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# Terry Rothermel Wins Council Presidency 

## EIGHT FROM ADAMS IN FORENSIC CONIEST

This year the Forensic League held their district speech contest for the Indiana High Schools on April 12 at Central. The four schools competing from this district were Adams, Central, LaPorte, and Washington-Clay.

The students from our school who entered the various groups were: Nancy MacIvor, who earned a first place in poetry reading, a first in dramatic interpretation, and competed in radio announcing; James Dincolo, who received a second in poetry reading, a first in oratorical interpretation, and a first in extemporaneous speaking; Thomas Smith, who earned a first in humorous interpretation, and competed in extemporaneous speaking and radio announcing; Larry Rex, who received a second in humorous interpretation, and a second in radio announcing; Donald Smith, who earned a third place in original oratory and competed in extemporaneous speaking; Janet Golba, who received a first in original oratory and entered the discussion group; Michael Phillips, who earned a third in oratorical interpretation and a second in discussion; Marvin West, who competed in extemporaneous speaking and radio announcing.

The following are entitled to compete in the final state contest which will be held on April 22 and 23 at Central: Nancy MacIvor, Tom Smith, James Dincolo, Janet Golba, Larry Rex, and Michael Phillips.
The judges for the district contest came from Goshen College, Notre Dame University, St. Mary's College, and WSBT.

## 'Mood Indigo' to

Be Theme for Prom
The senior cabinet presented plans for the prom to all the seniors at a meeting of the class on Tuesday, March 29. It was announced that for the first time a queen will be crowned at the dance.

Volunteers for committee work were asked to sign up with Susie Frehse and John Waechter, chairmen of invitations, and Richard Darr and George Roeger, chairmen of decorations.

The prom will be held May 14 at the Indiana Club with Bobby Wear's orehestra providing the music. The theme, Mood Indigo, will be carried out in the decorations. Tickets will be on sale for $\$ 2$ a couple.


## Art Students Enter Work In All-City Exhibit

'John Adams is being represented by fifteen pictures in the all-city art exhibit, which is sponsored by the four South Bend High Schools in cooperation with the South Bend Art Association. The show is being held in the Carriage House behind the E. M. Morris School, 620 West Washington. The exhibit opened April 17 with a tea sponsored by Central High School. It will run through May 1. The exhibit, which is free, is open to the public. Daily hours are $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. to $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and Sunday hours are 2 p. m. to 5 p. m.

Art teachers from every school selected a number of pictures according to the art class enrollment. Adams is entering, along with the pictures, ceramics, arts and crafts, an exhibit of model furniture. This high school art show is a regular exhibit of the South Bend Art Association.
Adams students with entries in the exhibit are: Janet Locke, Larry Wygant, Ruth Davis, Dick Darr, Eric Greenhut, Lucky Henson, Bill Shepard, George Roeger, Larry Weaver, Larry Burke, Jerry Lindstrom, Bill James, Wendy Heron, Jack Moore, Justin Kronewetter, Ronnie Weaver, Iris Kendall, Ward Doolen, Fred Williams, Jack Venderly, Don Fisher, Bob Root, Elaine Hartz, Peggy Wenrick, Betty Mitschlen, Charmian Burke, Dale Hensler, and Bob Seese.


Mr. Richard Allison from Ball State Teachers College is the student teacher assisting in room 104 under the supervision of Mr. Dickey.
Mr. Allison has also studied at Valparaiso University. As a career he plans to teach because he likes to be around students to learn and teach at the same time. Although he enjoys teaching, as a pastime, he is also interested in baseball and football which take up a great deal of his time.
When asked the question of what he thought of teaching at John Adams he replied, "I like it because I think the students and teachers are all so friendly and co-operative which plays an important part in the life of a student teacher."
Mr. Paul Stemm from Indiana State Teachers College is assisting Mr. Laurita as track coach. Mr. Stemm lives in Elkhart, Indiana, with his wife and two year old son.
He chose teaching as a career because he likes working with people. When asked what he thought of teaching at Adams, he said, "I think it is just great. Everyone's so friendly and co-operative and the school has excellent facilities."

