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JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL — SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

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# "Green Valley" Scheduled for Performances May 10th and 11th

#### John Adams Jr. Waltons Hold Annual Work Party

Saturday, April 28, the Adams Waltons held their Annual Work party at the Isaac Walton League on Darden Road. The members planted 2,050 multiflora rose, 400 pines, 100 tulip poplar trees, and 100 black locusts. These were planted on an area on the Isaac Walton League ground given over to Adams Waltons for conservation work. The Walton Clubs have done this for four years and the former Jr. Walton Clubs have put trees in for the past ten years. Thus, there is an exceptionally fine forest in that area. The Waltons also planted some food plants for wildlife. Plans for this reforestation and cover planning were managed by Bob Badger, president of the Adams Waltons and the executive committee. A wiener roast was held by the Sr. Walton League.

### Jean Frushour Represents Adams in Blossom Parade

Two weeks ago, each of the senior homerooms nominated one girl as its representative for the ballot to decide which girl from Adams would represent us in the Blossom Parade. The following girls were nominated: Linda Bussert, Jean Frushour, Connie Kuhn, Marlene Olson, and Barbara Waechter.

Jean Frushour was selected to represent John Adams by a majority vote of the senior class members. A brown haired, brown eyed senior from homeroom 113, Jean is well known to all at Adams because of her participance in varsity cheerleading during the last year. She will ride on one of the floats in the Blossom Parade which will be held tomorrow, May 5.

#### IF YOU GO TO WORK

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. So, KEEP YOUR CARD IN A SAFE PLACE. If you have lost your original card, you should call at or write to the Social Security District 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 never had a number, you can secure an account number card by calling at or writing to:

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Taking a few minutes out from rehearsal of GREEN VALLEY to pose for this picture are: Lynne Thomas, Donna Hogan, Jim Kubiak, John Ross, Linn Wickizer, Judy Heron, Pat McNamara, Beverly Prohaska.

### N. H. S. Inducts Twenty-two Members in Ceremony

The National Honor Society held its first spring induction ceremony Wednesday morning, May 2, in the auditorium.

John Thompson, chairman of the plans for the service, announced the names of the twelve seniors and ten juniors who were inducted. Terry Rothermel, Gwen Garwood, Charmian Burke, and Sue Wood spoke on leadership, character, scholarship and service, respectively. Rev. Hartford Inlow, Mr. Russell Rothermel, and Mr. A. T. Krider, sponsor of the N. H. S., were guest speakers.

The following are new members of the National Honor Society: Beverly Bourdon, Pat Hamilton, Bob Badger, Ruth Jones, Carol Weldy, Paul Edgerton, Meredith Metcalf, Barbara Waechter, Barbara Rohlff, Fred Hunn, Joan Berry, Ellen d'Alelio, Tom Marquis, Barbara McIntyre, Marilyn Schwanz, Barbara Gordon, Shirley Norton, Marcia Hoelscher, Carol Hertel, Judi Sheets, Joan Jacobs, and Sandy Mitchell.

### Council Delegation Attends State Convention

John Adams High School sent delegates to the state convention of the Indiana Association of Student Councils in Richmond, Ind., April 21 for the first time.

Members of this year's council and officers and board members of next year's council attended. They were Marlene Olson, Barbara Rohlff, Tom Horn, Bob Ziker, Barbara McIntyre, Linda Rogers, Sue Metcalfe, Carol Weldy, Marilyn Schwanz, Terry Rothermel, Paul Edgerton, Gwen Garwood, Jack Venderly, Charmian Burke, Judy Adkins, Tim Brown, Paula Bryant, and Wesley Rachels.

Delegates heard Dr. Harry C. Mc-Kown, editor of "Student Life" magazine, and Gov. George Craig. Discussion groups were held on such topics as how to develop better school spirit, how to promote and make projects successful, how to improve the council, the problems and situations which might arise and the duties and responsibilities of the council.

#### Adams Represented with Medalists in I. H. S. A. Contest

At the finals of the Indiana High School Achievement contest which was held at Indiana University in Bloomington last Saturday, John Adams High School was well represented with medal winners.

Tom Price won a silver medal in the geometry division. Also, in the geometry division Norman Moyer and Arthur Hobbs won bronze medals. Terry Rothermel won a bronze medal in the comprehensive mathematics division.

In the Spanish contest, Sidney Polk, Robert Chreist, and Tom Marquis were recipients of bronze medals.

