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JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

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## SIGHT SEEING IN THE EAST

Joan Smith

The Union Station was a hurly burly of excitement due to the scramble for baggage, the rush of boarding the train, and the hurried good byers. Immediately the car began to buzz with the conversations of the sixty students and there was no lull till Toledo was reached. There we had time between trains to look over the city. We visited the station. We then boarded our train and sped rapidly south-east. We got a very impressive glimpse of the Alleghany Mountains before the dark finally settled upon us. The night was spent laughing and talking and very little sleeping.

Early Thursday morning found us high in the mountains and during the forenoon we enjoyed many miles of thrilling and picturesque scenery. We passed through White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Staunton, Va., birthplace of Woodrow Wilson, and Charlottesville, Va., home of Thomas Jefferson.

About three o'clock we left our train and boarded busses in which we toured the historic city of Williamsburg, going through such buildings as the old Capitol, Public Goal, and old Royal Governor's Palace.

We then had a delightful bus ride to old Point Comfort where we boarded the Steamer "Northland" for a cruise up the Chesapeake Bay and Potomac River. The evening was spent in writing postal cards, dancing in the recreation room, drinking "cokes", and strolling about the deck.

Friday morning we awoke to find ourselves approaching Washington. We docked about nine, and the morning was spent in touring the nation's capitol. We first visited the Bureau of Printing and Engraving where we watched the making of our paper currency. It takes 30 days to complete the bills and the daily output is about \$300,000,000. We went through the east wing of the White House, the Pan American Union, where representatives of the twenty-one American nations meet once a month, the Capitol Building, seeing the House and the Senate Chambers, the Washington Monument, from which we could overlook all the city, and the Supreme Court building.

The afternoon included a trip on which we saw Christ the King Church, which Washington attended, the Masonic Lodge to which he belonged. We then thoroughly inspected Mount Vernon, the gardens and the tomb where the Father of our Country and his wife are at rest. We next went through Arlington National Cemetery, Custis-Lee Mansion and the Amphitheater. At the tomb of

## CLASSES OF 43 and 44 ELECT



SOPHOMORES (Left to right)  
John Muszer, Bob Mills, Fred Nash,  
Bill Currise.



FRESHMEN (Left to right)  
John Ray, Don Barnbrook, Phil Ellsworth,  
Eleanor Akre.

## KNUDSON TO SPEAK AT N. A. S. T.

Miss Knudson left on April 15 to attend a convention of the National Association of Speech Teachers at Oklahoma City, Okla. She was asked by this organization to outline her speech correction program in the high school. In doing this she will be one of the main speakers.

## IF YOU KNIT

All girls who are able to knit and desire to do so for Great Britain should report to Miss Reed, our school nurse and health teacher. She will give them a written order to take to Red Cross headquarters where they will be furnished with the necessary yarn. Articles which are being knitted include mittens, bed slippers, baby blankets, needle cases, and scarfs.

the Unknown Soldier we saw the changing of the guard. Our last stop was at the Lincoln Memorial, which we all considered the most inspiring sight of our trip.

Friday night we stayed at the New Colonial Hotel. There were several other tours of students there the same night and the evening was spent informally.

Saturday morning we went through the Federal Bureau of Investigation where the system of finger print filing was explained. Out of the prints it takes an average of five minutes to locate a specific one. Following that we visited the Smithsonian Institute and the Mellon Art Gallery which is, in my estimation, the most elaborate building of all.

Noon found us at the huge station where we boarded our train for home after a very enjoyable vacation.

## THE OPEN DOOR

All of you students who have been admiring your school paper throughout the previous season, will be glad to know that the Newspaper Club is opening its doors to new members. Election of officers will be held in the near future and of course different viewpoints will be welcomed for the betterment of "The Tower." So come on, all potential Arch Wards and Sigrid Schultz, sign up in Room No. 205.

## SPRING SPREE

Spring is the right time of the year for dancing, and that is just what the class of '43 is going to be doing during the evening of May 9.

John Adams High School is the honored building and the waltzes will be waltzed, and jives will be jived, and the rhumbas will be rhumbaed in the Little Theatre.

Jean Inglefield, general chairman, reports the members of her committee to be: Lois Feldman, Ted Defenbach, Lee Wilson, Janet Wondries, Helen Peterson, Bob Shank, Jack McGirr, Helen McClure, Pat Barlow, Joan Bruggema, Phyllis Reed, Marjorie Brush, Lou Alice Jordan, Tom Butler, and Rose Mary Erler.

The music will be furnished by the Works Progress Administration Orchestra.

