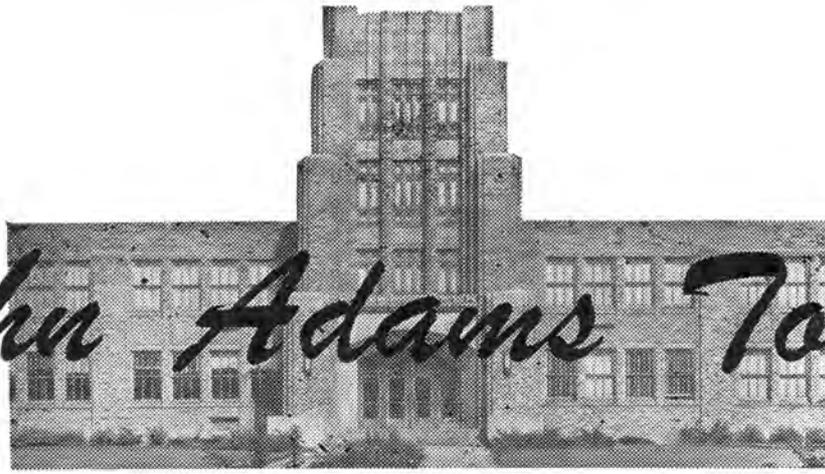
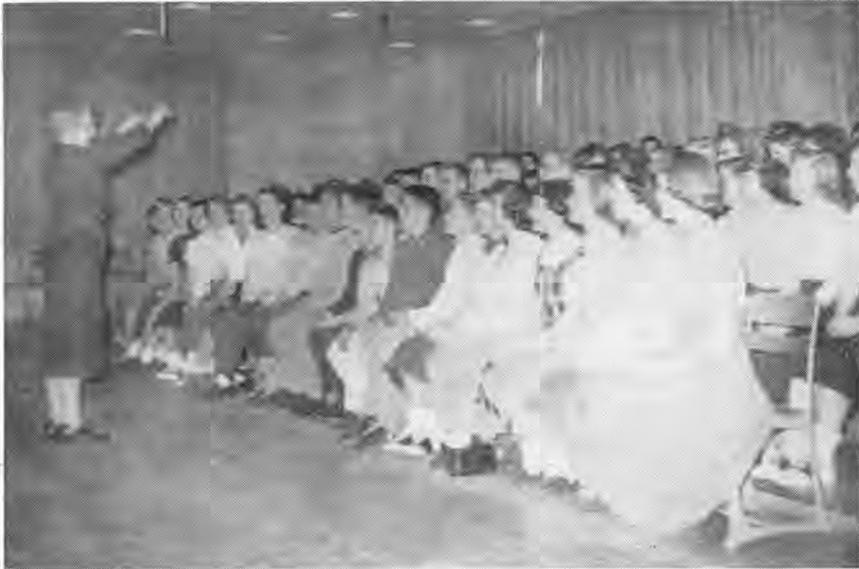


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## THE PREP GLEE CLUB IN ACTION



Pictured above of Mrs. L. T. Pate directing the 105-member Prep Glee Club.

The 105-members of the John Adams Prep Glee Club will sing in the Hi-Y Easter Assembly on Wednesday, April 6. Two of the numbers they will sing are "No Man Is an Island" and "Sanctus."

The Prep Glee Club, which was organized three years ago, meets for about one hour each Thursday afternoon after school. Any John Adams student is eligible for membership; voice tests are not required. Many students belong to the Prep Glee Club to prepare themselves for membership in the Senior Glee Club. However, some members do not have time to belong to the Senior Glee Club and find the Prep Glee Club activities to their liking.

Each year the Prep Glee Club sings in the Christmas Vesper Service. Some years the group takes part in the City high school festival chorus. When the Senior Glee Club gives an operatta (every other spring), the Prep Glee Club provides music for the Easter service.

Members of the group strive to uphold the traditions of the Senior Club. Their blue robes with red collars are similar to the robes worn by the Senior Club. The Prep Glee Club has a full staff of officers to manage business affairs, robes, attendance, music, seating.