Nestled away in the California hills is tiny, picturesque Green Valley—the kind of place you come upon unexpectedly one day, later recall, but can never seem to rediscover. For a hundred years, the Berry family has owned it. Grampaw Berry himself, it was—a straight-thinking, straight-shooting pioneer—who staked out the original claim back in the gold rush days. . . . But Eldon Berry, the last of the line, is about to lose it to the unscrupulous hands of one Tobias J. Everheel.

Right now, the loss will be doubly painful. Strangely, unaccountably, Green Valley has become a little paradise of nature. Everything is growing in rampant profusion: juicy strawberries as big as your fist, bright yellow sunflowers higher than a house, beanstalks that shoot up and grow before your very eyes! Most unusual of all is Eldon's cow. Minnie, who imbibes from the renewed bubbling spring and gives gallons of rare milk - milk so rare that those who drink it hear weird music and see people . . . people who officially stopped walking the earth many years before.

You don't believe it? Well, no one can blame you. Prim Stokes, the vital native girl in love with Eldon, didn't believe it . . . until the pale shadow of long-dead Lonesome Berry abruptly materialized, planted a kiss on her surprised lips, and beckoned with a ghostly forefinger. And neither did greedy Everheel comprehend until Prudence, a witch-girl from the Golden days, led him stumbling and gaping to the awe-invoking Garden of Green Valley. Even studious Marhta Mears, of the local Historical Society-and who should have known of such things if anybody did wasn't convinced until almost too

Stirred from their eternal rest by the noise of Everheel's tractor and the threat to their Valley, Eldon's ancestors are "riz." Peppery Grampaw, Granny who insists on hooks and eyes instead of buttons and bows, gruff Calhoun, bearded Jeb, mechanical-minded Lonesome, gigantic Powerful, giggle-witted Ransome, and all the rest have come back to fight, to laugh, to love — till they finally and dramatically

Well, we see no point in revealing the entire story to those of you who are planning to see "Green Valley." The performances will take place here at John Adams at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium May 10 and 11. Tickets are on sale for fifty cents and can now be bought from any member of the cast, Thespians, or Drama Club.



### EXTRA! GET YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

For those of you who are reading this editorial because you deem this particular column worthy of some attention, read no further. It is not necessary that you heed the following. But to those of you who have absorbed all the gossip, humorous stories, other feature and sports articles, and are reading this for lack of anything better to do, bear with me.

The intentions of this paper are many and varied. We constantly aim to inform you. The first page of the Tower presents information about school functions, meetings, plays, student accomplishments, the weekly calendar, etc. Along in the information department we have sports articles on the fourth page. These may include recounts of previous games, and listings of future games, and accounts of the swimming, track, and wrestling meets besides football, basketball, and baseball. Supplementing our informant articles are the features to be found on pages two and three. They are intended to amuse, puzzle, and sometimes even surprise you. The gossip column does inform people from week to week about the current dating combinations and events concerning Adams students.

The majority of John Adams students read only the gossip column and the sports items. Once, when the suggestion had been made that we dispense with the gossip column, any number of Adamsites firmly stated that they would not subscribe to the paper in the future; however, we have followed a different policy this year, having eliminated many of the repetitious lists of names. Certainly features are eye-catching as are the sports items, but very few of you realize what you are missing when you glance over news articles or editorials aimed at helping you. Not nearly so many repetitions would be necessary if you would simply pay more attention to the news aimed to arm you with information. Try to remember the next time you pick up your Tower to read the news, as well as the rest of the paper!

### SPRING LAZINESS

Finally, one of the best loved seasons of the year has arrived. It is, of course, spring! All winter long we look forward to the good times that come with this season. Almost every club has its annual spring dance, and there are always parties to go to on the week ends. Seniors are hopefully awaiting their big moments of graduation and the Senior Prom. The juniors plan their main event of the year which is their Junior Prom. Yes, spring is here in all

There is, however, an unfortunate situation that arises each spring. As you have probably guessed, it is "spring laziness." We have examples of it in all of our class rooms right now — inattentiveness of students, absentmindedness of many "not so old" teachers, and most of all it shows in the sudden drop

With all of the many social events taking place right now, many of us fail to recognize the importance of our last nine weeks of school. Now especially is the time for us to study and bring up our grades. Now is the time to store away enough knowledge to tide us over until next year when we return to continue our education.

To seniors, this last nine weeks is even more important. It is, for many, their last opportunity to obtain such well prepared information that they will need in their jobs, homes, or colleges. Also, the grades which they make are sent to their employers and colleges.

