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JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

September 25, 1946

# ADAMS CLUBS INAUGURATE SCHOOL YEAR

A cast for "The Straw Hat" (see picture and cutlines on page one) has been selected and is now hard at work on the production to be presented October 22. A complete list of players is:

> **Fred Wegner Fred Gebler Charles Ortt** Gene Yundt **Jerry Weinberg Herbert Singleton Jerry Gibson Pat Center** (student director) Joan Feldman Virginia Erhardt **Betty Lou Bryant Cynthia Ahlbrandt Beverly Watson Dave Gibson Ronnie McFarlane**

# SEVEN-DAY WONDER by Jimmie McNeile

"Congratulations on your International First Place Award for meritious achievement in high school newspaper work" were the words that thrilled The Tower staff to unbound joy when word was received from Quill & Scroll to the effect that our paper had won first place honors in the society's Critical Service.

After reading their suggestions on how to improve the paper, one might wonder how such a sublime honor was attained but it is true, and "Believe Me" as Pati would say, we are going to do our best to follow the judges remarks in regard to the paper, its writing, make-up, and content.

Centralites, Janice MeLean and

# JANITORS CLEAN SCHOOL DURING VACATION DAYS

This year the student body came back to a cleaner school than the one they left in June, thanks to the staff of janitors, the engineer, and the fireman. The workers had a schedule and met it with a lot of hard work. Here is a brief idea of what went on:

June 1-21

Removed gum from desks Cleaned lockers Washed the brick walls Dusted the walls Washed window frames June 22-August 24

Washed the blinds Washed the furniture Washed windows and lights

August 24-September 2 Polished desks

Waxed rooms and hallways Swept the entire building

This work and more was done inside and outside the building. They too, are proud of our school, so why not help them to keep it clean?

Adams thanks Mrs. Kenzie, Willard Harris, Bob, Art, Jim, Kenny, and Mr. Van Dusen for their excellent job during our vacation.

# CHEERLEADERS CHOSEN AS NELSON HEADS ACTIVITIES

Recently a meeting to select new leaders for the cheering section was sponsored by the cheer leaders of last year. The three leaders who are the regulars are Nancy Flickinger, Betty Hulbert, and Jimmie McNeile.

Of all the fifteen to twenty fellows and girls who tried out only four were chosen. They are: Ronnie McFarland, Jerry Freels, Deloris Kint, and Joan Goffney, who is an alternate.

These new leaders participated for the first time at Central-Adams game.

Practice will be held for the cheerleaders every night after school for about two weeks, with regular practice being held once a week thereafter.

With Mr. Nelson as their new sponsor, and four new leaders to work with, the yell leaders are ready to show the school some real spirit. As for each of you, how about doing your best to back them up?

### "STRAW HAT" CAST TALK OVER LINES



# HI-Y AND DRAMA CLUB LIST TENTATIVE ACTIONS

The Hi-Y Club of John Adams inaugurated the new year with a noon meeting, September 12. Projects for the coming year were discussed and the enthusiasm shown by the members promises to make the coming year highly successful. The club outlined its immediate plans as follows:

(1) Setting up a program for the year.

(2) Selling Adams stickers.

(3) Voting on new members.

In connection with this last point, the Hi-Y wishes to invite all boys wishing to take advantage of the club activities—service, sports, and social—to see Mr. Dickey for an application blank.

The next Drama Club meeting will be held on September 25 in the Little Theatre at 3:30. This year the annual all-school play is entitled, "The Straw Hat." It will be the first full-length farce that Adams has given. Mr. Dake, who is helping Mr. Cassidy direct the play, gave a short synopsis of it at the first Drama Club meeting. It sounded like an entertaining show that is going to be fun to produce and also to see. It will be given Tuesday evening, October 22.

Sixth hour study class students are distracted from their work now since the band has started marching. Every afternoon strains of the school song drift through the windows, while formations for football games are practiced.

Additional stories on clubs can be found throughout the paper.

FACULTY HOLDS ANNUAL

PARTY: WHAT A TIME!

