

New Adams Addition Condemned As Unsafe

Termites Cause Class Reslating; Extermination Seen As Necessary

After spring vacation, classes will not be held in John Adams until June. An inspection of the building after termites swarmed out of the wall into room 112 two weeks ago has revealed that the entire building is infested and extermination is necessary.

This process will begin over spring vacation, and because of the extent of damage, extermination and repair work will continue for at least two months, making it impossible to hold classes here until

Johnny Mathis To Be at Prom

Johnny Mathis, the renowned singing sensation, has recently signed a contract to be the star attraction at this year's senior prom. Mr. Mathis, noted for his hit song, "The Twelfth of Never," agreed to sing at the prom on May 14 and to sign autographs in the hall of the Indiana Club during part of the evening.

Arriving in South Bend on May 12, in his chauffeured limousine, Johnny will stay at the Town Tower Motel in downtown South Bend. A reception committee will be organized under the direction of Scott Shawhan, who will personally escort Mr. Mathis to the motel and to the Indiana Club for the prom. Scott mentioned that any girls desiring to join the reception group should sign up with Mrs. Carol Hedman or Mr. Jesse Whitcomb, class sponsors.

Will Sing at Prom

"The Twelfth of Never," the theme of this year's prom, will be executed throughout the Indiana Club with decorations in shades of turquoise and lavender. In addition, Mr. Mathis has agreed to sing his hit song by the same name several times during the evening. He also modestly mentioned that he would pass out autographed record albums of his numerous hit songs, including "Chances Are" and "Wonderful, Wonderful."

We know that many students will join the TOWER in congratulating the senior class for their excellent action in procuring such a first-rate attraction as Mr. Mathis for the 1965 senior prom.

June. It is hoped that the building will be ready in time for final examination and commencement.

Theaters Rented

The South Bend Community School Corp. is in the process of renting all available space for classes. All four downtown theaters and the River Park Theater have agreed to suspend afternoon shows and allow classes to be held in their establishments.

Morris Civic Auditorium has been donated free for class space. Classes will be assigned according to stage right, stage left, and middle on the stage, main floor, mezzanine, and balconies.

First Methodist Church has also been leased for classes for two months. Some teachers are planning to hold classes in their private homes.

Outdoor Classes

During spring weather, it is planned that many classes, particularly biology and other science classes, will be held outside to alleviate crowding within the theaters. Since science experiment equipment will not be available in rented locations, some classes and experiments will be held in lab rooms at hospitals.

Since all classes will not be in one building, longer passing periods will be necessary. Periods will be shortened to 45 minutes each, and dismissal will be at 4:00. Buses will transport students from class to class. Scheduling is under way and students will be notified of the locations of their classes by mail at the end of spring vacation.

Lunch Procedure Changed at AHS

The John Adams administration announces a new lunch program which will go into effect next year as a result of the exceptionally crowded conditions which will exist until the addition can be rebuilt. There are two general areas of change.

First, no students who live within one mile of the building will be allowed to remain at school for lunch. Cards will be issued to those living at a greater distance. These must be shown when going through the lunch line.

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FINAL EXAMS WILL BE MADE PRACTICAL

After repeated complaints from the student body, the faculty has finally revised all final exams. Breaking away from the old method of complete memorization of facts, the faculty has decided to administer tests of practical application of the knowledge the students obtain. Examples of these practical tests in various subjects follow:

Economics—You must solve the problem of our wheat surplus. Remember, you must continue to purchase it from American farmers, may not distribute it for charitable purposes, and may not destroy it.

Speech—You are visiting the United States Embassy in Indonesia. There is a mob rioting outside. You must address them, in formal procedure, and explain why they appreciate American assistance.

Sociology—Devise a propaganda program favorable to Communism and analyze its effect if it were taught in U.S. public schools.

French—You must address the French parliament and set forth the reasons why DeGaulle should maintain a peaceful attitude towards the U.S.

English—Analyze Shakespeare's works and determine whether Willie wrote them or Francis Bacon. Give reasons for your conclusion and examples to support your statements. If you make the wrong choice, your grammar will be graded.

International Relations—Analyze the problems of the U.N. and determine a way to make this organization effective.

Math—Determine the probability of a third World War and check your calculations to see if you were right. For brownie points: determine the number of people who might survive.

Home Economics—To test your efficiency and speed, you must prepare lunch for all Adams students—by yourself. This includes serving and clearing away.

Spanish—Go to Cuba and explain to a band of Castro's followers the advantages of a democracy.

