



AHS Students Awarded 16 Medals At Bloomington

"ROMAN HOLIDAY" CHOSEN AS THEME OF "LITTLE 500"

A "Roman Holiday" is the phrase applied by the Student Council to this year's annual "Little 500" race. The race and additional festivities are scheduled to take place on May 25 on the John Adams track immediately after school.

The "Little 500" under the "consulship" of John Clark, will present a number of new events which have never been presented at the yearly event. This year, the itinerary will call for chariot races and tug-of-wars besides the usual bicycle race and crowning of the queen.

Definite plans are still in the completion stage and are under wraps. Watch for further developments in the TOWER.

Cheerleaders for Next Year To Be Announced May 10

Preliminary cheerleading try-outs have been held and a list of twenty girls has been chosen for a final elimination. The names of the new varsity and B-team cheerleaders will be revealed next Thursday.

Those who are contending for a position on the two teams of five girls each include former cheerleaders Joanne Pask, Carol Cseh, Darlene Daniel, Nancy Daniel, Nancy Naus, Carol Roelke, and Vikki Van Horn.

Others competing are sophomores Diane Beard, Elaine Jones, Sherry Mills, Barbara Tomber, Pat Teeter, Helen Warren, Mary Warstler, Cheryl Walker, Barbara Welber, and Peggy Whisman. Freshmen contending are Shirley Clark, Lynn Alexander, Judy Daniels, Kathy Irvin, Cathy Lower, Debby Mourer, Connie Joyner, Karen Ryan, Judy Pickens, and Sue Little.

Judging will be done by members of the faculty. Miss Jane Bauer is the cheerleading sponsor.

NEWS IN BRIEF

At 6:30 this morning,

a group of bleary-eyed Soci-ites boarded a bus for the third trip to that wonderful town, Chicago.

National Honor Society

recently elected the following officers: Philip Robison, President; Dave Martin, Vice-President; Jill DeShon, Secretary; and Darlene Daniel, Treasurer.

Thespians

will induct members into their fold on May 16. Names will appear in a later issue.

Playday,

annual sports day for girls from the feeder schools, will be held at Adams on May 9.

Eagle Ethics members

gave a choral reading at the NCCJ banquet at the Indiana Club yesterday.

Louise Wisman

was elected treasurer of the Northern Indiana Hoosier State Librarians Association during the group's convention held April 14 at Penn High School.

The ALBUM,

John Adams yearbook, will be made available to students at the annual ALBUM Dance which will be held on May 25, the day of the "Little 500." The "Little 500" queen and her court will be the honored guests.

Doug May

has been notified that he has received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. Congratulations, Doug!

Adams Waltons

recently elected officers. Richard Martin was chosen as President, Eric Hanson as Vice-President, Louise Wisman as Secretary, and Kent Miller as Treasurer.

BAND TO PERFORM CONCERT AT HOBART

The John Adams Band will make a trip to Hobart, Indiana, on May 9 to complete the band exchange which was instituted by the Hobart band on April 19.

In a program similar to the one put on by the visitors, the Adams band will play many of the numbers to be featured in their May 18 concert. Phyllis Shapiro, recent recipient of the certificate of merit from the American Federation of Musicians, will be the featured soloist.

The band will spend the day at Hobart and return in time for 6th hour.

Formal Garden Planned for Mystique

A formal garden describes the decoration plans for "Mystique," the Senior Prom which is now in the completion stages of planning. The Prom, which will be at the Indiana Club from 9-12 p.m., on Friday, May 11, will feature Bud Doty and his band.

Upon entering the ballroom, the seniors and their guests will first notice the tall pillars which mark the edge of the garden. Each table will be decorated with artificial flowers and candles, while the walls will depict trees to further the garden effect. Statues will add a final touch to the atmosphere provided.

Dress for the dance is intended to be semi-formal with the boys wearing dark suits or white dinner jackets and dark pants; while the girls will be attired in appropriate semi-formal gowns.

One feature of the prom is the grand march which will be led by class officers Ozzie Morgan, Randy Welch, Karen LaMar, and Joanne Schultz and their dates.

