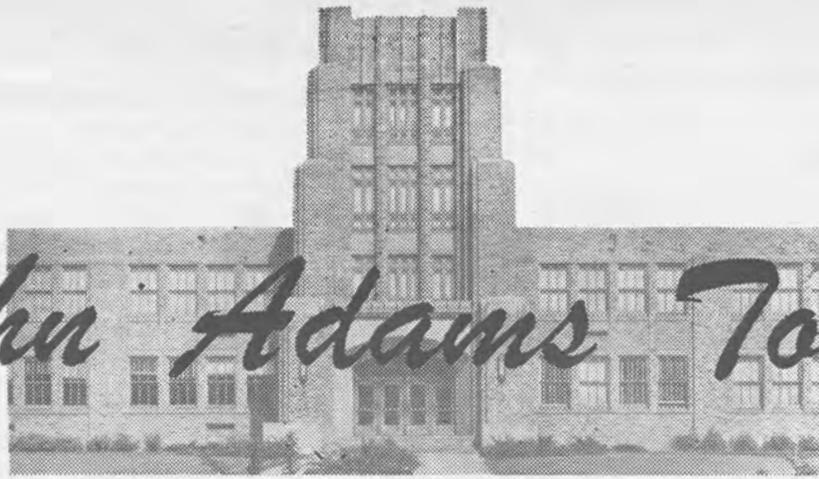


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Beech-Nut Vendors Take Adams By Storm

Everyone wants to be a friend of Terry Dunkin. This Adams student has become a favorite with many of his schoolmates because of his gum enterprise. There is an interesting story behind this deal which was told to the Tower by Terry, himself.

Shortly after the beginning of school this fall, Terry received a letter from the Beech-Nut Packing Company, distributors of Beech-nut gum, which stated that he had been chosen as a representative of their company to distribute free samples of Beech-nut gum to his schoolmates and around his community.

A few days later he received a shipment of ten boxes with 100 sticks of the gum in each box. Just recently he received another shipment of ten boxes.

When asked how long this deal was going to last, he replied "Darned if I know, it might go on forever!"

We hope so Terry!

TRAVELING CHOIR TO BE USED FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

Each year the Glee Club received several invitations to sing at various luncheon clubs and church meetings. Because the entire Glee Club lists nearly one hundred members, it is difficult to have the entire group sing before these outside organizations; therefore, a smaller group of forty members is chosen. This group is called the Traveling Choir.

Choosing Choir Is Problem

To belong to the Traveling Choir one must have a voice which blends with the other voices of the choir. He should be able to interpret music maturely. The personnel of the choir has not yet been fixed. This will be a hard decision for the director, Mrs. Pate, to make because of the keen competition for positions in the choir. However, it's a decision that will have to be made soon because the choir is scheduled to sing November 9 at the Indiana Club.

As in all other school activities the members must be eligible scholastically to participate in outside functions during school time.

CROSS COUNTRY SEASON CLOSSES



Last Saturday, October 22, at LaPorte, the Adams cross country team placed number 15 in a Northern Indiana High School conference championship meet, as Mishawaka took the crown. The Eagles may have placed number 15, but Jack Bussert placed second only to Mathews of South Bend Central, who breezed by the finish mark with a time of 10:09.4. Other teams in the order in which they finished are Mishawaka, Hammond, North Side, LaPorte, Central, Roosevelt, Lew Wallace, Emerson, Froebel, Elkhart, Hammond Tech, Tolleston, Horace Mann, Hammond Clark Adams, Riley, Goshen, Valparaiso, Washington East Chicago, Washington South Bend. The race was held at the LaPorte Elks Country Club course. Mishawaka won the conference championship last year, also.

SENIORS SPEARHEADS FOR COMMUNITY CHEST

The hard-working seniors who spend their after-school hours and Saturdays working proved to John Adams that they can go over the top when it comes to a worthy project. The 12B and 12A home rooms contributed \$24.60 to the recent Community Fund drive. The 11B and 11A rooms provided \$20.76 and the 10B and 10A rooms \$19.35.

Special recognition goes to rooms 107 and 210 who contributed \$6.70 and \$6.23, respectively. The per capita contribution among the students was slightly more than 10 cents.

