
Vol. XV, No. 13 JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL - SOUTH BEND, INDIANA


Pictured above are Willard Harris and John Klotz, two members of the maintenance staff who are straightening the rooms after the plasterers leave.

Christmas vacation to most students and teachers meant two weeks of rest - with no alarm clock ringing at 6:30 a.m., to summon sleepy scholars to school; no homework or tests to take or grade - a wonderful period when time is consumed with dates, dances, games, etc. For ten hours every day, our hardworking maintenance staff scrubbed and rewaxed classrooms, halls, and stairways; varnished our shining gym floor to make it look even brighter; cleaned the dressing rooms for the Adams Eagles and visiting teams; and cleaned the auditorium after each of the numerous activities which were held during the holidays.

All their hard work was partially in vain as a group of plasterers moved into John Adams January 4. The maintenance staff now has the big task of cleaning up after the plasterers leave a room. The staff is to be highly commended for the fast, thorough job they are doing to get the classrooms back in working order, for no class has been inconvenienced more than three days.

After the plasterers leave a room, the staff must sweep the floors and mop them, wash the desks, chairs, and windows and clean the blinds.

The plastering, which is being done on the walls in the rooms and halls of our school, will be followed by painting which is expected to begin the first part of February. Each teacher has selected the color for his room from a choice of twelve colors. The main hall on the first floor will be painted light green, the halls along the north and south sides of the auditorium will be coral, and the second floor halls will be coral.

Mr. Rothermel estimates that this work will be completed some time in April. Since the result will be enjoyed by all, our co-operation and patience will be appreciated during the inconvenience caused by the preparations.

The entire maintenance staff assisting with making John Adams a desirable place in which to live consists of Willard Harris, head janitor, and Ray Caton, Jim Engel, Jake Kraig, George Lechletner, and John Klotz. Pauline Righi's responsibility is to make all the windows "clear as glass," while Edna Kinsey is in charge of the laundry.

Adams is heated through the efforts of Lyle King, engineer, and Ernest Miliken, fireman. These two rule the realm of the boiler room.

ADAMS COURT CHOSEN

Queen to be Crowned At Riley Game

Next Thursday, January 28, during the half-time of the Riley-Adams basketball game, one of five girls will be crowned Basketball Queen of John Adams. The five girls are: June Bartels, 105; Rosie Ferraro, 109; Mary Ann Anderson, 112; Janice Henson, 203; Joan Moore, 205. Until the crown is placed on her head, not even the girl who is to receive this honor will be informed about it.

These five girls were chosen by a vote of the student body. The nominations took place January 11 when each home room chose one girl to be placed on the ballot. The election took place on January 18. The candidate with the highest number of votes in this election will be the queen and the four runners-up her court.

This seventh annual crowning ceremony will be conducted by the Student Council in collaboration with the $\mathrm{Hi}-\mathrm{Y}$ and the Riley Student Council. The girls will be escorted by the officers of the Hi-Y who are: James Miller, John Pence, Charles Bowman, Robert Nelson, and Kent Keller. The $\mathrm{Hi}-\mathrm{Y}$ also furnishes the bouquets which the two queens will exchange. Norman Grimshaw, president of the Adams Student Council, will crown the Adams queen.

OUR APOLOGIES
By this time, the article concerning the Adams basketball team, printed in the Central Interlude, has been thoroughly circulated and discussed. Many well-meaning students have asked, "Why don't we print something back in the Tower?" Why? Because the Tower staff doesn't fight dirt with dirt. The Tower staff feels that the only way to fight out an athletic rivalry is on the athletic field, not throwing mud at each other in the school papers.

NOTICE
Students who are one-semester subscribers to the Tower should plan to renew their subscription with their home room representa-
tive. The last issue on the first semester subscriptions will be distributed January 29. Only fullyear subscribers or those who have renewed their subscriptions or signed up for the second semester only will receive the issue dated February 5. See your home room representative today. Subscribe to
the Tower- $\$ 1$ for the semester.

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## Home Economics Courses Offered at Adams

The purpose of the Home Economics teachers at John Adams is to acquaint their students with the fundamentals of cooking, sewing and home management. They strive to interest the students in home economics and to improve their ability in homemaking. They try to improve the girl's grooming and develop good attitudes toward other people.

Home Economics I alnd II are courses most generally taken by the Freshmen. The students study the budgeting of time and money, the care of their room, and clothing styles in Home Economics I. Nine weeks of Home Economics II are devoted to child care and nine weeks to foods.

In Clothing I the girls make a simple dress or blouse and skirt. In Clothing II they construct a two-piece dress or suit and often remake a garment. In Clothing III the students work with their materials and make night gowns, formals or negligees. They also learn hand stitching and smocking. There is a style show every spring in which the girls exhibit their work.

