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"NICE GOING  
CENTRAL"  
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## BAND CONTEST AT ADAMS; CONCERT FRIDAY

Jack Highberger, sports editor for The Tower, is John Adams' correspondent for the newly founded weekly newspaper, The Merchant News. Jack, along with the sports editors from the other city and county schools, keep the paper informed about the news events in the sport world at his school.

Joe Chaney, of Notre Dame, is the sports editor of the new weekly which expects to gain enough backing to become South Bend's second daily in the near future.

### HI-Y REALIZES PROFIT

The Hi-Y Club announced a profit of \$21 from the annual "Swingheart Sway" dance. Treasurer Paul Wolfram, who recently returned from Memorial Hospital, took charge of the money and of collecting dues for the new semester at the last meeting of the club.

### KEEP GOING BEARS!

### MR. KRIDER GIVES OFFICIAL TALENT TO SECTIONALS FOR SEVENTEENTH YEAR

It seems that our well known English teacher, Mr. Krider, has had something to do with the sectional tourneys in these parts for the past twenty years. This year he was official scorekeeper but he has served as a basketball referee since 1927.

Mr. Krider seems to think that the tournaments here in South Bend have improved much over the years, and that the sportsmanship of both players and fans is better. They are both more courteous and considerate now than they were before.

When asked what he thought of the games themselves he stated that they had become much faster and more interesting. Scores 17 years ago sometimes stood at the great tabulation of 7-8. Teams often stalled on one point. They could do this much more easily because they did not have the ten second rule.

Concerning sportsmanship, Mr. Krider said that years ago if you lost a game, you were considered no good "bums." Now, most people realize that someone has to lose and by the law of averages, they see that their own team cannot always be on the long side of the score.

### CENTRAL WINS

## DICK WYSONG TAKES HONOR

### CONTEST ENDS

"The grand, exalted, supreme, devine, and unsurpassed ruler of the John Adams predictors" is finally named!

With the close of sectional play March 1, the statistics were carefully analyzed and the winner determined. In this first annual affair, the winner is Richard Wysong, a junior of Mr. Reber's 206 home room.

This Tower sponsored contest started with the first game of the basketball season last year and, as explained before, ended with the final gun on the 1947 sectional tournament. Each game that John Adams played was preceeded by ten persons giving their ideas on the winner and score of the game in The Tower. A special box for additional predictions was kept in 205 for all people interested in the contest. The winner's list was added to with each game and at tournament time the seventeen people were

### Laurette Canter Plays For Combined Chorus Of 1300 Junior Students

Laurette Canter, Adam's glee club pianist, accompanied the combined junior high and elementary chorus of 1300 students that presented a concert in the auditorium March 4.

This large group had as its purpose the idea of singing under a unified head or conductor and is conducted by the school city vocal music department to further music education in the junior high and elementary schools. When these students have an experience such as this one, they can be counted upon more for support in the vocal music division in high school.

The honor of playing for this group came to Miss Canter as recognition for her excellent work in both junior high and here at Adams where she entered in January as a 10B.

### Musicians To Play In Annual Affair

Friday night is the big night for the Adams band for it is the date of the annual spring concert. The combined junior high bands of Lincoln, Jefferson, and Nuner will present the first numbers on the program. Many pieces will be offered for the enjoyment of each individual. Proceeds from the concert will help with the expense of entering the Adams band in the state band contest. Tickets are available from band members.

### NORTHERN INDIANA SCHOOLS MEET AT ADAMS

The best bands of the northern half of Indiana will hold their annual state contest at John Adams this year. In the past, Adams has won first place honors. This year's contest promises to be as colorful and exciting as those of previous years. The contest for junior high bands will be held at Nuner.

In the morning, busses from the participating schools will arrive with the bands. Trucks will arrive with the instruments. There will be all colors and varieties of uniforms—red, green, white, and blue uniforms will be covered with medals from former years. A schedule of the bands in their order of performance will be posted. Each band will be given a home room for the day. Some of the best high school talent in this part of the state will perform.

Later in the day, judges post their decisions. Unlike athletic contests, the band contest is run differently. Schools participating

are broken into class A, B, or C bands according to the size of the school. Adams is in Class B and will compete with other Class B bands. Also, unlike athletic contests, more than one band in a certain class may receive a first rating.

This will present a grand opportunity for South Bend to witness the contest instead of just reading about it. There will probably be a small charge at the door, but this should be compensated by this wonderful experience which every one should enjoy. This contest is a great step in the road to progress for music in South Bend.

