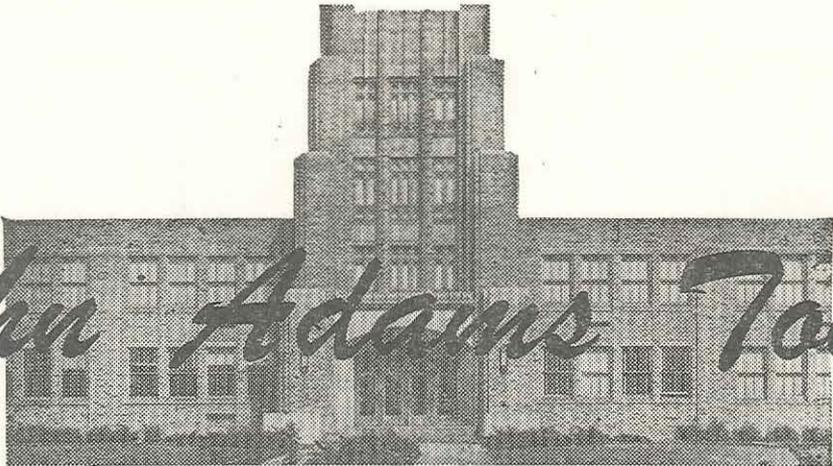


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COMING UP

February 8—Basketball—Adams vs Auburn — There.

District solo and ensemble contest.

February 12—Lincoln's Birthday .

February 13—Freshman basketball—Adams vs Elkhart North Side — There

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Swingheart Sway Is Valentine Offering

Valentine's Day will be especially festive this season. The occasion—the Swingheart Sway. The dance will be formal with no flowers, and will be held at the Indiana Club, Friday, February 14, from 8:30 - 12. Tickets are \$1.75 per couple. Hi-Y members all over St. Joseph County are sponsoring the Swingheart Sway.

The Rhythm-Aires will furnish the music for "young hearts."

Invitations to the dance were printed by Adams, and tickets, along with posters, were printed by the South Side Free Press.

'Miss Valentine' to Be Chosen

A very special feature of the dance will be the election of Miss County Valentine. Each school represented at the dance will have chosen a valentine and the people attending the dance will elect Miss County Valentine.

Adams Students Place In District Contest

The district string and piano solo and ensemble contest was held in Culver, Indiana, on February 1. Fifteen events qualified for participation in the state solo and ensemble contest February 15 by receiving superior ratings.

Adams orchestra members who placed high in the ratings:

SOLOS—Patty Aaron, second, piano; Alan Olson, second, piano; William Webbink, third, piano; Pat Rusk, first, piano; Linda Jarvis, third, piano; Eddie Rusk, first, piano; Lynn Ehlers, second, piano; Bob Christ, first, violin; Charles Kershner, second, violin; Lois Klinghammer, first, violin; Lisa Niemeyer, first, violin; Pat Scott, second, violin; Janice Weiss, first, violin; Susan Thompson, first, cello.

ENSEMBLES — Pat Rusk, Bob Christ, Trully Thompson, first, string trio; Eileen Schultz, Janice Weiss, Susan Thompson, first, string trio; Pat Scott, Janice Weiss, Eileen Schultz, Susan Thompson, second, string quartet.

Su Maurer, Pat Rusk, Mary Ann Haines, Trully Thompson, second, string-wind quartet; Susan Thompson, Trully Thompson, first, cello duet; Janice Weiss, Pat Scott, second, violin duet; Bob Christ, Pat Scott, first, violin duet; Pat Rusk, Lisa Niemeyer, first, violin duet; Alan Olson, Bob Grant, first, piano duet; Pat Rusk, Linda Jarvis, first, piano duet; Pat Rusk, Lynn Ehlers, second, piano duet; Pat Rusk, Eddie Rusk, first piano duet.



The five students of Tait College you see above are featured in the all-city production of "Good News." Left to right are Duke Hobbs, the gatekeeper, Tom Miller, the hero of Tait, Brenda Barritt, or Flo, Mike Seedorf, Tait's winner of the big game, and Larry Thompson, or Beef.

Miller, Barritt, Seedorf and Thompson Head 'Good News' Cast

"Good News! You're bound to do me good!"

