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SAFETY PROGRAM ORGANIZED

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Acito and Bailey Receive Awards

Girls, if you are of the Brenda and Cobina type, by that I mean exceptionally appreciative of masculine brawn, you really missed a chance, for on Monday, January 13, the John Adams football team held their First Annual Football Banquet in the Cafe. John Pat Doran proved his congeniality while introducing the speakers of the evening, namely:—Mr. Forest Wood, one-time coach of Riley High's football team, Mr. Hill, who presented the Gilbert most valuable player award to the team's choice, Paul Bailey; Rev. W. P. Corcoran, pastor of the Saint Joseph Roman Catholic church; Bob Towne, sports writer for the Tribune; and members of our faculty, Mr. Sargent, Mr. Primmer, Mr. Krider, and our indispensable coach and draftee, Bennie Sheridan, to whom was presented farewell gifts by the team itself and by the faculty. Jerry Acito was formally recognized as captain of the team for the coming grid season. The highlight of the evening was a steak dinner to which everyone took like a duck to water.

STARS BROADCAST FROM ADAMS

During the week of the premier of "Kraute Rockne—All-American" here in South Bend, Kate Smith broadcast her regular Friday evening program from the John Adams auditorium. It was the night of October 4. All the seats were filled and to those of us who had never before seen an actual radio broadcast, it was an exciting occasion. Parts of the Rockne picture were broadcast, with Pat O'Brien, Ronald Reagan, Gale Page, Donald Crisp, and others as the characters they portrayed on the screen. The Notre Dame Glee Club and Band presented numbers on the program. Kate Smith, as mistress of ceremonies, helped the whole thing go over smoothly with her singing and her gay personality. Certainly it was a big event for John Adams and all of South Bend as well.

JANUARY HOP

The Sophomores inaugurated the social life of John Adams High School Saturday evening, January 18, when they held their first class party, the January Hop, in the Little Theater. Dancing was the main attraction and refreshments were served. Mr. J. H. McNamara, sponsor of the affair, was assisted by Virginia Trueax as music chairman; Joan Crowe, refreshments; Bette Ann Malcolm, invitations; Barbara Schubert, finance, and Alice Hoover, checking.

ADAMS' DEDICATION IMPRESSIVE

A sincere and patriotic atmosphere dominated the dedication of our school held on the evening of October 2, 1940.

The impressive hour and a half program was opened by Galen B. Sargent who conveyed his ideas on the subjects of the students' cooperation in making of a school and John Adams' bright future as an educational institution of the highest ranking.

Representing the Adams student body were Lillian Toth, an 11B pupil, and Richard Troeger, a student in the 9A. They spoke on "An Appreciation to the Community" and "The Student's Responsibility Upon Entering John Adams High School." Both speakers expressed much enthusiasm.

The members of the school board, Laurence J. Harwood, President; Mrs. E. M. Morris, Secretary; Dr. V. E. Harmon, Treasurer; Russell Downey, Reed J. Helmen and Frank E. Allen, Superintendent of South Bend schools, spoke of the opportunities offered to a student of John Adams and the appreciation of parents and their children for their opportunities. They also made known their hopes and wishes for the school in the years to come.

R. V. Maurer, Harold Maurer, and R. Edward Smith, architects and Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, told the assembled group several interesting incidents in the planning and building of the "New High School."

Mayor Pavey, who was unable to attend, sent greetings and best wishes by way of a representative.

The combined glee clubs and orchestras of South Bend High Schools sang and played appropriate numbers including America, All Glory Be to God, selections from the opera, Martha, Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes, and Zion's Children.

The program closed with the presentation of flags during the playing of the Star Spangled Banner.

After the program the audience wandered at will through the building inspecting various rooms.

CLUBS

So far in the school year several clubs have been organized by Adams students.

The Ushers Club; sponsored by Mr. Weir, was the first to be formed. It consists of twenty-two boys whose duty it is to usher at basketball games, assemblies, special programs which might be held at this school. Head usher is Tom Moore, who is assisted by Captains Jim Harris, Howard Durbin, and Don Martin.

The newspaper club, which is under the sponsorship of Miss Roell, is another of Adams most active clubs. It has a staff of ten under whose direction a large number of junior members are assisting to make this, our first issue, a success.

The Home Economics Club sponsored by Miss Solbrig had its first meeting January 16. Its purpose is to give those girls who have had no chance in their four year course for Home Economics to learn to sew and to cook.

