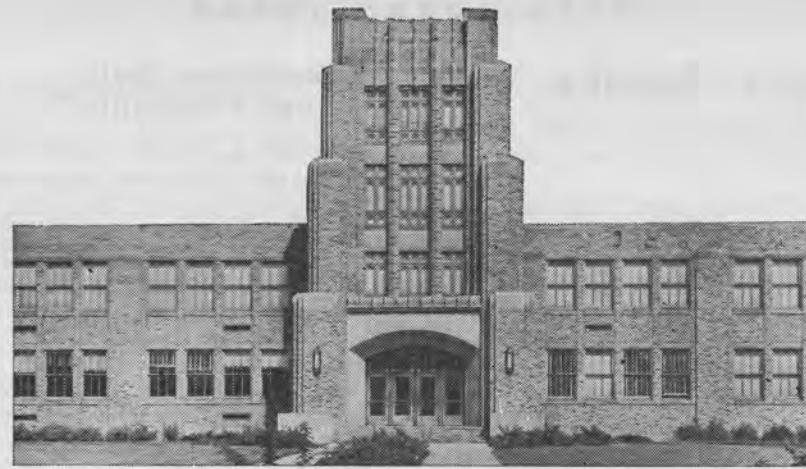


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## Edgerton, Rothermel To Attend Hoosier Boys State

This year the American Legion will again sponsor the Hoosier Boys State. This annual meeting is held in Indianapolis during the month of June.

The purpose of Boys State is to better acquaint these boys with the functioning of the State and local governments. When the boys return to school in September they will be helpful to the teachers in the American Government classes.

During their week's stay in Indianapolis, the boys will attend courses in the functioning of the government, held mock-campaigns and elections. They elect a complete governing body.

Post 303 of the American Legion will sponsor the two Junior Boys that will represent Adams at Boys State. These boys are chosen by the teachers on the basis of their grades in History and Social Living. This year the two boys chosen to go are Paul Edgerton and Terry Rothermel. James Markom and Gleason Street are the alternates; should either Paul or Terry be unable to attend, one of these will take his place.

## Troeger and Long Chosen As Rotary and Kiwanis Representatives

Last fall the Senior Class elected Tom Troeger to serve as Rotary representative for the last nine weeks of school. Rotary Club meetings are held from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the Oliver Hotel.

Tom is a senior from the Library home room. He is president of the Monogram Club, on the executive board of the Student Council, and has participated in football, basketball, and track.

Tom has maintained an average of 95 per cent during his four years at Adams. He plans to go on to college and study medicine.

A faculty committee has chosen Carl Long to be the Kiwanis representative for the last nine weeks. He will attend the Kiwanis meetings every Thursday at 12:00 p.m. at the LaSalle Hotel.

Carl is a senior from home room 22. He has maintained a B average during his senior year. His future plans include enrolling at Indiana University where he plans to major in Business Administration.

## FOUR ADAMS STUDENTS TO GO ABROAD THIS SUMMER



Pictured above are the four winners of the American Field Service Scholarships for this summer. From left to right, are: Charmian Burke, Gwen Garwood, Joan Berry, and James Hoehn.

## Waltons Plant Trees And Mark Trails As Spring Projects

This spring proves to be a busy one for the Adams Junior Waltons. They have undertaken the task of the reforestation of the artificial pond on the Izaak Walton Club grounds. They are also marking six of the main trails which run through the grounds. A plaque, which will be erected near the entrance to the preserve, is being made by Robert Giggi, Millard Thompson, and William James.

On April 16 approximately 35 members, under the supervision of Mr. Litweiler and his student teacher Mr. Shanley, leveled off the shore of the pond. Then, they planted hardwood and pine trees along the bank. James Dincolo, the club president, supervised the planting of the pine trees.

A committee, consisting of Richard Ensign, Mark Kamman, Sandy Welsy, Beverly Twigg, and Ellen Rosselot, started the process of marking the trails. The trail markers were painted and stenciled by a committee headed by Ellen Rosselot. Committee members were Barbara Gordon, Dixie Douglas, and Rose Marie Wozniak.

