



## OFFICE PRACTICE PARTICIPANTS HIRED FOR SECOND SEMESTER

This year twenty-eight Adams girls are participating in the Co-op Office Practice program by which they gain actual experience at various office jobs as well as school credit. Office practice teachers arranged interviews for the job applicants, but each girl had to "sell herself." Those who were successful in securing positions will leave the building at 1:00 p. m. each day for the rest of the semester. They are paid the lowest prevailing wage in their respective organizations.

Associates Investment has hired Nancy Baeke, Linda Heitger, Darlene Jankowski, Martha Keim, Sharon Lee, and Faye Steinfeld. Those who received jobs at Indiana Bell are Barbara Hansen, Lucille Heierman, and Marilyn Reith. Marilyn McHugh, Wanda Ritenour, and Carol Woodall are working at Bendix, and Joan Fitzgerald and Loretta Kazmierzak at the St. Joseph Bank. Others who work at banks are Marilyn Mueller at American Trust and Beverly Norton at the National Bank. Susie Freshe and Virginia Golba secured positions with the School City. Marilyn Cole, Carolyn Dempsey, and Sonja Hoover are employed at Ferron R. Davis, Inc., Drewrys, Ltd., and the Association of Commerce, respectively. Nancy Smuts at Parrish Machine Co., Barbara Szoke at Notre Dame, and Dorothy Teeter at Stuart Optical Co. are others taking office practice. To complete the list of twenty-eight "office workers of tomorrow" we have Karol Kerschner, Burroughs; JoAnn Koher, H. D. Lee; Jeannine Mundell, Mishawaka Building and Loan Association; Sharon Pritz, Northern Indiana Public Service; and Gail Aspin, Franckowiak's Fur Shop.

## TB League Sponsors 18th Poster Contest

The Tuberculosis League is sponsoring the 18th annual Health Poster contest which is open to all high school students.

First, second, and third prizes will be given — \$30, \$10, and \$5, respectively. In addition to this, the South Bend Art Association is offering \$20 and a scholarship of one semester of lessons for the best poster made by a student other than a senior. All posters made by seniors will be automatically entered in the State Contest.

The general theme for this year will be, "Find T. B., Treat T. B., Cure T. B., Prevent T. B." Any media with either pen or brush may be used. All posters are due in the T. B. League Office on Monday, March 7, 1955.

## Kent Keller Serves As Mayor for a Day

### SIX ADAMS SCOUTS HOLD OFFICES

On Monday, February 7, Kent Keller was sworn in as the Boy Scout Mayor of South Bend for one day.

Kent is a member of Explorer Scout Post 523. This year will mark the fourth year in a row that a scout from Post 523 has been "mayor for a day." This is also the fourth year that Adams has had one of its boys as mayor.

Since Kent's grandfather, Fred Keller, is a former Mayor of South Bend, Kent feels honored that he was elected to the position. He said, however, that his success was due to the efforts of the members of Post 523, the scouts from Adams, and Robert Ahlheit from Post 502, who helped him campaign.

Kent's activities at Adams include the positions of president of Student Council and Hi-Y, treasurer of Glee Club, and secretary of Drama Club. He is also a member of the track and cross country team.

Kent is an honor roll student and has won awards in several state math contests. Last year he won a scholarship to Germany with the American Field Service.

Other Adams scouts who held city offices last Monday were Bob Ahlheit from Post 502, who was councilman, James Sostack, troop 515, who was the county clerk, Fred Dressel, Post 523, who was controller, James McCoy, Post 523, who was attorney, James Dincolo, Post 523, who was police chief, and William Dean, Post 523, who was street commissioner.

## GUGLIELMI TO SPEAK AT BANQUET

Notre Dame's All-American quarterback, Ralph Guglielmi, will be the principle speaker for the second annual Brotherhood Banquet for Teen-Agers scheduled for February 21, Monday night, 6:30, at the First Methodist Church in South Bend. The Banquet is co-sponsored by the St. Joseph County Junior Round Table of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and the Hering House Community Center of South Bend. Junior NCCJ co-chairmen are Mary Michael, Lakeville, James Langford, St. Joseph, and Naomi Ross, Adams.

Bill "Stix" Nicks, junior consultant for the Junior Roundtable and committee member of Hering House, will be the master of ceremonies. Entertainment will include the John Adams Boys' Quartet. Committee co-chairmen include Marian Piser, Riley, Tony Farrett, St. Joseph, Carlos Mayes and Denise Holland, Central, and Carl Pilknist, Mishawaka.

