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Guidance Office Announces Several Award Winners

The guidance office has released the identities of the recipients of several scholarships.

State scholarships were won by four seniors. Sharlee Cissell, Fred Helmer, and Marty Weissert received awards to Indiana and Dolores Trisinger to Indiana State Teachers College. Purdue University scholarships have not been released.

Special merit scholarships to Indiana University were received by Bob Bartol, Nancy Bolt, David James, and Jack Troeger. Norma Casper and Dale Rogers were the recipients of the LaVerne Noyes scholarships, also to Indiana.

David James has been announced as the winner of a valuable Kalamazoo College Competitive Scholarship.

Mary Swingendorf has received word that she has won the Theresan Award to the College of St. Theresa.

The highly valuable Edward Rector Scholarship to DePauw University has two winners at John Adams, Bob Bartol and Edwin Dean.

Fred Helmer and Dave Sander son have won Honorary Scholarships to Northwestern University.

A.H.S. Featured In Book

The J. Weston Walch Publishing Company of Portland, Maine, has printed a book entitled "Graduation Idea Book," by Christobel M. Cordell, in which the Senior Assembly and Picnic of John Adams is featured.

Miss Cordell has compiled a 176-page book of commencement exercises, class day, senior proms, baccalaureates, banquets, and picnics from high schools all over the country.

Mr. Sargent, our principal, entered the page and a half story of the traditional honors program in the manual. The story told that the day of the assembly is Cap and Gown Day and that final examinations are completed in the morning.

The program of last year's assembly was printed using the names of Richard Bennett, Lois Warstler, Suzanne Smith, and Nancy Watson.

Junior Red Cross to Ship Chest Today

The A.H.S. chapter of the Junior American Red Cross will ship a chest and foreign correspondence album to Europe today. Mary Swingendorf, president of the club, is chairman of the annual project.

The Foreign Correspondence Album is a book made up as if some one was being introduced to our building, containing information

Who Is The Madam?

The question around Adams since last fall has been "Who is Madam Adam?" Every other week since October of 1950 the Madam has written a column to the heart-broken which appeared on page two but her identity was not released.

Many thought that Miss Roell wrote the column and many thought that the editor, Jim Considine, had taken an alias. Some people were even heard to say that Mary Swingendorf and Bob Bartol authored it.

However, the true Madam is Beth Hodge, co-feature editor of the Tower.

A.H.S. Concert Band To Play in LaPorte

Next Tuesday afternoon, May 15, the John Adams band will travel to LaPorte to present a concert for the high school student body in the Maple City. Mr. Gene Pennington, director of instrumental music at the high school extended the invitation to Mr. Deardorff's state champion organization.

The 43-piece band will present a widely varied program, mixing classical and semi-classical with ever-popular tunes. Included in the concert will be the overture to Fanchet's Symphony in B Flat, LaGasse's Sequoia Overture, and the bristling March of Youth by Olivadoti. These three numbers were those played for the contest.

PARKER ELECTED HI-Y PREXY

Bruce Parker was elected president of the Adams Hi-Y for the '51-'52 school year, at a meeting on Thursday, May 3. Fred LaCosse was chosen vice-president. Parker replaces Duane Rowe.

The secretary for the next year will be Jack Noyes. Bob Bock was chosen treasurer. Tom Addison was named sergeant-at-arms. The chaplain will be Cliff Richards.

and pictures of activities at Adams. The book explains what a typical A.H.S. student might experience. Included are samples of Art Work, sample copies of the Tower, pictures from the Album, and material on Adams athletics and activities.

Also included in the album is a recording that was made by a group of singers from the Glee Club under the direction of Mrs. Pate. On the record are a solo by Sharon Chambers and numbers by the Triple Trio and a mixed group.

The overseas chest will hold school supplies, towels, wash cloths, a first-aid kit, a World Atlas, a World Almanac, a geography of the United States, musical instruments, and sports equipment.

Many students participated in the preparation of the album and chest for its journey to Europe. The chest was built by the Industrial Arts Department of the South Bend School City and it was painted in the Adams shop. Lettering and other art work were done by the Adams Art Department. Members of the J. A. R. C. council, under the direction of Miss Law, have sponsored the project and participated in the purchase of articles.

S.C. to Hold Elections

Monday morning during home room period the officers of the John Adams Student Council for the 1951-52 school year will be elected. The slate will be announced at that time.

Last Monday morning the Council's Nominating Committee met to decide upon the slate. There will be three candidates for each office: President, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. The slate was to have been approved by the Council as a whole yesterday, but it was not finished in time for the Tower deadline.

CALENDARS SENT PARENTS

Parents of graduating seniors recently received announcements of senior activities which pile up at the end of May. The letters were signed by Volney C. Weir, the senior class sponsor.