## BAND TO GIVE CONCERT HERE ON APRIL 1st

The John Adams Band will present an assembly program for the student body on Thursday, April 1. Under the direction of Mr. Cecil Deardorff, the band will play the following program: *Tioga*, March, Leonard V. Meretta; *Italian in Algiers*, Overture, G. Rossini transcribed by Lucien Cailliet; *Second Swedish Rhapsody*, Erik Leidzen; *Funiculi, Funicula*, Luigi Denza arranged by Phillip Lang; *Hunting Scene*, Novelty, Bucalosi featuring Bill Blue.

The first three numbers of the concert will be played by the band at the state band festival at LaPorte on April 10. All members will participate in this contest. The Adams Band has won first or superior ratings for the last three years. The

## A. H. S. Graduates On Purdue Honor List

Scholastic attainment at Purdue University for the first semester of the 1953-54 school year indicates that ten John Adams graduates were honor students for that period. Maintaining a "perfect" rating of "6" were Mary T. Earl, senior and William G. Reinecke, freshman.

Those who received the distinguished rating, between "5" and "6" are: Elton Borecky, freshman; Donn R. Haefner, senior; Louise Jeanne Ingram, senior; Roger J. Jurgovan, freshman; Mary Ann Kenda, sophomore; Frank P. Kin-singer, junior; John R. Ross, junior; and Jack M. Silvius, junior.

festival is sponsored by the Northern Indiana School Band, Orchestra and Vocal Association.

## Nine Adams Students Compete in Regional Mathematics Contest

Nine members of the Adams student body will compete in the regional mathematics contest to be held at Central High School tomorrow. Kent Keller, George Petoe, and Robert Bubenzer will enter the comprehensive division of the contest. The students who will compete in the geometry contest are Terry Rothermel, James Kubiak, and Charles Hosey. The students to represent Adams in the algebra contest are Barbara Keller, Nancy Schwartz, and Carol Hertel.

These nine students were selected by competitive examinations held at Adams on March 15. Twenty-one juniors and seniors entered the comprehensive contest and twenty-six sophomores competed in plane geometry. The algebra contest examination was given to all students taking first year algebra. The three students ranking highest in these examinations were selected to represent our school in the regional.

High school students from other high schools in St. Joseph county will participate in the regional. Contestants who rank high in the regional will be eligible for the state finals. The finals will be held in Bloomington, Indiana, on April 24.

## Crofts, Bubenzer Scholarship Winners

The Elks Scholarship is given every year to two students from one of the South Bend high schools. The winners this year are Marylee Crofts and Robert Bubenzer, from John Adams.

Marylee is president of Drama Club, an officers in Student Council, a member of the Glee Club, a member of the ALBUM staff, and is the Outreach Chairman in the Westminster Fellowship. Bob plays in the band, is president of the Debate Club and is a member of the CYF group of his church.

The qualifications for the scholarship are based on scholarship, citizenship, participation in extra curricular and community activities, and general worthiness of the applicants.

This scholarship provides \$350 a year toward college expenses. The two winners are eligible for entry in the state scholarship contest sponsored by the Elks Lodge. If they win the state award, they will receive \$1,000 a year toward their college expenses.

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## TWO JUNIORS WIN EUROPEAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Kent Keller and William Waechter have been notified that they are the winners of the American Field Service Scholarships and will be sent abroad this summer. (This is the scholarship Marylee Crofts won last year which sponsored her trip to Germany.)



Bill Waechter

Each contestant had to write a biographical sketch of himself and an essay on why he should be allowed to make the trip. In addition to these two themes, the extra-curricular activities and the references of the applicants were taken into consideration.

The cost of this trip is \$415 exclusive of spending money and traveling expenses to and from New York. The Field Service provides room and board for each student in the home of a family in the foreign country.