The Drama Club under the joint sponsorship of Miss Knudsen and Mr. Casady is being organized to promote interest in plays and other forms of theatrical art. As yet there have been no officers elected.

Among the more recent clubs being formed are the Golf Club sponsored by Mr. Krieder and the Swimming Club under the direction of Mr. McNamara who is also sponsoring the safe drivers league.

STUDENT COUNCIL PLANNED FOR ADAMS

A home-room representative group has been formed to study the problems of establishing a Student Council.

The group met for the first time on Monday, January 20, in the Library.

It is the hope of the administration that the teachers and pupils may work together in making John Adams a better high school.

Mr. Weddle has been selected as faculty advisor and the following students have been chosen to represent their home rooms:

- 101—Ruth Ann Reed
- 102—Don Brown
- 103—Rodger Buck
- 105—Jack Yuncker
- 106—David Holmgren
- 107—Betty Whalen
- 108—Dan Muessel
- 109—William Anderson
- 201—Bette Ann Malcolm
- 203—James Jester
- 204—Warren Gregory
- 205—Thomas Matthews
- 206—Ruth Ruffnew
- 208—Hugh McWicker
- 209—Howard Durbin
- 210—Martha Nicholson
- Cafe—Jim Smith
- Draft—Robert Shank

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McNAMARA HEADS SAFE DRIVERS

A safety program has been organized by the Safe Drivers League. It concerns anyone who drives an automobile. The purpose is to make the public conscious of traffic accidents and fatalities. It was in order to reduce these accidents and fatalities that the league was started.

The league has been associated with business concerns since its beginning. Now the program is being taken into the schools. The purpose now is to teach the youth of South Bend to drive safely.

Mr. McNamara is sponsoring the movement toward that goal at John Adams.

The league's program is explained by pamphlets and posters which are distributed to business concerns, offices and schools.

Twenty thousand drivers have joined. More are joining every day. Most of these drivers keep their promise to drive safely. Very few league drivers are arrested for traffic law violations.

A contest is in progress. Thirty companies of the Safe Driver's League are striving to have the smallest number of accidents per one hundred employees in a year's time.

When a large group is concerned a leader should be elected. He first signs an application to enroll. He orders membership supplies directly from the producer.

Application blanks are distributed to the group. Each person signing the pledge for safe driving, receives a membership card and an emblem for his car.

The first of each month a list of traffic law violators in the group is sent to the leader. The violations are fully explained. It is then the responsibility of this head man to warn all violators.

Posters concerning safe driving are available and are distributed to organizations about the middle of each month. The group may wish to join the contest with other companies or organizations.

Last year forty per cent of South Bend's drivers belonged to the league. Only fourteen per cent of these caused moving traffic violations.

Anyone who drives can participate by joining the league and making the streets safer.

"A RAY OF LIGHT"

On December 19th, John Adams High School presented its first Christmas Assembly, "A Ray of Light." It was written in tableaux form and the narrative was given by the author, Lillian Toth.

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COLLEGE WIDOW
IS BIG SUCCESS

On the nights of November 16 and 17, John Adams presented its first dramatic production, a four-act comedy by George Ade, entitled "The College Widow." Small Atwater College in 1904 was the setting and the main action centered around the football activities of the school. Direction and staging were in charge of James Lewis Casaday assisted by Miss Knudson and Mr. Dake.

The cast included David Holmgren, Jack Yoncker, Bob Murphy, Wallace Gillman, Ed Easley, Kenneth Tupper, Hugh McVicker, Jack Boswell, Vasil Evanoff, Don Neher, Harry Addington, Milton Johnson, Pat Lane, Harold Chevillet, Jack Thomas, Warren Gregory, Rodger Buck, Mary Katherine Barr, Donnell Shindollar, Winnifred Jacqua, Alice Hoover, Dorothy Jean Matthews, Beverly Becker, Evelyn Suttlin, Charlotte Whiting, Pat Kasdorf, Frances Green, Helen Peterson, Kay Lewis, Mary Monahan, Annabelle Fortin, Joan Hiss, Martha Nickolson, Jean Humrichouser, Thomas Butler, Jack Rice, John Reitz, Jack Fineberg, Dick Bassler, Norma Lambert, Betty Jane Carter, Ruth Ann Reed.

