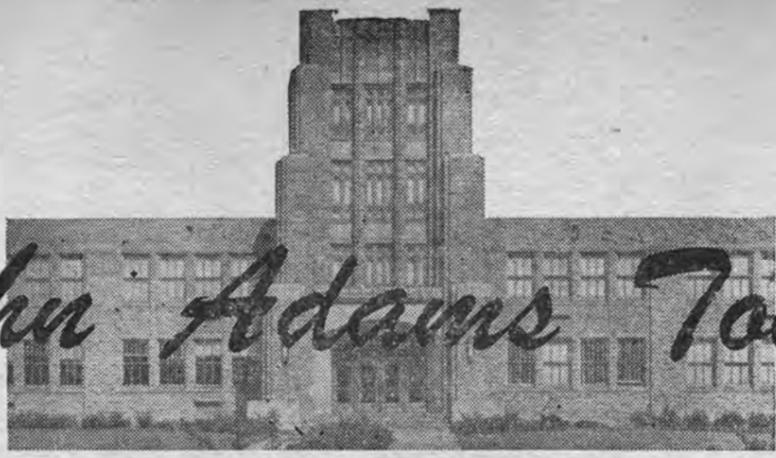


John Adams Tower



PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR SECTIONAL TICKET SALE

Applications for Season Ticket Holders to be Available February 9

Arrangements have been announced for the sectional tourney this year. There is a change from last year's plan in that there are three tourneys instead of one. Tickets are to be sold for each tourney separately.

I. Preliminary Tourney — Tuesday evening, February 22 — three games; Wednesday, February 23, two games. Seven different teams will play these five games. Price of tickets is \$1.20.

II. Preliminary Tourney—Thursday, February 24. There will be three sessions, eight teams, playing six games. Two games will be played in the morning, two in the afternoon and two in the evening. Tickets are \$1.20.

Tickets for these preliminary tourneys are sold separately and only to those schools who are to play on the given day. Therefore, if Adams is drawn for Thursday, the only tickets on sale here will be for Thursday's tourney. No other tickets will be available here.

The four remaining teams will play in the final tourney on Saturday, February 26. These games are to be held in the afternoon and evening. Separate tickets will be sold for Saturday's tourney at \$1. Each losing school will be allotted fifty tickets each and the remainder will go to the four participating schools.

For the preliminary tourney in which Adams plays our 305 student season ticket holders will be given the first opportunity to buy the allotted tickets.

Seniors, juniors, and sophomores shall have preference of choice of seats in the order named. Adult season ticket holders will be contacted through the mail.

Here are the directions for securing a ticket for the Adams season ticket holders.

1. Obtain an application from your home room teacher on Monday morning, February 7. Fill it out in full.

2. Return the application and money to the office, as soon as possible, before February 15.

3. Those wishing to sit together should follow this plan. Clip all the applications together and elect a treasurer to take the applications and money to the office. As seats are to be assigned first to seniors, only seniors should plan to sit together, juniors together, etc. If a senior wants to sit with a junior, the applications will have to be listed as juniors, etc.

Queen and Court



Front row, left to right, are Nancy Watson, Teresa Ferraro the Queen, and Jeanette Mueller. Back row, left to right, Susie Schwier and Myra Robert.

SOPHS GET ACQUAINTED WITH FACULTY AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Seventy-two sophomores were welcomed to Adams last Thursday morning in a Tower-sponsored assembly. It was held in the Little Theatre.

Betty Granat, editor of the Tower, welcomed the students and introduced Miss Shuman who lead the orchestra in two selections, "The Syncopated Clock" and "Entrance and March of the Peers."

Lois Warstler, feature editor, told the group of the many clubs and extra-curricular activities to join at Adams.

Then Miss Granat again took the platform to introduce the teachers which the new students would have in the coming semester. Miss Tash and Miss Baurer are the 10B home room teachers.

Mr. Rothermel closed the assembly with a few pointers on how to get along at Adams.