Come right here to me, Good News!"

"Good News" is on its way to all of you who attend the all-city musical production, directed by Mr. James Lewis Casady, on February 13, 14, and 15. This musical of the roaring 20's will play Adams Thursday, February 13, at 8 p.m. Tickets are 75c for unreserved and \$1.25 for reserved. Tickets are going very quickly, so buy yours immediately from any member of the Orchestra, Prep, or Senior Glee Club.

"Good News" concerns the trials and tribulations of a college football hero. The thrill that comes once in a lifetime is to score the winning point for the old alma mater when all seems lost and the enemy are re-joining. This is what happened to Tom Marlowe, played by Tom Miller, but the honor nearly escaped him when he flunked his Astronomy exam. It seems that college professors are very insistent that the students shall qualify in their studies. They seem to have an absurd idea that

that is what people go to college for. Professor Kenyon was no exception, although we must admit he did strain a point for Tom. Here is a delightful concoction of music, football, love, laughter, and dancing that will afford you an unforgettable evening.

Adamsites Featured

Mike Seedorf plays Bobby, Tom's roommate who plays an important position on the team—that of sitting down. Brenda Barritt, in the role of Flo, plays a freshman co-ed. Beef, the big, brawny football player, is played by Larry Thompson.

Adams is well represented in the chorus and instrumental section of "Good News." Included in the on-stage band, under the direction of Mr. Robert Ralston are Gene Stevens, Ron Moyer, Eric Nelson, Barry Rummel, Martin Stamm, Joe Kellogg, Paul Shore, Jerry Powlas, Ray Wilson, Terry Tinkel, and Bruce Bare.

Adams High Hosts Visitor from the Orient—Mrs. Oshima

"I am surprised that American students waste so much time. In Japan they study or read . . ." was one of the observations of Mrs. Oshima, the guest of John Adams for the past week. A Japanese teacher of English, Mrs. Oshima has been studying and observing American schools since September of last year. Mrs. Oshima is here on a part Fulbright and part American government scholarship. She has been visiting various classes at Adams.

Mrs. Oshima came to this country with her husband. He is studying at the University of Chicago, where she also plans to study beginning in April.

Studied in Texas

Mrs. Oshima has studied in Texas where "I learned how to brag." She has also been observing Walkerton High School and will go on to Washington from here.

The teacher of English also remarked on the similarities between the Japanese and American school systems. Regarding the food we eat she said, "American meals all taste the same!"

Four DAR Winners Attending Adams

As is customary, the semester commenced with the addition of new freshman classes and their D.A.R. winners — Sue Ellen Topping, Bob Taylor, Nuner; Barbara Kenady, John Clark, Jefferson.

The Daughters of the American Revolution present awards to eighth grade graduating classes. Honors are given to one boy and one girl in each school and are awarded to those who show outstanding qualities of good citizenship. Superior grades play a role in the consideration for awards, but leadership, reliability, and other characteristics of good citizenship are considered more important.

Sue Ellen, Bob, Barbara, and John said that they were greatly honored. All candidates were selected from a vote by their fellow classmates and class teachers. Final winners were chosen at Nuner after candidates gave speeches concerning their ideas of good citizenship. Jefferson selections were kept secret until the very last moment when awards were presented at the commencement assembly.



Try the Twenties

Are you having trouble with your parents? Are they dense? square? out-of-it? This is a universal problem and one for which much advice has been sought. We have found that the most effective way to combat this resistance is to give them a taste of their own medicine.

Good Old Rudy

(1) If the folks fail to appreciate the fine side of E.P.; if they're "sticky about Ricky," try a casual mention of Rudolph Valentino. Rudy was the shriek boy of his day . . . really drove those flappers wild. He completely shook every female in captivity and it's doubtful that Mom was an exception.

Were They Cute!

(2) Frequently the clothes of the teens are cause for violent domestic struggles. Solution: consult the family almanac. Yes, there they are: Mom in her waistless potato-sack, Dad in his "Kangaroo-pouches" (plus fours to you).