Yes, your social life is important, but remember - there is a time and a place for everything. Our time for study is all during the week. We should use that time wisely and not be a victim of "spring laziness."

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### JUNIOR PROM!! HOW MUCH FUN!

We arrived at the dance, Larry, Ron, Mike, and I. Larry took my coat, handed it to Ron, and Mike checked it. They were all so well mannered! I took Larry by one arm and Ron by the other. Mike followed behind because he had to wait in line to check the coats.

We went to our table and by that time, Mike was with us again. He pulled out my chair and then we all sat down. When the music began, I had an awful time deciding which of my escorts I should dance with first. They were all over 6 feet and were so neat. I told them that I would start with the boy on my right and then take turns dancing with each of them. Ron was on my right and Larry on my left. Larry didn't see why I should start with the boy on my right. After arguing about 15 minutes, Larry and Ron agreed to flip a coin. (If you're worried about Mike, don't be because he was sitting across from me and therefore it made no difference to him whether I started at my left or right.) Ron won the toss and so we danced.

After that episode, I took turns dancing with each of my escorts. When the dance was over, the four of us went to a party. I think I ate a little too much at the party because each of the boys kept bringing me food, and I couldn't say no, especially after he'd gone through all that trou-

When I got home, I thought of how envious the rest of the girls must have been to see me with three such darling boys all evening.

This sounds like the perfect evening, doesn't it? Well, the truth of the matter is that Gertrude Dollface didn't go to the prom at all. Oh, she asked all of these boys all right, but each had a very good excuse as to why he couldn't go. Larry was from out of town and since he had a track meet after school he didn't see how he could possibly make it. He hoped that she could find someone else and told her to have a nice time. Ron had a bad cold and said that he didn't think he'd better go, but that he hoped she would find a date and have a real nice time. Mike turned studious all of a sudden and said that he had too much homework to do over the week-end. But he hoped - yes, you guessed it. Well, she didn't find anyone else, but she did have a nice time . . . a nice time dreaming about her ideal Junior Prom.

-Shirley Otolski.

### Answers from Page 3

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# Straight Jive

Carousel - This may sound familiar to the juniors . . . because the movie was here just a few weeks ago.

Walk Hand in Hand - 'Cause I left my glasses at home and I can't see a thing outhout them.

Blue Suede Shoes - What white bucks look like after you walk in a blue mud puddle.

Long Tall Sally - The girl who couldn't dig up a date for a school dance if her life depended on it.

Heart-Break Hotel - The Hotel Hoffman without business.

Too Young To Go Steady - The most popular discussion topic for the

Love Is Just Around The Corner -But not one of the Four Corners. There's just more lockers around

No Not Much-I hate Senior Proms and I didn't want to go anyway.

Standing On The Corner - Street-Why Do Fools Fall In Love -

What they discuss at Heart-Break Man With The Golden Arm - A

baseball player with his rubber The Ivory Tower - A white lad-

No Money Down - Then two years later, we take it away when you can't

pay the quarter a day. Disc-Jocky Blues - What recordspinner has after he breaks a record or plays it on the wrong speed.

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"I jus have one problem. I jus can't get out a the habit of using the bottle. Moi parents, dey have telled me time in time again how I should lay off the bottle for awhile, but I jus starve ifin I don't have it.

"Well, I didn't worry much bout it until jes lately. Then I bwought Katwina, she's my goil, ower after school one day. Mom was fixin' us a little snatch . . . I mean snack. And Mom, she serwed me my drink in ma bottle and Katwina, when she see me drinking out of my bottle, she laughed and laughed and then started to cwy and ran out of the house. I ran after her, but she ran into a women's dwess shop, and I wouldn't be seen dead in there.

"Then I came back home. I felt pretty bad and Mom did, too. She said that it was about time I outgrowed my habit. So then and there I decided to turn ower a new leaf. I got a glass out of the cupboard and poured my milk into it. I threw my baby bottle into the wastepaper basket, and it has remained there since. Now I drink my milk out of a glass like the big kids do.

"So if you, too, are worried because you use the bottle too much, I'll give ya Katwina's address. Just write to this station in care of Clarence Cuddles."



"What would you say or do if someone stepped on your blue suede shoes?"

Judy Widmar-"Brush 'em off." Nancy Aitchison - "I'd haul off and hit 'em."

Herb Krug-"I'd buy a blue suede

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Nancie Hultin

Nancy Champaigne

Mr. Seeley

Jim Warner

Larry Smith

Tony Lacopo

Bob Walker

Harlan Fugate

Darla Jo Doyle-"I'd say you've made a mistake . . . these are motorcycle boots."