DRAFTING ROOM GIVES MOST TO MARCH OF DIMES

This year the John Adams pupils helped in the fight against infantile paralysis. The all school total in the March of Dimes was \$168.70. Individual contributions by home rooms ranked like this, with the highest praise going to the Drafting room:

Dr.	\$14.60
201	14.15
103	12.84
102	12.24
106	11.75
205	11.50
109	11.40

4. On Monday, February 21, the tickets may be called for at the office.

QUEEN AND FOUR MAIDS OF HONOR CHOSEN TO REIGN

The Girl's Athletic Association under the direction of Miss Tash will present their annual dance on February 5, 1949, following the Riley basketball game. The Adams dance band, under the direction of Mr. Deardorf, will play for the occasion. They promise to provide excellent entertainment. Tickets for the dance will cost \$.25 per couple and \$.25 for single admission, so you can really save money by bringing a date. Tickets will be sold here by members of the G.A.A. and by the Student Council. They are also being sold at Riley.

The student council sponsored a contest for a basketball queen and this dance will be held in her honor. Teresa Ferraro was the choice of the John Adams students for Queen of the Dance and her four maids of honor are: Susie Schwier, Jeanette Mueller, Myra Roberts, and Nancy Watson.

The students of Riley High School will also choose a Queen for the dance.

BAND INVITED TO PLAY AT KIWANIS CLUB LUNCHEON

The John Adams High School band received a bid from the South Bend Kiwanis Club to play for their luncheon on February 17, 1949. They will play in the Bronzewood Room of the LaSalle Hotel.

The Kiwanis appearance is only one of many band events in the next few months.

In the recent past, the blue clad musicians have played for several basketball games and the Tournament of Jockeys show in the auditorium on January 15, 1949.

On February 11, the band will play for the Bishop Noll game. On the 15th is the annual P.T.A. concert. Fort Wayne is the scene of the solo and ensemble contest on Saturday, February 19.

There will be a slight lull in activities in March but on April 19 the band will travel to Michigan City for a concert. On April 21 the annual spring concert will be held. The band goes visiting again on April 23 to the state band contest at Lafayette, Indiana.

IN MEMORIAM

The Tower and student body wish to express deepest sympathy to Jack and Earl Troeger for the recent death of their father.

ALBUM PROMISES TO BE WORTH THE INCREASED PRICE

The John Adams Album, our yearbook that we will be seeing in May, is still in the process of being made. The Album staff, under the direction of Mr. McNamara has been working ambitiously since the beginning of the school year. Progress is very slow and complications are constantly arising, but nevertheless the hard working staff feels confident that their finished product will be ready for sale on time.

Senior class pictures have been taken at the Priddy-Tompsett studio in the Sherland Building and are ready to be inserted in the book.

The price of the Album this year will be \$3, slightly higher than last year, due to the increased expenses involved in production and publication.

This yearbook promises to be one of the best in the history of the school.

SWINGHEART SWAY FEATURES MYRON WALZ'S ORCHESTRA

The annual Swingheart Sway dance sponsored by the combined Hi-Y clubs of the city will be supervised this year by the Riley group.

The dance, the eleventh of its kind, will be held at the Palais Royale Ballroom on February 11th. Myron Walz's orchestra will sway our hearts and toes with its easy rhythm at this semi-formal dance. Tickets can be purchased from any Hi-Y member for \$1.50. Dancing will be from nine to twelve.

In keeping with the city school rule, no fresh flowers are to be worn to the dance.

ADAMS STUDENTS BID FAREWELL TO MISS JOHNSTON

Miss Carolyn Johnston, our favorite student teacher will be leaving John Adams this week.

She has been doing practice teaching under Mr. Krider's supervision. Miss Johnston has done the work of a regular teacher, teaching five classes each day.

She will return to the campus at Bloomington from which she will graduate this June. She may then decide to stay for the summer session to get a degree in elementary school teaching as well as high school teaching.

We all wish Miss Johnston a lot of happiness and success in her career.

John Adams Tower



Editor-in-Chief Betty Granat

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SOPHOMORES, HERE'S TO YOU!

Here you are at last! You've conquered Junior High School and now you're ready to take on Adams. Yes, you're ready to start out on a two year's apprenticeship in the noble art of being a senior. I'll bet you hadn't thought of it in that way before, had you?