On March 24, the class of '43 held their election of officers. Two hundred and seventy people voted and the officers elected are: President, Fred Nash; Vice-president, John Muszer; Secretary, Bill Currise; Treasurer, Bob Mills.

## CONGRATULATIONS

We, the students of John Adams High School, tip our hats to Arlen Brown, Jules Sandock, and Joan Gurrarian, for having come through splendidly in representing our school in the geometry and algebra sectional at N. D. These three will be among the 13 algebra and geometry pupils who on April 25 will compete in the state finals at Bloomington. In order to go to the finals the student must either have had the highest score in his section or be among the 50 highest ranking students in the state. The geometry and algebra winners were selected separately. Of the 7 geometry students leaving from South Bend, 3 are from Central, 3 from Riley, and one from Adams. Of the algebra pupils 3 are from Central, one from Riley, and 2 from Adams. We are indeed proud of our three Adams finalists for having shown South Bend that even though we are an "infant" school we are among THE best.

John Adam's Quiz Kids, namely Jim Harris, Don Neher, and Justin Schubert, proved their intelligence March 27 when they decisively defeated three sophomores from Notre Dame when the Battle of Wits was held at the University studio broadcast over Station WSBT from 8:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. They became the first students from any high school to triumph over the intelligencia of Notre Dame! It is rumored that the students of N. D. will soon invite these boys to another quiz in an attempt to sooth their sharp sting of defeat.

The Easter Seal Sale sponsored in the schools the week before vacation received enthusiastic student support. Those in charge of the sale wish to thank every one who contributed to its success.

Lillian Toth and Marian Walters made some clever posters to advertise the sale. Janet Wondries, Virginia Trueax, Bette Ann Malcolm, Peggy McGann, Jean Lytle, and Ray Bowden, students in Mrs. McClure's English classes, gave talks in all the Home Rooms explaining the purpose of the sale. Mr. Reasor's English class wrote some excellent themes, of which one of the best—by Betty Welber—is printed in the features section. The student council did an excellent job of putting the sale over. Room 204 certainly deserves hearty congratulations for their excellent showing of \$4.10, more than twice as much as any other room total.



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## ADAMS' AERO-NUTS HELPING THE HANDICAPPED

The Adams' Aero-Nuts, our model airplane club, are sponsoring a school-wide model airplane contest in which flying and gas models will be eligible. It will be held May 18th at Notre Dame, and the entry fee is twenty-five cents. Prizes will be given and they will be the choice of the airplanes entered.

Officers of this high-flying organization are:

President: Charles Heilman.  
 Vice-President: Bob King.  
 Secretary: Rolland Thorpe.

The club is planning an assembly to be given sometime in the next three or four weeks. Starting a paper of all airplane news is one of their goals.

The club wants a few more active members so if you are interested they would like to have you.

## FACULTY FACTS

### Donald Dake

Mr. Dake is known by all of the school as he plans and introduces our speakers in assembly. He was born in Flint, Michigan, but moved to Lansing when he was ten. After graduating from Lansing Eastern he attended Michigan State. He received his A.B. from Michigan State, and was elected to Pi Kappa Phi, a national scholastic honorary.

Mr. Dake first taught at the East Detroit High School. Here he taught typing, hygiene, and history for three years. He now teaches the various departments of history and is a sponsor of a 9A class. The Hi-Y Club at John Adams is under the guidance of Mr. Dake.

He is also a sports fan. Swimming, tennis and golf are his favorites. Since teaching in South Bend he has taken an interest in bowling and belongs to a league. Traveling is one of his principal pastimes and he has been in all parts of the United States.

The students at John Adams appreciate the fine assemblies that have been presented this year and thank Mr. Dake for his efforts.

If I had the lamp of Aladdin, and with this lamp the power of making one wish for the benefit of the handicapped, I would not wish that their handicaps should completely disappear. Most handicaps are, in my opinion, given to people by the power of God, not to punish them for sins, but to instill greater faith.

My wish for these people would be that they be given the strength and courage necessary to mentally overcome their afflictions. To wish that a cripple might walk would be unnecessary if that cripple could say to himself, "I am indeed fortunate because I can think the thoughts the busy world forgets." The crippled person who minimizes his handicap by realizing the good he can do, regardless of a great hindrance, can not help but be happy.

I am afraid Aladdin's lamp has grown rusty. We, who are more fortunate, should polish it up by taking every opportunity to restore a glowing torch of courage and hope to the hearts of the handicapped.

