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JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

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## ROOM 101 LEADS IN BOND DRIVE

### REHEARSALS STARTED ON FALL DRAMATIC CONTRIBUTION

From now on, you'll be hearing much about the "Adams Thespians." Out of the combined efforts of Mrs. McClure, Mr. Cassidy, and the Drama Club, the play "Lady Precious Stream" has been selected.

"Lady Precious Stream," is a romantic Chinese story spiced with comedy and great tragedy. The play revolves around a young Chinese maiden of noble birth who has reached the maritally ripe age of sixteen. The complication sets in when Lady Precious Stream goes against the wishes of her father, Wang Yun, and chooses for husband-to-be a humble gardener, Hsieh Ping-Kuei. Lady Precious Stream has a mind of her own and marries into poverty instead of nobility. She is disowned by her rich relatives and goes to live with her husband in an unpretentious cave.

After eighteen years the tables are turned. The good are rewarded, the bad are punished, and you will be pleased and satisfied after seeing "Lady Precious Stream."

The play is to be done in true Chinese fashion—minus scenery and properties. It is timely as it will familiarize us with the customs of one of great allies—China.

Mark November 12 on your calendar as the date when you can have a new dramatic experience. The place is the Adams Auditorium and the starring players will be your fellow Adams students.

### ART CLASS PROJECTS

The Art classes, too, are helping with the war effort, for they have once more received an assignment from the Junior Red Cross. This is the third consecutive year they have been asked to make projects that will be sent to men overseas at Christmas time.

The first year the projects were sent to men in the Pacific. Last year to hospitalized men, and this year they are to be sent to men in the Atlantic.

Howard M. Bell, Director of the Eastern American Red Cross, spoke

### WE JUST MADE IT!

Sale of Stamps and Bonds for week of Sept. 28th through Oct. 5th ....\$1002.50  
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Miss Morehouse's 11B's in 203 .....	\$153.50	\$4.39
Mr. McNamara's 10B's in 107 .....	103.70	2.41
12B's in 102 .....	\$12.25	.37
11A's in 106 .....	12.05	.39

REMEMBER:

\$1000 our minimum for each week.

### SENIOR CONFERENCES

Yesterday found many seniors learning about different occupations from people engaged in those occupations.

Mr. P. D. Pointer, principal of Central High School, spoke to all the boys on the subject of "Problems Facing the High School Boy." His years of contact with students made Mr. Pointer well qualified to answer the many questions facing the high school boy today.

The girls could go to one of three conferences. Miss Laura Deephouse, the Supervisor of Home Economics, spoke to them on the subject of "Careers Growing Out of Home Economics." The Executive secretary of the Family Welfare Society Inc., Miss Jane Searles, gave a very interesting talk on "Social Service as a Part of War Services." Our prospective secretaries were interested in Mrs. Martha Schutt's talk, "Secretarial Work—Is it an Essential Occupation?"

The seniors have enjoyed these informal talks which give them an opportunity to question those who have inside information on the various vocations.

on September 29, in Central High School to a group of interested students and teachers about the projects made by the art students of South Bend in previous years: He said the boys in the service greatly appreciated the efforts put forth by the various students.

The projects also include carnival cups for New Years Eve, nut cups, tray favors and many other things.

NOTICE: Mr. Reasor is making an appeal for old picture frames of any size to be made over for displays.

### EVERYBODY SING

There has been a wonderful turnout for the Glee Club this semester. There are now ninety-seven members which have been accepted. A fine spirit was shown by those not chosen. At each program eighty will be selected to sing. They had a very interesting rehearsal last week. Mr. Sargeant presented pins earned by some of the members. The following received silver pins for completing four semesters of Glee Club: Jim Boland, Rosemary Lubbers, Warren Gregory, Florine Lyle, Joan Kindig, Zephine Simpson, Jack Weil, Richard Neland, Mary Rita Bott, Mary Catherine Fabian, Bob Duncan, and Raymond Shilt. Gold pins were given to those who have completed five successful semesters. They are as follows: Pat Megan, Phyllis Rearick, Mary Roberts, Jean Humrichouser, Mary Colella, Betty Jean Stegman, and Joan Smith.