Although you may, at times, think that you are being mistreated by the upper classmen and teachers, just remember that it is all a process of growing up. I'm sure that any of the upperclassmen will be glad to direct you around the building, or tell you to take the elevator if you're tired, or any one of the many things that will help you during your first few weeks here at Adams. Of course, there is a little change from being big-wheel 9A's to little gear 10B's. There are many new faces to learn, more teachers idiosyncrasies to become accustomed to, and more activities to enter. There is a great deal to enjoy, and a lot of work to be done, but even work isn't so bad if it's done in the right way.

I think I can safely say for all the students and teachers here at Adams: We welcome you and want you as we do, to be proud of being a part of John Adams High School.

—Dale Litherland

ADVICE FROM ONE WHO KNOWS —

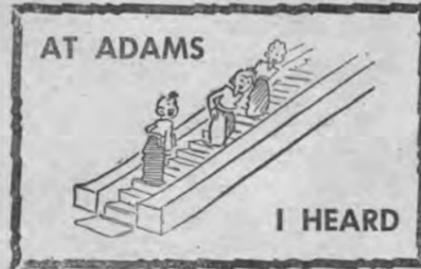
Sophomores! You want the opportunity to start your high school career out right. You want to meet new fellows — new girls. You'd like the opportunity to become well enough known so that when you come to a game, walk down the hall, or into a room, people will take notice and be able to call you by name.

Think of the best known kids you know and think what makes them that way. The reason is that they are usually the students who are ACTIVE members of several organizations. John Adams has such a wide variety of clubs that you are sure to find some that will meet with your abilities and interests. Join up and find out. You need not be brilliant in any field — you need only be willing to work.

Start your stay here right by joining at least one of the many school organizations here in school.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ABOUT TEACHERS

1. Thou shalt have no other teacher before me.
2. Thou shalt not make excuses for non-preparation of thy daily lessons.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of thy teacher in vain.
4. Observe that there are only two days free from school — keep from skipping. Five days thou shalt labor over lessons.
5. Honor thy principal and thy teacher.
6. Thou shalt not kill thy friend because he is smarter than you.
7. Neither shalt thou put off till tomorrow those lessons which thou cans't do today. Nothing started; nothing gained.
8. Neither shalt thou steal thy neighbor's pencil.
9. Neither shalt thou bear false witness against a neighbor whom you do not like.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's assignments.



Who is this dark curly-haired good-looking fellow that **Jeanne Ingram** was seen with?

Bob Shupe (Central) and **Pat McHugh** are now permanently going steady. Also on that list is **Joyce Campbell** who now has a ring from "Bill".

Cute couple — **Dick Moore** and **Sharlee Cissel**.

Betty Ann Cudates is still going steady with **Don Hevel**. By the way, did you see the beautiful watch he got her for her birthday?

Norma Rush is dating **Wilson Howell** pretty steadily lately.

How do **Rosemary Brothers** and **Johnny Troepp** manage to hold both pairs of hands at the same time?

Sandra Gollar must be interested in a certain **Clifford Laymen**. She is forever talking about him.

Lola Bishop and **Phil Layman** still make the cutest little couple in school.

Did the nine boys that **Jim Baer** took to Plymouth find any date bait there?

Don Carson and **Margie Granat** are still seen together on Sunday nights.

Jim Considine and **Diane Stubbins** are still playing a duet.

Dave James seems to be paying a lot of attention to **Marsha Donoho** in Latin class lately.

Pearl Coffman and **Willie Netzel** have been seen together more and more.

Late news from the prom: **Pat Haley** was there with **Zeke Neiser** (Central). **Bob Trimble** danced away the evening with **Jean Rita Tompson** of Central.

Mary Ann Swindeman and **Albert Lawrence** seemed to be enjoying the dance.

Shirley Selig was seen dancing on the clouds with **Norm**.

Together again were **Shirley Rogers** and **Andy Toth**.

Lady Lunchers

They scan the menu, looking hard
For items on their diet card
Yet curiously they fail to see
The cottage cheese, the cup of tea
The lettuce, plain or vinaigrette,
Until they've chorused in duet:
"Looks like I'll have to slip a bit
The chicken mousse? It's exquisite!
And ice cream isn't fattening, very
A fudge parfait! But hold the
cherry."