Foods I presents the principles of cooking. The girls bake and make simple meat dishes. Foods II is the study of meal preparation-the planning of a complete meal and special occasion meals. Nutrition is studied throughout the course.
In the Modern Home Living course the students select the phases they wish to study such as planning and
decorating a home, marriage and home life, or child care. A nursery is sometimes held for one day when child care is studied.

There are 56 students in Home Economics I and II, 50 in Clothing I and II, 51 in Foods I and II, and 29 in Modern Home Living. These courses are taught by Mrs. Baringer and Mrs. Laiber.

## How Do You Rate as a Conversationalist?

If you can answer yes to all of the following questions, your friends and acquaintances probably regard you as a brilliant conversationalist; if yes to 12-15, better than average; 8-11, you're doing your part; less than 8 , try to improve.

1. Do you hold up your end of the conversation?
2. Do you give others a chance to express their viewpoint?
3. Do you wait until they're finished before you speak?
4. Is your face alive with interest, rather than "dead pan"?
5. Do you vary your tone of voice so that you don't lull them to sleep with a monotone?
6. Do you omit tiresome and unimportant details from stories you relate?
7. Do your words flow readily at a pleasing rate?
8. Are your gestures expressive and natural?
9. Are you skillful in maneuvering a conversation away from controversial subjects which arouse your friends unnecessarily?
10. Do you keep from wiggling, fidgeting, or doodling while they're talking?
11. Do you try not to brag of your own or your family's accomplishments?
12. Do you listen to their troubles and suggest a possible solution when you're able to?
13. Do you speak mostly of the present and future, rather than the past?
14. Do your thoughts leap eagerly along with theirs?
15. Do you give your whole attention to them rather than to inanimate objects or passers-by?

## COMING EVENTS

Tues., Jan. 26-Final Exams, afternoon classes.
Wed., Jan. 27-Final Exams, morning classes.
Thurs., Jan. 28-State scholarship exams for seniors, 8:45 a. m., room 106 .
Fri., Jan. 29-Report cards issued, 8:25 a. m. . . . Students register for second semester. . . . School dismissed at 9:00 a. m.

Know Your Seniors

Back again this week with the game of "these are your senior personalities - guess who?"

Real crazy little mixed up blonde has a pet lion by the name of Nippy which she claims is a dog . only girl in school who has stood in every stall in study hall . . . when she was little, she used to get a big charge out of knocking kids' heads together to see their noses bleed . . . once stopped two cars by playing dead in the middle of Mishawaka Avenue... she goes on a diet because she weighs 100 pounds , . . carries a purse with a strap longer than she is .... receives frequent letters from Williams main accomplishment typing with her toes.
This fellow used to play the drums in the kindergarten rhythm band . . . spends most of his leisure playing cards . . . latest rage is bowling . . used to enjoy playing doctor and recruting all the girls in the neighborhood as nurses . . . when he gets excited his arm goes up in the air.. he plays an especially mean game of golf.
A bride at the age of six . . . always willing to drive . . . only girl at Adams who wears cashmere sweaters with her blue jeans . . . has the distinction of being called a cadaver by Mrs. Pate . . . sometimes referred to by her friends as dictionary . . can stand up while twisting one leg around the other three times . . . at one time was the city spelling champ ... lonely hearts advisor to everyone's battling boyfriends . . . her heart is at Yale.

Can talk for two hours and never say a word. . . currently has her interests pledged at Notre Dame used to go with Jim Ellsworth won a trophy once by acting as a siren in a band novelty number can jitterbug double time and do a mean Charleston . . , was supposedly kidnapped last fall by some boys from Notre Dame . . . nearly froze to death twirling har baton with the band , . . known by some for her ski-chute nose
. Fi Fi "loose-hops" Dobbins.
This boy used to simply detest girls . at one time he was Adams' mascot . . . once mowed Moe McGee's back lawn without a lawn mower . . . stands to make some money if he keeps away from nicotine and intoxicants until he's 21 . . . wears a size 13 shoe . . . is known for his laugh
. just loves old-fashioned spelling bees . . . is a big athletics man . . . can clean out an icebox in five minutes . . . was the only boy who cried who he left Nuner.

Can sit on a picket fence and actually be comfortable . . . she can laugh while crying alligator tears ... no one can say, "ooh schuby dooby" like she can . . . she's known as a cat and one of the best dancers around
. has the distinction of being fed mud by Tom Goldsberry . . . used to frequently journey down Howe way . . . was just accepted in Stevens College . . . known to all as "Moe."