World History—Try to contact Nikita. Offer him political asylum in the U.S. and note the reactions of other countries (specifically Russia, China, Yugoslavia).

Structure To Be Torn Down, Rebuilt; Cost Set At \$500,000; LaSalle Delayed

Mr. Russell Rothermel and the South Bend Community School Corporation were stunned by an inspecting architect's report that the new addition is unsafe and that the partially completed structure must be torn down and rebuilt. Cracks in the foundation were the first indications that the addition is sinking into the marsh land on which it is constructed; further inspection and measurements confirmed this.

It is estimated that it will cost an extra \$500,000 to tear down and rebuild the structure to its present condition. Electricians and plumbers are already at work removing fixtures. Bulldozers and cranes with wrecking balls will then move in to take down the side walls. Welders will be recalled to cut the steel beams so that the

foundation can be reached.

After the demolition process has been completed, the foundation or cement footings will be taken up, and deeper steel pilings will be driven down until solid ground is reached. Then the workmen will have to repour the footings and start rebuilding.

The completion date has been rescheduled for April of 1966. This delay not only affects Adams, since the school will be operating under severely crowded conditions for an additional seven months, but also the new LaSalle High School project which has already been started. South Bend Community School Corporation Superintendent Dr. Alex Jardine explained that the school board will not have sufficient funds to continue building the new LaSalle school since the LaSalle funds are now being diverted for use at Adams. Therefore, Mr. J. Gordon Nelson and his staff will remain at Adams next year.

Termites Identified By Administration

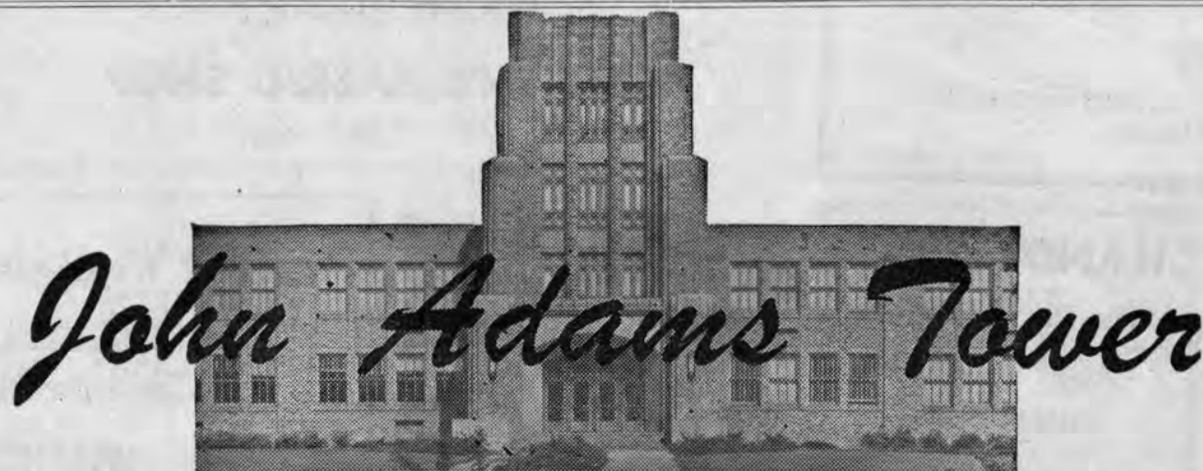
In order to avoid unnecessary questions about the recent discovery of termites here at John Adams, the administration has asked that this article be printed. The termites found here are of the subterranean species or the *Reticulitermes flavipes*. In their colonies they have five castes. Of these, the workers invade the wood. They are grayish white, blind, and they shun light.

Because the termites live and work completely under the surface of the ground or the wood, they are not easily discovered. Their nests are under the ground, and only once a year do they leave their nests in a mass. It was at one of these times of swarming that the termites were noticed by Miss Mary Walsh in Room 112. It is believed that the termites were frightened from the wood by the construction workers who were pouring cement outside the room.

Complete Extermination

As has been announced, complete extermination must take place. The termites have been in the wood for several years, and Mr. Ernest Litweiler, who has taken a special interest in the problem, has been quoted as saying, "If extermination does not begin immediately, the building cannot be expected to last for even six years."

The extermination process involves two basic steps, breaking the contact of the workers to the nests and destroying their nests by chemical treatment. Trenches will be dug around the foundation of the building, and the walls will be treated with aldrin and dieldrin. This process will take approximately three weeks, and classes will be held in rented areas which will be assigned as soon as a complete schedule has been made.