Tickets are \$2.50 per couple and are being sold through the senior home rooms. Ticket chairman Lynn Ehlers heads the following team of sellers: Linda Cobb, cafeteria mezzanine; Jill Paulk, 122; Sandra Dietl, 124; Candy Szabo, 213; Terry Bolling, 108; Larry McKinney, 101; Anita Hubbard, 118; and Gregg Magrane, 111.

The dance is open to seniors and guests, parents, and alumni. Alumni may purchase tickets through the office.

Vera Vianna to Tell Of U. S. Impressions At Student Assembly

Vera Vianna, foreign exchange student at Adams from Brazil, will address the student body as a conclusion to her stay in the United States. An assembly will be called on Wednesday morning, May 9, at 8:15 a.m.

Vera's speech serves two major purposes. The first of these is the opportunity for Vera to summarize her impressions and observations of the United States and its people. The second reason for the assembly is to give the student body a chance also to form their opinions of Vera and of the success of the American Field Service program of student exchange which is now being carried on in almost all the countries of the world.

The knowledge of the United States Vera has acquired concerning the customs and people with their good and bad qualities will be as invaluable and as lasting to her as the friendships she has made. This knowledge, it is felt, will also help to further the democratic interests of the United States. If it does accomplish this aim, then the American Field Service will have fulfilled its purpose of promoting greater understanding among the nations of the world.

Juniors to Elect Class Officers

The junior class has begun preparations to elect Senior Class officers. The election rally will take place on May 14 with the actual election occurring on the following day.

Each prospective candidate was required to have a petition signed by twenty-five students and five members of the faculty. This petition was to have been turned in by yesterday. In a primary election to be held on Monday, May 7, three candidates "in good standing and with satisfactory grades" will be chosen for each office. Then a week of campaigning will follow which will be ended by the aforementioned rally and election.

Mrs. Ruth Weir and Mr. Vincent Laurita are the junior class sponsors and will be in charge of the proceedings.

ADAMS SCHOLARS PLACE IN 8 OF 10 TEST CATEGORIES

A group of thirty-one John Adams students entered in the state achievement tests held at Indiana University won a total of sixteen medals. Medals were won in eight out of the ten fields listed in the April 28 tests.

Awards were made on the basis of medals. A gold medal signifies a first-place rating, a silver one, a second-place, and bronze, a third-division standing. Division ratings are determined by score and not by number of students, thus making it possible for one or a number of student to get one of the various ratings.

Competing with other top students from all over Indiana, Adams students brought home 3 gold, 5 silver, and 8 bronze medals.

In English, Joanne Schultz received a silver medal and Phyllis Shapiro was ranked in the bronze category. Latin winners in Cicero were Claire Carpenter with a gold medal (Claire was first in the state and the only one to get a gold medal in this field), Peggy Haines with a silver medal and second place in the state, and Jackie Goldenberg with a silver medal and third place in the state. Latin first-year winners were Phil Dickey and Edgar Kowalski, both with bronze medal ratings. In the junior comprehensive division of mathematics, Chuck Clark received a gold medal and was ranked second in the state, while a bronze medal went to Fred Moyer. Geometry division honors went to Larry McMillan with a silver medal and to Robert Kaley with a bronze medal. In algebra Lilli Byers received a gold medal and was ranked second in the state; Dick Foley gained a silver medal and Mike Roesler a bronze medal. Finally, in Spanish, Colleen Bednar was a bronze winner in first-year Spanish while Marjorie Johnson received a bronze medal in second-year Spanish.

The contests are always highly competitive because they are run on a tournament type basis. One must rank high at his school and in the regionals before being able to enter at the state level.

Man's Surviving Depends Upon

It's spring! The flowers are blooming; the trees are a lovely shade of green. Among loveliness such as this it is hard to get bogged down in the tremulous problems of our world, yet one huge problem remains hovering over our heads . . . that of utter self-destruction. Something went wrong along the road of progress because man's moral development did not meet the problems presented by the tremendous responsibilities his great scientific achievements face him with.