The annual Walton party and square dance will be held on May 29 at the Izaak Walton Club House. The callers for the square dance will be Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Barnes.

## Freshmen to Sponsor 'Froshindig' May 5

The freshman party, 'Froshindig,' will be held May 5 in the Little Theater from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Each 9A and 10B student will contribute a minimum amount to meet the expenses. There will be a concession stand for refreshments, and entertainment will be provided, using talent from all home rooms.

The committee chairmen working on the dance are as follows: Publicity — Mary Kindt and Mary Kinsey; Clean-up — Sandra Brecht and Robert Dymack; Entertainment — Beverly Twigg and Guy McMichael; Music — Ann Frank and Judy Heron; Variety-show — Cynthia Wendzonka and Peter Trescott; Food — Merrylin Priest and Manny Silverman; Decorations — Joyce Bushman and Brenda Askew.

## BOB SEESE PLACES IN POSTER CONTEST

In the T.B. poster contest, sponsored by the St. Joseph County Tuberculosis League, Robert Seese, a 13B from John Adams, submitted a prize-winning poster. Bob received honorable mention in the local contest. The entries of all seniors are automatically submitted in the State competition. Of the four state winners, three were from St. Joseph.

Bob went to Indianapolis last Monday to compete for a scholarship at John Herron Art Institute for the 1955-56 school year.

## Berry, Burke, Garwood, Hoehn Win A.F.S. Trip

Joan Berry, Charmian Burke, Gwen Garwood, and James Hoehn have been notified that they are the winners of the American Field Service Scholarships and will be sent abroad this summer. Last year Kent Keller, Naomi Ross, and William Waechter won this scholarship.

Each applicant had to write an essay on why he wanted to go to Europe and also a theme telling about his home, family, extra-curricular activities, and his average day at school.

The cost of this trip is \$435 not including spending money and traveling expenses. The American Field Service provides room and board for each student in the home of a family in a foreign country.

Joan's extra-curricular activities include Drama Club, Thespians, and Band. She is also on the Tower and Album staffs. Charmian is in Drama Club, Glee Club, Thespians, Student Council, is a reporter on the Tower staff, and a member of the Junior Progress Club. Gwen is a member of the Drama Club, Thespians, Glee Club, Student Council, Jr. Cabinet, Jr. Guidance Planning Council, and is on the Tower Staff. Jim's extra-curricular activities include Monogram Club, Drama Club, and Thespians. He is also on the swimming team, the Co-Sports editor on the Album, and is the business manager of Glee Club.

Charmian and Gwen have been assigned to families in Germany, Jim to Switzerland, and Joan to Sweden.

## Art Department to Present PTA Program

There will be a meeting of the John Adams P.T.A. Tuesday evening, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theater. Devotions will be led by Mrs. Gertrude Lemanski, supervisor of nurses at Memorial Hospital, followed by group singing. Installation of the P.T.A. officers for the 1955-56 school year will precede a program to be presented by the Art Department of Adams.

Mr. Robert Seeley, Art instructor, will be assisted by Ruth Davis, general chairman. Anne Bruner, Larry Wygant, and William James, as co-chairmen, will speak at the beginning of the program. After the talks the group will be entertained in the Art Room with demonstrations and displays.

## William Shakespeare Speaks

Longfellow once wrote that Shakespeare anticipated "all that shall be said." Was this true? we asked. If so, the Bard of Avon would have some interesting views on current events.

We invited Mr. Shakespeare to our staff meeting for an imaginary interview. Longfellow was right! Here are the results of our talk with the dramatist. His words (taken from his plays) are in bold type.

First of all, Mr. S., you have just read some back issues of the Tower. What have you found in them?

**"News, old news, and such news as you never heard of! 'Tis a chronicle of day by day."**

Do you like the Four Corners section?

**"I shall laugh myself to death."**

And the editorial column?

**"Good counselors lack no clients."**

What do you think of the way we occasionally criticize our leaders and faculty in school?

**"They that stand high have many blasts to shake them."**

Can you paraphrase an umpire's decision in baseball?