## Personeft, Garwood, Adkins Elected to Other Offices

The election of Student Council officers for the 1955-56 school year was held Monday, April 18. The following students were elected; Terry Rothermel, president; Gene Personett, vicepresident; Gwen Garwood, secretary; and Judy Adkins, treasurer.
An assembly prior to the opening of the polls was held to introduce the candidates. They were: Wayne Benner, Paul Edgerton, and Terry Rothermel, for president; Gene Personett Jack Venderly, and James Warner, for vice-president; Gwen Garwood, Charmian Burke, and Marlene Olson for secretary; Joan Berry, Judy Adkins, and Barbara Rohiff, for treasurer. All nominees will automatically be on next year's council board.
This slate of officers was drawn up by a nominating committee of one representative from each class and the present officers of the council.
This year, as last, a voting machine was used for the election. The polls were opened Monday morning at 9:00 a. m. and closed at 4:00 p. m. the same day. Six hundred and ninetytwo students out of a total enrollment of 1,000 voted.
An assembly will be held Monday to install the new officers. At this time the graduating president will give a summary of the accomplishments of the present Student Council.

## KOREAN ORPHAN DRIVE NETS $\$ 388.96$ IN EIGHTEEN DAYS

Again this year, we at Adams will be able to keep our two Korean orphans whom we adopted last year. During the 18-day Orphan Drive, we were able to collect $\$ 388.96$. Mr . Rensberger's home room, 210, was on top. Other high rooms were 215,211 , $105,107,109,102,112,207$, and 208. Through adoption, these two children are given food, clothing, medical care, welfare service, and are enabled to attend school.
Next year it will be up to the Student Council to decide whether or not to hold a similar drive to continue our sponsorship of these orphans.


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## N. S. P. A. Rating of Tower Disclosed

The National Scholastic Press Association has disclosed their rating of the TOWER for the past eighteen issues. The NSPA has certain basic standards for coverage, writing and physical properties which must be met to earn honors. Once these conditions are met, standardization is not encouraged. The TOWER is judged in comparison with other school papers - not in comparison with some mythical "perfect" paper, nor with metropolitan publications, whose purposes and techniques differ in many respects from ours. The TOWER increased in rating this year from third-rate to second-rate Following are the ratings we received:

The primary job of a school newspaper is to cover the school news field. Our coverage rating of news sources scored 60 which according to the NSPA manual is good. The balance of copy was rated 60 also. Our treatment of copy and vitality were judged superior with a score of 100 .

Writing and editing copy are the most important jobs performed by a high school newspaper staff. In the content section of the manual our style was scored 75 which is excellent; our leads were scored 30 which is good; features were scored 60 which is very good; copy reading was scored 50 which is good; editorials, editorial page features, sports coverage, and sports writing were all given scores of 60 which is very good.

Makeup, typography and headlines constitute what is called the physical attributes of a newspaper. Our front page received a rating of 60 ; nameplate, running head, and masthead rated 50 . The editorial page makeup and inside news pages rated 50 , while the sports display received a 60 . Our headlines and headline schedule rated 60 and 80 , respectively. The typography and printing of the TOWER received scores of 40 which is very good and 45 which is excellent, respectively. The photography and halftones rated a score of 55 which is above excellent.

The NSPA does not set the standards. The TOWER does. Our rating was determined after all the papers in our group were judged. This progress is both gratifying and challenging and the TOWER staff will keep doing its utmost to keep the highest of standards.

## Be Kind to the Grass Week

In the spring a young fellow's or gal's fancy turns to thoughts of sometning other than courtesy when it comes to the school property. For the past month our school janitors have been industriously preparing our lawns and pruning the shrubbery for the arrival of spring. The lawns have been carefully edged, cut, and fertilized to insure the neat appearance of Adams now and during the summer months. However, the lawn or bushes cannot be kept green and verdent if students fail to heed some of the most basic school rules and regulations.

One of these regulations is the age-old adage "keep off the grass." Spring weather may affect your senses to some degree, but your sight should still be keen enough to spot the sidewalks. They are placed in such a manner as to make it very convenient for you to enter all doors and reach any of your chosen destinations with the greatest possible ease. Certainly at times cutting across the lawn seems more time-saving, but it certainly is far from economical. The grass is trampled down to nothing, ugly patches of dirt appear, and a general run-down appearance of the school results. By simply glueing your feet to the cement you can help keep our lawns looking healthy and green. Try to be more courteous in the future and remember the lawn you save may as well be your own.

## The Erie March

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the last part of a serial by Gwen Garwood.)

While I was keeping my death grasp on the arms of my chair, I began to realize that I would spend another nightmare of an evening unless I got control of myself, So I gained all the courage I could and I proceeded to turn on every light in the house. This took me quite a little while because my house is very large and rambling, with many rooms After turning on all the lights, I returned to my favorite chair and turned on the radio for some music I liked. I'm sure if anyone had been watching me that evening, he would have found my antics very amusing

As I sat in my chair a little more relaxed, I eaught site of one of the most astounding creatures I had ever seen. A huge smoke-grey cat was slyly creeping from my vestibule to the stairway. I was a bit frightened at first, but a sudden rush of peace filled me when I realized that this strange creature probably was the cause of the weird noises I had heard the previous night. I felt a sudden love for this cat and raced to him to show him my affection. But the cat jumped aside and raced through the hallway into the kitchen. I had no urge to eatch him at that time, so I let him go thinking he would leave by the same opening through which he entered.

