

# Seven Seniors Gain Semifinal Status In Merit Competition

Seven John Adams seniors have recently been named National Merit semi-finalists by the National Merit Scholarship Program Committee. Colleen Bednar, Lili Byers, Dick Foley, Ed Mikesell, Florence Milnes, Randy Sim, and Jerry Wallace are among the 14,000 seniors in the country who have earned the status of semi-finalist.

Last March, the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test was given in more than 17,000 high schools in the United States. The semi-finalists are the group chosen with the highest scores in each state and United States territory.

The semifinal contestants are required to score equally well on the Scholastic Aptitude Test given in December. In the final stage of competition, high school grades, leadership qualities, citizenship, and extra-curricular activities will be taken into consideration in addition to the scores made on the tests.

The merit scholars will be announced at the end of April. Each scholarship is a four-year award covering the undergraduate years in college. The amount of money given is adjusted to the need of the recipient and his choice of school.

Adams semifinalists are still making plans for their first year at college. Lili Byers hopes to go to Indiana University to become a teacher. Florence Milnes is interested in going into law at the University of Chicago. Colleen Bednar is thinking of majoring in either languages or journalism. Dick Foley is, as yet, undecided, but is considering law.

Ed Mikesell wishes to attend the Naval Academy at Annapolis to major in science. Randy Sim has chosen to major in physics at the University of Chicago. Jerry Wallace would like to be an English major at either the University of Chicago or Northwestern University.

## Students Honored at NHS Breakfast

The honor breakfast for students who received straight A's in the spring semester was held in the cafeteria on Thursday morning, Sept. 17. The guest speaker for the breakfast, sponsored by the National Honor Society, was Dr. William Burke, Dean of Freshmen and Professor of English at the University of Notre Dame. He spoke to the students about scholarships and colleges.

Honored guests were Dr. Alex Jardine, Supt. of Community School Corp.; Mr. Russell Rothermel, Adams principal; Mr. J. Gordon Nelson, assistant principal; Mr. James Roop and Mr. Robert Peczkowski, sponsors of National Honor Society; and the John Adams counseling staff.

The following students were honored for their scholastic excellence:

Philip Armstrong, John Barkley, Colleen Bednar, Donald Bennett, (Cont'd on page 3, col. 4)



NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS, left to right: Ed Mikesell, Lili Byers, Florence Milnes, Jerry Wallace, Colleen Bednar, and Dick Foley. Missing is Randy Sim.

## Clinic Held For AHS Club Leaders

The Leadership Clinic, sponsored annually by the John Adams Student Council, was held last night.

The clinic began in the Adams cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. where dinner was served to those attending.

After dinner, Mr. Stephen K. Smith, former student body president at Indiana University, spoke to the group on "How to Best Develop Leadership Qualities in High School." Following this, the students split into four groups in which they were addressed on four different aspects of leadership. The speakers for these groups were: Rev. Roy Katayama of the River Park Methodist Church, who spoke on "How to Get Cooperation from a Group"; Mr. James Oberfell, an attorney, who discussed "The Tools of a Leader"; Mr. Larry Powell, whose topic was "The Responsibilities of a Leader," and Mr. Pat Hannigan, who spoke on "The Qualities of a Good Leader."

The students attending the Leadership Clinic were representatives from each club at Adams.

Chairman of the clinic was Kathy Surges.

## Purdue Schedules High School Day

High School Day at Purdue University, an annual event designed to supplement the school guidance programs for college-bound students, is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 17.

Interested Adams juniors and seniors should register in the guidance office by Thursday, Oct. 1.

All such students, with their parents and high school teachers or counselor, are invited to attend. The all-day program is designed to provide students and parents with general as well as specific information about requirements and (Cont'd on page 2, col. 4)

# Adams Debaters to Visit State Prison Tomorrow

The John Adams Debate Club begins its schedule of activities for the school year with a visit to the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City tomorrow for a debate with the prison team.

