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JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL — SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

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## Marylee Crofts to Go Abroad This Summer

Marylee Crofts has recently been notified that she is one of the American students being sent abroad this summer by the American Field Service. Marylee is an Adams Junior from Home Room 105.

Marylee applied for the American Field Scholarship in February and was accepted on the basis of a written autobiography, a paper explain-



MARYLEE CROFTS

ing why she wanted to go abroad, and a list of school and outside activities. She also had to furnish recommendations from four citizens of the community.

Marylee will leave New York City for Europe in June and return to this country early in September. She will live with a family with at least one English-speaking person in it and be afforded the opportunity to study family life of the country. She will not actually attend school while abroad, however. She has not been notified whether she will live in France or Germany.

The American Field Service, which offered Hans Bohlman, a student of Adams this year, a scholarship to study in our school, offers summer scholarships to American students to live in Europe as a means of bettering International Relations through youth. American students, such as Marylee, hope to learn to understand and appreciate other nationalities, religions, governments, problems, and ideas by living in foreign countries.

## Adams Band, Orchestra Receive First Rating

On Saturday, April 18, the John Adams band again gained recognition in the instrumental contest at Fort Wayne. Our band shared a first division rating with Hobart. The orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Paul Ellsworth also received a first division rating at its first appearance in the contest.

## GRADUATION ACTIVITIES OUTLINED

### Adams Seniors Make Plans; Last Four Weeks to be Busy

May 15. Senior Prom, 9:00 to 12:00 at the Palais Royale. Neither formal dress nor tickets are required of parents. Graduates and alumni may purchase tickets from the ticket salesman or the senior class sponsor in Room 101 or in the school office before 4:00 p. m. the day of the dance. No tickets will be sold at the door and no fresh flowers will be permitted.

May 24. Baccalaureate services at 4:00 p. m. Admission is by ticket only. Each graduate will receive three tickets. John Adams graduates should report to the library at 3:30.

May 26. Senior examinations in afternoon classes.

May 27. Senior examinations in morning classes.

May 27. Senior Awards Assembly 1:40 p. m. in the auditorium. No tickets are required. Graduates are to report at the auditorium entrance (the Little Theatre in case of rain) at 1:15. Parents who can arrange to attend this assembly are most welcome to come. Scholastic and extra-curricular awards are given at this time. The program also includes the addresses of the salutatorian and the class president.

May 27. Senior Punch in the Little Theatre immediately following the Awards Assembly. The John Adams High School Parent-Teacher Association sponsors this party each year to honor the graduating seniors and their parents.

May 28. Spring Sports Assembly in the auditorium at 8:25 a. m. Several seniors will receive awards.

June 1. Senior Class Picnic 11:30 to 2:30 at the Rum Village Park.

June 2. Commencement Rehearsal at 8:25 a. m. All graduates must report to their home rooms for final report cards. No one is excused from attending this rehearsal.

June 2. Commencement Exercises 8:00 p. m. Admission is by ticket only. Each senior will be given twelve tickets.

## SENIORS RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commencement announcements were distributed to seniors during home room period Tuesday, April 28. The representatives from each home room who were responsible for taking orders and delivering the announcements were: Shirley Bull, 101; Joe Drake, 102; James Worley, 113; Joe Kreitzman, 213, and Pat Grant, 215. Joe Kreitzman was chairman of the committee.

## Parents of Freshmen To Meet with Teachers

Because of the opening of the lunchroom and its staggered schedule, it is now impossible for John Adams to continue with the "get-acquainted" luncheons for parents of new students. Instead of the luncheons a dessert meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 5, at 7:30 p. m. for the parents of the new 9B and 9A students.

At this time the parents will be afforded an opportunity to talk with the 9B and 9A home room teachers. Following the serving of refreshments, a meeting will be held during which Miss Burns and Mr. Rothermel will explain the curriculum offerings, high school and college credits, extra-curricular activities and school policies.

This meeting will be sponsored by

## "Stairway to the Stars" Theme of Senior Prom

The Senior Prom, the theme of which is "Stairway to the Stars," will be held at the Palais Royale on May 15. Don Adams and his orchestra from Peoria, Illinois, will provide the music.