Barb Kirkendall-"I'd tell them to get off . . . 'cause I don't have any.'

Mr. Thompson — "I'd make 'em clean them off."

Tony Lacopo-"If they were smaller than me, I'd hit 'em . . . if they were bigger. I'd walk on and shut up."

Dusty Rhoads - "Quit Mickey Mousin' around."

Beechie Pfaller—"Ouch!!!"

Ronnie Cohen—"Make it snappy . . gotta be on my way."

Don Caron — "I'd step on their

high-button-hey, I ron't even have any blue suede shoes."

Donna Lee Wyatt-"I'd buy me a blue suede brush."

June Verhostra - "Why----you dirty Bohemian bug fuzzzzzer, you!"

Pat Rusk-"I'd sic my pet snail, Oiving, upon 'em." Ellen d'Alelio-"I'd start singing

and scare them to death."

Bonnie Hewitt — "Kenny Parker

already did." Jody Barnette-"I'd fake 'em out.

I don't wear shoes." Wesley Rachels - "I'd exchange them for a pair of cordovans."

--Billie Jean Woodall

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### Adams' Autos and Their Owners

Some people are known by the cars they drive. Here is a list of some Adamsites whose cars remind us as much of them as they themselves do.

- Denny Grabner 1. '46 gray Nash.
- Wayne Benner '55 green and white Buick.
- Paula Bryant '54 yellow Buick convertible.
- Ron MacGregor '53 yellow Chevie convertible.
- Diane Halpin '50 green Ford coupe.
- Don Caron '52 gray Plymouth coupe.
- Sue Wood '54 black and white Buick.
- Bruce Dwyer '54 pink and white Ford hardtop. Keith Malcolm
  - '54 yellow and black Studie.
  - '48 grey Chevie. 10.
    - '52 maroon and cream Buick. 11.
    - '53 light green Pontiac convertible. 12.
    - '50 black Studie convertible. 13.
    - '55 red and white Mercury 14.
    - '48 red Nash convertible. 15.
    - 16. '55 light and dark green Studie.
- Lynne Thomas '53 light grey Studie.
  - '49 light blue Studie convertible. 18.

school there.

Harman (Cent.).

-Nancie Hultin.

Rich Szabo, and Andy Cobb and

It seems as though the kids who

went to Richmond on the Student

Council trip had a very enjoyable

time. They attended a State Student

Council Convention at the high

Seen having an extra-special good

time at "Carousel" were Helen Wil-

liams and Jim Kritz (Wash.-Clay),

Barbara Dickey and George Benson

(Cent.), Mary Horning and Bill

Bruce Gaffil (Culver).

The answers can be found on page 2, column 2, bottom.

### IT'S THIS WAY.

In case you were wondering how Wilma Baldwin could be 5 feet and 2 inches tall and Don Caron could be a "she" as it was stated according to the "Know Your Juniors" column in last week's TOWER, the correct answers for the column are Donna Huffman, Don Caron, Wilma Baldwin, Bob Mitchell, Donna Wyatt, and Larry Brown. Sorry for this mistake.

The juniors certainly had a wonderful night for their Prom. Parties held before and after the dance were given by Sue Metcalfe and Barbara McIntyre.

This spring hasn't been too happy a one for some Adams couples. Gone separate ways are Judi Sheets and Doug Eichorst, Sharon Barts and

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Printed in the May 14, 1954, issue was a list of diseases that effect many Adams students. Some of them were:

Meningitis — (female complaint) not enough boyfriends.

Womangitis-cause uncertain but Liberace has it.

Cross eyes-a secret of the medical profession, may be caused by watching too many Marilyn Monroe movies, watching a fast tennis match when you have a stiff neck, or balancing equations in Chemistry.

Broken nose - not opening the door before walking through it.

Dimples - cause unknown, but Steve Gums has them.

Water on the brain-standing under a leak in the ceiling of Mr. Reber's room or falling in the water fountain.

Broken Coccyx-falling hard for someone.

Knock knees-too much time spent in Ye Old Exercise Room.

Bow legs-gothic architecture in the blood or carrying too many books

Pidgeon toed-wearing shoes on the wrong feet.

Broken ribs — associating with friends who nudge.

Broken ankles — "ankling" home.