The parents were asked to attend as many of the activities as possible and both parents and graduates can use the letter as a calendar.

Shakespeare, Wilde One-Act Plays To Be Given

During the sixth hour on Friday, May 25, the Dramatics Class will present two plays for the student body. The class, under the sponsorship of Mrs. McClure, will present William Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew," and "The Inn of Discontent," by Percival Wilde.

"The Taming of the Shrew" is one of Shakespeare's most famed plays and will feature Lorena Rose and Tom Olschewsky in the lead roles of Katherine and Petruchio. Nancy Smith will play Bianca and Ed Ashley will play Baptiste. Marcia Donoho is the director and Joyce Coffman will assist her.

Wilde's "The Inn of Discontent" is a modern morality play which Marlene Shcolnik and Margaret Jamison will direct. The leads will be handled by Wayne Schrader, Sharon Cotherman, and Raynal Lowel as the lover, the girl, and the young thing, respectively.

Defenders of Freedom To Be Honored

In observance of the second annual Armed Forces Day on May 19, the John Adams student body will assemble at 8:35 next Thursday morning, March 17, to honor our "Defenders of Freedom."

John McNamara, director of student publications for the School City, is planning the program for all the city schools on May 17 and 18.

Discussions of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps will be held by men from their respective branches of service. Films of the branches will also be shown.

LaCOSSE TEAM WINS CONTEST

The final returns on the ticket sales for the Glee Club's Spring Concert find that the Anti-Thompson team, headed by Fred LaCosse, won the contest over the Thompson team headed by Bob Thompson. The LaCosse group won by a small margin, each team having sold over \$250 worth of tickets.

Pat Light sold 105 tickets for the highest number. Carol Simons sold 57 and Fred Laas sold 54. More than 1,800 tickets were sold for the concert which was presented April 25.

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From the Editor's Pen

Next Sunday, May 13, is Mother's Day, the day we honor the woman who has tried so hard to make us better than we are.

The florists have capitalized on the day for their own benefits, but I think that there should be a lot more thought behind a gift for her than just rushing off to the florist's and buying her a potted plant.

Last year Mary Ann Kenady wrote a piece which was printed in The Tower and I would like to have it printed again this year. It is entitled "A Bouquet for Mother."

Mother's 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 smiles 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.

Jottings: Willard Harris, head of the maintenance department, tells me of a clean-up campaign sponsored at Washington by the Student Council which was so very successful. He adds that Adams doesn't need much of a campaign except for two rooms??? Let's help 'em out, what say? St. Mary's Academy presented a very enjoyable show last Sunday, "Little Women," which was very good. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Warren A. Seaborg upon the arrival of a new daughter. This is my last column till May 29. See you then.

When I Graduate - - -

by Ed Dean

When I graduate from Adams this spring, I will be completing one of the most important legs in my preparation for later life. I believe that my experiences at Adams have been such that when I look back at my days here I will regret having to pack my bags and move on. But just what is it that I will regret leaving?

I won't miss the building or the physical equipment of the school. Oh, perhaps when I see the building I will feel a little sentimental about it. But that will be because of other things that I connect with the building.

I will miss the people. A school is made up of people. I will miss walking to class, watching ball games, going to dances — all with my Adams friends. I will miss the exhilaration, suspense, peacefulness or disappointment that always accompanied these experiences. For instance, I will miss hoping for a miracle when Adams is behind six points with one minute to play. I will recollect with fondness the companionship afforded me by the members of the band and of the track team. My student friends are not the only ones I will miss. There are teachers too that I will hate to leave. I will miss Mr. Neff's 'cause and result' courses. I will miss an A. T. Krider to stimulate my thinking. I will miss the patience of Miss Kaczmarek. I believe that for some reason or other I will miss all of my teachers.

I won't miss studying, but I'll miss the feeling of pride and accomplishment that goes with the successful completion of a difficult assignment. And I suppose I'll even miss the feeling of suspense that I have when I am afraid of being asked about a subject I haven't studied.

Perhaps I make a mistake in looking backards. I have had my full share of rich feelings and experiences here. Now I leave high school better prepared, I believe, to take my place in society and to help improve it.

On The Silver Screen

"Watch the Birdie"—Fred Helmer.
"Born Yesterday"—Su Hastings
"Red Shoes"—Judy Campbell
"Riding High"—Larry Moren and Judy Hershenow
"Mr. Music"—Mr. Reber
"Branded"—Judy Hunneshagen and Lynn Brown
"Cry Danger"—Bruce Parker from Jean Selby
"Never a Dull Moment"—Mr. Carroll
"I'll Get By"—Nancy Kenady
"Difficult Years"—Toby Priebe
"Mating Season"—Carol Anderson and Bill Haeefe
"The Lemon Drop Kid"—Gordon Smith
"Undercover Girl"—Esther Kennedy
"To Please a Lady"—Len Tucker
"Samson and Delilah"—RoJean Bakos and John Helvey

Madam Adam

Soothes Your Heart
When It Breaks Apart

Dear Madam Adam:

I have been dating a boy who I think is very swell. I have just found out that he has quite a reputation of leading girls on and not really caring for them.