Alvin Starbuck did a wonderful job in leading us in the school song at our pep assembly. Betty Murphy and Pat Annis helped by accompanying him. There was a slight improvement in it. We hear they have been practicing it in chorus so perhaps everyone will really know it before this semester is over. Let's try harder next time.

Mr. Deerdorff is preparing for a concert to be given at Lincoln School, October 12. This will be the band's first concert this semester.

The Editor's hair grows gray,

And his fingertips are sore,

But some poor fish is sure to say,  
"I've heard that joke ten times before."

### BAR GRAPH RECORDS HOME ROOM SALES

For four successive weeks John Adams has gone over the \$1,000 mark. This is something we can rightfully be proud of. However, we can do even better. Some of us are not contributing their rightful share. A nine weeks race is on! Get behind your home room!

A bar graph has been made to record the sales in each home room. Your home room's standing is to be based on the per capita purchase per pupil. The chart will be moved each week and placed above the home room having the largest per capita per pupil purchase since the opening of the drive.

The contest has been exceptionally close between home room 101 and room 103. At the time this article was written, room 101 was leading the race with a total per capita purchase of \$11.29 for the four week period.

Are we going to let the Bond Graph remain at the south end of the hall? Do your part! Don't let those Southern Rebels win!

### 10B CAREER CONFERENCES

On October 26 and November 2, two 10B conferences are scheduled to take place for the sophomores. Instead of stressing occupational information they have been planned to bring to the students information on critical occupational areas that have been made so because men and women both have left these fields for the armed forces and for industry. Other points that are being stressed are new developments in training programs and college entrance requirements. These changes were made necessary by the demands that war has placed on the education of all young people. Literally these will be educational planning conferences.

There will be two conferences each morning; one planned particularly to suit the boys needs and one for the girls.

One of the topics to be discussed for the girls will be the training program, set up by the U. S. government of the nurses cadet corps.



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## I HEARD ALBERT MORGAN SPEAK

I don't know Al Morgan personally. In fact, I had heard very little about him until the day his car struck Martha Lentz. Now, even though he is really a stranger, I'm sure that I would stick up for him. I feel certain that I'm not the only student at Adams who feels that way. He spoke sincerely to the student body. He was, obviously, quite shaken and it must have taken quite a bit of courage to get up in front of the student body under the circumstances. He must have known that the students were wondering how he felt about the accident. But the assembly wasn't called just to satisfy our curiosity. He really had something important to say, something that happened to him, but could have happened to anyone of us just as easily. It left a deeper impression on me than any other assembly I've attended since I've been at John Adams.

## MORAL VICTORY?

For the past three years at John Adams we have been consoling ourselves when defeated in football by claiming to have won a moral victory over our successful opponents. In those days when our school was very young, a certain amount of morale-building was necessary for both the students and players. Now we are a full grown high school and it is time we took our rightful place among the other schools in this territory. To do this it is necessary that we either win a few games or else take defeat in stride, not trying to crawl out of it by claiming a "moral victory". The game Friday night clearly showed that our team did not equal the opponent's. No, a "moral victory" is out this time, disqualified no doubt because of over-use. The boys played hard but not hard enough. They were fast but not fast enough. They were clever but not clever enough to outwit the opposing team. When they do become faster, hit harder, and outwit the opponent, we will all be ashamed to recall grasping a "moral victory" for consolation when the real thing is so much more worth the effort needed to attain it.

—Beverly Murphy.

## HI SPOT

The "Hi-Spot," South Bend's new youth recreation center, is a gay place Wed., Fri., Sat., and Sunday evenings. It is open from 7 to 11 each evening with the time extended on game nights. The ping-pong room is never quiet and the juke box has all the latest records from slow tunes to "hot" boogie-woogie. On special nights the gym is open, with a good

peppy orchestra on hand. The soda bar has more than its share of the crowd and all in all there is never a dull moment.

The officers of this club are, William D. Smith, President; Mary Mann, Vice-President; Violet Lawson, Secretary; Bill P. Smith, Treasurer; Elmer Lochmandy, Bob Mabry, Katherine Salato, Elizabeth Myers, Roger Quinlan, Bob Dunfee, and Nancy Tusing are assistants.