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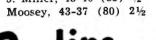
The Adams Golf Team lost two straight matches last week on April 24 and 25. The match on the 24th was played at the Morris Park Country Club against Central. The Eagles lost by a score of 12 to 3. The weather was cold and windy, opposite of good golf weather. Despite the weather, Central's Kleva shot a 67 which is record for high school golf. Medalist for the Eagles were Milliken and Horka with 79. Adams' number one golfer, Bob Walker, was sick and missed that day's action.

The other match saw LaPorte slice the Eagles 13½ to 1½. This match, also at Morris Park, saw Milliken, Walker, Wilkenson, Becknel, Fenn and Nace shoot under 80. The Adams record now stands at one win and five losses.

The results of the matches are as follow:

#### Central vs. Adams

- 1. Miliken, 42-37 (79) 0 Kleva, 37-30 (67) 3
- 2. Horka 37-42 (79) 2 Garson 41-41 (82) 1
- 3. Zombik, 42-39 (81) 0 Hobbs, 39-36 (75) 3
- 4. Miller, 46-40 (86) 1 Roberts, 42-41 (83) 2
- 5. Lott, 44-43 (87) 0 Ketfield, 40-43 (83) 3
- LaPorte vs. Adams
  1. Miliken, 39-36 (75) ½
  Wilkenson, 35-36 (71) 2½
- 2. Walker 40-38 (78) 0
- Becknell, 38-35 (73) 3 3. Horka, 41-41 (82) ½
- Nace, 41-38 (79) 2½ 4. Zombik, 41-40 (81) 0
- Fenn, 37-39 (76) 3 5. Miller, 43-40 (83) ½





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### Murphy Lists Results of Kraus-Weber Phy. Tests

Mr. John Murphy has released the results of the Kraus - Weber Physical Fitness tests. He has 224 junior and senior boys assigned to his section. Thirteen boys with medical excuses did not take the tests; however, 211 boys who took active part in the physical education program here at Adams took the complete test. Twenty-two boys failed some area of the test. Eighty-nine and six tenths per cent passed.

Of the twenty-two failures, two failed the lower back strength test which was less than a one per cent failure. Twenty failed the flexibility area of the test which accounted for nine and five tenths per cent of the failures.

The results from Adams in comparison with spot checks taken in the United States and Europe are very favorable. Fifty-seven and nine tenths per cent of U.S. pupils failed the six tests for muscular strength and flexibility whereas only 8.7% of the Europeans failed. Ten and four tenths per cent of the Adams junior and senior boys failed.

Forty-four and three tenths per cent of U.S. pupils failed the flexibility test while only 7.8% of the European pupils failed. Nine and five tenths per cent of the Adams junior and senior boys failed.

Thirty-five and seven tenths per cent of U.S. pupils failed one or more of the five strength tests. Only one per cent of the Adams junior and senior boys failed the strength tests while 1.1% of the European pupils failed.

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### Batsmen Suffer Second Conference Defeat

The Eagle Batsmen suffered their second conference loss last Tuesday at the hands of a defensively tough Michigan City ball club. The Eagle pitcher, Fal Harris, allowed only two hits and struck out seven for a nice performance but the Eagles lost their second game on errors. The Eagles committed four errors — one of them cost the Eagles two runs.

Michigan City got two runs on an error in the first inning and got two more in the fourth on a hit, a walk, an error, and a sacrifice fly. Adams got one run in the fifth inning on an error and a hit. The Eagles got two more in a last-inning rally that just fell short. In the last inning the two runs scored on three hits and an error. The final score was Michigan City four and the Eagles three.

-Ron Wallace.

#### Thinlies Bow to Culver

The Culver Cadets bested the Eagles by nine points last Wednesday, April 25, 59 to 50 to hand them their second defeat this season.

Gene Phillips was the only double winner taking both the 100 and 440.

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### Eagles Drop First Conference Game to Elk.

The Eagle batsmen dropped their first conference game loss last Tuesday, April 24, in the hittingest, scoringest" game of the year. The Eagles got a total of nine runs on ten hits and Elkhart got eleven runs on eight hits. Elkhart got no extrabase blows while the Eagles racked up a total of four, including a homer by Don Severied, a triple by Terry Rothermel, and a pair of doubles by Barry Grady.

The Eagles jumped to an early deficit when Elkhart pushed over three runs in the second. It didn't take long for the Eagles to bounce back and they tied it up in the third. Elkhart picked up one in the sixth and Adams got three in the same inning. Going into the seventh the Eagles led seven to four. In the seventh inning Elkhart got seven runs on four errors and three hits. The Eagles tried, but only managed two in their half to lose by an 11 to 9 margin.

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