**"'Tll not budge an inch."**

Our world of 1955 certainly seems much "hotter" than yours of 1600. How would you describe our war-torn century?

**"Double, double toil and trouble; fire burn and cauldron bubble."**

You speak in riddles, but we know what you mean. What would the atmosphere of "quiet" slumber party be?

**"The deep of night is crept upon our talk."**

Let's change the subject. What do you think of Adams' funny man Lloyd Gearhart?

**"From the crown of his head to the sole of his foot he is all mirth."**

Of the plans being made for the senior prom?

**"O, wonderful, wonderful, and most wonderful, wonderful."**

Aren't you being carried away, Mr. S.?

**"Can one desire too much of a good thing?"**

How about Mrs. McClure, Adams' favorite English teacher?

**"She is the rarest of all woman."**

What message do you have for lazy students?

**"Labor is thy vocation!"**

Very good. Do you care to comment on the romance of Sue Wood and Larry VanDusen?

**"The course of true love never did run smooth."**

I can see you sympathize with young people. Before you leave, would you care to pass on any advice?

**"Dispense with trifles. Better three hours too soon than a minute too late. Be moderate. Be moderate."**

## EAGLE OF THE WEEK

This week we have picked Naomi Ross as our Eagle of the Week. Naomi, who was born in St. Joseph, Michigan, 18 years ago, has brown hair and brown eyes. She was recently named salutatorian of her senior class and participates in band, orchestra, tower, album, drama club, Thespians, booster club, student council, and senior cabinet. She is also active in her youth group of Temple Bethel, and is co-chairman of N. C. C. J.

In her spare time she likes to watch various sports, especially baseball, and to listen to music.

Her pet peeves are people who aren't sincere and seeing the wrong date sheet on a calendar.

When asked her favorite foods she stopped to think and came up with roast beef and peanut butter, but not eaten together.

Among her tops in pops she likes to hear "Stardust" and "Night Train."

As yet she hasn't decided which college she would like to attend, but she's definitely planning to go.

When finally asked her opinion of Adams she replied, "It's a friendly school with wonderful scholastic and extra-curricular opportunities for everyone. Now I realize how very fast my four years have flown by."

## John Adams Tower



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## Do Birthstone Traits Fit Your Personality?

That speck of nature's beauty captured in your birthstone has a very romantic significance. The ring of each month has a history all its own. Each gem has its own relationship to movements of planets and influence on men. The following is a list of qualities and birthstones:

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February, Sincerity—AMETHYST.

March, Courage—AQUAMARINE.

April, Innocence—DIAMOND.

May, Love and Success—

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June, Health and Long Life—

PEARL and ALEXANDRITE.

July, Contentment—RUBY.

August, Married Happiness—

PERIDOT.

September, Clear Thinking—

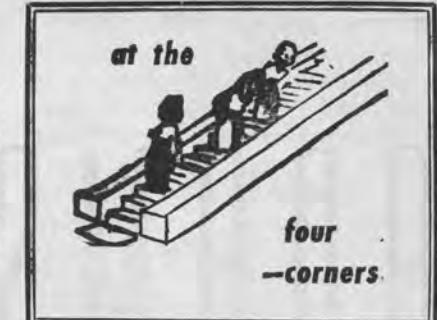
SAPPHIRE.

October, Hope—OPAL and TOURMALINE.

November, Fidelity—TOPAZ.

December, Prosperity—TURQUOISE and ZIRCON.

—Taken from the Howe Tower.