—Ethel Jacobson

Think twice before you question
your employer's judgment. Remember,
he hired you.

—Hubert Prochnow

Worth Nothing

Worry is like a rocking chair. It
will give you something to do but
won't get you anywhere.

—El Mustang

Good Neighbor Policy

Our wealth might continue accruing
Our budget might be in accord
If the Joneses would only quit doing
The things that we can't afford.

—Stephen Schlitzer

FACTS ABOUT THE FACULTY BY FEARLESS

You can come out from hiding in our Little Theatre now, Mrs. Pate, I've finally caught up with you.

Everyone knows that Mrs. Lawrence Pate directs our John Adams Glee Club. She also has charge of the Chorus classes. As everyone is interested in grades, I shall tell you how to earn a good grade in Chorus. If you try out for Glee Club you get a "B"; if you make the Glee Club you get an "A"; if you do neither but sit up straight you get a "C"; if you slump in your seat you get a "D". If you do not fit into any of the four categories mentioned you "flunk".

Have you ever noticed that all the "wheels" belong to the Glee Club. I shall not try to explain this but I do know that once Adams had a valedictorian who did not belong to the Glee Club — that is almost, but one day Mrs. Pate cornered him asking, "Can you sing?" "I only know the words to the Volga Boatman, but I can't carry the tune to that," he answered. "Just what we need," she cried, "someone who can sing the Volga Boatman off key — you're in!" She led him off to the Little Theatre with a triumphant gleam in her eye. He was never heard of again until his valedictory address.

Also, have you wondered what ever happened when those athletes who played such a brilliant first half and mysteriously didn't appear for the second half. You guessed it, they were auditioning for the Glee Club.

Now Mrs. Pate is working on a new project. She wants students to have as much respect for the Glee Club members as they have for the football team. She has most of our best football players in the club and she wants the rest of us to think of each singing Adamite as a star half-back or something. I suggest each Glee Club member should wear shoulder pads under his gown.

Have you listened to our Glee Club sing? I mean really listened? I did the other day and it was all quite funny. While the altos sang ding-dong, ding-dong, quite gayly, and the basses gloomily sang dong-dong-dong, and the sopranos quickly went up and down the scale just to show they could do it, the tenors sang the actual song. Does anyone know what anyone else is doing?

All kidding aside, our Glee Club is one we can really be proud of. The bags each member sports under his or her eyes because of lack of sleep is really a badge of honor for a job well done.

My, O My!

Molly had just arrived back from a char-a-banc outing.
"How did you enjoy yourself, Molly?" asked her grandma.
"Oh, it was all very beautiful, but you should just see the 'Devil's gorge.'"
"My dear," reproved the shocked old lady, "you shouldn't speak like that of your friends. I expect the ride and the fresh air gave them an appetite."

WHEN A GIRL SHEDS HER BOBBY SOX IT MEANS —

There comes a time in every girl's life when she must shed her bobby sox. This should be done complete with a wild dance around a huge bonfire. As a finale to the dance, the girl should throw her bobby sox into the flames and with tears in her eyes, vow to accept her new life with hose. Hose! Who wants to wear hose! The sheer beauties rip and scream. At the slightest provocation they abandon their mistress and run! Sturdy bobby sox are loyal and stay with their mistress through thick and thin, until they are thin.

When one changes from bobby sox to hose, one is expected to step out of the high school ranks. To be a high school pupil has many advantages. Nothing much is expected of such a person. She is existing — just floating dreamily along — not worrying about a thing. She can do many impulsive acts, and people merely say, "Oh well, what else can you expect from a high school girl?" Later, if she does these same things, people say, "What's the matter with that girl, is she crazy?"

When a girl can no longer wear bobby sox, she loses a key to play-time, but when undertakes to wear hose on a permanent basis, she gains a new dignity, the respect of her elders and a portion of equality with them. It is a new step in life and even though she loses some things, she gains many more. As it happens, what she gains is of different quality than what she has lost, and she doesn't always recognize immediately that the gains are for her good.

There are about 35 John Adams girls who are ready to take this step from bobby sox to hose, or from rags to riches. You see, they are getting jobs — Office Practice Job. Let's hope they make good.