Lynn Brown and Judy Hunneshagen are co-chairmen of arrangements; invitations will be written by Karol Hudson; Barbara Crow is in charge of decorations; Nancy Kenady is responsible for publicity; Patricia Hollard is in charge of the ticket sales; and Roger Jurgovan arranged for the music.

Graduating seniors may purchase tickets from the ticket salesman in each home room and alumni may secure tickets from Mr. Carroll in room 101 or in the school office before 4:00 p. m. May 15.

Tickets costing \$2 each may be secured from James Cierzniak in room 101; Jack Thomas, 102; Pat Grant, 215; Pat McKeon, 213; and William Simcox, 113.

No tickets will be sold at the door and no fresh flowers will be permitted.

the Adams P. T. A. Mrs. Wallace Buchanan is the chairman. A committee of P. T. A. members will notify the parents of the meeting by telephone.

## Gingrich, Dering Win TB Poster Contest

Two Adams students, Mary Agnes Gingrich and Wayne R. Dering, were named preliminary winners in the State Health Poster Contest conducted by the Indiana Tuberculosis Association. Four such preliminary winners are named each year in the State and they each receive a \$10 prize and a certificate, and from these four winners is selected the winner of the full year's scholarship to the John Herron Art School.

The winning artists received their awards at the morning session of the annual meeting of the Indiana TB Association in Indianapolis on Tuesday, April 28. Afterwards the four artists went to the John Herron Art School where they were interviewed by the director and the scholarship winner selected.

## JAYCEES TO SPONSOR TEEN-AGE ROAD-E-O

On Saturday, May 16, the South Bend Junior Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a teen-age "road-e-o" at Playland Park. The road-e-o is given to promote safe driving among high school students.

Competition will include contests in parking, driving in traffic, knowledge of traffic laws, and several other points of safe driving.

The winners from South Bend will be eligible for the state contest at Indianapolis. The champions from all the states will compete in the final contests at Washington, D. C.

All teen-agers who have drivers' licenses will be eligible. Those interested in competing should contact Mr. Ralph Powell, Driver Training Instructor.

## ART EXHIBIT HELD

The South Bend Art Association sponsored its second-annual city-wide art exhibition from April 12 through April 26. Twenty-one city schools participated in the exhibition which was held in the carriage house of the Art Association.

Riley and Central exhibited their work on Sunday, April 19 and Adams and Washington, on April 26.

Adams Commercial Art students, Jim Carithers and Wayne Dering were entered in the exhibition. Jim and Wayne demonstrated Air Brush technique from 3 to 5 p. m. on April 26. Wayne Dering recently won a TB scholarship to the John Herron Art School at Indianapolis.

All Adams Art students saw the exhibition on Friday, April 24.



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## MAY DAY

The fifth month of our year, some scholars think, takes its name from the goddess Maia, mother of Hermes. She was identified by the Romans with their ancient goddess of spring, and honored in a festival on the first day of the month (May Day). In England on May Day, people used to go "a-maying" at an early hour "to fetch the flowers fresh." The fairest maid of the village was crowned with a wreath as Queen of May. Every village had a Maypole on the green. The villagers twined it with flowers and ribbons and danced around it, a practice strongly denounced by the Puritans.

May Day was selected by the Second International in 1889 as International Labor Day. It is observed with parades and speeches by radical organizations in nearly every industrial country. In Russia it is an official holiday.

## MY SYMPHONY

To live content with small means;  
To seek elegance rather than luxury, and refinement rather than fashion;  
To be worthy, not respectable, and wealthy, not rich;  
To listen to stars and birds, babes and sages with open heart;  
To study hard;  
To think quietly, act frankly, talk gently, await occasions, hurry never;  
In a word to let the spiritual, unbidden and unconscious, grow up through the common—  
This is my symphony.

—William Henry Channing.

## YOU, AT THIS MOMENT

You at this moment have the honor to belong to a generation whose lips are touched by fire . . . The human race now passes through one of its great crisis. New ideas, new issues—a new call for men to carry on the work of righteousness, of charity, of courage, of patience, and of loyalty—all these things have come and are daily coming to you.