Charleston, Charleston

(3) Does there seem to be an air of tension around the house whenever you tune in "Randy's"? Never fear! Ask your grimacing parents to demonstrate the Black Bottom, Charleston, Big Apple, or Susie-Q. These were the "rock-and-roll" of the Jazz Age. Nope, they didn't call 'em the Roaring 20's for nothing.

So next time Mom and Dad try to pin the juvenile delinquency rap on you, try off-handedly popping a few pertinent questions about the flappers. You'll flip at the looks on their faces.

NEW FACES

If you're wondering why many of the females at Adams are acting a bit peculiarly, here is the reason. It is the presence of a new teacher, Mr. Stan Mutti who has been a high school math teacher for two weeks. Mr. Mutti, spent his first two years of college at DePauw. In his junior year he traveled to France where he studied at Grenoble and Besancon Universities. During his stay in France he enjoyed skiing, drinking tea at 5:00, and studying once in a while. At these universities he studied French and mathematics and took a special test for foreigners in order to get credit for this year abroad.

Last year Mr. Mutti was an assistant teacher of French at Indiana University while he was working on his Masters degree. Welcome, Mr. Mutti, we hope you like Adams.

Another Mathematician

Lately there has been an influx of student teachers from Notre Dame. Jack Coon is no exception. Mr. Coon, who hails from Pittsfield, Mass., is Mr. Zook's student teacher. He is now in his fifth year at Notre Dame in Engineering School. During previous summers, Mr. Coon has worked for IBM in Kingston, N. Y., instructing new engineers. To aid his college expenditures, Mr. Coon instructs law and corrects papers at Notre Dame, and helps some of the St. Mary's personnel. We hope you like Adams, too.

Are you a Procrastinator?

Have you ever realized that each day you idly rob yourself of precious, useful moments? It has truly been stated that procrastination is the theft of time. As the year goes by one's activities and responsibilities accumulate and must be completed before a certain deadline. It is up to you to see that each deadline is met in a prompt and suitable fashion.

Perhaps the most important deadline to meet is that of school work. Your studies shouldn't stand second place to any activity. Especially at home the temptation to neglect homework is great: television is blaring, little sister is crying, and the telephone won't stop ringing. You can't stop these annoyances, but you can avoid them. Set aside a few hours after school, when you know you can concentrate, forget about everything except your studies and get all the work done before you begin any other project.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said: "There is a time in every man's education when he arrives at the conclusion that envy is ignorance; that imitation is suicide; that he must take himself for better for worse as his portion; that though the wide universe is full of good, no kernel of nourishing corn can come to him but through his toil bestowed on that plot of ground which is given to him to till." This may be applied to every Adams student, for no one is going to hand you the key to success on a silver platter. Everyone must create for himself, through hard work, a foundation of wholesome appreciation, useful skills, and warm understanding. On this foundation he will build a strong future, one rich in appreciation of his own personal dignity and that of his fellows.

HAPPY DAYS

It is 6:45, Mr. Casaday's famous call to attention brought silence to the Central auditorium. "Leads, boys, Happy Days." There is a wild rush, en masse, of all the boys in the auditorium, to the stage for their entrance. The girls quietly view the stage until Mr. Casaday calls, "Pi Beta Phi," on stage. The girls dash madly to the stage knocking over a few boys on the way. This time the boys quietly view the girls as they rehearse.

The preceding paragraph aptly describes a typical rehearsal of "Good News" the four city high school's musical production. There have been rehearsals of this type for about a month. Opening night is almost here. Leads and the members of the chorus have worked hard, repeating songs over and over, perfecting actions, and loving every minute of it. With only five days left until February 13, which is opening night, there remains much to be done. Costumes must be checked, scenery must be moved, and buses arranged for. Next Thursday "Good News" opens at Adams—don't miss it.

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Did You Know That . . .

A yokel is part of an egg.

Two occupations of the civilized race are work and looking for work.

The Spartan boys were beaten to death sometimes to see if they could stand it.

A trust is a large firm that hopes business will get better in the near future.

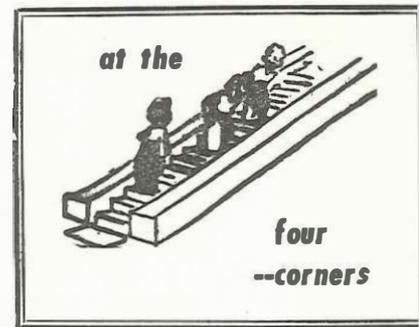
The animal which possesses the greatest attachment for man is woman.