"Salad Days" Cast Invited to Fort Wayne

Adams Students to Present Musical Comedy

In Allen Co. Coliseum on April 9 and 10

An agreement has been reached between the South Bend Community School Corp. and the Fort Wayne School Corp. which will allow the company of "Salad Days" to present the musical in Fort Wayne. The performances will take place on Friday, April 9, and Saturday, April 10, in the Allen Co. Memorial Coliseum.

The decision to offer the play in Fort Wayne was made by School City officials, Principal Russell Rothermel, director James Casaday, and musical director Robert Hoover after a request was made by a group of Fort Wayne School Corp. officials. They had seen the

musical on Sat., March 27, and felt that it would be a worthwhile project. South Bend officials believe that it will be a valuable educational experience for all involved. The company will leave for Fort Wayne by bus Thursday morning, April 8, and return Sunday afternoon, April 11. There will be rehearsals after arrival Thursday. Time will be allowed for entertainment and shopping.

Stay at Anthony

While in Fort Wayne, the company will stay at the Hotel Anthony at reduced rates paid by the Fort Wayne School Corp. Meals will be provided, some at the hotel and some at the high school.

Parents and teachers of Adams' students may volunteer to be

chaperons. Those already contacted include Mr. J. Gordon Nelson, Mr. John Schutz, Mr. Richard Schurr, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cussen, and Mrs. Peter Gadowski.

In order to take the trip, students must have their parents' signature on permission slips which will be distributed tomorrow by Mr. Robert Hoover in room 21.

Lunch Change

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Second, in order to give the students who must go home time to make it, the lunch hours will be extended to 45 or 50 minutes each. This will also give students remaining in the building time to get through the line.



Cora Brunton, unable to work a construction problem in geometry, screamed, "Why does this triangle hate me?" It's nothing personal.

Last week, **Mr. Cussen** started class by saying, "Here's something I've always wanted to know." Then he held up a book entitled **Physics Problems and How to Solve Them**.

Denny Ukele was asked to give an answer in English and said, "I pass." **Mr. Schurr** corrected, "You hope so."

Mrs. McClure was warning her students about turning in someone else's term paper as their own and revealed something of her ancestry. "My grandfather was an elephant, so if I read the same paper twice, I recognize it."

Pat Madison was complimented one day last week on the pin she was wearing. Someone asked her where she got it, and she whispered, "It's my old blue bird pin, but don't tell anyone."

Mr. Schutz has given his classes another news flash about Irving—he is afraid of Doberman Pinschers even inside the house.

Tina Robinson, feeling greatly pressured by homework and other responsibilities, offered to whip out a white flag, wave it at all her

teachers, and scream, "I surrender! You win."

Jacci Steens spent one chemistry class trying to teach **Mr. Reber** how to salute backwards.

While doing an experiment in physics with candles, everyone had a great time blowing out candles, but no one would let **Ted Stahly** blow one out. Finally, at the end of the period, one lab group, seeing his pained, depressed expression and recognizing the effects that such deprivation could have on his character, had pity on him and let him blow it out.

Dan Dailey worked on his science fair project on the effects of detergents on bacteria in class. Before **Mr. Litweiler** would let him reveal the most harmful detergent, he made the whole class take this oath: "I swear, doggone it, that I will not reveal the detergent."

Mr. Loughlin, who loves puns, said to a student, "If this weren't a trig class, I'd say you were going off on a tangent." Replied **Dayle Berke**: "That's a sine of immaturity."

When **Mr. Schutz** made a comment about his daughter, **Sylvia Harwood** seemed astonished that he had a daughter. His comment: "I also have a cat, so she has a hairy brother."

Beware of Anything You're Told Today

April 1 is a day recognized throughout the United States as "April Fool's Day." On this day people are free to play jokes on their friends and lie to them without serious consequences or anger.

Open, flagrant, complete lies without a grain of truth can often be convincing if told with a straight face. Sometimes a little prefabricated evidence helps. For instance, if you tell your friends that you're flunking government and can't graduate, it helps if you can produce a test or two with an F on the top. Or an entire class that has a term paper due on April 1 can tell the teacher that they never heard it, and he must have forgotten to assign it.

Not as much shock will result from a subtle lie, but it is sometimes easier to make friends believe it. It's not too difficult to make people believe that your sister who has been absent for a few days has mononucleosis.

The type of lie told is not too important—just remember to beware of anything you're told on April 1—today!

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