## NOT SO BAD

The "Eagles" isn't such a bad name for our teams, in fact, it's about the most appropriate name we could have. Our colors are red and blue trimmed in white, and it's a known fact that the Eagle is the only thing, aside from the Bible, that can be held above the flag of our country. Almost every flag-staff has an eagle perched on the top. If the Eagle is good enough to represent our country, then it surely is good enough to represent us. Have you ever taken a good look at our auditorium? Well, there are ten beautiful and stately eagles situated around it. We have a new school, too, and therefore we should have a new and different name. Can you think of many other schools with the same name?

## HI-Y LITES

John Adams Hi-Y boys have really been setting a pace since they first organized. Their club now is able to boast of 35 active members, who meet at school every other Thursday at 3:30 p. m. under the guidance of Mr. Dake.

Their induction ceremony, held on March 27, was performed by candlelight, and marked the initiation of 14 new members into the club. Paul Smeltzer presided at the ceremony and the charter members, 21 in number, received their Hi-Y pins. The new members were instructed in the four merits of a good Hi-Y boy. The part of clean speech was taken by Kenneth Follmer, clean living by Bob Darr, clean sports by Bob Weaver, and clean scholarship by Louis Blanton. These four boys made some very practical remarks on these four points.

At the meeting previous to the induction ceremony, Dr. Carter addressed the club with a very informative talk on the problems of clean living.

On March 29, as a return favor, the Hi-Y boys entertained the Girl Reserves with a splash party at the Y. M. C. A. The boys and their guests swam in the pool for an hour, and then were free to entertain themselves with the various recreations offered, ping pong, pool, balloon basketball and volleyball. The hi-lite of the evening was an unusual race between Kenneth Follmer, Robert Fox and Don Culp. Each participant was given a bottle of Pepsi-Cola topped off by a nipple. Though his ways and means were a bit out of the ordinary (he bit the nipple off) Don Culp won. The fellows and girls finished the evening off by having sandwiches and cokes around a huge fire in the fireplace. This affair, which ended at 11:00 p. m., was sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Primmer, Mr. Dake, and Mr. Holland.

Monday, March 31, the John Adams Hi-Y boys attended the Twin City Spring Assembly at the local Y. M. C. A. The evening was spent in discussion groups. Many vital questions, such as, "My College," "My Job," and "My Home," were thoroughly discussed and many interesting views were aired.

Several Hi-Y boys from each of the high schools represented their clubs at the Hi-Y officer's training conference in Court on Tuesday, April 8. Paul Smeltzer and Louis Blanton were present for the John Adams division.

Most of you have probably already seen those attractive new sweaters adorning the masculine brawn of the Hi-Y boys, but for the benefit of those who have not, a minute preview will be given. They conform with Hi-Y colors, the sweater being red, and the Y white, trimmed in blue. The chevrons will be worn on the upper sleeve of the sweater, and will designate which year of high school the member is in.

Watch for more Hi-Y news in the next issue.

## TOWER TALK

Getting spring fever? Aren't we all? Beverly Horton's fever rises when Culp is around. If some of you boys wonder what outside influence captures Jean Inglefield, it's Dale Brumbaugh at Central. Jim Smith would like to see more of Barbara. Joe Fragomeni likes little kids. We think Eleanor Akre is all right, too.

Henrietta Los has her thoughts on Larry Miller. Louella Born likes Art . . . ? Dean "I want to go West" Robertson has a case on Irene Richards (who goes for tall curly-heads). Bob Horenn and Dick Wilson are fighting it out over I Wondries . . . who?

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Seen at the Prog: Pat Hudson and Cliff Parkes, Elaine Moran and Bob Brodbeck, Don Claeys and Mary Monahan, Connie Minzey and Joe Peil, Marilyn Beal and Dave Hay, Bob Murphy and Betty Jane Carter, and Frances Green and Ray Bowden.

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The question "What qualities do you like in a boy?" was asked of several of our John Adams girls. These are a few replies received.

Mariam Los: "I think, I like personality, good looks, and manners."

Joan Smith: "Definitely I admire high morals best in a boy, but that includes a lot."

Lu Veda Payton: "Manners and friendliness."

Margaret Freinstien: "Manners, honesty and one that doesn't drink or smoke."

Joan Yohn: "Looks, clothes, manners, and the way he talks."

Rosemary Erler: "Personality".

Lou Alice Jordan: "Clothes and personality."

Betty Ullery: "Good conversationalist."

Beverly Murphy: "Personality, tall, broad shoulders."

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Henry "I love 'em all" Hoover got caught in the act. The girl is no KIN of mine so you'll have to DIG for it.

Camille may not bowl but he's a swell Kegglar anyway . . . eh, Lynn?