Mushrooms always grow in wet places and so they look like umbrellas.

A triangle is a circle with three corners to it.

A metaphor is a thing you shout through.

A geyser is a man who used to rule Germany before the war.



Good News, Good News, Good News, yes indeed, but if you don't buy your tickets soon you will miss the best musical of the year. Remember, it's playing here the 13th of February. Don't miss it!!!!

A hearty welcome to all the new frosh, including **Randy Welch** who, incidentally, got lost four times before 8:40 on his first day at A.H.S.

Our sympathies to all juniors and seniors who are penned up in the "Nursery" for another semester.

New bowling term — "**Barnette Ball**." (Equivalent to Gutter Ball) Right, **Denny**?

And then we have **Diane Mourer** whose irresistible charm caused a Valparaiso College frosh to drive up to South Bend to take Miss Mourer home from a meeting.

Bob Wetter (alum) had a wild Farewell Party. Included in the 100 guests were **Sarah Lightner, Sue Stoner, Sandy Zoss, Dick Bower, Mike Lachman, D. J. West** and **Dwain Dillman**.

Patsy Gilbert gave a "Sweet Sixteen" party at Morris Inn. Oscar Baby Jones entertained—we hear Oscar's swinging, Pat.

Letters, I get letters . . . hums **Mary McNamara** as the mail piles up from New York, Ohio, and Illinois.

Today I saw a Senior boy

As sure as I'm alive,

He came to me with flashing eyes

But he turned out to be . . .

Charlie Brown.

Sharon Kubiak, why are you always dropping your glasses?

Barbara Langel is confused? She doesn't know which ring to wear. Tough luck, Barb.

Who was the Cinderella who lost her glass slipper at the Prom?

Signed, **P. Charming**

Dear Prince, it was I, but I bought a new pair of shoes so forget about it anyway.

Signed, **Judy Eich**

Bev Tompkins, always is preoccupied in Album period with typing letters which invariably begin with, "Dear Jody."

Say gang, reading papers is great. Try it once in a while, you'd be surprised how worldly one can become.

Brenda Barritt—wow!! You really looked terrific in your Good News costume.

Congratulations to **Norman Moyer** and **Duke Hobbs** who were finalists in the Westinghouse contest.

Jan Conrey—Thanks for making the beautiful crown.

At the Elkhart game will everyone please stay in his seat during the half? The mothers of the team will be honored then.

Speaking of the team, you boys did a fine job against Riley. We know that 4 games in one week was rough.

D. J. West is a great hot-chocolate fan. He especially enjoys drinking it with garlic salt on the side.

Confession of a Peanut Butter Addict

We don't usually care to have anything to do with this sordid type of story, but George "X" is a former Adams student, and he asked us to publish this with the hope of saving others from such a ghastly ordeal as his own

It is a typical story of neglected parents, furtive meetings in darkened parks, thrill seeking — but this is George's story, let him tell it.

Call me George "X," and heed me. I, too, was an Adams student — loitering at the Four Corners, winking at girls, keeping a wary eye out for birds, sticking pins in dolls of teachers . . . but wait. My story begins before this.

It all began that cold winter afternoon when I was still in grammar school. We got out at three. We had nothing to do. Tommy Can suggested we go over to Jane Ruddlehump's and ask her to wrestle with us, but that was old stuff. Besides, she always won.

Wow — Was it Exciting

Then it was Jimmy Spot who got us started. "Hey, guys," he said. "Ya wanna try something different? Really different?"

We all went over to his place—down in the basement. It was dark there but Jimmy said it was better that way. He went upstairs, and when he came back he had it — **A big jar of peanut butter!**

We mixed the oil at the top of the jar and it got real soft and smooth. We spread it on pieces of bread. I shut my eyes and ate.

That first bit was dynamite! The insides of our mouths tingled and I felt a little sick. The second piece was better. I didn't get sick. I t began to stick to the roof of my mouth. I should have stopped then, but I couldn't. Man, that was great!