I still like him, but what shall I do? Still go with him or not?

Sweet T. Pie.

Dear Sweetie:

Without a doubt, I would continue dating him. His reputation has to do with his past, but no one has the power to know what is yet to come. Who knows, maybe you will be the one girl he does really like. Certainly you can lose nothing by dating him.

If perhaps you are thinking what's the use of dating him if he's just leading you on—but on the other hand which is better: to sit home wishing you were with him or actually being with him??

Madam Adam

Dear Madam Adam:

There is a boy here at Adams that like very much and would like very much and would like to go steady with, but I'm afraid he won't ask me to go steady. Is there anything I can do about this.

Mary

Dear Mary:

They say it's a man's world and it's things like this that they are referring to. There isn't one thing you can do about it. Of course, you could hint around and admire his class ring or his jacket or something, but then of course if he's a man that is not to be tied down that's a pretty good way to lose him, I figure. I don't think that a ring or an I.D. makes quite that much difference. If he dates you steadily and has shown no indication of liking another girl, leave things as they are—chances are, if he wants to ask you—he will; but if he doesn't want to steady, for goodness sake, don't try to tell him what to do or you'll find yourself out in the cold—by yourself.

Madam Adam

Dear Public:

Just how is it one goes about solving a problem? So far as I know, there is no sure-fire way. What I have to say to Sally may not help her in the least, but Suzie found that it met her dilemma and solved it quite nicely.

It has been a lot of fun writing this column this past year; I found how many kids have the same problems and how I wished I could answer some of my own. The latter has long been impossible for most people.

Although I know a lot of you would rather read gossip than a bunch of silly questions and even sillier answers, there were two preventing factors: Not enough gossip (either we were told not to print items or there just wasn't any) and for pity sakes—I had to have something to do in my spare time.

Madam (Beth Hodge) Adam



By Dave James.

We who graduate this year do not envy those who must stay on to welcome the first freshman class that John Adams High School has had since 1940. My questions are: Where are you going to put them? Aren't most of the classrooms, the desks, soap-boxes, and chandeliers already occupied by students? Will we have to hang two freshmen from every chandelier? Can the chandeliers stand a class of freshmen? For that matter, can the sophomores stand a class of freshmen? What will happen to the sophomore when he learns that there is something more lowly, more naive, more insignificant, more asinine, more glib, and more awkward than himself? Can it be that Adams will thus breed a class of conceited, haughty, and supercilious sophomores? But, don't the seniors hold priority in that department? How do you go about wrestling your way down an overcrowded hall? May students walk on bodies of freshmen who have been trampled by the onrushing mob? What is to be done with the excess legs and arms which will protrude from doors and windows? Can the walls take it?

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Moral of the Story: Beware of Man With Gun

by Marlen Shcolnik

The grass was green, the lake was cool,
This lovely day — shall I skip school?
I fetched my bike and my fishing pole,
And scrambled down to a fishing hole.
To spend such a lovely day in school,
Is the work only of some fool.
I leaned back lightly against the tree
Today's studies for others, but none for me!
I whistled a tune and sipped on my pop,
When fate all too quickly caused me to stop —
How solemn and still the lovely day seemed,
Till I saw "The Thing"; then I just screamed!
"The Thing" was the truant man, rifle in hand,
He motioned me to rise, but I couldn't even stand
"Shouldn't you be in school?" He stopped by my side,
There was a lump in my throat, or I would've replied.
Now Saturday morning around about nine,
My friends all went their way, and I went on mine,
They went to the beach for a day of much fun,
While I am at work for that man with a gun!

EAST MEETS WEST

Two Germans were fishing on the opposite sides of a river separating the American zone of occupation from the Russian. The one on the American side seemed to be having all the luck.

Becoming impatient, the one on the Russian side shouted to the other, asking why he was having all the luck.

"That's simple," replied the lucky

one. "The fish over here are not afraid to open their mouths."

EMBARRASING MOMENT

There once was a girl named Harri,

That nothing seemed to embarrass

'Til the bath salts one day
In the tub where she lay,
Turned out to be plaster of Paris.