Those assisting in staging, costuming, and promoting the drama were Miss Roell, Betty Lou Weber, June McDaniel, James Loman, Bonnie McCullough, Betty Lou Singer, Betty Near, Nadine Schrader, Robert Darr, Mildred Whybrew, Shirley Niven, John Freienstein, Kay Lewis, Miss Solbrig, Miss Infalt, Nancy Kusener, Robert O'Hearn, James Lewinski, Elard Howard, Mr. Bumb, Jack Downing, Charles Heilman, Robert Morris, George Laughman, Eugene Long, LaVerne Rayce, Rolland Thorpe, Glen Mark, Dow Puckett, Mr. Reber, Don Neher, Rodger Buck, Justin Schubert, Mrs. Pate and choruses, Mr. Yannatovich and orchestra, Miss Adams, Mr. Reasor and art classes, Mr. Murphy and Central Printing Classes.

Although not having the lead, Miss Alice Hoover, playing the part of a coquettish waitress, literally stole the show from under the collective noses of the main characters. Her portrayal of "Flora" we felt deserved special mention in this article.

A THOUGHT

When the Great Scorer comes to mark against your name He marks not the victories but how you played the game.

TO NAME AND
WHAT TO NAME

"The John Adams' team played a hard game last night." "The John Adams' players overcame great odds and won in spite of the superior height of their opponents." We have all seen this on the sports page of our local paper and can understand the desire of the sports writers for a short snappy nick-name for our team to speed up their articles. Some of these writers have taken it upon themselves to name our team. On different occasions we have been called, in the columns of these versatile gentlemen, the "Bobcats" and the "Tigers."

At the request of Mr. Sargent your writer has contacted several teachers and pupils to learn their choice for a team name. The name "Benders" is favored by Mr. Primer because in lower and middle Indiana our city is referred to as the "Bend." Others like the name "Bobcats." Another clever and appropriate name is "Cobras", fast and deadly! Among the other animal names suggested are "Wolverines", one of the cleverest and strongest animals of its size; and "Pandas", the bear-like animal found in the high mountains of Tibet. A name favored by many of those contacted is the "Musketeers" with the suggested emblem of crossed foils. A very clever contribution suggests that we call the team "Atoms" with the motto "Small but hard to smash".

These are a few of the best suggestions but if you have a name you particularly like write it—with your name and home room number on a slip of paper—and give it to Miss Roell in Room 205 before the next pep assembly, at which time the student body will vote for the name it likes best.

ORATORS!

An oratory contest is being sponsored nationally by the American Legion. The purpose of this contest is to increase our interest and respect for the basic principles of our government. The orations are to be from ten to twelve minutes on any phase of the Constitution. The contest will be carried through until a national winner is chosen.

In our school the contest will be held on February 1. There is still time for you to enter. Mr. Dake, Mr. Krider and Mr. McNamara will gladly help you. Let's give it our best support.

CARRIBEAN
CRUISE

The mere thought of an ocean trip to such colorful ports as Havana, Cristobal, Panama City, and Barrios seemed out of the question and really quite terrifying. However, as I lay curled up in a coach seat of a fast moving New York train and listening to the monotonous hum of the rails broken occasionally by the snore of some traveler more veteran than I, the feeling that such a trip was to become a reality came over me.

Upon our arrival in New York, a cab was secured and we were immediately taken through the very busy water front section of the Hudson River to the United Fruit Company dock No. 7. After a few necessary details of checking tickets and luggage we were allowed to board the ship. Two thoughts immediately came to my mind—first, what an enormous boat; and secondly, what very narrow passages to the state-rooms.

At twelve o'clock sharp the boat sailed with all the excitement and hilarity of a three-ring circus—band playing, people shouting, baggage and trunks littering the corridors, hand waving, bouquet throwing, etc. Life on ship was extremely interesting with all types of amusements every hour of the day. Ping pong, golf, sun bathing, shuffle board, bingo, movies, swimming, and especially eating. There is something about the salt air that tends to give one an insatiable appetite, unless—you're sea sick. The boat made every effort to keep its passengers well supplied with food. Seven thirty would find us eating breakfast, eleven o'clock cold turkey sandwiches and olives, eleven thirty there would be fruit juice, and luncheon at one thirty, followed by hot boullion at four, dinner at eight, and cold sandwiches at ten. As the Veragua specialized in carrying bananas as cargo, this fruit was in abundance at all times on the deck.