### SEMI-FINAL TOURNAMENT PLAY HELD IN FOUR CENTERS SATURDAY

Saturday will mark the third successive week-end in the Indiana high school basketball tournament and will feature semi-final play in four centers over the state.

South Bend's representative, which at this writing should be South Bend Central, could have the other possibility of Elkhart, Culver, or Winamac. Which ever of these four teams won the regional play last Saturday will be the South Bend team to go to Lafayette in the Purdue fieldhouse to compete with the teams from Logansport, Hammond, and Lafayette.

Other semi-final centers and their districts are: Indianapolis; (Clinton, Rushville, Greensburg, and Indianapolis) Bloomington; (Evansville, Vincennes, Bedford, and Bloomington) Muncie; (Ft. Wayne, Marion, Huntington, and Muncie.)

The most talked about powers that should rise from these centers to be in "the big four" are Washington of East Chicago, who will play in the Lafayette group and should give Central a real battle if things go according to form, Evansville Central, Jasper, and Terre

### TELEPHONE USAGE

In a recent Monday bulletin it was announced that the office phone was not to be used for personal calls, coming in, or going out.

The reason behind this order was that some days the entire office force spends most of their time taking down messages or calling pupils from classes to take phone calls that were not really necessary. The office must keep the lines open for business calls and consequently cannot spend time with personal matters or letting any student use the phone for unnecessary purposes.

A non-business call can be made, however, in the north hall by the boys' athletic office. This is a pay phone and was installed to relieve the office congestion.

Urge your parents and friends to leave messages at the office only when they are an emergency.

Haute Garfield at Bloomington, and South Side of Ft. Wayne at Muncie. At Indianapolis there is no particular power to look up to, but rest assured, Indiana is the most unpredictable place for any basketball team.

Radio station WHOT will air every game from start to finish at the Purdue fieldhouse in Indianapolis. WSBT plans to carry broadcasts at 1:45 in the afternoon and at 8:45 at night of this tournament.

KEEP GOING BEARS!

BAND CONCERT FRIDAY

Continued on page 3 Column 1

## "NICE GOING CENTRAL"

The John Adams Tower staff and student body would like to express and extend its heartiest congratulations and wishes of good luck to Central for winning the sectional tournament and for further play in regional and, we hope, semi-final and final play in Indianapolis.

That old adage, "The best team always wins" was certainly true in the recent play in which fifteen teams from St. Joseph county met the challenge and fell before the onslaught. Now it is rather hard for a student body with a vigorous rivalry toward another school to give any congratulations at all, but really Central, deep down we know that you were the best.

Now we are not necessarily saying that we couldn't beat you some other time, far from that, because already there is, "Wait until next year," floating around the halls. We also think that we gave you a good run for your money in that first game—at least we want you to think so.

There were times when you played that maybe some of us pulled for the lowly underdog, but don't let that worry you, for we knew you would win anyway, and as Jim Costin said in his column last week, if you didn't win so much, maybe things would be different.

We would like to say "Hi!" to your coach, Bob Primer, who still has a lot of buddies out here on the east side, and say "Nice going" to him for the job he did in his first year uptown.

To all of the players, Gene Ring, little Jerome Perkins, Ernie Bond, George Clausen, and all the rest—we look to you, as all of South Bend, to carry our city far in the Indiana prep basketball tournament.

## WELL DONE ADAMITES

Many gracious comments and well placed remarks came to the John Adams High School student body after the recent sectional tournament. The attitude of many people was expressed favorably toward the good conduct and sportsmanship of our representatives at the affair.

Since Adams is the host school there is an added responsibility, but there would certainly be no reason for any adult or any other student body to ask that our school be relieved of this honor on the grounds of poor sportsmanship or the lack of traits generally expected of a gracious host.

It is only natural that one must show partiality to some team, be it the underdog giving a gallant show, or the top heavy favorite that would give a good showing in further competition. This support does not mean bad conduct or poor sportsmanship for a host school, but only a healthy situation in which any student body will naturally participate.

Adams did a fine job at the sectionals and gained many friends and much support by putting up a good fight against Central. This tourney spirit is becoming one of many traditions that are being molded now at John Adams.

The United States Treasury Department is attempting to impress upon the students in the high schools of America, the idea of systematic saving through savings bonds and stamps. The idea is the same as during the war when war bonds and stamps were sold through the schools. The following note came from the Treasury Department "Clipsheet" sent monthly to high schools throughout the nation.

## Are You An "I'll-Begin-Tomorrow?"

All of us intend to save money. Of course. It's the smart thing to do. We're all going to be rich when we grow up, too.