At first, all man had to contend with were the elements; he lay prey to the animal world and was in constant competition for food. Then he controlled fire and had a greater variety of foods made possible: man was safer and healthier and had more time to progress; the world was his! And so he explored and discovered, created and invented. He devised miraculous methods of producing more products faster and more economically. Thousands of new products yearly made life easier and more comfortable, but along with these discoveries for better living came those discoveries for a more efficient annihilation . . . sticks and stones . . . gunpowder . . . then tanks . . . and now, bombs. Man kept on developing civilization until he now has almost everything he might desire in abundance, but in just as easy a reach is the weapon that may keep us from beholding this majestic season forevermore.

Now man wavers over the edge of an abyss; only a recognition of the highest precepts of morality can assure him extended existence. This is a time when every man must believe in something, whether it be a principle of right or the same principle represented by God. Yet it is not enough that he merely believes in such ethics; he must practice them faithfully regardless of any corruption that may surround him. This is the time in which the world's hope is in the hands of each one of us.

This is not to say that one should be pessimistic; how can he be? Every time he sees a budding twig does he not know that man will do a lot to keep this world of his . . .

—P. Lek

Monday Proves Storm Procedures Ineffective

The storm that South Bend weathered last Monday did more than uproot trees and topple TV antennas; it did more than turn off electric power and send people scrambling for candles and flashlights. For that storm and the actions following it proved to be a sad commentary on the general effectiveness of storm warnings and procedures now used in the school system. The blame for all the confusion cannot be placed entirely on the students, the individual schools, or the school officials but must be shared by all.

In the first place, school city officials, the weather bureau, and Civil Defense authorities were not coordinated in their efforts to notify the schools of the approaching storm; in fact, storm alerts never did reach the schools. Having received no guidance whatsoever, the individual schools were forced to handle the situation as best they could.

Of the students who remained in the buildings, many either panicked or simply became uncooperative. Lack of student cooperation was quite noticeable here at Adams. We, students, had an excellent opportunity to put into practice our storm drill training. Instead, however, we milled around in the halls,

screamed when the lights went off, and were uncontrollably noisy in a situation which above all demanded quiet so that instructions could be heard. One wonders that if we had taken storm warning drills more seriously in the past, much of the confusion could have been avoided.

In short, an unsatisfactory warning system, lack of a uniform policy of action in the individual schools, and lack of student cooperation turned an already serious situation into a potentially dangerous one. Let us hope we can learn from this unfortunate experience and do better should we ever be thrust into the same situation again.

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HIS OWN MASTER

Listen to the facts that have become fables so commonplace that we miss their amazing import: Glenn Cunningham, the boy who could never walk again, is one of the all-time great runners; Andrew Carnegie, one of the wealthiest men America has known, began his career as a penniless immigrant; Abraham Lincoln began reading by that proverbial fireplace and rose to the heights of the presidency and of immortality; and the most classic tale of all—a carpenter from Nazareth, from the wrong side of the tracks, delivered the greatest impact any man has had on the human race up to this time. There are others—the unnamed men who fulfilled their ambition and lived up to their responsibility as members of the family of man.

The greatest lesson to be learned from the study of these outstanding men is this: we are our own masters, and those of us who can comprehend our vast capabilities render ourselves unconquerable. Those who have gone by the board or who have known only mediocrity and defeat in their lives simply have not learned this lesson. Perhaps those who are faced with the greatest obstacles—in the way of health, such as FDR; or of public opinion, such as Darwin; or of resources, such as Dr. Tom Dooley—have been thereby forced to do much more than they would otherwise have attempted in their desire to overcome these hindrances.

There is a strange series of antitheses with which human beings must live: love and hate; joy and sorrow, good and evil. A man can be the master of these forces or they can be his master. Again, it is up to the individual as to whether he will rule or be ruled.

Man is potentially his own master because he has a mind with which he can reason, choose, and fight for what he wants. But now there are people trying to take the mind away, to replace "I" with "we," and to turn individual men into a herd of animals. Can this be done? Not as long as one person can say, "I am here to stay."

—Verna Adams

The Students Speak

Some high schools in America today issue numerical grades on their students' report cards, while the remaining high schools give letter grades. Adams is among the latter group of schools. For a number of reasons, I feel this system should be changed so that in the future the students at Adams will get the fairest grades on report cards—numerical grades.