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Neighboring News

CENTRAL — Jerry Miller and John Pauzak have won national recognition for themselves for their poetic abilities. The magazine THE ANTHOLOGY OF NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS chose Jerry's "Invitation" and John's "It's Christmas" as winners among poems submitted by high school students from all over the country. John is the editor of the Interlude this year.

Talking in the same vein, the Interlude exchange newspapers with 155 student published papers all over the country, one in Alaska and one in Hawaii. Copies of all these papers formed an interesting display at Central this month.

RILEY—As you probably know, Riley is nominating a queen for the Riley-Adams game Saturday. Among those nominated are: Norma Bennett and Jennene Haynes.

PRIVATE MATTER

"Willie," said his mother, "I wish you would run across the street and see how old Mrs. Brown is this morning." A few minutes later Willie returned and reported, "Mrs. Brown says it's none of your business how old she is."

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Typing

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"What's that?"

"Seek and ye shall find."

Perhaps you have other "systems" to add to this collection:

Columbus system — locate a key and land on it.

Chicken system—hunt and peck.

Railroad system—stop, look, and list.

Boxer system—peek and punch.

Filing system—one letter at a time.

Jury system—Trial. Judge. Error.

Motorboat system — putt, putt, putt.

Society system—look down, look up.

Baseball system—Hit and ruin.

"Ouch!!!" is the school yell of the School of Experience.

—Quaker Campus

A conference is a meeting at which people talk about what they should be doing.

—El Mustang

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Sister's friend had come to spend the afternoon and evening with the family and at the supper table her little brother, between mouthfuls, said to him: "Oh, Howard, you should have seen the nice soldier man that was here to see sister yesterday. Gee! He was swell, and he was talkin' to sister, and he had his arm—"

"Johnny!" said his sister, blushing deeply.

Looking surprised, Johnny said, "Well, I was just going to say he had his arm—"

"Johnny," said his mother, "now that's enough from you."

Johnny began to pout and said, "Well, I was only going to say he had his arm—"

"Johnny, you leave the room!" said his father, very severely.

Johnny began to cry and moved slowly toward the door. As he opened the door he said between sobs, "I was only goin' to say he had his army clothes on."

A girl from the city watched for several minutes while a group of farmhands spread out hay to dry. Then, unable to suppress her curiosity, she asked politely, "Are they looking for a needle?"—Wall St. Journal.



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ADAMS HANDS FIRST CONFERENCE LOSS TO PANTHERS

Washington's Panthers were hit with a scoring cyclone as they dropped their first conference tilt of the season to the Adams Eagles 56-35. Washington should have considered themselves lucky to come so "close" to the red-hot Eagles. The third quarter score was 48-21, and early in the final period, Adams owned a 52-23 lead. Washington was in the game for exactly four minutes. At this point they led 5-4. Then the roof "fell in." Don Truex hit three long two handers and Joe Howell and Marlin Miller each added two tallies to push the Eagles into a 14-5 lead. Washington's previously successful zone defense simply could not cope with Adams deadily accuracy from all over. In the second period, Dick Truex and "Ben" Bennett each hit three times from the floor, while Joe Howell added two fielders and Marlin Miller, one. Bennett's long desperation shot as the half time gun sounded, swished cleanly through the net to rocket Adams lead to 32-13. The Eagles added 16 more points in the third period. Dick Truex's two tip-ins and Miller's five points highlighted the frame. Coach Koss cleared the bench in the final period. The contest gave Adams an average of 48 points for each of their last six games, as against 31 points per contest in the previous seven games.

IMPROVED "C" TEAM FAILS TO STOP RILEY CATS IN THRILLER

January 20, 1949: Even though scoring better than in any game previous, the "C" team was not able to stop the determined Riley Wildcats. Adams was not behind all the way, for it was a tie ball game up to the third quarter when the Wildcats slowly edged away and stayed away from our Eagles to the tune of 34-27. The Adams squad was sparked mainly by Del Briggs and George Christy, who both had 7 net-swishin' points. The Adams squad is improving considerably over what it was at the first of the year and should start dropping a few decisions into the hat fairly soon (we hope).