We have noticed a slight change taking place in Ye Olde Student Bodye as of the last week. The change can be diagnosed as "pre-final fever" or "Say hello to the gang at the Parkette tonight, boys, I'm working for a 'D' in English." The symptoms are common: haggard look about the mouth, blood-shot eyes, fingernails bitten off at the wrist, and a staggering step. Turn worms! Eat, drink, and make-out, tomorrow we flunk!
Before we dig into the dirt of this y'ar gossip column, we'd like to explian something. Frequently, when the Tower comes out, there may be a mistake in who's going with whom, or in the steady or broken-strings department. Naturally, we see the mistakes, too. Because the column must be written a week before the paper comes out, it's hard to make everything up to the minute, So before you stamp your foot and say something "ya, shouldn't oughta" because we make a mistake, think about the time angle. Hokay?
This week's broken strings department AS OF FRIDAY, JANARY 15: Kay Oedekerk and Dick Bavin (Riley); Jim Kanouse and Mardi Kline; Sue Wood and Larry VanDusen; Andy Cobb and Glen Reinicke; Judi Sheets and Doug Eichorst; Joanne Bartels and Tom Angus; Lynne Lachman and Steve Strang.
A couple new steadies on the battered and beat-up steady list: Dianne Allmon and Don Ball (glad to see them back); Jackie James and Dick Quealy; Paul Swanson and Marcia Ledgate (Mish.); Janet Burke, Dick Smith.
John Pence's bowling career was short and not too sweet. He dropped the ball and cracked the floor. That was the first and last ball he threw. He left immediately!
Dating: Jim Kanouse, Mary Orzeck; Lynne Lachman, Bob Klowetter; Joanne Bartels, Dave Rogers; Andy Cobb, Pete Sherman; Sandy Hoelscher, Bob Osmon; Jana Borecky, Ed Hydie (Goshen); Barbara Rasmussen, Ronnie Jeshow (Riley); Sally Stoops, Jim Riddle; Larry Burke, Margaret Templeton (Jimtown); Deanna Palm, Pat Dempsey; Jim Hoehn, Karen Olson (Abbott).
Does Tom Haugel look like the kind of guy who would throw stones at Camp Fire Girls? Yessiree - he's the kind, all right!
It's usually only teachers who receive mail through the school office. Wanna bet? Rosie Ferraro got a letter. Who from, Rosie?
Hear tell they call Shirley Rawles "braggie." Why?

She: "You can take me to the dance tonight if you like . . . unless (coyly) you meet somebody more attractive in the meantime."
He: "I say! That's jolly sporting of you. We'll leave it like that then, shall we?"

## THIS IS ART?

By Mr. Robert Seeley
Scene: an old barn
Place: somewhere on the east coast Time: 1954
Cast of Characters:
Bessie, an emaciated cow retained for atmosphere
Maude, a blue ribbon winner from County Fair of 1935
Jackson Pollock, artist, in white coat.
One large square canvas, spotted, streaked, and blobbed with color is stretched tightly on a stretcher and lying on the floor when the artist enters the studio early in the morning for a hard day's work. The artist goes directly to a table piled high with a multitude of cans of colored enamels and selects several of the oozing, dripping colors and sets to work. Methodically, thoughtfully, and carefully he mixes his colors to the proper consistency. Then he begins to create! Sometimes with a frenzy; sometimes in a gay, spirited mood; sometimes in deliberate gestures he skillfully slings, throws, slops, drops, drips, smears, dribbles the beautiful enamels on the canvas, walls, floor, and ceiling. Day after day he labors in this manner until finally the masterpiece is finished, crated, and delivered to the Museum of Modern Art where it is exhibited and acclaimed as a modern master.
Says Maude to Bessie, "This is Art?"

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Applications should be completed and forward to the Trustees of the Scholarship fund by April 30, 1954.
For applications and further information write to: G. J. Niemeyer, Veterans Scholarship Foundation, Industrial Relations Division, The Studebaker Corporation, South Bend 27, Indiana.

Moe: "What did the skunk say when the wind changed?"

Joe: "It all comes back to me now."
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"If you had the opportunity, what would you invent?"

Nikki DeRose: "A week with seven Saturdays,"

Paul Elliot: "A machine to toss me out of bed in the morning."

Mary Clark: "A machine that would take away all diseases."

Pat Goddard: "TV in the back seat of the car."

Pat Bourdon: "No school."
Miss Bauer: "Something that would automatically make girls like gym."
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## BEARS BEAT EAGLES

On Thursday, January 14, our Eagles lost a heart-breaking game to the Central Bears.
Adams jumped into their customary early lead, and in the first quarter led by seven points. The second quarter was also very much Adams, as they increased their lead. In the first half, Adams play was outstanding in every respect, and at the intermission the score stood, 32 to 24 .

In the third quarter, Adams again started clicking, and as the third quarter was drawing to a close, the Eagles were leading 45 to 30 . However, with only $2: 45$ left of the third quarter, Adams seemed to lose their "Midas touch", and at the same time Central took over. Before the quarter had ended, Central had come to within three points of the Eagles.