Letter grades are obsolete and timeworn for several reasons. First, these grades are unfair to the majority of students because they do not always reflect the actual effort of the student and are consequently misleading. For example, in our system, two students with 84 and 75 averages respectively will both get the letter grade C on their report card although the first student apparently worked harder than the second. If the numerical system were put into use, the actual numerical grade would be put on the report card instead of the letter category it fell into. With this system, misrepresentation

What REALLY Happened at I.U. Last Saturday

A grand total of thirty-one Adams students woke up last Sunday morning feeling decidedly worse for wear. Who were they? You guessed it. They were that scholarly(?) group which all Friday night and Saturday morning braved the perils of the State Achievement Contest held at dear ol' I.U. last weekend.

Looking back on it all, those erstwhile contestants are wont to reach three conclusions: 1) "Thank heaven this only happens once a year." 2) "I can't wait 'til next year." 3) "How in the world did we ever manage to pull in sixteen medals?"

The facts (Almost all true, too.) behind these conclusions are enlightening—and also slightly scandalous. The following are only a few; the rest have been expurgated. Names, of course, have not been changed to protect the innocent—mainly because there were none.

Mrs. McClure's carload had a double task—keeping up that portion of the conversation usually handled by Mrs. McClure sans laryngitis and keeping an eye on Mr. Schurr's car which by all rights was supposed to be following them. This, of course, was not always the case. Is it ever?

Mr. Coar and Mr. Peczkowski, we understand, made the five-hour trip one long drag race. And what's this about Mr. Peczkowski going through a red light just to pass Mr. Coar? Incidentally, Mr. Coar later overtook Mr. Peczkowski again.

You'll all be happy to know that Mrs. Gadowski's muffler withstood the trip nicely this time.

Mr. Schurr, it seems, almost didn't have heart enough to go on after he heard one filling station attendant ask another, "Them are only a quarter, ain't they?" And Mrs. McClure's journey down a one-way street (the wrong way) didn't boost his morale any, either.

We were all very impressed with the Union Building, but then anything would be better than last year. It's rather significant, we think, that all the teachers stayed in a wing that was separated from the students' by a thick, sturdy, soundproof door.

When you put three individuals (Cont'd on page 3, col. 2)

tion would be less likely to exist.

Second, the final four-year average of the senior is a numerical grade. Why can't all students receive numerical grades at the end of each period? If numerical grades represent a student's four years' work, why then can't they be used to represent a student's nine weeks' work and a student's semester work?

If numerical grades were used on a full-time basis, instead of once at the end of four years, the discord and disunity in the grading system at Adams would be lessened. If the School City believes numerical grades are important enough to depict a student's four years' work, why don't they feel our semester grades, which, after all, count toward college, are important enough for this honor?

—J. J.

New Sports Which Enliven Spring Athletic Schedule

Well, spring is here, bringing with it the usual summer sports—track, baseball, golf, etc. Here are a few suggestions to liven up the sports schedule.

Why not adopt archery? One could start off with a different twist to the practice sessions. For instance, how about erecting targets in every room? Then when a class gets dull, whip out the ole bow and arrow. Of course, if these prove too bulky to carry around, spitballs are a reliable, but wet substitute. Matter of fact, the kids in Miss Martineau's second hour class are already trying out the spitball method, using backs of heads for targets.

Bullfighting is another sport for those of us who enjoy the gory aspect of life. The bulls can be kept in Mr. Shanley's biology room, since he seems to enjoy having such pets around. Said pets could be kept in good condition by doing seat twists on the trampoline. In an emergency, they could even be used for transporting frantic freshmen around the building. Although this sport does not provide much competition between the students, I am sure a few small bets on the side could be arranged. Contact Mr. Przybysz (pronounced Smith).

For all the Englishmen around, cricket would be a jolly good sport. Personally, I think the games would last much too long with all the pauses for tea and crumpets. But who am I to argue with Hayley Mills?