Tickets for the fried chicken dinner are \$1.00 and may be purchased from Junior NCCJ board members (Jim Dincolo, 112, Nancy MacIvor, 22, Naomi Ross, 108, and Mrs. James Schmidt), from Hering House Community Center, and from NCCJ headquarters, Platt Building, South Bend.

This Brotherhood Banquet is one of the special events planned in connection with the observance of Brotherhood Week, February 20-27, a time of dramatizing the ideas of teamwork and mutual respect among all high school students.

The technicolor screen version of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado" is being brought to South Bend on Wednesday, February 16 by the management of the River Park Theater. The Association for Childhood Education, an organization for the education and welfare of children, is sponsoring the presentation of the Universal-International picture. There will be two showings at 7 and 9 o'clock. Tickets may be purchased in the principal's office.



Pictured above is Kent Keller, Explorer Scout from Post 523, who served as "Mayor for a day" last Monday.

## Junior TB League Meets

On Wednesday, February 9, at 3:30 p. m. the Junior T. B. League held their monthly meeting at the T. B. League headquarters. Larry Baker from home room 106 was the chairman of the meeting. The speaker was Mr. John M. Vayhinger, staff psychologist of the Mental Health Clinic, whose topic was "Understanding Yourself."

## THESPIAN INITIATION OF TWENTY-SIX TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 17

A chapter of the Thespians, a national honorary dramatic society, is being established at John Adams under the sponsorship of Mr. William Brady. This society, which was formed in 1929, now consists of 1464 chapters throughout the world. John Adams has the honor of being the only South Bend high school to have a chapter of the Thespians. The purposes of the organization are twofold: to establish and advance standards of excellence in all phases of dramatic arts, and to create an active and intelligent interest in drama among high school students. Membership is open to anyone who has performed a meritorious service in the field of dramatics.

On February 17, at 7:30 p. m. in the Little Theatre, an initiation ceremony will be conducted by Emily Davidson, the sponsor of the Mishawaka High School Chapter of Thespians. The twenty-six eligible students will be inducted at that time. They are Charmian Burke, Richard Darr, Kathy DeLeury, Anne Bruner, Kent Keller, Charles Bowman, Nancy MacIvor, Gwen Garwood, Joan Berry, Nancy Armstrong, Karen Habart, Alice Hennion, James Hoehn, Robert Nelson, Michael Phillips, Larry Rex, Mary Ann Anderson, Mary Horning, Janet Golba, Naomi Ross, Janice Rugee, Joan Jacobs, Naomi Shulman, Tom Smith, Susan Frehse, and James Dincolo.

## 9B GUIDANCE PROGRAM OUTLINED

The ninety 9B's who enrolled at Adams on January 31 have quite an extensive guidance program outlined for them for their first semester. The first and second weeks will be devoted to becoming acquainted with Adams and the preparation of office cards and records. On Tuesday, February 15, the group will be given the Henmon-Nelson Test and on Tuesday, February 22, they will take the Otis Test.

The fifth through the twelfth weeks will be spent studying the Handbook prepared by the Student Council. All Adams rules and policies, and extra-curricular activities are explained in detail in the handbook.

Beginning with the first Tuesday in May the group will see a series of films entitled: "How to Study," "Keep Up with Your Studies," "High School Your Challenge," "Do Better On Your Examinations."

The activity records will be completed by the close of school.

## WAKE UP AND DRIVE RIGHT!



Here lies the body of Jonathan Gray;  
He died while taking the right of way.  
He was right, dead right, as he sped along,  
But he's just as dead as if he'd been wrong.

Safe Driving Week is supposed to be a time when the people of the United States pay special attention to how and where they drive. Unfortunately, too many people consider it just another week set aside by the President like National Pickle Week. There is more to Safe Driving Week than the hours between midnight one Sunday and midnight the following Sunday. Safe Driving Week was not proclaimed because a majority of accidents occurred during a particular week. Its purpose is to make the drivers of America aware of how bad our traffic accident situation is becoming.

The majority of accidents are the result of negligence. Too many people consider it harmless to take their eyes off the road or to put only half their attention on their driving. It is an unpleasant experience to be the driver of a car involved in a fatal or near-fatal accident. If you drive sanely and intelligently, you can contribute to a lower accident rate.