## I THINK

I have finally got used to: Mr. McNamara's 6' 8" towering above all; the swellogence of Tom Butler's convertible; the variety of odors in the chem. lab; Johnny Ray's red suspenders; the unexpectedness of finally having mirrors in the lav.; seeing trees in front of school; the ever-presence of the P. A. system.

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I don't think I shall ever get used to: the rasping and screeching of the legs of our desks and chairs; Mr. Krider's dramatics; Ned Swantz' cheery (!) checked trousers; Tom Butler's super-butche.

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I wonder: if the government was saving for armament when our lav. doors were made; when we'll ever have a swimming pool; how many sweaters Mary Monahan has.

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I don't see how I could get along without: the striking simplicity of the glass blocks beside our stairways; the gleaming chromium legs of our desks; Mr. Reber's southernness; our clean gym-suit service.

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**THE GLEE CLUB**

The Glee Club, one of the more active student organizations at John Adams, has included the coming Spring Festival among its many activities. In order that it might be better prepared it is regularly holding frequent rehearsals.

Recently this growing club of now more than 100 members elected the following officers for the remainder of the school year.

- President: Mary Parks.
- Vice-President: David Holmgren.
- Secretary: Joan Smith.
- Treasurer: Mary Furnish.
- Librarians: Helen Butler, and Bob Horenn.

Jack Boswell was chairman of the committee elected to choose the officers. This committee will assist the officers.

The newly organized Triple Trio gave their initial performance during the Safety Assembly on March 20. Their "By Bendimeer's Stream" and the clever, lilting "Chit-Chat" gave the happy promise of many good things to follow in coming assemblies.

The boys, not to be outdone by Adams coeds, have organized a double quartet. They sang two selections at the recent safety program. The members are Jack Boswell, Lester Meyers, Milton Johnson, Glen Mark, Bob Horenn, Joseph Slater, David Holmgren, and Ben Thompson.

**RED CROSS WORK**

In the past months there has been a great deal of Jr. Red Cross work going on within our city. Everyone in John Adams has enrolled in this nation-wide organization and we have the largest enrollment in South Bend, although Washington and Sacred Heart has enrolled one hundred per cent, also.

The National Red Cross Convention will be held April 21-24 and two active members from the school city of South Bend have been chosen to be sent to Washington, D. C., as delegates for this convention. Our delegates are Don Thomas from Riley and his alternate, in case he cannot go, is Jack Yuncker from Adams; and Wanda Knapik from Washington, and her alternate is Bertha Francover from St. Joseph's Academy. On the return of these delegates, a Jr. Red Cross rally will be held and activities, the convention, and future problems will be discussed.

The money collected in the rooms for the Red Cross has been used. Six dozen Easter eggs were colored and sent to the children at the hospitals. Two subscriptions to the Red Cross magazine have been ordered for the library. The money left was contributed to the city Red Cross to help send the representatives to Washington.

**OUT FOR TRACK?**

The first John Adams track team ought to be the champions if practice makes perfect. Many who don't go out for track are also getting in fine shape. In fact, practice between classes seems to be the mode.

It isn't necessary to run from one class to another or to be the first one out of the building. If you have to run please go out for track.

**SEPTEMBER ELECTIVES**

Next semester a variety of courses will be offered. Classes beside the required work will be: Nutrition, Chemistry I, Physics I, Algebra III, Latin I, French I, Spanish, English VII, Art I, and Commercial Art.

All students who expect to go to college should take English VII. Other one semester English courses will be offered on demand. Foreign languages will be taught if there is a demand for them. Beginning language classes should have 25 to 30 pupils. The beginning semester of all languages is offered only in the fall.

If there is a sufficient number, Home Problems and Foods I and II may be elected by boys. Likewise, girls interested in shop work may take Mechanical Drawing or two semesters of Industrial Arts. Mechanical Drawing must be taken before any other shop courses. Those who would like intensive trade work are advised to go to the Central Vocational School.

Unless there is room in the commercial classes, non-commercial students should plan to take typing and bookkeeping their senior year. Advanced classes in all subjects will be offered on demand.

**MUSICAL NOTES**

On May 7 in the John Adams auditorium, a music festival featuring the combined glee clubs, orchestras, and bands from South Bend's four public high schools will be presented to the public. A chorus of nearly 700 voices, which for months has been practicing for this recital, will sing the beautiful "Deep River," and the powerful and dramatic "Gloria" from Mozart's Twelfth Mass, selections which no one will want to miss hearing.

Introducing a patriotic vein will be the rousing "Ballad for Americans." A little over a year ago on CBS's "Pursuit of Happiness" program this stirring patriotic cantata for solo, baritone, and mixed chorus was first presented and was enthusiastically cheered by musical America. Bob Smith, Riley baritone has won the coveted solo part of America.