'Long about this time of year the seniors are getting panicky about graduation exercises and punchy with so many thoughts of the Prom, parties, 'n presents; the juniors are watching the whole graduation scene with envy and longing and waiting to take over the coveted title of senior next year; the sophomores don't give a hang about the senior class or the commencement exercises, but simply can't wait to join the "upperclassmen" ranks; and last, but not least, the longtimers, commonly called freshmen, are patting themselves on the back for having made a fresh start in a new school without getting too lost and are looking forward to poking fun at next year's new lot when they arrive from Jefferson, Nuner, and Lincoln; the majority of girls are cutting their coifs short in order to escape the damp, bedraggled look resulting from the "heavy dew" 'round these hyar parts; the newly-elected student council representatives are quaking in their boots because they have to recite a statement before the student body; the baseball team and track team are really on the way with most of us. (We would like to see as many of you out rooting as possible.) behind them; the tulip bulbs you planted too shallow last year have floated away; and likely as not, the day you planned to go picnicking, golfing, riding in the country or up to Lake Michigan, was last Sunday! As someone said, "Rain, rain go away . . ." and on like that.

Heard Linda Malmberg is getting letters from a certain Dick again. Hope the pony express still carries through!

Extra: One of our steadiest steadies is Bob Root. He and Shirley Bill (Central) have been chained a long, long time!

One bird heard speaking to another while resting on a telephone wire: "Isn't it strange how some peoples' voices make your feet feel funny?"

On the steady list are Karen Keller and Mark McGlinchy, Kay Oedekerk and Jack Coppens (Central) and Dick Gibboney and Janet Priddy (Riley).

Wherever you see Dave Mikesell anymore you're sure to see Punky Crowe. We predict that you'll see them more and more often.

Off the steady list are Danny Hoyt and Becky Wetter; Ronnie Smith and Donna Wyatt; Nancy Champaign and Jack MacMillan.

We're wondering why Lucy Johnson's face turns a shocking pink when the name of "Fugate" is mentioned. How about that Lucy?

Two couples that have been added to the dating list are Jackie Hackett and Terry Heater; Barbara Rohlf and Gene Personett.

Ask Tom Smith and Judy Garlough (Central) what it's like to have a chaperone when going to the lake!



What are you looking forward to most upon graduation from high school?

**Joe Vanderheyden**—Going to I. U. and seeking new adventures?

**Jackie James**—Going to I. U. for frequent visits.

**Carl Long**—Summer in Mexico City.

**Steve Strang**—No more work at the Oriole.

**Ursula Ries**—College and a "Mrs." Degree.

**Diane Allmon**—"Summer time, the livin' is easy."

**Mary Orzech**—The relaxation of summer and expectation of college.

**Punky Crow**—The "convent."

**Dave Freedburg**—Getting married (sometime).

**Pat Bourdon**—Going to I. U.

**Butch West**—Going to Wabash so John Pence can tell me how to write sports for The TOWER.

**Chuck Christman**—Frequent trips to Lake Michigan in our new car.

A famous physician named Bungi  
Had a sharp and a venomous  
tongue. He  
Refused all nutrition  
With this admonition:  
I fear there are fungi among ye.

## Unpredictable . . . That's What It Is

I woke up yesterday to the wonderful sound of chirping birds. The sun came streaming in my window and I said with a sigh, "Spring is finally here!" So quick like a bunny, I rushed to my closet and pulled out a full cotton skirt and summer blouse. Upon entering school that morning I thought how pleasant it was to be wearing summer clothes when—Boing!—at lunch I found it was pouring like cats and dogs and rapidly becoming chilly—there I stood all "springed up" ready to become "spring drenched."

The next day I thought I'd fool the weatherman by wearing a wool skirt and sweater but, as you can imagine, the temperature rose to the 70's and shortly I became drenched in another manner. These and several similar incidents made me realize that the only way to be sure was to equip my locker with (1) a summer outfit, (2) a winter outfit, (3) one raincoat, (4) 100 bobby pins.

You might try, if this method isn't preferable, inventing a miniature weatherman to be kept in your purse at all times.

—Nancie Hultin.

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## Can You Remember When:

—Carol Hudson was elected basketball queen? Dick Shenenberger was captain of the team and they were going steady at the time.

—Dinc was a freshman with long hair?

—You were scared you'd fall down the steps at the Christmas vesper service?

—Punky Crowe and Tom Goldsberry were the school's pet couple?

—Diane Myers watched all basketball practices so she could see Rocky Ferraro?

—It was Sharon Reber and Norm Grimshaw? I wonder where Steve Gumz was about that time?