Jim Gleason did a fine job at the pep assembly held before the annual Adams vs. "Uptown" pigskin encounter. With the microphone not in order their handicap speaking before a strange audience was increased, but the visitors took it in stride and worked well, Fred Wegner and Nancy Giordano were our representatives to the Bear's pep meeting held Friday morning. In reply to a statement in the "Believe Me" column about himself last week, John Leonhard would like to be the first student to voice an opinion in the space open for just that-a place where anyone may voice his opinion on any matter if he cares to write it out for

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After some fancy thinking and a lot of hard work the director of our play, Mr. Cassidy and his assistant Mr. Dake, have completed the cast of "The Straw Hat" to be produced on October 22. Rehearsals are already under way for members of the cast can be seen in the halls hurridly scanning their lines with a determined look on their faces.

The players look promising as work is going on in earnest to present the best production yet at John Adams.

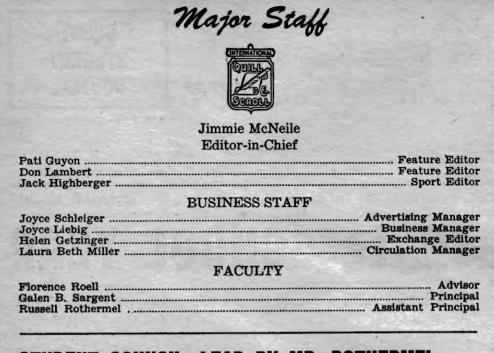
Seen in the picture above are, left to right, Beverly Watson, Herb Singleton, Fred Wegner, and Joan Feldman, all members of the cast.

If you students think you are the only ones around school who like to have fun, you are entirely mistaken. Just ask any of the teachers what happened on September 12, and they'll tell you that was the annual "teacher's party."

This date was occasion of a cooperative dinner for the faculty at Russell's cabin, which is about ten miles from town. All the teachers were able to attend except Miss Burns and Mr. Nelson. The wives and husbands were invited to attend and some of the children went along, too. The new teachers all attended and were welcomed this opportunity to become better acquainted with their fellow faculty members.

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THE TOWER



# STUDENT COUNCIL, LEAD BY MR. ROTHERMEL, **GENERATES ENTHUSIASM FOR ACTIVE YEAR**

So far this year the student council executive committee, with Mr. Rothemel as sponsor, has held two meetings to discuss plans for the year and line up the hall boy system. The election last spring ended with Jerry Gibson, president; Bob Annis, vice-president; Jimmie McNeile, secretary; and Rodney Million, treasurer.

The tentative project for this year is the editing of a John Adams hand-book which would be distributed to all incoming students. The pamphlet would take a full year at least to prepare and would include a general floor plan, the history of the school, general rules and regulations, and information about the different school clubs and activities.

One of the memorable council projects was the mock election held here in 1944. John Adams was the only school of the four in South Bend to go Republican.

The 10B home room representatives to the council will be elected the first week in October and the first meeting of the whole body will be the second Thursday in October.

# GLEE CLUB TO HAVE ACTIVE YEAR

John Adams' glee club is one of the oldest of the school's organizations. Started in the school's first year, it has maintained the enviable reputation of having a better glee club each year.

This is quite a record and one that the school can be proud of. The members of this year's group are striving to maintain this record and, at the same time, are getting a lot of personal pleasure out of it.

Under the direction of Mrs. Lawerence T. Pate the club is trying to pick up where it left off last spring and has sixty of its old timers back to do this. New members are being added gradually in the hope that the usual good quality, which can be remembered from last year's spring concert, may be retained. The club will be as good as its members make it as they are free to offer suggestions for improvement at any time.

The year ahead is a busy one. Right now practice for the annual appearance at North Central is in full swing. Following that will be the Thanksgiving recital and the Christmas program. During the weeks before Christmas, a small group will go out to sing at various churches and clubs. In February the bi-annual operetta will be produced, which time is being looked forward to already. The traditional Easter program will be followed by Commencement and graduation in the late spring.

This is only a brief outline of the programs to which one can look forward. More information will be given before each presentation. So far a lot of new students have tried to make glee club and it is hoped they will not be discouraged if a few months pass before they are taken in.

