' graduating seniors will gather in the Library at 3:30. Paul DeLong heads the Baccalaureate committee which is composed of Pearl Coffman, Dolores Krovitch, Jeanne Riffle and Barbara Swank.

Cap and Gown Day will be Tuesday, May 29. All graduates will go on parade in full dress to impress all the underclassmen with the solemnities of graduation.

At 1:40 p.m. the annual Senior Awards Assembly will be held. Parents are encouraged to attend. No tickets will be required. After the assembly the P.T.A. will hold the senior punch for graduates and their parents in the Little Theatre. Tom Dugdale is chairman of the Assembly committee. Members are Phyllis Moxley, Nancy Orzech, and Barbara Turk. The huge Senior Issue of the Tower will be distributed after the assembly.

The senior picnic will be held on Thursday, May 31, at Potawatomi Park from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m.

Finally at 8:00 p.m., June 1, the class of 1951 will don their caps and gowns, will receive their diplomas, and will become alumni of John Adams. Admission to commencement is by ticket only. Each graduate will receive 12 tickets. Committees for the picnic and commencement have not been announced.

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From the Editor's Pen

Recently I read what was labeled an old Chinese proverb. It stated "Happiness—three meals per day, one sleep per night."

The ancient Greeks thought happiness to be a shy goddess who if pursued would glide away, but if left to her own devices would soon be peeping over one's shoulder.

A poet has compared happiness to the perfect crystal broken into a million pieces that no one ever finds them all to make his crystal perfect again. Some find the fragments and do not recognize them; often the pieces are so small that one does not bother to put them together and they are lost.

We, being a more realistic minded people than the Greeks know that there is more to happiness than eating, sleeping, goddesses, and crystals.

My grandmother has often told me that I would never be happier than during my school days. Now, as a senior, I am beginning to realize what she means.

Soon I will no longer be a student in Adams; there'll be no more band, drama club, basketball games, or Mr. Krider. I won't be walking through our beautiful corridors each day.

I urge all of you to make the best of your opportunities at Adams, because you'll find that you're happiest when you try to enjoy yourself.

Jottings: I wish to commend the Music and Drama departments of Riley High School for their magnificent presentations of Rudolf Friml's "The Three Musketeers" . . . The orchids of the week must go to Mrs. Pate and the John Adams Glee Club for their beautiful program Wednesday night.

We must also make note of the fact that Mary Swingendorf, Carol Anderson, and Ann Donker created the stage decorations for the program. They really were swell.

IT PAYS TO LAUGH

Sir Cedric Hardwicke listened while a man told a long story. But the man spoke so indistinctly and he muffed his punch line so badly that the story wasn't funny. "Why did you laugh?" a friend asked Hardwicke.

"I always do," the great English actor said. "If you don't laugh, there's danger of their telling it over again."

Dear Diary:

I am real disgusted because spring isn't here because yesterday I went downtown and bought three new cotton dresses now I can't wear them and I am real disgusted and one is pink-and-white striped and one is green and that is the cutest it has yellow buttons and a big yellow collar and cuffs and one is blue and I have only fifty cents left out of all that money I had and I have to buy my lunches all week—I guess I'll go on a diet. Also I am disgusted because I planted tulip bulbs three weeks ago and they haven't even come up yet and I go and look at them every morning. There are some robins around though.

Mostly I am disgusted because in the spring a young man's fancy is supposed to lightly turn but how can it lightly turn when there isn't any spring for it to turn in but I am pretty sure it will lightly turn when it sees me in my green and yellow dresses because it is very cute especially the cuffs.

Well have courage I say to myself so that I will not get discouraged spring will be here when it gets warmer and then the apple tress will bloom and then we will have apples with worms in them for the robins to eat.

Love,

Joannaloumae.

Taming of the Shrew?

By Su Hastings

As I walked into the room one day I saw some of the students in the back of the room waving their arms and one girl was shouting something at one of the boys. I wondered what class this could be. I sat down with some of the others and started watching those in the rear of the room as intently as the rest. Suddenly those students seated, started yelling, "louder, louder." Then one said, "Where's the shrew? Where is that Lorena Rose?"