As I again sat in my chair listening to the radio, I began to account for some of the mysterious things that had happened the night before. The reason why I heard the door slam when I reached the head of the stairs with my candle was the fact that I had opened my window and my closet door must have been blown shut by a sudden gust of rainy wind. My candle had been extinguished by the same cause only from a window at the head of the stairs.
I laughed out loud when I realized my ignorance and fright from my previous escapades. But if last night and tonight were not bewitched, why had all my friends been busy? I knew of no party in town or any other interesting entertainment.

As if they had read my mind and knew what I was thinking, the door to my study burst open and in came 25 or 30 of the jolliest faces I had ever seen. I doubt if company had ever been as welcome as my friends were that night. The party continued until 2:00 the next morning. If I ever had a good time, I had one that night.

Afterwards some of them told me I had tears in my eyes when I realized they had come to celebrate my almost forgotten birthday. I suppose I did, for I, for the first time in my life, enjoyed complete peace of mind and realized how senseless it is for one to let his mind so run away with him that he is unable to think clearly and make wise decisions.

A certain young fellow, named Bobbie Rode his steed back and forth in the lobby;
When the clerk said: "Indoors
Is no place for a horse'
He replied: "But, you see, it's my hobby:"

-corners

The halls are buzzing this week 'bout the fact that spring is really here at last with all the buds on the trees ' $n$ bushes and the unpredictable temperatures and weather conditions, the fresh start everyone is making this nine week period, and those gorgeous tans that quite a few of our Adamites acquired in Florida and California during spring vacation.

A beautiful lady named Psyche
Is loved by a fellow named Yche.
One thing about Ych
The lady can't lych
Is his beard, which is dreadfully spyche.
One breakup which occurred during vacation was that of Andy Cobb and Bob BonDurant (Culver). 'Twas just one of those things.

There was a Young Lady of Niger
Who smiled and rode out on a Tiger. They returned from the ride With the Lady inside,
And the smile on the face of the Tiger
Seen at an outie not long ago were Jim Leighty and Gwen Flack, and Tobe Sexson and Darla Doyle. Jim was sporting a very spiffy car which he rather wistfully admitted was his dad's.

It seems a few enterprising young Civics students from Mr. Rensberger's first hour class devoted last Saturday afternoon to visiting farmers. However on one farm the barnyard visited them as Mr. Pensinger, the owner, showed his complete line of stock to them including a three weeks old lamb, and a seven-hundred pound hog! One of the girls went home that night and ground up her "lamb chops" in the disposal as she couldn't bear to think of eating such a cute little individual

There was a young lady of Venice
Who used hard-boiled eggs to play tennis;
When they said, "You are wrong," She replied, "Go along!
You don't know how prolific my hen is."
Last Friday night we voted Bob Klowetter the most casual fellow of the century! If you're curious why not ask Klowie?
Bob Collins collects bottles rather avidly, so if any of you "Bottle-colectors" need expert advice we sug gest you consult him

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## "Taffy" Definitions

Whiz-Richard Bast.
Nestles-What everyone would like to do during classes these days even with visions of sugar plums.

Fifth Avenue-The main corridor between classes.
Powerhouse-Karen Jones.
3 Musketeers-Jim Kanouse, Lynn Wickizer, and Wayne Benner
Milkyway-A path that usually trails down your back porch steps after a cat has knock over one of the bottles.

Forever Yours-Pat Bourdon and Tom Troeger
Bit O' Honey-Lynne Lachmann.
Clark-British pronunciation of clerk
Butterfinger-What you don't dare be if you expect to be handling test tubes in Chemistry, 'specially if they have nitro in 'em.
Mars-Have you seen those little green men in the flying saucers, too? Chuckles-"Flea" Gearhart
Tango-Bob Walker.
Jujubees-Nickname sometimes applied to Judy Heron.
Junior Mints-The junior class treasury.

## Name Play Game

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Squeezes nose drops in my nose?
Who scrubs my back when in a shower?
And wakes me up at the proper hour? Who helps keep me on the beam? And figures in my every dream? I do.

## OFF THE RECORD

The Fish-Arch rival of the mambo. Don't Be Angry-Pleas made to parents after report cards were previewed.

How Important Can It Be-If some senior girls don't go to the Prom.