Our first port was Havana, Cuba. We arrived there about three and a half days after we had left New York. Upon approaching the harbor the first object which one notices is Morro Castle standing much like a sentinel at the harbor's entrance. Morro Castle, an old fort built shortly after the fourth voyage of Columbus, is to the Cuban much like the Statue of Liberty is to the American. As we began to near the dock several Cuban boys in dirty white swimming trunks swam along beside the boat harangued the passengers for coins that they might dive after. The swimmers knew the American travelers by no other name than Charlie and the sounds of "Hi, Hi, Charlie" rang in our ears for a good half hour while the passengers threw all the small coins they had to the diving Cubans. The swimmers had a unique way of placing the coins in their mouth and shouting for more at the same time.

While in Havana such places as the Church of Columbus, the Capitol of Cuba, the Tropical Garden, the Cemetery, National Hospital, the University, and the Tobacco Factory were visited. One of the most intriguing places was the cemetery, where due to the poverty of the people, graves are only rented for three years. The caskets are placed above

"HERO OF THE
WEEK" NAMED

Each week on "Hardwood Highlights" conducted by Dave Gallup, Tribune sports writer, a "Hero of the Week" is named by the sports staff for outstanding playing in High School games.

On the program of Wednesday, January 14, one of our John Adams players was extended this honor. He is Edward Heitger who has played basketball since his fifth grade year at Jefferson and has shown himself worthy of this honor. Particularly in the Mishawaka game did he prove his skill by making 10 out of 29 points.

Being a new school, one cannot expect John Adams to win a majority of our games, but due to the fine cooperation between Coach Primmer and the boys on the team we have won more than we were expected to. We want to pay our respect to Ed Heitger who has done everything he can to help make a basketball name for our school and we can only hope that each remaining year will bring a boy like him to John Adams.

ADAMS HOST TO
CITY SYMPHONY

John Adams High School had the rare privilege of being host to the South Bend Symphony Orchestra, their guest, Percy Grainger, a chorus of 250 voices, eight local soloists, and more than 3,000 music lovers who attended this unusual musical event on January 12, in our school's auditorium.

Mr. Grainger, whom South Bend had the pleasure of hearing in the spring of 1939 at an unforgettable concert at Notre Dame, again displayed his internationally known ability as pianist, composer, and conductor.

The program opened with the "Festival Overture" which is a sweet, solemn, rather mysterious composition that rushes to a beautiful climax with the chorus singing forcefully to the mighty organ. The ending is calm but with shades of strangeness leaving the listener in a dreamy mood. This was conducted by Percy Grainger.

Edwyn Hames took the baton in conducting the colorful description of the ancient desert's mood by Henry Cowell, "Ancient Desert Drone" followed by "Natchez on the Hill" by John Powell, a lively, youthful and light number.

After the intermission, Mr. Hames conducted the orchestra, chorus, and the five vocal soloists in Mr. Grainger's melodious "The Tribute to Foster," with the composer at the piano.

Mr. Grainger now returned to conduct the chorus in his tuneful "Australian Up Country Song," followed by "Marching Song of Democracy," a thrilling composition by the guest artist scored for chorus, organ, and full orchestra in which the chorus parts are sung to non-sense syllables or tonal sounds, which is a method of vocal scoring being borrowed by composers from ancient music.

the ground in marble boxes because of the heavy amount of moisture in the earth. After three years lease is up, the bones are taken from the grave and placed on the bone pile where they rot and decay in the heat of the sun.

VARSITY GIVES US REPUTATION

We've got a team to be proud of. They've surpassed all expectations and attached to John Adams the reputation of hard fighters and clean players.

Walkerton our first opponents proved to be but little opposition, for we walked over Walkerton 42-27. Slat Ramer was high point man with four buckets and two free throws, but both Heitger and Emerick pushed him for top honors.

After Walkerton we journeyed to Muncie where we held the powerful Muncie team for three quarters, but collapsed in the fourth. Eddy Heitger came through with 18 points for high point honors and he left a reputation in Muncie to be proud of.

After Muncie, Central. The deluge came, we saw it, and it conquered us. The score was 59-19, nuff said.

We hit our stride again when Knox invaded "the Palace." Again our boys were hitting and came through with a 37-25 victory. This was the test for the boys and they came through with flying colors.

From there on the victories were few and far between. Goshen came next and although we fought hard their height and ability was a bit too much for us to hold.

Culver showed us a well organized and balanced ball club. The trouncing was too impressive, but to them the score sufficient, to us it was just another lesson in how to put the ball through the hoop.

As we invaded the tough part of our schedule, Riley served notice on the team that the going was going to be tough. The score, 36-18, tells the story of the game itself. Adams pride and joy was Herch Wamsley who held the highly touted Nick Vodick to one point.