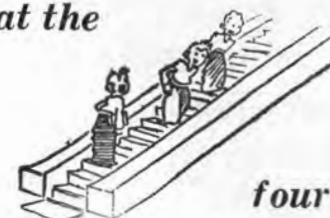
When everything had calmed down a bit, I asked the girl next to me what those students were doing back there yelling at one another and throwing their arms in the air. "We're producing 'The Taming of the Shrew,'" she said. Before I could say more, Mrs. McClure was speaking: "Hortensio, stand erect. Don't fold up in the middle. Cremio, look at Katharina, before you walk away. Katharina, you look as though your feet are going one way and the rest of your body is going the opposite way. Baptista, look as though you have had enough."

"My," I said, "Mrs. McClure is doing a wonderful job of directing."

"Yes, she is but she isn't the director, Marcia Donoho is the director," said one of the boys.

I sat there a little longer, yelling "Louder," when it was necessary, right along with the others. Finally I heard Marcia say, "Rehearsal Over." I left wondering—I won't say wondering what; just wondering!"

at the



four
corners

Purdue seems to have attracted the attention of some of the Adams gals. During vacations we notice: Jackie Clemmons with Gil Holt; Sharon Chambers and Fred Anderson; Eleanor Earl with Allan Leatherman.

Seen around together: Sharon Cotherman and Paul Delong; Su Hastings and Ken Callaway (Alumnus).

We're glad to see that Rojean Bakos and John Helvey are back together.

Two more couples have been added to the list of steadies: Mary Lou Getzinger and Walt LaFeber (Walkerton); Judy Hunneshagen and Lynn Brown.

Noticed at a dance at Howe Military: Nancy Kenady and Mike Lynch and Barbara Crow and Larry Lauterbach.

Central is still holding its own with Adams people. To wit: Dave Sanderson and Judy Patterson; Dave Boldon and Bonnie Palmiter; Barb Lennon and Don Pierson; Mary Lou Tait and Jude Dunfee.

There seems to be an abundance of brilliance lately—what with the sun shining and Mary Alice Barnes' ring from Ronnie Lynch (alumnus).

At the Sox Hop last week we saw: Bill Hudson and Nancy Bolt; Jerry Graf and Jo Tarr, and Dick Sessler and Gingie Steinmetz.

The prize for the best socks was given to Sandra Zimmerman and Jack Nordblad. They're all set up for next year's dance; the prize was a pair of moca-socks.

Also we saw: Sheila Fitzsimmons and Duane Rowe, and Emalu Palm and Dick Wedel.

It brings back old memories to see Pearl Coffman and Terry Duncan with each other again.

On a hayride last week we saw: Pat Holland and Jim Martin; Jan Schwier (Jefferson) and Bob Stone; Kenny Dillon and Joan Allen; Jon Clauss and Mickey Hennion; Joe Landgraf and Valrai Smith (Central).

Miss Roell decided nice weather would never come so she started her week-end jaunts in the rain. Last week-end she attended the American Business Writers Association conference at Bloomington—and she said it really rained down there. The week before she attended an open house at Gregg College in Chicago and it rained that day too.



By Dave James.

No one ever gets sun-burned in South Bend in April. For that matter, no South Bender ever sees the sun until May rolls around. At any rate, I sometimes find myself lapsing into a state of forgetfulness over what color the sky is until I recall that it was blue last August. (This reporter is not responsible for any weather change for the Hah! better in South Bend after this paper goes to press.)

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Briefly speaking—Most seniors are by now well supplied with name cards of every conceivable design, shape, size, line, form, lettering, etc. What happened to our valedictorian? Come on, Esther, pull up those grades . . . No wonder Mr. Goldsberry throws report cards in the waste basket . . . "Well done" to Mrs. Pate and the Glee Club for Wednesday night's performances . . . Just a word of welcome to Mr. Farrington, our new and rather interesting student teacher.

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Words with weight—Here's an old one: "You can always tell a senior but you can't tell him much." That one's so true that it almost hurts.

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Marlene Secolnik.

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Sue Spenner—No, I think he's very nice.

Joan Gearhart—Is that for inquiring reporter? I'm not going to get my name in there any more.