Bored with tennis and golf? Just look around at all the sports we could profitably adopt: jump-rope, hopscotch, jacks, marbles, kick-the-can, and mumble peg. Many of these could be used to remedy the tragic lack of girls' sports, as well as could old-time favorites like bicycling, croquet, and field hockey. For those advocates of President Kennedy's physical fitness program who wish to live down the myth of our decadent American society, there are many new and exciting sports: soccer, water skiing, mountain climbing, lacrosse, jai-a-lai, bear-baiting, and counter-revolutionary activities. On the other hand, for those whose tastes run more to lethargy, quoits, fishing, bird watching, and girl watching give both rest and pleasure to the participant. John Adams is noted for a highly scholastic college turnout; therefore, we advance a few sports to prepare students for their future life among the ivy. Polo, fencing, sculling, yachting, falconry, or just plain old ivy climbing will prove sufficient.

The athletic department will gladly entertain volunteers who wish to coach or participate in such sports, but if nothing comes of this, how about a good turnout at the baseball games?

That's a Switch!

A kangaroo suddenly came up behind him and leaped by. The startled Texan exclaimed, "What in tarnation is that?"

His Australian host calmly answered, "You mean you don't have grasshoppers in Texas?"



When **Jim Malicki** got back a Latin test the other day, he whispered disappointedly (and also rather loudly), "Oh nuts, I had a nickle riding on that!"

Mr. Murphy, upon hearing that only 64% of the students had voted at the last Student Council election, was heard to remark, "That is really strange. Seems to me that whenever an election comes around, 100% of my study halls leave to go and vote."

In his first hour biology class **Mr. Shanley** made the mistake of displaying a squirming snake to the petrified **Diane Mundell**. Diane was really startled (enough to let out a small [?] shriek of terror) when the snake stuck its forked tongue out and wiggled it menacingly in her direction.

We hear that **Vera Vianna** was helping **Roger Watkins** with a civics report he was making—on Brazil!

Did you know that **Mr. Laiber** postponed his health test just to see how many kids would be missing from his classes? He had a surprise when the second hour class turned up without anyone absent.

If you saw people running away from **Kathy Van DeWalle** last week and were puzzled about it, you can stop worrying. She was carrying around the eyes which formerly belong to a frog that she had just dissected in **Mr. Martin's** biology class.

In **Mr. Carroll's** fifth hour study hall not long ago, **Florence Milnes** passed a pencil to **Jack Morrow**. Mr. Carroll, watching this transaction with a great deal of interest, commented loudly, "Aha! Holding hands, is it?" Both Florence and Jack, we hear, turned deep shades of pink.

If anyone saw **Charles Clemens** riding home in **Mr. Miller's** blue Lark, it wasn't because he has special privileges; it seems that Chuck was collecting a gallon of pond water for **Mr. Litweiler** and accidentally fell in!

After lecturing her second hour English class on their terrible spelling, **Miss Martineau** found this note on her desk after class: "Hy Mis Martino. I am sori thit

What Really Happened

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like **Ted Tetzlaff**, **Terry Smith**, and **Dick Elliott** in the same room for the night, you just naturally expect a little unrest, but enough to bring the house detective on the run?

If **Claire Carpenter** had just remembered **Mrs. Gadowski's** correct room number, **Peggy Haines** might have been spared the inconvenience of pounding vigorously on the wrong door . . .

Jill DeShon, **Kathy Hawk**, and **Coleen Bednar** felt justifiably cheated when neither **Miss Kamm** nor **Mr. Coar** showed up to guide them to the building in which their tests were being given; they felt even more so when they landed in the wrong building and spent fifteen minutes looking for a room that didn't exist.

You just might ask **Claire Cook** how she managed to misunderstand the directions and miss all those questions . . . there was only a 15-line paragraph devoted to them.

By the way, what was **Carol Pollard** doing down at I.U. last weekend? That's one, among many, that we still haven't figured out.

yu are angry at uz becaus we don't spel so wel. Mabe we wil tri harder. Gud luk. 2nd hr. class."

Later on, when the same class was carrying on a lively discussion of the Kingston Trio's records **Gary Fromm** inquired, "Was 'Where Have All the Flowers Gone?' written by the same person who wrote 'Please Don't Eat the Daisies'?"

Still later, **Miss Martineau** was asking her fifth hour class to PUL-EEZ be quiet when she left the room. When one incredulous student asked how in the world she ever got the idea that the class was noisy when she was out of the room, **Miss Martineau** launched into a dramatic speech which was interrupted by **Jerry Wallace's** saying, "Better knock it off—she's bugged!"