Jerry Wallace, Bob Ostrander, Steve Vogel, and Rick Hunt will participate for Adams, debating the topic; Resolved: That nuclear weapons should be placed under international control. Jerry and Steve will form an affirmative team while Rick and Bob will debate from a negative viewpoint.

This will be the second such trip to the prison for these four boys, who also debated there this summer as a result of a request from a counselor in the educational department of the prison.

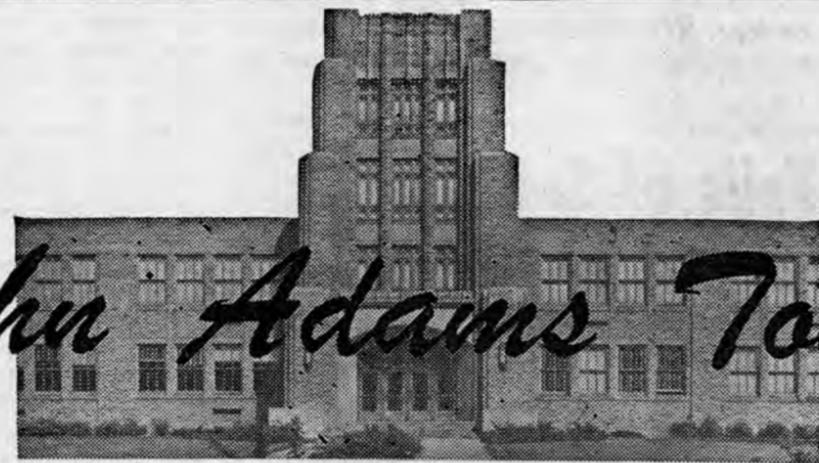
Only two requirements are made

for the visit to the prison—that an exact number of people in attendance is known beforehand, and that visitors be only males.

The Debate Club has scheduled other interesting activities for this year, including participation in WSBT's series of radio debates in the spring, and in a debaters' conference to be held during the first week of December at Purdue University.

Also for the first time this year, the Adams club belongs to the forensic league.

Debate Club officers are: Jerry Wallace, president; Alyce Wissler, vice president; Judy Thomas, secretary; and Steve Vogel, treasurer. Mr. Peter Holmgren is sponsor. Meetings are held on Mondays after school.



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## Connie Hoenk Describes Her Summer in Turkey

By CONNIE HOENK

I can frankly say that this past summer which I spent as an American Field Service exchange student in Turkey has been the most challenging and unusual summer of my life. I lived with a Turkish family in Istanbul for eight weeks. During this time I was exposed to many different customs and a completely different way of life.

In my family were Baba (my father), Anne (my mother), and my sisters, Abba, 29, and Omur, 16. Neither of my parents spoke any English, and each of my sisters spoke only a little English, so I often had to fend for myself as far as conversation was concerned. I learned enough Turkish for basic communication, and I became quite adept at employing exaggerated gestures and facial expressions when all other means of communication failed!

Our home was an apartment in the middle of Istanbul. We had many modern conveniences; however, I acutely felt the lack of warm running water and a shower or bathtub. My family did not own a car, as cars are considered a real luxury. There is no television station in Istanbul, so TV was almost unknown.

Istanbul itself is an exotic and fascinating city. The streets are cobblestones, and horses and wagons move alongside taxicabs even on the main streets of the city. Half of Istanbul is located in Europe, and the other half is in Asia. To travel from one continent to the other involves catching a ferry to the other shore.

Shopping in Turkey is really an experience, as bargaining for prices is an accepted (and often necessary) procedure. I will never forget the experience of traveling to four different shops before my mother was satisfied that she had bargained the price of slippers low enough!

Most bargaining is done in the famous Bazaar, which is a series of over 3,000 tiny shops having the streets and alleys roofed over with vaults and domes. In the Bazaar one can buy anything from beautiful jewelry to Turkish costumes. The Bazaar is one of the main attractions for tourists.