America is a growing country with more and more cars on the road every day. If we do not "wake up and drive right," there are not going to be any people left to drive all the cars.

Pay attention to your driving habits and don't let your attention wander. And remember—make that "last one for the road" a cup of coffee.

Let's make every week SAFE DRIVING WEEK!!!!

—Naomi Shulman.

## "WILL YOU BE MY VALENTINE?"

### The Origin of St. Valentine's Day

The patron saint of St. Valentine's Day is believed to be one of two men who lived in the second century A. D. The first, a man named Valentine, was a physician and a Christian preacher who refused to renounce his faith. He was imprisoned for his beliefs, and while he was in prison, he cured his jailer's daughter of blindness. Shortly before his execution in 270 A. D., he sent a note to the girl which said "From Your Valentine." The second man was a Bishop Valentine, who was killed for officiating at marriage ceremonies banned by the church.

There are several ideas on the origin of St. Valentine's Day. One concept is that people in the Middle Ages chose mates on this date because of the belief that the birds began to mate on February 14. Another idea is that our holiday is descended from the Latin Lupercalia, a day on which the ancient Romans drew names, and for one year the man became the valentine of the girl whose name he drew. Still another idea of the origin is that the Norman feast of Galatin's Day became Valentine's Day through mispronunciation.

In Scotland during Shakespeare's time it was the custom for a man to give a present to the first woman he happened to meet on February 14 who greeted him by saying "Good morrow, 'tis Valentine's Day." In 1667 verses on cards were introduced as Valentine's Day greetings. In the beginning the valentines were simple, but eventually various types, including comic cards, came into use. By the 1930's Valentine's Day came to be a day observed mostly by and for children.

—Mary Ann Anderson.

**Et Cetera:** Congratulations to the team on their current win over the Auburn Red Devils. . . . Gardenias to those people who haven't cheated in the lunch line this year (does this apply to you?). . . . Garlic to those who have to be excused from assemblies because of their poor conduct. . . . The editors have assumed that everyone is pleased with this year's Tower, as no one has voiced comments to the contrary. . . . See you all at the Brotherhood Banquet February 21.

## Sugah Tells a Li'l Ol' Valentine Story

Hi there, you-all! My name is Valentina Mae Grace Nedra; my friends generally refer to me as Sugah. I'm here today to publicly denounce men! I'm sure you-all will agree with li'l ol' me after I buttah you up a little.

A simply gorgeous hunk of tall, dark, and handsome man picked me up the othah day. He told my boss that I was the sweetest lookin' bit o' honey that he'd seen in a long time. I blushed deep scarlet, but managed to keep my lace ruffles smooth. We got in his new El Dorado and zoomed off foah places unknown to me. The car was so huge and roomy that it was next to impossible for li'l ol' me to look out of the wrap around windshield. I'm rather short and small, so I simply arranged myself prettily next to him. We stopped in the country after a while; all I kept thinking was bon, bon (goody, goody in French) because I knew he was about to press me to his lips. When he reached for me hungrily he tore away my wrapper. Before he started these rough tactics, I would willingly have melted in his arms, been like putty in his hands, but now he would taste my "bitterness." That's precisely why I am gonna give him the worst case of ptomaine poisonin' possible! Imagine, anyone treating a box of Valentine candy like that! I do decleah!

## Shopping Suggestions For February 14

Boys, these are some ideal suggestions for you to give your "bestes" valentine gal:

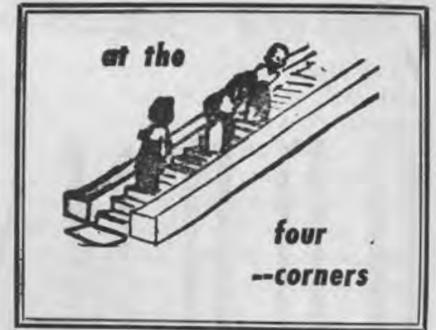
1. A ten pound box of diet candy.
2. A tiny, filmy handkerchief that would serve no purpose (specially if she has a bad cold)
3. A pair of olive-drab knickers with scarlet hearts embroidered all over them
4. A jar of Royal Crown hair cream
5. A tool kit for household and car (specially yours) repairs

Girls, these are some ideal suggestions for you to present your big heart throb on Valentine's Day:

1. A pair of heliotrope Bermuda shorts
2. A bicycle clip to keep his pants leg from getting dirty when he rides h's bike
3. A pair of white silk socks with red hearts embroidered in a clock design
4. A matching beaded belt and watchband
5. A fire extinguisher painted to match his "bomb"

## We "Scents" Your Type

- Evening in Paris—Bill Waechter
- Desert Flowers—Mr. Litweiler
- Tigress—Karon Runyon
- Private Affair—Larry VanDusen
- Mais Oui—Miss Law
- C'est Si Bon—Connie Kuhn
- Tantalizing—Miss Horner
- Fame—our basketball team
- Heaven Sent—brown nose
- Chance—Keith Malcolm
- Chanel #5—Steve Strang
- Aphrodesia—Nancy Champaigne



Every little breeze seems to whisper it's almost Valentine's Day, the confusion about schedule changes and new subjects, the seniors on the last lap are rounding the turn, the freshmen's uncertainty, especially after walking into fourth hour study hall early to encounter Mr. Crowe, and about the pending thoughts of spring vacation (so soon a'ready) and rings to be ordered by the juniors.

Well, if this isn't the absolute end! We could go along with the knicker fad, but those gals sporting the colored socks and straight hair have pushed us too far. The four little fashion (?) edicts who created it must have some explanation. Hard telling though!

If any of you gals are getting lonely sitting home at night on week ends, just dial CE4-2979. We hear a certain junior lad is looking for a date. I dunno. These silver platter dates must have some hitch. "They just don't make them like that no more."

No special valentine for Jim Eveld any more. Janet Priddy (Riley) shattered his heart two Saturdays ago by breaking the strings that bound her. We hear tell that another senior boy at Adams is very interested in Janny again. Know who it is?

Linn Wickizer and Jo Ann Koher are a cutie of a couple seen together frequently. Jo, we'd like to tip you off on Wick; he simply adores Ray Hamilton, so don't be surprised when he "takes off" upon hearing "You'll Never Walk Alone" or "I Believe." He even held a fan club meeting in his car last week when Ray's latest album was spinning o'er the air waves!

The junior girls have a vacancy in their midst since Meredith left. How they miss her little German Bomb and the crowded lunches at Bonnie Doons! We all miss her, too, and wish her the best of luck in Detroit.

Sorry to hear that "Moose" and "Mouse" have both contracted blood poisoning. The rest of our team had better check their blisters to see that they don't get it, also. We've heard it's very painful and irritating, but we hope you two fellas will recuperate soon. Miss seeing you out on the floor at practices and games!

Does Ned Dougdale have another crush on one of his old flames? Whether he does or not, he and Janice Chapman (St. Mary's) were seen together at a recent show.

**LOST:** One imitation emerald ring with a white stone on either side set in a gold band.

Bye,bye for now kids. See you next week!

## Know Your Frosh Answers

1. Wendy Fischgrund
2. Nancy Wilson
3. John Thompson
4. Joe Jacks

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## OFF THE RECORD

All you guys and gals had better latch onto these latest rhythm and blues records if you dig the latest in this particular classification. Put on your be-bop glasses and proceed to read about these platters.

One of the biggest waxings released of late is the "Wallflower" by **Etta James** and the **Peaches**. If rhythm sends you, you're sure to hop on your motor scooter and snap this up in the fastest of great big hurries. It makes a very fine jitterbug jump tune with a terrific beat!

"Sincerely" by the **Moonglows** has been on the 'ol top ten rhythm and blues hit parade for many moons. Kinda slow, with some cool harmony, it makes one of the best "senders" we've ever had the pleasure of listenin' to. The flip side is every bit as gone as "Sincerely." Titled "Tempting" it really ought to tempt you shell out the 89 centavos purchase price. The beat is nothing less than sensational, and we promise all you cats that you'll be humming this catchy bit in your slumber at night.

Last week's column rated "Earth Angel" by the **Crewcuts** a really smash hit. Well, the shaved head boys have some stiff competition on that number by the **Penguins**. Their waxing has topped all others according to our knowledge, and it's easy to see why. These "birds with their dress suits built in" warble the mostest to say the leastest. They've put everything they have in the way of putting across this song into the record. We honestly don't think you'll be able to take it off your turntable once you've checked it! It grows on you, but you'll never grow tired of it.