"OPEN HOUSE" PART OF EDUCATION WEEK

American Education Week at Adams will be celebrated on November 3. The annual open house program will be held from 7 to 9 o'clock. The purpose of this feature is to give parents an opportunity to become acquainted with the teachers of their children and to learn of the opportunities offered students at Adams.

ADAMS SCOREBOARDS REPLACED FIRST TIME

Have you seen the new scoreboards in the auditorium? The scoreboards' numbergrams, or the combination of lights that make up a number, come in four shades. The minute is red, the seconds are green, the visitor's score is white and the home team's score is amber. These two new score boards cost \$1,065, and are to be paid for by the four high schools. They were made by the Brown's Scoreboard Company in Niles, Michigan.

The new scoreboards differ from the old ones in the way they keep time. The clocks of the old scoreboards are replaced by numbergrams. We have to give credit to the old time keepers, though, for they served for 559 basketball games, not including the B games. During those 559 A games, the score changed 41,962 times. No wonder the scoreboards were worn out.

Mr. Reber has been the only person to use the old scoreboards during the last nine years, putting them through their 41,962 revolutions.

Civitan Dance Gives Opportunity for Fun and Prizes

The Civitan Club in cooperation with the Forum of Student Affairs has planned a Halloween Dance at the Palais Royale. The dance is tonight from 8:30 to 11:30 and is open to the 10th, 11th and 12th grades of high school, Myron Walz and his band will play for the gala affair. There will be about \$250 worth of door prizes, consisting of 2 phonographs, 4 portable radios, and ten \$5 cash prizes. The Civitan Club has taken care of the financial side of the dance, while the Student Forum, a group of representatives from Adams, Central, Riley, and Washington, has made the arrangements for the prizes, decorations and tickets.

The pledge cards and identification tickets, which have been issued to all Adams students, are required for admittance into the dance. The pledge cards bear the door prize number. **Remember, both the pledge card and identification ticket must be presented at the door tonight.**

The Civitan Club also sponsors a Halloween party at Potawatomi Park for the children in grades up to and including the 9th. The purpose for the Civitan Club's sponsoring the party and co-sponsoring the dance with the Student Forum is to give children and high school students an outlet for their Halloween celebrating.



The Bald Eagles Booster Club of John Adams, a new organization of patrons, coaches and sports-minded men of the area, held its first meeting of the school year, Thursday, October 20.

The feature of the meeting was the showing of pictures of the Adams-Central and Adams-Mishawaka games. Comments were made by Coach Crowe.

The next meeting to be held November 10 at 7:30 in the Adams Auditorium, will feature Mr. Koss with a preview of the basketball season.

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Which Way Are We Going?

We are now well into another school year. We have met our old friends and are making new ones. We are learning day by day to adapt ourselves to our environments which change from time to time either for the better or for the worse. It is our duty to see that they change for the better.

The conditions that surround us influence us greatly, so let's maintain a wholesome environment which will in turn bring out the best in us; whereas, the cheap environment would bring out the worst in us. A wholesome environment will surround us with clean activities, clean speech and clean thoughts. An evil environment will surround us with ugly and indecent activities, dirty speech and dirty thoughts. For example, when we want to emphasize a thought, we can do it more successfully without using God's name in vain and the funniest jokes, believe me, are not the objectionable kinds.

We all need friends, I know. Life would not be worth living without friends, but we don't have to do these objectionable things to win friends. We will win more of the right kind of friends if we practice living in a wholesome environment.

Birds of a feather flock together. Association with young people who follow and live a wholesome life will encourage us to follow and live a wholesome life.

I believe almost everyone of us in John Adams would like to help give us a more wholesome environment in which to live, but we do not always have the will power to do it. One of the best ways to help is to ask yourself this question, "What type of friends am I choosing?" It is human nature to want to be liked by others, so everybody would practice living a wholesome life if it were a question of being liked or disliked. Let's all go into this together and reap the benefits together --Robert Konrath.

It May Not Land You in Alcatraz, But--

Don't break that window! Sure, I know they can't lock you up for it. They probably won't even catch you, but use your sense of fair play.

You don't consider the right or wrong of the matter when you break a window, turn over a garbage can, or take the valve from somebody's automobile tires, but consider it now before you try another trick. Perhaps you don't realize the seriousness of the damage done by Halloweeners. Millions of dollars worth of goods are destroyed or broken by pranksters each year.