While in Turkey I did see a few groups of American tourists, although I never spoke to any Americans during my stay. I once overheard a conversation between two Americans who were trying to decide whether or not I was Turkish. They concluded that I

## Parent Welcome Set For Next Tuesday

The John Adams Parent-Teacher Assn. will hold its annual welcome for the parents of all newcomers to the school on Tuesday, Sept. 29, from 7:15 to 9 p.m.

Registration in the homerooms will be followed by a general meeting in the auditorium. Participants in the program will be Mrs. D. D. Stiver, president of the P.T.A.; Mr. Russell Rothermel, principal; Mr. J. Gordon Nelson, asst. principal; Miss Agnes Burns, head counselor; Mr. Maurice Cordell, freshman counselor; Mrs. Sarah Schultz, lunchroom supervisor; and Mrs. Dorothy Chamberlain, school nurse.

must have been German, since my blonde hair ruled out chances of being a Turk! I was very proud to observe that every American I saw in Turkey was a credit to our country.

A very small percentage of the Turkish people live in the cities. Scattered throughout Turkey are many villages and small towns. In the villages, conditions are quite primitive. There is rarely running water available, and electricity is not often found. The villagers work as farmers, even using the women and children in the fields.

In one village I saw a field being plowed by a man guiding a (Cont'd on page 2, col. 1)





Florence Milnes looks so much like Mary of the famous folksinging trio that friends are beginning to remark about Peter, Paul, and Florence.

Look out, seniors! Rumor has it that Mr. Goldsberry makes anyone who doesn't wear red and blue on color day sing the school song alone in front of the class.

Bruce Farquhar was in the position of begging Mr. Truex for either a government book or some homework so he could convince his parents that he was attending class.

Mrs. Weir has had the problem of a noisy air blower, which she has christened "The Monster," in her room for several years. This summer it was taken apart to be fixed, but the workers couldn't find anything wrong with it so they put it back together. Now it makes more noise than before!

Phil Dickey, while trying to measure the diameter of a piece of buckshot in physics, squashed it so flat that it measured zero.

Mr. Goodman, while telling his chemistry class to be sure to make careful observations, noted that there was a hole in his pocket. His observation was confirmed when objects began falling out on the floor.

The lucky winner of the record player given away at the Tower dance Saturday night was Rosemary Vargo, a senior.

## Mr. Stan Mutti Gains New Ideas From Summer Institute in France

Mr. Stanley Mutti, a French teacher at Adams, returned to school this year with his mind full of new ideas, new sights, and new experiences. Mr. Mutti spent the summer studying in France as a participant in the Overseas Summer Institute sponsored by the University of Massachusetts.

On June 17, after a reception at the New York Consulate, 60 students flew from New York City to Paris. They spent six days in Paris, touring the city, attending operas and theatres, and viewing the illuminations of Paris. They toured Versailles and visited the Renault factory at Flins. They also visited the National Assembly, a stop which Mr. Mutti considered a high point in the tours.

Seven weeks were spent in Arcachon, an international vacation spot on the southwest coast of France. The students were able to see the French navy, the Italian navy, and the German navy during their stay there. They were also able to meet a few of France's poets, authors, musicians, and a couple of young recording stars. From Arcachon overnight excursions were taken to Spain, the Pyrennees, the Medoc regions where Bordeaux wines are made, and La Dordogne, one of the most beautiful areas of France. An important part of the Institute was the formal dinners planned to which six or seven of the townspeople were invited. Everything was done in French style. By the end of the summer, while their French friends were still on the go, the students of the Institute were ready to drop.

An interesting experience Mr. Mutti had was partaking in a car rally. This rally is somewhat like a treasure hunt in cars. Cars are loaded with encyclopedias, dictionaries, and maps. Then instructions are received telling them where to

go. However, these instructions are in other languages, codes, and whatever. After deciphering the message and arriving at the appointed place, they must answer various questions about that location. This may involve trips to museums, libraries, and other sources of information. After the questions are answered the next set of instructions is received. Mr. Mutti said that the French ordinarily drive quite wildly, and after spending six hours driving at breakneck speed, he was thoroughly exhausted.