Chop, Chop, Boom-Slit throats and a bullet thru the head are their only solutions.
The Sand and the Sea-Favorite haunt on nice weekends.
April Showers-At least one umbrella should be kept in every locker.
Foolishly-I forgot an admit and misspelled the teacher's name.
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## THESPIANS HOLD MEETING

National Tespian Troop 1464 of John Adams met at Anne Brunner's house on March 28 at 7:00 p. m.
It was suggested that an explanation of phases of a dramatic production be presented at a future Drama Club meeting. Talks will be given as follows: General Production Managing, James Dincolo; Student Directing, Janet Golba; Stage Managing, James Hoehn; Ticket Selling and Publicity, Joan Berry; Costuming and Makeup, Susie Frehse; Acting, Larry Rex.
Another suggestion was that the Thespians put on a one-act play. Janet Golba and Naomi Ross will be the student directors.
The qualifications for Thespians were discussed and it was decided that the May meeting would be the proper time to initiate new members.

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# Baseball Team Wins Openers 

Down St. Joe 13-2; Edge Bears 6-4

Adams won its opening baseball game by whipping St. Joseph, 13-2, on the Eagle diamond.

Adams batters came through with 14 hits and were paced by Johnny Robbins and Terry Rothermel. The game was highlighted by a fifth inning homer by Robbins. Rothermel banged out a triple to lead the Eagles in their 5-run fourth inning.
Toby Sexson, Fal Harris, Lynn Wickizer, and Don Severeid hurled for Adams and held the Indians to one hit.

St. Joseph -_000 $020000-2 \quad 16$ Adams _---- 401530 00x-13 $14 \quad 2$
Czyzewski, Malinowski (1), Fisher (6) and Gruber: Sexson, Harris (3), Wickizer (5), Severeid (7) and Edgerton, Vargo (8).

## ADAMS 6, CENTRAL 3

The Eagles dealt a 6-3 loss to Central. This was Adams eighth straight defeat of the Bears in 4 years.

Adams took advantage of four walks and a single by Rothermel to score 4 runs in the first inning. The Eagles also tallied 1 in the fifth and 1 in sixth to account for their 6 runs. Central tallied 5 hits to Adams' 4, but the Bears could not muster enough of them together at the same time to come out on top.

Adams used three pitchers, Robbins, Harris, and Sexson.

Neither of these games figured in the conference standings.
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Cieslik and Borges; Robbins, Harris (3), Sexson (5) and Edgerton.

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## SPRING SPORTS TAKE OVER



The three spring sports are represented here by (left to right) Paul Edgerton, baseball; Tom Henson, golf; and Tom Troeger, track.

## Golfers Lose to Central and Mishawaka

John Adams' golf team dropped their first match of the season to Central by a score of 11 to 4. Ron Milliken, Dave Mikesell, Al Flack, Don Zombick, and Tom Henson played in the number 1 to 5 positions. Flack was the only Adams victor, downing his opponent 2 to 1 . Tom Henson shot an 86 for Adams' low score, but Carey of Central took medalist honors with a 79.

Mishawaka defeated the golfers by a score of 9-6. Milliken, Mikesell, Flack, Walker, and Zombick played in the first 5 spots for Adams, Bob Walker took medalist honors with a 76 on the Eberhart-Petro course.

The 3 point Nassau method of scoring is used in the matches. With this method, 1 point is given to the winner of the first 9 holes, 1 point to the winner of the second 9 , and 1 point to the winner of the 18 holes.

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## Thinlies Split Two

In their first dual meet of the season, the Adams track squad scored an impressive 76-33 victory over New Carlisle. The Eagles won 11 of the 13 events, sweeping three, in rolling up their score.
The Eagles second meet was with Goshen at Goshen last Friday. The victors were decided in the last event when the half mile relay was run. The score was $522 / 3$ for the Eagles and $501 / 3$ for the Red Revils going into the last event. The Goshen relay team then nosed out the Adams squad by .2 seconds, giving them the victory by a score of $551 / 3$ to $53 \%$.
Gaining firsts for the Eagles in the New Carlisle meet were Jim Sostack, Fred Osmon, Larry Wygant, Bud Goddard, Terry Heater, Jim Dillman, Tom Troeger, Gene Personett, Norm Pihl, and the mile and half-mile relay teams. The mile team consisted of Conley, Goddard, Larry Van Dusen, and Billy Baird. Personett, John Thilman, Ed Ross, and Ron Smith made up the half mile team.
John Adams won six out of the 13 events at Goshen. The winners were Osman, Baird, Goddard, Conley, Heater, and the mile relay team composed of Nichols, Fritz, Van Dusen, and Baird.

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