# SCHOOL DAZE

by Bob Dillon, Ronnie Bytner The morning after Labor Day I am thinking of nothing in certain while sleeping like a night watchman when I am awakened by what I think must be the gas works blowing up. Well this agitates me no little for if there is something I dislike to be interrupted at, it is my weekly bath and my forty winks, then my "noggin" wakes up also and I figure I am mistaken about the gas works and it is the alarm clock. Naturally I am greatly horrified at awakening at such an indecent hour and how I get dressed I do not know as I am very dizzy in the head and my legs are wobbling. Well, the next thing I remember is that I am walking down the street in the general direction of the prison which has venetion blinds instead of bars better known around these parts as John Adams. The business guys are opening up their "jernts" for the day, and little children are skipping along sidewalks going to school and laughing and tee-heeing, while old women are shaking out bed clothes from the windows. When they spot me every thing becomes very quiet indeed and I think I am very highly respected in my own neighborhood. The business guys hurry into their joints and the little children stop tee-heeing and go tip-toeing along and the old women yank in their noodles and a great quiet comes to the street. However, when I think back over the situation I know that I am not so highly respected but that I scared the citizens as I realized my hair was flying around every which way and I suppose the look I had in my eyes made me look very hostile indeed to one and all. As I wait for a clear path thru the traffic I hear a song by Frankie's boy coming out of a car and I remember I neglected to eat breakfast, an act which would disappoint Mr. Wegner indeed. As I enter the portals of higher learning I see the same characters cluttering up the corridors. Well, you can bet all the coffee in Java if I had known some of these citizens were here I would be someplace else for some of these citizens are disillusioned into thinking I owe some jack to them from last term. Furthermore, as I drag myself to my cell and slump in my

Believe Me! by Pati Guyon

Believe me, that certainly was a beautiful forty yard dash John Roys made at the Central game. Seems the fans ran every inch of it with him. (Don't take it literally, my friends.)

Believe me, that's nice work if you can get it, Rod Million! Meaning Betty Lou Bryant, of course.

Believe me, Ann McNamee certainly is happy now that Frank Marrs is home for good.

Believe me, "Punky" Kint, Joan Goffney, Ronnie McFarlane and Jerry Freels really looked cute cheering the Eagles on at the Central game. Congratulations, kids!

Believe me, these sophs. really work fast. Take Barbara Brek's date with Danny Walters the night of September 13 for example.

Believe me, new drum-major, Ted High really looks neat directing the Adam s band.

Believe me, Bev Watson and Hermie; Frank Wulf and Joyce Witwer are still dueting. Likewise Fred (Sonny) Wegner with his Central cutie, Joan Shively.

Believe me, that John Bennett is truly a tennis whiz. Just ask Mary Kayser.

Believe me, Bob Kruyer certainly is a swell person to have around. In physics, that is. Huh, Nancy?

Believe me, it really seems good to see Russ Huston back strolling the Adams corridors, even if he doesn't have Betty Murphy to accompany him any longer.

Believe me, these are a few of the couples seen at Rainbow. June Zeisinger and Bud Ruska (Central.)

Joyce Schlieger and Pete Mc-Nameee, Dorothy Cox and Jerry Wineberg, John Weis'ert and Pat Bohm (Central).

Believe me, Miss Bennett's gradebook system really has a few people stumped. Isn't that true Joyce Hoffman and Leona Young?

Believe me, Sydelle Baskind has the longest fingernails I've seen outside of Hollywood. You can tell that she doesn't take typing.

Believe me, Betty Hulbert looks young and cute with her blond hair braided on top of her head.

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bew I realize I am in school and I promise I will give any citizens ten "the end" to you unfamiliar with bucks if he will relieve me of life. newspaper slang.)

Believe me, this is "30." (That's

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#### SONG TITLES CONTRAST "THE GANG"

"Do you ever think of me?"	Pat Lord—Curt Heckaman
"How many hearts have you broken?"	
"Nancy-with the smiling face"	Nancy Gradecki
"Do you love me?" Do	nna Personette—Les Anderson
"As if I didn't have enough on my mind"	Jimmy as he asks Pati.
"I surrender"	Glenn Personette-Pat Center
"Do'in what comes naturally" B	obbie Anderson—Don Lambert going steady
"Everybody Knew But Me"	Regina Freels—Bob Annis
"Seems like old times"	Cal Joris—Alberta Addison
"Here I go again"	Dick Guin-Joan Dibble
"Can't get out of this mood"	Hermie—Beverly Watson

# KEEP UP WITH TIMES; NEW FADS HIT SCHOOL

by Nancy Chappell

Keeping up with the times? If so bite off all your nails except the little ones on each hand. Yes, it's the fad to have extremely long nails on your little finger. Maybe if you girls don't want to bite them you can make them much shorter by taking typing.