"Mend Your Ways" sung by **Ruth Brown** has one of the best rhythm beats this side of Louis Armstrong. We guarantee that you'll enjoy it to dance to or simply to listen to. C'mon now, break out that ol' piggy bank and place your money on the counter.

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## Eagle of the Week

**Tom Troeger**, better known to all of us as "Moose", is Eagle of the Week. Born here in South Bend on July 14, 1937, he is now a senior.

Tom is planning on studying medicine after he graduates, although he hasn't decided, as of yet, which college he is to attend.

Number 98 on our football team, number 5 on the basketball team and one of our track boys, Tom's a letter man with three chevrons.

An above average student scholastically, Tom is president of the Monogram Club and a representative to the Student Council from his home room. He is also on the board, being chairman of the school welfare committee.

Combining Tom's favorites, it turns out like this: Eating broiled steak, while watching Jackie Gleason on T.V. with Grace Kelly as guest star. He likes to see a girl wearing a charcoal grey skirt and grey sweater with saddle shoes.

## Wouldn't It Be Strange If . . .

1. Mr. Roop were bald?
2. Mr. Krider never lectured?
3. Mrs. McClure lost interest in basketball?
4. Mr. Seeley were seen wearing the same outfit more than once?
5. Mr. Litweiler didn't tell jokes?
6. Mr. Seaborg never wore his sport coat?
7. Mr. Murphy taught basketweaving?
8. Mr. Carroll drove a Maxwell?
9. Mr. Laiber had to wear water wings when he coached the swimming team?
10. Mr. Thompson didn't have so many "brothers"?
11. Miss Kaczmarek were seen chewing gum?
12. Mr. Crowe taught Chorus?
13. Mr. Goldsberry never said "T.J." (Tough Jamoke)?
14. Miss Moberg gave everyone a key to the College Room?

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## KNOW YOUR FRESHMEN . . .

Hails from homeroom 109 . . . brown eyes . . . dark brown hair . . . 104 pounds . . . size 7 shoe . . . spends a lot of her time at the Frances Shop . . . can be found in Latin II First hour . . . had a dandy birthday party not so long ago.

Homeroom 211 . . . blue eyes . . . variety of colors in her hair . . . 5' 2" tall . . . seemed awfully happy when the new freshman class arrived. . . . lost a dog which might be mistaken for a horse on first glance. . . plans on buying a skunk or a monkey for her next pet . . . never hangs her coat in her own locker . . . can be found in first hour Algebra.

Homeroom 211 . . . bluest eyes seen this side of Four Corners . . . light brown hair . . . size 9 shoe . . . 120 pounds . . . can often be seen wearing a beige sweater and charcoal flannels . . . lost a tooth playing freshman football . . . seems to like standing lately . . . can be found Biology fourth hour.

Homeroom 203 . . . blond hair . . . blue eyes . . . came to Adams from Jefferson where he was an all round athlete . . . hasn't much to say when girls are present . . . nice build and freshman girls are on the prowl.

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**Paul Edgerton**—You don't know do you?

**Judy Adkins**—Goodies

**Justin Kronewetter**—What I'm supposed to

**Don Quimby**—Girls

**Sharon Smith**—The logical thing—The Navy

**Mary Benn**—I wonder what Dick's doing

**Rita Stull**—Homework

**Marilyn Mueller**—I don't think

**Jim Kubiak**—Girls

**Doug Eichorst**—What do I think about when I'm not studying?

**Nancy Champaigne**—Everything, mostly Jack

**Tom Gerber**—I don't

**Tony Lacopo**—I wonder what it'd be like not to have to study.

**Mary Ellen Rosenthal**—I don't think I think

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# CAGERS SPLIT WITH AUBURN, WASH.

The Adams Eagles sweated through three quarters of play last Saturday and then burned the baskets for 29 points in the last quarter to blast the Auburn Red Devils 77-57. This set the Adams record at 8 wins and 10 losses with two games remaining.

Auburn grabbed the lead early in the first period, but the Eagles fought back and led 16-15 at the end of the quarter. Auburn had led by scores of 12-5 and 15-9 during the quarter.

At the end of the half, Auburn had come back on 9 points by Jim Blevins and led 34-31.

The Red Devils moved farther ahead early in the third period as they led the Eagles by 8 points. This lead fell just as all the others did as Adams bounced back to lead 48-46.