However, the Institute was far from being all tours and fun. As a part of the National Defense Education Act, the main purpose of this Institute was to provide contacts with French people and institutions. The civilization and culture course was the base of the entire Institute.

Mr. Mutti feels that the Institute provided wonderful public relations. In discussions, personal questions were allowed and straight-forward answers were given. To celebrate the opening of the Institute in Arcachon, the students held a reception for the town. On July 4, the town gave the students a party in honor of U. S. Independence Day. To return the thoughtfulness of this act, the students gave a party for the mayor on the 14th of July, France's Bastille Day. Arcachon being a vacation spot, the students at the Institute had the opportunity to meet many of France's important people. Three and one-half weeks of the seven weeks at Arcachon were spent living with a French family. In this way the students

## Honor Breakfast

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Lili Byers, Suzanne Carroll, Sharon Decker, Ernest Dietl, Linda Sue Dunning, Rett Donnelly, Richard Foley, Linda Hawkins, Michael Hayes, Tina Robinson, Michael Roessler, Patricia Wilfing, Kathryn Stute.

Also, Dayle Berke, Stephen Berman, Joann Bybee, Lia Byers, Jojne Frenkiel, Patricia Lindley, Don Ramsey, Stephen Steinke, Kurt Stiver, and Nan Turner.

Also, Anne Bednar, Paul Berebitsky, Bruce Dickey, Laurel Hacker, Kristi Mickelsen, Karen Peterson, William Ritter, Morris Shapero, and James Widner.

came to know the people of France better.

Other purposes of the Institute were to improve the students' language competence and teaching skills. In these aspects, Mr. Mutti thinks that the Institute was very successful. He feels that he has learned many things that will help him in his teaching. The students visited BEL and CREDIF, two organizations which help those who teach French anywhere in the world.

Mr. Mutti said that France is much more beautiful than he had ever imagined. Towns which he had never heard of before were very interesting to him. Mr. Mutti was amazed at how many different things are happening in France that are not in the news and that people never talk about at all.

—Lia Byers.

## Clothes Conscious

The teen-age girl's attention is again centered on fall and winter fashions. Man-tailored styles and the shift are first and the A-line second in the fashion line-up. Dickies, ascots, turtle necks, and ties accent these styles. Throughout the theme of masculine attire, a note of femininity is struck with ruffled blouses and Tom Jones shirts.

The fabric lines follow wools and fur blends, tweeds and mohair in suits, skirts, and coats, and suede for decorations and co-ordinated outfits. The cape and poncho plaid give coats a different look.

Fudge browns, forest greens, and mix and match colors create the color tone. Loud plaids and the tartan look are coming up fast.

In the evening fashions the blouson look in chiffon is the thing. The emphasis is on black, but prints are also shown.

In the world of footwear, the new plaid knee socks are here. These go with hood boots and stacked heels. Hose and tights have created a new look for the loafer, and the gym shoe is out! Purses mostly with shoulder straps are designed to match the shoes. This year corduroy rather than leather is the up-and-coming look in handbags.

Taken separately these various fashion themes may seem incompatible, but combined they create the all-American look.

—Mardi Prescott.

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## HARRIERS POST PERFECT SCORE

The thinlies of Coach Dale Gibson posted a perfect score in defeating Bremen on Sept. 15, 15-50. The almost unheard of feat was accomplished when Adams had the first eight finishers across the line before Bremen's Doug Fraser came in ninth. Bill Scott led the parade with a time of 11:28 over the two-mile course.

In other meets thus far, the Eagles have posted a respectable 4-2 record with victories over Central, 24-33, and Mishawaka and Washington last Thursday, Sept. 17.

On the 17th, the Eagles, Cavemen, and Panthers were visitors of the Goshen Redskins. Adams finished second, edging out Mishawaka and Washington while the host Redskins won by a score of 23-34.

The Eagles other loss came at the hands of Michigan City.