—Freshmen weren't at Adams yet and never thought they'd make it?

—Margaret Sue Reed and Mary Ann Anderson had the most "adorable" pics on the front page of The TOWER for going to the senior prom with Dick Shaw, student council president, and Roger Jurgovan, president of the senior class, respectively?

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## Freshman Parents Entertained at Dessert

Parents of the 94 first semester freshmen were entertained at a dessert meeting Tuesday, April 26, in the lunch room. This traditional meeting is held to provide the opportunity for parents to become acquainted with the home room teacher of his or her child; to provide an opportunity to learn about the courses of study, extra-curricular activities, graduation requirements, scholarship opportunities, and attendance regulations; to provide the opportunity for parents to ask questions pertaining to the school organization and its policies.

Following the dessert-social hour, Mr. Rothermel, Miss Burns, and Mr. Nelson explained the policies, offerings, and activities of John Adams.

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# Diamond Crew Wins Nos. 3 and 4

## Whip Cavemen for 1st Conference Win

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John Robbins and Tobe Sexson hurled for the Eagles and yielded only 6 hits. Robbins also led the hitting by banging out 3 hits, one of them a 2 run triple in the fourth inning. Staton, Klowetter, Gibboney, Edgerton, and Green also connected safely.

Up to the end of the third inning, the score was knotted 1 to 1, but then the Eagles rocked the Cavemen for 4 runs in the fourth, 5 in the sixth, and 2 in the seventh.

### Adams 6, St. Joe 1

Earlier in the week, the Eagle diamond crew dumped St. Joseph 6-1 behind the pitching of Fal Harris and Don Severeid.

Dick Green and Dick Gibboney proved a great help in the Eagles' third straight win of the season, by blasting triples. Two of the three wins are over the Indians.

Adams scored their 6 runs on 9 hits while the Indians were held to 1 run on 5 hits. St. Joseph's lone run was scored in the seventh inning of the game.

The Eagles will play their third league game against Washington at Washington tonight.

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## Trackmen Drop 2; Run Last at Goshen

Last week the Adams track team lost two dual meets along with finishing last in the Goshen Relays.

On rainswept School Field, the Eagles collected only one first in 13 events as they were downed by Mishawaka, 81½ to 27½, last Tuesday. Tom Troeger was the only Adams winner when he won the broad jump with a leap of 19' 11".

Two days later the team traveled to Michigan City where they were defeated by the Red Devils, 79½ to 9½. Larry Van Dusen collected one of the Adams firsts. Larry won the 440, he also placed third in the 100-yard dash. Gene Personett tied for first in the high jump for the Eagles only other first.

Gary Roosevelt topped a field of 17 as they won the Class A division of the Goshen Relays, Saturday. Nappanee won the Class B championship. Adams failed to score but came close several times. Jim Sos-



tack won his qualifying heat of the high hurdles in the morning, but placed fifth in the finals leaving him out of the money. (In each event they give points for the first four places.) Tom Troeger qualified for the broad jump in the morning, but failed to place in the afternoon. The Eagles also had three relay teams which finished fifth out of the five different relays run. Eight teams competed in each relay.

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## GOLFERS LOSE TWO

Adams' golfers dropped their third match of the season to LaPorte by a score of 12½-2½. The match was played on the Erskine course.

Dave Mikesell scored all of the Eagles 2½ points by defeating his opponent 2½-½. Dave also was low man for Adams, shooting an 80. Bob Wilkinson of LaPorte took medalist honors for the match with a 74.

Riley dealt the linksman a 11½-3½ defeat last Thursday, April 21.

Bob Walker was the leading point getter and also low man for Adams. Walker tied his opponent, the city junior champion, by shooting an 80. Dave Mikesell and Don Zombick gained the other 2 points for Adams.

Riley's Jay Huckins was medalist of the match, shooting a 79.

## Coming Sports Events

### Track

May 3—Central -----Here

### Baseball

May 3—Central -----There

May 5—Riley -----There

### Golf

May 3—Mishawaka -----Here

May 5—LaPorte -----There

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