It's easy to decide to save money, but it's something else again to do it. The only solution is to start saving money the minute you know that's what you want to do. Right Now! It's hard, the first time, to give up one movie, or drug store treat, just to save 25 cents. The second time—well, here you are with 25 cents and the next 25 cents makes it 50, and that looks like a better reason to give up the next spree. The third time you've got 75 cents, and then one dollar, and after that you accumulate the mazuma with amazing ease.

Pretty soon you have so much money in your savings that 25 cents looks like small stuff again. So you decide to relax, and make up next week. It's nice to feel wealthy enough to take things easy. And the first thing you know, you've slipped farther than you intended. You haven't saved a cent for a month, and what's worse, you've spent most of the hoard it took you six months to accumulate.



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## THOSE WHOM ONE COULD MURDER—AREN'T WE ALL?

Those you could murder—how numerous, yet how empty the world without them. The bus smokers who seem to scan the bus passengers for you because they want to be your seat mate. And those nasty cars which seem to come around the corner and hit the largest puddle, just because you're there. And they say that no matter how far you look, you will always find one who talks and talks forever about nothing, just to make you mad.

Of course there is always one of those spongers, a character with parasitic heredity, who, whenever present, causes you to become short of paper and pencils, ink and erasers, and scores of other items. And what school would be complete without certain groups of little darlings who think they have a rental on certain "nooks" of the hall, which naturally are right in the middle? The little eager beavers are always cute to watch, so in love with their classes that they make a dash, leaving behind only a stream of the wounded, those who couldn't move quite fast enough.

Ah, but the lunch room. Here we find the athletic inclined, who, with apple cores and the aid of a trash basket, practice their aim. Of course, they always enjoy themselves much more if some unfortunate human happens to be in the way.

Yes, all these come under the title of "Those You Could Murder." And they are ever present, so we will just grin and bear it, since we are certainly never guilty.



- "What is your worst fault?"  
**George Metz**—"Carrying books home after school."  
**Betty Gudates**—"Thinking that I don't have any faults."  
**Jerry Freels**—"Attempting to understand and cope with women."  
**Nancy Ferragen**—"Laughing too much."  
**Dan Davis**—"Clark's."  
**Don Crawford**—"Eating too much before gym."  
**Joan Drake**—"Horses."  
**David Hyde**—"I don't study enough."  
**Ginny Holland**—"I can't get up in the morning."  
**Penny Niespo**—"Joe."  
**Bob Welber**—"Cracking up new cars."

The mutual contentment that comes from a few moments shared with a friend makes life worthwhile.—Anon.

### COMPLIMENTS

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Me!

by Pati Guyon

Believe me, Delores Fieser is hardly ever lonesome anymore 'cause Johnny Macri has been taking care of most of her spare time.

The doorstep (or davenport) of Joy Hodge is seldom without the feet of Frank Duddleson on it, either.

Believe me, some of the friends of Nicki Fanto are quite worried about her and insist on knowing why she goes to a certain theatre every day after school. Could it be to see her friend, George Beebe?

"Why do you always site examples about electricity, Miss Roell? What's the matter with gas?" asked John Bennett, who's dad works for the gas company. Chuck Ortt made some smart remark and John told him to watch out or he'd see to it that the gas at the Ortt home was turned off. "Oh, Bennett," replied Ortt, "your home is the only one in South Bend still using gas lights!"

Seen at Rainbow:

Mary Jane Butler and Keith Aranz, Ramona Shecker and Bud Sunderlin, Karren Hennings and Carlisle Parker, and Cynthia Alhbrandt and Hank Hukill.

The sectionals were really profitable for Lenore Tucker. She met Bill Cox and strengthened their relationship!

Believe me, Leroy Barrit is really giving all the little girls a thrill now that he and Mary Lou have broken up.

Goldy's social living class — Doug Foltz was asked the color of Pat Center's eyes. Foltz said he was sure that he didn't know, he didn't look at her eyes.

Harold Ziker has been escorting Marg Bolden to all the bright spots.

Believe me, Frances Wilson is certainly true to Larry, who goes to Central.

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Donna Miller "Likes Adams Very Much" In First Six Weeks

Donna Miller, commonly called Donnie, entered this institution (of higher learning) in January as a lowly sophomore "B." She was put in Mr. Neff's home room, and has lived there happily ever after.

Donnie likes Adams on the whole, and couldn't think of any bad points on the spur of the moment.

She was asked into glee club in which she sings alto. She is practicing diligently for "Katinka." Donnie also joined Drama Club and went on the trip to Chicago. Donna "tickles the ivories" occasionally, but spends most of her spare time riding her two horses. One is named Sister, and the other Silver.