Bill is to go to France. He feels his summer abroad will be very valuable when he enrolls at Ball State Teachers College following his graduation from Adams. Bill is on the Junior Cabinet, president of the Adams Ushers Club, and a cashier in the cafeteria. Bill's first reaction to the news that he had won was one of astonishment and disbelief.

Kent is to be sent to Germany. His extra-curricular activities at Adams include track, cross-country, Drama Club and Glee Club. He is also president of the Hi-Y and vice-president of the Junior Class.

Both of the boys will go abroad on the same boat and will be in Europe about two months.



Kent Keller

## DIG THAT CRAZY CAT

Once upon a time there lived in Greece a "real cat" by the name of Phaethon. He was the son of Apollo, the god of the sun. Daily Apollo would "wheel" the sun chariot across the sky pulling the sun. But Phaethon was having trouble with his buddies trying to prove to them Apollo was his dad. His friends laughed at him when he wrote on the cards he filled out in school: father . . . Apollo; occupation . . . "real gone guy" in the sky.

Phaethon was very much peeved at all this so he decided that some way he had to prove his father was a god. He went to see his "old man" to ask if he'd help him swing a deal to prove their relationship. Apollo said he'd do anything for him before he realized that Phaethon asked his dad for the wheels the next day so that he himself could drive the sun across the sky. Apollo was a man who seldom pulled "a booboo," but this time he surely did. Because he didn't want to go back on his word, Apollo said O. K.

The next morning Phaethon jumped out of bed ready for his first day with the wheels. Like all fathers, Apollo gave him a last warning, "Be careful." He got into the driver's seat, yelled "Go! Go!" and "peeled" away. Not having had Mr. Powell's driving class didn't help him any.

Soon after he was on his way, he realized that the horsepower was too much for him, and the horses were out of control. Phaethon sideswiped the earth in places and scorched the areas now known as the desert (I hope you realize the chariot he was driving was pulling the sun). Jupiter became angry at what Phaethon was doing and he sent the Space Patrol after him. They tried to catch him but couldn't. He was doing everything wrong including having "drag" races with the winds. Jupiter finally decided that if he couldn't give the "goof" a ticket, he'd have to cause him to have a crack up and so he did.

Down on earth his buddies were laughing and commenting "Dig that crazy guy." But "dig" that guy they didn't because they had to dig a grave instead where Phaethon spent the rest of his life.

Maybe this will be a lesson to you: Either know how to drive and be careful or don't drive at all. Don't let Phaethon's fate be yours! — Sue Wood.

## Students Answer Crumpacker's Poll

All Social Studies students at Adams participated in the high school poll as presented by Shepard J. Crumpacker, Congressman from the South Bend district.

Listed below are eight questions dealing with President Eisenhower's 1954 legislative program that the students were asked to express their opinions about.

Do you believe that Congress should —	Yes	No	Opinion
1. Extend Social Security coverage to all persons gainfully employed? .....	290	156	40
2. Strip citizenship rights from Americans convicted of conspiring to overthrow the Government? .....	458	20	21
3. Amend the Taft-Hartley Act to provide for secret, Government-supervised strike votes? .....	306	103	75
4. Make the Post Office Department self-supporting by increasing postal rates? .....	207	251	30
5. Adopt a constitutional amendment voiding treaties which deprive citizens of any constitutional right? .....	203	152	131
6. Shift farm price supports from fixed to flexible levels as advocated by the President? ..	340	55	88
7. Increase personal tax exemptions from \$600 to \$700 even if this leaves the budget unbalanced? .....	244	202	42
8. Grant 18-year-olds the right to vote? .....	251	224	10

## Know Your Seniors

Quite the girl with the vacuum cleaner. . . . Very skillful at passing oranges. . . . Thinks there's nothing better than fried bananas. . . . Wants to be a nurse. . . . Answers to "Big John" as "Sparky". . . . She has a sure cure for every girl's ills. . . . Once had the longest blond hair at camp. . . . Craves chocolate. . . . Known as the neighborhood beautician. . . . Is sometimes mistaken for "Kissy". . . . Known as 3-B.