My, but it does seem that **Miss Martineau's** English classes do get written about quite frequently. She must have spies who write for the TOWER!!!!

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From time to time the school has dipped into its special fund for pictures to add a few more to its collection. With the help of its art teachers, Adams has secured the prints of pictures done by a variety of artists of different periods. Rawson, an American artist, painted the scenic LAKE SUPERIOR found at the top of the stairs near room 103. MANHATTAN, near room 108, was painted by Grosz, a German. Near room 201 is an English painting of SCULPTURAL OBJECTS, done by Moore. Room 110 boasts the painting CORNFIELD with CYPRESS TREES by the famous Dutch artist Vincent Van Gogh.

Gauguin, a Frenchman, painted a series of pictures while he was in Tahiti. TAHITIAN MOUNTAINS, found near the main entrance, was one of these. COMPANY FOR SUPPER, by Nichols, shows a family being welcomed as they drive up in their sleigh on a cold winter evening.

RED HORSES, by Marg, and STILL LIFE YELLOW AND GREEN, by Barque, both near room 103, give the viewer a refreshing change. The former shows red horses on a desert background and the latter colorful fruit.

Adams art teachers hope that the paintings will serve a double purpose. Beside beautifying John Adams and developing an appreciation of art, the prints instruct the art students by illustrating the products of different methods and periods.

One can find paintings in the building to suit everyone's taste—from the peaceful SUMMER MORNING by Thieme in room 116, to the modernistic HOT STILLSCOPE by Davis, which hanks near the LAKE SUPERIOR painting. Scan the walls and find your favorites.

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Another new reference book in the Adams library is the WORLD-MARK ENCYCLOPEDIA of NATIONS. This encyclopedia is especially helpful when one is looking for economic figures or comparisons of countries. The encyclopedia covers religion, and politics as well, and contains much information which is difficult to find in other books.

In the field of science, the INTELLIGENT MAN'S GUIDE to SCIENCE is a useful source of information concerning physical and biological sciences. This book can be easily read and comprehended.

Several books on the subject of mathematics have become a part of the library. MATHEMATICS: QUEEN and SERVANT of SCIENCE is one such book. CLOCK WE LIVE ON is another reference book on this subject.

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Eagles Push Season Record to 9 and 3

By STEVE SINK

The Adams baseball squad of Coach Don Truex roared through four opponents last week for five victories to extend their win streak to eight straight. With a strong combination of good pitching and timely hitting, the Eagles now rank with Michigan City as a key contender for ENIHSC league honors.

Sparkling fielding and Vic Butsch's 4-hit pitching earned Adams a 4-2 triumph over Penn and Rich Edgerton on Tuesday, April 24, in a game at Adams. The Eagles turned in three key double plays to highlight the win. The next day, April 25, arch-rival Central paid Adams a visit and came away a 4-1 loser. Carroll Jordan hurled a 5-hitter and John Hostrawser contributed a triple.

Against Elkhart on Friday, April 27, Jack Gibboney held the host Blazers to one run and six hits for eight innings to lead the Eagles to a 2-1 extra-inning win. Singles by Jim Wallace and Vic Butsch and an error accounted for the decisive run. In a doubleheader on Saturday, April 28, Adams whipped North Liberty twice 6-1 and 3-2. Butsch threw a 3-hitter at the Shamrocks in the opener and Jordan picked up the second game triumph in relief of Tom Anderson. John Hostrawser drove in the winning run with a fourth inning pinch single.

The Eagles now boast a 7-3 record with Butsch at 3-0, Gibboney 3-1, and Jordan 3-2.

Coach Paul Edgerton's B-team was not as fortunate as the varsity, as it lost two of three games to slip to a 4-4 season mark. Penn blanked Adams 3-0 and defeated Bruce Schafer in his first start of the year. The Beagles rebounded to stop Central 5-2, as Bob Gilbert and Tom Waechter added two wind-blown home runs and Alex Oak picked up the pitching win. He had relief help from Dick Mintz. Elkhart toppled the B-team 6-1 as Tim Hostrawser's wildness aided the host Blazers. Mintz singled home the only Adams run.