Donna has kept her final opinion of Adams and is not too unhappy even after her first attempt to take a drink from one of those "neat" drinking fountains.

**DICK WYSONG WINNER**

Continued from page 1 Adams' high-point man have?"

Thirteen people picked the correct team to win, and since both Perkins and Ring tied for high scoring honors for the Bears, eleven qualified in that respect. The group was cut considerably when it came to naming the big man for the Eagles since only four out of the eleven remaining named Ziker. Only two came any way near guessing the correct amount of points for Mr. Ziker and it was from these two boys that the winner was selected.

Dick Wysong had followed along the above line of elimination, naming Central to win, of course, hitting Perkins as the high scorer, Ziker for Adams and a total of eleven points for him. This was closer than the nearest threat who was Jerry Shulman. He had named Ziker to garner 15 points.

The winner's picture and success story will appear in next week's Tower.



by Pat Center

Mrs. Mike—Freedman.

Kathy O'Fallon, a Bostonian, goes to Canada for her health and marries a Canadian Mountie. Not only is it a warm love story, but it has a touch of the outdoors.

Chicago Cubs—Brown.

Mr. Brown was once the sports editor of the Chicago Sun. He tells the story of the Chicago Cubs with all the color possible. Included are accounts of some of the famous players' lives and some of the exciting games.

Importance of Living—Lin Yutang.

Although this book is quite scientific, it is told in a human manner. After reading, you can appreciate life as the Chinese do; "the meaning of life lies just in living itself."

In Hands of the Senecas—Edmonds.

This is the story of New York in 1778. It deals with heroic people, real tribes of Indians, and a fight for life. Perhaps a little brutal, but very exciting.

Happy Stories Just to Laugh At—Leacock.

Here are stories about people who couldn't possibly be real. That is the best part of the story, they are merely people to laugh at.

Mademoiselle Handbook—Hamman.

Not only information on getting and keeping a job, but advise on wardrobe, combining home and career, and philosophy of life. These are not story book ideas, but common sense.

**Prep Sports Sage Has "Watch On Adams In 1949" According To Daily Column**

Mr. Robert Overaker, prep sports editor for the Indianapolis News and a former South Bend Tribune sports writer, sent The Tower editor a clipping of his column "Shooting the Stars" which was written after the completion of sectional play. In it were several lines devoted to the John Adams Eagles of South Bend following a tip from your Tower editor. They read:

... And speaking of long range pickings, give an ear to this one—Jimmie McNeile, a dandy little friend of mine at South Bend John Adams, has written me to "watch Adams for the state title in 1949"—L'il Jimmie, who is editor of the Adams school paper, bases his hopes on some sterling sophomore talent in Adams harness now—

In another paragraph the Star writer started out by saying... "Some Must Fall," and wrote: While on the sectionals, "Shooting the Stars" steps down this morning to shower a few words of cheer on the shoulders of the losers. Some must fall in the great grind to ferret out the schoolboy basketball champions of the state. In many instances those who fell knew they didn't have a ghost of a show before the game started. But they tried. And that's what counts the most with this corner. You losers need not hang your heads in shame. There is consolation in the fact you fought a good fight. You made, in some cases, life highly uncomfortable for some of the winners all the way before bowing out. And there is always another year.

Mr. Overaker's sentiments are really deeply felt here at Adams because we were a loser—but we tried.

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Thurs. 13th: Hi-Y, 11:40.

Friday 14th: Spring concert, Adams band, 8:00 p.m.

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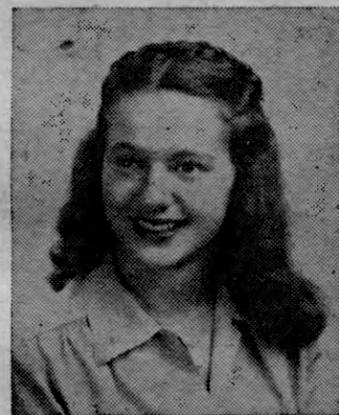
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# John Adams Basketball Team Ends Season

Eagles Fall In First Sectional Game

Coach Ralph Powell's 1947 cagers made their hardwood bow in sectional play by running up against the toughest team in the affair and losing to the Bears from South Bend Central only after a spirited battle that closed the season for the Eagles.

Although Adams never held a lead after Gene Ring plunked in the first basket of the game, they did manage to keep in stride with the orange and black for most of the first half. It was in the last few minutes of the second quarter that Adams started losing ground to their "fast 'n furious" opponents and in this space of time the Bears grabbed a comfortable half-time lead of 27-19.