Once ran away from home in her little red wagon . . . . The shag and bunny-hop are among her specialties. . . . "Big Ma-Moo". . . . Likes tall red-headed basketball players. . . . Her downfall is dill pickles and tomatoes. . . . Favorite pastime is double solitaire. . . . Loves movies of any kind.

Once wanted to be a foreign correspondent. . . . Pounds meat nights at "Rollies". . . . Was president of his church youth group. . . . Known for his imitations. . . . Drives a brown Nash with a repulsive odor and a yellow jeepster that he can't part with. . . . Once had a heart-to-heart talk with his mother about something she found in the laundry chute. . . . Most famous diver of our time. . . . Nick name is Abdul.

Will probably be one of the greatest hillbilly singers in America. . . . Has a southern drawl acquired in Alabama. . . . Quite the entertainer in Soci. . . . Has fascinating red, curly hair.

Hot water bottle kid. . . . Another one of the girls that's glad Notre Dame is located in South Bend. . . . Usually spends week-ends on the farm riding a pony. . . . Will do anything for a friend. . . . Collects men's old shirts. . . . Likes ham and sweet potatoes with marshmallows. . . . Ace seamstress.



What is your reaction to the 60-student walk-out at Central?

Barbara Rasmussen — "I think it showed a lack of maturity."

Dave Bessler — "Considering that I know many of them it was a spontaneous reaction to losing the game."

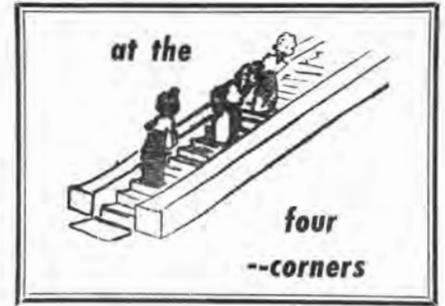
Ken Stanek — "As A. T. says, "Infantile reaction!"

Nancy Platt — "It showed a lack of real respect for their school."

Marilyn McGee — "I feel that as a result of the publicity given to them for their sports accomplishments in the past, when they lose they need to keep on gaining publicity in some way."

Darlene Miller — "I don't think we should blame all the Central student body for what was done by a few infantile students who have no respect for their school."

Julia Harris — "I think it lowered the standards of our South Bend high schools."



Have you ever noticed as you walked down the hall the expressions on the faces you pass. I noticed the other day that the majority, in fact 75%, of the faces wore a look of frowning and worry. And who doesn't worry? There's no law broken when one worries. It's just interesting to know that there are really only two reasons for worry.

Either you're successful or you're not successful. And if you're successful, there is nothing to worry about. If you're not successful, there are only two things to worry about, your health is either good or you're ill. And if you're health is good, there is nothing to worry about; and if you're ill, there are only two things to worry about.

You're either going to get well or you're going to die. If you're going to get well, there is nothing to worry about; if you are not going to get well, there're only two things to worry about. You're either going to Heaven or you're not going to Heaven.

And if you are going to Heaven, there's nothing to worry about. And if you're going to the other place, you'll be so doggone busy shaking hands with old friends you won't have time to worry — So WHY WORRY!!

Here are a few steadies who don't seem to have any worries:

Glenda Hackett and Don Ball; Betty Pletcher and Larry Beckwith, Shirley Rawles and Bob Allison (Ball State), Donna Hutchinson and Max Burket (Mish. Alum.)

Julia Harris finally got her reply from Notre Dame. The admissions office says she can't get in N. D. She doesn't have an "A" average.

Seems Mr. Roop's 6th hour history class thinks one uses gold bullion for soup. Those are underclassmen for you! By the way — what's the soup taste like?

Congratulations to Pat Zeider, Sue Kline, and Gail Mottice who have announced their engagements.

Mr. Goldsberry wrote a permission slip for Tom reading, "Dear Mr. Litweiler, Tom has our permission to take the Biology trip to the Sewage Disposal Plant. Don't leave him there."