In the fourth quarter, the lead changed hands several times, and neither team was able to get a big lead. However, with only two minutes remaining, Central forged into a five point lead. The Eagles did not give up, and with 23 seconds left Bob Klowetter had a chance to knot the score. He mised both attempts and Thompson's tip-in fell short as the gun sounded.

## Airdales Win 53-52

On January 16, the Adams Eagles traveled to Hartford City, only to lose an overtime thriller 53 to 52 . Play was hampered because the gym was not heated and the game was played in a 55 degree room.
The first quarter was very slow, and it took Adams $3: 16$ to score the first basket. In the second quarter, the Airdales helter-skelter pressure defense proved very potent as the half-time score was held to 23 to 22 ,
In the third quarter, Hartford City picked up steam, and led the Eagles 39 to 33 . Adams finally started rol-

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BEAT THOSE SLICERS! !
Tonight our Eagles will travel north to visit the LaPorte Slicers in a confereence duel. At the present time, LaPorte is having a terrible time trying to salvage a few games, but ever so often they come up with a sparkling game. Through the years LaPorte has dominated play over the Eagles with the Slicers winning nine and the Eagles winning only four. The highlight thus far in the series was last year's contest in which LaPorte captured a record breaking 77-75 over-time thriller.
The game will be played in the LaPorte Civic Auditorium with a capacity crowd of 2,800 expected.

## Face Riley Thursday

Next Thursday our Eagles will mix with the ever-dangerous Riley Wildcats in our sixth conference game. This game will mark the twentysixth meeting of the two teams. The Adams-Riley basketball series is the longest Adams series on record. The first game between the Wildcats and the Eagles was played in 1940, and since then the Eagles have built up a slight lead. Thus far Adams has won fourteen games, and Riley has won eleven.
ling as they tied up City with $4: 50$ left. However, two fouls resulted in a 49-45 lead for City. Adams then tied it up again in the last seconds of play to send the game into an overtime.

Hartford City took the tip and proceeeded to stall $1: 50$ before they went ahead 50 to 49 . Adams got the ball, but an interception and a free throw sent City ahead 51 to 49 . Adams then took the ball out of bounds, but the referees called the play back and explained their reasons without stopping the clock. With only 26 seconds left, H. C. shook a player loose to make the score 53 to 49 .

Then with 4 seconds left, VanDusen sank one free throw, and Thompson tipped one in to make the final score 53 to 52 . Thompson was high scorer with 25 points.

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Charles Frederick LaPierre played "B" team basketball for two years and has been seeing action this year with the varsity group. He has speed and alertness and seems to specialize in "shots-from-the-far-side-of-the-floor-just-as-the-gun-goes-off."
He was born on September 26, 1936 in South Bend. He attended Jefferson grade and junior high school where he started his maneuvers with a basketball in the sixth grade. At the present, he is a 17 year old junior from room 22 and plays guard for the Adams five. He has brown hair and blue eyes, weighs 145 pounds, and stands $5^{\prime} 7^{\prime \prime}$. His sporting activities also include baseball when spring rolls around.
"Mouse," as he is called by most Adamites, spends his spare time playing basketball in the backyard. His favorite meal includes steak. He goes for music with "a hot 'n fast beat" or a "cool 'n slow drag." If he had to pick a favorite, he'd pick Ralph Marteri.

What about the team? The rest of the season? "Mouse" says,, "The team is getting better and better. We ought to hit our peak by tourney time. I think we can do something this year; maybe take the sectional."

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| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Won | Lost |  |
| Kramer | 5 | 0 |
| Heater | 4 | 1 |
| Zeigner | 3 | 2 |
| Bauer | 2 | 3 |
| Sternal | 2 | 3 |
| Shula | 2 | 3 |
| Flanagan | 1 | 4 |
| Riddle | 1 | 4 |

(Sophomore-Freshman Division)

|  | Won | Lest |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| McDonald | 5 | 0 |
| Freshley | 4 | 1 |
| Baird | 3 | 2 |
| Williams | 3 | 2 |
| Dillman | 2 | 3 |
| Gearhart | 1 | 4 |
| Szabo | 1 | 4 |
| Vargo | 1 | 4 |

## Frosh Win Two Games

By Ron Wallace
The John Adams Freshman team beat Saint Joe and Washington-Clay, but lost a heartbreaker to Riley. Wesley Rachels led the freshies to a hard fought 28 to 24 win over the Orphans. Don Caron led the frosh to a 34 to 27 win over the Colonials as they piled up a 33 to 18 lead in three-quarters, and then coasted to a victory. Caron was also the big gun in the Riley affair, but his high total of eleven points wasn't enough as they lost 32 to 31 .

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