## Beagles' Record Stands at 3-0

The John Adams football Beagles were victorious in their first three encounters as they defeated Central, St. Joseph, and Greene respectively.

John Kizer and Bobby Roberts provided the offensive punch against the Bears as they each scored one touchdown while leading the Beagles to a 19-6 victory on Sept. 9.

Larry Wilson, Tom Walls, and Mic Spainhower teamed together to score three touchdowns between them against the Indians from St. Joe as the Beagles came



By STEVE BERMAN

St. Joseph looks like this area's strongest team with football now in full swing. The Indians have defeated last year's defending state champions, Elkhart, and have gained victories over Central and Fort Wayne Bishop Luers to earn Wally Moore's squad a number one rating in the state. Riley and Washington also look like improved teams over last year as do the Eagles who impressed many with their 33-7 victory over the Colonials.

Last week's rain hindered the Eagles' speed in the backfield and probably the Eagles would have made it two in row over the Slicers if not for the slippery conditions.

The tennis team has looked very impressive with victories over Elkhart and Michigan City.

We will try to match our winning percentage of .750 two weeks ago and the victories and defeats should be as follows:

- Central over Michigan City
- Riley over Mishawaka
- Elkhart over Goshen
- LaPorte over Fort Wayne N. S.
- Niles over Clay
- St. Joseph over Fort Wayne C. C.

out on top, 19-0.

In the game against the varsity eleven from Greene, freshman Mike McGann scored three times in leading the Beagles to a 26-6 route on the Clay field.

## Planutis Sends Eagle Eleven Against Washington Tonight

At School Field this evening will be seen two teams who played to the tune of a 14-14 tie the last time they met. The John Adams Eagles and the Washington Panthers, two teams both undefeated, will be out to prove who is actually the stronger in trying to settle last year's tie.

A year ago it was Vic Butsch on a 62-yard run and Dean Lovings on a short vault into the end zone who scored for the Eagles. George Johnson and Tom Dyskiewicz teamed together to reach paydirt twice and bring the Panthers into a 14-14 deadlock.

The Eagles, under Coach Planutis, and the Panthers, under Tom Roggeman, will both be trying to keep their respective teams in contention for the NIC crown.

### ADAMS 33; CLAY 7

The Eagles, in their first game of the season, were hard to stop once Dane Donaldson broke through the Colonial defense and raced 66 yards for a TD on Adams' fourth play from scrimmage. Captain Butsch then reached paydirt twice more before the first half drew to a close.

In the third quarter the Eagles added icing to the cake as Donaldson and Butsch tallied two scores to give the Eagles a 33-7 victory over Clay.

### ADAMS 13; LAPORTE 13

In a windswept and drizzling rain at School Field last Friday night, the Eagles had to come from behind to pull within a 13-13 tie against the LaPorte Slicers.

The Eagles drew first blood on a 24-yard run by Donaldson midway in the first quarter but LaPorte retaliated twice before the Eagles could score with 1:13 remaining in the game.

The deadlock left Adams and LaPorte tied in the NIC with 0-0-1 records.

## NETTERS DEFEAT ELKHART, M. CITY

The tennis team under first-year Coach Veryl Stamm have posted a 2-0 record thus far with smashing victories over last year's conference champions Elkhart, and over Michigan City.

On Thursday, Sept. 17, the Eagles opened their 1964 campaign with a 5-2 victory over the Blue Blazers as Chris Wilson, John Earl, and Ron Hoffer won in the singles while Phil and Bob Armstrong suffered the only defeats. The doubles teams of Hoffer-Wilson and Earl-Armstrong also overpowered Elkhart.

The following Thursday the netters shut out Michigan City to the tune of 7-0.

## Frosh Win, Lose

The freshmen eleven opened their 1964 campaign on Sept. 10, with a tight 7-0 victory over the Central Bears. The game's lone score came on a 50-yard run by Joe Waechter in the second quarter which turned out to be the margin of victory.

One week later on Sept. 17, the Cavemen of Mishawaka turned back the Eagles 14-0.



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