Jimmy said that Old Man Dingle at the grocery store took him in the back room and gave it to him for working at the store on Saturdays.

Gotta Get Some

The rest of the guys turned chicken and wouldn't eat anymore. But next week I went to see Dingle. He gave me a jar of the stuff. I began to spread it on my bread a little thicker.

When I finished the jar, Dingle told me that I'd have to start paying for the stuff. I wasn't going to do it. But then he showed me some stuff a little different. He called it Homogenized—it had the oil already mixed in and packed a real wallop.

I began stealing change from Mother's purse so I could pay for the stuff. After a while the Homo began to loose its bounce. I started eating it on my toast at breakfast, covering it with jam so the folks couldn't tell I had it. I'd make my lunch sandwiches with it, and have it at dinner, too.

I Had The Habit

By now I had started at Adams. I had to sneak between classes and have a quick sandwich.

I told Dingle the stuff wasn't any good. I was geting shaky when I quit eating it. Then Dingle let me in on the Big Stuff. He took me in the back room and showed me a jar like I'd never seen before. It was called "Crunchy," and had real chopped peanuts in it.

Man! Now I was living. I'd eat a sandwich of it and be off. I was the big man then—the biggest man in Adams. I'd go right past the N.H.S. students and give them the dirtiest look I could. No one was bigger.

Before long I couldn't take the bread any longer. I used to reach in a jar with a spoon and eat it straight. Crazy! I was a Mainliner.

Crime Never Pays

But Dingle wouldn't give it to me unless I did things for him. I had to go

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around to the other stores and put dead cats near them, making the place smell lousy. I had to let the air out of the tires on delivery trucks from other stores. That's how I was caught.

I was sent away. They wouldn't give me any Crunchy—just the Homo and they kept cutting the doses. Soon I was back to the stuff with oil on top. It took a long time, but they let me go. Dingle lost his peanut butter license.

That's about it. I'm no good to anyone now. Got a job collecting garbage, so I can clean out any peanut butter jars thrown out.

There's just one thing for you to remember—a little peanut butter won't hurt you, but when you start putting it on your morning toast—look out!

Senior Snitches

I am creating this special column to supply information about the ever-popular seniors. In the next few weeks you will know the answers to such questions as, 1) Why did **Norma Esarey** return to school? 2) Why doesn't **Jim Daniel** call any Student Council Board meetings or Honor Society meetings? 3) Why did **Bev Twigg** suggest that the Industrial Arts plaque be brought up to date? 4) Why did **John Thompson** volunteer to count the money for Share Their Fare? Sounds Interesting, huh?

The "Ha, Ha" Boys

If I were to choose the funniest senior boy at Adams, my mind would be stretched in two directions—rooms 105 and 211. For into these rooms every week-day morning, **Tom Cox** and **John Thompson** wander respectively. By the time home room is over, many students have changed their pessimistic attitudes into optimistic ones because these two young lads have spread their sunshine to their fellow students. But when it comes to getting thrown out of study hall because Tom and John talk to you too much, well, the humor begins to reek as the Chem labs do.

Just Plain Ugly

Then if I were to choose the ugliest girl in the school, my choice would go only in one direction, that being 114. For there reign the football and basketball queens, **Marilyn** and **Phyllis**. I'm not about to reveal who this is writing this column, but you may assume that I'm a female and green with jealousy. (Isn't that an original metaphor?) We hear that Queen Phyl wore her crown in the tub and it went down the drain.

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THE ATTENDANCE AT THE VARSITY BASKETBALL GAMES IS TERRIBLE. Gary Roosevelt had quite a few more students present than we did. The time has come to do something about this circumstance. We students should get out and support the team. A school cannot have a winning team without some spirit behind the team. Who is behind the team? The students in the school are what is behind the team so let's have the students show the team that we want them to win.

The TOWER needs sports writers. All new freshmen and all other students who are interested in writing for TOWER should contact Julie Ebeling Sports Editor or Miss Walsh, TOWER sponsor. Assignments are given on Thursday after school unless announced otherwise.