By STEVE SINK

Now that the spring sports season at John Adams has nearly reached the halfway point, it's time to pause and take a quick glance at what has been done thus far.

Coach Duane Rowe's track squad dropped a dual meet decision to Elkhart by a 60-49 score, a loss that halted a 16-meet victory string in dual competition. Yet this year's team appears every bit as strong as last season's squad, which went undefeated. The balance on the 1960-61 team was perhaps a little stronger than on the current edition of Coach Rowe's squad. The 1961-62 tracksters do not have a hurdler the caliber of Art Langel or a shot putter quite like Dave Stout, although John Whitmer managed to capture a fifth place in the conference trials. On the other hand, Jim Nidiffer practically assures Adams of a half-mile triumph every time he sets foot on the track, something he couldn't consistently manage last year. In all, despite some of the record-shattering performances of this squad, it will be difficult to place high in the state against competition, such as Gary Roosevelt and Tolleston, and Fort Wayne North. Roosevelt probably has the strongest delegation ever assembled in Indiana high school track history.

Meanwhile, in baseball, Coach Truex has guided the Eagles to eight straight impressive wins and an overall record of 9-3. It would be hard to say that Adams won't have a strong mound corps next season, what with the likes of (Cont'd in col. 5)

SPORTS BRIEFS BY JOEL BARUCH

Have you heard that Tom Condon blasted a two-run homer and double, besides, to lead the fifth hour gym class team to victory? Guess, I thought he had told everyone by now.

The next time you see Buddy Bushman, ask him if he's nailed another pigeon. Buddy is the only guy I know of who could enter a duck shooting contest without a rifle, but with a golf club and ball.

During the first part of February, a prediction was chanced by this writer concerning the Adams-Elkhart cage games. As it turned out, both because of this writer's bad luck and superior strength, the foretelling was wrong.

This week, a plan is to make a whole slew of predictions, and the question is, "Will they be right?" —The Kansas City Athletics will edge out the Yanks for the pennant crown.

—Randy Welch will win the AAU diving championships.

—Bob Gilbert will become ineligible for his whole junior year.

—Adams will win the All-Sports Trophy.

—Because of these four predictions, this writer will learn to keep his mouth shut in the future. (Let's hope he does.)

And as a closing thought, let us consider Ted Tetzlaff, ex-pres of the Student Council and captain of the tennis team. It seems that Ted had a little trouble securing thumbtacks from the door of the girl's restroom at Central. When you see Ted, ask him about that.

NEXT WEEK'S SPORTS

BASEBALL
Tues., May 8—Washington (Here)
Thurs., May 10—Wash.-Clay (There)
Fri., May 11—Central (There)

TRACK
Tues., May 8—Washington (Here)
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Track Squad Drops First Dual Meet; Places Second in Conference Trials

By JOEL BARUCH

The Eagle cinder squad finally went to their first defeat on Thursday, April 26. They were beaten by the Elkhart Blue Blazers, who sport three out of the 10 best shot putters in the state, by a 60-49 count.

Steve Terlep, Jim McDowell, and Steve Campagnoli, the Blazer putter, tossed the sphere over 50 feet and swept this event, as well as both hurdle events. Even the Eagle half-mile relay team was trimmed, a feat not too many teams have accomplished thus far in the season.

Two days later in the ENIHSC meet, the Eagle team came roaring into Elkhart only to place a close second behind Fort Wayne North by a margin of 1½ points in the 10-team field.

Led by Kent Johnston, Jim Nidiffer, and Sam Williams, the tracksters racked up a total of 51½ markers and qualified six athletes and both relay teams for Saturday's NIHSC finals at Elkhart. Johnston was a twin winner, running the 100 in 10.3 and the 220 in 23.4. Nidiffer, probably one of the state's fastest half-milers, ran his race in the best time that he has done it this year. It took him 2:01.7 to complete the distance. Sam Williams grabbed a first in the high jump with a leap of 6' even.

In the second heat, Mike O'Neal placed second in the 440. Ted Lapham acquired a fourth in the same race.

The Taylor brothers, Carl and Jim, aided the track team, as Carl tied for second in the high jump and for third in the pole vault, while Jim took third in the broad jump.

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