In the fourth quarter the Eagles racked up their highest quarter total of the season with 29 points. Adams was constantly scoring on fast breaks as they broke away from their lagging opponents who had played the night before. The final gun sounded with Adams on top 77-57.

## Washington 65, Adams 57

Washington's Panthers handed Adams a 65-57 loss in a game played here February 3. This was the Eagles' 5th conference loss in 7 games.

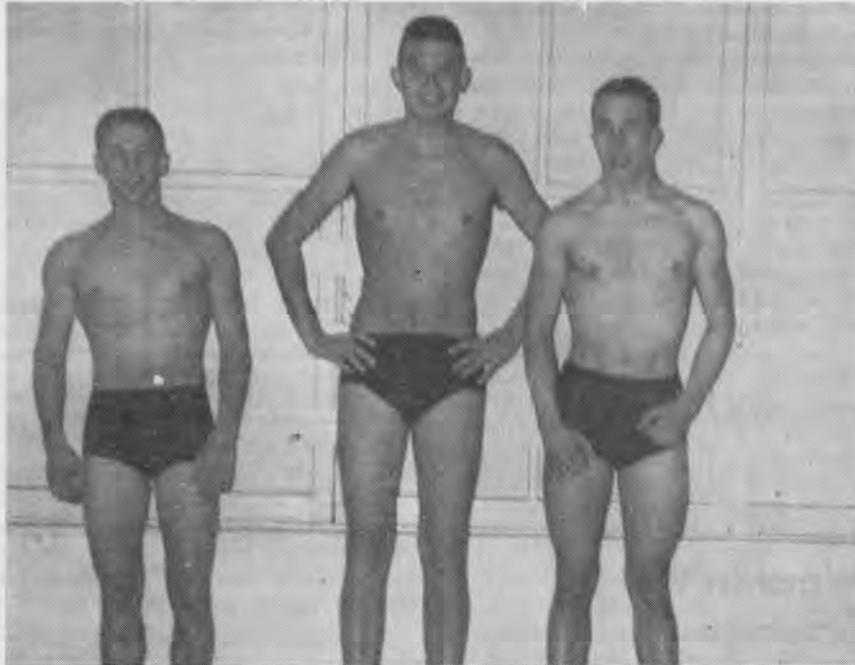
Things looked good for Adams in the first quarter as they led the Panthers by 5 points at times and were leading 13-12 at the end of the period.

From then on Washington managed to hit the basket from every angle. In the 2nd and 3rd quarters the Panthers dropped in 31 points to Adams' 17. Near the end of the 3rd period there was an 18 point margin between the two teams.

Adams finally broke loose in the fourth quarter scoring 27 points to bring the final score up to 65-57.

Larry Van Dusen took game high point honors with 21. Don Ogorek of Washington was next high with 19 points.

## Swimmers Near End of Season



Pictured above are, left to right, Bob Heiland, Jim Hoehn, and Steve Strang.

Last week the Eagle tankers took part in three meets, losing to Gary Horace Mann, 49-26, and Riley, 41-33. In their third meet the swimmers downed Howe Military, 39-31.

In the Gary meet Bob Heiland accounted for two of the Adams firsts, swimming to victory in the 40 and 100 yard freestyle events. Steve Strang copped the other Adams first in the individual medley relay. Heiland also won both of his specialties in the Riley meet. Both of the Adams relay teams won their events for the other victories.

A double victory by Mike Fett of Adams in the 100 yard backstroke and diving proved to be the difference in score in the Howe meet.

Tomorrow the tankers compete for honors in the 18th annual Indiana High School Athletic Association swimming meet to be held in the Purdue University pool. Approximately 15 teams, mostly from north-western Indiana, will compete.

## Grapplers Win Two

The Adams wrestling team broke into the win column for the first time in their short history, scalping the Goshen Redskins, 54-0, February 1, in the little Theater. The meet was a good measuring stick of the Eagles' progress, for Goshen is in about the same position that we were in just a year ago. All twelve men copped their matches.

Adams also proved they could contend with an experienced foe as well and come out on top. The matmen smashed Sturgis, Michigan, Friday, February 4, 27-15. (By the way, Sturgis beat us last year by eight points.) Winners of the season's last dual meet were: Wilson, Hogan, Johnson, Baird, Captain Quimby, Conley, and Heater.

Coach Murphy's boys will head sectional way Saturday, February 12. Complete records of them and individual matches plus an account of some highlights of the season will be in next week's Tower.

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