Still very much in the game, but not enough to cope with such dazzling speed and shooting of the sectional champs, the east side five held Central to their lowest score of the four games played. The final score was 49-34.

Over the radio coach Powell offered no excuses for the defeat, but held only praise for the Adams team. He said that he thought they played some of the best ball they had all year, but Central was just too much for any team to beat!

Box score:

	B.	F.	P.
Personette	3	2	4
Howell	2	1	4
Ziker	3	3	4
D. Truex	3	2	2
R. Truex	0	1	1
Wegner	0	0	1
Weissert	0	2	0
Cox	0	0	0
Green	0	1	0
Lambert	0	0	2

## BRR-R-R IT'S COLD

CROWE'S CANDIDATES CUT CAPERS IN SPRING PRACTICE

When coach Jim Crowe sent out a call for candidates for his 1947 grid squad last March 3, he found that he had a nucleus of fifteen let-terms returning.

Heading the list of spring practice candidates are 1946-47 captain, Don Simon, and most valuable lineman, "Nick" Nichols.

The 1947 backfield should be the best balanced quartet in the Eagle's history. Gallopong Red Roberts will be the Number One full-back choice. Two will-o-the-wisp halfbacks, Leroy Barritt and Joe Howell will see plenty of action also. Lynn Wright, Tom Lane, Keith Zeiders, Bill Gooley, Earl Troeger, Jack Wagner, Dave Coker, and Bob Deiter are candidates for the line positions.

Spring workouts will continue for four weeks. After the weather permits, the coaching staff hopes to get some outdoor work started.

# HIGHLIGHTS by HIGHERBERGER

Hoarse wasn't the only thing I was after the tournament. Things were "Brughing" so fast it was hard to keep up with the times.

Russ Huss is the greatest county player I've seen since Carl Zahl. I think he is a better defensive player than Carl but his offense is what really keeps you in suspense. "Hustlin' Russ" scored 19, 24, and 15 points in three games for a superman average of 19.3 points per game. This isn't the last year you'll see "Rusty" in action, he'll be back with little Kenny Call next year hoping once again to steal the spotlight for his "scrappy" Colonials.

When a player hits the headlines you'll hear from all his kin from all parts of the universe. Two shining examples of this are Luther Johnson, who claims he's the one that put Huss through Biology when Luther was attending Washington-Clay, and the other is Vernon Dull who claims Huss is a second cousin.

Two things that were discovered at the tourney were that Bob Brugh was the best cheer leader, and that I was supposed to be playing for Woodrow Wilson. What say Pickett? "Cupcake" DeCook supplied our group with eats for the event.

The fans went mad when Washington-Clay upset Washington and gave Central their best game of the tourney. A popular yell was "Ciss-boom-Brugh" "Chick" G-o-odrick broke one of the chairs in his living room listening to Crosiar describing the Clay-Washington fray. Incidentally he was cheering for the Colonials.

I don't think Central will get stopped until they get to the semi-finals. They sure play a "hot-shot" game of basketball. When you have four guys as good as Clausen, Perkins, Ring, and Bond hitting from any angle you just can't lose.

Marion Mikel of Madison was another "gunner," he got 20 points in the final game. Hesch, another Madison boy, is one of those "never say die" basketball players. When his Panthers were gradually going under for the third time against Central he tried valiently to pull them together.

Adams' appearance in the sectional was short and sweet, the Adams boys did just what the Central fans hoped they would do; lose. I don't like to say it but, I was deeply disappointed in the showing Adams made at the tourney. I don't think all the fellows had their heart in the game.

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## Did You Know?

Adams hasn't beaten Central since 1944 in basketball.

Pete Mounts of Lebanon and Carl Zahl of New Carlisle jointly hold Adams gym record. They connected with 31 points in recording this scoring feat.

Archie Los witnessed his first basketball game at Adams the other day. It was a movie of the Notre Dame-New York University game. Arch got in free, the movie was shown to all gym classes on March 4. Hip, hip hooray.

Adams varsity football team has never beaten a South Bend or Mishawaka public high school.

Before spring practice ends an "old timers" team, composed of Seniors and ex-servicemen, who have come back to Adams to complete their schooling, will match their aging bones against Coach Crowe and his cunning Eagles for 1947. This should be a honey of a football game. George Krovitch and Chris Valhakis are already making "big plans" for the event.

John Leonhard, Adams most persistent athlete is now adding track to his sports vocabulary.

The picture that appeared on the sports section of the Tribune the day Adams was eliminated by Central, had as one of its occupants Dave Irwin, world renown intra-mural all-American.

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