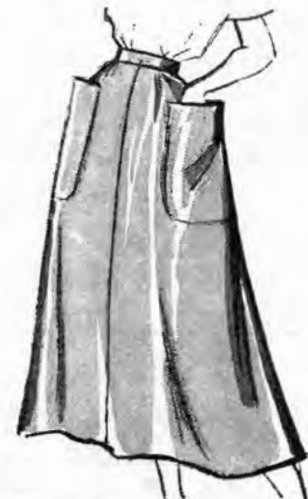
By the way, you might be interested to note that thoot yaced is tooth decay—spelled backwards (well, almost).



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Eagle Thinlies Win Third Place In City Meet

Last Thursday afternoon at the city outdoor track meet which was held at School Field, John Burger's champion Central Bears barely eked a narrow margin over a determined Riley squad. The Bears had 62 points and the Wildcats 60½. John Adams finished third with 22½ points while Washington trailed with 20. The Bears were superior in the running events while the Wildcats piled up points in the field contests. Central got but five of its points on the infield. Central's Andy Graham was the outstanding star of the day. He captured firsts in the mile run and the half mile and ran the third leg of a winning Bear mile relay team.

Dick Shenenberger of Adams managed to acquire the only non Riley-Central first place. He did this in the high jump with a leap of five feet, nine inches. He was four inches better than any of his competitors. Shenenberger injured his foot earlier in the week at the Goshen meet, but apparently suffered no ill effects in the outdoor meet. Brisk winds were the fifth and toughest entry in this annual outdoor track meet.

PLACE SECOND IN TRI-MEET

Last Saturday afternoon at School Field, the Riley Wildcats ran off with a healthy first in a triangular meet with John Adams and Culver. The South Siders

Adams Hurlers Meet Stiff Opposition

Adams 1, Central 13

The Eagles were scheduled to play Central Wednesday at School Field, but were rained out in the first inning. When the game was called, Fred LaCrosse had worked Beor pitcher Ben Jagla for a walk and then stole second. The game ended before Larry Soellinger could finish his turn at bat.

The Eagles would have been better off if it had also rained on their Thursday game with Central. They were the unhappy victims of a lopsided 13-1 score. The Central batters racked up thirteen hits during the course of the game and their most efficient pitcher sent eight Eagle batters to the cleaners on strikes. Jim Riddle was the starting pitcher for the Eagles and yielded four runs in the first and four more in the third inning before he was replaced by Junior Joe Kline. Adams threatened to score in the third inning when Kierein and Dieter singled, but the Bear hurler

stacked up a total of 73 points to 55½ for the Eagles and 32½ for Culver. The Wildcats placed first in seven events and tied with Adams for another. Adams' strongest performance was in the mile run. Jones and Strong captured first and second place in this event with a winning time of 4:58.6. The Eagles also took a first and a third in the broad jump with Geiger and Hoover doing the honors.

Other Adams firsts: 200 yard dash, Geiger; 200 yard low hurdles, Smith; High jump, Shenenberger; and Pole vault, Briggs.

struck out Kline and LaCrosse with Soellinger going out to end the threat. The lone score came in the fourth inning when Riddle drove in Don Oakes from first with a double. Adams had seven errors and four hits. The battery was Riddle, Kline, and Dieter. The game was non-conference and Adams' second loss in three starts.

Adams 2; Riley 5

In the Riley-Adams battle, the Eagles again ended up on the losing end. The final score was 5-2. This was the second Riley victory over the Eagles. The first game was a non-conference extra-innings game. Bill Hartman went all the way for the Wildcats and allowed only four hits. Eagle pitcher Dick Peterson was clipped for eight hits by the Riley sluggers. Hartman was the winner of the previous Eagle-Wildcat clash. The Riley prep boys took a 2-0 lead in the second inning and added another tally in the third. Adams closed the gap with single runs in the fourth and fifth innings. The Wildcats came back to cinch the decision with two runs in the fifth. The teams are tied for fourth in conference play with one win and one loss each. Battery for the Eagles was Peterson and Dieter.

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Last Friday afternoon at the Erskine Park Golf Course, the John Adams golf team failed to win their second golf match; but, they didn't lose either. They tied with Riley, 7½*-7½. Weissert was low scorer for the team with an 89 and took two points from his opponent. Fred Helmer also won two points with a 90. Weaver and Swintz both managed to acquire 1½ points, scoring 94 and 95 respectively. Dickens took a ½ point with a 96. Low man for the day was Barrett with an 86. He is the sixth man, however, and his score does not count.

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