When you are old . . . however memory brings back this moment to your minds, let it be able to say to you: That was a great moment. It was the beginning of a new era . . . This world in its crisis called for volunteers, for men of faith in life, of patience in service, of charity, and of insight. I responded to the call however I could. I volunteered to give myself to my master—the cause of humane and brave living. I studied, I loved, I labored, unsparingly and hopefully, to be worthy of my generation.

—Josiah Royce.

## IT STARTED OUT TO BE A NICE DAY, BUT—

There is nothing particularly difficult about dressing up, getting into a car, riding downtown, getting out of the car, walking through a revolving door into a restaurant, ordering spaghetti, eating the spaghetti, and walking out of the restaurant, or is there? Any normal person can do it without any trouble, but not I—I've come to the conclusion I am first cousin to Joe Bfstk in "Little Abner." There is always a rain cloud hanging over my head.

The day started all right—a sunshiny Sunday. I was looking forward to the regular Sunday dinner of fried chicken and mashed potatoes but mother had other ideas. She said, quote, I absolutely refuse to spend the whole day in the kitchen. We're eating out! unquote. So, decked out in our Easter specials, we locked the homestead and climbed into the family auto. We arrived at our destination and my father stopped in front of the restaurant to let us out before he parked the car. I opened the door and stepped grandly out—up to my ankles in water. Don't ask me where it came from because it hadn't rained in a month, but nevertheless there it was and my feet were planted in it. A new pair of shoes absolutely soaked, to say nothing of my hose and my feet. There was nothing to do but to gather my shoes, my humiliation and my very wet feet and go sloshing toward the revolving door of the restaurant. As I reached the door and was half way through, another group came out. Nothing wrong with that except that we were pushing in opposite directions. Embarrassing! After the fourth try I made it through the door and with water scushing out of my soles I made my way to the table. I ordered spaghetti. I wasn't expecting my meal when it came and in my surprise I knocked the plate out of the waiter's hand and into my lap. What a slimey mess! Spaghetti on the floor, spaghetti on the chair, spaghetti on the table cloth, spaghetti all over me. Every person in the restaurant was laughing. Laughing, I thought they'd never stop laughing! By the time I'd scraped the goo off myself, I had a new plate of spaghetti. By the way, have you ever eaten spaghetti with a fork? Great sport! I finally gave up and used my spoon. Even then very little of it got to my face! (Most of it went in my lap or on the table cloth.)

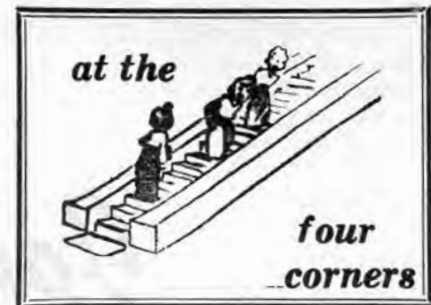
Having finally consumed our dinners we prepared to leave. After three trips back to the table for check, gloves, and purse, respectively, we left the restaurant. On the way to the car it started raining. Naturally we got soaked to the skin.\*

\*(This is taken from the book, "Frustrations," the story of my life.)  
—Janet Burke.

Any fool can criticize, condemn and complain—and most fools do.

Two things are bad for the heart—running upstairs and running down people.

To show up best is to show off least.



Talking it over—Sonja Hoover and Mike Handley.

Happy anniversary to Carol Nieter and Jake Baird (ex-Central)—who have been going steady for six months and to Shirley Cook and Bob Mogle (Mishawaka) who have been keeping steady company for seven months.

The musical things must be popping at Lafayette Jefferson. Indiana University has invited the students to give a performance of their senior play, "Annie Get Your Gun," at the University.

New on our steady list: Janice Rugee and Jim Carlson, Sharon Reber and Steve Gumz, and Jo Ann Moritz and Pat McKeon.