Doing "locker fatigue" are: Jean Freshour and Jerry Flanagan, Sharon Clark and Dick Kritz, Nancy Seider and Tom Reed (St. Joe), Janice Abbott and Jim Krantz (St. Joe), Barbara Dooms and Mike Toul, Kay Jenson and Denny Mohn (Cent.), Phyllis Anderson and Paul McKelvin.

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**ANSWERS**

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Mary Lou Clark    Phyllis Stouffer

Bob Shula

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# Art Department Displays Wood Sculpture Work

The weird forms being displayed in the Library, entitled everything from "Stranger in Paradise" to "Wood and Stuff," are known as "wood sculpture" and are the products of a wonderful, maddening, crazy, mixed-up, incredible, bewildering, fantastic and truly marvelous institution called The John Adams Art Department.

The headquarters of this institution is the "bright yaller room with the bright red work room," 209. Through its sagging, swinging doors pass ordinary, average, run-of-the-mill students — short and tall, thick and thin, brainy and brainless, beautiful and witchy, handsome and not-so-handsome, humorous and dull. And from bell to bell all day long, five days a week, nine months out of a year, everything from human hair and cardboard to cement and orange rinds is hammered, hung, tied, pounded, stepped on, pasted, painted, sprayed, washed, curled up, straightened out, pulled apart, put together, kicked at and sworn at. Oh! it's a tremendous place! And it's directed by the best friend an art student ever had, Mr. Robert Seeley, who is the only man I've ever known who could wear handmade cuff links, drive white convertibles and combine a red and white checked shirt with a blue and white checked tie and get away with it. He is the spirit that moves average students with average talents to turn out superior examples of design and color. One sure thing, though, any similarity between 209 and the popular conception of an art school where the students grow their hair long, work in stony silence, have no friends, wear smocks and berets, and stand and paint lovely scenes on canvas is purely co-incidental and absolutely unintentional. For, in the words of Mr. Seeley, "Artists aren't any different from anyone else you see on the street. They're really quite human."

And take my word for it although you may not understand the wood sculptures in the library or the modern paintings in the halls you will some day be decorating your own homes with figures and paintings exactly like these you see here now.  
—Janet Burke.



Examining examples of wood sculpture in the Library are art students Bill Shepard left and Larry Burke. Pointing out high-lights of the sculptures is Mr. Robert Seeley, Art Instructor. The wood sculptures shown above were assembled by David Engel and Larry Burke; they will be among those shown at the All School City Art Show which will open April 25 at the Art Center in the Morris School.

## ADAMS' NURSERY RHYMES

- Mary Had a Little Lamb — Clark and Thompson.
- Pat-a-cake; Pat-a-cake — Home Ec Class.
- Little Boy Blue — Bill Blue.
- Four and Twenty Black Birds — Junior Waltons Sanctuary.
- There Was an Old Man with a Beard — Pat Dempsey.
- Jack Sprat Could Eat No Fat — Jack Venderly.
- Peas Porridge Hot — Main dish, cafeteria.
- Little Bo Beep Has Lost Her Sheep — Sharon Reber.
- Three Little Kittens — Jim Miller, Dick Quealy, Jack Halpin.
- Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary — Mary Wenger.
- Little Miss Muffet — Pat Gooddard.
- Rub-a-Dub — Janitors mopping halls.
- Little Jack Horner (stands) in the Corner — Jim Turley.

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# Heater and Freshley Grab Intramural Titles

In the junior-senior division of the intramural league, Terry Heater's team took the lead half-way in the season, and from then on it was apparent that he was going to win. Near the end of the season, Heater's team was the only consistent winner in the division. Ken Kramer's team slipped near the end of the season, enabling Bauer's team to finish in a tie for second place. Shula, Zeigner, and Sternal were in a very tight race for fourth spot, and a last week boost by Shula allowed him to capture the spot. Riddle and Flanagan, who have been trailing the other five teams all season, finished very close with Riddle edging Flanagan out for seventh spot.