The inter-city high school orchestra of many players will present a delightful miniature symphony as one of their several interesting works.

This concert should be attended by every high school student since it is being primarily presented for them and arranged to hold their interest. If this year's spring festival equals the many which have gone before it in preceding years, it will be indeed a fitting culmination of the widespread musical courses carried out through South Bend during this almost completed school year.

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**ADAMS TROUNCED  
13-3 IN FIRST GAME**

**Devils Turn Rally Back**

John Adams picked out the toughest of the Conference foes to start the baseball season and the score shows it.

Although the first inning produced high hopes the supreme hitting and fielding power of the Red Imps from Michigan City overpowered our inexperienced but fighting ball club.

Michigan City started the fray off with three runs in the first frame, but Adams, with the help of a double by McCausland and a single by Pat Bailey, came back to tie in the last half of the first. From this time until the fifth frame it looked like a nip and tuck battle, although the Red Devils took a two run lead in the second forcing "Bone" Bunnell, the starting pitcher, from the mound to be replaced by wiry little Paul Meyers.

In the fifth, bad luck hit the Adams ranks, and the Michigan City hits coupled with Adams errors produced five runs putting the game on ice for the boys from out of town.

The final count shows two hits for our losing congregation while the visitors gained 10 hits off the combined pitching of Bunnell and Myers.

The boys say "Chalk one up as lost and one up for experience." So watch out we may have a winning team.

Here is the box score:

	AB	R	H	O	A
P. Bailey, lf	3	1	1	2	0
Sayers, lf	1	0	0	0	0
McCausland, 2b	3	1	1	3	2
Jaffee, 2b	1	0	0	0	0
Harris, c	2	0	0	5	1
B. Culp, c	1	0	0	0	0
P. Bailey, 3b	2	1	0	0	2
Sayers, rf	3	0	0	0	0
Heitger, rf	0	0	0	0	0
Kalberer, ss	1	0	0	3	0
Wamsley, ss	1	0	0	1	0
Culp, cf	2	0	0	0	0
Fragomeni, cf	1	0	0	0	0
De Wells, lb	3	0	0	8	0
Meyers, p	1	0	0	0	0
Bunnell, p	1	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>

**JAMES RAMER IN  
THE SPOTLIGHT**

On the peaceful day of July 17, 1922 the world was blessed with a baby boy, namely, James Ramer, known by all Adams students as "Slats." To his classmates Slats is a 6 foot 4 inch, blue-eyed giant with a low drawling voice and a pleasing personality. He likes almost everybody and everybody likes him.

Slats had the honor of being in the starting lineup of John Adam's basketball team. He was "discovered" by Coach Primmer one day in gym class. Recognizing at once his possibilities, Coach Primmer asked him to try out for the team. Well, you know what happened after that. He can well be remembered for his extraordinary showing in the Riley and Mishawaka games, both of which we won.

Jim started his basketball playing at Maine School in Mishawaka. That year the team won the middle-weight championship of the city. From the 8th to the 11th grades were spent wandering from New Carlisle to Lakeville and then back to South Bend where he attended Central High School before entering John Adams.

Slats likes to play baseball and his favorite positions are first-base and catcher. Strange as it seems, basketball is not his favorite sport, he says that he likes softball better. He is going to pitch for the Equitable Life Insurance Team this summer.

He belongs to the Sultans Club whose snappy red jackets I'm sure you've all been noticing these last few days.

Slats was very well liked in Mishawaka, but after that Mishawaka game, we're not so sure. You notice we keep bringing in that Mishawaka game, but why wouldn't we, in our estimation it was the best of the season. Jim put in two of the most beautiful shots from the middle of the floor you've ever seen, not to mention his drive in's and his great defensive play.

Next year "Big Jim" will be lost to the Adams cause, for at mid-semester he will become ineligible. He has played seven of an allotted eight semesters of sports.

**G. A. A.**

The girls in the G. A. A. are now playing volley ball. Since there were too many girls to be able to play every game, Miss Adams suggested dividing into teams and playing each other. There are four teams:

The Sizzlers, who have as their captain, Marian Walters, include McCullough, Lees, Lehman, Buck, Whiting, Meyers, Maupin, and Fye.

The Aces led by Betty Bertch include Bruggema, Deuns, Cappert, Akre, Schrader, Andrews, Weil, and Yohn.

The Teapots, whose captain is Elaine Geiselman, includes Oliver, Lidecker, Freienstein, Dibble, Waterman, Hample, Green, Krough, and Wrigley.

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