JOHN ADAMS			RILEY				
B	FP	F	B	FP	F		
Christy	3	1	1	Lambert	5	1	1
H. Graf	1	1	0	Whippo	2	0	1
G. Graf	1	0	1	Bytner	5	1	1
Helvey	3	2	1	Bradfield	2	0	4
Stanton	0	0	1	Kindle	1	1	2
Bussert	0	0	0				
Dickens	0	0	0				
Zimmerman	0	0	3				
Briggs	3	1	1				

People who monkey around often find themselves working for peanuts.



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ADAMS "B" TEAM BOWS TO WASHINGTON AGAIN

January 20, 1949: For the third time this season the John Adams "B" squad handed the Washington Panthers a decision. I shouldn't say handed, for all three games have been the roughest, closest, most hard fought games of the season. In this game the score was close all the way with Adams behind at the first quarter, then at the half ahead by one point, and keeping their lead in the third quarter only to drop it to a hard playing Washington five in the fourth by one meager point. The Adams squad was playing better ball all the way around by working the ball in more and not dribbling quite so much. Don Oakes paced the way for the Eagles with 6 points. Ken Dillion and Marty Weissert both had 5 tallies to their name. The game was played to a 24-23 Washington conquest.

JOHN ADAMS			WASHINGTON				
B	FP	F	B	FP	F		
Reinke	2	0	1	Miller	2	3	2
Rowe	0	0	0	Jackowiak	3	0	2
Helmer	0	0	0	Finch	2	2	3
Dillion	1	2	1	Nagy	0	0	1
Oakes	3	0	2	Hecklinski	2	1	1
Weissert	2	3	5				
Solinger	0	0	0				
Whitmer	0	0	0				
Smith	0	0	0				
Pfaff	1	2	1				

BEWARE WILDCATS, EAGLES OUT FOR 8th STRAIGHT WIN

The John Adams Eagles will be out for their eighth straight victory over Riley Saturday night. Not since before the 1946 Sectionals has a Riley team come out on top in a basketball game with Adams.

Practically all of the games have been close with no team winning by more than 8 or 10 points in the past 3 years. In last year's games the scores were 37-34 and 36-35. In the 36-35 game Joe Howell's winning shot was in the air when the gun sounded. Although Riley has won only a couple of games this year they are always up for the game and ready to knock us off.



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AS I SEE IT

By
JOHN HORVATH

Sectional time, John Adams is waiting for you. The Eagles are undoubtedly the most improved quintet in this city and the most improved in this vicinity. The way Adams ran over first place Washington in last week's play led even the Adams pessimists to believe this fact. It would have taken a powerful team to turn the tide of defeat for the red hot Eagles. Coach Koss has rounded the team into his brand of play, and I might comment on a good system. The first team is composed entirely of returned veterans from last year's play. The team has been undergoing a reconversion in playing basketball as Mr. Powell and Mr. Koss have entirely different methods of training. The change of play is now showing effects.

At of this writing, the Eagles had just won their third straight victory. They defeated Washington by a 56-35 score. Just before that they defeated Plymouth and Michigan City in the preceeding week of play. Before this printing, the team will travel to Fort Wayne to encounter a powerful North Side five who recently defeated the Mishawaka team. Also the Eagles will be on the road again. At 8:00 tonight they will encounter the Culver five, who have gained the reputation of defeating some pretty strong teams.

In the recent county tournament the Lakeville team defeated or upset the Washington-Clay Colonials in the final game of the tourney.

A successful wolf is one who has developed a line of least resistance.

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This 50-41 win gave the Lakeville Trojans the St. Joseph County Championship Trophy which will take its place in the Lakeville halls. The Colonials have won some fifteen games while only losing one game besides this tournament game. Earlier in the season the Colonials defeated the Adams Eagles in an overtime battle.

INDIVIDUAL SPOTLIGHTS

It is nice to know that Adams has a leading contender in the Annual Golden Gloves Tournament. The lad is Larry Steele. In Larry's first fight of his career he met and triumphed with a Technical Knock Out over Al Minnie. By this printing the final South Bend winners will be tabulated and to Larry Steele, may luck be with him.

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