In the sophomore-freshmen division, Freshley copied Heater's style and overcame McDonald near the mid-way mark to grab the title. In this division, there was just one tie for second place in the standings. Szabo and Vargo had many troubles during the season, and Szabo managed to edge Vargo out for seventh place.

## Final High Scorers

Sophomore-Freshmen		
Player	Pts.	Avg.
McDonald	170	15.5
Flack	167	15.1
Freshley	152	12.7
Malcomb	144	12.0
Dillman	134	12.2
Karling	113	11.3
Szabo	112	9.3
Baird	101	10.1
Myers	75	7.0
McGreagor	69	6.9

Junior-Senior		
Player	Pts.	Avg.
Kanouse	171	17.1
McKelvin	162	13.5
Miller	147	29.4
Flanagan	123	10.3
Gibboney	119	10.9
Wedel	111	10.1
Kramer	105	8.0
Pihl	99	7.6
Baum	94	7.2
Bauer	89	7.4

## WILL-BEES SURPRISE HAS-BEENS

If the "Has-Beens—Will-Bees" game was any indication of what is to come next year, Adams fans might have something to yell about. The Will-Bees beat the old-timers by the score of 62-56. The Has-Beens used Jim Miller and Dick Smith to fill the vacant holes in their line-up. Jerry Thompson, Tom Goldsberry, Sam Rice, and Dick Quealey formed the regular team.

Although the Has-Beens had quite a height advantage, they weren't given much opportunity to use it, as the Will-Bees worked the ball much faster and more cleverly than their opponents. As usual, "Bevo" Thompson was the big gun in the line-up. Jerry scored 31 points to end his career at

## Faculty Beats Will-B's

The men of the John Adams faculty provided the 500-odd fans at Adams Eve with plenty of laughs, thrills, and some very good style of basketball as they downed the Will-Bees, 13-11. The Will-Bees jumped into an early lead, but the driving of the faculty team was very potent as they fought back to tie the score. With 0 seconds remaining, the score was 11-11, but for some reason, the game continued until Mr. Rothermel made a basket that sent the faculty into the lead. At that time, the gun sounded several times, as Mr. Reber officially ended the game. Playing for the faculty was, Seaborg, Kaeppler, Swartz, Rothermel, Laurita, Rensberger, and Hunter. Most of these men showed very fine coordination and style, and it was apparent to the fans that these men were certainly not amateurs at the sport of basketball.

John Adams. Smith added 7; Goldsberry, 5; Miller, 5; Rice, 6 and Quealey, 2.

Larry VanDusen proved to be the high-score for the Will-Bees. Larry dunked 26 points for the winners. Many of his baskets were on sleeper plays and the fast break, which left the old-timers in a daze. Green added 11; Troeger, 8; Klowner, 10; LaPierre, 2; Poehlman, 3 and Peronette, 2.

The Has-Beens were hampered by the loss of Goldsberry midway in the third quarter; Tom suffered a leg injury under the backboards.

## FINAL STANDINGS

Junior-Senior		
Team	Won	Lost
Heater	11	2
Kramer	8	5
Bauer	8	5
Shula	7	6
Zeigner	6	7
Sternal	6	7
Riddle	4	9
Flanagan	3	10

Sophomore-Freshmen		
Team	Won	Lost
Freshley	11	2
McDonald	9	4
Williams	9	4
Dillman	8	5
Baird	6	7
Gearhart	5	8
Szabo	3	10
Vargo	2	11

## Heater Wins Over Hi-Y

Climaxing the intramural race was the game between the champs, Terry Heater, and the Hi-Y team at Adams Eve. Terry Heater's crew finished their season on a very bright note as they nipped the Hi-Y cagers by the score of 41-35. Jim Kanouse proved to be the big gun for the victors as he dumped in 23 points which was good enough for game laurels. Heater helped a great deal with his additional 10 points. For the losers, Bob Nelson grabbed honors with 15 points. Jih Hoehn added an additional 6 points.

The intramural champions jumped into an early lead, and they managed to maintain a fairly good-sized edge throughout the game.

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