Another fad is wearing a wide belt. It makes you look wee around the waist whether you are or not.

The drool spoons the girls wore on their sweaters last year are being transferred to the hair and worn as barrets.

The boys must wear their own key chains, if not to keep keys on, they should use them to keep their girl's ring on.

These are all new fads but some of those old fads are still alive like long skirts and jeans for girls, plaid socks, and wearing your beau's ring either around your neck or on your hand with a huge gob of tape wrapped around it. Embroider the names of all the fellas and girls on your bandanna and you'll be surprised how much attention you'll receive.

With all these crazy fads, kids, maybe we can dig up one not so crazy, like making it the popular thing to have your studies done and saving your teachers a few gray hairs per semester. Oh! that wonderful feeling you get when you know you've done well in a class. Try it to find out.



Wednesday, September 25— Drama Club meeting 3:35. Thursday, September 26— Library Club meeting 8:35. Tennis—Adams at Mishawaka. Friday, September 27— Pep assembly. Saturday, September 28— Football—Adams vs Riley, School Field. Tuesday, October 1— Tennis at North Side Fort Wayne. 10B Otis Test.

### ATTENTION CHILDREN OF N. U. ALUMNI

In order that the children of Northwestern alumni may receive consideration among the earliest applications, William K. Selden, Director of Admissions, suggested that those who desire admission in September 1947 request and file applications in October and November, 1946. Those who may seek admission in 1948 are advised that the office of Admissions is not accepting applications more than one year in advance of the date of desired admission.

## . (Continued from page 1) WONDER COLUMN

Miss Roell in 205 or contract the author in person. Says John, "My dear Miss Guyon, I would like to have you understand that no more will I, under force or other foul methods, escort your 14 year old cousins of questionable beauty around the minature golf course."

Add wonder ... sure is a wonder how a person could leave a football game at the end of the third quarter, especially when your own team is playing. At the Central game that is what happened and how anyone could appreciate scoring a touchdown on the conference champs when they were not even at the game is beyond suggestion.

# (Continued from page 1) FACULTY PARTY

Mrs. McClure, Miss Minniear, Mr. Goldsberry, and Miss Puterbaugh were in charge of all the arrangements. After dinner had been enjoyed some highly amusing games were played with Mr. Wegner and Mr. Powell as the captains of the two teams. It seems Mr. Faust and Miss Kemski had a little trouble with a tooth pick and a life saver, but it provided amusement for the rest of the faculty. When they tired of games they tried square dancing and even attempted to teach the younger generation.

All good things must come to an end, but it was agreed that everyone had had a big night.



QUESTION: "What Is Your Secret Ambition?"

**Eugene Bradley** — To eat and sleep the rest of my life.

Ginger Roesener — To ride a bicycle backwards down 5th Avenue.

Agner McCreay — To be able to "Rise and Shine" in Mr. Krider's English class.

**Roger Wade** — To marry a wealthy widow and just plain loaf my life away.

Ruth Ortt — To have a blind date with one of those handsome seniors.

Gene Balok—To lead the "Spike Jones City Slickers" someday.

Joyce Huffman — To become a life guard to protect my interests. (D. B. no doubt.)

**Donna Chambers** — To become a half-back on the Adams all-girl football team next year.

Mr. Nelson — To have a house of my own, a brick house, by the way.

**Dorthy Cox** — To gamble a 50 to 1 loss on a horse and win, of course.

John Roys — To be a milkman! Danny Walters — To be able to play bridge as well as Nancy Bartol.

## TOOTHPASTE DILEMMA BEFUDDLES PROSPECT

by Paul Chalfant

To be perfectly frank about it, I'm not writing this so much to depart knowledge to you students but to solve my own dilemma. The advertisements have me befuddled. WHAT TOOTHPASTE SHALL I BUY? I'm sure you will all recognize this as a vital issue of the day.

If I buy toothpaste A, I rid myself of the dastardly villain halitosis. Oh, but then my toothbrush takes on the horrible hue of pink. To remedy this I hurry to purchase toothpaste B. Oh, fate worse than death, now I am deprived of the tantalizing flavor the makers of toothpaste C have gone so far out of their way to create just for little me. But, alas and alack, my teeth are losing their natural brightness. So I hastily leap in my jet-propelled plane and buy a tube of brand D at the nearest drugstore. But now I'm forgetting gumline cavities. So here I am at the toothpaste counter purchasing brand E. Having been convinced that unless I use all these makes my teeth will fall out instantly. I find myself brushing my teeth fifteen times daily.