Dating these days—Joyce Barrell and John Martin (Indianapolis), Joan Eger and George Nemeth, Arlene Kovacs and Duane Zorn (Riley alumnus), Jewel Reitz and Jerry Thompson, Barbara Rasmussen and Joe Rich, Jean Haefner and Bill Yerks (Mishawaka), Julie Harris and Paul Strike (Mishawaka alum), Pat Moynihan and Jim Worley, Maggie Reed and Jim Miller, Gwen Garwood and Lynn Wickizer, Joan Garwood and Jim Cierzniak, Marilyn McGee and Chuck Oberlin.

Interesting pair, via long distance—Janice Henson and Fred LaCrosse (Wabash College).

In the lonesome category we find Jane Williamson, now that Paul Kocsis has left Mishawaka for the armed forces.

Well, Janet Burke, pick your Dick—is it Sanderson or Shaw.

Together again—we do believe—Joyce Balko and Tom McNulty.

Deanna Palm has been seen lately with an Elkhart fellow, one by the name of Ullery. Now all we want to know is this—is his first name Bill, Larry, Fred, or Jim. Some people have very short memories.

## Daffynitions

Anger: The feeling that makes your mouth work faster than your mind.

Nightmare: What love's young dream often develops into.

Woman: A person who either wants to correct a man's mistake or wants to be one.

Note, please, the icky weather we have been having. And some of the girls even dare to wear cotton dresses.

It seems Jean Woolverton had a whale of a time in Chicago, with her aquatic friends.

Somewhere, sometime in the evening or morning, there will be a party for senior girls on May 15-16. This is for the ones who will not be attending the Prom. Come on, gals, we'll weep together.

A hasty peek at the junior and senior boys who play volleyball fifth hour leads us to believe that Mrs. Carmichael would enjoy teaching that class. Such coordination!



## Build A Verse On A Name and Your Imagination

Agnes catches truant  
Agnes gets angry  
Bill has girl  
Agnes Burns

Bill loses girl  
Bill Blue

Alice is sweet  
Alice is good to eat  
Alice Barry

Sally walks  
Sally comes to a low bridge  
Sally Stoops

Helen not judge  
Helen not lawyer  
Helen Law

Barbara sick  
Barbara goes to doctor  
Barbara Fine

David not a king  
David not a knight  
David Jester

Susan egg  
Susan baby  
Susan Hawk

Paul applies for job  
Paul gets job  
Paul Butler

Dick eats too much  
Dick gets sick  
Dick Green

Joe looks for money  
Joe finds money  
Joe Rich

Kathleen lives on a bush  
Kathleen is pretty  
Kathleen Rose

Bob not a twig  
Bob not a tree  
Bob Root

Bob sees danger  
Bob sees someone in danger  
Bob Shields

Mary Lou makes pies  
Mary Lou makes cakes  
Mary Lou Baker

Jerry not rat  
Jerry not weasel  
Jerry Badger

Alice reads meter  
Alice checks furnace  
Alice Gassman

Gail not elm  
Gail not oak  
Gail Aspin

Jerry goes fishing  
Jerry falls in lake  
Jerry Bass

Dixie not morning  
Dixie not night  
Dixie Day

Louise owns a store  
Louise makes clothes  
Louise Taylor

Ivan is a brick hut  
Ivan covered with moss  
Ivan Greenhut

## The Week's Eagle

Miss Joyce Swingendorf, born May 16, 1935, is enrolled at John Adams as a senior A. She previously attended St. Joseph's School and St. Joseph Academy. Joyce, who is five feet three, has blue-green eyes and (in her opinion) "dishwater" blond hair. Her family consists of her mother; her father; a sister, Mary; and her brother, Butch.

In her spare time Joyce enjoys playing softball, dancing, being with people and going to the movies. She has no favorite sport, but enjoys all sports. Steaks and French fries are included on the list of her favorite foods. Arthur Godfrey, Ed Sullivan, and Dennis Day she considers the most outstanding personalities on television.

Joyce likes boys who have a keen sense of humor, take an interest in many things, and can carry on a conversation. She dislikes girls who are catty and self-centered. She admires any girl who is truthful and sincere.