## TOWER TALK

Dear "Tilley":

Have you heard, the latest?

"Hum" can't go to all the dances and sit anymore since "Willy" has gone to Purdue. By the way "Hum," Lila Slutsky, Janet Bickel, Pat Kindig, and Betty Dunham have reported they had a marvelous time at Purdue visiting their respective, shall we say, gentlemen friends.

Seen Stepping on each others feet at Rainbow:

Jim McClean-Rosemarie Lubbers.

Cecil Smith-Fran Bickel.

Carlos Corona-Joan Hodson (Central).

Phyl Van Houten-Warren Gregory.

Betty Murphy-Howard Crouse (U. S. N.)

George Turner-Shirley Kline.

Bob Duncan-Peggy Kedzie.

Huh! Wonder when Juanita March will make up her mind between Jack Dempsey and Marvin Seeman? I guess Jim Orrison has lost all chance since he left for Culver.

Barbara McFarlane and Tom Rafowski calling it quits didn't seem to bother her much 'cause she now has another Central lad on the string, Leo Cunningham.

Here are four questions we'd like for some intelligent person to answer for us:

1. How can Helen Patty sob about Al Morgan and dance with Bill Snoke at the same time.

2. What is Bob Casey interested in, especially in study hall, lessons or ???

3. Who is that handsome sailor Mary Colella has pictures of?

4. When is Tom Delahanty going to settle down to one of his many girls?

What's happened to that romance between Jeanne Douglas and Central's football player, Bruce Burgess? It was going pretty strong this summer. She must have lost interest there and turned to Johnny Hazen and Wally Bair (Central). My goodness have the Adams romeos lost their line?

Love, and other bad habits,

"MYRTTE"

## GREMLIN GAB

Are you bothered by Gremlins? You know, those mean creatures that break your lead pencil just as you're ready to write an important exam. Or perhaps it's the one that sucks the ink out of your pen when you're beginning on a theme. You might even be annoyed by that mean Gremlin who hangs on your slip and makes it show as you go past the stag line. There are any number of others such as those that untie your shoelaces, take the curl out of your hair just before some important event, or those who chip your nailpolish. The Gremlin that takes the prize is the one who holds back the minute hand of your watch and then suddenly snaps it forward making you, without a doubt, late to class.

However, there are a few nice Gremlins. These may be distinguished by their color, which is either red or blue. The bad-tempered ones are green and yellow.

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Biggest rumor of the week is the one which states that "Pickle O. Pete" Rose will join the Naval Construction Battalion, otherwise known as the "Z. B. 'S." This battalion has a hostess division. These girls are uniformed corps(e). They all wear sweaters. Red and Black are the most popular colors. The red clad ones usually stand next to you at the barn and offer to pour your "coke" for you, all the while asking if "youse boids" come from Nota Dame. And the black sweaters designate the girls who flash a chunk of ice (in this case it is ice) as big as your nose and snarl: "Hit da rods bom(b), ain't youse got no respect for age?" The smart answer would be: "Only when it's bottled."

**AGATE RHYTHM**

This is the season in which the agate aces (what you got?) better known as the marble team go into training. This means no more splurges. Splurge in this case is synonymous with buying a bottle of Royal Crown Cola (in the red and yellow bottle) and sprinkling it on the floor. Head Coach Reasor and his able assistant (able if he is not writing out admits) Russ Rothermel have their respective eyes on what promises to be the most spectacular prospect of the year. Yes, we mean that tearer Francois (meeting you here) Schwanz. It has been reported that the coaches are having a little difficulty in convincing this Sampson of the Sandlots that a pool cue is not used in marbles. The trait which makes Ned the brightest star in the marble array is his super-strong right thumb. (He developed this from hob-nobbing with automobiles). This dainty digit sends the aggie hurtling across the ring at a great rate of speed. His style is cramped somewhat, however, by the 35-mile an hour speed limit. But this does not phase the Poolhall Pagliacci. As a change of pace shot, he uses a reverse twist. This phenomenal shot is executed by spitting on the marble. This form of spitball is still legal. For this reason he is called the "Legal Eagle." Our first opponent will represent St. Joe Academy, the second, The St. Mary's Glamour Ghouls, and the final match will be a bitter duel with the Napanee A. C. And so, as we close the curtain on the sneak preview, we see the Knight of the Road on his knees shouting his battle cry: (No, not "Seven come eleven") "Grab dubs!"