People work for hours cleaning screens that were soaped in a matter of seconds. It's not sporting to cause people so much work for just a few seconds of fun. It isn't fair play.

Vandalism is destructive and unfair, but what is more important to us, as high school students, is the fact that on Halloween we are too old for such pranks. We started trick-er-treating when we were six or seven, just children. While in the 7th, 8th, and 9th grades we had our hey-day for vandalism. Now we're in high school and we are grown enough to have fun in other ways besides creating a mess which other people must clean.

We want to be treated like adults, so let's act like adults.

--Edwin Dean.

Even Spooks are Haunted by Romance

"All Hallow Eve" known as Halloween is the day when most of our minds play the queerest tricks on us. This day or rather night of superstitions is celebrated on October 31.

At first it was believed that the spirits of the dead came back and walked the earth at harvest time in order to receive their share of the fruits of the world. During this time of so called spiritual revival, spooks hid in every corner, shadows haunted all convenient places, and goblins and witches ran wild.

There were superstitions about many things, especially love—a little experiment for all of you young lovers—a number of nuts are named for lovers and put upon a bed of hot coals. If a nut jumps, the lover will prove unfaithful. If a nut blazes and burns, the sweetheart is actually in love. If both nuts, named for a girl and her lover, burn together, the couple will be married. This is just one of the little experiments used by people on Halloween to forecast the future.

Today there are some who believe in Halloween superstitions. We still can imagine the spooks hiding in dark places, the witches riding their brooms through a moonlit night, and cats standing with humped backs on fences.

When we celebrate Halloween this year do the celebrating in your own way, but remember — NO EVIL WITCHCRAFT!

HALLOWEEN SIMULATUS

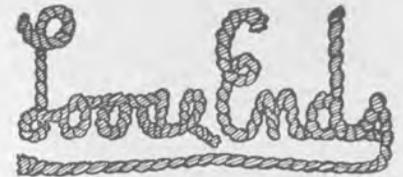
By Su Hastings

I'm so excited I can hardly wait,
There's a party tonight and I
don't want to be late.
I'm all disguised except for my
mask and my hat,
For tonight I'm going to be a big
black cat.

At the party I'll bob for apples,
play games and all that sort of
fun,
And later we'll all peep in win-
dows and scare everyone.
We'll be given popcorn, candy
corn, and suckers to lick,
And when we've eaten every-
thing, we'll probably all be
sick.

Soaping windows and sticking
horns is also lots of fun,
But when you have to wash your
own windows, you'll wish it
hadn't been done.
And then when I'll come home
happy and tire and crawl in
my own little bed,
I'll see witches and goblins and
funny little spooks dancing
'round my head.

Last year the above I had to
pretend,
Because I had polio and was
crippled then,
But you gave to the Chest and I
no longer have to pretend,
For this Halloween I am able to
walk once again!



We are glad to see Maxine Baim back at school after her accident. Many wishes for a speedy recovery, Maxine.

We, the student body of John Adams, are quite happy about the fine appearance of our football team. It is Neil VanHouten who keeps the neat colorful uniforms in such fine shape.

Pat Quimby is the proud owner of a driver's license.

Did you know that Don Anderson is secretary of activities in the Usher's Club?

Harold Heeter, class of 1949, can't tear himself away from his alma mater. Although Hal received his diploma last June, he is still often seen in the Adams corridors and, on occasion, he even plays in the Adams band.

Have you recognized the voices of the band announcer who speaks during the half at football games? It is none other than Marlin Miller.

Carl Boatman made a "10" in social living. A "10" is equivalent to 100% in Mr. Goldsberry's class.

During this week-end Lois Warstler and her parents will drive to Carlton College at Northfield, Minnesota to visit Dave Hyde a former Adams student.

Within a week Betty Cierzniak has seen two of the main attractions in Chicago. October 16 she saw the "Ice Follies" and on October 22 she saw "Kiss Me Kate."

Gordon Barclay finished first in the Northern Indiana try outs in table tennis for the National Inter-city team. He will go to Indianapolis this week-end to play against the top five in southern Indiana. The top five play in the national team championship held late in November. The five that have the best record in the team championships of the United States will tour Europe as representatives of the United States Table Tennis Team.