Joyce is majoring in English and social studies. She enjoys her math course most. As president of Red Cross, as a member of the senior cabinet and drama club board, as feature editor for the Album and feature writer for the Tower, she has been very active in school activities.

Next fall Joyce plans to attend St. Mary's School of Nursing in Rochester, Minnesota. After she has completed three years at St. Mary's she wishes to receive her degree at a different school but is not yet certain of her choice.

Joyce has enjoyed Adams very much, particularly her teachers and the variety of activities the school offers.

Farmer Zeke—Quite a storm last night. Damage your barn any?

Farmer Brown — Dunno. Haven't found it yet.

## Charlie, The Lion Has Been Mounted

Charlie, the sixteen-year-old lion from Potawatomi Park, has gone to his final resting place in the United States Government Naval Grounds. It will be a long time before he's forgotten, though, for his head has been mounted by the Junior Isaac Walton League of Adams.

This mounting project was under the direction of Mr. Ernest Litweiler, sponsor of the club. A taxidermist, Mr. Martin, offered his services.

The lion was skinned in Larry Rex's garage. (Mrs. Rex is to be complimented and admired—it's not every mother that allows lions in her garage.) Charlie's skull was brought to school, boiled, covered with paper mache, and then with his own skin. The tongue and one tooth were made by Stan Valentine. Jerry Badger made the shield.

The head is ready to hang now, and the people who worked on it can really take pride in the finished product. It's a fine monument to a fine old animal. Stop in the biology room and see him sometime.

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## HOELSCHER ATTENDS FASHION MEETING

Sandra Hoelscher, a student at John Adams, was one of 93 high school representatives from Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin, who attended the fifth annual meeting of the Bobbie Fashion Board, the Formfit Company's junior fashion advisory group. The meeting was held at the Palmer House in Chicago.

It is the aim of this program to educate teens in the importance of selecting the right foundation garments and to help show how this is related to health, fashion and figure.

## Music Week Designated

May 3-10 has been designated as National and Inter-American Music Week. Many musical organizations are sponsoring special programs during this time. The John Adams Library Club is preparing a special collection of music books and posters to remind students of the significance of music in the lives of all of us.

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## EAGLES DROP CATS 2-0 AT RILEY

The Adams Eagles dropped Riley's Wildcats 2-0 at Riley last week to give the Eagle baseballers a one-win-and-one-loss record in conference play. Tom Goldsberry went all the way in gaining his second win of the season. The game was the first shut-out by an Adams pitcher this year and set the Eagles' season record at two wins, one loss, and a tie.

Dick Sessler led off the big second inning with a walk after which he stole second base. Jim Halterman advanced Sessler to third when he was safe on an error by the Riley third baseman. A single by Jack MacMillan scored Sessler and sent Halterman to third. Halterman then scored on Cowen's fly to center field.

The game was a battle between two fine pitchers, with Goldsberry's great clutch pitching bringing him the decision. In the first inning Riley's lead off batter, Dave Young, was on third with one out, but Goldsberry got the next two Riley hitters to hit infield grounders to retire the side. The Wildcats had Goldsberry in hot water again in the second inning as they put runners on second and third with only one out, but Tom came through with another good clutch performance.

The third, fourth, and fifth innings belonged to the pitchers with two fine fielding plays at shortstop by Fred McCallister highlighting the defensive work.

The sixth inning was a repeat of the second as Riley again put men on second and third with one out. Goldsberry was again, however, master of the situation as he struck out the Riley cleanup hitter, Cira, walked Denny, and then got Odusch to pop out to the second baseman. Adams held on in the seventh inning for the win.

Riley's Bill Denny matched Goldsberry in everything but clutch pitching. Outside of the second inning Denny held the Eagles to three walks, two to Riddle and one to Halterman. He faced only twenty batters during the other six innings.

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## Panthers Tip Eagles By 1 Point Margin

The Washington Panthers eeked out a one-point, 55-54, victory, at the expense of the Eagle tracksters on the Washington track, April 21. Going into the mile relay, Adams was leading, but the Washington milers (who finished 2nd in the conference) outdistanced us by 20 yards to win the event and the meet.