This article hasn't cleared up the problem much for me. As I see it the only thing to do is bring out my own toothpaste. It will promise nothing and taste like cod liver oil. BUT IT WILL NOT ADVER-TISE IN THE FUNNY PAPERS!

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#### THE TOWER

# EAGLES, WILDCATS TO SCRAP

# SATURDAY'S MEETING MOST EVEN MATCH IN FIVE YEARS

Once again, on Saturday night, a John Adams football squad will face its near by rival with the "beat Riley" attitude more predominate than ever before, because this year the odds are just a little more evenly matched.

Although out weighed, the Eagles can play a smart brand of ball that may prove the undoing of the Wildcat's five year domination on the gridiron.

Riley's two outstanding backs, Art Derda and Andy Tompos, have worked well under the direction of coach Paul (Spike) Kelly, and although Bob Hartman was sorely missed at the first of the season, these backs are showing fine form. The south sider's forward wall has some experience, but mostly size to bolster their hopes.

With the red and blue line-up being juggled with every game, it is hard to say whom the starters will be, but coaches Crowe, Wegner, and Davis will field the best possible eleven to meet the Riley aggregation.

#### CENTRAL WINS, 32-6

Paced by Johnny Roys and Nick Nichols who played the whole game, the Eagles looked stronger than they did the preceding week as they dropped a 32-6 decision to the conference champion Central Bears.

Breaking into the scoring column was Don Howell who went over for a touchdown from the one yard line after Le Roy Barrett's pass to John Roys that went to the one yard line, to set up the scoring play.

Gene Balok was consistent over the middle of the line but Dan Walters couldn't seem to get away around the ends. Joe Howell played the last half and looked good on his passes.

Dick Trim and Bernie Kruyer broke into the starting line up at guard and tackle respectively. Trim switched over to center when Don Simon injured his knee.

Bill Gooley, Manual Jackson and

The to	o ten tennis players
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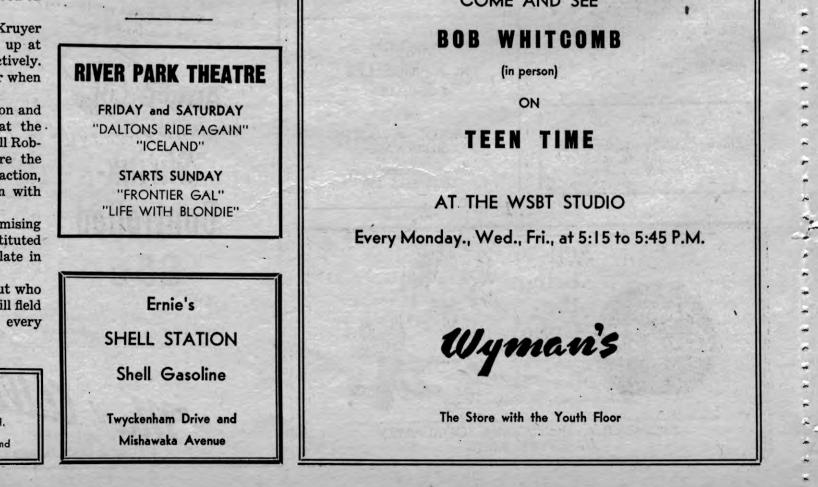
- (3) Dave Cox
- (4) Jim Borden
- (5) Milt Corona (6) Bud Witt
- (7) Bill Rummel
- (8) John Keller
- (9) Bill Cox (10) Cecil Colbert



We lost to Central but oh, what a game. Those Central "cookies" are plenty rugged, but we had what you call "persistence." I'm talking about fellows like Nichols, Balok, Kruyer, Wright, the two Howells, and the "unsung hero" of the back field, Johnny Roys. These boys stood out in my mind as great players even in defeat.

Time and time again Central's "Posey" Flowers, Wayman Redding and Jerome Perkins sprinted wide around end and broke loose for long gains, but were stopped by persuing Eagles. I've seen other Adams-Central games, but never before until this year have I seen an Adams team give it that "old college try" over and over again. The boys were out there giving it everything they had against a potent Central aggregation.