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Turf Shooters Lose Two Matches To Central and City

Last Friday and Monday afternoons, the John Adams golf team played two rather interesting golf matches. The one played last Friday was with Central and was contested at the Erskine Park Golf Course. The odd thing about that Friday match is that Adams lost the decision to the Bears, 10½ to 4½, but their number one man managed to tie the school record for the lowest score in match play. The first one to set this record was Al Smith. Dick Moore, number one man on last year's golf squad, tied Smith's record last year. Marty Weissert, is the hero of this year and the Central match. However, he didn't save his team from defeat. Weissert took three points from his opponent, but Helmer only took one from his competitor, and Barrett just managed to eke out one-half point from his opposing player.

The Monday match with Michigan City was a different story as far as scores are concerned. Marty Weissert scored an 87 against his previous 73 and took one-half point. Helmer scored a 95 and emerged with one point to his credit while Barrett was unable to take any points with a 107, Dickens won two points with a 92, and Swintz got up from his sick bed to take the only three points with a 91. Adams scored 6½ points to their opponents 8½.

And then there was the sad case of the English literature professor who received a theme with no punctuation marks and died trying to hold his breath until the last page.

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Diamond Eagles Win Two; Lose to Blazers

Last week was a highly successful week for the John Adams baseball team. They lost to Elkhart by a hearty margin on Tuesday afternoon, but recovered with surprising speed to whip Central Catholic and the league-leading LaPorte Slicers. The LaPorte victory may be an indication of better things to come.

The Eagles lost to the Elkhart Blue Blazers by a top-heavy score of 14-3. This was the second conference win of the season for Elkhart. Adams hurler, Bruce Parker, definitely had an off day as he allowed 16 hits by the Blazer men. While he was giving Elkhart a field day, Rudy Paquette of Elkhart gave the Eagles seven scattered hits.

In the second inning, Adams tagged two runs as a result of a home run by Jim Brennan. Bruce Parker scored with him. But, this came a little late as the Blazers had scored four runs in a damaging first inning. The rest of the play was Elkhart's all the way. Parker and Dieter were the battery for the Eagles. Paquette and Gruber did the honors for Elkhart. Adams had three runs, seven hits, and five errors.

Eagles Wallop Central Catholic

In the Wednesday night duel between Adams and Central Catholic there was a battle of sophomore pitchers in which John Adams' Jim Riddle won a most decisive victory. The Eagle hurler held the Indians to three hits as the Eagles won, 13-2.

The Catholic hurler tried as hard as Riddle, but had less luck or skill as he allowed seven runs and nine hits before being relieved by Joe Nemeth in the fifth inning. The fourth inning was Adams' only

scoreless inning. They made up for it by louting Joe Nemeth for six more runs and four additional hits.

Don Oakes was the batting champion of the day for the Eagles with three runs in five trips to the plate. Joe Kline rapped out a double in the second for the only extra-base blow of the game. He also collected a single in his three official bats. Tom Addison also got two for three for the Eagles. The Indians got their runs on two errors and one hit for two runs in the first inning. However, after that, Riddle never faced more than four batters in one inning. Battery for the Eagles was Riddle and Dieter. Adams had 13 runs, 13 hits and four errors.

Last Friday afternoon at the home of the LaPorte Slicers the John Adams Eagles handed the league-leading Slicers their first defeat of the year. The final score was 3-2. The progress of the game was hampered by rain. The Eagles collected three hits off LaPorte hurler, Bill Pitmon, and five errors by LaPorte also aided their cause. Adams had three runs, three hits and two errors. Battery for the Eagles was Peterson and Dieter.

On Feathered Wing

The young man wrote home from his new job, saying, "Made foreman—feather in my cap."

A few weeks later he wrote, saying, "Made manager — another feather in my cap." After some weeks he wrote again, "Fired — send money for train fare."

His father unfeelingly telegraphed: "Use feathers and fly home."

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Shenenberger Sets High Jump Mark In Tri-Meet

The Eagle trackmen did right well for themselves at the Howe track field as they finished ahead of Howe and Goshen. They ran up a total of 56½ points to Goshen's 51¼ and Howe's 29. Dick Shenenberger set a meet field, and school record in the high jump with a leap of six feet 1¾ inches. This was his best jump of the year.

Adams scored first in the 880-yd. run by Olschewsky, in the mile-run by Jones, in the broad jump by Geiger, and in the high jump by Shenenberger. They placed second in the 100-yd. dash, the 120-yd. high hurdles, 200-yd. low hurdles, mile relay, and the high jump.

Fort Wayne North Side captured the Northern Indiana Track Conference Championship at East Chicago last Saturday. They had 36 points. Central ran a close second with 35 points. Adams won two firsts. Paul Geiger won the broad jump and Dick Shenenberger tied with four others in the high jump. The four others were Gene Taylor, Gary Froebel; Dick Blythe, Hammond; Bill Moss, Hammond Clark, and Fletcher Battles of East Chicago Washington. They all jumped five feet, nine inches. Adams was tenth in the meet with eight points. Central and Mishawaka finished ahead of us.

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