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

Will Lee Douglass pave his throat? Remember, he has had it graveled for about forty years. Will Spike Jones play for our fall dance? Will we have a dance? Until these questions can be answered, all we can say is: "Banzai."

**ADAMS ARMED ALUMNI**

Miss Roell received a card from the president of last year's Student Council, which she wished to share with the student body. It reads as follows:

Dear Miss Roell:

Thanks a million to the Tower staff for such a fine paper. It certainly made me feel good to receive it, as it really brought me close to home. I leave Sunday with a battalion and here is my new address:

R. A. Bowden S 2/C  
Batt. 137 Headquarters Co. 1  
Camp Endicott  
Davisville, Rhode Island

(I'm sure Ray would feel closer to home if some of his old friends would drop him a line sometime.)

. . . V —

Air Cadet Milton L. Stanley has completed his training in Iowa and has been transferred to California for advanced training.

. . . V —

Richard and William Sayers left for Navy training this week. The twins were very active in John Adams sports before graduation in 1942.

. . . V —

Pfc. H. D. Chevillet, Jr.  
Cannon Co., 324 Inf.  
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("Chevie" as we know him, would be glad to receive any of your letters.)

. . . V —

Lewis Francis Blanton, Jr., QM 3/C  
Care Fleet Command  
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(Louie was a well-known man about Adams in 1941 before graduation.)

. . . V —

Corp. Russell Shindollar 35548020  
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(Russ is really going places and would like to hear from some of you Adamites.)

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**Friday, October 15—**

Football game—Adams vs. Central Catholic  
School Field  
Glee Club—7:30, Stage  
Band—7:30, Little Theatre

**Saturday, October 16—**

North Central Rehearsal — (both orchestra and glee club)  
Orchestra—Little Theatre, 8:30  
Glee Club—Central, 8:30

**Monday, October 18—**

Glee Club—7:30, Stage  
Band—7:30, Little Theatre  
Defense Stamps

**Tuesday, October 19—**

Career Conferences—III—12B  
Home Rooms

**Wednesday, October 20—**

Band—7:30, Little Theatre  
Glee Club—7:30, Stage  
Drama Club—3:45 P. M.

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Ex-Coach George Gale paid a welcome visit to his Alma Mater a few weeks ago. Everyone was glad to see him and wished that he could have stayed longer. Coach Gale is stationed at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, with another friend of ours, Mr. Primmer. Mr. Gale is commissioned an Ensign and is on the instructional staff at Chapel Hill. While here he spent most of his time with the football team and took moving pictures of them in action.

This is your sports announcer bringing you the play-by-play description of the football game between "Adams Flimsey Frills" and the "All Stars". Our starting lineup for today will be Mary Jo Browder at full-back, Lois McNabb at left half-back, Pat Annis at quarterback, Joan Getzinger at center, Jackie Jennings at left guard, Mary Mann at right guard, Nancy Tusing at right tackle, Pat Kedzie at left tackle, Peg Kedzie at left end, and Mary Weatherman at right end. Now our line is complete.

There's the whistle, the ball is taken by Browder, a lateral to Marsh, who fades back for a beautiful two foot pass to Annis, who in turn gives it to McNabb. McNabb is running now; not to the goal, but to Betty Dunhan on the sidelines to tell her about a darling new hat she saw down town. Time out for McNabb. The girls are all resting on the field now with mirror in one hand and comb in the other.

Tusing and Mann are talking about the show they saw last night, while Browder and Marsh listen. The rest of the girls are talking of new clothes they want to get.

There's the whistle again. All are in position now. The ball is taken by Browder, but immediately Getzinger grabs it away because she wants to center it again, it's so much fun. Well, McNabb has it now and is following Tusing right through the line. It looks like it's going over this time. Oh! Oh! something's up. There's a brawl right in the middle of the field. Everyone is tearing each other's hair and scratching to beat the band. It seems as though someone has broken one of Peggy Kedzie's fingernails and some other villain has started a run in Weatherman's nylons.

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