The senior class seems to be doing a swell job, so far, of "breaking the camera" at Priddy's.

Art Jones received top honors in the first hour biology exam. Twenty out of thirty-three failed it.

Charles Weaver plays French horn in the South Bend Symphony. He certainly is climbing the ladder to success.

Did you know that since September 8 there have been twenty athletic contests in which Adams has participated. How many have you attended?

We are happy to report that Gloria Ziker's younger brother, who was stricken by polio this summer, will be able to walk normally.

We are proud of Frank Downer. He has the best average for kicking extra points after touchdown of all athletes in the Northern Indiana football conference. Congratulations, Dunk!

Ask the Rogers--or Any Other Current Triple Adamites!

John Adams is happy to report that we have 48 families that have two or three children attending our school this semester. Let's take a peek into one of these homes and enjoy a day with them.

For the third time this morning mother attempts to awaken her sleepy darlings to get them started for school. On the fourth attempt the tribe clambers out of bed only to realize they are going to be late for class. In a burst of energy one of them upsets the hall table in a wild dash to gain first possession of the bathroom. While Suzy gaily sings in the shower, Johnny frantically searches for the mate to his orange and green argyle sock. He finds it on Patsy who put up her hair in socks last night.

Patsy dons the blue plaid shirt Suzy intended to wear and barely escapes the shoe that is hurled at her by Suzy.

Breakfast is ready but there is a scramble to see who will get the first piece of toast. Johnny's football tactics prove to be helpful.

Clutching books in one arm and lunch in the other, our trio dashes for the bus. While waiting for the bus, Johnny insists upon trading lunches with Patsy because he simply detests swiss cheese and she has liver sausage in her sandwich.

At dinner the entire family is assembled and they discuss the happy moments of the day. Johnny announces that Suzy got an "F" on her history test, consequently Suzy studies history tonight instead of attending the show.

The day is complete, and the theme song, "Life Gets Teejus' Don' It" just about tells the story in five words.



These Adamites should receive your "congratulations" in the halls this week--they're adding another year to their tallies:

- November 1—Richard Coffman, Su Spenner.
- November 3—Dale Rogers, Eva Shoemaker.
- November 5—Bernard Boehm.
- November 6—Shirley Thomas.
- November 8—Tom Dugdale, Bob

VOICE OF THE STUDENT

I would like to see the Glee Club give more performances for the student body. The Glee Club practices all the school year, three or four times a week and gives approximately five performances a year for the students. It is called the John Adams Glee Club and it was organized to benefit the students yet other organizations hear those celebrated singers more than the students of John Adams. I myself don't even know who is in the Glee Club, primarily because I do not have the opportunity to see and hear them more often.

--Tom Warrick.

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I have always thought that the best person was the one who didn't talk about himself. One such person is Owen Helm. Owen has a knack for anything of a mathematical or scientific nature. I am in one of his classes, and, yet I have never heard him brag about his good grades. When we do experiments in chemistry, even though he knows how the experiment should be done, he lets the other person play with the experiment until he gets stuck. Then, and only then, will he come and tell him how to do it. Instead of making himself known he takes a back seat. This is why I like Owen Helm.

--Charles Weaver.

G. A. A. HOLDS REGULAR MEETING

The G.A.A. held their regular meeting on October 18. At this time they decided to have tumbling and dancing as the next activities, with swimming still a popular sideline.

Hockey and Soccer written state tests are to be taken for an extra ten points on October 25.

Northrop, Suzanne Smith, Ted VanderBeek.

November 9—Jerry Duncan, Cora Owens, Larry Wickizer.

November 10—Jerry Ober, Tom Steel, Don Thomas.

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Business Math? That's what they call it, but Mr. Swartz and his second hour class are beginning to doubt it. You see strange things have been happening. The consultation room in the front of room 101 houses such strange happenings that even the best of us couldn't pay attention to those numerators and denominators. That consultation room is the home of the Album staff. There a group of our foremost? journalists, artists and photographers gather. There they eat fudge sicles exchange the latest gossip, and plan the yearbook for this June's release. In addition to this, they do each other's assignments and drive Mr. Swartz to exasperation by running across the front of his classroom. For those who are interested these most ingenious members of our student body run a date bureau. Escorts may be provided for prominent social functions. This group has a sponsor who refuses to place any claims on their activities.