Central again and again Central. This time the score showed our improvement, for it was only 33-16. We didn't celebrate, but this was almost a moral victory.

The trip to Rochester wasn't worth the trouble. In the first place we lost, and in the second place the light was so bad that we couldn't see anything go through the Adams basket. Rochester 45; Adams 13.

When Michigan City came down we decided to show them how it was done, but they were a bit better. It ended 31-51, Adams only playing the last three quarters.

On January 9, 1941, the miracle happened, for John Adams licked, tramped on, and generally beat Mishawaka to the tune of 29-28. The score doesn't begin to tell the story. Adams fought an uphill battle all the way until late in the fourth quarter when, with a ten point lead the Adams defense dropped. Mishawaka pushed in one basket after the other until with ten seconds to go the score was 29-28. A Mishawaka man managed a last second shot that luckily missed and Adams emerged the victors.

We let down against LaPorte and suffered a 41-27 defeat. LaPorte was a vastly superior ball club in height and experience.

To bring this column as up to date as I can before "deadline" I'll have to mention North Judson. The score was 40-28 which tells the story itself.

JOHN ADAMS B TEAM IS TOO GOOD

The "B" Team is Adams best yet, for it has won more games than any other Adams athletic team. The regular starting team of Muszer, Bill Sayers, Dick Sayers, Stanley, and Alla-baugh, has turned in some beautiful games.

They began with weak Walkerton, who provided little opposition and a 32-14 score. It was Adams' first basketball victory, but that was not as important as the fact that it showed the Varsity how it was done.

When Central came over they gave us a lesson in how the fast break works. The score, 23-17, shows how effective it was.

When a team wins by a 25-9 score the game must have been dry and it was when we beat Knox by that score. This time, too, the Varsity followed in the "B" team's footsteps. If that were only true for the whole season.

Before the Varsity went out to take a licking from Goshen the "B" team boys registered a 28-26 thriller victory over the Goshen boys. Fred Nash turned hero in the last minute of a double overtime when he put through a timely bucket.

Fred turned hero again when Culver came to town. The high score of 14-13 shows that everybody was hitting the basket all evening . . . and nothing went in.

Riley and Central came next and although we put up stiff battles we bowed to both of them. The scores were 15-11 and 27-17, respectively.

When people say that the "B" team gives them the chills and that the "B" team game is always the thriller (except Mishawaka) they're right.

Michigan City provided all the chills a fellow wants. We won as we usually do in the close ones. The score was 18-17.

Mishawaka trounced us 26-11 and if it wasn't for the Varsity win we'd hang our heads in shame.

We took revenge on LaPorte for the Mishawaka trouncing to the tune of 21-12. LaPorte, supposedly a strong team, fairly crumpled 'neath our strong defense.

Down at North Judson the "B" team boys crushed all opposition with the score of 30-15.

"A" AND "B" TEAM TABULATED SCORES

"A" TEAM		Adams	
Opponents			
*Walkerton	27	42	
Muncie	48	31	
Central	59	19	
*Knox	25	37	
Goshen	34	20	
Culver	36	25	
Riley	36	18	
Central	33	16	
Rochester	45	13	
Michigan City	51	31	
*Mishawaka	28	29	
LaPorte	41	27	

"B" TEAM		Adams	
*Walkerton	14	32	
Central	23	17	
*Knox	9	25	
*Goshen	26	28	
*Culver	13	14	
Riley	15	11	
Central	27	17	
*Michigan City	17	18	
Mishawaka	26	11	
*LaPorte	12	21	

"B" TEAM TOURNEY
 Central, 30; Washington, 19.
 Adams, 26; Riley, 24.
 Riley, 22; Washington, 25.
 Central, 28; Adams, 16.

PLAYER TOTALS

"A" TEAM				
Name	FG	FS	FM	Tot.
Mickey	9	9	7	25
Wamsley	18	40	16	52
Ramer	12	7	5	29
Alabaugh	1	9	6	8
Heitger	42	50	23	107
Kalberer	8	3	2	18
Emerick	14	21	13	41
Bailey	7	7	5	19
Fragomini	4	2	1	9

"B" TEAM				
Name	FG	FS	FM	Tot.
Muszer	13	21	11	37
Barnbrook	2	1	0	5
W. Sayers	20	11	6	46
Metzger	2	11	6	10
Tylavsky	10	29	10	30
Alabaugh	4	16	8	16
Mickey	2	4	3	7
Stanley	3	8	1	7
Nash	14	9	4	32
Mills	0	2	2	2
R. Sayers	12	27	16	40

FOOTBALL SEASON GRAND SUCCESS

Although we only won one game this year the John Adams football season was definitely a success. The schedule was designed only for the purpose of gaining experience. In most of the games we played, we made a good showing. The season was not planned for competition as much as it was planned for the purpose of acquainting the boys with the Notre Dame system and work on fundamentals.