Adams' winners and their respective places are as follows: Wedel, 1st in 100- and 220-yd. dashes; Osman, 3rd in 100-yd. dash; Shaw, 2nd in 220-yd. dash; Bock, 2nd in high and low hurdles; Gibson, 3rd in low hurdles; Duggan, 3rd in 440-yd. dash; Olschewsky, 1st in half-mile run; Jurgovan, 2nd in half-mile run; Thompson, 1st in high jump and 2nd in broad jump; Troeger, 3rd in the broad jump; Scott, 3rd in high jump; and Timothy, 2nd in pole vault.

Also winning for Adams was the half-mile relay team composed of Wedel, Bock, Troeger, and Shaw.

As an added attraction, the Eagle "B's" nosed out the Panther "B's" 40½ to 32½. In this "B" meet, the high hurdles, mile and half-mile run, and the pole vault were omitted.

## Adams Places Three In Conference Final

In the Eastern division trials at Tupper Field, April 25, Elkhart walked away with the winner's trophy with Ft. Wayne North Side finishing a close second.

Adams Eagles who earned the right to place in the finals at East Chicago tomorrow were: Olschewsky, Wedel, and Thompson. The Eagles as a team finished in the cellar spot with only 7½ points. Other team standings were: Elkhart, first; North Side Ft. Wayne, second; LaPorte, third; Riley, fourth; Central, fifth; Mishawaka, sixth; Washington, seventh; Michigan City, eighth; Goshen, ninth; and Adams, tenth.

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## words with wallace

Next week will be a busy one for Eagle athletes. Starting tonight Adams will participate in four baseball games, two track meets, and two golf matches by next Thursday.

Speaking of golf, Mr. Thompson showed me how to score a golf match the other day so I'll pass it along to anyone who's interested. There are three points in a golf match to be split among the two contestants. One point is given to the golfer who has the lowest medal score for the eighteen holes. That is, the golfer who takes the fewest strokes during the match.

The other two points are given in what is called match play. Match play is where each hole is played separately with the golfer taking the fewest strokes on a hole winning that hole. You keep track of how many holes each player wins, and the golfer who has won the most holes out of the first nine receives one point. When both players take the same number of strokes on a hole neither receives credit. The third point is given the same way as the second except that it is for the winner of holes 9-18. In case of ties each player receives one point.

Among the odds and ends that have accumulated over the past weeks is the 1953 Adams football schedule.

New teams that have been added for the 1953 season are Gary Lew Wallace, Michigan City, Elkhart, and Catholic High School of South Bend. Both Michigan City and Elkhart appeared on our schedule in 1951, but failed to appear in 1952. The teams we played this year, which we will not play next year are Niles, Fort Wayne South Side, Mishawaka, and LaPorte.

The five teams that will remain on our schedule are Central, Riley, Washington, Goshen, and Fort Wayne North Side. Adams will open the season against the Gary team and will close against Catholic High.

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## B-TEAM BASEBALL

The Adams B-team has one win and two loss record after playing three conference foes. The Eagles defeated Mishawaka 9-6 and lost to Central 6-1 and Riley 1-0.

In their first outing against Central the team got four hits apiece but five Adams errors spelled defeat. Kramer scored the lone Adams run in the third inning.

The Mishawaka game was a different story as the Eaglets pounded out seven hits and stole ten bases to gain their first win. Adams scored six times in the first inning on four hits and three more times in the second frame on one hit.

In their last outing the Eaglets dropped a close 1-0 decision to Riley in a well-played game. Riley tallied the game's lone run in the bottom of the fifth inning as Anderson scored after being safe on an error.

The B-Team was rained out last Friday but they were to play Central again this week. The team's coach is Mr. Hunter.

The B-team has eight games left on their schedule. All of which are with conference teams. They will be home tonight for a game with Elkhart B-team.

## Coming Sports Events

### BASEBALL

Fri., May 1, Elkhart (c) H.

Mon., May 4, S. B. Catholic T.

Tues., May 5, LaPorte (c) H.

Wed., May 6, Washington, T.



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