Adams Wrestlers Take 5th Place In N I H S C Meet At East Chicago

The John Adams wrestlers came home from East Chicago last Saturday with the fifth place in the conference. Central placed first, scoring 87 points, with East Chicago Washington second with 84. Then East Chicago Roosevelt placed third with 78 and Hammond Tech fourth with 59 points. Adams came in fifth with 42 points and Hammond Clark sixth with 34. LaPorte followed in seventh place with 20 points and Riley and Elkhart followed LaPorte with 18 and 3 points.

The Adams men that placed were Jerry Minkow, 3rd in the 105; Marv Cogdell, 2nd in the 114; Tom Nagert, 4th in the 123; Phil Barton, 3rd at 148; Bob Howerton, 3rd at 165; Don Darczewski, 4th at 175; and Dennis Murphy, 4th in heavyweight.

Eagles Claw Cats 56-53

The Eagles win again. Wildcats defeated 56-53 as the defensive action of the Adams five keeps a last attempt from taking the game.

As Queen Phyllis reigned over the court, the game continued to be nip and tuck until the Eagles made a 10 point lead and kept ahead of the Wildcats for good.

Tom Townsend was an able replacement for Lee McKnight who was forced to the bench by fouls. Jim Rea, Roland Davis, Gene Phillips, and Gary Wallman followed the good defense pattern that has been quite a help lately in holding the games to close scores.

EAGLES LOSE TO ROOSEVELT 80-77

In a very fast and high scoring game the Adams Eagles lost to Gary Roosevelt 80-77 last Thursday night, January 30.

Lee McKnight was high scorer with 27 points. The ball was lost quite a few times and Roosevelt took advantage of these losses to set up their plays.

Attendance at the games has been very bad and especially at this game. Roosevelt had 98 students come by a school chartered bus. This is usual procedure for this team. Why can't it be for our school?

EAGLE SWIMMERS DOWN GARY MANN 56-30 FOR 10th WIN

In a swim meet on Monday, February 3, at Gary Horace Mann, the Seagles recorded their 10th win out of 11 dual meets. The Seagles depth took its toll and won over the badly conditioned Mann swimmers.

Swimmers Want Crowd

The Adams swimmers won 5 out of the 7 individual events. They also won the individual medley. This meet was a warm-up meet for the city meet on Saturday, February 8. Adams has a good chance of winning the city championship. It would be very encouraging to the team if a good crowd came and yelled at this meet.

Results

- 40-yard freestyle, 1. Mann 2. Fett (A) 3. Wiseman (A) time :20.8.
- 100-yard butterfly 1. Brandley (A)
- 2. Hartke (A) time 1:08.8.
- 100-yard backstroke 1. Kowals (A)
- 2. Reynolds (A) time 1:06.5.
- 200-yard freestyle 1. Gill (A) 3. Topp (A) time 2:15.3.
- 100-yard breaststroke 2. Busse (A)
- 3. Hammes (A) time 1:15.8.
- 100-yard freestyle 1. Fett (A) 2. J. Olander (A) time :57.8.
- Diving 2. Wilson (A).
- 120-yd. individual medley 1. Hartke (A) 2. Reynolds (A) time 1:19.5.
- 240-yard medley relay 1. Adams (Kowals, Busse, Brandley, J. Olander) time 2:29.5.
- 160-yard freestyle Relay 1. Horace Mann.

Saturday night the varsity basketball team will play Auburn at Auburn. The sectional wrestling meet will be held at Edison in three sessions. Central won the city wrestling meet, so they will be the ones to beat.

Also, on Saturday the City Swimming meet will be held at the city Natatorium.

On Thursday, the 13th, the Frosh have a basketball game at Elkhart North Side. Then on Friday the Elkhart varsity team will travel to Adams to play the Eagles. This is also to be Mom's Night. The mothers of the players will be honored at half-time.

FROSH WIN 9; LOSE 4

The Adams freshmen team has done very well in their season. So far they have a 9 won and 4 lost record. Last Thursday they played Central in the Central gym and were only beaten 40-38 in an exciting game. Jim Hull was high for Adams with 12 points and Blohm was high for Central with 13.

After a first half lead taken by Washington-Clay 21-11 the Eagle freshmen came back with 28 points in the second half to win 39-27. The fact that the Clay men were kept to 6 points, one field goal and 4 free throws, shows the good Adams defense. Doug Combs of Adams was high with 10.

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