Our first game with Riley turned out just the opposite of what it should have, according to the figures. We outgained, outfought, and outmaneuvered the Riley team, but luck was against us. We had several excellent scoring opportunities which failed to materialize. The game ended 7 to 0, their favor.

The next game we played was with Central, who we tramped to the tune of 13 to 6. The game, although it was a practice game, was Adams' first victory in the field of athletics. Hard smashing Paul Bailey turned star when he crashed across from the two yard line for the winning tally.

Adams' first Varsity competition was met by LaPorte. The score was 64 to 0, their favor. The fellows got started out on the wrong foot and never got back on the right one. They went through us, around us, and over us, for that . . . well that square of eight.

Washington came next and they came hard. The score was 21 to 6 and it gives a true picture of the game. Our boys fought their hearts out, but they couldn't seem to stop those hard-driving Panthers.

When we met South Bend Catholic we gave the best performance of the season. We thoroughly outplayed the Lions. The score was 6 to 6, but the game was not played on such even terms as the score would imply. Again and again we had scoring opportunities that did not materialize. The thrill of the game came when Joe Fragomini grabbed the ball and ran 65 yards for a touchdown. The run was the longest of the year for Adams.

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THE BOYS AND ME

by Jim Harris

As football has past and baseball is not yet in swing, the main sports narrow down to the ever more popular basketball which means that here in Indiana there's plenty to talk about. The top teams in the state seem to be Central of South Bend and Hammond Tech at the present. In Indiana though, nothing counts until you show up well in the tournament. Take this to heart and begin your prayers for John Adams now.

Before John Adams ends its season, however, it has some big bumps to go over. First comes Washington who, even though they've taken a terrible beating from Central, is a mighty ball club. We haven't three Herch Wamsley's to take care of the two Hecklinski's and Golichowski.

When we're through with Washington down come the tough Plymouth Pilgrims. The record of the Pilgrims is only fair this year, but the records of past years are enough for them to live on.

Enough of the future games, for we've got to talk about that team of ours. The papers refer to them as just fair, but do they realize that before this year none of our boys had played in a high school ball game, do they realize that we have no Seniors and that most of all because of the inexperience of our team people do not attend games who are not loyal John Adams supporters. Do they realize that the schedule we play is as tough or tougher than Central's. Maybe they don't and maybe they do, but it is a fact that we must play our own ball games and do our own ROOTING. The only way to win people to your side is to show them you've got a lot of school spirit and a team that can fight and does fight ALL OF THE TIME. Your SUPPORT HELPS THE TEAM. Right now John Adams is just a name and for that name WE have to build a REPUTATION, the reputation isn't going to come to us. To some my statements may seem silly, but they aren't, for at only one game this season has the student support been what it should be.

It's a fact that our boys have done an admirable job this year. And because we went through this tough year next year you're going to be proud of Eddy, Bud, Paul, Slats, Herch, and the rest of them, when they roll up a victory string.

Next issue I'll try to look up some of their biographies and increase their hat size.

G. A. A.

The first regular meeting of the Girls Athletic Association was held on December 3, 1940, when new members were admitted. At this meeting the officers were elected. They are as follows: Dorothy Andrews, president; Violet Smith, vice-president, and Mary Ann Sausley was elected secretary-treasurer and also manager. The president chose a committee which is to help her decide the requirements, dues, and activities of the association. The committee includes Juanita Lees, Virginia Roys, Betty Lou Singer, Dorothy Oliver, Charlotte Whiting, Doris Harris, and Dorothy Ledecher. The committee decided that if a girl had 100 points she need not pass a test of ability in sports.

The committee at the meeting on January 16, decided that they would have dues of 50 cents which would be used to buy letters and numerals. To get a letter one must have 250 points, and to get a numeral you must have 150 points. Since the membership was so large they planned to divide, one part meeting on Tuesday and the other part on Thursday. The G. A. A. was organized for girls interested in sports out of which teams are made to compete.

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