Now I put the point up to you. the question. ...



# **Golf Team Falls** To LaPorte, 9-3

by Keith Hall

Paul Bumann was the standout as the Eagles lost a golf match to LaPorte 9-3 at LaPorte on Tuesday, September 10.

Mr. Bumann, who was fourth man, shot the lowest score of the day for Adams, with an 83, that won his round 3-0.

Jim Sennett, first man, shot a 91 and lost 0-3, while Johnny Weissert who is a returning letterman along with Sennett shot an 85 and also lost 0-3.

Third man, Rodney Million, shot a 97 to total up the 3-9 score.

The first four men were all that counted in the scoring but coach Thompson took along a fifth and sixth man to get experience.

Dick Worth and Ernie Mendler were the extras but Worth shot an 85 which looked very promising.

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# BEE TEAM LASHES GOSHEN UNDER COACH DAVIS

Coach Corby Davis' "mighty Bees" inaugurated an aerial circus in Goshen's Foreman Field last September 12, when they crushed a fighting Goshen squad 20-6.

The Adams aerial attack was centered around "Fro" Miller, a junior, who hit Lynn Wright, our surprising left end, for a five for five percentage.

The Eaglets initial touchdown came on a 40 yard Miller to Knopp pass. "Zeek" Zeiders sent the horse hide sailing between the uprights for the extra point.

Dick Booth, our pulverizing fullback, smashed center for some five yards and an Adams score in the second quarter. The try for the extra point was unsuccessful. This concluded the scoring in the first half.

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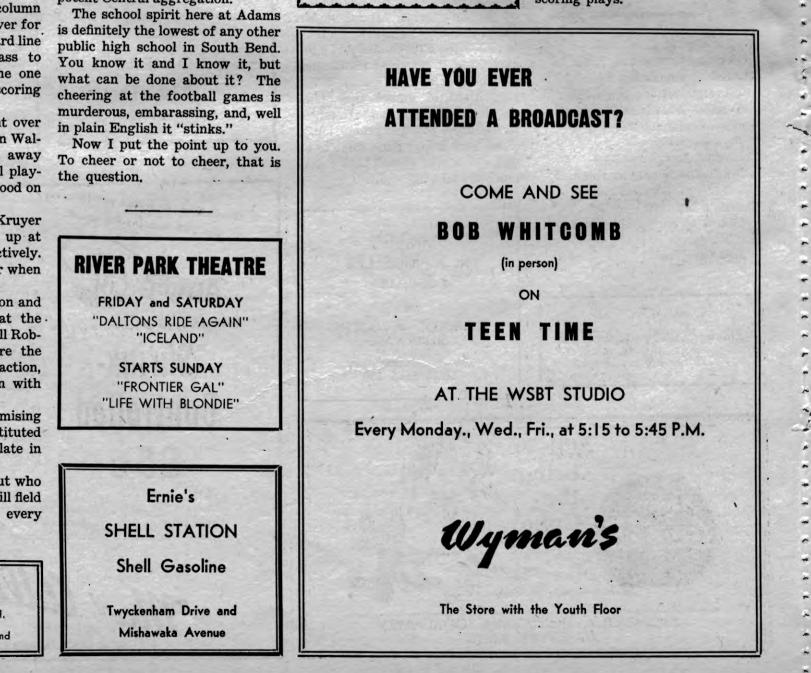
Goshen's only tally came in the third quarter against our reserves.

Little Ben Jurick, a potent player and outstanding break away runner, rifled a perfect pass to Joe Plott for the "Bees" final score. "Wee-Willie" Schmit sky-rocketed the ball between the goal posts to make the final score stand 20-6.

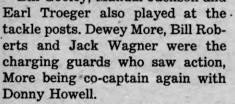
The traveling squad which made the trip to Goshen was captained by left guard Jack Wagner.

The starting line was: LE. Wright, LT. Lane, LG. Wagner, C. Hall, RG. Zeiders, RT. Donohoe, RE. Knopp.

John Bowman did the quarterbacking and played almost the entire game. He called all of our scoring plays.



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Lynn Wright looked promising at right end when he substituted for starter John Leonhard late in the third quarter.

The coaches are finding out who is doing the best work and will field the best team possible in every game.

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