In spite of all this, the student body may be assured that this year's Album will be with the best—provided Mr. Swartz and his class pull through.

Note: This article is pure fiction as far as any ruling member of the school is concerned.



What is the most aggravating thing about a girl? (the boys are scheduled for next week!)

Jim Sears—"Sorry I'm late, after I've waited an hour for her."

Bob Hicks—The way they act

Jack Dickson—Talking about all their other boy friends when I take them out.

Mr. Krider—I would rather choose the word unbecoming to describe the habit immature girls have of giggling when they feel unsure.

Gordon Barclay—The way they continually talk.

Don Vanett—The way they are always primping.

Ed Morris—I like a girl who acts feminine.

Mr. Neff—Their tendencies toward being flighty and gossipy about one another. This seems to dominate their few shortcomings.

Ronnie Lynch—Their supreme lack of knowledge of sports.

Bob Wegner—Their limited vocabulary, "No."

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High Spirited Adams Team Turns Tables On LaPorte Slicers

Amazing, but true, it seems that at last the Eagles are becoming a last quarter ball club. In the past years, a first half fight has usually been put up, but the fire dies in the second half.

Spilling LaPorte is a decisive victory for Adams, the Slicers having trimmed Washington by two touchdowns the week before our win over them. Whether Adams played good football all during the LaPorte game is not half so important as the fact that they were one of the most fighting ball clubs ever seen at School field. Two weeks in a row Adams has pulled startling upsets out of the air and we have a good chance to do it a third time next week against Riley. The boys never give up, they're never beaten, their spirit carries them on. Three touchdowns in ten minutes for an Adams football team is somewhat of a record, but then maybe there has never been such wonderful teamwork before as there is now. Daugherty made two of our touchdowns with Lahey and Calloway again coming through with the other two. Even the boys on the sidelines were fighting hard last Saturday. Nary a second went by without them wildly and enthusiastically cheering their teammates on.

Weatherly, Calloway, Stanton, H. Graf, Downer, Wright, Richards, Bennett, Dickenson, Heitger, Bolesky, Kelly, Rodgers, Daugherty, Lahey, Troeger, Norblatt, Scruggs, and G. Graf, all played a wonderful game and one to be proud of.

FOOTBALL MANAGERS



Top row seniors: Neil Van Houten, Jim Sears, and Bill Tait. Middle row juniors: Bill Hudson Don McClusky, and Del Briggs. Tom Wise is the sophomore shown—Bob Bowman was not present when the picture was taken.

BY LINES - - - by Bartol

During the Christmas holidays this year, there is a possibility of a holiday tourney at John Adams. The tourney would take place on December 30. One game would be played in the afternoon and two in the evening, the winners of the first two to play for the title in the third game. The setback is that there are only three teams so far. They are Adams, Riley and Washington. A fourth team is needed in order to make the tourney a reality.

Making several visits to the football dressing room last week, I found it to be in a state of confusion. There are only eight football

managers, but it looks as if there is a need for a crew of 25. Instead of dressing at the racks provided, I found that most of the players prefer to drag all of their equipment out to the middle of the floor and proceed to dress. You can imagine how easy it is to walk from one end of the room to another. However, towel fights don't seem

'B' Grid Team Wins Two and Loses Two

So far this season, nothing has been mentioned about the Adams "B" football team. Their first game was with Mishawaka on September 17 at Adams and they narrowly defeated the Cavemen by a score of 14-13. The second game was September 24 at Adams when they whipped Riley 19-0. The tables were turned in their third game as they lost to LaPorte 27-6 at Adams on October 6. Central then trampled them 39-0 at Central on October 15. Their next game was last Saturday but the score of that game was not available at this printing. The game was played with Elkhart at Elkhart, Their last game of the season was with Goshen at Adams. The teams in the conference in which they play are: Goshen, Elkhart, Central, Michigan City, Riley, Mishawaka, and LaPorte.

The boys who play on the "B" team are: Naftger, Scruggs, Helvey, Dieter, Reinke, Nidifer, Horvath Pipke, Netzel, Vannett, Smith, Stallman, Parker, Johnson, Landry, English, Sessler, Lederer, and Lantz.

to be quite as popular as they are in basketball.

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